



FOR YOUR INFORMATION
by Mayor Mike Callahan

*Call 301-773-0248 to contact the Mayor. The Mayor's door at the Community Center is open to visitors on **Monday evenings** from 7:30 to 9:30 PM, except holidays or if otherwise posted.*

Cheverly's 2011 Crime Rate Sets Record Lows: If you have cable please watch a replay of the January 12th Town Meeting. Chief Robshaw reported that Cheverly's crime rate in 2011 was 12% lower than 2010. Even more impressive was that in the month of December, Cheverly recorded the lowest crime statistics of any month in the last 12 years. Cheverly's crime rate was the fourth lowest of the 27 municipalities in Prince George's County. Congratulations to the Chief and his Police Department who provide such great service to our town. Congratulations also go to all of our residents, especially members of CPACT and the Citizen Radio Program who were directly responsible for 18 arrests in 2011. Please take the time to read the Chief's monthly update inside the Newsletter.

Channel 5 News (and a savvy resident) Help Solve Crime: Over the holiday season, out of town youths executed a B&E in town by throwing a propane tank through a window. This brazen act was caught on the resident's surveillance camera. When the Cheverly Police Department had run out of leads, the story was run on Channel 5 news with pictures and video of the suspects. We are happy to report that the news story led to the apprehension of the perpetrators.

Recent Tax Assessments and You: Every resident should have received their new Tax Assessments statement from the state. In conversations with friends I've heard that assessments have been lowered anywhere from 15 to 35%. This should translate into savings for most residents on both your Cheverly & Prince George's property taxes. Example: If your Cheverly home is your primary residence please make sure you have applied for the Home-

stead Exemption by calling (866) 650-8783 or go to www.sdathtc.resiusa.org/homestead. If you feel like your assessment is still too high you can appeal your assessment by calling (301) 952-2500 or go to <http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/petitnrv.pdf>.

Please remember your assessment value is not a "projected sales price". While Cheverly home prices are suppressed due to the economy, sales of homes in Cheverly continue to be brisk. In recent conversations with local real estate agents, they have indicated that Cheverly inventory remains low. They also stated that buyers continue to believe Cheverly is "an extremely good value". A recent January 6th on-Line Washington Post article agreed Cheverly was a place for investors, along with metro areas like Wheaton, Glenmont and the 16th Street Heights.

Recent Tax Assessments and the Town: Property tax is the largest source of revenue to Cheverly. In FY12 property taxes will contribute 3.0M of the town's total 5.3M (56%). However, if you remove directed revenues, like grants, the percentage is actually 60%. Cheverly can expect a revenue drop of at least 400K due to the lower assessments. This reduction of revenue will clearly put pressure on the town's finances in FY13 and beyond. We are fortunate to have a 1.6M fund balance. However, generally accepted accounting practices require the town to have enough funds to cover a full quarter of operating expenses. Therefore, 800K of the fund balance is already spoken for which leaves only 800K for the "rainy day fund". The impact of the new assessments over the next three years will most likely be greater than our "rainy day" funds.

Mayor FYI cont'd

Additionally the town faces many upcoming capital projects. At a minimum we face road projects as WSSC continues to repair its aging infrastructure and we need to continue to replace our fleet of Public Works vehicles especially the trash trucks. Remember a trash truck can cost over 200K. The Town Council will begin discussing the 2013 budget and its projected capital expenditures in February. Stay tuned!

Cheverly's Tax Rate and You: Cheverly's tax rate has been .48 per \$100 since 2007. While the tax rate has remained constant, property values have grown approximately 5 to 7% per year. Therefore, property tax revenue has grown from 2.489M in FY2009 to 3.047M in FY2012. If the Town Council holds the tax rate at .48 then you should see a decrease in your Cheverly property taxes. This is particularly true for those individuals who were not receiving any benefit from the Homestead Exemption. (example below)

At this point there is no discussion of raising the tax rate to cover the potential revenue shortfall. However, this conversation may occur as the Town Council considers the FY2013 Budget. We will make sure to communicate widely if this happens.

Tax Rate Example: In the example below, "Home 1" was purchased many years ago while "Home 2" was purchased in 2010. The Homestead Exemption places a 10% cap on the yearly increase of a home's assessment value for tax purposes. Since "Home 2's" value was set at time it was purchased, its 2010 assessment value was set when it was purchased. However, "Home 1's" 2010 assessment value was capped at \$240,000 because of the Homestead Exemption.

After the recent assessment process, both homes in the example assessment value dropped to \$260,000. "Home 1" will be valued at \$260,000 because the 10% cap increase exceeds the new assessment value. "Home 2" will also be valued at \$260,00.

	Home 1	Home 2
Purchase Price	160,000	320,000
2010 Assess:	320,000	320,000
Homestead Ex:	240,000	320,000
Cheverly Tax:	1,152	1,536
2013 Assess:	260,000	260,000
Homestead Ex:	260,000	260,000
Cheverly Tax:	1,248	1,248

Loitering at Landover Shopping (Aldi) Center :

Buying Local? Why not support our local shopping center? Yes, there are limited choices, but every dollar spent at the center helps Cheverly maintain a stable economic entity. So stop in on occasion.

Residents have mentioned that loitering at the center discourages their patronage. This month Chief Robshaw and I met with the property management company and the onsite management of each business. We had a good discussion regarding how to improve communication amongst all parties. Together we developed a plan to improve communication, and look forward to improving the loitering issues. The store managers noted that "we" can all help by not donating to the panhandlers and loiterers. The managers mentioned that much of the loitering occurs because loiterers are rewarded for their behavior. I know that we all want to be generous and helpful to those less fortunate, but we should try to donate through official charities.

Renovations at the Center? Last spring, the property management company proposed improvements at the shopping center including a new façade for the older portions. They completed new landscaping, but we are still awaiting the plans for upgrades. We anticipate an update prior to the February work session.

What about Walgreens? Well, nobody said the zoning approval process was fast or easy. Due to the physical constraints of the lot, it was necessary for Walgreens to request a number of zoning variances. This negotiation process has been on-going for at least nine months. Cheverly & the surrounding communities have been supportive throughout the process, authoring letters of support. There are still some minor issues to be resolved between the county zoning board & Walgreens. However, a representative of NAIMichael's indicated that the issues should be cleared up soon & hopefully they will break ground in the spring.

But Officer, I Was Going Right on Red: For almost 18 months Cheverly's Red Light cameras (installed by SHA) have frequently been shut off as construction of new light poles along Route 202 has been on-going. Red light cameras are installed at the intersections of Cheverly Ave and Route 202 as well as Kilmer Ave and Route 202 (near Aldi). Please be aware the cameras are now functioning full time. Additionally, please be aware that red light camera technology has improved significantly. Cameras can now detect vehicles that execute a right turn without coming to a full stop when the light is red. Please remember,

the law requires a full stop prior to making a right on red. There are no exceptions.

Re-launching the Town Web Site: The Technology Committee hopes to re-launch the Town's web site sometime during February. The initial phase of the project features new graphics and easier navigation. While some content has changed the primary focus has been to make information easier to find. Special Thanks go to the many volunteers of the technology committee; especially Norm Oslik, Nick D'Angelo, Lane Thompson, Gary Williams and Thomas McKeithien.

There will be some new and revitalized features on the website:

Mayors FYI Today: In an effort to improve communication a new page has been added to allow more rapid communication of current events.

Town Letters: We currently have a page where advocacy letters written by the town are available to the public. These letters represent Cheverly's position on many topics. This page will be re-launched with more information.

Home Town Topics: There are issues that have an extended history here in town. Topics like; The Point@Cheverly, The Dog Park, Booms, etc have been discussed in town for some time. This page will provide background on these topics from the town government perspective.

Pepco Reliability: Since October Pepco reliability has become an issue again, particularly on the west side of town. There have been at least five events, three of which lasted more than 2 hours. The Town Council is extremely disappointed in this performance especially since Pepco implemented a program of aggressive tree trimming as well as pole and wire replacement. We expressed this displeasure in a letter sent in December and again in January. This letter was followed up with a phone call to the VP of Operations. Specifically, the question we asked was "why does 50% of the town suffer when a single telephone pole is disabled on Route 202?" Simply put it seems that technology should be available that would limit the impact of small events. The telephone conversation was productive and we anticipate getting a more specific plan from Pepco in the coming weeks.

Stolen Air Conditioning Compressors: Recently we have had two residents report stolen air compressors. Thieves are able to easily dismantle an air compressor, selling the copper tubing on the secondary market. If you see strangers in your neighbor's yard please call the Cheverly Police.

CHEVERLY WEBSITE

www.cheverly-md.gov

You can now easily contact the Mayor & Council through their town email accounts. There are also links at the Mayor & Council page of the website.

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MONTHLY RECYCLING DATA December 2011

Electronic Recycling - 4 pallets
Appliances - 13
Curb Recycling - 50.21 tons

The Public Works Staff would like to thank all of the residents for their expressions of appreciation received during the recent holiday season. Thanks for the - donations—cookies - cakes - food and the cards received wishing us well.

Cheverly RECREATION COUNCIL The next meeting will be Tuesday, **February 28th at 7:00PM** in the conference room at the Community Center. Topics of discussion will be the April 7th Easter Egg Hunt and the April 14th Flea Market. **Reservations for the Spring Flea Market starting Thursday March 1st. Tables are \$15. Call Barbara 301-773-5883.**

The **Cheverly Recreation Council** will sponsor the **John "Dent" Wilson Scholarship**. This is a \$500 scholarship awarded to a Cheverly resident who is enrolled full-time in an academic or vocational post-secondary education program for the 2012-2013 academic year. For applications please call **Judy DeLeonibus at 301-386-4251.**

When filling out your **MARYLAND TAX RETURN**, please remember to fill in the **COUNTY AND CITY** boxes just under your address label. It is important that you print in **CHEVERLY** as your city, so that the town gets its correct share of Maryland Income Taxes.



Message from the Chief Buddy Robshaw
(policechief@cheverly-md.gov)

**CRIME IN CHEVERLY REACHES
LOWEST LEVELS SINCE 1989**

– The Town of Cheverly recorded the lowest amount of recorded crimes since 1989, resulting in an overall reduction 10% from 2010 to 2011. For those of you who like statistics, assaults (-10%), B&Es (-27%), vandalisms (15%) and most particularly robberies (-62%) all show dramatic downswings in 2011. In addition, thefts, the most prevalent crime reported every year, stayed level and auto theft was the only crime that showed an increase (from 19 to 30 thefts). As part of its crime reduction efforts, the Cheverly Police Department arrested 499 individuals last year and wrote over 7,700 traffic citations.

The question most frequently asked to the Department is who or what is responsible for these dramatic decreases, and the answer really boils down to three sources:

1. 10% of our crime was reduced through association with our local law enforcement partners, most notably the Prince George’s County Police (PGPD). PGPD officers working with our officers were responsible for the closure over 30 B&E’s and 10 armed robberies as a result of joint efforts started in Cheverly. In addition, PGPD officers responded to calls in Cheverly when CPD officers were not available and PGPD detectives handled number of commercial robberies, major drug complaints, and tactical responses to the Town. PGPD is also the largest outside law enforcement contributor to Cheverly’s Public Safety Day.
2. 40% of our crime is the net result of extremely hard work performed by Cheverly Police Officers. CPD officers arrested nearly 500 people last year, wrote over 7,700 traffic citations, performed thousands of house checks, ElderWatch visits, home inspections, code enforcement projects, and accomplished a nearly 50% closure rate on investigative cases. We also recovered hundreds of latent prints, \$1,000s of dollars worth of controlled dangerous substances, and closed down three major burglary rings in 2011. And, all of this was accomplished without a full complement of officers for most of the year!
3. Most importantly, 50% of the Town’s 2010 crime reduction is the direct result of the assistance, observations skills, & dedicated help of Cheverly residents. Behind the closure of every major crime or string of crimes in Cheverly was a resident who contributed to that closure in some significant way. Over 50 residents are now members of the Cheverly Watch radio program, over a 100 more are C-PACT participants, & 100’s more thought enough of their community to regularly report suspicious persons, vehicles, & circumstances to the CPD. Community policing partnerships are alive & prospering in Cheverly!

C-PACT/CHEVERLY WATCH RESIDENT RADIO PROGRAM MEETING – There will be a joint meeting of C-PACT (Cheverly – Citizens and Police Together), Cheverly’s Neighborhood Watch Organization, and the Cheverly Watch Resident Radio Program on Wednesday, February 8, 2012, at 7:00 PM in the Police Department Conference Room.

MOVIE NIGHT FOR THE KIDS – CPD officers and C-PACT members are planning a Movie Night(s) for Cheverly elementary aged kids for the very near future. More than one may be necessary dependent on attendance. The theme of this event will be talking to kids about the danger of bullying and other public safety topics. There will plenty of food and drink, popcorn and other theatre treats, and the movies will a number of short films designed to be fun and enjoyable. Look to obtain your free tickets in the near future as exact information will be forthcoming.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS –

Police Emergency	9-1-1
Nonemergency Calls for Dispatch	(301) 352-1200
Cheverly Police	(301) 341-1055
Cheverly Police Facsimile	(301) 341-0176
Cheverly Photo Enforcement	(240) 770-7641
P. G. Towing (Towing Vendor)	(301) 220-1170
Cheverly Investigators	(301) 789-5090
	(301) 789-8551
	(301) 852-8457
Cheverly Traffic Officer	(301) 789-7743

Crime Report for December 2011 (All Addresses Are in Hundred Blocks)

Total Arrests for the Month: 21
Total Traffic for the Month: 444
Total Crime (Difference, YTD 2010-2011): -10%

12-09-11	1700 Hrs	5800 Carlyle Street	B&E/Residential
12-10-11	1532 Hrs	2800 Cheverly Ave	Assault
12-11-11	1200 Hrs	5800 Landover Rd	Theft
12-11-11	1845 Hrs	5600 Oak Street	Attempt Robbery
12-15-11	0848 Hrs	5800 Annapolis Rd	Stolen Auto
12-17-11	0020 Hrs	6500 Oak Street	Stolen Auto
12-18-11	0515 Hrs	Lydell & Schuster Dr	Vandalism
12-19-11	2024 Hrs	3000 Crest Avenue	B&E/Residential
12-20-11	2125 Hrs	5800 Annapolis Rd	Robbery
12-22-11	0757 Hrs	6300 Landover Rd	Theft
12-22-11	0900 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Vandalism
12-22-11	0900 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Vandalism
12-22-11	0900 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Vandalism
12-22-11	0900 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Vandalism
12-30-11	0954 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Assault (Arrest)
12-30-11	1136 Hrs	6000 State Street	Theft

Need help with YARD WORK? To assist our elderly, and other residents who need help with yard work, Cheverly maintains this list of teenagers who are interested in being hired for raking leaves, shoveling snow.

- 301-775-3949 Patrick Doherty
- 301-773-0635 Nicholas Lal
- 301-864-0735 Malik or Tyriq McAdoo
- 240-478-4622 Xavier Pinkney
- 301-322-4952 Max or Jake Allegro
- 301-341-2471 James Porcari
- 301-537-6819 John Pooley
- 240-770-8166 Byron Bamibade
- 301-583-1028 Xavier Milam
- 301-386-0049 Andrew Teel
- 301-322-1075 Dorian Dixon
- 301-772-6596 Ben Hartmann
- 301-772-6028 Andrew or Ashley Priest
- 301-773-6863 Emmanuel Mitchell
- 301-772-0110 Jack Alkire
- 301-322-8686 Miles Ward
- 240-422-5025 Victor Ojo
- 301-322-7930 Dangelo Roscoe



Cheverly teenagers can call the town office at 773-2666 if they wish to add their names to this list.

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

- MON Town Wide YARD WASTE**
- MON East side Regular Garbage Pickup only**
- TUE West side Regular Garbage Pickup only**
- WED Town wide RECYCLING (blue or yellow bins)**
- THU East side Garbage & SPECIAL TRASH (at curb)**
- FRI West side Garbage & SPECIAL TRASH (at curb)**

Residents should place trash at the curb after 7:00 PM the day before pickup. Trash must be placed in cans with tight fitting lids to ward off rodents.

BAMBOO is picked up on Thur or Fri w/special trash (cut into 4' lengths, tied & bundled)

ELECTRONICS are picked up on Wed. w/your recycling. (TV's any size, computers (remove hard drive), monitors, keyboards, etc.)

APPLIANCES - Washers, Dryers, Stoves, Dishwashers, Refrigerators/Freezers (remove doors), Microwaves (any size) and Air Conditioners (any size). \$20 fee for removal, contact PW office for schedule 301-773-2666

HOLIDAYS? Public Works crews DO NOT work on holidays. Collections on holidays are **CANCELLED**.

LEAF COLLECTION

- Feb. 2 Tremont Ave 2900-3399
- Carlyle St 5700-5899
- Crest Ave. 2500-2899
- Dewey St. 5800-5899
- 57th Ave. 2500-2699
- Feb. 3 Euclid St. 5700-5799
- Forest Road 5700-5799
- Greenleaf Rd 5600-5699
- Greenleaf Rd 5701-5899 (odd)
- Hawthorne St 5600-5699
- 56th Place 2900-2999
- Feb. 7 Bellevue Ave 2300-2398 (even)
- Benton Rd 5900-5999
- Euclid St. 5901-6099
- Lake Ave. 2300-2599
- Feb. 9 Bellevue Ave 2301-2399 (odd)
- Valley Way 2400-2800
- 59th Ave. 2410-2421
- 59th Pl. 2400-2499
- Feb 10 Cheverly Ave 2801-3599 (odd)
- Forest Road 6100-6298 (even)
- Feb 14 Inwood St. 6100-6299
- Kilmer St. 6100-6299
- Landover Rd 6101-6299 (odd)
- Laurel Ave. 2800-3499
- Monroe St. 6200-6299
- Feb. 21-Feb 24 - Entire Town



President's Day

Monday, February 20th
Offices Closed No Trash Pickup



2012 Residential Parking Permits

REMINDER: If you have not renewed your parking sticker yet, please do so as soon as possible to avoid parking tickets. The 2012 stickers are available at the **POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

Bring your current REGISTRATION. Your car must be registered at your Cheverly address. **The parking stickers cost \$2.**

See list below for restricted parking zones in Cheverly.

ZONE	STREET	BLOCKS
1	61st Ave.	1700, 1800
	62nd Ave.	1700, 1800
	64th Ave.	1800
	State Street	ALL
2	Cheverly Ave.	2600
	Euclid St.	6000
3	Cheverly Ave.	2200, 2300, 2400
4	Arbor St.	ALL
	Crestlawn	ALL
	Parkway	2200, 2300
5	Belleview	2300
6	Lake Ave.	2300, 2400, 2500
	Benton Road	ALL
7	Valleyway	2400
8	Belleview	3300
	Jason	5600
	Lockwood Rd.	5600, 5700, 5900
	Medical Terrace	5900
	Tremont	3200, 3300
SR	Cheverly Ave.	2200-east side *

*SR: The odd side of the 2200 Block of Cheverly Ave [This permit will only be issued to senior citizens 65 years of age or older. This will allow you to park your car in this area in order to utilize Metro].

Residential Parking Permits will cost \$2 per vehicle, and should be displayed on the back left bumper area. In order to obtain a Permit, you must bring your Vehicle Registration with you to the Photo Enforcement Unit in order to register your vehicle. One Guest Parking Permit will be allowed per residence at no cost. If you should need an additional guest parking permit, the cost will be \$2 for each additional Guest Parking Permit. The Guest Parking Permit shall be displayed on the Rear View mirror and should be displayed so that all information is facing outward.

If you are a Senior Resident (65 years of age or older) and you live in one of the above-noted zones, you must obtain a Residential Parking Permit for your zone. If you would also like a Permit to park in the 2200 Block of Cheverly Avenue to access Metro, you must have a "SR" Permit as well. Both should be displayed next to each other on the back left bumper.

Citations may be issued to any resident not in compliance. Town Code 27-5.1: "Residential Zone Parking" mandates all vehicles in the above-noted zones have a Residential Parking Permit.

If you should have any questions, please contact PFC Kruger in the Photo Enforcement Unit at 240-770-7641.

BUT, I WAS MAKING A RIGHT TURN

Beginning in December 2011, Cheverly began issuing Red Traffic Signal Photo Enforcement Citations to motorists who fail to stop prior to making a Right Turn on Red at the intersection of Landover Road (MD202) & Kilmer Street. Many motorists have been issued citations for failing to stop for the Red Traffic Signal when making a right turn on red.

Maryland Motor Vehicle Law §21.202: Steady Indication Traffic Lights (h)(1)(i) Vehicular Traffic Shall Stop at the Near Side of the intersection.

1. *At a clearly marked stop line;*
2. *If there is no clearly marked stop line, before entering any crosswalk; or*
3. *If there is no crosswalk, before entering the intersection. (i): Unless a sign prohibiting a turn is in place, vehicular traffic facing a steady red signal, after stopping as required by subsection (h) of this section, cautiously may enter the intersection and make the turn indicated by the sign. (j): If a sign permitting any other turn is in place, vehicular traffic facing a steady red signal, after stopping as required by subsection (h) of this section, cautiously may enter the intersection and make the turn indicated by the sign. (k) In each instance, vehicular traffic described in subsections (i) and (j) of this section shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching on another roadway so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard.*

Many motorists are driving through the Red Traffic Signal without regard for pedestrians who may be walking in the crosswalk. Many motorists believe the following are excuses for contesting these citations:

1. There is not a sign “No Turn on Red”
2. “I made a legal right turn”
3. “I turned right to go home”
4. “No Sign”
5. “Right Hand Turn at Light”

Motorists are NOT getting a citation BECAUSE he or she turned right—the motorist is getting a citation FOR FAILING TO STOP FOR A RED TRAFFIC SIGNAL. Vehicles MUST come to a complete stop on a Red Traffic Signal PRIOR to the first STOP BAR/LINE before making a right turn.

If a motorist has received a Red Traffic Signal violation, it is strongly urged you visit the website at www.violationinfo.com. Enter your Citation number and your PIN to view images of the violation, as well as a video of each event. The video will be used as evidence in court.

The images all contain crucial information on the data bar atop each image.

1. For example the first image denotes a close-up of the violator’s tag number.
2. The second image shows the vehicle’s speed as it traveled through the Red Traffic Signal; the time of violation; the date of violation; location code; duration of Amber light; Duration of Time Into Red Signal; Violation Number; Speed Limit and Lane Position. ***The second image does not depict the vehicle as being stopped. It merely depicts the placement of the vehicle’s front tires at the time the light was red.*** If the light has turned red and the vehicle’s front tires are prior to the first stop bar/line, the event is captured. **No images/violations are captured for vehicles traveling through a green or amber light.**

3. The third image depicts the placement of the vehicle’s back tires. Once all four tires have crossed the first stop bar/line, that motorist has then illegally driven through the red traffic signal, even if the vehicle has stopped in the crosswalk or is making a right turn. Please be aware that a motorist **MUST** stop prior to the first stop bar/line, which is the line preceding the crosswalk. The crosswalk is delineated by two additional white lines.

If there are any further questions, please contact the Photo Enforcement Unit at 240-770-7641.

BUT, I WAS MAKING A RIGHT TURN. .



**WEST/NORTHBOUND LANDOVER ROAD (MD202)
@ KILMER STREET:**



SAFETY REMINDER: We ask residents to remember that your neighbors who walk to Metro, or children walking to school, and the hard working Mail Carriers are exposed to dangerous conditions when sidewalks are not cleared in a timely manner. Failure to comply with Town Code could result in fines.

TRASH PICKUP ADJUSTMENTS DUE TO WINTER STORMS:

- * When weather makes it unsafe to operate the trash trucks on the street, collection may be temporarily suspended.

Back or side door pickups WILL NOT be made when snow conditions prevail. Please bring your trash to the curb.



Community Bulletin Board

Support your New year's resolution! Cheverly Adult Basketball is always open for 35 and over residents interested in basketball. Pickup games take place Monday nights from 8:00-10:00 PM in Cheverly Town Center. For information, drop in on Mondays or contact the group at [<mailto:cheverly-adult-basketball@googlegroups.com>] cheverly-adult-basketball@googlegroups.com]

The REC Council is sponsoring a **ZUMBA** class @ Judith P. Hoyer School. Classes will be held EVERY Wed @ 4pm . The cost is \$50 (Residents of PG & Mont. Counties) & \$60 (outside of those counties). You can register a few different ways:

1.) With your Smartlink Account; Go to Community Ctr. (CC) to register paying cash or credit card; Register online at www.pgparcs.com (up until the startdate of class); Call a CC or the Help desk (301-699-2255) paying w/ credit card.

2.) Without a Smartlink Account; Go to a CC w/ a valid photo ID w/ current address or bring a copy of a lease or utility bill w/ current address & photo ID. They will make the patron a smartlink account & will then be able to register them for the course. The barcodes you will need to register are as follows: -

Feb. 1-March 21st - **787166**, April 1-May - **87168**

Instructor: Monique Tyes

www.pagirl4ever.jimdo.com

www.facebook.com/ZumbaDivaM

REMEMBER - FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

You are invited to our annual Black History/Peace Celebration, Thursday, Feb. 9, 6:30 PM American Legion. Entertainment for the Entire Family (all ages). Share what you do for Peace. Free dinner, bring a dish. RSVP HELPFUL JOYCELANG@VERIZON.NET

CHV Prom 2012 - Save the date! This year's CHV Prom will be held on Friday, May 11 from 8:00 pm – 12:00 am. Tickets for this annual sell out event will go on sale Monday, April 2. Further details will be in next month's newsletter. Please contact Emily Tevault at emilytevault@verizon.net if you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to assist with planning, set-up, or clean-up.

GARDEN CLUB—Even though it has turned a bit colder...gardeners are always thinking SPRING. For your plantings to produce their best they must be pruned at the best time for them. Gene Sumai, our genius from Homestead Gardens will be speaking on February 19 at 7:00PM on the fourth floor of the Cheverly United Methodist Church. This is an invitation to bring your questions and your tools and the name of the plantings you are interested in pruning. It is easy to prune when the weather is saying Spring but you may have already missed the correct timing. Gene is sought after by many groups and WE HAVE HIM right here in Cheverly. Free and friendly. **MARCH 8, A TRIP IS PLANNED BY THE DISTRICT 1 GARDEN CLUBS** to Philadelphia for the Flower Show. Bus leaves 8:00AM from the Cheverly UM parking lot.....Bring your coffee....donuts will be served....Entrance to show for 5 hours....you buy we store on bus....a Box Supper on the way back with snacks and drinks and wine. Be home by 8:00PM...NO TOLLS, DRIVING OR PARKING CONCERNS...just re lax... Cost is \$85.00...Contact David Healy at davidhealy@dcaccess.net or Ann Gardenhour at Acgardenh@aol.com.....we beat the Smithsonian with an identical trip by \$35.00 ...everyone and their friends are invited.....GOING TO HAWAII is the theme... Ann Gardenhour, 301- 773-1991/301-807-1830

CHEVERLY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Parents, we are rapidly approaching the new baseball season for 2012! For those of you who have participated in the past and those who are new to baseball in general, please take the time to check out our baseball blog site at: www.cheverlybaseball.org

We will begin to update the blog site with new information about the upcoming year and player registration. Hope to see you on the field this year!

Cheverly Working Moms will be meeting for a Mother's Night Out at Bus Boys and Poets Saturday, Feb. 11th at 8pm for drinks and desserts (5331 Baltimore Ave. Suite 104, Hyattsville). Everyone is welcome! We will be holding Sunday playgroup on Feb 26th from 9:30-11:00am at the Cheverly town center. For more information please go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CheverlyWorkingMoms/>

Community Bulletin Board

Cheverly Advocates for Public Schools

(CAPS) - Thank you to everyone who attended our 4th Annual Cheverly Schools Fair in Jan. Special thanks to Cheverly American Legion for hosting us that evening. CAPS is sponsoring a breakfast discussion with parents of current Gladys Noon Spellman Elementary students on Sat, Feb 25, from 9:30-11am. The event will be hosted by Micah Watson & Kim Vitelli at 2403 59th Place. All are welcome to come, learn more about our local public elementary school from several parents whose children are currently attending Spellman. This will be an informal discussion and you'll have the opportunity to ask questions. Light breakfast and coffee will be provided. We'll also have free child care but we ask that you RSVP so we can be sure to have enough sitters. RSVP to Jen Eldridge at jalleneldridge@yahoo.com or 301-773-7828

Save the Date for a District 4 Board of Education Candidate Forum sponsored by CAPS and Progressive Cheverly on Thursday, March 1, at 7pm at JP Hoyer Montessori School. The primary election is fast-approaching on Tuesday, April 3, 2012. Cheverly's representative on the Board of Education is up for election. This is your opportunity to meet and hear from the candidates who are vying to represent us on the Prince George's County Board of Education for the next four years. Please watch the town listservs for more information.

COMPOST BINS FOR \$20 – ORDER NOW FOR SPRING

SoilSaver compost bins may be ordered by Cheverly residents by sending an e-mail to Doug Alexander at dalexander@nieinstitute.org (call 301-773-2082 only if you don't have e-mail). Send your full contact information. The cost is only \$20 (reg. price up to \$99 at Amazon & other retailers). Payment can be made early spring when the bins will be purchased for you to pick up. A Town of Cheverly Grant helps reduce the cost.

This is a comprehensive plan to encourage all residents to compost. The Composting Program has already reduced Town tipping fees and improved overall waste management. You'll produce great compost to amend your garden, bushes, and lawn. The goal is to place 400 bins over 3-years (160 placed so far) that will save the Town over \$56,000 in tipping fees over the next 10-years

GNS PTA Update. Join us at our next PTA Meeting! Everyone is welcome to attend. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 7 from 6:30-8:00pm in the GNS Multipurpose Room. Come and learn more what's going on at GNS, meet other GNS families, and learn simple ways to get involved. As always, there will be free dinner, free babysitting, and everyone who attends has the chance to win a \$25 ALDI gift card!

Do you have time to volunteer? To learn about easy and fun ways to make a really big difference for the students at your neighborhood public elementary school, contact GNS PTA President Aimee Olivo at 202-210-0380 or aimeeolivo@gmail.com.

The GNS PTA is seeking partnerships with stores and restaurants to help us meet our goal of providing free dinner at PTA meetings, as well as food and other items for PTA-hosted events. If you are a business owner, or if you work for a business that might want to partner with the GNS PTA, contact GNS PTA Co-Vice President Jen Eldridge at jalleneldridge@yahoo.com or 240-271-9737.

Vine Corps is hosting weekly EVENING STUDY HALL sessions for High School Students (now through the end of the school year):

MONDAYS, 6:00 – 9:30 p.m. at the Cheverly United Methodist Church

WEDNESDAYS, 6:00 – 9:30 p.m. at the Cheverly Community Center.

Space is currently available. Youth do homework, study, prepare for exams and standardized tests (SAT, ACT), improve academic skills, and work on applications (for schools, financial aid, employment, programs, etc.). Adults are available to help students as needed to do a good job with their work. Our approach is to offer personally-tailored guidance and support to youth in identifying priorities, setting education- and employment-related goals, and honoring the commitments necessary to achieve those goals.

Vine Corps will continue periodic community service, social and recreational activities as well — check out our Facebook page for more information and updates.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! to serve as Homework Tutors & Learning Coaches for local teens. Hour-and-a-half weekly commitment. Training and direct support provided. Please contact Chris Dwyer ([301-602-4315](tel:301-602-4315); chris@vinecorps.org), or just come by to visit us!

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CHEVERLY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TALENT SHOW—February 10, 2012 at 7:30 pm
Please plan to attend this very entertaining evening. Come and be amazed at all of the talent we have in Cheverly; singers, dancers, comedians, and much more! Tickets are \$5.00 per person, children 10 and under are free. Refreshments after the show will be served. All those interested in performing, please contact either Becky Virta (301-773-4922) or Cathy Smith (301-386-4394).

Mardi Gras Celebration - A combined Youth activity with CUMC and St. Ambrose Church Saturday, February 18, 2012 6:00 – 9:00 AM at Fannon Hall w/Fun, Games, Mask's & Food. All Youth are Welcome!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30 - 7:30pm
Tickets Adults \$6:00, Children 4 - 10 yrs old \$4.00 - Children 3 and under are free. Fogle Hall - Cheverly United Methodist Church . Bring your family and invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome

Children's Church (for children age 4 to 12 years) meets on Sundays, from 10:20 to 11:10 a.m. at Cheverly United Methodist Church., featuring bible stories, songs, games and crafts. For more information, call the church at 301-773-1314 or email Children@CheverlyUMC.org.

Join your friendly neighborhood environmental group, **Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek**, on Saturday, February 25 between 9 am and noon for our monthly Work Party. We will work on trail maintenance and removing invasive plants. We'll meet at the Arbor Street entrance to the trail. (Directions: From the 7-11, go down Cheverly Avenue and make your first right onto Arbor Street. At the end of the block, you'll see the entrance to the trail on your right.) However, if you make a mistake and go to the Woodworth Park entrance to the trail, there will be a sign re-directing you. Tools, gloves, snacks, and water will be provided. As always, school community service hours are available. Hope to see you there! For more information, contact Joani Horchler at horcpool97@aol.com or at 301-322-2620 or cell 301-802-7445

Cub Scouts would like to thank you for supporting their popcorn fund raising. 2012 will be packed with activities like the Pinewood Derby Racing, Music Workshop, Orienteering, Fishing, camping and Community Service projects like the Woodworth trail. To join us call David Abram at 202-744-7100.

Progressive Cheverly - Thursday, Feb. 2nd, 7:00pm. Forum: **What should Cheverly look like in 20 years, and what is "land use" anyway?** Come bring your ideas for the future of Cheverly and learn the importance of land use policy to that vision. Speakers: Cheverly Vice Mayor R.J. Eldridge, Cheverly Planning Board Chair Jeremy Coon and Planning Board member Margaret MacDonnell. Hoyer Early Childhood Center.

Monday, February 27, 5:30 pm. **Progressive Cheverly 3rd Annual Lobby Night in Annapolis.** Have an opportunity to sit directly with your legislators to discuss key issues facing the General Assembly and support Progressive Cheverly's priority initiatives. Car pooling available. More info: Amel Anderson at a.anderson7@verizon.net or Paul Thompson at prthomps1@verizon.net.

Thursday, March 1, 7:00 pm. **Candidate Forum: Board of Education - Meet the candidates to represent District 4**, which includes Cheverly, on the Board of Education. Invited: Incumbent Patricia Eubanks and challengers Dennis Smith, Sandy Vaughns, Joseph Kitchen and, former Cheverly Councilmember, Micah Watson. Hoyer Early Childhood Center. For more information, contact the Co-Chair at chair@progressivecheverly.org, visit us on Facebook, or visit www.progressivecheverly.org.

As we all recover from the hectic pace of the holidays, work on keeping our new year's resolutions, plan our spring gardens (thank you, seed catalogs!) and get comfortable with 2012, **Cheverly Community Market** is hard at work planning its 2012 season. We have a lot of new things in store for the coming season, and can't wait to share them all with you! We are very happy to announce that long-time Cheverly resident and community volunteer Liz O'Leary will be taking on duties as Market Manager. Liz and her family are very active in Cheverly activities, and she and her husband, Pat, are both fantastic cooks who care a great deal about food and wine. Please help us welcome Liz! Jot down our 2012 Market dates in your calendar – we're counting the days until May and our first Market of the season. Remember, unless otherwise noted, Cheverly Community Market runs 8:00am to noon at the Cheverly Community Center.

2012 MARKET DATES

May 19 -- June 2, 16, 30 -- July 14, 28 -- August 11, 25 -- September 8, 22 -- October 6, 20 November 17 Thanksgiving Market) -- December 8 (Holiday Market). We will be opening the vendor application process and sharing other important information very soon. Please visit our blog (www.cheverlycommunitymarket.blogspot.com) for application information and up-to-the-minute news, as well as profiles of vendors, recipes, photos from past seasons, and more. We'll see you soon at Cheverly Community Market!

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Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee Monthly Meeting - Monday, February 6, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Cheverly Community Center, Monthly meeting on Green Plan implementation, including Sustainable Maryland certification. For more information visit the Green Plan website at www.GreenCheverly.org.

Upcoming Events: Mark your calendar for the next Green Infrastructure Committee meeting, which will be held on Monday, March 5.

For details on the Cheverly Green Plan and more easy ways that you can make a difference at home and in our community, visit the Green Plan website at www.GreenCheverly.org.

St. Ambrose Casino Night. February 4, 2012 in Fannon Hall from 7pm-12 midnight Tickets \$40 per person (adults only) For more info please contact daryll_butler@ao.uscourts.gov or Marcus Smith at mvplsmith@msn.com You may contact the school to purchase tickets.

Cheverly Parents Resource Center (CPRC)

The winter season is in full swing and dancing is a good way to warm up from the cold outside. Join CPRC for our **Family Dance** on Friday, February 10th. **The venue has changed.** We will now be jamming to music via professional DJ at the Cheverly Community Center from 5:00pm to 7:30pm. There will be food and fun for the entire family to enjoy! For more information, contact Liz Esposito (events@cheverlyparent.org) or Heather Carney (equipment@cheverlyparent.org).

Also, stay tuned for a “mommy/daddy and me” sign language class coming soon. You will learn how to communicate with your baby during his or her pre-verbal stage. You can still join us every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for morning playgroup this winter at the Cheverly Community Center from 9:30am until 11:30am. CPRC does not host winter playgroup on holidays when the town offices are closed.

Log on to www.cheverlyparent.org or visit us on Facebook at CPRC.

Town Meeting broadcast LIVE on Cable 71 & Fios 35. Rebroadcast everyday at 9 AM, Noon, & 10 PM.

ACTIONS TAKEN

Votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Town Meeting - December 8, 2011

- Motion CM Riazi to excuse CM Eldridge. Seconded CM Coolen. Approved 4-0.
- Motion CM Coolen to adopt O-8-11 amended spillage of materials on Town Streets. Seconded CM Riazi. Approved 4-0.

Town Meeting - January 12, 2012

- Motion CM Coolen to excuse CM Thorpe & CM Riazi. Seconded by CM Cook. Approved 4-0. Mayor Cast fourth affirmative vote
- Motion CM Eldridge to approve the letter regarding the Monroe Garden site Plan. Seconded CM Coolen.
- Motion Cm Cook to concur & endorse conceptually a letter regarding the MTA/CSX widening. Seconded CM Eldridge. Approved. 4-0. Mayor cast fourth affirmative vote.
- Motion Cm Coolen to send Version 2 of the letter that the Town oppose the Variance, but to allow the existing structures and oppose the new structure. Seconded CM Cook. Approved 4-0. Mayor cast fourth affirmative vote.

TENTATIVE AGENDAS

Town Meeting - February 9, 2012

Worksession - February 23, 2012

2011 HOLIDAY HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

“BEST IN TOWN”

3100 Belleview	Best Block
3306 Belleview	Best Audio
5807 Carlyle	Best Animated
3402 Cheverly Ave	Most Effort
2804 Crest	Best use of Greenery
3001 Crest	Class Holiday Theme
5715 Crest	Children's Favorite
5834 Crest	Best Use of Red Lights
6007 Euclid	Pepco's Favorite
6412 Forest Rd	Class Display
5606 Greenleaf	Most Contemporary
5601 Greenleaf	Most Modern
2917 Hillside Ave	Great Light Display
3013 Lake	Most Traditional
6511 Landover Rd	Best Balcony (3rd Floor)
3404 Laurel	Kid Friendly
5600 Lockwood	Best Snowman on Corner
5716 Lockwood	Most use of Wind Machines
3009 Parkway	Most Animated
3205 Tremont	Best Winter Scene
2529 Wayne Pl	Most Creative
2410 59th Ave.	Most Creative

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Police Admin & Code Enforcement	301-341-1055
Public Works (M-F: 7:30-4)	301-773-2666
Maryland Relay	711
FAX	301-773-0173
If you need a Police Officer call:	301-352-1200

WEB SITE: www.cheverly-md.gov

Email "[Contact The Town](#)" button at the Website

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Meetings & Events

GOVERNMENT EVENT SCHEDULE

Thur	Feb 9	8:00 PM	TOWN MEETING
Mon	Feb 20	PRESIDENT'S DAY—Offices closed	
Thur	Feb 23	7:30 PM	WORKSESSION
Tues	Feb 28	7:00 PM	REC Council Meeting

Note: When schools close due to inclement weather, the gym and Community Center are closed as well

- Mayor's FYI
- Police Chief's Message
- Holiday Decorating contest Results
- 2012 Residential Parking Permit Info & Right Turn on Red
- Monthly recycling Data
- February Leaf Collection Dates
- Need Help with Shoveling Snow? Teen numbers

COMMUNITY EVENT SCHEDULE

- Adult Basketball Info.
- Zumba Class Info.
- Black History/Peace Celebration—Feb. 9
- Garden Club - Feb. 19 - Gene Sumair speaker
- Boys & Girls Club baseball update
- Working Moms Night Out—Feb. 11
- CAPS discussion - Feb. 25
- Compost Bin Ordering—\$20
- GNS PTA Meeting - Feb. 7
- Vine Corps - Evening Study Hall
- CUMC - Talent Show-Feb 10, Madi Gras-Feb 18
- Progressive Cheverly - Feb 2 Forum, Feb. 27 Lobby night
- Friends of Lower Beaverdam—Feb. 25
- Cheverly Market dates for Farmers Market
- Infrastructure Meeting—Feb. 6
- St. Ambrose Casino Night—Feb. 4