



VILLAGE OF NORTH CHEVY CHASE: MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2023

FEBRUARY VILLAGE MEETING

February 21, 2023 – 7:30pm– hybrid platform (in person and via Zoom - instructions will be sent to the Village’s email list) *Approval of January Minutes *Treasurer’s Report *Permits

CALENDAR (2023)

- February 21: Village Council Meeting
7:30pm
- March 16: Curbside Donation, Clothing
Donation Nation
- March 17: Curbside Donation,
Furniture/Non-Clothing Items
Donation Nation
- March 18: Bulk Trash Pick Up
- March 21: Village Council Meeting
7:30pm
- April 18: Village Council Meeting
7:30pm

VILLAGE-SPECIFIC NOTICES

Tax Time:

Processing of personal income tax returns for Tax Year 2022 has begun. The federal and state individual income tax filing deadline is **Tuesday, April 18, 2023**, instead of the traditional due date because April 15 falls on a Saturday and federal offices in the District of Columbia, including the Internal Revenue Service, are closed on Monday, April 17 in observance of the local Emancipation Day holiday.

Revenues received through our residents’ paid income taxes remain the most significant source of Village revenues. We need our residents’ help to ensure that all income tax revenue due to the Village actually gets here. This money goes directly to services benefiting Village residents. Village residents DO NOT pay any additional income taxes to live in the Village of North Chevy Chase. By law, as a municipality, the Village receives a portion of the tax you pay to Montgomery County.

VILLAGE COUNCIL

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It is very important, however, that the State of Maryland knows to return this revenue to the Village.

Please be aware that MD Form 502 features a separate political subdivision section located under your mailing address. When you complete your Maryland income tax return, remember to put the Village of North Chevy Chase under "Maryland Political Subdivision" and include **1618** the "4 digit Political Subdivision Code" to ensure the Village receives our share of the state income tax.

Village Council Elections:

Election for two Village Council positions (2-year terms) will be held on **May 2, 2023**. Per the Village Charter, a Nominating Committee shall be appointed no later than **March 1**, to comprise at least three persons who are Qualified Voters (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). Qualified Voters who are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee, please contact the Village Manager by **Friday, February 24**.

Permit Reminders:

If you are considering a home renovation, addition or landscape project, please contact the Village for information and to determine what permits may be required. There are county and Village building regulations that may apply. For information or if you have permitting questions, please call the Village office at (301) 654-7084 or send an email to nccinfo@northchevyCHASE.org

Snow Removal:

Village management will notify residents via the email distribution list when snow removal is scheduled. The snow removal contract provides for automatic mobilization upon snow accumulation of 2" depth. Please note that residents are required to maintain the sidewalks

in front of their property for passable and safe 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 driveways, as feasible, or on the even side of the street to facilitate snow removal and application of salt.

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.

Thefts:

Some residents have recently experienced signs of vehicles being tampered with, and it appears there is an increase of vehicle theft throughout the neighborhood. Once again, residents are encouraged to ensure vehicles are locked and valuables removed as the majority of cases involve unlocked doors. Locking your car is a civic duty; when you lock your car, you reduce opportunities for thieves and discourage them from returning to the Village.

In Memoriam:

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of two longtime Village residents:

- Philip Weeda who passed away on December 25, 2022.
- William "Hank" McKay who died peacefully at the age of 75 on January 13, 2023.

The Village Council sends its deepest condolences to the Weeda, Shepler and McKay families at this difficult time.

GENERAL INTEREST

Moore introduces \$63.1 billion budget, sets focus on expanding state's economy

Gov. Wes Moore unveiled his first state budget, a \$63.1 billion spending plan that includes increases for education and transportation programs, no new taxes and a suite of legislative initiatives intended to create a more "competitive and equitable economy" in the state.

Moore used the budget announcement to focus on some of his administration's bigger picture priorities, including growing Maryland's economy to make it more competitive with surrounding states.

Recommended FY 2024 capital budget and amendments to the FY 2023-2028 capital improvement program

Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich transmitted his \$5.4 billion recommended fiscal year 2024 capital budget and amendments to the FY2023-2028 capital improvement program to the County Council. The recommendations are a \$136.7 million (2.6 percent) increase from the previously approved capital budget.

The proposed budget changes that have the greatest potential to advance racial equity and social justice are below:

- \$30.2 million increase for the preservation of naturally occurring affordable housing
- additional high school wellness centers in the highest- need schools
- the Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center
- Montgomery Connects grant funding to bring broadband to affordable housing complexes
- school construction projects serving communities comprised

primarily of Black, Latino and low-income students

- Montgomery College projects

To see the entire recommended FY2024 capital budget and amended FY2023-2028 capital improvements program – please go to <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/omb/publications.html>

Plans advance for redevelopment around Farm Women's Market in Bethesda

Plans initiated in 2018 are moving ahead to revitalize the 1932 Montgomery Farm Women's Cooperative Market on Wisconsin Avenue. The plans include converting two nearby public parking lots into urban parks, building a public garage under the larger parking lot, and constructing a mixed-use housing development with 320 units, including about 48 designated as moderately priced housing, plus as much as 32,000 square feet of retail space.

According to officials, the redevelopment and expansion of the Farm Women's Market is expected to be completed in late 2026 or early 2027. The park on the adjacent lot between Leland and Walsh streets should be finished later in 2027.

NIH blood bank still needs blood donors

The NIH Clinical Center has great need for Type A and A+ blood for its surgical patients. To schedule an appointment, call 301-496-1048 or go online to

<https://clinicalcenter.nih.gov/blooddonor/appointment.html>

RainScapes Portal Open Now!

Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection announces that the RainScapes Rebate Program application portal is open now through March 31.

RainScapes can be installed on any kind of property, but those on private residential, institutional and/or commercial properties may be eligible for financial assistance. Projects on residential properties could be eligible for rebates up to \$7,500.

The portal has guidance on selecting the right type of project to get started and much more! Learn more about the RainScapes Rewards Rebates by visiting the website at:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/water/rainscapes/index.html>

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JANUARY COUNCIL

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

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

Treasurer's Report for December 2022 (Joos) – Results for December 2022 included income of \$1,603.81, and operating expenses of \$21,357.39 (including waste removal, leaf collection, trees, street lighting, wages and taxes, professional fees, investment service fees, and office and communication). Current fiscal year to date revenues through December 2022 (not including ARPA funds) came to \$294397.39 and current fiscal year to date operating expenses came to \$154,058.89. No capital expenditures were incurred during December 2022. Total current assets as of December 2022, consisting of operating balance plus reserves, including ARPA funds received, came to \$2,610,81371.

Action Items:

Maryland Public Information Act -- The Council approved a document specifying the procedures for handling public information requests that have been submitted to the Village pursuant to the Maryland Public Information Act, including a request form for formation. The procedures and form as well as the previously adopted Village Document Retention Policy and Schedule will all be posted on the Village website.

Traffic Safety Concerns/Intersection of Kensington Parkway and Montrose Driveway

– The Village Manager provided a status update, including options for possible alternative stop sign designs at the intersection, including illuminated stop signs. Pending further information about availability and timing of more these alternate stop sign designs, the Council decided to proceed initially with standard stop signs and directed the Village Manager to begin the process for posting signage alerting drivers of an upcoming change in traffic regulation at that intersection.

Village Right of Way Tree Plantings and

Diverter Maintenance– The Village Manager provided a status update on the program, including the process for selection of alternative trees for those trees preferred by residents but which are not currently available. Tree plantings should proceed over the next several weeks, weather conditions permitting.

Diverter – In addition to the placement of some large decorative rocks within the planting areas adjacent to the two diverters on Montgomery Avenue (at Kenilworth and Stewart Driveways), the Village Council decided to install pylons at each diverter to further deter unauthorized vehicles from traversing the diverters.