



NEWSLETTER

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301-773-8360

FYI

FOR YOUR INFORMATION by Mayor Mike Callahan

Call 301-789-8009 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.

What A Great Place to Live: As most of you know I have chosen not to run again for Mayor in the upcoming May Elections. I must admit, I have truly enjoyed the last nine years working with and meeting so many wonderful folks in our community. I will miss being Mayor, but will continue to stay involved in our many great organizations.

I have said many times that while we have a great Town Council and Town Staff, they are not what makes Cheverly a great community. It is the people, organizations and volunteers that make this a great community.

I am frequently told what a beautiful place Cheverly is by visitors who have never been here. While this is true, I always reply that the real magic of Cheverly is in the people. My favorite description of Cheverly is "it doesn't matter what your family looks like or believes, there is always another family that looks like yours in our community". I wish I could remember who said this to me, but I find it a great description of our community.

The More Things Change: A lot has happened since I last wrote an FYI. Our Public Works Director announced his retirement, a search for a new Town Administrator has been officially launched, Dana Hallman has been appointed to the Ward 2 council seat, and Maurielle Stewart has decided to resign from Town Council effective March 1st.

That is a lot of change in a short time, and it is compounded by the recent retirements of our former Town Administrator and Police Chief as well as the upcoming elections. I've talked to some residents who express concern about all of this

change occurring at once. While I agree this seems like a lot I am extremely confident in the future.

We have been extremely fortunate to have David Deutsch step in as interim Town Administrator to help us through the transition. David's years of experience as a Town Administrator in several towns in Maryland has been a tremendous asset for Cheverly. David is handling day to day affairs with the assistance of his staff, conducting the search for a new Town Administrator and Public Works Director, and assisting Town Council on organizational issues. His work has been much appreciated.

While some may see the change as chaotic, and it may be at times, a better way to look at this is as an opportunity to take a fresh approach and bring in fresh ideas. As long as residents stay involved in the process, take an active role in committees and town elections and continue to volunteer as we have always done in the past this will be a good evolution.

New administrative leadership and a new Council gives the town the opportunity to revitalize, reinvigorate and move forward. I am a tad disappointed to not be a part of all this change, but I am sure Cheverly will be even stronger in the future.

Ward 2 Vacancy Filled: In the February 14th Town Meeting the Town Council unanimously voted to seat Ms. Dana Hallman as the Ward 2 representative for the remainder of former Councilmember Ivey's term. During the meeting, both candidates addressed the council regarding their candidacy.

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Mayor's FYI Continued...

At the end of his address, Mr. Micah Watson withdrew his application, but stated that he intended to continue to campaign for the seat in May elections.

Newly minted Councilmember Hallman was immediately seated and was actively involved in the remainder of the February 14th meeting.

Councilmember Stewart Announces Resignation: During the February 14th Town Meeting, Councilwoman Stewart announced that she was resigning her office of Ward 4 Councilperson, effective March 1st. Councilwoman Stewart gave a very moving speech regarding her resignation. Following a very moving speech by Councilmember Stewart, her fellow council members expressed their appreciation for her outstanding efforts while on Council and wished her well in the future.

Councilmember Stewart has always been a valued member of Council and her counsel on town matters has always been highly regarded. Her constituent services efforts on the behalf of her residents were always very focused. I will very much miss her advice and guidance.

Ward 4 Council Seat Vacancy: Cheverly's Charter calls for a vacant council seat to be filled, no matter how close to an upcoming election. While this does not happen frequently, it has now happened twice in a year. Future Councils should address this Charter deficiency.

However, given the current charter the council agreed last night to the following schedule for filling the

Ward 4 Councilmember vacancy:

1. Publish Vacancy Announcement in the March Newsletter
2. Accept Applications for Ward 4 Vacancy; deadline March 20th
 - Resume
 - Cover Letter addressing why you'd like to join Council
 - Financial Disclosure Document
3. Consideration by Council in the March 28th Worksession
4. Selected Candidate will be seated at March 28th Worksession
5. Elections on May 6th

Public Works Director Retires: After serving as Cheverly's Public Works Director since 1989, Juan L. Torres has submitted his retirement notice. His last day will be April 23, 2019. The Mayor and Council are extremely grateful to Juan for the many contributions he made to the quality of life in our Town. Juan leads a team of dedicated men and women who provide top notch service to our residents. You can see the impact of Juan's work throughout the Town as you travel our roads, enjoy the parks, and participate in community events.

On a personal note, I'd like to thank Juan for his commitment to Cheverly. While Juan lives in Takoma Park, he was vested in Cheverly. Juan always cared about Cheverly's infrastructure, but he also cared deeply about the people who lived here and wanted to provide the best services possible. Juan has chosen to retire to turn his focus and considerable skills to his beloved home of Puerto Rico. I know from my experience that Puerto Rico will benefit from Juan's efforts. Juan plans to attend Cheverly Day on May 18th, where he looks forward to saying goodbye to everyone in the community.

The Budget is Coming, The Budget is Coming: Well folks, February is the time of year when I start addressing the upcoming budget. I am very happy to say that once again the Town is in excellent financial condition as we finished FY18 with a fund balance of approximately three million dollars.

As always, I must mention that good accounting principles require the town to have a minimum of 25% of annual operating expenses in the fund balance.

Therefore, approximately one million of the three million dollar fund balance is spoken for. However, I must congratulate this Council, previous Councils and town staff for building the fund balance from approximately 650K in 2007 to today's three million dollar fund balance.

This was accomplished by adhering to a series of three year plans that are centered around the property tax assessments. Last year, was year one. If you recall property tax assessments rose significantly. In response the Town Council lowered the town tax rate from .54 to .51 cents. This action kept resident's overall tax bills stable, or maybe even slightly reduced. This also meant that town revenues from property tax remained stable.

During last year's discussions the Town Council planned on keeping the Tax Rate stable this year at .51, the result of which is that resident's tax bills will increase based on the increased assessments.

Obviously, as we build the FY19 Budget we will review this assumption in light of revenues, expenses and capital expenditures. Stay tuned as these discussions continue.

Air Quality Monitoring Update: In their February 14th Town Council Meeting the Council approved expenditures to begin the Air Quality Monitoring Program for Cheverly. We will now begin the process of working with the University of Maryland to determine specific sites where sensors will be deployed.

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Governor Hogan's Transportation Program: As I've discussed previously in the newsletter I have been working with the Mayors of Landover Hills, Bladensburg, Riverdale Park, University Park, College Park, Greenbelt, New Carrollton and Laurel to advocate against Governor Hogan's Plan to implement a Maglev Train, expand I-495 and I-270 by installing "Lexus Lanes" and possibly to take control of the BW Parkway and expanding it with toll lanes as well.

My concerns, and those of the Town Council, originate from the continued discussions to expand the BW Parkway. However, as I met with the Mayors of other communities it was clear that each of our communities was being impacted by the Governor's program without any real communication or coordination.

As I've spent more time talking with congressional, state and county leaders I've become more concerned about financial basis for the transportation program. Our state simply does not have the funds to do this expansion themselves, and is unwilling to fund expansion through highway bonds or a gas tax increase. From the administration's perspective, this is a positive. They tout the fact that this will not cost the taxpayer any money, because they are entering into a Public Private Partnership (P3). Of course, as our Moms told us nothing is free, especially a highway. P3s will recoup the funds via tolls and there will be little governmental control over their administration.

The theory is simple, users of the toll lanes are paying for the expansion and as people use the toll lanes traffic in the free lanes will improve. Great theory, however, Virginia's experience is that traffic in the free lanes remains the same. I readily admit that this is my view, and that of my fellow mayors. I am simply bringing this to your attention is that this program is rolling forward and the time to pay attention and weigh in is NOW!

We will be hosting Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) at the Town Hall on March 14th at 6:30PM. They will be providing an update on the program and be available to answer questions.

Small Cell Technology (5G Service): I have been honored to serve as the Chair of the Maryland Municipal League's Legislative Committee this year. MML has decided "opposition to the preemption of local authority in the installation of small cell technology" was their legislative priority this year. I know, most of you are thinking what the heck does that mean. So let's have a special edition of Hey Mike.

Hey Mike, why would MML or Cheverly care about the deployment of 5G technology? Great question, and this was

exactly my opinion. However, while the world is very excited about what types of services may become available with 5G technology, no one is paying attention to the required infrastructure to deliver it. In my opinion, 5G will be the most distributed (and impactful) infrastructure since electricity. Small Cell technology requires a 50 foot pole, every 150 feet. Worse yet, each pole requires a 27 cubic foot box (think refrigerator size) at every pole. While some of these details may change, this is what the industry has stated.

Hey Mike, You can't be serious they might be a refrigerator sized box next to my existing telephone pole without my permission? This might be my shortest answer ever. YES!

Hey Mike, what about my yard; all of my services are underground? Obviously wireless signals do not travel underground, so in areas that do not currently have telephone poles, wireless poles will be installed with 27 cubic foot boxes.

Hey Mike, what is MML trying to do? MML is trying to influence state level legislation asking that 5G carriers have to work with municipalities to identify the best possible implementation. Carriers are trying to pass legislation that will limit local authority and allow them more say in how the technology is deployed.

Hey Mike, Can we simply prevent 5G carriers from coming into Cheverly? No, the FCC has passed regulations that prevent any local authority from denying service. I have had many citizens ask about this, and the answer is simply No!

Hey Mike, When is Cheverly targeted for Small Cell or 5G service? Small Cell technology has already been implemented in portions of Baltimore, Westminster and Ocean City. Next time you walk the boardwalk in Ocean City, try to identify the implementation. You simply can't see it because of the teamwork between Ocean City and carriers. The poles replaced existing light poles and the boxes have been buried. So, it is possible to have tasteful implementations, as long as the locality retains some authority.

RECYCLING TOTALS - January 2019

Curbside Recycling - 53.56 tons

Appliances - 2



CHEVERLY MUNICIPAL ELECTION
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019 (7am—8pm)
ALL SIX COUNCIL SEATS AND THE MAYOR WILL BE ELECTED

Candidates for Mayor must be:

- ⇒ 25 years of age on or before the date of election
- ⇒ A citizen of the United States
- ⇒ A registered voter of Cheverly
- ⇒ A resident of Cheverly for not less than 6 months

Candidates for Town Council must be:

- ⇒ 21 years of age on or before the date of election
- ⇒ A citizen of the United States
- ⇒ A registered voter of Cheverly
- ⇒ A resident of Cheverly for not less than 6 months
- ⇒ A resident of the ward from which they are elected (at least 45 days before the date of the election - Friday, March 22, 2019)

FILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES: Filing forms may be obtained online at http://www.cheverly-md.gov/Pages/CheverlyMD_Clerk/election or at the Town Office during normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm) . Call 301-773-8360 for more information. Completed forms must be returned to the Town Office **no later than 5:00PM. Friday, March 22, 2019**

NOTE: The State of Maryland is requiring a new financial disclosure form that **MUST** be completed by all candidates in order for their petition for candidacy to be considered. Completed forms must be turned in to the Town Office no later than close of business Friday, March 22, 2019. The form can be downloaded from the Town's website or picked up from the Town Clerk during normal business hours.

NOTE: Pictures & Profiles of Candidates are run in the April Newsletter. They should be submitted by **(March 22, 2019)**.

⇒ **Candidate Profiles must be brief** (no longer than 350 words). Profiles will appear as written. They will not be edited or corrected; however, if the profile is too long, staff will have to shorten it by cutting it off at the paragraph closest to the limit.

⇒ **Picture should be a closeup** - will be cropped to about 2"x2".

Please submit the profile and the picture on a disk or email separate files to townclerk@cheverly-md.gov. **Please attach them as separate files; the profile as a WORD document and the picture as a JPEG file.** Contact the Town Clerk at 301-773-8360 if you need further information.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: http://cheverly-md.gov/Pages/CheverlyMD_Clerk/election

Leaf Collection Schedule

END OF 2ND COMPLETE CYCLE OF TOWN

March 4 -March 15 Entire Town

No Vacuum Collections on Mondays, Wednesdays and Federal Holidays.

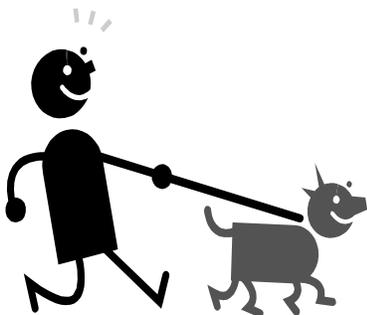
Please do not block sidewalks or the streets with you leaves.

If delayed due to equipment failures or inclement weather, and you need to know when we will start up again call public works at 301-773-2666 or email at:

publicworksdirector@cheverly.md-gov.

SOLID ANIMAL WASTE ORDINANCE

Sec. 4-10 (a) It shall be unlawful for a person controlling an animal, except a seeing eye dog, to allow or permit solid waste of such animal to remain on the property of any other person without the consent of the owner or occupant thereof; or on such public properties as are prohibited by order of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cheverly. Prohibited areas are sidewalks, Gast Park, American Legion Park, Boyd Park, & play areas of all other parks.



TOWN MEETINGS & WORKSESSIONS

Votes are unanimous unless otherwise noted

ACTIONS TAKEN

Town Meeting - Feb 14, 2019

Work Session - Feb 28, 2019

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Town Meeting - Mar 14, 2019

Ordinance 19-01: Purchasing Procedures
Ordinance 19-02: Procurement Procedures
Ordinance 19-03: Town Code Re: Personnel (Holidays)

Worksession - Mar 28, 2019

TRASH PICKUP ADJUSTMENTS DUE TO WINDER STORMS:

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

Back or side door pickups WILL NOT Be made when heavy snow conditions Occur.

Please bring you trash to the curb.

PLEASE USE THE SIDEWALKS, IT IS THE LAW!

As the weather begins to get nicer and more and more residents are walking or jogging in town, we are taking this opportunity to remind you that it is illegal to walk or jog in the street when a sidewalk is available on a road. The State law reads:

21-506 Rules for pedestrians on roadways

- Where a sidewalk is provided, a pedestrian may not walk along and or an adjacent roadway.
- Where a sidewalk is provided, a pedestrian who walks along and on a highway may walk only on the left shoulder, if practicable, or on the left side of the roadway, as near as practicable to the edge of the roadway, facing any traffic that might approach from the opposite direction.

The Cheverly Police have been receiving numerous complaints from residents fearing that they are going to hit a pedestrian or jogger as a result of those individuals not walking on the sidewalk.

We want all our pedestrians and motorists to be safe. So, please use the sidewalks. Not adhering to the above noted law may result in a fine being issued.



Message from the Acting Chief

Jarod J. Towers

policechief@cheverly-md.gov

DID YOU KNOW...

That it is illegal for a pedestrian to cross a roadway in the direction of a solid “Don’t Walk” or an up-raised hand signal???

Over the last several weeks, you may have noticed officers at the intersection of Cheverly Avenue and Columbia Park Road, enforcing pedestrian safety laws and issuing citations to any vehicle which failed to yield to the right of way of pedestrians in crosswalks, and other pedestrian related violations.

In conducting this enforcement, it was identified that vehicles are not the violators. Please obey all pedestrian traffic signals, it is for your own safety. Over the next few weeks, officers will begin to issue notices to pedestrians who violate these laws.

Criminal Investigative Division:

In just four weeks, Detective Kvech has completed several applicant background investigations and handled several criminal investigations. After just two weeks in his new role, Det. Kvech was assigned his first robbery case. Dedicated days of witness interviews and surveillance video scouring landed Det. Kvech his first closed case. He was able to identify the suspect in the case and obtain an arrest warrant for the subject, which has been sent to the Prince George’s County Sheriff’s Office.

Additionally, Det. Kvech was assigned a sexual assault case that involved a male who exposed himself publicly and touched/assaulted a female with his genitals. Victim and witness interviews, in addition to surveillance videos, led to the procurement of a photo of the suspect. Requests to the public for assistance followed shortly thereafter. Thanks to many residents who stepped forward, the suspect was identified and Det. Kvech obtained an arrest warrant for a fourth-degree sex offense, indecent exposure, and disorderly conduct.

March Enforcement of the Month:

Avoid the fine by obeying the sign! For the month of

March, officers will be focusing on enforcing stop sign laws. Too often we get calls and emails from citizens about motorists running stop signs. Be sure to come to a complete stop and look twice to ensure there are no pedestrians, bicyclists, or oncoming vehicles.

Coffee with the Chief (UPDATE):

This event has been expanded to better accommodate residents who cannot, or rather not, attend at 7am. Effective in the month of March, Coffee with the Chief will be held every third Monday, from 4pm to 6pm, and every third Wednesday, from 7am to 9am. In March, these events will be held on Monday, March 18th and Wednesday, March 20th. Please stop in, have a cup of coffee, voice your concerns, ask questions, or just come meet me and your police officers. We are eager to meet you!

Police Chief’s Advisory Board (PCAB):

I want to give a special thank you to all the members of the Police Chief’s Advisory Board (PCAB) who dedicate their time to serving their community. The members of the board are committed to addressing the concerns of our community, and to working together to make Cheverly a better and safer place. Please come out and attend our next meeting, on Tuesday, March 12th, at 7:00 pm.

Recruitment:

Did you know that as a resident of the town, if you refer an applicant that is selected for the position of police officer, you get \$500.00? Cheverly Police Department is seeking police officers. If you, or someone you know, are interested in starting a career in law enforcement contact us immediately! Thanks to our Mayor and Council, we offer a competitive salary and great benefits!

Elder Watch Program:

It’s been said, “With age comes wisdom. . .” So, is there any surprise that the Cheverly Police Department is keeping a watchful on our wiser residents? Cheverly Police officers conduct visits with elderly and infirmed residents in town at least twice a month and during inclement weather. During these visits, not only do officers ensure their safety, they share crime information, tips on home safety, and burglary prevention. If you, or someone you know, would like to sign up for this program contact the department at 301-341-1055.

House Check Program:

If you are going out of town for more than one night and want peace of mind that everything is ok on the home front, sign up for a house check. Every single day that you are gone, a police officer will visit your residence to ensure that everything is ok. Officers will walk the perimeter of your home to ensure that every window and door is secure, just the way you left it. To sign up, call the station or sign up online at: http://www.cheverly-md.gov/Pages/CheverlyMD_Police/HouseCheckFormOnline

If you have a concern, an idea, or just want to introduce yourself, please don't hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at jtowers@cheverlypolice.org or policechief@cheverly-md.gov or 301-341-1055.

One team, One mission, Team Cheverly!

THE PATROL/TIPLINE TELEPHONE IS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS PER DAY!! SAVE THIS NUMBER IN YOUR CELLPHONE, MOBILE DEVICE, OR NEAR YOUR HOME TELEPHONE: 301-789-5090

TELEPHONE NUMBERS –

Police Emergency	9-1-1
Police Non-Emergency	(301) 352-1200
Cheverly Police Headquarters (7am – 7pm Mon-Fri—Sat 8am - 4pm)	(301) 341-1055
Cheverly Photo Enforcement	(240) 770-7641

Crime Report for JANUARY 2019

*Note that all addresses are in Hundred Blocks

01/05/19	2244	hrs	Theft (under &100)	5800 Landover Rd
01/08/19	1649	hrs	B&E (Residential)	6300 Landover Rd
01/09/19	1544	hrs	Theft (over \$1000)	6500 Landover Rd
01/21/19	1735	hrs	Theft (shoplifting)	6500 Landover Rd
01/22/19	0900	hrs	Fraud (Theft)	6100 Kilmer St
01/25/19	1350	hrs	Assault Domestic	3100 Belleview Ave
01/26/19	1041	hrs	B&E (Residential)	64 th Ave
01/27/19	1626	hrs	Theft (shoplifting)	6500 Landover Rd
01/28/19	1846	hrs	Theft from Auto	4800 Viewpoint Pl
01/29/19	1400	hrs	Fraud (Theft)	6400 Forest Rd
01/29/19	2120	hrs	Theft (shoplifting)	6500 Landover Rd
01/30/19	1930	hrs	Theft from Auto	3600 58 th Pl
01/31/19	1238	hrs	Theft (shoplifting)	6500 Landover Rd

Sidewalk and Road Overgrowth

Well, Spring is here and the days are getting nice. With the nice weather, and rising gas prices, more and more residents are out walking. Whether they are out for a weekend stroll or headed down to the Metro for a train ride to work, they are using our sidewalks and walking paths.

The warmer weather also marks the start of the growing season. As trees and other vegetation grow, they tend to encroach upon the public right-of-way (sidewalks, streets, or alleys). This overgrowth of vegetation or low hanging branches can obstruct view, creates tripping hazards or otherwise impede the public's ability to use the streets and sidewalks.

This encroachment has been deemed a public nuisance in the Town Code and constitutes a hazard, which impedes the free movement of pedestrians or vehicles. As such, residents are required to ensure that public right-of-way abutting their property are kept free of overgrowth and intersections are obstruction free.

Trees located within the first (11) feet of the curb are the responsibility of the Town. Please call if you have a question or notice any condition that may pose a hazard to the community.

Community Bulletin Board

Cheverly Recreation Council

The March meeting is on Thursday 26th at 7 p.m. in the conference room at the Town Building.

The Spring Flea Market and the Easter Egg Hunt (Sat. April 20) will be discussed.

Call Barbara, 301-773-5883.

Troop 257 of ScoutsBSA

The winter weather may finally be leaving, but Troop 257 of ScoutsBSA has been working hard throughout the cold season! Troop members cut and sold firewood to Cheverly residents—this service is now our most popular fundraiser of the year! Troop members also helped celebrate Scouting at Cub Scout Pack 257's annual Blue and Gold dinner on February 10—which featured entrees by Brady McElroy and Alex Jarboe made as part of Cooking Badge work.

Spring is already shaping up to be a busy one: In March, boys will be working on First Aid skills in preparation for the annual Search and Rescue meet on Saturday, March 23 at the American Legion facility on Surratts Road in Cheltenham, where they will work with county fire and police officials. April follows with Earth Day activities including a conservation project and a possible robin-box-building activity.

This summer, scouts will have the opportunity to go summer camp on the Chesapeake Bay. And ScoutsBSA are scaling up programs for boys AND girls now everywhere.

Questions? Talk to Membership Chair Caroline Jarboe (301) 404-9693 or Troopmaster David Abram (202) 744-7100.



CHEVERLY GARDEN CLUB GRANT
If you are interested in gardening, flowers, programs to further your education, please apply for one of our Lifelong Learning Grants.

Beginning in February, the new grant applications will be at the Town Building. Applicants have used these grants to help fund courses.

The only requirement is that you must be a Cheverly resident or work for Cheverly to apply.

For further information please email Kay Holloway at kay_holloway@hotmail.com or snail mail Margaret Thrasher, 2406 59th



Cheverly American Legion Post 108

The American Legion Centennial

March 15, 2019

WHO WE ARE

The American Legion is a 501 (c) 19 Not for Profit, Community Based, Non-Partisan, Patriotic, Veterans Service Organization that was founded in March of 1919 and Chartered by the United States Congress in September of 1919. We are comprised of some 13,000 American Legion Posts located in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, France, Mexico, the Philippines and Puerto Rico.

In The American Legion, Department of Maryland we have a total of 137 active American Legion Posts located within each of the 23 Counties and in Baltimore City, with a Post presence in virtually every community of the State. We are by far the largest veteran's service organization in Maryland.

For nearly 100 years, The American Legion has stood on four great pillars or principles: (1) Taking care of veterans and their families; (2) Supporting a strong national and domestic security posture for America and its Allies; (3) Educating and caring for our Children and Youth; and (4) Participating in and furthering Americanism and patriotic holidays.

Our advocacy revolves around these four pillars, and we remain non-partisan in the furtherance of our mission.

The FIRST of these pillars is Veterans. Cheverly American Legion believes strongly that this is the strength of our organization. Toward the furtherance of this goal we have annual winter coat drives (hats, scarves and gloves, too) to benefit veterans in need of these items. We have provided food, gifts and financial aid to veterans and families at Thanksgiving and Christmas. We have resources at our post to help veterans answer questions about where to begin the search for assistance. Our post has a Service Officer help veterans and families in need. When Post 108 becomes aware of the deployment of a member of our community, we ensure that the servicemember and their family know that they may call upon us at anytime. We also make periodic contact with the spouse and family to ensure their well-being. The three Post 108 Family units (Legionnaires, Auxiliary and Sons) support Auxiliary Unit 108 when it participates in the Community Living Center at the VA Hospital in Washington, DC with their Bingo Nights.

Cheverly American Legion Post 108 believes strongly that this pillar makes the other three and The American Legion possible. We continue to expand our support of all veterans.

If you are a veteran and not yet a member, you should join us in our service to veterans.

Clothing Donations. We now have a used clothing drop off in our parking lot. Clothing may be dropped off at any time.

Our second pillar - National Security – next month.

Second Friday St. Ambrose Men's Club Game Night – Friday, March 8, 8 p.m.

Board Game Night - Thursday, March 28, 8 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day Weekend, Ladies Night March 15 - wear your green and sip on some special St. Patrick's green drinks. Adult (over 21) ladies - & men - are welcome. And on Sunday March 17, the SAL promises a meal with Irish Stew! Bring the family!

Girls State (June 16-21) and Boys State (June 23-28) Candidates American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State are the premier programs for teaching how government works while developing leadership skills and an appreciation for your rights as a citizen. As a participant in the program you, will run for office, learn public speaking, create and enforce laws and actively participate in all phases of creating and running a working government in this exciting and fun one week summer program. Contact cheverlyamericanlegion@gmail.com or cheverlyauxiliary@gmail.com for sponsorship and scholarship information. Apply online at <http://www.boysandgirlsstate.org>.

Cheverly American Legion Post 108 Membership (\$35/year): Find eligibility dates, application form and documentation requirements at CheverlyAmericanLegion.com or contact Joseph Pruden (301) 602-2117.

Cheverly American Legion Auxiliary Unit 108 Membership (\$25/year; Jr. \$5/year): If you are interested in joining or learning about the American Legion Auxiliary, email us at cheverlyauxiliary@gmail.com.

Sons of the American Legion Membership (\$20/year): For meeting dates and times or more information, please email cheverlysquadroncommander@gmail.com.

Community Bulletin Board

CPRC Spring Break Activities

CPRC has an exciting lineup of Spring Break activities for the weeks of April 15-19 and April 22-26. Activities include Storytime on Screen at Old Greenbelt Theater, a Bikes and Trikes playgroup, and special outings to Prince George's County Imagination Playgrounds! Stay tuned to the CPRC listserv and Facebook page for the complete schedule.

Destination Imagination

The problem-solving STEM program is back on! Teams will meet on the first Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. in the community center.

Diaper Bank Donations: How to Help

While diapers and wipes are always our most needed items, our families often struggle with other essentials to help their babies thrive. Help us by donation the following items in excellent condition:

- Unopened and unexpired formula
- Unopened and unexpired baby food jars and pouches
- Unopened baby shampoo, bubble bath, diaper cream, toothbrushes, toothpaste and other baby and female personal hygiene items.
- Potty training seats
- New toddler underwear
- New bottles/nipples/teethers
- New and gently used board books
- New and gently used sleepsacks and swaddles

Drop off with **Shannon Jones** at 5615 Hawthorne.



Spring flea market

The Spring Flea Market, sponsored by the Cheverly Recreation Council, will be on **Saturday, April 6th from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the Town building. Come rain or shine it's held indoors. Tables are \$15.

Reservations start Monday, March 4th.

Call Barbara 301-773-5883.



The **Cheverly Boys and Girls Club** will once again offer baseball and tee ball this Spring.

Registration for these events will be available February 23 – March 15 (late registration through April 1).

Please visit our website at <http://cheverlybgc.org> to find out more about our programs and to register your child.

If you have any questions, please contact the baseball/tee ball commissioner Larry Fry at larry.fry.cbgc@gmail.com. Thanks and we'll see you on the field!

Community Bulletin Board

Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee March Monthly Meeting

Date: Monday, March 4, 2019

Time: 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Location: Large Conference Room, Cheverly
Community Center
6401 Forest Road, Cheverly

Monthly meeting to report progress on Cheverly greening efforts and plan next steps and new initiatives. In implementing the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Plan, your Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee is working on projects in education, planning, and research.

All are welcome to join us! Contact sheila.salo@gmail.com for a copy of the meeting agenda.

A New Look at Town Hall

The Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee is helping plan new plantings at the Community Center. The plan will increase the emphasis on native plants, and serve as a model and inspiration for Cheverly's home gardens. A group of volunteers have cleaned up the garden to get the beds ready for Spring planting. English ivy and greenbrier have been removed. The alien and invasive nandina, with its cyanide-laced berries, were cut back where they were preventing the azaleas from thriving. The beds look bare now, but with this Spring's new plantings, they will fill out. The new plants will include shade-loving as well as evergreen shrubs, along with soil-protecting ground cover. And, yes, there will be mayapple, our town flower.

CHEVERLY FREE BOOTCAMP!



Did you know a convenient, motivating, and FREE exercise option exists in Town?

Join Cheverly Free Bootcamp for community-led workouts on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 6:00 a.m. and Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.

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We meet at the Community Center. Please use the back double doors near the basketball courts.

Bring water, hand weights, mat, and jump rope if you have them!

"Community-led" means members of the group volunteer to lead the workouts. People of all levels of experience are welcome and all workouts are scalable.

Cheverly Bootcamp has a Facebook group: <https://m.facebook.com/groups/384086741947300?ref=bookmarks> and a Google Group-- search for Cheverly Fitness Bootcamp and join!



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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.



Cheverly Garden Club – Our next meeting will be held on Monday, March 18th at 7:00 PM at the Cheverly United Methodist Church in the 4th floor Parlor Room.

With the rainfall for February again being above average, we look toward another wet spring. Get the jump on mosquitos and make sure any pots are either covered or overturned when in storage. Place mosquito dunks in any standing water or ponds you can't drain.

The Garden Club will have a table at the Spring Flea Market on April 6th. We have lots of useful items from our member's homes. Swing by early to get first crack at all the goodies.

The Friends of the National Arboretum Native Plant Sale will be held at the Arboretum on March 30th. Participating vendors at the sale are Chesapeake Natives, Hill House Farm and Nursery, Izel Plants, Kollar Nursery, and Atlantic Star Nursery.

This is a good opportunity to stock up on native plants and shrubs for your yard.



The Cheverly Recreation Council is a proud sponsor of the John Dent Wilson Scholarship. Every year we award three \$500.00 college scholarships.

The scholarship is judged on a point system criteria with the highest points given to volunteering in Cheverly Community activities.

Below are the new/updated requirements for the scholarship.

The deadline for application submission is May 31, 2019. Please email judydeleon@aol.com for application information.

1. Must be a full time college freshman in the fall of 2019.
2. Must volunteer in at least one Cheverly Recreation Council sponsored activity in the past 12 months:
 - Halloween party/parade
 - Holiday party
 - Easter egg hunt



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*Imagined Cheverly Village Life**

(*The following story is inspired by the podcast “Imagined Life” by Wondery. Enjoy stories in this style at <https://wondery.com/imagined-life>.)

Imagine you are a Cheverly Village member with mobility issues. A trained Village volunteer is walking you toward his car, which is a few spaces up the street. Imagine you slip on the uneven ground next to the sidewalk and fall. You are okay but decide to skip the appointment. The volunteer helps you back inside, cancels your appointment, and reports details to the Coordinator at Cheverly Village.

Imagine that the fall leads you and your spouse to brainstorm about how to ensure your wellbeing, and she tells you that a designated Handicapped Parking (HP) place in front of your house would likely have prevented the fall. Imagine also that, in responding to a Cheverly Village message inquiring about you, she tells the Village she has obtained a form to request a HP space.

Then imagine that your spouse—always needing to provide essential support to you and the family—has found it hard to find the time to sort out the details to get the HP designation. Cheverly Village again checks in with her and offers her contact information for key people on Town staff and Council. The Village’s concern spreads further to bring the issue to the attention of the Town. Imagine that you welcome the harmonious coordination and resource sharing among your family,

Cheverly Village, and the Town. All this sounds good to you, except that...***you hate signs!*** While you want a safe parking spot in front of your house, you also value a beautiful Cheverly.

Freed from the stress about falling, you think big. Inspired by First Lady Ladybird Johnson’s 1960s opposition to excess signage, you offer a challenge to the Village and the Town: Are there effective alternatives to signs? Things like painting the curb blue? You point out that, with other Cheverly residents enjoying aging in place at home, it may make sense to “take the time to get this pilot project right.”

You also share your warmth and wit: “I think the issue will be arising more in the near future, given the good work establishing the Cheverly Village. Almost everyone becomes disabled if you live long enough!” You are the inspiring Cheverly Village member, Jeff Bridgers.

Please call or write us to find out how to be a member, a volunteer, or a supporter of Cheverly Village: 240-770-1033, Village@CheverlyVillage.org.

AND come to the gym on Sunday 3/31, 1-3 pm to enjoy the Village’s Annual Meeting!

- by Teresa Williams for Cheverly Village Board



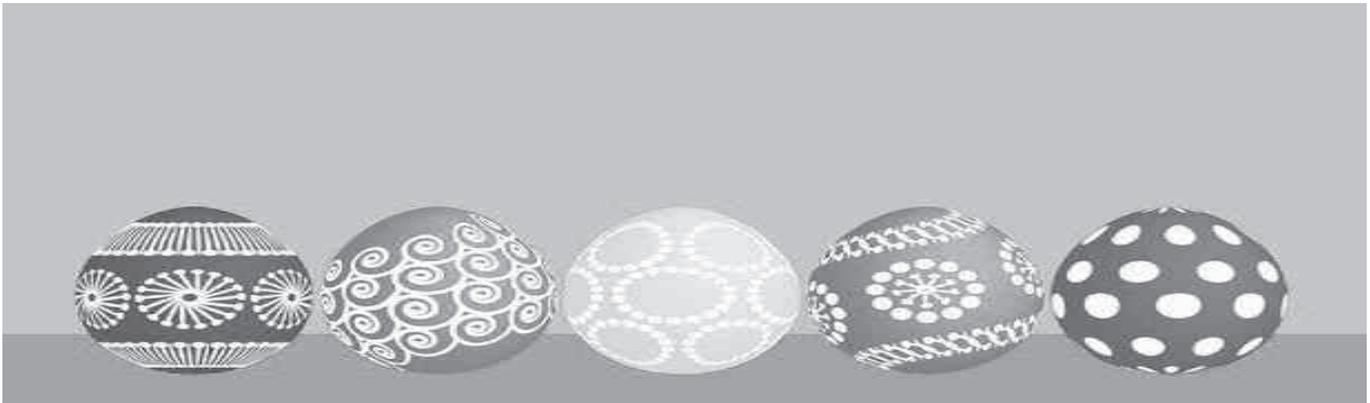
Time to
Spring Ahead

Daylight Savings Reminder!!

Sunday, March 10, 2019, 2:00:00
am clocks are turned forward 1 hour to
Sunday, March 10, 2019, 3:00:00

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour
later on Mar 10, 2019 than the day be-
fore. There will be more light in the
evening. Also called Spring For-
ward, Summer Time, and Daylight Sav-
ings Time.

Easter Egg Hunt



The annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Recreation Council will be **Saturday April 20th at 11 a.m.**

Children from toddlers up to 9 years of age are invited to visit with “**The Easter Rabbit**” before they go outside to look for Easter Eggs. We start at the town building in the gym.

Please bring your own basket or bag to put your found eggs into. There will be goodies for all, with some surprises.

We Need Volunteers!

Call Barbara 301-773-5883 if you can help.

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Meetings & Events

GOVERNMENT EVENT SCHEDULE

Thurs	Mar 14, 2019	8:00pm	Town Meeting
Thurs	Mar 28, 2019	7:30pm	Worksession
Thurs	Apr 11, 2019	8:00pm	Town Meeting
Thurs	Apr 25, 2019	7:30pm	Worksession

COMMUNITY EVENT SCHEDULE

- ◆ **Green Infrastructure** Monday, Mar 4 at 7:30 pm
- ◆ **Woman's Club** Monday, March 11 at 7 pm
- ◆ **Cheverly Garden Club** Monday, Mar 18 at 7 pm
- ◆ **Recreation Council** Thursday, Mar 26 at 7 pm
- ◆ **Cheverly Village Annual** Sunday, Mar 31 1-3 pm

CHEVERLY WEBSITE cheverly-md.gov

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

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