



VILLAGE OF NORTH CHEVY CHASE
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
February 6, 2019

FEBRUARY VILLAGE MEETING

Feb. 19, 2019; 8 PM; NCC Christian Church
Tentative Agenda Items: (Please note that a formal agenda will be sent via listserv and posted on the website 5 days before mtg)

- Approval of January meeting minutes
- Treasurer’s Report
- FY18 Audit Brief by Lindsey & Associates
- Small Cell Ordinance Vote
- Finalize decision on “stop for pedestrian traffic” signs for Kensington/Montrose
- Village tree replacement approvals

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JANUARY VILLAGE MEETING

(Please note that the official minutes will be approved at the next Village meeting and will be posted on the website after)

Treasurer’s Report for December 2018: Results for December 2018 included income of \$1522 and operating expenses of \$28,526 (including trees, leaf collection, waste removal, and professional fees). While income for December was minimal due to timing considerations relative to receipt of tax receipts from the State of Maryland and Montgomery County, fiscal year to date revenues through December 2018 have exceeded expenses by \$79,071. Total current assets as of

December 2018, consisting of operating balance plus reserves, come to \$1,346,612.

Permits

- 3700 Stewart Drive – fence replacement – approved.
- 9009 Kensington Parkway – dumpster – approved

Draft Small Cell Ordinance

The Village has received from the Village attorney a draft ordinance addressing permitting terms and conditions for small cell towers for use in the provision of 5G services that would be installed within the Village, and which incorporates input from neighboring municipalities. The Village intends to adopt the

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ordinance at its February 2019 meeting, having made copies available to residents in January and having requested comments by January 31, 2019. Once passed, the ordinance will be added as Chapter 7 to the VNCC Regulations and posted on the Village website.

Compost Survey

Survey results were presented at the December 2018 meeting. Based upon the limited number of responses from Village residents and the mixed views expressed, particularly on the subject of financial support of composting by the Village, the Village Council will continue to encourage residents to consider the benefits of composting, but the Council does not believe it would be appropriate for the Village to provide financial subsidies for composting activities by individual residents at this time.

Stricter Remodeling/Home Building Regs

The Village Council had an ongoing discussion of concerns regarding contractor conduct on construction projects within the Village, particularly in the case of tear down/new home construction, including safety concerns, damage to adjacent properties, and noncompliance with Montgomery County parking and roadway regulations. As an immediate measure, the Village will provide contractors with, and have now posted on the Village website, a Contractor Guidance document which elaborates on contractor conduct with respect to Village rights of way, noise levels, hours of work and commercial vehicle placement. The Village will also look to adopt other measures, including more substantial bonding requirements, to ensure better compliance with Village regulations.

Update on PEPCO Street Lighting

Members of the Village Council and the Village Manager met with a Pepco representative on January 11, 2019 to review the street lighting throughout the Village. While Pepco will handle lighting installations consistent with municipal desires, it does not provide specific advice in this regard and recommended that the Village consider retention of a lighting consultant. As part of the meeting, various streets were visited to assess current lighting and in one case, to report to Pepco a malfunctioning light (at Stewart/Montgomery). The Village Council intends to conduct a more comprehensive review of street lighting, including consideration of the proper bulbs and wattages for existing Village street lights and the installation of additional street lights where desirable, either on existing pole structures or potentially new ones, in order to improve pedestrian lighting needs throughout the Village. Please note that Pepco has an app that residents can download to not only report power outages for their properties but streetlight problems in general, through an interactive map. If residents identify streetlight issues, it would be beneficial to notify the Village Manager who can help to follow up with Pepco as well.

Update on Kensington Pkwy Pedestrian Sign Options

The Village intends to install improved signage at the Montrose and Kensington Parkway intersection alerting vehicular traffic to stop for pedestrians at that crosswalk and is reviewing with vendors the availability of suitable signage for this purpose.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/UPDATES

Welcome to New Residents!!: The Village is pleased to welcome the Sripathi family – Amit (husband), Geetika (wife) and Mookie (dog) - who moved into 3706 Stewart Drwy.

Village Council Elections: Election for two of the five Council seats as well as a Fire Board Representative seat will be held on **May 7, 2019**. Per the Village Charter, a Nominating Committee shall be appointed no later than March 1, to comprise at least 3 persons who are Qualified Voters (resident of the Village of North Chevy Chase who is qualified to vote in Montgomery County and who is registered with the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors of Elections or with the Village Council). Any Qualified Voter can seek nomination for the Council and Fire Board seats by Written Notice on or before March 22. Qualified Voters who are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee, please contact the Village Mgr.

I-495/I-270 Expansion: **MDOT/SHA** representatives for the I-495/I-270 project have reached out to the Village requesting an opportunity to provide a project update. They will be providing a **presentation at the Tuesday, March 19 Council meeting**. Please plan to attend this important meeting. Another update with respect to the project -- a bill in the Maryland state legislature, sponsored by Delegates Al Carr and Marc Korman, would require an environmental study on public-private projects sooner in the review process. Such a process could add an additional year and up to \$300 million more in cost, to complete any I-495/I-270 expansion. If the bill passes, Governor Hogan has veto power.

Connecticut/Jones Bridge Intersection

Improvement: Members of the Village Council as well as Manager met with SHA representatives on January 17 to discuss the planned land donation at Montrose and Jones Bridge for storm water drainage as part of the overall MD185/Jones Bridge Intersection Improvement project. SHA will be marking the exact location on March 4. Residents are encouraged to view the area. Once work is underway and completed, vehicles will not be able to park on Jones Bridge Rd at that site. The sidewalk will be widened to 5 ft along Jones Bridge but all within SHA right of way. Utility repositioning will begin this spring (2019), while the road and sidewalk work will start in spring of 2020. The project is anticipated to take 2 years.

Montgomery County Permits

The Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) has a **new website (<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dps/>)** that provides quicker access for a range of services, from applying for permits to tracking construction activities. At the new website, customers can clearly see what is required to obtain permits and approvals. The website features a user-friendly guide that serves as a roadmap for every step of the permit application, including inspections. The new website also has a page to track commercial **construction activity** that has an impact on county roads. Data is updated nightly.

Tree Replacement: Residents who had Village trees removed from near their property over the past year have received a list of possible tree

replacements on which to provide input. The Village Council will review the list at the February Council meeting, as the Village is aiming to procure and plant trees in early spring. If a Village tree was removed on the right of way near your property but you haven't received the list of tree replacements, please contact the Village Mgr.

Website/Listserv: The Village Manager lacks email addresses for a significant number of households within the community. Outside of the newsletter and monthly Council meetings, emails are the primary means by which the Village Manager and Council can communicate time-sensitive issues with Village residents. Please send your email address (include name, street address, and contact number) to the Village Manager. All emails that are part of the Yahoo listserv will also now receive update notifications from the Webpage.

Audubon Community Meeting: The Audubon Naturalist Society will host a Community Meeting to present its ongoing restoration initiatives and upcoming projects at Woodend Sanctuary on **February 21** from 7 – 8:30 PM at the Library on the 1st floor of the Mansion. Residents who would like to receive meeting minutes and notifications can send an email to woodend@anshome.org with the subject line "Please add me to the Community List".

Annual NCC Neighborhood Yard Sale: Mark your calendars – **May 18**, 9 AM – 1 PM. Now is the time to declutter and turn your no longer needed "stuff" into \$ or donate. A donation truck will be parked at the NCC Pool from 1 – 2 PM. You will get a receipt for your donation. Look for sign up info in the March – May

newsletters. For questions, please contact Ingrid Dallaire at 301-455-6962 or Ingrid.Dallaire@LongandFoster.com.

Parking for Snow Plow: Residents were requested to park on the odd side of the street this year to facilitate snow plowing but Village management understands that there is a longstanding practice within the community to park on the even side so please continue to do that. Ideally, cars should be in driveways to facilitate salt application and snow removal.

Unleashed Dogs: Some residents have expressed concern about unleashed dogs in the Village. Please note that the Village follows Montgomery County Code with respect to "at large" dogs. Any dog is at large if it is outside the owner's premises and not leashed. The first offense is a \$100 fine and subsequent violations are \$500 each.

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.

REMINDERS

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