



VILLAGE OF NORTH CHEVY CHASE
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
January 4, 2019

JANUARY VILLAGE MEETING

January 15, 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 the Council meeting)

- Approval of December meeting minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- Permits
- Compost Survey Discussion
- Small Cell Ordinance Input

HIGHLIGHTS FROM DECEMBER 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: As of November 30, Village reserves totaled approximately \$1.17 million. Income for the month of November totaled \$102,129 and operating expenses totaled \$14,767.

Permits: 3805 Montrose – new fence was approved. 8813 Montgomery – fence replacement was approved.

Kensington Parkway: The Council and meeting attendees discussed options for enhancing

pedestrian/vehicular safety. Village management will look at additional sign options at Kensington and Montrose, such as a more explicit "stop for pedestrians" sign, that could possibly include flashing light activation or flags pedestrians could carry while crossing. The Village is also looking at ways to better delineate the brick medians as left turns only. The Council will be contacting the project manager in charge of the Connecticut Ave/Jones Bridge intersection improvements to also look at resequencing the stop lights. There was also discussion about the limited street lighting throughout the Village. Village management and Council members will be

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meeting with Pepco on January 11 to discuss options for enhanced wattage, LED replacement, and/or possible additions of poles in areas with limited light.

Compost Survey: Survey results were presented (attached to this newsletter as well). There was discussion about the relatively limited Village participation in the survey, despite a number of outreach efforts on the topic over the past few months. Some Council members voiced their perspective that residents can register and pay for compost services on their own while one Council member highlighted the broader environmental and societal value in Village resources helping to catalyze composting within the community, as has been done in neighboring municipalities. Given that results were provided so close to the December Council meeting, Council members agreed to further analyze the results for the January meeting.

Stricter Guidelines for Construction: Village management will be adding a Contractor Guidance document to the website which elaborates on contractor conduct with respect to Village rights of way, noise levels, hours of work and commercial vehicle placement.

I-495/I-270 Expansion: As notified through the Village listserv and at the meeting, the Village formally endorsed Delegate Al Carr's proposed legislation (MC8-19) requiring County approval for the construction of any new toll roads. An important update on the proposed expansion is that Maryland's Board of Public Works approved (on Dec. 19) a \$90 million contract to allow an engineering study of Governor

Hogan's proposed plan. The contract dates are Jan. 3, 2019 through Jan. 2, 2024.

Connecticut/Jones Bridge Intersection Improvement: The Village is awaiting documentation from SHA to move forward on donation of Village property at Montrose and Jones Bridge for storm water drainage. SHA has agreed to landscape the area but the Council will be looking closely at the proposed design and impact on residents' use of that open space. At the open house, SHA also highlighted the plan to move back the Cyprus trees at Connecticut and Kensington to improve visibility at the intersection.

Small Cell Ordinance: The Village has received a draft ordinance from the Village attorney, which incorporates input from neighboring municipalities. The Village needs to have an ordinance approved as soon as possible, but no later than April 15, 2019 given the FCC September order requiring local governments to have aesthetic standards in place by then. The Village is distributing the draft ordinance via the listserv. For those residents who would like a copy emailed to them, please contact the Village Manager. Resident input is requested by January 30 to allow for incorporation of that input and an updated version to be prepared and ideally approved at the February Council meeting.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Village Council Elections: Election for the Vice-Chair and Treasurer positions 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 positions of Vice-Chair or Treasurer by Written Notice on or before March 22. Qualified Voters who are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee, please contact the Village Manager.

Annual NCC Neighborhood Yard Sale: Mark your calendars – May 18, 9 – 1. 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 1 – 2 p.m. 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.

FY18 Audit: The Village’s outside auditor, Lindsey and Associates, submitted the FY18 Village audit to the State Comptroller in December. The auditors will be providing a briefing on their findings at the February 19 Village meeting.

Tree Replacement: Residents who had Village trees removed from near their property over the past year will receive a list of possible tree replacements to provide input on within the next month or so, as the Village is aiming to procure and plant trees in early spring.

No Parking Sign: A no parking sign has been added on Kenilworth Drwy on the south side near the Church parking lot, approximately 30 feet beyond the Stop sign at Kensington. Given

the sidewalk work completed in September, the turn radius from Kensington onto Kenilworth has been narrowed. In the spring, a solid yellow line will be added to the middle of the street to help vehicles avoid driving in the middle of the street.

Website/Listserv: To sign up for the Village’s listserv, please send your email address (include name, street address, and contact number) to the Village Manager. There have been challenges with some emails being accepted by Yahoo. Please note that the listserv will likely be transitioning away from Yahoo to email notification of updates to the website in the near future.

Ice/Snow Mitigation: Some residents have inquired about the optimal product to use on sidewalks – particularly the ones upgraded this summer - to mitigate ice buildup. For the Village sidewalks less than 1 year old (8900 block of Montgomery Ave, Kenilworth Drwy near bus stop; bench bus slabs on Kensington Pkwy), residents are encouraged to apply sand. While that will not melt ice, it will help add traction. For all surfaces and concrete at least 1 year old, Calcium Magnesium Acetate is the safest product.

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: Please note that the leaf pick up contract for this season ends January 15, 2019.

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

VILLAGE OF NORTH CHEVY CHASE: COMPOST SURVEY RESULTS* – December 18, 2018

- 1) Are you currently a resident of the Village of North Chevy Chase? (45 responses)
 - a. Yes: (44) 97.8%
 - b. No: (1) 2.2%

- 2) How interested is your household in composting food scraps and other organic/biodegradable material (that would go in protective bins for weekly pick up)? (43 responses)
 - a. Already compost: (12) 27.9%
 - b. Very interested: (8) 18.6%
 - c. Somewhat interested: (8) 18.6%
 - d. Not interested: (15) 34.9%

- 3) Would you participate in a community-wide compost program where participating households are fully responsible for paying for the weekly pick-up service each month (assume price could range from \$22-\$27/month)? (43 responses)
 - a. Very likely: (6) 14.0%
 - b. Somewhat likely: (8) 18.6%
 - c. Not at all: (29) 67.4%

- 4) Would you support the Village subsidizing the monthly costs for each household that participates in a compost program (participating households would cover the remaining cost) and if so, at what percentage? (42 responses)
 - a. 25%: (4) 9.5%
 - b. 50%: (5) 11.9%
 - c. 75%: (1) 2.4%
 - d. 100%: (13) 31.0%
 - e. Would not support Village resources funding composting: (19) 45.2%

*Please note there were 39 respondents to Survey Monkey and 6 hard copy surveys were received. There was one response for "not a resident"; another respondent marked resident but the address provided was not part of the Village. As a result, there were a total of 43 counted responses for questions 2 and 3 and 42 responses for question 4, as one hard copy survey did not include a response to that question.