



Chevy Chase Citizens NEWS

April 2009

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Calendar

April

15—CCCA Executive Committee, 7:30 p.m., Community Center

21—CCCA Annual Green Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Community Center

22—2nd Dist. Citizens Advisory Council, 7:00 p.m., 3320 Idaho Ave., NW

24—Opening Reception for Art Exhibition, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Community Center

25—Friends of Lafayette Park 10th Anniversary Celebration: Cleanup 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Family Picnic 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

26—PNC Bank Community Event, 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., 5530 Connecticut Ave., NW

27—ANC 3/4G, 7:30 p.m., Community Center

28—PSA 201 Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Community Center

May

3—HCCDC Photo Safari, 2:30 p.m. departure from Avalon Theater, 5612 Connecticut Ave., NW (reservations required)

3—**Rain date** for PNC Bank Community Event

9—Lafayette Elementary School Spring Fair

11—ANC 3/4G, 7:30 p.m., Community Center

13—CCCA Executive Committee, 7:30 p.m., Community Center

19—CCCA Meeting: Public Safety, 7:30 p.m., Community Center

NEXT MEETING 7:30 P.M. , TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Annual Green Meeting: Food to Table Issues

Are you curious about what “organic” really means or interested in reducing your “food miles”? If so, please join us on Tuesday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Community Center (5601 Connecticut Avenue, NW) for our Annual Green Meeting. This year, our special focus will be “farm to table” issues. Catherine Greene from the Department of Agriculture will speak about organic food and the Department’s new initiatives. Jody Tick of the Capital Area Food Bank will be on hand to talk about Harvest for Health, a project that supports local farmers by bringing fresh foods to area residents and shelters. Julie Stinar, owner of Evensong Farm, will share her experiences as a farmer providing fresh produce to urban areas that is grown on her local Community Supported Agriculture farm in Washington County, Maryland. In addition, Councilmember Mary Cheh of Ward 3 will join us to provide an update on new City Council proposals to “green” DC.

100 YEARS AGO IN CHEVY CHASE

The platting of Chevy Chase DC by two of the Washington metropolitan area’s most prominent developers, Francis Griffith Newlands and Fulton Gordon, propelled development in the northwestern quadrangle of the nation’s capital, forever changing the layout of the city and adding to the prestige of Connecticut Avenue. Although bordering its precursor, Francis Newland’s planned picturesque Maryland suburb of Chevy Chase, Chevy Chase DC illustrates more of the traditional components of the District of Columbia: commercial buildings, apartment buildings, and multi-family dwellings as well as freestanding single-family houses laid out in a relatively traditional grid-like plan. The multifaceted growth is a result of several different developers and builders, and their vision for residential subdivisions along a highly traveled commercial corridor in northwest Washington, DC.

Source: *Historic Chevy Chase DC*



Francis Griffith Newlands

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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

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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

PNC BANK HOSTS COMMUNITY EVENT

Free Shredding and Family Fun

PNC Bank in Chevy Chase will host a community event in its parking lot on Sunday, April 26 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.. The address of the branch is 5530 Connecticut Avenue, NW. Held in partnership with the Chevy Chase Citizens Association and the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3-4G, the event will feature children's

activities, giveaways, a special historic display, and the free shredding of personal documents (limit of 3 boxes of paper, please). Attendees are asked to park in the street, as the parking lot will be closed off for the event. The rain date for the event is Sunday, May 3. To learn more, call PNC's Emily Wigglesworth at 202-835-5883.

REAL ESTATE ROUNDTABLE

Residents Get the Inside Scoop

• At the Association's March membership meeting, a panel of experts discussed the state of our local real estate market. Overall, it was a positive report. Attendees learned that all real estate is local and our market is good – in fact, not far from where it was at the best of times a couple of years ago. With the “cheap money” now available (good mortgage rates for those with adequate down payments and decent credit scores), it is a good time to buy (or sell). Moreover, in today's market, it is all about skillful pricing and great home condition. Sellers should focus on those two key factors to ensure the best result. All the panelists stressed the importance of seeking expert advice – whether one is a prospective buyer or seller. Special thanks to

local realtors and Association Executive Committee members, Nancy Taylor and Nancy Wilson, for organizing this well-attended event. Contact information for the roundtable panelists can be found on the Association's web site, www.chevychasecitizens.org.

• Celebrate living in Chevy Chase DC with a custom plaque for your home. Plaques are 8x12, oval, bronze with black finish. For more information, including where to see examples already in place, contact Evelyn Wrin at evbob.wrin@verizon.net or 202-244-5744 or Jordan

Benderly at jordan@longandfoster.com or 202-362-4920. Don't know what information you might include on your plaque (e.g., style name, builder, architect, year built), Evelyn and Jordan can help.



PUBLIC SAFETY

Combating Burglaries

On April 1st, at 11:15 in the morning, a burglar entered an occupied home in our Chevy Chase neighborhood through an unlocked door. This was just one of four burglaries reported during the four day stretch from March 28th through April 1st. Another involved the burglary of an occupied home where the burglar fled as soon as he discovered that the home was occupied. The other two burglaries occurred when the residents were not home. Residents should be vigilant and immediately contact 911 to report any suspicious activity to the police.

Residents should also take some simple precautions that can help deter burglaries. As Second District Commander Matthew Klein recently advised on the MPD Second District's Listserv, residents should “keep [their] doors locked, even when in the home.” At a recent community meeting, Lt. Michael Lockerman, who supervises our Police Service Area 201, reiterated his “Let the

Music Play” initiative, suggesting that residents leave a radio or television playing when leaving home, giving the impression to any potential burglars that someone may be home. Previously, Lockerman has advised residents not to open the door to anyone they don't know; instead talking to them through the closed door.

Finally, a technique frequently used by burglars is to knock on a residence door to see whether anyone is home. If no one answers the door, they may proceed to burglarize the residence, especially if the door is unlocked. If someone does answer the door, they have a cover story ready, such as is “Joe” home, when no one named “Joe” lives at the address. Residents should immediately contact 911 to report similarly suspicious activity so that the police can promptly investigate the incident at a time when the police might be able to question the individuals involved to determine their intentions.

CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY

New Bookstore and Film Series

- Beginning in April, Friends of the Chevy Chase, DC Library will run a bookstore from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. several Saturdays a month. The bookstore is located in the small meeting area on the second floor. You can win a \$10 gift certificate by thinking up a name for the store; drop your idea in the suggestion box in the library. Book donations currently are being accepted. The Friends raised almost \$8,000 in sales, memberships, and donations at the group's annual winter sale in February. Some of the proceeds were used for new furniture for a young adult reading area in the rear center of the library's first floor.
- The Chevy Chase Library's free film series has resumed. Scheduled to be shown over the

coming weeks: April 14, Happy Times (China); April 21, Singin' in the Rain (U.S.); April 28, Songs from the Second Floor (Sweden); May 5: The Heart is a Lonely Hunter (U.S.) All films are shown in the second floor meeting room at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.

- This spring marks the first anniversary of the Margaret Plez Fischer Reading Garden in front of the library. Its herb and perennial planter boxes were spectacular last summer, and an even better display is expected this year.

For more information about the Friends of the Chevy Chase, DC Library, including instructions on how to donate to the bookstore and upcoming events, please go to www.ccdclibraryfriends.org —Ellen Epstein and Will Guthrie

CELEBRATING LOCAL ARTISTS

New Exhibition To Open at CCCC

The Association, together with the D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation, is pleased to present a new exhibition featuring works of art by two long-time Washington artists, Margery Gordon and Stefano Scafetta. The exhibit, entitled "Homage to Nature: A Moment in Time", will include watercolor and acrylic paintings depicting scenes of Maine, Rome and

Long Island. The exhibit will be hung in the Chevy Chase Community Gallery at the Chevy Chase Community Center and will open on Friday, April 24 with a reception from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you are community artist and interested in exhibiting in the Gallery, please email Teresa Grana at tgrana39@comcast.net or Steve Zipp at zipph@earthlink.net.

From the Neighborhood

Northwest Neighbors Village

The District of Columbia Office on Aging (DCOA) has awarded a \$15,000 matching grant to Northwest Neighbors Village (NNV), a community non-profit created to help citizens of Chevy Chase, DC stay in their own homes as they grow older by providing volunteer assistance and recommended providers for daily living tasks. NNV has developed a local network of volunteer and professional services that can be used by village members with one call to a central coordinator. NNV opened for business on March 1 and has more than matched the grant by enrolling 29 households to date. NNV has also received donations from local supporters and a grant from ANC 3/4 G to purchase a computer, printer, and software. NNV will soon be seeking to hire an executive director to assist in development and managing services to its members. NNV has a website at www.nwnv.org and can be reached at nvnccdc@aol.com.

Historic Chevy Chase DC

Historic Chevy Chase DC (HCCDC) is sponsoring a photo safari on Sunday, May 3, to picturesque sites in Chevy Chase with instruction by prominent DC photographer David Luria. Learn how to capture house exteriors in the most flattering light as well as how to photograph unique architectural details. The safari is limited to 15 participants and will cost of \$69 (or \$59 for current mem-

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Dining Delight Members of the Northwest Neighbors Village International Dining Club enjoy a meal at Indique Heights, including Dick Kasdan, Susi and Harry Gourevitch (front left) and Pat Munoz, Frances Mahncke, and Jo Ann Tanner (front right)—Photo by Pat Kasdan

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bers of HCCDC). It will depart from in front of the Avalon Theater (5612 Connecticut Avenue, NW) at 2:30 p.m. and will conclude at 5:00 p.m. The safari will operate rain or shine. All skill levels are welcome, with any kind of camera, digital or film. To register, go to WashingtonPhotoSafari.com and click on the May Events Calendar page.

Friends of Lafayette Park

Friends of Lafayette Park will host a "Double Header" Picnic Party on Saturday, April 25, to celebrate its 10th anniversary. This free family event will feature a park cleanup from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and family picnic from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Stop by the park and enjoy the live music, balloons, baseball game, moon bounce, hot dog stand and other refreshments. For more information, go to www.thefolp.org.

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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 inés 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 | Vaughan Group/Builders | Nancy Wilson, Evers & Company, Real Estate

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