



Chevy Chase Citizens NEWS

September 2010

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Calendar

September

21—Celebrating Community at the Avalon, 7:30 pm, 5612 Conn. Ave., NW

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

25—Historic Chevy Chase DC, Conn. Ave. Walking Tour, 11:00 am, 5612 Conn. Ave., NW

25—Northwest Neighbors Village, Overview of Long-term Care Ins., 1:00 pm, Friendship Terrace, 4201 Butterworth Place, NW

27—ANC 3/4G, 7:30 pm, Community Center

30—2D MPD Awards Banquet, 6:00 to 10:00 pm, Maggiano's Little Italy, 5333 Wisconsin Ave., NW

October

6—PSA 201 Meeting, 7:30 pm, Community Center

19—CCCA Meeting, Office of People's Counsel, 7:30 pm, Community Center

25—ANC 3/4G, 7:30 pm, Community Center

27—2nd Dist. Citizens Advisory Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, 3320 Idaho Ave., NW

28—Celebration of Friends of Rock Creek's Environment's 5th Ann., 6:00 to 8:00 pm, British Embassy, 3100 Mass. Ave., NW

NEXT MEETING 7:30 PM, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Celebrating Community at the Avalon

The Association and the Avalon Theatre are co-sponsoring an event called "Celebrating Community at the Avalon," at the Avalon (5612 Connecticut Ave., NW), on Sept. 21, at 7:30 pm. The event is a gathering of Chevy Chase DC community residents to recognize the contributions of local community organizations, socialize with neighbors, and enjoy the latest Avalon film offerings at a discounted price.

As part of the celebration, the Avalon has generously offered to provide \$1.00 back to customers on the purchase of admission to either of the last shows in the Avalon 1 or Avalon 2 Theaters. The films, which will start around 8:00 or 8:15 pm, will be those regularly featured that week and will be announced on the Avalon's web site (theavalon.org) once they are scheduled. In addition, the Association will distribute free, reusable nylon bags with our "CCCA" logo to the first fifty attendees.

There will also be a pre-movie social period starting at 7:30 pm, with food and drinks available for purchase in the adjoining Avalon Cafe. Anyone wanting to come for just the social period is welcome to do so.

Our Chevy Chase DC community benefits from various organizations that promote vital community interests. Our Association fosters community in many ways, including regular informative meetings and newsletters, a Neighborhood Watch Program, a garden club, art exhibitions, and beautification projects. The non-profit Avalon fosters community through its offering of exciting and diverse film programming that appeals to many segments of the community.

Other local nonprofits that will be recognized at the event for their contributions to our community include the Friends of Chevy Chase DC Library, the Friends of Chevy Chase Park, the Friends of Lafayette Park, the Friends of Rock Creek Environment, Historic Chevy Chase DC, and Northwest Neighbors Village. Moreover, the Chevy Chase Community Listserv will be recognized for its contribution to facilitating the exchange of community information, ideas, and discussion.

Program Note

Our October 19th Meeting will feature the interim People's Counsel Brenda Pennington, who will describe what the Office of People's Counsel does and the complaint process for consumers. In addition, among other consumer concerns, she will discuss recent complaints about the pro vision of electrical services by PEPCO, as well as responsive actions by OPC.

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Parking Services 541-6029

Parking Meters 541-6030

Solid Waste Administration

727-4600

May Membership Meeting Report

Drug Abuse Prevention and Combating Crime

At our annual public safety meeting last month, recently retired MPD Det. Anthony Washington described drug distribution methods, paraphernalia, and signs of drug abuse associated with crack cocaine, marijuana, heroin, crystal meth, and PCP, emphasizing that, while different areas have different drug concerns, common threads are the profits from addiction and the violence from turf wars. For example, marijuana users frequently purchase cigars to smoke marijuana because the leaves burn slower and last longer than cigarette paper. Washington said tell-tale signs of neighborhood-marijuana abuse are discarded wads of tobacco on the ground and the sale of “flavored” cigars because true cigar smokers would not remove tobacco or smoke fruit-flavored cigars. He also warned against the abuse of other common items, such as high-energy caffeine drinks and nail polish remover.

Police Service Area 201 Lt. Antonio Charland reported the arrests of four burglars suspected in many of the burglaries that had caused concern last spring in our community and surrounding areas. Each burglar employed a different mode of operation, such as time of day or means of entry. Although burglary reports had declined since the arrests, Charland reminded residents to remain vigilant, and to contact 911 to report any suspicious activity. He suggested the use of outside motion detector lighting and that those with home alarms set them, even when home. Chevy Chase Village Maryland Police Chief Roy Gordon noted the importance of cross-jurisdiction cooperation with Lt. Charland to combat crimes.

Samantha Nolan, our Neighborhood Watch Director, also provided crime prevention tips



Retired MPD Det. Anthony Washington explains distribution methods, paraphernalia, and signs of abuse associated with various drugs, such as marijuana and crack cocaine, as well as with some commonly available items, such as high-energy caffeine drinks and nail polish remover. —Photo by J. Lawlor

that are frequently forgotten, such as removing any valuables when leaving vehicles, not leaving purses on the backs of chairs or in shopping carts, and arranging for papers and flyers left in front yards to be removed when residents are away.

Finally, we honored Michael Lockerman, our former PSA 201 lieutenant in appreciation for his “years of dedicated service to our Chevy Chase Community, effectively combating crime, promoting crime prevention, and fostering police community relations.” We also recognized our 230-plus block captains for the critical role that they play in distributing public safety information to residents in our Neighborhood Watch Program. Special thanks are due to local businesses Arucola Osteria Italiana, Full of Beans, Periwinkle, and Salon Familia, which contributed gift certificates to a raffle for block captains at the meeting.

Fun in Ward 4

The 10th Annual Ward 4 Family Fun Day was held at Lafayette Elementary School in June. Food, Fun, and Fellowship were had by all, including the Association’s President Jonathan Lawlor, his daughter, and Ward 4 Councilmember Muriel Bowser. —Photo by Judi Gold



FOCUS ON THE COMMUNITY CENTER

The Home of Champions

Katharine Holmes, a senior at National Cathedral School and a member of the Chevy Chase Fencing Club, returned home last month from the first-ever Youth Olympic Games in Singapore bearing a bronze Olympic medal.

The Youth Olympic Games, sponsored by the International Olympic Committee, will be held every four years. More than 26 Olympic sports were represented with over 3,600 athletes from 205 countries competing in 26 Olympic sports during the games, held Aug. 14 through 26.

Holmes, the top ranked under-20 year old fencer in the US, finished in fourth place in the Individual Women's Epee event after losing a fence-off for the bronze medal. She came back to win a bronze medal in the team competition, as part of the "America 1" team, which included four Americans and two Canadians.

In addition, Bob Linn, a longtime player at the Washington, D.C.-area Scrabble club based at the Chevy Chase Community Center, was the highest ranking U.S. contestant in the World Scrabble Players Championship that concluded on August 16 in Dallas, Texas.

With a 23-9 record, Linn topped 18 other U.S. players in the 28-person field. The world championship is played with a dictionary that includes tens of thousands more acceptable words than appear in the U.S. Scrabble dictionary. Linn's won-loss record was exceeded only by players from Malaysia, Thailand, and Australia.

The public is welcome at any of the D.C. club's sessions, which run from 5:30-10 pm, every Tuesday, at the Community Center. Those interested can take part in any of five rounds held during that period.

Fall classes for the Fencing Club and all other programs at the Chevy Chase Community Center will begin the week of October 19. Registration will start on September 17, at 9:00 am. You may register in person or on-line at dpr.dc.gov by clicking on "Programs and Services" located on the left side of the screen and following the drop down menu directions. A complete listing of programs at the Community Center is available on-line. For further information about classes and registration, contact the center at 202-282-2204.

From the Neighborhood

Historic Chevy Chase DC

On Saturday, September 25, Historic Chevy Chase DC will hold another of its popular Avenue tours, as part of Cultural Tourism DC's semiannual "WalkingTownDC." HCCDC Board member Keene Taylor will again lead the tour. It will start from in front of the Avalon Theatre (5612 Conn. Ave., NW), at 11 am, rain or shine. The tour, which involves only easy walking, will last about 45 to 60 minutes.

Northwest Neighbors Village

On Saturday, September 25, Robert Bennett Lubic, a professor of law emeritus, will provide an overview of long-term care insurance before the Northwest Neighbors Village, at 1:00 pm, at Friendship Terrace, located at 4201 Butterworth Place, NW. During the past year, he has spoken about long-term care insurance before various senior citizen groups, on behalf of the Office of the DC Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, which is operated by the Legal Counsel for the Elderly, a part of the American Association of Retired Persons. Those interested in attending should respond to Northwest Neighbors Village, by September 20, at 237-1895 or at nvccdc@aol.com.

2nd District Awards Banquet

On Thursday, September 30, the 2nd District Citizens Advisory Council (2D CAC) is sponsoring an Awards Banquet to recognize officers and civilians in the Metropolitan Police Department's Second District who have exhibited exemplary



Katharine Holmes (right) competing at the Youth Olympic Games in Singapore.—Photo by C. Holmes

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public safety-related service to the community this past year, at Maggiano's Little Italy, 5333 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, in Friendship Heights, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. The 2D 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, our Association supports and will be represented at the annual Awards Banquet. Any-one interested in purchasing tickets (\$40 each), should contact 2D CAC Chair Samantha Nolan (nolantutor@yahoo.com).

Friends of Rock Creek's Environment

On Thursday, Oct. 28th, celebrate the Fifth Anniversary of the Friends of Rock Creek's Environment at the British Embassy, 3100 Massachusetts Ave NW, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. For tickets (\$50 per person), go to friendsofrockcreek.org.



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