



VILLAGE OF NORTH CHEVY CHASE
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
December 5, 2018

DECEMBER VILLAGE MEETING

December 18; 8 PM; NCC Christian Church
Tentative Agenda Items (Please note that a more complete agenda will be sent via the Village listserv and posted on the website approximately 5 days prior to meeting):

- Approval of November meeting minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- Permits (3805 Montrose Drwy Fence)
- Update on Small Cell Tower Ordinance
- Compost survey results
- Discussion of pedestrian/traffic safety on Kensington Parkway
- Updates (if available): I495/I270; Connecticut/Jones Bridge Intersection Improvements; Purple Line; CC Lakes Development

HIGHLIGHTS FROM NOVEMBER MEETING

Please note that the official minutes of the November 20 meeting will be approved at the next Village meeting and will be posted on the website after.

Treasurer's Report: For the month of October, income totaled \$32,974 and expenses totaled \$22,575. Cash in the Village's Suntrust account totaled \$126,300 and cash reserves are currently \$1,161,318. It was highlighted that income and expenses fluctuate each month and the Village should expect substantial income in December

due to property tax distributions. The Treasurer also noted that the Village is transitioning accounting support back to Jonathan Cohen, a CPA and Village resident who has supported Village accounting for a number of years.

Permits: The curb cut for 3714 Stewart Dr was approved. The Council will consider the fence at 3805 Montrose Drwy at the Dec. meeting, as receipt of the permit was less than the 7 days advanced notice for Council meetings.

Small Cell Tower Ordinance: The Village Manager and Secretary participated on Nov. 28 in

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a meeting of neighboring municipalities and legal counsel to discuss the utility of a uniform ordinance related to small cell towers. There was discussion about the preemptive authority of the Federal Communications Commission as well as the reality that the 5G technology will likely not be available for another 5-10 years; however, municipalities have been encouraged to establish permit requirements for its rights of way sooner rather than later to try to help shape the deployment. The Council will share a draft when it becomes available, likely in Jan/Feb.

I495/I270 Expansion: The Council reiterated during the meeting that it remains very concerned and is highly proactive about addressing the beltway expansion. The Council and Village management has and will continue to make the community aware of any meetings and/or opportunities for the community to express its views to SHA and other government authorities. The Village was represented by Council members and residents at two important meetings in Nov: 1) A consulting parties meeting on the Managed Lane Study, particularly focused on addressing historic properties and 2) a Delegation Open Hearing where the Council Secretary was one of approximately 15 speakers who highlighted deep concern about the consultative process and overall managed lane study to recently elected Montgomery County House and Senate delegates. These meetings have highlighted that the public private partnership arrangement to fund an expansion provides Maryland's Governor significant discretion with the capital budget and ability to move the project forward without much legislative oversight. The likely leverage to modify planning is through the approval process of environmental impact statements. The Council discussed the value in coordinating with advocacy groups like CAFE but given the importance of

retaining the Village's own voice and avoiding being subsumed by the agenda of other groups, the Council does not plan to formally join any coalitions. Updates on the process will continue to be sent via the listserv (a slide show presentation was circulated on Nov. 29), posted on the website, and noted in the newsletters.

Connecticut/Jones Bridge Intersection

Improvements by MDOT/SHA: Residents should have received a hard copy newsletter alerting them to a December 6 "open house" at BCC high school from 7-9 pm to walk through displays of SHA's project to improve the intersection on MD 185 (Connecticut Ave) at Jones Bridge Rd/Kensington Pkwy. The remaining work is scheduled to begin later this year. Work to be done includes reconstructing the sidewalk, adding a shared-use path along eastbound Jones Bridge Rd, replacing the curb and gutter, reconstructing intersection traffic signals, relocating underground and overhead utilities and improving drainage and storm water management. The Village Council reached out to SHA's project manager and received confirmation that the existing signal phasing will stay the same. The Council will keep abreast of the project.

Purple Line: There were no updates to the Purple Line. Residents can sign up for updates via text or email at www.purplelinemd.com.

Chevy Chase Lakes Development: The Village Manager has contacted the project manager at Bozzuto to receive updates on the project but has not received a reply. She will continue to reach out.

Village Tree Replacements/Plantings: The Village's arborist has provided a list of recommended Village tree replacements for sunny v. shady locations; however, the Village Manager will be following up to further add criteria related to growth near power lines. The Village

plans to procure the trees through Stadler Nursery (as in the past), which will plant them as well. The best windows are early spring and fall. Likely in January, residents who had Village trees removed from their property over the past year will be contacted to discuss options for replacement (or no replacement, depending on location, etc.). Issues that will require further discussion include whether residents could select a tree not on the recommended list and pay for any extra cost and whether the Village would pay for a replacement tree to be planted on resident property not in the right of way. The Council is willing to consider the planting of new Village trees on rights of way. Residents can send a request to the Village Manager if they believe there is sufficient space in the right of way of their property.

Dockless Bike/Scooter Pilot Program: The Council is recommending that the Village not participate in a DOT pilot program starting early next year related to dockless bikes and scooters given that they can be left anywhere, posing potential hazards on sidewalks and roadways. Montgomery County is still sorting out the legality of bikes and scooters on sidewalks and considering issues related to “geofencing” jurisdictions to prohibit bikes/scooters originating or terminating in particular locations. The Council remains supportive of docked stations around the Chevy Chase Lakes Development to support alternative transport options for residents.

Village Welcome Brochure: Residents provided feedback on additional information that could be included in a welcome brochure for new residents, including reference to NCC pool membership, NCC Connections, and listservs for the public schools in which the Village is zoned. It is envisioned that the brochure will be a “living document” and can be printed on an as needed basis and presented to new residents. Please let

the Village Manager know if you would like to be part of a welcoming committee.

Construction Projects: The Council has requested Village management look at ways to strengthen the conditions for permit for the Village, including clear guidelines to provide to contractors. Part of the impetus for this is the contracting congestion around Montrose and Stewart. The Village Manager is collecting information on protocols from neighboring municipalities and will prepare a draft for Council/resident review before any formal approvals.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Composting: The Village has received approximately 35 responses to the Compost survey (about 17% of total households). A reminder has gone out on the Village listserv. Residents can also type in the following address to take the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6TWP8BV>. All residents are encouraged to fill out the survey so that the Village Council can receive an accurate representation of residents' views. The survey will close on Sunday, December 16 at midnight and results will be presented at the December 18 Council meeting.

Traffic Sign Violation: Village management sent the following notice via the listserv but wanted to highlight the issue in the newsletter as well. “The Village would like to alert residents to an incident that took place recently in which a stop sign was erected at the intersection of Kensington Pkwy (westbound) and Montrose Drwy underneath a pedestrian crosswalk sign. The sign's placement posed a safety hazard for vehicles and pedestrians, violating numerous traffic sign regulations, and has been removed. While the Village is sensitive to pedestrian safety at crosswalks, and is currently considering possible improvements to signage at this intersection, it is a violation of Village rules and regulations for individuals to place any traffic signs or markings on Village roads. We have included below reference to Village regulations for vehicular and pedestrian traffic. If any residents have concerns

related to vehicular traffic and pedestrian safety, they can contact the Village Manager and request that said concern be included as an agenda item for a monthly Council meeting. We appreciate your cooperation."

"Chapter 6 on Village regulations for vehicles and traffic specifically notes 'Section 6--103. Authority to Erect Traffic Signs and Devices: Whenever, in the judgment of the Village Council it is deemed appropriate or necessary for the public good, safety, or convenience to control or regulate vehicular or pedestrian traffic or parking, the Council is authorized to provide by resolution for the erection of traffic control and parking restriction signs and devices designed to control and regulate traffic and parking on Village streets. The Village may either erect said signs and devices itself or may request the County Executive or the Executive's designee to erect, or authorize the erection of said signs and devices in accordance with the Council's resolution. All said signs and devices shall conform to the manual and specifications of the State Highway Administration."

Please note that the Village Council will be assessing additional options to enhance pedestrian and vehicular safety including: 1) pedestrian crosswalk at Kensington/Montrose intersection; 2) ways to reduce vehicular speed along Kensington; 3) proper pedestrian crossing signals at Connecticut and Kensington; 4) modifications to the brick medians along Kensington, many of which are being used as through lanes rather than for left turns. The issue is also included as an agenda item for the December meeting.

Website/Listserv: If residents have not yet, please sign up for the Village listserv by sending your email address to the Village Manager, who will send you an "invite". Also, please confirm whether you would like to be included in the website directory (password protected).

Chevy Chase Library Used Book Donation: Please consider giving your used books to the CC Library (8005 Connecticut Ave). They particularly value recent history and politics, other non-fiction, recent fiction, classics, cookbooks, art books, DVDs and CDs. They cannot accept magazines, textbooks, foreign language books or religious tracts. Donations are accepted whenever the

library is open; put materials in the designated cart next to the circulation desk. If you have rare or valuable books to donate, please contact the library directly to arrange for pick up and to receive a donation receipt. Also, please remember to shop at the Friends of the Library used book sale. It's open whenever the library is open.

Pet of the Month: The Village would like to continue to honor the wonderful pets in the neighborhood. Please send a photograph, accompanied by a brief narrative text, of your pet to the Village Secretary (Maury Mechanick) at secretary@northchevychase.org. Even if your family pet is not selected for this month, your pet would be eligible for a following month!

REMINDERS

Leaf Pick up: Leaf pick up is scheduled through Jan 15, 2019. Please note that leaves are to be placed curbside. Sticks, trash, rocks and other debris will not be collected and leaves should not be shredded.

Bulk Trash Pickup: The next bulk trash pickup will be **Saturday, December 15**. Items must be at curbside by 7 AM. Our contractors uses different trucks to haul different items, so certain items may be removed before others. **Included items**: Washing machines, dryers, stoves, hot water heaters, other major appliances, furniture/parts of furniture, large toys, bicycles, swing sets, bath tubs, sinks, toilets, do-it-yourself amounts of earth, sand, gravel, demolition debris and construction waste, parts of automobiles, but not fleet tires. **Excluded**: Large tree stumps, poisons, acids, caustics, explosives, oil or other flammable liquids, motor vehicles and parts such as batteries, tires, bricks, general construction material, iron pipe over 10 ft long, large rocks, wood piles, large tree limbs, dead animals, human or animal feces and ammunition.

