



Chevy Chase Citizens NEWS

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Calendar

September

- 14**—ANC 3/4G, 7:30 p.m., Community Center
17—Senior Cinema Thursday, 10:30 a.m., Avalon Theatre, 5612 Connecticut Avenue, NW
20—Historic Chevy Chase DC Walking Tour, 11:30 a.m., meet in front of Avalon Theatre
22—CCCA Meeting: Managing Growth and Development, 7:30 p.m., Community Center
23—2nd Dist. MPD Citizens Advisory Council, 7:00 p.m., 3320 Idaho Ave, NW
28—ANC 3/4G, 7:30 p.m., Community Center
29—2D MPD CAC Police Awards Banquet, 6:00 p.m., Maggiano's Little Italy, 5333 Wisconsin Avenue, NW

October

- 6**—PSA 201 Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Community Center
20—CCCA Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Community Center

Library Hosts Photo Display

A photographic history of the founding of Chevy Chase, Maryland and its "twin suburb" in DC will be displayed in the Chevy Chase DC library across from the check-out desk beginning in mid-September. The display celebrates the founding 100 years ago of the Chevy Chase Citizens Association.

NEXT MEETING 7:30 P.M. , TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Managing Growth and Development in Our Area

Are you concerned about unchecked, sprawling growth and development in the Washington, D.C. area? At our next meeting, Cheryl Cort, Policy Director at the Coalition for Smarter Growth, will generally discuss approaches for effectively managing growth and development in metropolitan areas to protect the environment and make existing communities better places to live and work. In this context, Ms. Cort will also emphasize lessons learned from development and transportation decisions in Washington, D.C., and the surrounding area, and describe plans that affect the future of our region. In addition, Tom Hier, Chair of the Steering Committee at Ward 3 Vision, will discuss grass-roots efforts related to managing growth and development in Ward 3, particularly along the Wisconsin Avenue corridor. Please join us for the meeting on Tuesday, September 22, at 7:30 p.m., at the Chevy Chase Community Center (5601 Connecticut Avenue). Come earlier for light refreshments and an opportunity to socialize with the Association's officers and other neighbors, starting at 7:00 p.m.

100 YEARS AGO IN CHEVY CHASE



From the cover of "Chevy Chase: A Home Suburb for the Nation's Capital"

May Membership Meeting Report

Preventing Scams and Property Crimes

At our annual public safety meeting in May, the Association recognized the efforts of the police officers who work to protect our community, as well as those of our Neighborhood Watch Program block captains who distribute public safety information to residents.

Information about preventing telephone and internet scams was also presented. Reserve Lieutenant Clyde Smith, from MPD's Investigative Services Branch, advised residents to avoid solicitations, such as the "lottery" and "work from home" scams, which promise big pay-offs, but only after money is paid upfront. When there inevitably is no big pay-off, the fronted money is lost. Investigator Sandie

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Doptis stressed that, if a legitimate financial institution contacts a customer by telephone or e-mail about unusual account activity, it will never ask the customer for account or other personal information. To follow-up, the customer should directly contact the institution using an independently designated number, such as the toll-free number on the back of a credit card.

Various basic precautions were recommended to help deter crime in our community. Michael Lockerman, the lieutenant supervising our Chevy Chase area (PSA 201), reminded residents that the best way to deter thefts from automobiles is to remove valuable items when leaving their vehicles. To drive home the point, he demonstrated how a thief could quickly identify items in a vehicle, determine the coast is clear, break the vehicle's window, and snatch the items, all within 13 seconds.

Councilmember Phil Mendelson discussed pending public safety legislation. He stressed the need to strike the appropriate balance of promoting public safety without infringing upon civil liberties. Chevy Chase Village Police Chief Roy Gordon noted the implementation of photo speed cameras on Connecticut Avenue between Chevy Chase Circle and Bradley Boulevard in October 2007 has resulted in a 70% decline in collisions per month.

Participating in our Neighborhood Watch Program is an excellent way for residents to become more informed about public safety. 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



Vin Etching Our Chevy Chase community participated in the 26th Annual Night Out Against Crime on August 4. The MD DC Anti-Car Theft (ACT) Committee provided free Vehicle Identification Number etching in the major pieces of glass of 24 vehicles. MD-DC ACT volunteer Chad Minnich applies etching to a vehicle. Such etching is a proven method for deterring thefts of automobiles because chop shops typically won't buy marked vehicle parts. In addition, our Neighborhood Watch Program disseminated crime prevention information.— *Photo by Samantha Nolan*

Change in Grade Structure at Local Schools

New Academic Year Begins

When the D.C. public schools opened their doors for the new academic year on August 24, a basic change in the grade structure affected all of the schools attended by students from our neighborhood. The long-planned conversion of Alice Deal School, on Fort Drive off Nebraska Ave., into a middle school finally took place.

This means that fifth graders who in the past would have attended sixth grade at Lafayette, Murch, or other elementary schools now will go to Deal, which encompasses grades 6-8. Wilson High School, down Nebraska Ave. from Deal, house grades 9-12, as it has for two years.

The Deal conversion coincides with near-completion of a 2-year renovation of the school, a \$72.6-million project. Lowering the average student age will "make it easier to manage the school—a sensational place will get better," says Matt Frumin, an Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3E member with a

daughter entering 8th grade.

The absence of 6th graders at Lafayette Elementary, located at Broad Branch Rd. and Northampton St., may be somewhat of a blessing in disguise. Home & School Association (HSA) Co-President Diana Blitz says students are transferring in from private schools at all levels—a phenomenon she says is partly due to the poor economy. The result is an enrollment of more than 610, more than the 582 projected.

At Wilson, parents are looking forward to Pete Cahall's second year as principal, says PTSA president Leticia Barnes Long. Among the changes at Wilson are an expansion of the physical education program to include such activities as dance, tennis, and golf. The aging high school also faces a renovation, which could involve moving students to the University of the District of Columbia or some other site as soon as a year from now. —*Ted Gest*

Senior Cinema Thursday

The new Senior Cinema Thursday program at the Avalon Theatre was a huge success with 125 admissions in August. Attendees included residents from the Sibley Senior Association, Methodist Home, Foxhill Retirement Home and Spring House Bethesda, as well as local Chevy Chase DC neighbors. Following the film, there was live music in the Avalon Café courtesy of Top Banana Home Grocery Delivery. Every table in the café was occupied as filmgoers enjoyed its varied food and beverage offerings. Mark your calendar for the next Senior Cinema Thursday on September 17. For more information about special programs and upcoming film selections, visit the Avalon's website at www.theavalon.org. Photo by Walt Irby



From the Neighborhood

Community Center

Planning is well under way for the fall season of events at the Chevy Chase Community Center. The key date to remember is Friday, September 11, which is the first registration day for activities that span an eight-week period starting October 19. You can register at the Community Center itself or online at www.dpr.dc.gov. The Center is planning a new "English as a second language" class, which will be scheduled during the evening. Community Center manager Ralph Wright says the class is being set up in response to interest from nannies and other neighborhood residents who speak primarily Spanish or other languages. By late September, Wright hopes to announce a new, free daytime program for area residents 60 or older that will feature recreational activities like games, arts and crafts, movies, speakers, and trips. Call 202-282-2204 for more information about classes.

—Ted Gest

Wilson Aquatic Center Opens

Don't miss the newest public recreational facility in our area, the Wilson Aquatic Center, located off Nebraska Ave. near Wilson High School. The center "is beautiful," says our second vice president, Jennifer Vaughan. "I went there with my 21-month old son and we had a great time playing in the fountains and shallow pool. Many kids were enjoying the shallow swim area, swimming and playing with mini basketball nets. It wasn't too crowded, but I'm sure that will change soon. The main pool is big and definitely ready to

Officers and Civilians to be Recognized

Police Awards Banquet

On Tuesday, September 29, the 2nd District MPD Citizens Advisory Council (2D MPD CAC) is sponsoring an Awards Banquet at Maggiano's Little Italy, 5333 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, in Friendship Heights, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. to recognize officers and civilians who have exhibited exemplary public safety-related service to the community this past year.

The 2D MPD CAC is a volunteer organization that works together with police officers to

improve public safety throughout the Second District's eight Police Service Areas, including PSA 201 (Chevy Chase). As in the past, the Association supports this year's Awards Banquet, and will be represented at the event. The evening is a wonderful opportunity for members of the community to get together with the officers in a convivial setting. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets (\$40 per person) should contact 2D MPD CAC Chair Samantha Nolan at nolantutor@yahoo.com.

Local Business Wins Environmental Excellence Award

Circle Yoga Honored

Congratulations to local business owner, Annie Mahon, and her staff at Circle Yoga on their 2009 Mayor's Environmental Excellence Award. Mayor Adrian Fenty recognized 19 District businesses and nonprofit organizations, including Circle Yoga, for their environmental stewardship, innovative best practices, pollution prevention, and resource conservation. The Environmental Excellence Awards are a component of the Mayor's "green agenda," an effort to incentivize the growth of local

green enterprises, green existing businesses and District government, and train the local workforce to fill green jobs of the future. Circle Yoga was recognized for outstanding achievement by a small business. A complete list of the 2009 award winners, including case studies with ideas on how to improve a company's environmental performance, can be found on the District Department of Environment web site at <http://ddoe.dc.gov/ddoe/cwp/view,a,1210,q,499054.asp>.

Learn About Local Architecture

Chevy Chase Walking Tour

Historic Chevy Chase DC will sponsor another of its popular walking tours on Sunday, September 20. Tour leader Keene Taylor will discuss the facade of the Avalon Theatre and the features of the Chevy Chase Arcade. He also will point out distinctive residences in several styles on side streets such as Oliver and Morrison. The tour begins in

front of the Avalon at 11:30 a.m., will last 45-60 minutes, and will operate rain or shine. The walking is not strenuous, and everyone is welcome. The free tour is one of scores that weekend sponsored by Cultural Tourism DC as part of WalkingTown DC Fall Edition 2009. For more information, go to www.culturaltourismdc.org.—Dick Teare

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handle big competitions. It's a great asset to the community, and definitely worth the wait!" Learn about the Wilson Aquatic Center, including amenities and hours of operation, at www.dpr.dc.gov. — *Ted Gest*

Plaque Project Continues

As part of its centennial celebration, the Association has partnered with Historic Chevy Chase DC to provide residents with information about custom historic house plaques and facilitate discounted group orders. No matter the age of your home, you can purchase a plaque recognizing its unique history. The plaques are 8x12 ovals in bronze with black finish and are ordered from Erie Landmark Company. For more information about the ongoing house plaque project, please contact Evelyn Wrin at 202.244.5744 or evbobwrin@verizon.net, or Jordan Benderly at 202.362.4920 or jordan@longandfoster.com.



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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.

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 | Mr. Fix It | 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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