



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

By 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 Day Is Coming May12th: Hey folks mark your calendar because Cheverly Day is near. Cheverly Day will feature Fireworks, The ChvProm, The Main Stage, Laser Tag, The Midway, The East-West Softball Game, Horseshoes, The Cicada Crunch 5K Race and more. Remember Cheverly Day is your day, so if you would like to start a new tradition contact the Cheverly Day Committee.

Abel Olivo is starting a new tradition this year. He is creating a program called "From Couch to 5K in Ten Weeks". This program is designed to get everybody ready for the Cicada Crunch. Check out the Cheverly Day item inside the Newsletter for more information.

FY 2013 Budget Brings Challenges: In the February FYI, I dedicated a lot of ink to the dramatic decreases residents have witnessed in their property tax assessments and the implications to the town's budget. If you missed the February Newsletter please read it on-line at www.cheverly-md.gov or come by Town Hall to pick up a copy.

We have received the official property tax numbers from the State's Tax Assessment Office and they reflect a 22% decrease in our property tax revenue which translates to a 13% decrease in our total revenue.

FY 2012 Property Tax Revenue:	\$3,047,502
FY 2013 Property Tax Revenue	\$2,376,024
Net Decrease in Revenue:	- 671,478

Keep in mind that these property assessments will be in place until FY2015 when homes in Cheverly will be re-assessed. Therefore the \$671,478 decrease occurs in each

of the next three years, tripling the impact and creating a two million dollar revenue gap.

Here are some factors the Town Council will consider, as it assembles the budget for FY2013, all numbers are estimates at this point in the process.

- ✓ Revenue from Property Taxes decreases by \$671,000 (\$2M over three years)
- ✓ Revenue from Tangible Personal Property Tax (business taxes) will stay constant or decrease.
- ✓ Revenue from state sources (Highway Revenue and Public Safety) will decrease.
- ✓ Operating costs for personnel (the largest part of our budget) tends to increase 4 to 7% a year due to Cost of Living, Health Insurance and Retirement increases.
- ✓ If the tax rate remains at 48 cents the average home owner would save \$300 in taxes.
- ✓ Every 1 cent increase in the property tax rate creates \$50,000 in revenue.
- ✓ There are approximately 1,600 homes in Cheverly that contribute about 85% percent of the total property taxes.
- ✓ Cheverly has an expected 700K to 800K fund balance to assist in offsetting the property tax decrease.

Cheverly's Current Value Proposition: I sometimes hear neighbors mention "it is already expensive to live in Cheverly". As you should know a Cheverly resident pays a tax rate of 1.28 per hundred dollars of assessed value (comprised of a county tax of 80.1 cents and a Cheverly tax of 48 cents), while a county resident only pays a 96 cent tax rate. Therefore most Cheverly residents believe they are paying an additional 32 cents to live in Cheverly.

Mayor's FYI cont'd

However, you have to take a closer look, because Cheverly residents don't pay trash and recycling fees that county residents pay. The example below shows that a Cheverly resident living in a home with an assessed value of \$200,000 pays only \$265 more (or about 13 cents per hundred) compared to a normal county resident.

I think we can all agree that our town services are outstanding and are worth significantly more than \$265. That additional \$265 pays for 24 hour Police Protection, Twice Weekly Trash Collection, Recycling, Heavy Trash Pick-up, Leaf Vacuuming, Town Newsletter and many other services.

Tax or Fee:	County		Cheverly	
	Rate	Tax	Rate	Tax
County Property	.96	\$1,920	.801	\$1,602
Cheverly property	.00	\$ 0	.48	\$ 960
State Property	.12	\$ 224	.12	\$ 224
Park & Planning	.279	\$ 558	.279	\$ 558
County Stormwater	.012	\$ 24	.012	\$ 24
Transit Tax	.026	\$ 52	.026	\$ 52
County Trash Fee		\$ 327		\$ 0
County Recycle Fee		\$ 50		\$ 00
Total Taxes:		\$3,155		\$3,420

Is a Tax Rate Increase being considered? The Town Council will not consider the budget in detail until April when the budget is officially submitted. However, given the severity of the reductions in Property Tax revenues it stands to reason that tax rates will have to be considered if we plan to continue supporting town services at their current levels. *Please note that an increase in the property tax rate – should not increase the total amount of taxes you will owe. The example below shows a 10 cent tax rate increase to make this point. Note that the “total tax bill” decreased by \$16 in spite of the 10 cent increase.*

	2010	2013
Assessed Value	\$ 245,000	\$ 200,000
Chv Tax Rate:	.48	.58
Total Tax:	\$ 1,176	\$ 1,160

Montessori Program Leaving Judith P Hoyer: Five years ago the County School System planned to close the Judith P Hoyer School on Belleview Avenue. At the time the Town Council worked diligently to keep it open and convinced the county to move a Montessori Program to the building. Unfortunately the building's facilities are not able to support a Montessori Junior High Program, so the program is being transferred out of town. This move is very positive for the parents at the school because their children will have a place to attend 7th and 8th grade. Unfortunately, Cheverly once again faces uncertainty re-

garding the future of the building. On February 14th I met with Superintendent Hite to discuss the county's plans for the building. He was emphatic that the building would remain open and outlined three different alternatives being considered. Dr Hite promised to work with the town as they continued their process.

There will be more on this topic as we move forward.

Envision Cheverly / Route 202 Corridor Plan: The Cheverly Planning Board continues its efforts to develop a document that outlines the issues and desires of the Cheverly Community regarding economic development in the area. Over 150 residents completed their survey during December and January and the results will soon be forthcoming. These results will be compiled and then presented in a workshop that will be scheduled at Town Hall.

It is hoped that the Envision Cheverly process will assist the Planning Board and Town Council as it participates with neighboring communities on the upcoming Route 202 Corridor Plan. The focus of the 202 Corridor Plan is to build a zoning and transportation (Auto, Bike and Pedestrian) plan that establishes a blue print for future development in the area. A key focus of the plan is the Landover Metro station. This station is viewed as a key lever to drive improvement along the entire Route 202 Corridor. The Landover Metro station has a unique location featuring Route 202, Route 50 and significant available land. Please subscribe to Cheverly News and Announcements to learn of meeting times and dates: <http://www.cheverly-md.gov/subscriber>. The first Meeting is scheduled for March 8th at the Prince Georges County Ball Room.

Recycling in Cheverly: About once a year questions arise regarding the recycling program in Cheverly. Many folks want to know why Cheverly's program does not mirror the county's program or why recycling only gets picked up once a week.

In an effort to provide a cost efficient program, Cheverly utilizes its own personnel and equipment to collect recycling from the curb. We have never outfitted our trucks with the expensive automatic equipment that county trucks have that can lift a 64 gallon can. The Town Council has considered this option in recent budget cycles but the cost of outfitting the trucks and resupplying new recycling buckets is prohibitive. Since we do not have automated loaders, it is important that residents do not use overly large containers for their recycling. Lifting large containers is difficult and can cause injury to our public works employees.

Therefore we ask that residents continue to use the buckets supplied by the town or other similar sized containers. Many residents smartly use cardboard boxes or clear plastic bags for this purpose.

Many residents also want to know why we don't change our pickup cycle to accommodate two recycling days, by reducing one trash pickup. Cheverly has made great strides in recycling and composting, however recycling represented only 28% (by weight) of our trash collection in 2011. We have yet to hit the tipping point where it is feasible to have two recycling pick-ups.

Lastly, folks ask if Cheverly "makes money" by recycling. The town collects no revenue from its efforts to recycle. However we do avoid costs. The town recycled over 531 tons of material last year. If this material were included in our regular trash stream we would have paid an additional \$25,000 in tipping fees at the county trash facility.

Couple of other tidbits:

- ✓ Thrift stores and charitable organizations are always willing to accept large furniture items. Donating these items removes heavy loads from our waste streams saves tax dollars.
- ✓ Buy a composter at the community market; removing compostable materials from the waste stream saves dollars.
- ✓ You can recycle electronic equipment by leaving it in a separate area on Wednesdays.

Pepco Reliability: The town has been actively communicating with Pepco regarding recent issues in reliability. While Cheverly has long struggled with Pepco outages, residents report a further decline in reliability since Oct.

Pepco has provided a detailed response to our questions which can be found on the "Town Letters" section of the website. In their response Pepco has committed to complete its plans to upgrade the feeder systems in Cheverly by the end of the second quarter. Key elements of the plan are to replace 7 transformers and over 80,000 feet of open wire. Pepco representatives have made it clear that many issues in Cheverly are caused by the age of our wires. Many of our wires have been spliced (for repair) multiple times and therefore are much more susceptible to failure.

We will continue our dialog with Pepco and hope to have them attend a televised Town Meeting in the 2nd quarter to answer the questions of our residents.

Stream Clean-up March 22nd: Once again Cheverly will host Students Today, Leaders Forever (STLF) and the Earth Conservation Corps as they visit Cheverly's Boyd Park and clean up Lower Beaverdam Creek on March 22nd. These organizations have visited Cheverly for the last seven years and typically pull at least three tons of trash and countless tires from our streams. Please stop by and lend a hand or just say thanks. It's great fun to see the students "rally in the park" at 9:00am just prior to attacking the stream. See you there! For more information see the

FLBC item inside the newsletter.

Cheverly mourns the loss of our good friends: During the first two months of 2012, Cheverly lost four long time friends and volunteers. Ralph "Junior" Vendemia, Tim Taylor, Michael "Whitey" Connors, and Marie Mudd Summers (former Town Employee). Each of these individuals contributed in their own unique way to the fabric of Cheverly. It is very sad to say goodbye to them, but we thank each of them for what they contributed to our town.

Scholarships are Available: Cheverly residents qualify for many local area scholarships, listed below are some of them. We will post information more information next month so stay tuned:

- ✓ Gladys Noon Spellman
- ✓ Prince George's County Municipal Association
- ✓ Association of Realtors David Maclin Scholarship
- ✓ District 47 Senator and Delegate Scholarships

CHEVERLY DAY SATURDAY May 12, 2012

**ChevProm
May 11, 2012
Tickets on sale soon**

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Recreation council will be held Saturday, April 7th at 11 am. Children from toddlers up to 9 years old are invited to visit with "The Easter Bunny". We will meet in the gym of the Community Center and then we'll go outside in age groups to look for Easter eggs. Please bring your own basket or bag to put your found eggs into. There will be goodies for all and a surprise too! There will be time before we go out looking for eggs for you parents to take pictures of you with the Easter Bunny.

Cheverly Day will be May 12th.

This year's theme for Cheverly Day is "Made in Cheverly, USA" and we are highlighting talented artisans in our community. There will be an art fair on the lawn in front of town hall for artisans and crafters and an exhibit of two dimensional art in the Community Center foyer.

If you have an art or a craft, from quilting, pottery, to bird houses or homemade jam, contact Pat Nelson activities@cheverlyday.org to sign up and reserve a space for the fair on the lawn.

Liz Lescault will curate the indoor exhibit of two dimensional artwork. If you are interested in participating in the foyer exhibit, please contact Liz Lescault lizlescault@gmail.com

If you wish to submit an advertisement for the Cheverly Day booklet please contact advertisements@cheverlyday.org. Visit www.cheverlyday.org for details. The deadline for submitting advertisements is March 22nd.

For information on the Cicada Crunch race contact 5krace@cheverlyday.org

For information on Cheverly Day entertainment contact entertainment@cheverlyday.org

For information on vending of food at Cheverly Day contact food@cheverlyday.org

Please consider making a donation to Cheverly Day. Donations can be made online at www.cheverlyday.org or by submitting a check payable to Cheverly Day Inc and mailed to 6401 Forest Road, Cheverly, MD, 20785. See you at Cheverly Day!

Get in shape to enter the Cicada Crunch 5K:

Have you ever wanted to run a road race but didn't know where to start? How about the Cicada Crunch 5K?. Never ran a race before? No problem. Join other aspiring runners in the Couch to 5k (C25K) ten week walk/run training program. Come join your friends and neighbors in the Cheverly Day Cicada Crunch 5K! Send an email to chevc25k@gmail.com to get signed up for the FREE training program. Training starts week of March 4 for the May 12 race. Race registration information will soon follow. Send questions to chevc25k@gmail.com.

The Cheverly RECREATION COUNCIL

is proud to sponsor the *John Dent Wilson College 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 information call Judy Deleonibus 301-386-4251 or judydeleon@aol.com



Cheverly RECREATION COUNCIL

The March meeting will be held Tuesday, March 27th at 7 pm in the conference room at the Community Center. We will discuss the Saturday April 7th Easter Egg Hunt and that we will need volunteers.

The SPRING FLEA MARKET sponsored by the Recreation Council, will be held on Saturday, April 14th from 9 am to 2 pm at the Community Center. Come rain or shine, it's held indoors! Tables are \$15 and reservations start Monday March 1st. Call Barbara 301-773-5883. There will be lots of great bargains, good food and wonderful baked goods.

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.

Arbor Day is scheduled for April 11th
Join Public Works to help plant a tree, contact PW for time and place.





Message from the Chief

Buddy Robshaw (policechief@cheverly-md.gov)

DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE RUNNING AND UNATTENDED: Over the last several months, there has been a dramatic rise in auto thefts in Cheverly and throughout the region. Auto theft is one of the few crimes to rise in numbers in 2011 in our Town and that trend appears to be continuing. While not all auto thefts can be prevented, the theft of unlocked vehicles with their engines running has become very popular regardless of whether the vehicle is standing on either public or private property. In Maryland, it is illegal to leave your engine running with the vehicle unattended on public property, even for a few minutes. Please take every precaution not to make auto theft so easy in Cheverly that the Town becomes a prime target for thieves.

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, March 14, 2012, at 7:00 PM in the Police Department Conference Room.

OVERTIME ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS - The Department participates in a number of overtime enforcement programs funded by the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA). Current programs include “Click It or Ticket” (seat belt enforcement), “Pedestrian Safety,” “D.U.I. Enforcement,” and “Smooth Operator” (aggressive driving). The Department maintains a zero-tolerance policy regarding seat belt violations and every seat belt violation requires the issuance of a citation (s) by a Cheverly officer. Please ensure that you and all of your vehicle’s passengers wear seat belts at all times.

WE NEED YOUR VEHICLE DONATIONS – Vehicle donations in 2011 enabled the Department to purchase Tasers, computers, firearms, and a brand new 2011 Ford Escape. The Escape is for administrative duties (in lieu of a more expensively equipped police vehicle) and is also used to tow the Department’s various law enforcement trailers. Wow!! In order to continue this trend toward purchasing new equipment, the Department needs more donated vehicles. In addition to selling these vehicles, the Department is also looking for surveillance vehicles to supplement its plainclothes operations in 2012. The biggest advantage to donating your vehicle to the Cheverly Police Department in lieu of a number of other worthy causes is that you can actually see your donation dollars at work.

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 January 2012 (All addresses Are in Hundred Blocks)

Total Arrests for the Month: 34
Total Traffic for the Month: 754

Total Crime (Difference, YTD 2010-2011): -10%

01-02-12	1030 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Vandalism
01-03-12	0730 Hrs	3300 Belleview Ave	Stolen Auto
01-04-12	1612 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Assault
01-05-12	1626 Hrs	6300 Landover Rd	Stolen Auto
01-06-12	0730 Hrs	3000 Belleview Ave	Stolen Auto
01-06-12	1643 Hrs	3200 Tremont Ave	Assault
01-07-12	1100 Hrs	6400 Forest Rd	Stolen Auto
01-07-12	1653 Hrs	2200 Cheverly Ave	Assault
01-11-12	2010 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft
01-11-12	0823 Hrs	6100 State Street	Stolen Auto
01-16-12	0651 Hrs	5800 Annapolis Rd	Robbery
01-16-12	1621 Hrs	5700 Newton St	B&E Residnl
01-18-12	1931 Hrs	6400 Landover Rd	B&E Residnl
01-19-12	0657 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Vandalism
01-19-12	0737 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft
01-19-12	0911 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Vandalism
01-22-12	1111 Hrs	5600 Greenleaf Rd	Vandalism
01-23-12	1040 Hrs	5600 Greenleaf Rd	Stolen Auto
01-26-12	0750 Hrs	2900 Hillside Ave	Stolen Auto

MONTHLY RECYCLING DATA January 2012

Electronic Recycling - 11 pallots
 Appliances - 11
 Curb Recycling - 46.24 tons
 Turbine KW- 11 KW saved

PRIVATE PROPERTY PLANTING PROGRAM

Please enter my property in the selection process for inclusion in the Town of Cheverly's "private property planning program". The Town will provide and plant a tree in your front yard at no cost to you.

Homeowners - Print Name _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone numbers _____

Type of tree requested _____

Trees available this spring:

American Holly	Redbud
Black Tupelo	Red maple
Dogwood (white)	River Birch
Northern Red Oak	Serviceberry
Pin Oak	Sweetbay Magnolia
Sycamore	Willow Oak
Tulip Poplar	Fringe Tree
White Oak	Yoshino Cherry

Please pick from one of the above.

YES, I Want to Help Cheverly Day Happen. Here's my 2012 contribution

- \$15
- \$25
- \$50
- \$75
- \$100

In the Name of:

Make Checks Payable to:

Cheverly Day, Inc.

Mail to:

6401 Forest Road,
Cheverly, MD 20785.

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The next **Gladys Noon Spellman Elementary PTA** meeting will take place on Thursday, March 6, from 6:30pm - 8pm in the school's multipurpose room. Free dinner and free babysitting will be provided. Also, thanks for a generous donation from Aldi, each adult who attends the meeting will be entered into a door prize drawing to win a \$25 Aldi gift certificate. All welcome!

In partnership with Safe Routes to Schools, Spellman is kicking off Walk on Wednesdays. Watch out for neighborhood children and parents forming "walking school buses" to Spellman every Wednesday morning.

Thank you to the MANY members of the Cheverly community who support Spellman through donations, volunteering and other special projects. Spellman is grateful to be part of such a supportive community!

The Cheverly Soccer Club (CSC) just concluded a very successful winter indoor season. Chris Dwyer's U-10 team went 6-2, good for second place in the league at Soccer Dome III in Landover. Jim Allegro led his U-10/11 team to a 3-1-1 record and a second place finish at Greenbelt. Our U-12 team under Dan Shenk-Evans finished 4-3-1 in a very competitive Soccer Dome III league. In addition, Coach Chico Donelson ran a spirited developmental program for U-9 players at the Community Building in preparation for league play next season.

Congrats to the players for your hard work and to our coaches and assistant coaches for your time and dedication to helping the kids. Contact Ray Sexton with any questions or comments at (rayconn1975@aol.com) .

Cheverly Advocates for Public Schools

(CAPS) has been busy this fall and winter! Our Parent Perspectives on Gladys Noon Spellman Elementary Breakfast was a huge success. If you couldn't make it to the event but are considering Spellman for your child and would like to talk with a current Spellman parent, please contact Aimee Olivo at 301.322.6186 or aimeeolivo@gmail.com and we'll help get your questions answered. On Thursday, March 1, CAPS and Progressive Cheverly are hosting a District 4 Board of Education Candidate forum from 7-9pm in the JP Hoyer School cafeteria. Free babysitting will be provided! This may be your only chance to hear from all five candidates who are vying to represent us on the Board of Education before the April 3 primary election. All are welcome!

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Green Infrastructure Committee presents:

Bay-Friendly Landscaping—Not Just for the Birds and Bees! Featuring award-winning author: Dr. Doug Tallamy—Professor, Entomology & Wildlife Ecology, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources, University of Delaware—Author of *Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants*.

TUESDAY, March 20th, 7:00—9:00 pm Judith P. Hoyer Montessori School Cafeteria. Join this free, informative session to learn how you can reap the benefits of native plants and animals, save money, and make easy changes in your own backyard that contribute to the health of our local waterways and the Chesapeake Bay. And, help make you yard more interesting, diverse, and people-friendly, too! Books will be available for purchase and signing following the presentation. Read *The New York Times* profile of Dr. Tallamy at: <http://www.nytimes.com/2008/03/06/garden/06garden.html>. For more information on Dr. Tallamy and the book, see:

<http://www.timberpress.com/books/bringing-nature-home/Tallamy/9780881929928>. Browse reader reviews of Dr. Tallamy and the book, see: <http://www.beautifulwildlifegarden.com/doug-tallamy-says-bring-nature-home-to-your-wildlife-garden.html>. Present by the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee with generous support from the Chesapeake Bay Trust. For details on the Cheverly Green Plan and easy ways that you can make a difference at home and in our community, visit the Green Plan website at <http://www.Greencheverly.org>.

Cheverly Boys & Girls Club - Parents, we are rapidly approaching the new baseball season for 2012! Practice begins at the end of basketball season and play begins in April. 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 or at our registration side: <http://www.cheverlybgc.org/>

We will begin to update the blog site with new information about the upcoming year and player registration. Currently, we have one team that has enough players and coaches to field a team. That team is the 11-12 year old group. We still need to know how many kids are interested in participating in the other age groups and potential coaches. **YOU NEED NO EXPERIENCE TO COACH.** Just a desire to do the job to the best of your ability. Hope to see you on the field this year!

Stream Cleanups- In addition to our regular monthly Work Party, **Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek (FLBC)** – with the town of Cheverly and DC's Earth Conservation Corps – will be hosting *two* major community cleanups in March for which help is needed, both on weekday mornings. Adult volunteers are needed to support and help coordinate teams of university students cleaning up trash along Quincy Run behind the Publick Playhouse on Thursday, March 15, and along Lower Beaverdam Creek near Boyd Park on Thursday, March 22.

Join us, also, for our monthly Work Party on Saturday, March 31 from 9 am to noon performing trail maintenance and removing invasive plants along the trail from Woodworth Park to the 7-Eleven. Meet at the Arbor Street entrance to the trail (two blocks east of Cheverly Avenue at the intersection of Park Way). Refreshments, gloves and tools are provided. Families are welcome. As always, school community service hours are available. This is the seventh year in which our streams will benefit from the energy and commitment of Students Today, Leaders Forever, a Minneapolis-based group that organizes week-long community service experiences for college students on spring break. The project here last year went so well that a *second* cleanup has been added for the Town of Cheverly, FLBC and DC's Earth Conservation Corps to host this year. Help Cheverly welcome and support these great students. Tools, gloves, snacks, and water will be provided. For more information on any of these events and to sign-up for the March 15 and 22 cleanups, contact Joani Horchler at [301-322-2620](tel:301-322-2620) or cell [301-802-7445](tel:301-802-7445), or at horcpool97@aol.com.

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.

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CHV Prom 2012 Mark your calendars! CHV Prom 2012 is on Friday, May 11 from 8:00pm – 12:00am. Tickets for this annual sell out event will go on sale Mon. April 2, and can be purchased at Town Hall or from a member of the CHV Prom Committee. Tickets are \$15.00 per person, and the only thing we ask is that you bring a food dish to share. Your ticket price includes a chance to win fantastic door prizes. Start brainstorming now to win the “Best Decorated Table” contest! Thank you to all of the town residents who provided input on bands for consideration for this year’s CHV Prom. Based on your input, and back by popular demand the New Romanos will be providing the musical entertainment again at CHV Prom 2012! 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.

Cheverly Parents Resource Center (CPRC)

The **Infant Sign Language Class** is finally here! Please join other moms, dads, and babies (0 to 18 months) on March 4th at the Cheverly American Legion (3608 Legion Drive) to learn the basics of infant sign language. This free 1-hour course begins at 1pm and will be led by Leanna Fenske and Ann Barsi who have worked with deaf & hard of hearing children, and successfully used infant sign language during the pre-verbal stage, respectively. For more information, or to RSVP please email class coordinator Sally Otis at smotis37@hotmail.com. Also, mark your calendar for a very important course we are hosting on Saturday, May 19th from 9am until noon, entitled **Child Sexual Abuse Prevention** (*Cheverly location TBD*). This training session will be led by *Stewards of Children*, a nationally recognized program, and is for any adult who cares about the welfare of children. During the 3-hour training, you will learn facts about the problem of child sexual abuse, the types of situations in which this abuse might occur, simple, effective strategies for protecting children, the signs of sexual abuse, and more. Please email Laura Thomas to reserve your space: lauramichelle-thomas@gmail.com. The cost of the seminar is only \$5 per person.

As always, join us every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for morning playgroup 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.

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 (4th Floor Parlor);
WEDNESDAYS, 6:00 – 9:30 p.m. at the Cheverly Community Center (Conference Rooms). 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 continues 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!

Cheverly Cub Scout Pack 257 held its Pine Wood Derby Races and its Blue and Gold Pot Luck Dinner in January and February! Congratulations to the race car winners and the young rangers who braved the cold to complete the Marine Corps Land Navigation – Orienteering Course. Get ready for building model airplanes, hiking, camping and outdoor public service projects this spring. Newcomers join us, 7 March at the American Legion from 6-8pm for info and attend our monthly Pack meeting. For more information contact Cubmaster Dave, 202 744-7211. Davidja2@dni.gov



Cheverly Cub Scouts visit MD Governors' Open House, Dec 2011.

Community Bulletin Board

The groundhog may be waiting out six more weeks of winter but, here at the **Cheverly Community Market**, we are busy preparing for the upcoming season. We have some exciting plans – and we need your help to achieve them! As we work to grow the market, we continue to rely on the community for help and support.

Volunteers - We need of volunteers to help us with all aspects of the market. Do you have a special skill that you could share? You might be surprised about the many ways you can help. We are also looking for volunteers specifically with knowledge in fundraising. Do you attend every market rain or shine? Why not volunteer on a market day and get to know the vendors who help to make our market so special. If you can help, please email me at manager@cheverlycommunitymarket.com

Community Groups - Check your calendars and let us know what dates you are interested in having a table! Remember, only one community group may fundraise per market date, so slots will fill up fast. The application and handbook are up on the website now (www.cheverlycommunitymarket.com). As a reminder, our 2012 Market dates are:

May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
19	2	14	11	8	6	17	8
	16	28	25	22	20	Thanksgiving Market	Holiday Market
	30						

Musicians - Are you a musician? Know someone who might be interested in playing the Market? Please send us an email (cheverlycommunitymarket.com) with your contact information. We'd love to have you join us!

Community - To everyone – keep an eye on our website as well as our blog (www.cheverlycommunitymarket.blogspot.com) over the next few weeks as we make changes and introduce new features. If you aren't already on our mailing list, send us an email to cheverlycommunitymarket@gmail.com to be added.

Looking forward to a great Cheverly Community Market 2012!

The Woman's Club would like to thank those of you who attended our Black History / Peace Celebration in February. It was an enjoyable evening for all with children and adults sharing what they do for peace and enjoying wonderful entertainment and food in community.

We're now looking forward to spring and continued efforts for peace and ask you, as an individual, group or organization to partner with us on this path.

Our next fundraising activity is the kitchen for the Flea Market in April. Yes folks the Woman's Club's famous chicken salad will be back! The Flea Market is on Sat. April 14 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Community Center. Be sure to come, buy and enjoy our wonderful sandwiches and support Peace Camp.

We ask you to join us in partnership for peace. We're glad to help you with plans for any activity for Peace Month in May and/or fundraising for Peace Camp in July.

GARDEN CLUB - The March meeting will be on the 19th at 7:00 PM CUMC 4th floor. We are thinking SPRING and with the gardens soon to be dug....you will need plants. An easy and a rewarding way to obtain plants "starting from seed" will be the topic. Cheverly's own **Stephanie Syslo** will be the "hands on" speaker.. There will also be exchange for those who have seeds and wish to trade. Just bring yourself and a notepad and pen and seeds if you have some, not necessary. We also have several Master Gardeners who will be there to help. Growing from seed is not that difficult and some of the really great vegetable/flower plantings are not always available in the nurseries. Sharing and trading is a great way to garden. Cleanup at the Church Memorial Garden will be under the direction of Michael Giese....check your internet to make sure of the date. If you want someplace to visit...try a garden tour/tea at Hard Bargain Farm, in Accokeek....Tel. 301.292.5665 The 26th LAHR SYMPOSIUM will be March 31, 2012.....Native Plants Inspiring New Directions. BARC bldg #003, contact the National Arboretum for information and application. *Ann Gardenhour* 301 773 1991

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Progressive Cheverly - District 4 Board of Education Candidate Forum Hosted by Progressive Cheverly and Cheverly Advocates for Public Schools

Thursday, March 1

7pm - 9pm Judith P. Hoyer Montessori School Cafeteria
Free child care during the event! Confirmed Attendees:
Joseph Kitchen, Dennis Smith, Sandy Vaughns, Micah
Watson and Patricia Eubanks (incumbent)

The Primary Election will take place on Tuesday, April 3. Because this is anon-partisan election, ALL registered voters (even independents!) can vote for Board of Education in the Primary Election. The top two vote getters will move on to the November General Election. The winner in November will represent Cheverly for a four year term on the Prince George's County Board of Education. This will be a great opportunity to hear from the candidates and ask your questions in order to make an informed choice in April.

For more information, contact the Co-Charis at chair@progressivecheverly.org, visit us on Facebook, or visit www.progressivecheverly.org.

Mark your calendars now! **St. Ambrose Men's Club Annual Spaghetti Dinner** will be held on Sunday, March 4th from 3 to 6 PM in Fannon Hall at St Ambrose Church. Come, bring your family and join your neighbors, for an afternoon of fun. Not only will you get a great dinner, but there will be spectacular basket raffles and other games. Prices have been rolled back to 2008 levels so buy your tickets now. Call (301) 773-0223 for more information.

Pre-Event Prices: (\$10 Adults, \$6 Children)
At the Door: (\$13 Adults, \$7 Children)
Take Out: (\$8.00)



MULCH

The Public Works Department has contacted the Maryland Environmental Services (MES) again this year to grind our leaves, yard waste, brush and Xmas trees into a fine grade mulch. Public Works will begin deliveries near the end of March. **Schedule a delivery now.**

Public Works keeps a large mound of the mulch at the town park parking lot near the ballfields for residents to help themselves.

Contact the PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE to schedule a mulch delivery. They are open Monday-Friday from **7:30AM to 4:00PM.**

You must fill out a delivery request form, pay the fee, and set up a delivery date.

NOTE: The Maximum for one delivery is two (2) scoops of the bulldozer.

The fee is \$20 per delivery. If you have any questions you can call **301-773-2666.**

Public Works can only deliver mulch where there is a driveway or a safe place to back their dump truck and tip the load on the lawn.

REMINDER: If you leave mulch on the lawn for very long—it will kill the grass underneath.

CHEVERLY WEBSITE - www.cheverly-md.gov

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

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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 & <u>SPECIAL TRASH</u> (at curb)
FRI	West side	Garbage & <u>SPECIAL TRASH</u> (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. with special trash (cut into 4' lengths, tied and bundled)

ELECTRONICS are picked upon 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.

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.

ACTIONS TAKEN

Votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted

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

Worksession - January 26, 2012

- MOTION CM Cook to deny the request for a vehicle exemption for lack of proving hardship. Seconded CM Riazi. Approved 5-0.
- MOTION CM Thorpe for a budget adjustment of \$5,000 to join the consortium to negotiate with Comcast for a Franchise Agreement renewal. Seconded CM Eldridge. Approved 4-0. CM Cook absent.
- MOTION CM Riazi to close the meeting to discuss potential land purchase(s). Seconded CM Coolen. Approved 5-0.
- MOTION CM Thorpe to open the meeting. Seconded CM Coolen. Approved 5-0
- MOTION CM Riazi amending the motion to close the meeting to include seeking legal advice from the Town Attorney. Seconded CM Coolen. Approved 5-0
- MOTION CM Eldridge to make a budget adjustment in the amount of 6 eight foot tables up to \$1,000. Seconded CM Riazi. Approved 5-0.

TENTATIVE AGENDAS

Town Meeting - March 8, 2012

- All Saints Anglican Church

Worksession - March 22, 2012

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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 heavy snow conditions prevail. Please bring your trash to the curb.
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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	Mar 8	8:00 PM	TOWN MEETING
Wed	Mar 14	7:00 PM	C-PACT Meeting
Thur	Mar 22	7:30 PM	WORKSESSION
Tue	Mar 27	7:00 PM	REC Council Mtg



HAPPY ST. PATRICK’S DAY

COMMUNITY EVENT SCHEDULE

- Green Infrastructure—March 20, 7-9pm
- Friends of Lower Beaverdam—March 31, 9-12
- Garden Club—March 19, 7pm
- Cheverly Day —May 12**
- Flea Market—April 14, 9-2
- Easter Egg Hunt—April 7th, 11am
- Gladys Noon Spellman PTA - March 6, 6:30-8pm
- Cheverly B&G Club baseball
- Compost bin—\$20 order
- CAPS Board of Ed forum - March 1, 7-9pm
- Cheverly Prom - May 11 8-12
- St. Ambrose - Spaghetti Dinner - March 4, 3-6
- Cheverly Community Market
- CPRC—Infant Sign Language Class—March 4
- CAPS—March 1, 7-9 pm
- Vine Corps
- Progressive Cheverly—March 1 7-9pm