



VILLAGE OF NORTH CHEVY CHASE
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
JUNE 2019

JUNE VILLAGE MEETING

June 18, 2019; 8 PM; NCC Christian Church

Draft Agenda

*Approval of May/Annual Mtg Min *Treasurer's Report *Permits *Village Escrow Acct *Permit Fees *Kensington Pkwy signs *Environment Committee *Kenilworth storm drains *Village listserv *July 4 block party *Updates: Salt Barn, I-495/I-270, ZTA 19-01, Jones Bridge/Montrose Land Donation, SHA tree plantings Inverness

HIGHLIGHTS FROM MAY VILLAGE ANNUAL MEETING (*Please note that official minutes will be approved at the next Village mtg and posted on the website after*)

Secretary's Report for April 2019 – approved. (There was no Treasurer's Report due to early date of May/Annual meeting. April and May financials will be presented at June meeting).

May Meeting

Construction Guidelines – The Council approved the proposed site management conditions document providing contractor guidelines for major construction or renovation projects in the Village. The guidelines are intended to protect and promote the health, safety and welfare of Village residents and address right-of-way occupancy, traffic and sidewalk safety, and noise levels. The guidelines have been posted to the Village website section of "forms and permits"

and will be provided to permit applicants prior to permit approvals.

Annual Meeting The Village annual elections were held on May 7, 2019, with 24 ballots cast. The proposed tax rate of \$0.045 (per \$100 of assessed value) for real property and \$0.13 (per \$100 of assessed value) for personal property was unanimously approved. Brian Hoffner and Chas Stuart, both incumbents, were elected to another 2-year term on the Village Council.

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Permits:

- The new owner for 9009 Kensington Pkwy submitted an application on May 7 for a 1200 SF addition to the back of the property as well as improvements to the fence/wall and driveway. Given the greater than 35 days until the June 18 Council meeting, the Council reviewed the permit in the interim. The site plan was posted on the Village website as well as circulated via the listserv; the Village also communicated with neighboring properties. Given that the proposed addition is within the setback requirements and meets other regulations, the Council approved the permit on June 6.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/UPDATES

The Annual July 4 Party Save the date for the 42nd Annual Village Block Party (starting at 6 pm) at the intersection of Inverness/Montgomery. Look for a flier with all the details in your mailbox soon. This is a “rain-or-shine” happening. Please bring a side dish (desert from Jenny Cakes will be provided). The cost is \$2 per person (plus \$1 more if drinking beer/wine). This year, we're trying to make this a “zero waste” event. Residents are requested to bring plates, utensils, and cups from home, if feasible. Some recyclable dinnerware will be on hand if you can't provide your own. All food waste will be composted and appropriate material will be recycled.

SHA Tree Plantings Along Inverness: MDOT SHA - Office of Environmental Design – Landscape Programs Division will be installing

a Landscape Screen (evergreen, flowering, and shade trees) behind the right-of-way fence along the 3800 block of Inverness Drive in June. Preparatory work began June 6 – residents were notified via the listserv and Village web page in advance. This contract is to address screening requests to establish a denser landscape buffer between Inverness Dr and the I-495 Eastbound on-ramp. SHA's contractor, Ashton Manor Environmental, will be accessing the site from Inverness Dr in order to unload plant material and load up debris.

Creekside Townhomes: Village management and a member of the Council met with the developers (from Haverford Homes and Nova Ventures) of the townhomes planned on the east side of Kensington Pkwy past the beltway. Demolition has begun. Clean up and sediment control procedures are planned during June. The builders estimate 4,000 yards of dirt will be removed by 400 dump trucks during the summer. Drainage systems will be installed in the fall. The developers anticipate project completion of the three buildings (with 16 townhomes total) by 2020. Notable items planned include a sound wall and new landscaping along the I-495 off-ramp, improvements to the sidewalk and a bike station. The Village highlighted the ¾ ton weight restriction for through traffic along Kensington Pkwy. The developers plan to utilize Beach Dr. for transit of the construction vehicles.

Salt Barn: Village management spoke with the SHA project engineer for the salt barn on May 15. The project engineer confirmed that there will be no access from Kensington Pkwy to the salt barn. There is an access gate there, recently upgraded with fresh stone, which is strictly to

access the utility tower. The only way to access the jobsite is from the outer loop of the beltway. The crew is building a slip ramp across Connecticut Ave. so trucks can go straight from the barn but trucks will also be able to access the inner and outer loop from the ramp. Construction will likely be complete in one year.

Noise Disturbances: With the warmer weather, longer days, and greater outdoor activities, the potential for noise disturbances heightens. A noise disturbance, as defined by the [Montgomery County Noise Law](#), is any sound that is: 1) Unpleasant, annoying, offensive, loud, or obnoxious, 2) Unusual for the time of day or location where it is produced or heard, and 3) Detrimental to the health, comfort, or safety of any individual or to the reasonable enjoyment of property or the lawful conduct of business because of the loudness.

Please note that recognized “quiet times” in Montgomery County are weekdays 9 p.m. - 7 a.m. and weekends 9 p.m. – 9 a.m. Village management has received expressions of concern about dog barking throughout the day, in particular.

Managed Lane Study: On June 5, the MD Board of Public Works voted 2 to 1 to allow the state to bid on the construction and operation of toll lanes for I-270/I-495; however, Governor Hogan agreed to prioritize toll lanes on I-270 first given the greater opposition to toll lanes for the American Legion Bridge and I-495. Those would be part of “phase II and III” of the project, starting in a couple of years. Gov. Hogan acknowledged the delay would provide more time for SHA officials to address concerns raised by leaders in Montgomery and Prince George’s County. The Village’s State

Delegates – Al Carr, Jared Solomon, and Emily Shetty - have been vocal in representing the Village’s concerns with the proposed expansion.

SUSTAINABLE LIVING

(Courtesy of the Village’s Environment Committee. Each month, a section of the newsletter will be devoted to information and tips for more sustainable living in our community. Upcoming topics will address landscaping of native trees/shrubs, deterring deer encroachment, permeable driveway options, and do-it-yourself composting tips, among others. The committee comprises civil/environmental engineers, microbiologists and other specialists who are a valuable resource for the community. Additional topic ideas/inquiries from residents are always welcome).

Safe, Effective Ways to Get Rid of Mosquitoes and Ticks

Mosquito control companies are offering treatments for NCC yards – twice monthly, yard-wide spraying – to kill both mosquitoes and ticks. These mixtures are effective, but they aren’t necessarily best for children, pregnant women, pets and pollinators. Risks and safer steps for insect control include:

Avoid yard-wide sprays, misters and foggers:

All chemical sprays come with potential hazards. Consumer Reports recommends avoiding misters and foggers because of possible endocrine and neurological impacts for people. Even natural, yard-wide sprays are a concern. All brands kill not only mosquitoes and ticks, but all the other insects in your yard as well, including populations of bees and butterflies already in steep decline from parasites, pesticides, climate change and

habitat loss. Natural yard-wide treatments with oils concentrated from plants like rosemary and lavender can cause allergic skin reactions. They have wide-ranging risks including to fertility and pregnancy at higher exposures. Synthetic yard treatment pesticides called pyrethroids are similar to chemicals in chrysanthemum flowers. They are marketed as safe, but the EPA has classified the most popular form as likely to cause cancer in humans, and they are often linked to asthma and allergies, among other risks, especially in children.

Safer bets for mosquito and tick control: CDC advises prevention first – cover up and use insect repellent on exposed skin. The most important thing you can do to get rid of mosquitoes in your yard is to remove the water where they breed: keep your gutters clean and birdbaths and yard equipment free of still water. Keep your lawn mowed, and pick up leaf litter to reduce ticks. Use a tall pedestal fan at the grill or patio table to drive mosquitoes away without the need for chemical repellants. Wear light-colored, loose clothing to cut down on bites.

Steps to minimize exposure, if you choose yard-wide spray services: If you choose yard-wide treatments, take steps to reduce your exposure. You'll be warned by the company to stay out of the yard for a bit after spraying, but it's safest for your family and pets to remain indoors with your air conditioner off for at least several hours during and after treatment. Consider notifying your neighbors of the spray schedule so they can better plan their outdoor time, as it's not safe for them to breathe the fumes either. Ask the applicator how they will minimize drift to your neighbors' yards, especially to vegetable and pollinator gardens.

Additional references:

CDC's advice on preventing mosquito bites: <https://www.cdc.gov/features/stopmosquitoes/index.html>

Environmental Working Group's guide to bug repellent: <https://bit.ly/313TBZp> Picaridin Bug Repellent for Mosquitos and Ticks, a pepper-like ingredient as effective as DEET but with fewer downsides, is a top pick.

Consumer Reports' recommendations: <https://www.consumerreports.org/insect-repellent/how-to-keep-mosquitoes-ticks-away/>

Bulk Trash Pickup: The next bulk trash pickup will be **Saturday, June 15**. Items must be at curbside by 7 AM. Our contractor 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.

CALENDAR (2019)

June 15:	7 AM - Bulk Trash Pick up
June 18:	8 PM - Village Council Meeting
July 4:	6 PM - Annual Block Party
July 16:	8 PM - Village Council Meeting