



## VILLAGE OF NORTH CHEVY CHASE: MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2021

### OCTOBER VILLAGE MEETING

Oct 19, 2021 – 7:30 PM – Zoom platform  
(instructions will be sent to the Village’s email list) *Draft: \*Approval of September Minutes \*Treasurer’s Report \*Permits \*New Sidewalk Update \*Village Tree Order \*ARPA Program Manager \*Capital Improvement Projects Update*

2 diverters along Montgomery Ave at Stewart and Kenilworth, over the storm drains, and at the 3 bus stops along Kensington Parkway.

### Native Village Tree Plantings:

The Council confirmed the list of 58 trees to be ordered from Stadler Nursery based on resident requests and property owner agreement confirming their maintenance. It is anticipated that trees will be planted in November, when the trees are dormant, and residents will be notified (via Constant Contact) in the coming weeks regarding planting.

### CALENDAR (2021)

- Oct 19: Village Council Meeting
- Nov 16: Village Council Meeting
- Dec 16: Curbside Donation, Clothing Donation Nation
- Dec 17: Curbside Donation, Furniture/Non-Clothing Item, Donation Nation
- Dec 18: Bulk Trash Pick Up
- Dec 21: Village Council Meeting

### VILLAGE-SPECIFIC NOTICES

**Leaf Pick Up:** Street leaf pick up will start the week of October 11. Leaf pick up will occur weekly for 3 months. Bethke Landscaping, the Village contractor, will not provide a specific day each week given continual schedule adjustments due to weather. Leaves are to be placed curbside and made accessible for leaf pick up by truck (please note that given the traffic flow on Kensington Parkway, residents can place leaves on the grassy area but ensure they are right next to the street to facilitate reach of the vacuums). Sticks, trash, rocks and other debris will not be collected and will be left curbside. Leaves are not to be shredded. The contractor will also be removing leaves from the

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**Capital Improvement Projects Status** – By the time residents receive this newsletter, capital improvements on Village roads and sidewalks for the fiscal year should be nearing completion. The Village appreciates residents' patience with this process. Please note that the roads which were milled and repaved during this fiscal year were identified as priorities by the civil engineering firm, Clark/Azar & Associates. Two primary objectives of the work have been 1) support resident safety on Village streets and sidewalks and 2) to undertake maintenance and repair work before road failure, in order to avoid more costly interventions in the future. Some residents experienced temporary road closures. Please note that the contractor, Team CAM, had committed to no road closures at any time and the Village has been addressing this with them. The Village apologizes for any inconveniences that residents experienced.

**Thefts:** Some residents have recently experienced signs of unlocked vehicles being tampered with and it appears there may be an increase of vehicle theft throughout the area. Residents are encouraged to ensure vehicles are locked and valuables removed.

**Litter:** There appears to be an increase of litter left on Village sidewalks and yards, particularly discarded face masks. As it is aesthetic both and concern and a public safety concern, residents are requested to please ensure waste is disposed of in trash receptacles.

### **REMINDERS**

- *Please note that a Village permit may be required for many exterior work projects. Please contact the Village Manager to verify any requirements.*

### **GENERAL INTEREST**

**Montgomery County COVID-19** - As of October 1, the CDC considers Montgomery County to be in "substantial transmission." In addition, as of October 1, 75.7% of Montgomery County's total population is fully vaccinated, according to the CDC. For people 12 and older,

89.2% were fully vaccinated and 96% of those 65 and older were fully vaccinated.

**Chevy Chase Library Project** - The Department of General Services' Office of Planning and Development (OPD) and Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) are exploring opportunities for the future of the Chevy Chase Library. In October they will be presenting scenarios to the community for the purpose of soliciting feedback.

One scenario is a full-scale renovation of the existing 16,000 square foot library. The second scenario might include a newly constructed 20,000 square foot library achieved through a public-private partnership and a mixed-use project to include residential development to offset the costs of a replacement library on site. Informal sessions to allow the community to learn more about the scenarios, ask questions, and provide feedback verbally and in writing are being held at the branch in October. To learn more about the Chevy Chase Library Building Project, please visit <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/dgs/opd/ChevyChaseLibrary.html>.

**Chevy Chase Lake Development** - With many thanks to NCC Connections for arranging an update from Bozzuto. Below is a summary from the Wednesday, September 29, 2021 zoom meeting.

The condominiums are selling for anywhere from \$800,000 (one bedroom with den) to \$2.2M (three bedrooms). To date, Bozzuto has sold about one quarter of the units with an anticipated move in time at the beginning of next year. The third building (the 12-story building for which construction has just started which will back onto the Purple Line) is expected to be completed in 2023.

There will probably be somewhere between 10-15 retail establishments in the three buildings, including a grocery store (rumored to be Amazon), a bank, and at least a couple of restaurants. Those should open in first quarter next year if possible.

There will be 2-hour free parking for commercial customers in one of the underground parking

garages. Also, in the apartment buildings, parking spots will cost extra, which raises the specter of some residents of the apartment buildings looking for on-the-street parking.

While the long term approved plans continue to include redevelopment of the property across the street (Mario's Liberty Gas, Starbucks, Einstein, Manoli Cannoli etc.), there does not appear to be any near-term plans to pursue that at this time.

### **Thrive Montgomery 2050/Updated Status**

**Report** – The Village continues to be active with a coalition of neighboring municipalities in advocating concerns on potential zoning changes, traffic implications, school overcrowding, among other issues. In addition, the Village recently sent a letter to County Councilmembers stating that while we appreciate the time and effort that has gone into developing a vision for the County but asks that they delay its consideration to incorporating an analysis of the pandemic's impact will best serve the County and its residents. There is also an opportunity for individual Montgomery County residents to express views to the County Council and County Executive.

**I-495/I-270 Toll Lanes:** Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) announce the publication of the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the I-495 & I-270 Managed Lanes Study, which provides new information related to Preferred Alternative, Alternative 9 – Phase 1 South: American Legion Bridge I-270 to I-370. Publication of the SDEIS is part of the ongoing National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.

On I-495, the Preferred Alternative consists of adding two new HOT managed lanes in each direction from the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Fairfax County, Va., to east of MD 187, Old Georgetown Road. On I-270, the Preferred Alternative consists of converting the one existing HOV lane in each direction to a HOT managed lane and adding one new HOT managed lane in each direction on I-270 from I-495 to north of I-370, and on the

I-270 east and west spurs. Transit buses, motorcycles and HOV 3+ vehicles – those carrying three or more people – would be permitted to use the managed lanes toll free. There is no action, or no improvements, included at this time on I-495 east of the I-270 east spur.

A public comment period for the SDEIS officially opened October 1, and continues through Monday, November 15. The comment period includes two virtual public hearing sessions, scheduled for Monday, November 1, as well as opportunities for email, written and recorded comments.

For more information:

<https://roads.maryland.gov.mdotsha/pages/presreleasedetails>

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### **Halloween –**

For Village-wide trick-or-treating, residents could consider turning on lights or signage that indicates they are receptive to trick or treaters this year. Please consider the latest recommendations by the CDC and Montgomery County for ensuring a safe Halloween.

Join NCC Connections on October 31<sup>st</sup> for Halloween Parades and Neighborhood Block Party! 5 Parades from 2:30 - 4 pm with kids in costume while neighbors cheer, wave, and hand out treats. Block Party from 5 - 7 pm on 3400 block of Kenilworth Drwy. with hand-painted tattoos, games, crafts, marshmallow roasting, dancing, and more! See the new NCC Connections website for more information and how to sign up for these events.

<https://northchevycon.wixsite.com>

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING\*** (*Official minutes will be posted to the website*)

**Secretary's Report for July 2021 Council Meeting** (Mechanick) – Approved.

**Treasurer's Report for July/August 2021** (Joos) – Results for July/August 2021 included income of \$12,386.10, and operating expenses of \$36,578.66 (including waste removal, street

lighting, trees, sign/street maintenance, landscaping and lawn moving, wages and taxes, professional fees, membership and dues, and office and communication). Capital expenditures incurred during July/August 2021 came to \$5,322.62 including capital expenditures for trees (\$570) and streets (\$4,752.62). Total current assets for as of August 2021, consisting of operating balance plus reserves, came to \$1,957,978.68.

### **Permits:**

- **3705 Husted Driveway** – Approved permit for swimming pool, pending pre-construction review conducted pursuant to the Site Management Conditions Agreement.
- **9001 Montgomery Avenue** – Approved permit for shed, consent of neighbors to placement of shed noted.

### **Action Items:**

**New Sidewalk Assessment/Update** – Having now provided, as previously committed, all Village residents with marking showing the potential impact on properties on each side of those blocks and detailed cost estimates for such projects, the Village has proceeded with polling the property owners on the 3600 block of Husted and the 9000 block of Montgomery to determine whether they support installation of sidewalks. The ballots have been disseminated and property owners will have until Friday, October 15, to respond. Consistent with established policy, favorable support by at least 80% of the property owners on the affected block is the threshold for the Council to further consider to decision whether to install a sidewalk on that block. In the consideration of this matter, the Council heard views expressed by various Village residents both favoring and not favoring the installation of sidewalks on the subject blocks and those views will also be taken into consideration by the Village Council as further consideration of this matter proceeds.

**Parking Restrictions on 8800 Block of Montgomery Avenue** – In light of an increase in non-resident parking on the portion of the 8800 block of Montgomery Ave adjacent to Jones

Bridge Rd and 3600 block of Stewart Drwy, the Village will install signs imposing a 3-hour parking restriction on those streets. The Village management has adjusted the markings indicating proposed locations for the signs in the Village right-of-way for residents on those blocks to The contractor is arranging with Miss Utility the markings of utility lines and then signs/posts will be installed. It is anticipated that this will be completed by the end of October/early November. The Village appreciates resident input on the effectiveness of the signage in stopping contractor vehicle parking on those blocks. There was also discussion about the potential for the Village to move to “permit parking” in the future if non-resident parking increases with the Chevy Chase Lake Development, Purple Line, and other developments in the area.

**Kensington Parkway Safety** – As an interim safety measure, the Village Council decided to procure and deploy pedestrian flags for use at the Kensington Parkway/Kenilworth Driveway in light of ongoing expressed resident concerns about pedestrian safety in crossing Kensington Parkway at that intersection. The Village will further consider at subsequent meetings the subjects of more permanent steps to address pedestrian safety at that intersection and what other measures may be required in connection with pedestrian safety along Kensington Parkway.

**Venue for Future Meetings** - The Council expects to continue with Zoom virtual meetings through the foreseeable future, most likely at least through the rest of the calendar year. The Council notes that both in person and Zoom virtual meetings each offer certain advantages, and the possibility of some sort of hybrid approach in which some meetings would be in person and others conducted via Zoom would also be considered.