



**VILLAGE OF NORTH CHEVY CHASE: MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2021**

MARCH VILLAGE MEETING

March 16, 2021 – 7:30 PM – Zoom platform
(instructions will be sent to the Village’s email list) *Approval of Feb Min *Treasurer’s Report *Permits *Draft FY22 Budget *Sidewalks/Bike Lanes

CALENDAR (2021)

- March 11: Curbside Donation, Clothing Donation Nation
- March 12: Curbside Donation, Furniture/Non-Clothing Items
- March 13: Bulk Trash Pick Up
- March 16: Village Council Meeting
7:30 PM Virtual
- March 31: Deadline: Nominations to Village Council
- April 9: If elections contested, deadline to submit absentee ballot request
- April 16: If elections contested, deadline to receive absentee ballot
- April 20: Village Council Meeting
7:30 PM Virtual
- April 26: If elections contested, deadline to postmark absentee ballot
- May 4: Village Annual Meeting/Elections
7:30 PM Virtual

VILLAGE-SPECIFIC 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.

Village Council Elections: Election results for two Village Council positions (2-year terms) will be presented on May 4, 2021. 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

VILLAGE COUNCIL

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(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). The following residents of the Village have volunteered to serve on the nominating committee: Brigitte Akalovsky (chair), Helen Santiago Fink, Fern Lapidus, and Susan Smith. In light of the pandemic, the Village Council has approved an emergency elections ordinance. Please note that the ordinance indicates that any Qualified Voter can seek nomination for the Council positions by Written Notice to the Nominating Committee up to March 31. Residents can contact any of the nominating committee members above or email the Nominating Chair at akalovsky@hotmail.com. Residents will need to request an absentee ballot by April 9 to the Village Manager at nccinfo@northchevyCHASE.org or 301-654-7084, to be received no later than April 16 and postmarked by April 26. Candidates will provide a brief bio, which will be sent to residents via email and included in the April newsletter. If the election is uncontested, two candidates will be sworn in at the May 4 annual meeting.

Donation Prior to Bulk Trash Pick Up:

Donation Nation accepts furniture and appliances, household items such as dishes and glassware (they ask that those items be boxed up and not mildewy or significantly stained) and office furniture and furnishings such as chairs, computers, copy machines, filing cabinets, desks and more. They also accept clothing but request that it be placed in a bag. They will bring the items to their storage facility and work with their partners to determine if it can be salvaged for textile materials or simply reused. Pick up of bagged clothing curbside will be on **Thursday, March 11** and non-clothing and furniture will be picked up on **Friday, March 12**. No specific timeframe is scheduled both days - the Village was informed

that trucks will be in the area throughout the day. Additional information on the organization can be found at:

<https://www.donationnationusa.org/>

Bulk Trash: Bulk trash pickup is scheduled for **Saturday, March 13**. 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.

Snow Removal: In the event of additional winter weather this season, please note that residents are required to maintain the sidewalks in front of their property reasonably safe for pedestrian travel by removing snow and ice (or spreading sand or calcium magnesium acetate if snow/ice has hardened) within 24 hours of snow cessation. Residents are also requested to park their vehicles in a driveway, as feasible, or on the even side of the street to facilitate snow removal and application of salt.

GENERAL INTEREST:

Connecticut Ave/Jones Bridge Rd

Intersection Improvement: SHA provided a virtual overview on Feb. 17 of the intersection improvements at Connecticut Ave/Jones Bridge Rd/Kensington Parkway as part of Phase 3 of BRAC improvements in the area to improve safety and traffic operations and enhance bicycle and pedestrian connectivity and

accessibility. Key highlights from the briefing include: Stage 1 will involve removal of the median, installation of water and sewer lines and temporary sidewalk ramps; Stage 2: reconstruction of sidewalks, curb and gutters for eastbound Jones Bridge Rd; Stage 3: installation of storm drains, curb and gutter upgrades for westbound Jones Bridge Rd traffic; and Stage 4: new medians and pavement markings. SHA will be starting imminently and plans to finish work around May 2023. Landscaping would be undertaken after the project completion. Based on the Q&A period and the lack of definitive responses from SHA officials, Village management is following up to clarify that eastbound Jones Bridge traffic will have a dedicated lane to turn onto Kensington Parkway; that the inability to see Jones Bridge and Kensington Parkway traffic at the northeast corner of Jones Bridge will be addressed; and that the "no turn on road" for westbound traffic on Jones Bridge onto Connecticut Ave will be clearly marked (Village management will also be following up with MoCo Police on improved ways to enforce this as well). Updates to the project will be posted on SHA's project portal – link is: [MDOT SHA MD185 Jones Bridge Rd Kensington Pkwy MO5935870 \(arcgis.com\)](#)

I-495 Managed Lane Study: The Maryland Department of Transportation and the Maryland Transportation Authority have chosen a consortium - Accelerate Maryland Partners, LLC - to become the developer responsible for overseeing predevelopment work on the "American Legion Bridge I-270 to I-70 Relief Plan", per a program update sent by SHA on February 18. MDOT's recommended preferred alternative for the American Legion Bridge I-270 to I-70 Relief Plan includes two high-occupancy toll (HOT) lanes across the American Legion Bridge to I-270, and north on I-270 to I-370. Accelerate Maryland Partners LLC includes Transurban, which already owns and operates more than 60 miles of express toll lanes along

the Beltway, I-395 and I-95. Maryland and Virginia agreed to partner on the construction of a new American Legion Bridge in 2019, with Virginia opting to include the project as part of its existing contract with Transurban rather than open it up to bid. The General Assembly has 30 days to review the proposed contract. Maryland's Secretary of Transportation said it will go to the Board of Public Works for approval in late April or early May.

In a separate article ("Transportation Authority Gets First Look at Potential I-495/I-270 Tolls", Maryland Matters, February 25, 2021), MDOT released preliminary estimates for the new High-Occupancy Toll lanes along I-270 and I-495, which totaled — on average — about \$1 per mile during the morning commute and approximately \$1.50 per mile to get home. "A southbound commuter who travels the entire length of Phase 1 of the state's hoped-for toll lane network — from the I-270/I-370 interchange to the Capital Beltway and across the American Legion Bridge — would pay about \$7 between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. The average northbound trip, from the bridge up I-270 to I-370, would run approximately \$11 between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Travel at other times of the day would be less expensive.... Under state law, the authority's board must sign-off on toll rates before they can go into effect. A vote is not expected until October."

HIGHLIGHTS FROM FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING (*Please note that the official minutes will be posted to Village website upon approval*)

Secretary's Reports for January 2021 Council Meeting - (Mechanick) – Approved. **Treasurer's Reports for January 2021** (Stuart) – Results for January 2021 included income of \$35,401, and operating expenses of \$23,541 (including snow removal, waste removal, leaf collection, wages and taxes, street lighting, professional fees, office and communication, street lighting and miscellaneous expenditures). Capital

expenditures of \$2660 were incurred during January 2021 for tree removals and stump grinding; fiscal year to date capital expenditures total \$13,000. Total current assets as of January 2021, consisting of operating balance plus reserves, came to \$1,863,957.

Permits: 9007 Montgomery Avenue–

approved replacement deck and screened in porch, pending execution of Site Management Conditions Agreement; **3819 Kenilworth Driveway** – approved major additions including expansion of existing sun room, connecting garage with house, reducing garage dimensions, and adding a small studio/home office above garage, pending execution of Site Management Conditions Agreement

Action Items:

2021 Elections Ordinance – The Council approved a proposed emergency ordinance applicable to the 2021 election cycle in the Village. The ordinance largely tracks a similar ordinance adopted last year as a result of the current pandemic conditions in Montgomery County. If absentee ballots are required, there will be the ability for write-in candidates, although if a write-in candidate winds up being a winning candidate, the consent of that individual must be provided prior to the announcement of the election results for that candidate to be elected.

Children at Play Signage near Diverters on

Montgomery Avenue – The Council approved installation of additional Children at Play signage at locations adjacent to the diverters at the Montgomery Ave/Kenilworth Dwy and Montgomery Ave/Stewart Dwy intersections. The Village will utilize existing poles, as feasible, but ensure the signs are located in sufficient advance of the diverters.

Support Letters for Legislation – The Council advised that it would be submitting letters of support for two legislative initiatives undertaken by State Delegate Al Carr directly affecting the

interests of the Village, including legislation that would prevent State agencies from refusing to provide information to municipalities regarding governmental actions directly affecting them on the basis of privacy concerns (House Bill 272), and would prevent government agencies from circumventing obligations to engage in public comment/review processes on projects such as the recent construction of a new salt barn adjacent to the Village of North Chevy Chase (House Bill 464).

SUSTAINABLE LIVING: Seed and Plant Sales!! (Courtesy of Environment Committee)

The Chevy Chase Women's Club is offering a variety of seeds and plants for sale. The varieties offered attract birds, bees, butterflies and other pollinators. The seeds grow very well in sunny areas and are easy to plant. All that is necessary is to sprinkle them on top of the earth. The Women's Club plans to use the proceeds from their sale for a pollinator garden of their own in front of their club house on Connecticut Avenue. Online orders must be placed by May 15. Additional details can be found at:

<https://wccmaryland.org/garden-fundraiser>

Village Earth Day Sale: Buy Sun and Shade-

Friendly Native Flowers: The Village is partnering with Nature by Design's plant nursery to offer beautiful collections of sun- and shade-friendly native flowers this spring, in celebration of Earth Day. Orders will be dropped off at a central location in the Village. Look for an upcoming email announcement and flyer for details and dates.

Please be reminded that the 17-year cicada "explosion" is forecasted for sometime between mid-May and early June. After mating, the females cut slits into small, live tree branches to deposit over two dozen eggs, which hatch six weeks later. The young cicadas, which look like termites, then feed on tree sap before entering the ground.