



VILLAGE OF NORTH CHEVY CHASE: MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JULY 2022

JULY VILLAGE MEETING

July 19, 2022 – 7:30 PM – Hybrid platform
(Zoom instructions will be sent to the Village’s email list) *Approval of June Minutes
*Treasurer’s Report *Permits * Arbor Pro demonstration * Environment Committee

CALENDAR (2022)

- July 4: 44th Annual Block Party
6pm (rain or shine)
- July 19: Village Council Meeting
7:30pm (hybrid)

(No Council meeting in August)

- Sept 15: Curbside Donation, Clothing
Donation Nation
- Sept 16: Curbside Donation,
Furniture/Non-Clothing Items
- Sept 17: Bulk Trash Pick Up
- Sept 20: Village Council Meeting
7:30pm (hybrid)
- Oct 18: Village Council Meeting
7:30pm (hybrid)

VILLAGE-SPECIFIC NOTICES

44th Annual Village Block Party: Monday, July 4 at 6pm (rain or shine) at the intersection of the Montgomery Avenue and Inverness Drive. It’s a potluck supper, so please bring a side

dish or salad. BBQ will be provided by Famous Daves! Cost is \$2 per person to cover the cost of soft drinks and supplies (an extra \$1 for beer and wine). We are aiming for a zero-waste event! Please bring reusable plates, cups and utensils from home.

Taxes: Marylanders have just a few more days to file and pay their state individual income taxes for tax year 2021.

While the federal tax filing deadline has passed, this year’s individual income tax filing and payment due date for Maryland state income tax is **Friday, July 15**. Please be sure to include the Village of North Chevy Chase as your “city” at the top of your State Tax Return.

VILLAGE COUNCIL

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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.

This is the third consecutive year Comptroller Franchot has extended filing and payment deadlines for state individual income taxes to July 15, each time to assist taxpayers facing financial difficulties due to the pandemic.

Upcoming 2022 County Elections: As a result of the redistricting in Montgomery County that occurred during the past year, the Village is no longer in District 1, where we were represented by Council Member Friedson. With respect to direct representation on the County Council, the Village is in a newly created District 4 (known as the "bowtie district" because of its shape. District 4, there is no incumbent, which has several candidates running on at least the Democratic side in the primary to be the Democratic candidate for District 4.

Resident Directory:

The Village will be updating the website version of the Resident Directory. If you haven't already done so, please provide your updated information or confirm that no changes are needed, no later than July 31. For access to the "Residents Only" section please contact the Village Manager by email: nccinfo@northchevyCHASE.org or phone #301.654.7084.

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 as we begin to revive this opportunity.

Preventing Vehicle Thefts and Thefts from Vehicles: The best way to prevent vehicle thefts and thefts from vehicles is to lock your vehicle doors and take your key/key fob with you. The vast majority of thefts are from unlocked cars, making it far too easy (and inviting) for thieves when we fail to lock our

cars. Please lock your vehicle doors every time you park and please, remove all valuables. When you lock your car, you reduce opportunities for thieves and discourage them from returning to the Village.

PERMIT REMINDERS: Summer is a great time to refresh your home and yard, but before you begin any exterior improvement project please ensure you have obtained the necessary permits from the Village (and, when applicable, Montgomery County). When in doubt, please visit the Village website, or contact the Village Manager at nccinfo@northchevyCHASE.org or #301-654-7084 to verify any requirements.

NEW RESIDENTS: The Village warmly welcomes the following new residents!

- **Sadia Shafi & Brahim Berrada** to 3703 Jones Bridge Road

GENERAL INTEREST

2022 Primary Election Guide

The primary election is **Tuesday, July 19.**

Which offices are up for election?

- At the county level: Montgomery County executive, County Council, sheriff, state's attorney, register of wills, clerk of the circuit court, circuit court judges, school board
- At the state level: governor/lieutenant governor, state senators, state delegates, attorney general, comptroller
- At the federal level: U.S. senator, U.S. representatives

How do I register to vote?

Contact the Montgomery County Board of Elections through its website (<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Elections/registration/VoterRegistration.html>), by email at voter.registration@montgomerycountymd.gov or by phone at 240-777-8519.

People may register in person during the eight-day early voting period at any early voting center in their county or at their assigned polling place on the day of the election. They must have a document that proves where they live, such as an MVA-issued license, an ID card, a change of address card, or a paycheck, bank statement, utility bill, or other government document with their name and new address. They can vote immediately after registering.

When is early voting?

Early voting for the July 19 primary is scheduled to run from July 7 to 14, from 7 am to 8 pm each day.

Can I vote by mail?

Yes. Any voter can request a mail-in ballot (which includes what used to be known as "absentee ballots"). The deadline to request a mail-in ballot is July 12.

Where do I go to vote in person on Election Day for the primary?

Each voting site is for voters in that area. To figure out your polling place or check if you are registered to vote, go to voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch or check a sample ballot that the Board of Elections mails to you. Polling places will be open from 7 am to 8 pm

What are the districts in Montgomery County?

- County Council: The county has been divided into five geographic districts for the Montgomery County Council, but in 2020, voters passed a referendum that expanded that number to seven, starting with the 2022 election. There are also four at-large seats on the County Council.
- Congress: Maryland is divided into eight districts for its representation in the U.S. House of Representatives. Montgomery County has had parts of three districts (Districts 3, 6 and 8). A new map created by the Maryland General Assembly moved part of District 4 into Montgomery County, too, but a judge struck down that map. The newest version of the map now has Districts 4, 6 and 8 in Montgomery County.

- General Assembly: Maryland is divided into 47 districts for state senators and delegates. Eight of those districts are entirely in Montgomery County (Districts 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 39). Under a map the Maryland General Assembly approved in December, a district that was entirely in Howard County (District 9) now would include part of Montgomery County, too.

Who is running in this year's primary elections?

Voters can keep track of who has filed to run for different offices at the Maryland State Board of Elections website (https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2022/primary_candidates/index.html).

Why have there been delays in this year's election?

Originally, the primary was scheduled for June 28 and the filing deadline for candidates was Feb. 22.

Every 10 years, following a U.S. census, states must redraw their maps for congressional districts. After the 2020 census, Maryland still had eight districts and representatives, but the district boundaries always change.

The Maryland General Assembly approved a new congressional map in December. Gov. Larry Hogan vetoed the map, but the Democrat-controlled legislature overrode the veto. A judge struck down the map in Anne Arundel County Circuit Court on March 25 on the grounds that it violated the Maryland Constitution.

The legislature quickly created a new map and presented it to the judge, who reviewed it in a hearing April 1.

The judge did not rule on the new map right away because Hogan had not signed or vetoed the map and because of a pending appeal by the state, hoping to retain the map the legislature created in December.

But Hogan agreed to sign the map and Attorney General Brian Frosh is withdrawing the state's appeal, working out an agreement that allows the newest map to go into effect.

The General Assembly's approved legislative map, determining boundaries for the state's 47 districts, also has been challenged in court. Because of this lawsuit, the Maryland Court of Appeals in February extended the candidate filing deadline from Feb. 22 to March 22.

Then, in March, with the legislative map lawsuit still pending, the court moved the date of the primary election from June 28 to July 19. The candidate filing deadline was moved again, from March 22 to April 15.

COVID-19 Rapid Test Kits and N-95 Masks free to Montgomery County residents:

Pick up rapid test kits and masks at Montgomery County Public Library locations, during all open hours.

Kits and masks are available on a table or cart near the library service desk. Residents can get two test kits and four adult N95 masks per person per day. Each kit contains two tests.

Shelf life of at-home rapid COVID-19 test kits extended

Those COVID-19 antigen rapid test kits have a normal shelf life of six months. (You'll find the date on the back of the two-test box.) Most of them show a June 2022 date, but not to worry. The Food and Drug Administration recently granted a three-month shelf-life extension, meaning they're safe and effective on or before September 29.

The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have published the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Final Section 4(f) Evaluation for the I-495 & I-270 Managed Lanes Study (MLS). The FEIS provides responses to comments received on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS), as well as final analysis related to the [MLS Preferred Alternative - Alternative 9 – Phase 1 South](#).

FEIS Analysis Results

With regard to traffic analysis, Phase 1 South would improve operations and reduce congestion delays on most sections where

improvements are proposed, and on the larger roadway system by:

- reducing system-wide delay for the entire study area by 13% during the AM peak period and by 38% during the PM peak period;
- improving travel speeds in existing general purpose lanes and in managed lanes;
- creating new opportunities for regional transit bus service;
- providing new/upgraded pedestrian and bicycle improvements, including a direct connection to the shared-use path from the bridge to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal towpath.

On I-495, the Preferred Alternative would include two new High Occupancy Toll (HOT) managed lanes in each direction from south of the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Fairfax County, VA, to west of MD 187, (Old Georgetown Road) in Montgomery County, MD.

On I-270, the alternative would convert the existing high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction to a HOT managed lane and add 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. No action or no improvements would be included at this time on I-495 east of the I-270 east spur to MD 5.

The FEIS reflects changes to the Preferred Alternative using input from more than 5,000 public comments on the DEIS and SDEIS. More than 200 meetings were held to gather input in addition to 16 public workshops and seven public hearings with established public comment periods.

FEIS Document Availability

The FEIS and Section 4(f) documents are available at OpLanesMD.com/FEIS. Hard copies of the FEIS and Section 4(f), as well as electronic copies of FEIS technical reports, will be available at multiple library locations. For a list of these locations, please visit OpLanesMD.com/FEIS.

After an availability period for the FEIS, it is anticipated the FHWA will issue a Record of Decision (ROD), identifying this Study's Selected Alternative. Selection will be based on consideration of the range of reasonable alternatives, efforts to avoid and minimize impacts, and final mitigation measures designed to address potential environmental impacts. The ROD would conclude the NEPA process and document the commitments to be carried forth during final design and construction.

If you have questions or would like to otherwise communicate with the program, you may call 833-858-5960 or email oplanesmd@mdot.maryland.gov.

Energy efficiency programs for renters and homeowners

Repairs and upgrades to a home can significantly reduce energy use throughout the year, which can give you a more comfortable home, lower monthly power bills, and improve air quality and family health. The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) offers programs that may provide help with things like insulation, hot water system improvements, heating/cooling repair or replacement, renewable energy systems, and other health and safety enhancements free of charge for homeowners and renters.

How to apply for these programs: Turn in an [OHEP](#) or [DHCD](#) application. For questions or help with the application: Call 1-855-583-8976. Visit their website at <https://bit.ly/3HX6pGG>

Montgomery County's Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Offers Tips to Prepare for the Summer Storm Season

The Atlantic Hurricane and Summer Storm Season officially began on June 1 and will run through November. Montgomery County's Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEMHS) joins the Maryland Department of Emergency Management and the National Weather Service (NWS) in urging community members to

familiarize themselves with what to do before, during, and after a severe storm. While it is possible for a hurricane or tropical storm to impact the County, the greater summer weather threats are flooding, hail, lightning strikes, thunderstorms, and strong winds. Thunderstorms can occur singly or in clusters or lines and typically produce heavy rain for a brief period. During severe thunderstorms there is a risk that a tornado could occur.

Sign up for the County's [Alert Montgomery](#) (<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/oemhs/alertmontgomery/>) notification system to receive emergency alerts regarding weather and other emergency information. The Alert Montgomery System provides accurate and immediate emergency notifications from Montgomery County to your cell, work, or home phones via text, email, or voice message to receive notifications about emergencies that may affect your home, workplace, child's school, or any other locations within the County. Visit the [OEMHS website](#) (<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/OEMHS/hazards/natural/severestorms.html>) for more information on severe summer storms.

Updated Pepco Service: Pepco encourages residents to visit pepco.com/mobileapp to download their mobile app, which has many resources to keep customers informed during a storm. Pepco has also added a new feature this year that allows customers to report a live outage by texting "Out" to report an outage on their mobile device. Pepco customers can text "Out" to "48710". Customers must first text "ADD OUTAGE" to "48710" to sign up for this service. Your mobile number needs to be added to your Pepco account for it to work

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

Secretary's Report for May 2022 Council and Annual Meeting (Mechanick) – Approved.

Treasurer's Report for April and May 2022 (Joos) –Results for April and May 2022 included combined income of 110,654.90, and combined

operating expenses of \$26,854.31 (including waste removal, street lighting, sign/street maintenance, landscaping and mowing, wages and taxes, professional fees, and office and communication). Current fiscal year to date revenues through May 2022 came to \$571,836.44 and current fiscal year to date operating expenses came to \$228,852.27. No capital expenditures were incurred during April or May 2022. Total capital expenditures for FY 2022 to date came to \$154,961.10. Total current assets for as of May 2022, consisting of operating balance plus reserves, including APRA funds received, came to \$2,305,978.121.

Permits:

- **8811 Kensington Parkway** – permit application for replacement shed approved
- **3806 Montrose Drive** – permit application for new fence approved
- **8912 Montgomery Avenue** – permit application for driveway/car pad approved (as fee had previously been paid in Dec. 2020, no new fee required at this time)
- **8823 Kensington Parkway** – permit application for addition/modification over 250 sq. feet approved, pending execution of site management agreement

Action Items:

Arbor Pro Update – Arbor pro software appears to be working well; formal demonstration planned for July 2022 Council Meeting.

Pesticide Concerns – While continuing to consider possible Village restrictions on toxic pesticide use, the Council endorsed embarking upon a concerted education effort, with support from the Village Environmental Committee, aimed at educating residents as to harmful effects of toxic pesticides and alternative measures for controlling unwanted insects.

Composting – The Village Manager will prepare and disseminate to Village residents a renewed survey (following up on a survey previously conducted in 2018) to assess residential interest in composting programs, including possible incentives to encourage composting.

Replanting of Village Diverter – The Council approved the recommendation of the Environmental Committee to remove invasive plants at the diverter at the Montgomery/Stewart intersection with native shrubs as a replacement.

44th Annual 4th of July Block Party – The Council confirmed plans for the block party to be held as an in-person event on July 4 and expressed its appreciation to those residents who volunteer their time and effort to support this activity.

SUSTAINABLE LIVING

(Courtesy of the Environment Committee)

Besides planting native species, try to resist using pesticides and herbicides in our yards. The County has laws limiting use of pesticides. Mosquito yard sprays are popular, but they kill all insects in the yard, not just mosquitoes. Get rid of mosquitoes by removing the water where they breed: clean out gutters, trap mosquito larvae by putting a straw in a bucket of water and adding “mosquito dunk” (a small disc sold at garden centers that targets only mosquitos), and keep yard toys, equipment and birdbaths free of standing water. Learn more: <http://conservationblog.anshome.org/blog/nature-friendly-ways-to-combat-mosquitoes-and-ticks/>