



VILLAGE OF NORTH CHEVY CHASE: MONTHLY NEWSLETTER MARCH 2020

MARCH VILLAGE MEETING

March 17, 2020 - 8 PM; NCC Christian Church:
*Approval of Feb Mtg Min *Treasurer's Report
*Permits *Vehicular Speeds *Updates to Code
of Ordinances/Permit Fees

IMPORTANT NOTICES

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.

U.S. Census: Invitations to respond to the 2020 Census will arrive in households starting on March 12 and will include a unique ID identifying your household. Once you receive this invitation, you may respond to the 2020 Census online. You will also have the option to respond via phone or paper questionnaire. The census is set up for one response per household and you are to provide basic head count information about everyone living in your household, regardless of their citizenship. (Please note that the census will not include a citizenship question, and by law all census information collected must be kept confidential.) All households should respond to the 2020

Census by April 1 (Census Day). Please disregard anything purporting to be census data or a communication from the Census Bureau any earlier than mid-March. If you have questions, please go to 2020census.gov.

Village Council Elections: Election for three Village Council positions (2-year terms) will be held on May 5, 2020. The Village's Nominating Committee for this electoral cycle comprises: Brigitte Akalovksy (Chair), Fern Lapidus, and Helen Santiago Fink. Any Qualified Voter can seek nomination for the Council positions by

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Written Notice up to one week before the elections (April 28), per the Village Charter; however, please note that a portion of the April newsletter will be devoted to information about each candidate so those interested in running are encouraged to provide their name by Friday, April 3 to akalovsky@hotmail.com.

School Boundary Analysis: The release of a mid-study/Phase I report analyzing Montgomery County school boundaries has been delayed for 2 weeks, until March 13. Phase II of the analysis will include an “interactive tool” that allows residents to see the impact of potential boundary changes on schools. The final report is scheduled for June. MCPS has indicated that if the school board decides to change boundaries after the analysis is completed, it would need to authorize a separate boundary study.

Parking for Snow Plows: While a major snow storm is unlikely for the rest of this season, please remember that in the event of snow, residents are requested to park on the even side of the street. Cars should be in driveways – as feasible - to facilitate salt application and snow removal.

Special Donation Pick Up – scheduled for Monday, May 11. Ingrid Dallaire with Long and Foster is organizing the service, which will benefit The Purple Heart organization. To register for pick up, email Ingrid.Dallaire@Longandfoster.com with your name and address by May 4 or call 301-455-6962. Please see flyer at back of newsletter.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM FEBRUARY 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 January 2020 – Approved.

Treasurer’s Report for January 2020 (Stuart) – Results for January 2020 included income of \$39,217, and operating expenses of \$13,902 (including waste removal, leaf collection, wages and taxes, street lighting, and professional fees). Fiscal year to date revenues through January 2020 of \$281,004 have exceeded operating expenses of \$122,727 by \$158,277. Capital expenditures for the current fiscal year to date come to \$35,053, incurred for tree replacements and removals, new street signage and sidewalk replacement on Inverness. Total current assets as of January 2020, consisting of operating balance plus reserves, come to \$1,599,959.

Issues for Discussion/Decision:

Consideration of Shifting Council Meeting Start Time to 7:30 pm – While initial input from residents was largely in favor, the actual number of residents responding was relatively small (less than 10). In order to ensure as much resident input as possible before making a change, this will be further addressed at the Village Annual Meeting on May 5, 2020.

Auto Payments for Pepco and Verizon: The Council approved the Village signing up for online payments to Pepco (street lighting) and Verizon (Village mobile phone) given the consistency in the monthly charges and cost savings of paying online. Village management will review those invoices before submitting payment each month. Per standard procedure, all other invoices will be paid via check with two Council signatures.

Pepco Street Light Fixtures: 3600 Dundee, south of Montgomery/Kenilworth diverter, near 3719 Kenilworth – The Council approved the installation of LED light fixtures by Pepco at the 3 addresses and requested that Village Management verify the rate for those light sources via the Public Service Commission's fee schedule.

Permit Fees/Updates to Village Rules and Regulations – The Council is continuing its review of Village regulations and permit fees and is also looking into how to address Airbnb/short-term rentals and the construction of Accessory Dwelling Units. The Council expects to provisionally approve specific revisions to its Code of Ordinances at its March meeting. Village residents will have access to the proposed changes and will be afforded the opportunity to provide comments/views, with final approval by the Council of the updated Code of Ordinances - taking into consideration any residents' comments - at the following meeting of the Council. This process follows the requirements set forth in Section 6.03 of the Village Charter and is fully consistent with the process followed in 2017 when the regulations were last updated.

Live audio option for residents: Village management canvassed neighboring municipalities to see if they offered the service of live audio transmissions of their meetings to ascertain the technological requirements. No neighboring municipalities provide that service, although some video record their meetings and post those to the web. Given the significant expense and logistical complexity involved in pursuit of either of these options, as well as the potential impact on the relatively informal nature of discussions at Council meetings, the Council determined that these were not appropriate options. In taking this decision, the Council also took note of the other significant outreach

efforts that had been initiated over the past several months to improve dissemination of information to Village residents about matters considered by the Village Council, including the advance notice residents receive on the agenda and the detailed summary provided in the newsletters, as well as the formal minutes posted to the web. Residents who may not be able to attend a Council meeting in person were encouraged to reach out to the Village Manager or Council members with any input in advance of the meeting. Some residents also offered to help bring other residents to Council meetings if their lack of attendance may be due to transportation or other difficulties.

SHA Update on I-495/I-270 Toll Lane Project:

As a follow up to SHA's letter to various residents about surveying private property as part of the I-495/I-270 P3 program (i.e. adding toll lanes), SHA has offered to provide an oral update to residents. The SHA briefing will likely be at the June 16 or July 21 Council meeting – residents will be notified as soon as that is scheduled. While SHA still will not disclose which properties received the letter (per their interpretation of Public Information Act provisions), they did confirm that letters were sent to 18 properties within Village boundaries.

Capital Crescent Trail: The Village co-signed a letter with the Coquelin Run Citizen's Association on February 5 to advocate for funding for the capital crescent trail to go under Wisconsin Ave instead of current plans to cross Wisconsin Ave and Bethesda Ave above ground. The letter was sent to County Executive Marc Elrich as well as County Council members. Village management is also ascertaining what other neighboring municipalities have participated in advocacy efforts.

Land Donation at Montrose/Jones Bridge:

Information on current planning for the micro bio-

retention facility – which was detailed in the February newsletter - was reiterated. Per resident feedback, the Village will ensure that the legal documents establishing the land transfer will prohibit alternative uses of the land by SHA or the County in the future, without Village approval.

Village Document Retention Schedule: The Village finally received approval from Maryland State Archives for its schedule articulating the documents the Village creates and defining the timeframe for retention or disposal. This will allow the Village to address material in a storage facility in Kensington.

Earth Day: In honor of the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day, the Village's Environment Committee is planning an informative and fun event on Sunday, April 26 from 2 – 5 p.m. at the intersection of Inverness Dr. and Montgomery Ave (where the annual July 4 party is held). Plans include having a Master Gardener present to discuss native landscaping, an opportunity to sign up for free shade trees through Tree Montgomery, information on zero waste practices - including free compost bins, discounted rain barrels, art projects for children as well as a hike through the Audubon to document observations of nature as part of the City Nature Challenge (<https://citynaturechallenge.org/>). Please mark your calendars!!

Bulk Trash: Bulk trash pickup is scheduled for March 21. 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.

For items that can be repurposed, please consider saving those (instead of putting them in bulk trash) for a special pick up on Monday, May 11, organized by Ingrid Dallaire with Long and Foster. Please see flyer at back of newsletter.

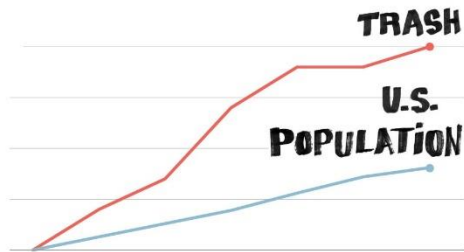
CALENDAR (2020)

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| March 17: | 8 PM, Village Council Meeting |
| March 21: | Bulk Trash Pick Up |
| April 1: | U.S. Census Deadline |
| April 21: | Village Council Meeting
(Annual Budget Review) |
| April 26: | Earth Day Celebration (2-5 PM) |
| April 28: | Final declarations due for
Candidacy of Village Elections |
| May 5: | 7:30 PM: Village Elections
8 PM: Annual Meeting |
| May 11: | Donation Pick Up
(register in advance) |
| June 16: | Village Council Meeting |
| July 21: | Village Council Meeting |

SUSTAINABLE LIVING

(Courtesy of the Environment Committee)

SINCE 1960, OUR POPULATION INCREASED 80%.
BUT OUR TRASH GREW 200%.



Think before you Buy!

Growing global consumerism is a big part of the problem that perpetuates the use of more natural resources and generates increased carbon emissions. For example, the apparel industry generates more greenhouse gas (GHGs) emissions than airline travel and maritime shipping combined!

Did you know?

- One pair of jeans generates as much GHGs as driving 80 miles!
- Approximately 713 gallons (2,700 liters) of water are used to produce one cotton T-shirt or the equivalent to one average person's drinking needs for 2.5 years!

The trend of fast fashion has led to an increase of 60% in apparel consumption in the past decades and unmanageable levels of waste equivalent to one garbage truck of textiles burned or landfilled every second! In addition, textile industry's use of plastic micro-fibers contributes to ocean pollution and impact the food and other supply chains.

Speaking of plastics, in 2017, only [8.4 percent](#) of the plastic used in the United States was recycled. This was in part due to China's policy change on waste imports and high levels of recycling contamination within the US, which North Chevy Chase is addressing by returning to dual stream collections. Most plastics end up in landfills, oceans or are burned. We as consumers and individuals can and must start to make smarter decisions about what is really necessary.

TOP 20 COUNTRIES POLLUTING THE OCEAN WITH PLASTIC

COUNTRIES RANKED BY TOTAL MISMANAGED PLASTIC WASTE.

1. CHINA	6. THAILAND	11. SOUTH AFRICA	16. BRAZIL
2. INDONESIA	7. EGYPT	12. INDIA	17. BURMA
3. PHILIPPINES	8. MALAYSIA	13. ALGERIA	18. MOROCCO
4. VIETNAM	9. NIGERIA	14. TURKEY	19. NORTH KOREA
5. SRI LANKA	10. BANGLADESH	15. PAKISTAN	20. UNITED STATES

OF 192 COUNTRIES. ↗

Source: Plastic waste inputs from land into the ocean, by Jambeck et al., Science Magazine (2015).

Individual consumer choice can change these dangerous trends through changing priorities and behaviors. The collective impact of responsible decision-making is powerful in creating new market demand and social norms that should not

be underestimated in any sector nor aspect of society. The empowerment of people in the climate process is central to ensure a resilient and sustainable world. Community engagement must guide policy and planning and promote infrastructure investments that generate healthy and low-carbon choices. The mutual responsibility of government, private sector and citizenry to address the climate crisis underpins our ability to lower GHG emissions and chart a new pathway toward local and global climate stability. And the US citizen and consumer are the decisive drivers.

References:

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