



Chevy Chase Citizens NEWS

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Calendar

November

- 16**—Toddler Closet Opens, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. weekdays, Community Center
- 17**—CCCA Meeting: Financial Services Forum, 7:30 p.m., Community Center
- 18**—How to Grow Roses, CCCA Garden Club, 7:15 p.m., Community Center
- 18**—2nd Dist. Citizens Advisory Council, 7:00 p.m., 3320 Idaho Ave., N.W.
- 18**—RiverSmart Presentation, FORCE, 7:00 p.m., Chevy Chase DC Library
- 21**—RiverSmart Presentation, FORCE, 2:00 p.m., Chevy Chase DC Library
- 23**—ANC 3/4G, 7:30 p.m., Community Center

December

- 1**—PSA 201 Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Community Center
- 5**—FOLio Bookstore Open for Holiday Shopping, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Chevy Chase DC Library
- 5**—Wreath-making Workshop, CCCA Garden Club, 3:00 p.m., Tudor Place (reservations required, cost \$28)
- 14**—ANC 3/4G, 7:30 p.m., Community Center
- 15**—Holiday Open House, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Community Center

January

- 5**—PSA 201 Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Community Center

NEXT MEETING 7:30 P.M. , TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Financial Services Forum

At our next meeting on November 17th, the Association will be hosting a Financial Services Forum aimed at helping you to improve your financial landscape. The following four topics will be presented: **1.** “A New Perspective on Your Finances,” by Debbie L. Parker CFP, Financial Advisor, Ameriprise Financial Services; **2.** “DC College Savings Plan,” by Laurent Ross, College Savings Plan Manager, Calvert Investments; **3.** “Long Term Care Insurance,” by Stephen M. Plotkin, CLTC, LUTCF, John Hancock Life Insurance Company; and **4.** “Estate Planning,” by Daniel H. Ruttenberg, CPA, LLM, Smolen Plevy. There will also be a brief question and answer period. Please mark your calendars and join us for the Financial Services Forum on Tuesday, November 17th, at 7:30 p.m., at the Chevy Chase Community Center (5601 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.). Come earlier for light refreshments and an opportunity to socialize with the Association’s officers and other neighbors, starting at 7:00 p.m.



SPECIAL EVENT

**Community Center’s
Holiday Open House; 7 P.M.
Tuesday, December 15**

Please join us for the annual open house at the Chevy Chase Community Center. This year’s event will feature demonstrations from the guitar, rock band, piano, ballet, fencing and gymnastics classes. In addition, planned activities include a hands-on pottery demonstration and an artwork display. The open house, which is co-sponsored by the CCCA, will be held on Tuesday, December 15th, from 7-9 p.m. Refreshments will be served.



A CENTURY AGO IN CHEVY CHASE

Percy Leroy Ricker, one of the founders and first president of the Chevy Chase Citizens Association, was born on March 27, 1878, in Brunswick, Maine. He was hired in 1901 as scientific assistant agrostologist in the Bureau of Plant Industries of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. He was an expert photographer of wild flowers and traveled widely in the United States leaving behind a tremendous collection of glass negatives when he left the D.O.A. He died February 2, 1973, at the age of 94, in the Nursing Center of San Angelo, Texas. — *Photograph and biographical information from the Washington Biologists’ Field Club. For more information visit www.pwrc.usgs.gov/resshow/perry/bios/rickerpercy.htm*

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October Membership Meeting Report

Local "Friends" Organizations Present Plans And Projects

At our October membership meeting, the Association hosted a special gathering of local "Friends" groups. Representatives gave overviews of their organizations, highlighted recent developments, and discussed future projects and proposals.

Friends of Lafayette Park ("FOLP") celebrated its 10th anniversary in Spring 2009. During its first decade, the group completed Phase I of its master plan, which included the addition of gardens, playgrounds, the tot lot, amphitheater, gazebo, upgraded tennis and ball fields, and benches to Lafayette Park. Jeff Stoiber, President of FOLP, announced that a new Phase II of the master plan is in development. Among the major items under consideration are (1) a new synthetic track that would enable the Lafayette school track team to train and host meets and (2) a new, enlarged recreation center that would meet ADA requirements and better serve the growing community. FOLP is working with the DC Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR") on planning for this long-term project. Get involved at www.thefolp.org.

Ellen Epstein, Co-president of the **Friends of Chevy Chase DC Library** ("FOL"), and active member Bette Landish shared how their group supports our local library's programs, collections and facilities through fundraising and advocacy efforts. Among its recent accomplishments are the installation of the Margaret Plez Fischer Reading Garden and the opening of its used bookstore, FOLio. FOL is looking for volunteers to help with a variety of ongoing projects and will provide community service hours to students. For more information (including FOLio's days and hours of operation), visit www.ccdclibraryfriends.org/TikiWiki/tiki-index.php.

Phyllis Jordan, a member of **Friends of Chevy Chase Park**, traced the history of her organization back to 1994 when the former play-

ground was replaced at the corner of 41st and Livingston Streets, NW. At that time, the group worked to improve landscaping and plantings, raised funds for additional play equipment, and lobbied for the repaving of the tennis courts. Now, the Chevy Chase Park has been slated for another major renovation by DPR. Among the proposals under consideration are (1) a new playground design with dedicated areas for older and younger children and a water feature and (2) an official dog park. The estimated start for the park renovation is Spring 2010.

Beth Mullin, Executive Director of **Friends of Rock Creek's Environment** ("FORCE"), discussed three aspects of its mission: to educate residents about the problems facing Rock Creek, to encourage government agencies to consider and coordinate policy initiatives across jurisdictional lines, and to organize volunteers and projects on the ground to protect and restore Rock Creek. Last April, FORCE organized a trash clean-up project with over 60 locations throughout the 33-mile watershed. Some 2000 volunteers collected and removed approximately 30 tons of trash during that event. In addition, the Association and FORCE worked together on the design and installation of a demonstration rain garden in the Chevy Chase Commons area. Learn more at www.friendsofrockcreek.org.

Nancy Wilson spoke on behalf of the **Chevy Chase Community Center Advisory Committee** about the possibility of forming a "Friends" group for the Center. As the number and variety of programs at the Center grow, more community support is needed. Ping-pong for seniors started up last year. The Toddler Closet is set to re-open on November 16th. There also is interest in having basketball clinics on the newly renovated courts. Want to help out and be a "Friend" of the Community Center? Leave a message for the Advisory Committee at 202-282-2204.

Free RiverSmart Presentations

Friends of Rock Creek's Environment ("FORCE") is hosting two free screenings of the RiverSmart video developed by the District Department of the Environment. Learn about eco-friendly solutions to polluted runoff. This film was a big hit at the Environmental Film Festival in the spring. There will be tours of the RiverSmart demonstration rain garden after each screening. Screenings will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 7:00 pm and Saturday, Nov. 21, at 2:00 pm at the Chevy Chase DC Library.

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Rain Garden Dedicated

A public dedication ceremony for the new demonstration rain garden in the Chevy Chase Commons (located between the Library and the Community Center) was held on October 10. Barbara Baldwin, Beth Mullin and Julia Ulstrup check out the illustrated sign explaining the garden's various eco-friendly features.—*Photo by Jonathan Lawlor*



Barbara Baldwin Honored

D.C. Federation of Civic Associations President, Ruth Marshall, and First Vice President, Robert Brannum, congratulate Barbara Baldwin (center) on her selection as this year's Grass Roots Honoree for the Chevy Chase community at the DCFCA Annual Awards Luncheon held on October 31.—*Photo by Julia Ulstrup*



Halloween Spooktacular

There were no tricks, only treats for kids at this year's "Halloween Spooktacular" on Connecticut Avenue. The annual event was started by the owners of Pumpernickels Deli in 2001 and has become an exceedingly popular neighborhood tradition. With nearly all of the local businesses participating, the Spooktacular was as festive as years past despite a late, light rainfall. Of course, the CCCA participated in the fun, sharing a table with The Avalon Theatre. CCCA Executive Committee members,



Jennifer Vaughan and Brooke Thomas, handed out over 325 goodie bags containing treats that both kids and parents could enjoy. The bags were made with 100% recyclable paper (50% post consumer) and included lollipops that were organic and allergen-free. With safety in mind, we also gave out nearly 400 glow-in-the-dark bracelets that the trick-or-treaters could wear later that night.

—*Photo by David Thomas*

From the Neighborhood

New Projects at the Avalon

Wondering what's going on in front of the Avalon? It's progress! The Avalon Theatre is making repairs to the theater by shoring up the crumbling underground vault space and putting in a new sidewalk in front of the Avalon Café. The project will be completed in a few weeks and outdoor seating will return to the Café in the newly improved area. This is one of many projects being funded by the \$2 million Avalon Legacy Campaign. Additional projects include:

- Upgrading to energy efficient heating and cooling
- Restoring the ceiling mural

- Installing new event lighting in the large auditorium

- Building an elevator to allow access to the upstairs auditorium for the disabled.

To learn more and become part of the Avalon Legacy Campaign, visit www.theavalon.org.

Toddler Closet Opening

The Toddler Closet on the lower level of the Chevy Chase Community Center is scheduled to open on November 16. It will be open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Everyone using the Toddler Closet must sign in at the office before going downstairs. This is very

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important for safety/emergency reasons. No food or drinks will be allowed in the play room. Children and caregivers are welcome to go upstairs to the kitchen for snacks. All toys need to be returned to the closet when play is finished. Please remember to remove your trash as well.

Garden Club Events

At the next Chevy Chase Garden Club meeting, David Maxwell, with the Arlington Rose Foundation, will talk about how you can grow roses spending only a few minutes each week. The meeting is Wednesday, November 18, starting at 7:15 pm at the Community Center. In December, the Garden Club will learn how to make Christmas wreaths. The workshop is Saturday, December 5, at 3:00 p.m. at Tudor Place, an historic landmark in Georgetown. The cost is \$28 (which includes all materials) and reservations are required. For more information, contact Barbara Baldwin at bbaldwing@yahoo.com.

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