



VILLAGE OF NORTH CHEVY CHASE: MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2020

JANUARY VILLAGE MEETING

January 21, 2020; 8 PM; NCC Christian Church
*Approval of Dec Mtg Min *Treasurer's Report
*Updates to Rules and Regulations/Permit Fees
*I-495 Expansion *Tree plantings/maintenance
*Environment Committee

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Leaf Vacuuming: Please be reminded that the Village's curbside leaf vacuum services ended on December 31. Please ensure leaf piles are placed in paper bags or in yard waste containers for pick up on Mondays.

Christmas Tree Pick Up: The Village's contractor will pick up Christmas trees left curbside on Mondays with other yard waste from January 6 – 27.

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.

Welcome New Residents!: The Village extends a warm welcome to the following families who recently joined the community:
3816 Inverness Dr: Mark and Jen Lubke and their dog, Lily moved from DC.
3804 Montrose Dr: Joe Huxta, Sarah Stanton and their 2 children, Ben (5) and Laura (3.5) moved from the Forest Glen neighborhood.

Traffic: In an effort to address significant traffic congestion in the area due to recent gate closures at NIH/Walter Reed owing to

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heightened security, purple line construction, commercial developments, and phase III BRAC improvements along Jones Bridge Rd, the Village is coordinating with neighboring municipalities to reach out to its elected federal representatives as well as State Highway Administration, County officials, and builders to enhance coordination and improve traffic flow along Connecticut and Wisconsin Avenues and Jones Bridge and Jones Mill Roads. Residents will be kept abreast of the discussions and any actions.

U.S. Census: The U.S. census (done every 10 years) will take place on April 1. Participation is important. The data collected determines the number of seats Maryland has in the U.S. House of Representatives and is also used in distributing federal funds to local communities. Every Marylander not counted costs the state approximately \$18,250 over 10 years. The census will be electronic. Additional information can be found at the following site:

<https://census.maryland.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Village Council Elections: Election for three Village Council positions (2-year terms) will be held on May 5, 2020. 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 positions by Written Notice on or before March 22. Qualified Voters who are interested in serving on the Nominating

Committee, please contact the Village Manager.

Montgomery Municipal Cable (MMC): MMC is looking for municipal representatives to serve on their Board of Directors. Officers will be elected for the upcoming year at their Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 30. They meet about once a quarter, usually at the Kensington Town Hall. Any residents interested in serving as a representative from the Village on the Board and helping to contribute to the area's local cable channel, please contact the Village Manager. Additional information on MMC can be found at www.mmctv.org and their YouTube channel (search "Montgomery Municipal Cable").

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*)

Secretary's Report for November 2019
(Mechanick) – Approved.

Treasurer's Report for November 2019 (Stuart)
Results for November 2019 included income of \$153,027, and operating expenses of \$17,302. Fiscal year to date revenues through November 2019 of \$233,299 have exceeded expenses of \$93,043 by \$140,255 (there was a state income tax deposit of \$145,198 in November). Capital expenditures for current fiscal year come to \$19,915, incurred for tree removals/replacements and sidewalk replacement on Inverness. Total current assets as of November 2019, consisting of operating balance plus reserves, come to \$1,598,732.

Permits:

8811 Montgomery Avenue — Shed replacement, including waiver of setback requirements, approved.

Action Items:

Montgomery County Emergency Operations Plan – The Council approved the Emergency Operations Plan that Montgomery County will submit to FEMA. Having approved the Plan, the Village would be able to avail itself of provisions of the Plan for debris management purposes, in the event of any Declaration of Emergency by State or Federal officials.

Discussion Items:

Permit Fees/Updates to Village Rules and Regulations – The Council has commenced the process of reviewing and updating the Village regulations (code of ordinances), with particular attention to building permits and fees (Chapter 3), property regulations, including dog waste (Chapter 4), trees and shrubs (Chapter 5), and vehicles and traffic, including a clearer definition of commercial vehicles (Chapter 6). The Council expects to consider specific revisions to the Village regulations and an updated permit application form with revised fees at the January 21 Council meeting. The code of ordinances in tracked changes will be posted on the Village website and a link sent via the Village listserv the next day. Consistent with Section 6.03 of the Village Charter, Village residents will then be provided with the opportunity to provide comments and views, with final consideration of the proposed revisions and any comments at the Council's February 18 meeting.

I-495 Beltway Expansion – In response to Governor Hogan's proposal to move Montgomery County Beltway Expansion from Phase II to Phase I of the 1-495 & I-270 P3 Program, the Village sent a strongly worded letter to Comptroller Peter Franchot (copy of which was disseminated to Village residents via the listserv and posted to the web), vehemently opposing reconsideration of the decision taken this past June to have the Montgomery County Beltway Expansion as part of a Phase II development. Among the concerns raised in the Village's letter were the significant adverse impact on the Village of having Connecticut Ave as one of the access/exit points for the toll lanes, as well as total lack of transparency in how the project is being conducted, including SHA's unwillingness to identify those residents who had received correspondence from SHA regarding the need to access residential properties to conduct surveys related to the project. The Village's concerns were also reported at length by Maryland Matters, an on-line publication which follows issues of importance within the State of Maryland.

Please note that at the Wednesday, January 8 Board of Public Works meeting, the following was approved, according to Bethesda Beat article "State Panel Approves 270/495 Toll Plan in Split Vote": 1) Continue consultations with Montgomery and Prince George's Counties on I-495 widening and possible alternatives; 2) start toll lane construction at George Washington Memorial Parkway in Virginia, American Legion Bridge, and southern section of I-270 (likely to begin in 2022); and 3) prevent the State from acquiring residential properties along the expansion corridor until the Board of

Public Works gives final approval to a public-private partnership agreement with a private concessionaire. There was also approval of revenue sharing opportunities for counties to address transit service improvements and the State will be required to fund a monorail feasibility study that would run between Frederick and Montgomery Counties. While the Board vote is an overall positive for the Village in the near-term, the Village Council remains very concerned about proposals for Beltway expansion and the potential adverse impacts on Village residents, as well as fiscal and environmental issues more generally. The Village Council will continue to express those concerns and continue to work with its State and Federal congressional delegations, Montgomery County officials and other stakeholders.

Village Trees: The Village Council approved removal of the following trees due to poor conditions:

- 1) Pin oak (22" dia) 8814 Kensington Pkwy
- 2) Bradford Pear (18" dia) 8813 Kensington Pkwy
- 3) Cedar (30" dia) 8910 Montgomery Ave

Approximately 18 Village trees will undergo crown cleaning of deadwood and pruning over the next few weeks. Residents in adjacent properties to the trees will be notified when work is scheduled, assuming the Village Manager has their contact information.

Sustainable Maryland Certification Training

The Village Manager provided an update on Sustainable Maryland Certification training in which members of the Environment Committee participated. The Environment Committee is

exploring outreach activities around the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day in April.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUSTAINABLE LIVING

(Courtesy of the Environment Committee)

The Environment Committee is identifying organizations that help to lessen landfill waste and support the recycling and repurposing of material. A noteworthy organization is Community Forklift – a nonprofit reuse center for home improvement supplies that has serviced the DC region for 14 years. Community Forklift picks up donations of unwanted and salvaged building materials; they then sell building materials at low cost and provide vintage items for restoring old homes, both at their warehouse and through online sites. Additional information on the organization can be found on their website at: <https://communityforklift.org/>

CALENDAR (2020)

Feb 18:	8 PM:	Village Council Meeting
March 17:	8 PM:	Village Council Meeting
March 21:		Bulk Trash Pick Up
March 22:		Submission of Nominations for Village Council positions
April 1:		U.S. Census
April 21:	8 PM:	Village Council Meeting (Annual Budget Review)
May 5:	7:30 PM:	Village Elections
	8 PM:	Annual Meeting
June 16:	8 PM:	Village Council Meeting