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Next Village Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 18, 2017, 8 PM, in the Community Lounge, NCC Christian Church.

Agenda Highlights:

- Report on Md. Municipal League Convention
- ♦ Interim FY2017 Financial Report
- ♦ Purple Line update
- ♦ SHA / Jones Bridge Road update

Village 4th of July Block Party: The 40th Annual North Chevy Chase Block Party, July 4th celebration and extravaganza was a resounding success. The barbecue was spectacular, the side dishes and desserts were better than ever and the rain stayed away. Special thanks are due the Houlihan family, who managed the event, ably assisted by the Mahers. Canopies were furnished by the Audubon Naturalist Society and the NCC Swimming Pool. The large crowd who attended were rewarded with a really special event. For those of you who missed it, we look forward to seeing you next year.

Village Permit: Village permits are required for additions or alterations to existing structures and new construction as well as for the replacement or erection of fences and dumpsters. Please refer to the Village regulations for details or contact the Village office at 301-654-7084. A copy of the Village regulations and permit forms are available on the Village website at www.northchevychase.org.

Bulk Trash Pickup: The next bulk trash pickup will be Saturday, September 16.

MVA on Wheels: The schedule for MVA on Wheels visits to the Friendship Heights Village Center, 4433 South Park Avenue is:

Monday July 24 Monday August 21 Monday Sept. 25 Monday Oct. 30 Monday Nov. 20 Monday Dec. 18

Tree Reminders: With summer here, Village residents are asked to please water the Village trees in your yard when rain has not fallen in several days. Village residents are also reminded to trim the dead wood from older trees, as well as overhanging branches over sidewalks. If you notice serious problems with Village trees, call the Village Office at 301-654-7084. Also, remember that ivy and other climbing vines can strangle a tree and should be cut away and pulled from the tree trunk.

Vacations Precautions: A few precautions may enhance your vacation.

• Cancel your newspapers or get a neighbor to pick them up from your property.

- Arrange to have your lawn cut while you are away.
- Give a key to a neighbor just in case of an emergency.
- Arrange to have a neighbor or relative know how to turn off your security system if it is activated.
- Consider putting timers on some of the lights in your home.

Household Hazardous Material:

A permanent collection site for household hazardous waste is set up at the Shady Grove Transfer Station at the intersection of Rt. 355 and Shady Grove Road. The hours are 1-5 PM Thursday and Friday, 8 AM - 5 PM Saturday and 9:30 AM - 5 PM Sunday. Household hazardous waste includes insecticides.

herbicides, pesticides, paint thinners, swimming pool chemicals and oil-based paints. For questions, call the County at 240-777-6410.

NCC Website: The redesigned Village Website is nearly 100% operational. For the present, it is operating in tandem with the Village ListServ. As more residents transition to the website, it will be the primary source of information for the Village.

Power or Street Light Outages: To report a power outage, call PEPCO at 1-877-737-2662. Streetlight outages can be reported on the PEPCO website, www.pepco.com. Keep the outage number handy, or store it on your smartphone so it can be found when thunder storms cause problems.

Maryland Municipal League Convention: the 2017 Maryland Municipal League Convention was held June 25, 26, 27 and 28 in Ocean City. Fern Lapidus and Bob Weesner were attendees, along with representatives from about 100 Maryland cities, towns and villages. A highlight was the opportunity to meet with cabinet secretaries to discuss Village problems. The target this year was SHA for the unannounced spraying of herbicides along the Village boundaries with the Beltway. We raised concerns with the head of SHA and the Secretaries of the Environment and of Natural Resources.

There will be no Council meeting or newsletter in August.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!