

# VILLAGE OF NORTH CHEVY CHASE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER April 2019

# **APRIL VILLAGE MEETING**

April 16, 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)

- March Meeting Minutes Approval
- Treasurer's Update
- Permits
- FY20 Budget Approval
- Kensington/Parkway Signage
- Discussion of Permit Fees

TAXES: Please be sure to include the Village of North Chevy Chase as your "city" at the top of your State Tax Return. In the past, Village residents' income taxes have been sent to other municipalities in error due to misfiling. For electronic filers, the Political Subdivision Code for North Chevy Chase is 1618.

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM MARCH VILLAGE

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

Secretary's Report for February 2019

(Mechanick) – approved.

# Treasurer's Report for February 2019 (Stuart)

Results for February 2019 included income of \$62,495 and operating expenses of \$6,861 (including snow removal, wages/taxes, office/communications, and professional fees). Fiscal year to date revenues through February 2019 of \$282,775 have exceeded expenses of \$142,852 by \$139,923. Total current assets as of February 2019, consisting of operating balance plus reserves, come to \$1,413,831, marking the first time that the Village's assets have exceeded \$1.4M. It was recommended that an assessment be done for medium- to longer-term road repaving to ensure reserve levels can address future capital requirements for the Village. The Village Manager

### VILLAGE COUNCIL

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**Village of North Chevy Chase** 

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will arrange assessments over the new few months.

Permits – <u>3714 Kenilworth Drwy</u>. Approval given for backyard sports court and deck/porch/bathroom addition; assurances provided that any lighting for sports court would be for pathway illumination purposes only and not to provide illumination for nighttime use. 9006 Montgomery Ave Fence - Approved

# I-495/I-270 Managed Lane Study:

State Highway Administration (SHA) representatives provided an overview of the status of the Managed Lane Study. They are analyzing in more depth seven options for addressing traffic congestion. Six options involve adding anywhere from 1 to 4 managed lanes to both I-495 and I-270. The other option is "no build". SHA will hold a series of public workshops starting in April to present detailed traffic, environmental and financial analyses for the seven options. By winter 2020, a preferred option will be identified, followed by formal public hearings and opportunities to provide testimony and comments. Ultimately, the plan is to release an open bid to select a developer to implement the road improvements, with an estimated \$9-\$11 billion investment that would be recouped through congestion pricing/tolls, as part of a public private partnership (P3). Attendees expressed concern about land seizures, impacts to air and noise pollution, addressing community and environmental concerns, and looking at other options such as better telecommuting and alternative transport. Concern was also expressed about the significant cost overruns, delays and disruption currently incurred in connection with the Purple Line project, also undertaken as a P3, and what that may portend for any P3 Beltway expansion.

SHA's general response was recognition that the area is constrained, that negative impacts will try to be minimized, and that further analysis is being undertaken. Representatives Al Carr and Jared Solomon also attended. Delegate Carr inquired about any changes to exit spacing (SHA not proposing to add new interchanges/access points) and ensuring mandatory referral of the project (a review and approval process for the project by Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, which SHA confirmed would take place). Delegate Solomon provided an update later during the Council meeting on actions being undertaken by the House in Annapolis, including requiring an independent rating assessment survey before approving any public-private partnership agreement. A virtual workshop on the program will be available on the project website starting April 11, 2019. Residents are encouraged to visit https://495-270-p3.com/ for more detailed information and opportunities to provide comments.

**Document Retention Policy**: The Council approved a formal document retention policy applicable to all official Village records and documentation, and a retention schedule to be provided to the State of Maryland for approval.

ZTA-19-01: The Council decided to submit a letter to the members of the Montgomery County Council and County Executive Elrich opposing ZTA 19-01 related to changing zoning requirements for Accessory Dwelling Units because of its potential to radically alter the fundamental character of the Village. The letter urged a more thorough analysis be undertaken of the long-term economic and quality-of-life impacts on existing residential communities in

Montgomery County. A copy of the letter was sent to the Village listserv.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/UPDATES**

Village Council Elections: Election for two of the five Council seats will be held on May 7, 2019. Brian Hoffner and Chas Stuart, who currently serve on the Council and have completed the 2-year term, intend to run again. There are currently no other candidates. Any Qualified Voter who resides in the Village may declare his or her own candidacy or nominate any other Qualified Voter, who has given consent, by submitting the nomination in writing to Brigitte Akalovsky (akalovsky@hotmail.com) no later than April 30.

Purple Line: Project managers for the Purple Line construction told a Montgomery County Council committee recently that construction is only 10% complete and work on the Bethesda station tunnel is 50% complete, with cost overruns of concern as well. The line is now projected to open in the spring of 2023 versus a previously scheduled opening date of late 2022.

<u>Chevy Chase Lakes</u>: Bozzuto has updated their website to provide information on current construction work. Please visit <a href="https://www.bozzuto.com/chevy-chase-lake/">https://www.bozzuto.com/chevy-chase-lake/</a>.

Connecticut/Jones Bridge Intersection

Improvement: The Village
Council/management will be meeting with SHA
and the County to finalize the land donation at
Montrose/Jones Bridge for storm water
drainage as part of the overall MD185/Jones
Bridge Intersection Improvement project.

Environment Committee: The Village plans to start an environment committee to help engage and inform residents about such issues as "green alternatives" to pest control/lawn care; tree diversity; and other sustainable practices. If interested, please contact the Village Mgr.

<u>Website/Listserv</u>: Please continue to send email addresses (include name, street address, and contact number) to the Village Manager to help ensure updated contact information for all residents. The Village Manager is still exploring options for an improved listserv, which should hopefully be finalized shortly.

<u>Annual NCC Neighborhood Yard Sale</u>: Please see flyer on the back.

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 <a href="mailto:secretary@northchevychase.org">secretary@northchevychase.org</a>.

# **CALENDAR (2019)**

**April 16:** 8 PM - Village Council Meeting

(FY20 Budget Approval)

May 7: 7:30 PM - Village Annual

Meeting

8 PM - Village Elections

**May 18:** 9 AM – 1 PM - NCC

Neighborhood Yard Sale

June 15: 7 AM - Bulk Trash Pick up

June 18: 8 PM - Village Council Meeting

**July 16:** 8 PM - Village Council Meeting

# NORTH CHEVY CHASE NEIGHBORHOODWIDE YARD SALE

When: Saturday, May 18, 9-1

Where: At your home.

We will put your house on the map.

Cost: None to you.

Note there will be no donation truck this year. A list of charities will be provided by request.

Ingrid Dallaire

Neighborhood Realtor with Long and Foster

will pay for and arrange for advertising.

To Register Call or email:

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