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Dave Albinson, Anne Fox, (one
vacancy)

Next Village Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at 8 PM, in the Community Lounge, NCC Christian Church.

Agenda Highlights:

- Mid-year Financial Report
- Proposed Capital Projects
- Village Regulations discussion

Village Permits: Village permits are required for additions or alterations to existing structures and new construction as well as for the replacement or erection of fences. Please refer to the Village regulations for details and contact the Village Office (301-654-7084) with any questions. Permit forms are available from the Village office or on the Village website.

Christmas Tree Recycling: Recycle your Christmas tree curbside on Mondays through January 30th. Please remove all tinsel and other ornaments.

Tax Time Reminder: For any Village residents who file their State tax return extra early, don't forget to include the Village as your "city" at the top right corner of the return.

Snow Reminder: When snow is expected, please park in your driveway or on the **even-numbered** side of the street only. Please shovel or sand, as needed, any sidewalk abutting your property. Also, please clear any nearby fire hydrants of snow. They have been marked, so they are easy to find.

MVA on Wheels: The MVA mobile office will be at the Friendship Heights Village Center between 10 AM and 2 PM on the following dates during the first half of 2017:

Jan. 30 Feb. 27
Mar. 20 Apr. 24
May 22 June 19

MVA On Wheels is beginning its nineteenth year of service to Friendship Heights and the Greater Chevy Chase area.

Early Notice: The next **bulk trash pickup** will be Saturday March 18.

Neighborhood Yard Sale: The next neighborhood yard sale is scheduled for Saturday April 29. To pull it off this time, we need a few volunteers to help with PR and signs. If you wish to help, please call Ingrid Dallaire at 301-455-6962 or email her at Ingrid.Dallaire@LongandFoster.com.

If You Smell Natural Gas: If you smell natural gas, call the Washington Gas Emergency Leak Line at **703-750-1400**. Do not attempt to locate the source of the odor. If the odor is very strong, or you hear a blowing or hissing noise, vacate the building immediately, leaving the doors unlocked as you go. Do nothing to create an ignition source - do not light a match, use the telephone, turn electrical equipment or light switches on or off, or start your car. Call **911** and the Washington Gas emergency numbers only after you have reached a safe distance away from the source of the leak.

Have Your Chimney Inspected: The Montgomery County Division of Consumer Affairs (DCA) advises that chimney fires and clogged flues can be prevented by regular chimney inspections and cleanings. Having your chimney inspected is as important as having your furnace and heating system inspected. The simple steps you can take include:

- Contact a licensed/certified chimney sweep. Signs of a dangerous chimney include cracks in masonry, poor updraft, broken flue sections and creosote accumulation.
- Check to see if the chimney sweep is licensed by the Maryland Home Improvement Commission. Ask neighbors for referrals, check DCA's complaint records at 240-777-3636 or check the Better Business Bureau's records at 202-393-8000.
- Have the chimney cleaned on a regular schedule. This will vary from several times a year to once every several years, depending on how often the fireplace is used.

A Caution: On windy recycling days, please weigh down all of your papers, cardboard and light plastic items. The slight extra effort saves chasing debris all over the neighborhood. This is not a problem with the large recycling bins, but can be a nuisance if cardboard or other large items are added. Also, remember that the trash collectors will pick up trash from side yards, so trash cans do not need to be brought to the curb.

Village Newsletter: Any volunteers wishing to help revise the Newsletter including adding graphics and points of common interest should contact Helen Santiago Fink at helensantiagofink@verizon.net.