



**VILLAGE OF NORTH CHEVY CHASE: MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2022**

MARCH VILLAGE MEETING

March 15, 2022 – 7:30 PM – Zoom platform
(instructions will be sent to the Village’s email list) *Approval of February Minutes *Treasurer’s Report *Permits *Draft FY23 Budget *ARPA Funds *Environment Committee *Tree City USA

CALENDAR (2022)

- March 15: Village Council Meeting
7:30pm
- March 17: Curbside Donation, Clothing
Donation Nation
- March 18: Curbside Donation,
Furniture/Non-Clothing Items
- March 19: Bulk Trash Pick Up
- March 25: Deadline: Nominations to Village
Council
- April 19: Village Council Meeting (Annual
Budget Review)
7:30pm
- April 23: Earth Day Celebration 9am-1pm
- April 26: Final Declarations for Candidacy
of Village Elections
- May 3: Village Annual Meeting/Elections
7:30pm

VILLAGE-SPECIFIC NOTICES

Village Council Elections:

Election for three of the five Village Council positions (2-year terms) will be held on **May 3, 2022**. The Village’s Nominating Committee for this electoral cycle comprises: Brigitte Akalovsky (Chair), Fern Lapidus, and Helen Santiago Fink.

Any Qualified Voter (resident of the Village of North Chevy Chase who is qualified to vote in Montgomery County and is registered with the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors of

Elections or with the Village Council) who is interested in seeking nomination for the available seats should send Written Notice up to one week before the elections, April 26, 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 Monday, March 28 to akalovsky@hotmail.com.

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

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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 17** and non-clothing and furniture will be picked up on **Friday, March 18**. 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 19**. Items must be at curbside by 7am. 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.

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

Notary Public: Maury Mechanick, Council Secretary, is a Maryland certified Notary Public, and is available to notarize documents for Village residents. Maury can be reached at secretary@northchevyCHASE.org

Services Offered: Village management is looking to re-establish a list for residents' referral on our website. This would include pet sitters, baby sitters, leaf raking, lawn mowing, snow shoveling, etc. If you or a family member are interested in offering your services to Village residents, please contact the Village Manager at nccinfo@northchevyCHASE.org as we begin to revive this opportunity.

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.

GENERAL INTEREST:

The Chevy Chase Historical Society is currently seeking North Chevy Chase residents to participate in the CCHS Oral History Program.

As part of a grant-funded project, CCHS is conducting interviews to expand the understanding of everyone who is part of the Chevy Chase. Participating in the CCHS Oral History Program will add a new oral history to the collection, and you will get a copy of it to keep and share with your friends and family.

Typically, an oral history interview is a one-on-one conversation for 1.5 to 2 hours with a volunteer from the CCHS Oral History Program. They are currently conducting the interviews over Zoom and will work with you to schedule the interview for a time that is convenient for you. Only the audio (no video) will be recorded and archived with your permission at CCHS. They will transcribe the interview and you will have the opportunity to make small corrections or redact sections before it becomes accessible to the public. They will also give you a copy of the interview and transcript.

If you would like to participate, please contact Beth Huffer at director@chevyCHASEhistory.org or #301-656-6141.

Montgomery County to Recognize Two Years of COVID-19 Response Efforts

During the month of March, as Montgomery County marks two years of the COVID-19 pandemic, the County will highlight the sacrifices, dedication, and efforts of individuals and partners in the community as we continue to move forward.

On March 5, 2020, the first three cases of COVID-19 in the State of Maryland were identified in Montgomery County. As the fight against the virus continues, the County will take time to remember those who have died from COVID-19 and recognize the many residents and organizations who helped save lives over the last two years. While the response to the pandemic is not over, this month-long event reflects on where things stand today as we look back on these last two years and thank those who have helped get to where we are now.

Each week, during the remembrance, will focus on a different theme, including:

Memorial Week (Feb. 28 - March 5) – Montgomery County will remember the people lost over the last two years to COVID-19. County residents can share their stories using the hashtag #MoCoRemembers.

Public Health and Healthcare Week (March 6 – 12) – The County will honor the people and organizations that have helped save and protect lives throughout the pandemic.

Housing Week (March 13 – 19) – The County will highlight efforts by numerous people and organizations that helped ensure people had a place to live and were not displaced during the pandemic.

Essential Workers Week (March 20 – 26) – The County will honor the people who provided important services and support throughout the pandemic.

Food Security Week (March 27 – April 2) – The County will highlight individuals and organizations that have provided necessities and other resources to people and families in need throughout the pandemic.

County, State, and Federal Leaders Celebrate Completion of New Crossing for MD 355 in Bethesda, Dedicated to Local Champion for the Project Montgomery County announced the completion of the MD 355 Crossing project in Bethesda. The long-planned project managed by the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) enhances capacity and access to the Medical Center Metro station and improves pedestrian and bicycle safety between the west and east sides of MD 355/Rockville Pike at the NIH and the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC).

The shallow underpass under MD355/Rockville Pike was renamed to honor the late Phillip Richard Alperson, a Silver Spring native who was a leader in the effort. Alperson served on the staff of then-Congressman Van Hollen and worked for the Montgomery County Government as the Military Installations / BRAC Coordinator.

Construction of the complex project took about five years and includes a shallow pedestrian underpass below MD 355 that provides pedestrians and cyclists a safe means of crossing the busy roadway, new 120-foot-deep high-speed elevators, and emergency stairs creating direct access between the station and the east side of MD 355, and a new elevator and staircase between the existing Metrorail platform and mezzanine level. The project involved deep excavation that was done by drilling and blasting through rock. In addition, roadway surface improvements such as a traffic signal, pavement resurfacing, sidewalk/bike path, median work, and stormwater management facilities were completed.

The Montgomery County Council is seeking applicants to fill a vacancy on the Montgomery County Planning Board.

Members serve four-year terms and are limited to two full terms. No more than three members of the Planning Board may be from the same political party, and each member must be a resident and registered voter of Montgomery County when appointed. This position can be filled by a Democrat, Republican, a voter who is unaffiliated with a party, or a voter who is a

member of another party officially recognized by the Board of Elections.

The Planning Board serves as the Council's principal adviser on land use planning and community planning. Planning Board members also serve as commissioners of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Application Process and Deadline: Letters of application expressing interest, including a resume (no more than 4 pages) listing professional and civic experience, political party affiliation, home and office telephone numbers, and an email address, should be addressed to: Council President Gabe Albornoz and emailed to county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov, or mailed to County Council Office, Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

Letters with resumes must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, March 25.

The Montgomery County Council established a new committee that will benefit the County's furry friends.

Bill 37-21, Animal Control – Animal Services Advisory Committee, will go into effect this summer and will work to protect the wellbeing of animals. The responsibilities of the advisory committee include highlighting animal rescue, controlling the animal population, and reporting the mistreatment of animals. Anyone is welcome to apply. The Council says positions should open up by next month.

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, more households in the United States are beginning to own more pets, which is why this advisory committee will play an important role in Montgomery County to ensure households provide a healthy environment for animals.

The Animal Services Advisory Committee will have 11 voting members, who will represent different stakeholders, and three, non-voting ex officio members from the Office of Animal Services. All members will be appointed by the Executive and confirmed by the Council.

The Montgomery County Commission for Women is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2022. In recognition of March as Women's History Month, the Commission for Women invites residents to participate in its fifth annual "Girl Power Contest."

County residents, ages 5 and up, are encouraged to submit a short story, poem, drawing, or medium of their choice that addresses two key questions: What do you see as the three biggest accomplishments women have achieved over the last 50 years? What three accomplishments do you believe would make the biggest impact over the next 50 years?

Entries for the 2022 Girl Power Contest should be submitted online. For more information, call 240-777-8300 or visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw

County Executive Elrich Signs Executive Order to Rename Silver Spring Library After Tuskegee Airman Brig. Gen. Charles E. McGee.

On Monday, Feb. 28, the last day of Black History Month, a ceremony was held to sign an executive order that will enable the County to rename the Silver Spring Library to the "Brigadier General Charles E. McGee Library."

Brig. Gen. McGee, who passed away early this year at the age of 102, served as a fighter pilot and member of the 332nd Fighter Squadron, famously known as the "Tuskegee Airmen," an all-Black unit in World War II, followed by combat missions in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He fought against racism and for equality his entire career and paved the way for many African American service members.

A Montgomery County resident for many years, Brig. Gen. McGee prioritized learning and engaging with young people and served as a role model to Montgomery County residents and Americans. He passed away peacefully at his home in Bethesda on Jan. 16. A dedication ceremony for the building will be held later this year.

Fun Fact: A 200th Birthday Celebration

Governor Hogan announced a series of free, family-friendly programs in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Harriet Tubman and the 5th anniversary of the opening of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad State Park and Visitor Center.

Harriet Tubman was born into slavery in Dorchester County. Known as the Moses of her people, she was a conductor on the Underground Railroad and led nearly 70 slaves to freedom, making 13 separate trips to Maryland. Tubman also served as a scout, spy, guerrilla soldier, and nurse for the Union Army during the Civil War. She is considered the first Black woman to serve in the military.

In addition to a schedule of programs and events the weekend of March 11-13, the park will display numerous artifacts from Tubman's life—many in public for the first time—throughout the month of March.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM FEBRUARY COUNCIL

MEETING: *(Please note that the official minutes will be posted to Village website upon approval)*

Secretary's Report for January 2022 Council Meeting (Mechanick) – Approved.

Treasurer's Report for January 2022 (Joos) – Results for January 2022 included income of \$42,331.27, and operating expenses of \$27,735.74 (including waste removal, snow removal, street lighting, trees, wages and taxes, professional fees, and office and communication). Current fiscal year to date revenues through January 2022 came to \$367,408.52 and current fiscal year to date operating expenses came to \$170,267.84. No capital expenditures were incurred during January 2022. Total capital expenditures for FY 2022 to date came to \$154,961.10. Total current assets for as of January 2022, consisting of operating balance plus reserves, including APRA funds received, came to \$2,155,874.77.

The Council noted that income received through January 2022 already exceeded budgeted income for Fiscal Year 2022 and expenses incurred to date were largely consistent with budgeted amounts, other than with respect to professional fees, which were somewhat higher than budgeted as a result of legal fees incurred in addressing issues with Maryland State Highway Administration and Montgomery County regarding the installation of a storm water management facility at the Montrose/Jones Bridge Road intersection. As that matter has now been resolved, remaining professional fees likely to be incurred should be consistent with budgeted projections. On balance, the Village's financial position to date for FY 2022 is in excellent shape, particularly in light of uncertainties arising from the pandemic.

Permits

- **3703 Stewart Driveway**– Permit application for a shed approved.

REMINDERS

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

Action Items:

County and Municipal Street Lighting

Investment Act: The Council agreed to submit a letter in support of this legislation proposed by Representative Al Carr, which should accord Maryland municipalities greater flexibility in arranging for street lights other than having to contract with Pepco for such services.

Emergency Elections Ordinance for 2022

Elections: The Council preliminarily considered and approved in principle the wording of a proposed emergency elections ordinance for the 2022 elections, similar in text to the emergency ordinances previously adopted in 2020 and 2021 as a result of the global pandemic. At this stage it was unclear if the Village would be able to hold an in-person Annual Meeting in May, and the emergency ordinance, if formally adopted, would allow for holding the meeting virtually if necessary. The Council will consider formal adoption of the

emergency elections ordinance at its March 2022 meeting, including further assessing the feasibility of holding an in-person Annual Meeting.

Debt and Investment Policy Resolutions: The Council approved by separate resolutions the adoption of a formal Village Debt Policy and a formal Village Investment Policy. Formal adoption of such policies was strongly recommended by the Village's external auditor and is required under Maryland law.

ARPA Funds – Projects: The Village Manage is continuing to monitor evolving federal regulations and clarifications as to the types of activities for which ARPA funds can be expended, including publicly available information about expenditures by other municipalities throughout the country, and will report back to the Council on this at the March 2022 Council meeting. The Council has preliminarily identified possible projects for which such funds could be expended, if permissible under federal guidelines, as including storm water management capabilities, improved street lighting, and improved pedestrian and bike safety measures within the Village.

SUSTAINABLE LIVING: (Courtesy of the Environment Committee)

NCC Earth Day Celebration, Art Show and Native Plant Sale: The Village is sponsoring a family-friendly Earth Day Celebration, **Saturday, April 23** from 9 am - 1 pm, at the NCCSPA parking lot on Briery Road. We're partnering with Nature by Design to offer sun- and shade-friendly native flowers. You'll also find a nature-focused Art Show (details below, all entries welcome!), and local green groups that will share their favorite ways to invite nature to our backyards. Look for an upcoming email announcement and flyer for details.

More About the Earth Day Celebration's Art Show

Everyone is invited to participate in the Village's little *Earth Day Art Show* on **Saturday, April 23**. The art for the show should be based on Nature in our neighborhood, what we see in our backyards and other natural areas ... bugs, trees, flowers, squirrels, foxes, clouds, landscapes etc.! Take a careful look at our beautiful outdoors and be inspired!

All artwork is welcomed, whether you submit a simple crayon, pencil drawing, photograph or elaborate oil painting.

Carrie Witkop will be accepting work to be displayed on April 21 and April 22. Please drop off at 8827 McGregor Drive. For more details contact: carriewitkop@gmail.com; #301-654-1622.