



Chevy Chase Citizens NEWS

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Calendar

February

- 11**—CCCA Executive Committee, 7:30 p.m., Community Center
- 13**—Opening Reception for Art Exhibition, 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Community Center
- 17**—CCCA Meeting: Centennial Planning, 7:30 p.m., Community Center
- 21**—Alice Deal PTA Auction, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Katzen Arts Center at American University
- 23**—ANC 3/4G, 7:30 p.m., Community Center
- 24**—PSA 201 Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Community Center
- 25**—2nd Dist. Citizens Advisory Council, 7:00 p.m., 3320 Idaho Ave., NW
- 25**—CCCA Garden Club, Growing Dahlias, 7:15 p.m., Community Center

March

- 6**—Chevy Chase Players, "The Odd Couple", 7:30 p.m., Community Center (also March 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21)
- 9**—ANC 3/4G, 7:30 p.m., Community Center
- 11**—CCCA Executive Committee, 7:30 p.m., Community Center
- 17**—CCCA Meeting: Real Estate Roundtable, 7:30 p.m., Community Center
- 23**—ANC 3/4G, 7:30 p.m., Community Center
- 24**—PSA 201 Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Community Center

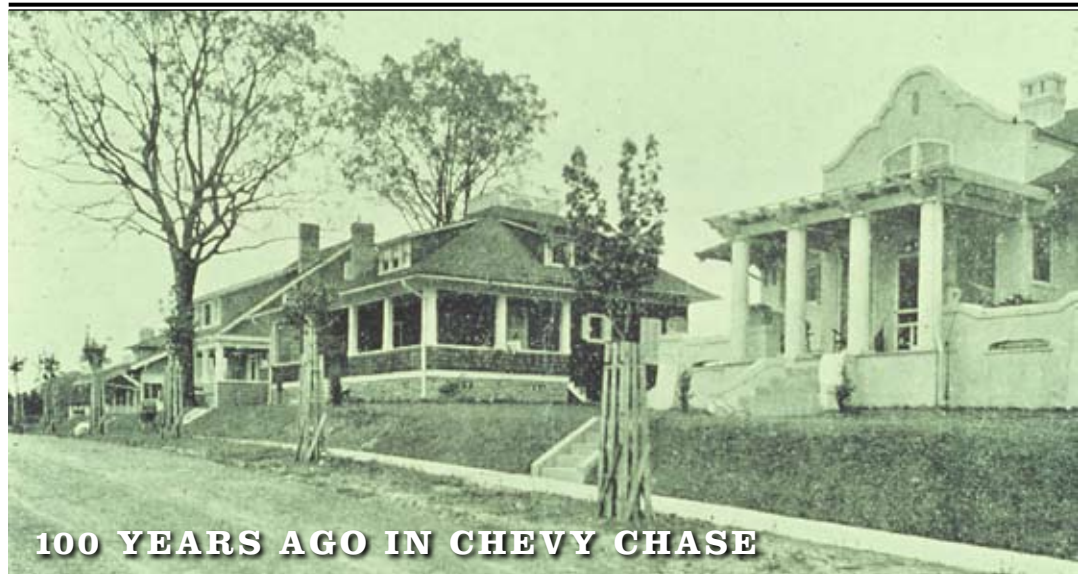
NEXT MEETING 7:30 PM , TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Centennial Planning



The Association's centennial planning meeting was originally scheduled for the January membership meeting and had to be postponed due to inclement weather. The meeting has been rescheduled for February. Please join us on Tuesday, February 17th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Community Center (5601 Connecticut Avenue, NW) to share your ideas for celebrating the Association's 100th anniversary and sign up to help with the projects we undertake throughout 2009.

Among other things, we will discuss plans to update the history booklet that the Association published for its 75th anniversary in 1984, explore the distribution of historic house plaques, and develop a schedule of events that will be of interest to our community and reflect this important milestone. We welcome your help and support! We know you'll want to be a part of this special moment in the history of our community. To ensure a celebratory spirit, coffee and "birthday" cake will be served.— *Sarah Pokempner, Centennial Coordinator*



The automobile was coming into use about the time the Association was founded and has been a cause of consternation from the beginning. Originally, dust from unpaved streets was a nuisance in the neighborhood; early automobile traffic also caused rough roads. The Association succeeded in having Connecticut Avenue paved in the early 1920s, to be followed shortly thereafter by Military Road and local side streets. In 1943, cross-town bus service on Military Road and McKinley Street began, again through the Association's efforts. As traffic increased during the postwar period, traffic lights, stop signs, pedestrian crossings as well as congestion on major routes, all became action items for the Association. Decades later, automobile traffic and pedestrian safety continue to be areas of major concern for neighborhood residents and the Association.

Community Service

D.C. Government Contact Information

All area code 202

www.dc.gov

Police/Fire: 911

Govt. Service Calls: 311

Second Police District

Main Desk-715-7300

Acting Commander:

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matthew.klein@dc.gov

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715-7325

michael.lockerman@dc.gov

Mayor Adrian Fenty

mayor@dcgov.org

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gilberto.solano@dc.gov

727-2287

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josephmartin@dc.gov

442-8120

Ward 4—Ayana Rockett

ayana.rockett@dc.gov

442-8161

Transportation

www.ddot.dc.gov

Director 673-6813

fax: 671-0650

Traffic Services Admin.

671-2700

Traffic Operations Branch

671-3368 (incl. traffic signals)

Urban Forestry Admin.

671-3368 fax: 671-5103

Public Works

www.dpw.dc.gov

Director-673-6833

fax: 671-0642

Potholes Hotline 645-7055

Parking Services 541-6029

Parking Meters 541-6030

Solid Waste Administration

727-4600

Ward 3&4 inspectors

645-7190

Solid waste collection

645-4301

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION

New Leadership for ANC 3/4G

The seven-member Advisory Neighborhood Commission for the Chevy Chase area, ANC 3/4G, heads into its new term with new leadership and only three continuing members. Gary Thompson of District 2 was elected chair at the group's first 2009 meeting. Jim McCarthy of District 6 was elected vice-chair, and Allen Beach of District 4 was elected secretary-treasurer.

Of new members, Carolyn Cook represents District 1, David Engel District 5, and Henry Griffin District 7. District 3 is vacant because of Samantha Nolan's resignation. Candidates interested in replacing Nolan must pick up nominating petitions at the Board of Elections and Ethics, 441 4th St., NW, room 250N, and return them by February 17th. If there is a contested election, it will be held at an ANC meeting that will be publicized in advance.

The ANC normally meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at the Chevy Chase Community Center. Check the ANC Web site, <http://users.starpower.net/chevyCHASEANC> for more details, or watch the calendar in this newsletter.

The ANC represents the area to the D.C. government on many public issues, particularly zoning and transportation. The panel typically is a "reactive" group to matters like requests for

zoning variances, but new chairman Thompson said he would like to be more proactive on some issues.

One item on Thompson's agenda is to develop a better relationship with the D.C. Department of Transportation (DDOT) so that residents can be better informed about pending projects. He believes there was not sufficient advance interaction with the community on recent reconstructions on Nebraska Ave. and Aberfoyle St., NW. The first test in the future may be a DDOT plan to reconstruct Oregon Ave. from Military to Western, Thompson said.

Debate also is likely on a "historic overlay" proposal, which he described as less restrictive than the recent plan to create a "historic district" in parts of the Chevy Chase neighborhood, which was withdrawn by its sponsors. The overlay proposal would still require government approval before some homes could be torn down and replaced with larger structures.

Thompson encouraged Chevy Chase residents to suggest agenda items to the Commission. Members' contact information is given on the group's Web site.

"We're on the side of the community," Thompson said.—*Ted Gest*

PUBLIC SAFETY

Criminal Activity Up in January

Although our Chevy Chase neighborhood (PSA 201) is a relatively safe area, there have recently been troubling spikes in thefts from automobiles, thefts, and robberies. For this year through January 27th, overall reported criminal activity increased significantly compared to the same period last year (25 vs. 10), due primarily to a substantial increase in thefts from automobiles (11 vs. 2). In addition, there were notable increases in thefts (7 vs. 4) and robberies (3 vs. 1). These statistics highlight the unfortunate reality that, particularly in difficult economic times, like the present, our relatively affluent neighborhood is a target for criminals who scout out such areas in search of opportunities to commit crimes.

At the January Citizens Advisory Council meeting, Second District Acting Commander Matthew Klein stressed that effectively combating the recent increase in crime requires the police and the community to work together. He indicated that the police are adjusting patrols

accordingly. As police cannot be everywhere, however, informed and vigilant residents are essential. For example, residents can deter thefts from automobiles by taking any valuable items, such as GPS monitors, iPods, laptops, cell phones, and purses, with them when leaving their vehicles. To help prevent thefts, residents should not leave valuable items unattended in commercial areas (e.g., purses in shopping carts), or in accessible yards (e.g., bicycles and yard equipment). Residents should immediately contact 911 to report a crime in progress, as well as any suspicious activity that warrants police investigation.

With regard to street robbery, the best way to protect yourself is to reduce your exposure to being potentially victimized—stay in groups, walk in well-lit areas, and pay attention to your surroundings. Trust your instincts. If something or someone makes you uneasy, avoid the person or leave. Self-defense measures are most effective when applied as preventive steps.

Such measures include running away, hiding, screaming, and raising an alarm. If someone does try to rob you, give up your property — resisting or fighting back typically increases the likelihood of violence and injury. Immediately report the crime to police. Try to describe the attacker as accurately as possible, especially any distinctive attributes such as facial hair, scars, tattoos, and other personal features.

Finally, participating in our Neighborhood Watch Program is an excellent way for residents to become more informed and to form bonds to maintain our neighborhood, both as a

deterrent for crime and as a means to address quality of life issues. Currently, more than 240 blocks in the Chevy Chase area are covered by block captains who provide the focal point for the distribution of public safety and other communications to, from and among the residents on their blocks or apartments buildings (which are considered “blocks”). If you are interested in becoming a block captain, or are not sure whether your block is covered, please contact our Neighborhood Watch Program Director Samantha Nolan, at 244-2620, or at nolantutor@yahoo.com. — *Jonathan Lawlor*

CELEBRATING LOCAL ARTISTS

Exhibition Opens at CCCC

The Association, together with the D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation, is pleased to present an exhibition of the work of three Chevy Chase artists, Beth Cartland, Chrystyna Kinal and Mariah Josephy. The exhibition will be hung in the Lounge at the Chevy Chase Community Center on February 9th and will be open from February 10th to March 21st. Hours

are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. An Opening Reception will be held in the Community Center Lounge on Friday evening, February 13th, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This special exhibit is one of a number of events being held as part of the Association’s year-long centennial celebration. — *Stephen Zipp*

SPRING MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Time to Renew

The Association will be kicking off its Spring Membership Drive by sending out renewal forms to expiring members starting in February. Check your mailboxes. This is a particularly exciting year for us as we celebrate our 100th anniversary. Back in 1909, a group of eighteen residents formed what is now the Chevy Chase Citizens Association. Over the years, the Association has brought neighbors together and continued to be a voice for its citizens on important local issues. We’d like you and your family to be a part of this continuing tradition by renewing your membership today. Now more than ever, your membership dues are key to the Association’s ability to host regular membership meetings, publish a monthly newsletter, maintain a Web site, sponsor community forums and support local projects. If you have a friend or neighbor who is not already a member of the Association, please ask them to join. Membership information and applications (for both individuals and businesses) can be found on our Web site, www.chevychasecitizens.org. As always, we appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings and other events. — *Jennifer Vaughan, Membership Coordinator*

Community Service

Street and Alley Cleaning
(incl. leaves, yard waste, bulk pick-up) 645-3900
Recycling 645-8245
Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
www.dkra.dc.gov
dkra.concerns@dc.gov
442-8947 fax: 442-9445

Motor Vehicles
www.dmv.dc.gov
724-2034 or 727-5000

Parks and Recreation
www.dpr.dc.gov
Director-673-7665
Customer Service-673-7647
fax: 673-6694

Chevy Chase Community Center 282-2204

Public Library
www.dclibrary.org
282-0021 (Chevy Chase)
727-1101 (main library)

Office of Zoning
727-6311 fax: 727-6072

City Council
www.dccouncil.us
Ward 3 Council Member
Mary Cheh-724-8062
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Ward 4 Council Member
Muriel Bowser-724-8052
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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4G
363-5803 <http://users.starpower.net/chevychaseanc/>

DC Water and Sewer
www.dcwasa.com
Customer Service 354-3600
Emergency 612-3400

Internet Discussion List
chevychasecommunitylistse-rv-owner@yahoogroups.com
(not affiliated with CCCA)

CCCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (FOR INDIVIDUALS)

Please print the information requested and mail it with a check for the dues to Chevy Chase Citizens Association, P.O. Box 6321, Washington, D.C. 20015-0321

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

Renewal New Member Annual dues \$15 Additional Donation \$ _____ Total \$ _____

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From the Neighborhood

Chevy Chase Players

The Chevy Chase Players continues its successful 2008-09 season with a production of "The Odd Couple" by Neil Simon. Performances will be held on March 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21 starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Community Center. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$13 for seniors and students (cash only at the door). For more information, please visit www.chevychaseplayers.org

2009 Deal Auction

The Alice Deal PTA will host its 2009 auction on Saturday, February 21st. This year's theme is "Night at the Museum." The event will be held at the Katzen Arts Center at American University from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. To purchase tickets or preview items in the online catalog, go to <http://dealpta.maestroweb.com/>

Friends of Lafayette Park

The Friends of Lafayette Park are celebrating their 10th Anniversary this spring with a commemorative picnic party after their morning cleanup on Saturday, April 25th. Mark your calendar and keep checking their Web site, www.thefolp.org, for celebration updates.

Chevy Chase Jewelry.net

Available for jewelry shows and private appointments
Contact: customerservice@chevychasejewelry.net

Thanks To Our Business Members

Businesses interested in joining should visit our Web site, www.chevychasecitizens.org, and click on Business Corner. The site lists locations and phone numbers for current business members.

Note: CCCA members will receive with their membership renewal forms coupons offering discounts from some local merchants that support the association.

PLATINUM MEMBERS: 202Design | American City Diner | Avalon Theatre | Barstons Child's Play | Broad Branch Children's House | Catch Can | Chesapeake Bay Gift Baskets, Inc. | Chevy Chase Gallery | Chevy Chase Wine & Spirits | ChevyChaseJewelry.net | Circle Yoga | de la ines Salon | Geeks On Call | Holly Worthington, Long & Foster Real Estate | Landscapes Plus | President Valet | State Farm Insurance, Jon Laskin | Sunrise on Connecticut Avenue | Taylor Agostino Group Real Estate | Nancy Wilson, Evers & Company, Real Estate

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Send \$15 annual dues with your contact information to
P. O. Box 6321, Washington, D.C. 20015-0321.

We welcome support from local businesses; those who contribute will be recognized in this newsletter. For more information on categories of membership, from \$50 to \$150 annually, see "business corner" on www.chevychasecitizens.org.

For more information, call Julia Ulstrup at 202-362-9389.