



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.

Save the Date: Cheverly Day is May 12th: Don't miss it!! Rain or Shine Cheverly Day is on its way. Cheverly Day is a great opportunity to attend the ChvProm, Play Softball, Play Games at the Midway, or Listen to Music. Come by and meet your neighbors and celebrate Cheverly's 81st Birthday.

Speaking of 81st Birthday's: I recently read a post on the Facebook page: "*I grew up in Cheverly in the 70's*" (is there a more accurate place for news?) mentioning that Anna Louise Cole will celebrate her 81st birthday on May 1st. Why is this significant? Apparently Anna was the first child born in Cheverly after it was incorporated.

Does Town Park Need a Facelift? Please come by Town Hall on Wednesday, May 2nd at 7 pm to participate in a design makeover for Town Park. The wooded area surrounding the Tennis Courts has suffered from erosion and the decline of plants and trees. Dan Smith and Sheila Salo of the Green Infrastructure Committee contacted the Neighborhood Design Center who will lead the redesign effort. While it may take many years to implement the design, it will be great to have blueprint for moving forward.

Come share your interests and ideas with the designers as they work to understand what makes Town Park special and valuable to our community. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Salo sheila.salo@gmail.com.

FY 2013 Budget Brings Challenges: In the Feb and Mar newsletters I have devoted a lot of ink to the upcoming financial issues facing Cheverly due to a \$700,000 annual reduction in property taxes. I ask that you please read these articles as the Council will be considering a tax rate increase up to ten cents in the upcoming budget. The newslet-

ter articles can be found on town website www.cheverly-md.gov or come by Town Hall to pick up a copy.

The Town Council will receive the first draft of the FY2013 budget at the Town Meeting on April 12th. This will kick off the official budget season in Cheverly. The Council will review in detail the budget in the April and May work sessions as the budget needs to be approved in June for the beginning of the new fiscal year.

2013 Budget Overview Meetings: In an attempt to provide information and solicit feedback on the 2013 Budget, Monday Mayor's Hours will be transformed to Budget Overview sessions. On Mon April 16th, 23rd and 30th I will host a session from 7:30pm to 8:30pm at Town Hall to discuss the budget, answer questions and field suggestions.

The Tax Man Cometh April 12th: Thanks to the efforts of State Delegate Jolene Ivey, Delegate Michael Summers, State Senator Victor Ramirez & Susan Pruden, Cheverly will host a discussion about the Property Tax Assessment process. Joe Hensley (Assessment Supervisor for Prince George's County) will speak at 7:00pm on April 12th prior to the Cheverly Town Meeting. Mr. Hensley will provide an overview of the Property Tax Assessment Process and will answer question residents may have regarding: Tax Assessment, Homestead Exemption or the Appeal Process.

A New County Trash Fee Appears on Your Tax Bill: Recently the town received a number of calls from residents who asked about a new county fee appearing on their tax bills for waste management. The fee is \$33 per year and was prorated for this year to approximately \$14.

A New County Trash Fee on Your Tax Bill cont'd:

Last month I mentioned that Cheverly residents are not charged a \$327 County Fee for trash pick-up because Cheverly provides its own trash services. However, Cheverly does deliver all trash and recyclables to the Brown Station facility for handling. The new fee represents the cost of managing the Brown Station Facility to each resident.

Route 202 Corridor Plan: Everyone in town is invited to participate in this effort to revitalize the Route 202 Corridor. The goal of this effort is to develop a plan for Route 202 that; *Improves connections to the Landover Metro Station, Enhances pedestrian safety, Provides multiple modes of transportation along the corridor and Promotes commercial and neighborhood revitalization.* Every resident in town has a point of view that can be incorporated into this process.

The first meeting was conducted on March 8th, however there will be more meetings scheduled in the future. You can find out more at the following website:

<http://www.pgplanning.org/Assets/Planning/Programs+and+Projects/Community+Plans/LMAMD202/LMAMD2012+Fact+Sheet.pdf>

Gast Park Traffic Circle: Now you see it, now you don't! As most folks know the town has been experimenting with traffic calming methods near Gast Park. The Town Council approved this effort in an attempt to slow traffic near the park. After many different configurations it was determined that construction of the circle would cost upwards to \$50,000 due to structural considerations. The council determined that the cost of the project required it to be considered as part of the annual budget process and balanced with other capital efforts. Since construction of the circle was not imminent, the temporary barrels were removed. In an effort to improve safety, the council approved two speed bumps on Parkway to slow traffic and will consider another if traffic conditions demand it.

Scholarships are Available: Cheverly residents qualify for many local area scholarships, listed below are some of them. You can find more information by searching for these on the internet.

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

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, etc.

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| 301-773-0635 | Nickolas Lal |
| 240-478-4622 | Xavier Pinkney |
| 301-583-1028 | Xavier Milam |
| 301-537-6819 | John Pooley |
| 301-772-6028 | Andrew & Ashley Priest |
| 301-322-1075 | Dorian Dixon |
| 301-773-6863 | Emmanuel Mitchell |
| 301-386-0049 | Andrew Teel |
| 240-463-6152 | Malik & Tyreq McAdoo |
| 301-322-4952 | Max & Jake Allegra |
| 301-772-6553 | James Kernan |
| 301-772-6596 | Ben Hartmann |
| 301-341-5284 | Ian Sullivan |
| 301-341-2471 | James Porcari |
| 301-772-0110 | Jack Alkire |
| 240-770-8166 | Byron Bamigbade |

Cheverly teenagers can call the town office at 773-8360 if they wish to add their names to this list.

MULCH

Schedule a mulch delivery now.

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

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

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| Mayor: | Mike Callahan | 301-773-0248 |
| Ward 1: | Laila Riazi | 202-258-6167 |
| Ward 2: | Mary Jane Coolen | 240-696-1176 |
| Ward 3: | RJ Eldridge | 301-773-7828 |
| Ward 4: | David C. Thorpe | 301-773-7888 |
| Ward 5: | Vacant | |
| Ward 6: | Carolyn Cook | 202-256-2795 |



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

GPS DEVICES ARE USEFUL TOOLS, BUT..... Over the last several months, there has been a dramatic rise in thefts from autos throughout Cheverly. The #1 item taken in the majority of these thefts have been vehicle mounted GPS devices. There is a ready market for the devices on the street and they are relatively easy to resell. They are also clearly visible in many Cheverly vehicles to a passerby making this type of incident a crime of opportunity. GPS devices are useful tools to a motorist, but they are of no value when easily stolen from your parked vehicle. Please secure your device outside the public eye, park your vehicle in a lighted area, and glance outside every now and then to make sure your vehicle is safe.

NEED RIDE ALONGS FOR AN UPCOMING ENFORCEMENT NIGHT IN APRIL ! If you have always wanted to ride along with the Cheverly Police and see where the "hot spots" are in Cheverly, please call Senora at the front desk and sign up. The Department will pair each resident with a police officer for the evening. For tactical purposes, the date will not be announced in this Newsletter but Senora will give you all of the particulars. Hope to see you soon!

APRIL ENFORCEMENT ITEMS : In April, the Department will especially target out-of-state tags, commercial vehicles, unlawful intersection parking in the vicinity of 63rd Ave and Jason Street, speeding on Joslyn St. and code enforcement throughout the Town.

C-PACT/CHEVERLY WATCH RESIDENT RADIO PROGRAM MEETING – There will not be a joint meeting of C-PACT (Cheverly – Citizens and Police Together), Cheverly’s Neighborhood Watch Organization, and the Cheverly Watch Resident Radio Program for the month of April. The next scheduled meeting will be on May 9, 2012.

VEHICLES FOR COMPUTERS – The Police Department still needs 4 in-vehicle mobile computers to completely outfit our fleet with ready communications and warrant checking capabilities. These computers, Panasonic Toughbooks with electronic ticket writing capabilities, cost about \$8,000 each. This is beyond our present budgeting ability and a grant for these extra computers was recently denied. Vehicle donations seem to be the only route for the near future. 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 –

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| 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 February 2012
(All addresses Are in Hundred Blocks)

Total Arrests for the Month: 36
 Total Traffic for the Month: 836
 Total Crime (Difference, YTD 2010-2011): -18%

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| 02-02-12 | 0700 Hrs | 6000 Landover Rd | Vandalism |
| 02-02-12 | 0700 Hrs | 6000 Landover Rd | Theft |
| 02-02-12 | 0704 Hrs | 6000 Landover Rd | Vandalism |
| 02-07-12 | 1009 Hrs | 6400 Landover Rd | Assault |
| 02-07-12 | 1403 Hrs | 6300 Landover Rd | Att B&E |
| 02-08-12 | 0801 Hrs | 6000 Landover Rd | Theft |
| 02-09-12 | 1100 Hrs | 4800 Lydell Road | Theft |
| 02-13-12 | 2021 Hrs | 5800 Annapolis Rd | Theft |
| 02-15-12 | 1337 Hrs | 6300 Landover Rd | Theft |
| 02-16-12 | 2128 Hrs | 2300 Cheverly Ave | Robbery |
| 02-18-12 | 1130 Hrs | 4800 Lydell Road | Theft |
| 02-21-12 | 1200 Hrs | 5700 Forest Road | Theft |
| 02-23-12 | 0731 Hrs | 6100 Inwood Street | Theft |
| 02-28-12 | 0735 Hrs | 6000 Inwood Street | Theft |
| 02-28-12 | 0935 Hrs | 2900 Tremont St | Theft |
| 02-28-12 | 1100 Hrs | 6100 Montrose Rd | Theft |
| 02-28-12 | 2216 Hrs | 5600 Lockwood St | Theft |

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 2011-2012 academic year. For information call Judy Deleonibus 301-386-4251 or judydeleon@aol.com

MONTHLY RECYCLING DATA
February 2012

Electronic Equipment - 0 pallets
 Appliances - 16
 Curb Recycling - 50.52 tons
 Turbine KW- 11 KW saved

ACTIONS TAKEN

Votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted

Worksession – February 23, 2012

- Motion CM Coolen to support V-112-11 at 5800 Dewey St. because of the lot's odd shape & the variance of minimal lot coverage in excess of the legal limit & modifications made to address the Town's concerns. Seconded CM Riazi. Approved. 5-0
- Motion CM Thorpe to close meeting to discuss a potential land purchase. Seconded Riazi, Approved
- Motion CM Eldridge to open the meeting. Seconded CM Coolen. Approved.
- Motion CM Rizai to grant \$1,000 for the purchase of compost bins to be distributed to Cheverly residents and to continue the good work that is being done. Seconded CM Cook. Approved.
- Motion CM Coolen to table the Boys & Girls Club grant until questions & answers can be obtained. Failed for lack of a second.
- Motion CM Riazi to authorize a grant for \$1,700 to the Cheverly Boys & Girls Club for the equipment to support the basketball, T-ball and softball programs. Seconded CM Cook. Approved
- Motion CM Riazi to send a letter in support of the various bag bills and to encourage the Prince George's County Delegations to initiate a bag fee and to surrounding communities seeding their support. Seconded CM Eldridge. Approved 4-0 CM Cook abstained.
- Motion CM Eldridge to send letter to the Anacostia Trials Heritage Society requesting membership. Seconded Cm Riazi. Approved.

Town Meeting - March 8, 2012

- CM Riazi Motion to award a grant for partnering with the Neighborhood Design Center for a landscape design for Town Park in the amount of \$700. CM Coolen seconded. Approved
- CM Cook Motion to approve a \$1,000 grant to support the funding of the clean-up in our waterways on March 22nd for the Earth Conservation Center and Students Today Leaders Forever Youth Conservation Corps. CM Riazi seconded. Approved
- CM Coolen Motion to approve P-1-12 Declaring 2012 as the Year of the Oak in Cheverly. Seconded CM Eldridge. Approved
- CM Eldridge Motion that April 11, 2012 be declared as Arbor Day in the Town of Cheverly. CM Thorpe seconded. Approved
- CM Thorpe Motion to approve R-1-12 authorizing the Town Administrator to join the Cable Television Consortium. CM Eldridge seconded. Approved

TENTATIVE AGENDAS

Town Meeting—April 12, 2012

- Introducing FY13 Budget
- Proclamation Designating May Peace Month

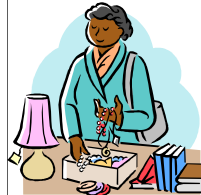
Worksession - April 26, 2012

- Discussion—FY13 Budget
- Discussion Ward redistricting

Town meetings broadcast LIVE on Cable 71 & Fios 35
Rebroadcast everyday at Noon, 6pm and 10pm

Cheverly RECREATION COUNCIL

Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday April 7th at 11 AM. Come visit with the Easter Bunny and take your picture with him, before we go out looking for Easter Eggs. PLEASE BRING SOMETHING TO PUT YOUR EGGS INTO.



Spring Flea Market

Saturday April 14, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Hope to see you there.

Cheverly RECREATION COUNCIL -

April meeting will be Tuesday, April 24th at 7:00 PM in the conference room at the Community Center. Topic will be the summer playground and the John "Dent" Wilson Scholarship.

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

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| MON | Town Wide | YARD WASTE |
| MON | East side | Regular Garbage Pickup only |
| TUE | West side | Regular Garbage Pickup only |
| WED | Town wide | RECYCLING (blue /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 with Thur/Fri special trash (cut into 4' lengths, tied and bundled)

ELECTRONICS are picked up on Wed. with your recycling. TV's any size, computers (remove hard drive) monitors, & keyboards, etc . Place next to your recycle bucket.

APPLIANCES - Washers, dryers, stoves, dishwashers, refrigerators/freezers (remove doors) (microwaves (any size) and air conditioners (any size. \$20 fee for removal, contact PW office 301-773-2666

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



Cheverly Day is almost here! This year, the theme is Made in Cheverly. We'll be celebrating all things Made in Cheverly, from art to our annual Cicada Crunch Race to food to music to families! Join us at Town Park for a great celebration of all things Cheverly on May 12, and visit our website, www.cheverlyday.org and blog www.cheverlyday.blogspot.com for all the latest news and stories that are truly Made in Cheverly!

Make sure to get your tickets now for Cheverly's Annual make-it-yourself dance, CHVProm! Tickets are on sale in the Town Offices, so plan your group, your table, and your outfits and get set for the biggest party of the year!

A poster for CHVProm 2012. The background is a dark, textured pattern of small, light-colored circles. The text "CHVProm 2012" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below it, in a smaller font, is "Friday, May 11 8:00pm to midnight Cheverly Community Center 6401 Forest Road, Cheverly". The word "TICKETS" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below it, in a smaller font, is "\$15 advance/\$20 door \$150 table of 10 (advance only)". A circular badge contains the text "Advance tickets available at the Town Offices starting April 2". The word "featuring" is written in a smaller font. Below it, the name "THE NEW ROMANOS" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, in a very small font, is "Follow @NewRomanos, Real Table, Reservation Prices & Date Picked @NewRomanos". The poster also features two white silhouettes of a person playing a trumpet and another person playing a guitar.



ARBOR DAY
APRIL 11, 2012
10:00 AM

Judith P. Hoyer School - 2300 Belleview Ave
Come out and watch the children plant trees.

CHV Prom 2012 - Fri, 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 Prom Committee. Tickets are \$15.00/ 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! 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.

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 \$79 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.

Community Bulletin Board

JOIN FLBC'S CELEBRATION OF EARTH DAY ON APRIL 21st! The date of the monthly work party for Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek has been changed just for the month of April to Saturday, April 21 (instead of Sat. April 28) to coincide with Earth Day work session / celebration of the Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS). We will focus our Earth Day Work Party cleanup efforts along Route 50, which we will access by meeting between 9 am and noon at one of our usual starting places: Woodworth Park (at Cheverly Park Drive and Wayne Place). Gloves, bags, water and snacks will be provided. As usual, community service hours are available. After our Work Party, many of us will be attending the AWS Earth Day Celebration, which will be held from noon to 2 pm in the RFK Stadium Parking Lot #6. There is plenty of parking on site and it is Metro accessible (Stadium-Armory Station, Orange and Blue Lines). The celebration will feature notable speakers, live music by local reggae band Proverbs, as well as vendor and organizational tables. There will be free food and drinks, prepared by AWS partner Seafarer's Yacht Club. Also performing will be Hip Hop Education!--Young children performing songs they wrote themselves. For more information, email or call Joani Horchler at 301-773-9671 / horcpool97@aol.com.

Cheverly Community Market News - If the flowering trees and shrubs dropping pollen everywhere are any indication, then Spring has Sprung! Here at the Cheverly Community Market, we've been busy little bees preparing for the upcoming season. Mark your calendars – the first Market is May 19! Can't wait until then? Come out and support your market at our Second Annual Cheverly Community Market Potluck. Bring your family, friends and neighbors (and a potluck dish or libation to share) to Fannon Hall on Sunday, May 6, from 5:00-8:00pm. Our panel of celebrity guest judges will be awarding a number of prizes for best offerings of the night! Keep your eyes on our blog <http://cheverlycommunitymarket.blogspot.com/> for more info. Volunteers - Envious of all the fun we've been having? Why not volunteer at the Market? There are many ways, large or small you can help out your community market. Musicians - We are still searching for musicians to play at the market. Know an entertainer who might like to perform? Send us an email cheverlycommunitymarket@gmail.com and let us know. Want to keep up with all the latest happenings at the market? Join our email list or find us on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Foursquare and Yelp! Visit our blog (<http://cheverlycommunitymarket.blogspot.com/>) and find out how to connect!

Community Bulletin Board

Progressive Cheverly - Our April forum will be "**Prince George's Hospital, Public Health, and Access to Care in the County**". The forum will be on Thursday, April 5, 7:00 pm. Come hear top ranking county officials speak on the status and future of Prince George's Hospital, a way forward to end critical public health challenges in the County and what these changes mean to county residents. Our speakers will include: Bradford L. Seamon, Chief Administrative Officer for County Executive Rushern Baker; Betty Hager Francis, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Health, Human Services and Education; and Pamela Brown Creekmur, Acting Health Officer for Prince George's County. At the Judith Hoyer Montessori School Cafeteria, 2300 Belleview Ave., Cheverly. Refreshments will be served.

CHEVERLY GARDEN CLUB.....Members, please start potting for the May 5 Plant Sale....this wonderful weather has given us a chance to have some really wonderful plants in excellent growth. We will be selling vegetables and herbs that the town has asked to buy...they will have great roots and sturdy stems. We also will have hanging plants that sell out very fast. Spring actually came to Cheverly the end of Winter....what will April bring? On April 16 members and guests are invited to a once in a lifetime opportunity to hear Don Hyatt, one of the best known Azalea Speakers in our country and other places. He will present a program highlighting Native Azaleas in our country. I suggest if you are interested look him up on the internet...you will want to be here. Meeting starts at 7:00 4th floor of Cheverly United Methodist Church. Keep reading our news we have some exciting news that will be in this letter in the months to come. Ann Gardenhour 301 773 1991

Cheverly Cub Scout Pack 257 springs into action this April with a Bladensburg Waterfront clean-up and celebration of Earth Day. Also planned are opportunities for Search and Rescue training and camping. In March we celebrated St. Patrick's Day by learning why Ireland has no Snakes! The Cub Scout program is for boys grades 1-5 and their families to learn positive values such as citizenship, health, responsibility, conservation and faith. Scouting is families, joined together to teach our children. For more information call Mrs. Tonya at 301-328-3096 or CM David at 703-275-2861.

WOMAN'S CLUB - Spring-like weather is here and the Woman's Club is blossoming. Please help us spread peace in Cheverly.

- 1) **Fundraiser** - Flea Market Kitchen (our famous chicken salad is back) - Sat. April 14 at the community center, 9-2. Proceeds go to Peace Camp. We need donations of food and help on the day and we need you to come to the Kitchen to buy lunch and snacks.
 - 2) **Peace Month in May** - Participate and be included in the May Peace Month Calendar in this newsletter. Plan something small or big that focuses on peace in yourself, your family, the community, etc., let us know by April 17
 - 3) **Peace Camp** - week of July 16 at the Legion Hall, 9-1. For more information: lffp.org. Register children as campers to learn skills of peace while having summer fun. Register older children to also learn skills to become peace camp counselors.
- Joyce Lang - joycelang@verizon.net / 773-2211



Challenger Soccer - the

number one soccer camp program in the United States and Canada, returns to Cheverly Town Park June 18-22. Sponsored by the Cheverly Soccer

Club, the Challenger British Soccer camp offers kids between ages 3 and 15 age- and skill-appropriate soccer development—and lots of fun! For camp registration, contact ghodson@challengersports.com or visit:

<https://registration.challengersports.com/FindACamp/FindACamp.asp?>

Increase the family fun by hosting a coach! Host families only need to provide the coaches with comfy sleeping quarters, three-square meals a day, and laundering facilities. If you're interested in hosting, please send an email to ghodgson@challengersports.com and jkonieczko@gmail.com



Cheverly Baseball 2012—

Baseball has started! If you are interested please let us know by coming down to the Town Park on Wednesday or Friday between the hours of 6pm-7pm or by going to the Cheverly Web-site <http://www.cheverlybgc.org/> or our baseball blog at cheverlybaseball.org. You can also call 301-341-7780 for more information. We still need volunteers for coaching!

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CUMC Easter Services - All are Welcome to join Cheverly United Methodist Church for it's combined
4/5/12 Maundy Thursday Service w/ Landover Christian Church. 6421 Old Landover Road
4/6/12 Good Friday Service - "Stations of the Cross" @ CUMC
4/8/12 Easter Sunrise Service @ 6:30am @CUMC
4/8/12 Worship Service @10:00

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

GNS PTA Update-PTA Fundraiser at Franklin's on April 24! Head to Franklin's Restaurant and Brewery for lunch, dinner or carryout (even alcohol and gifts!) on Tuesday, April 24 and give your receipt to the hostess (restaurant) or cashier (store) and 20% of your ENTIRE bill will support the Gladys Noon Spellman PTA. Franklin's is located at 2151 Baltimore Avenue in Hyattsville, and is open from 11am until 10pm.

Join us for our last PTA Meeting of the year! There will be no April meeting due to spring break. Our last PTA meeting for this school year will be on Tuesday, May 1 from 6:30-8:00pm in the GNS Multipurpose Room. Everyone is welcome to attend. 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 aimeeo-livo@gmail.com or 202-210-0380.

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.

Cheverly Community Gardens -

Looking for a sunny location to grow your own vegetables? You can do that right here in Cheverly along with your neighbors. Plots are available in the Cheverly Comm. Vegetable Gardens located in Boyd Park. Contact chvgardens@verizon.net for an application and a copy of the guidelines or stop by the Community Center to pick one up.



Cheverly Parents Resource Center (CPRC)

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.

Come play with us every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday when we (with our children, of course!) meet for morning playgroup at Gast "Cheese" Park from 9:30am until 11:30am. In inclement weather we will meet at the Cheverly Community Center.

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

Cheverly Weekday Nursery -

is a quality pre-school program for children 3-5 years old, located in the Cheverly United Methodist church. The Nursery is now accepting applications for a limited number of all day positions for the 2012-2013 school year. The Nursery is in session from Sept. to June, 8:15-2:45, with after care available until 6:00 pm. For more information check www.cheverlynurseryschools.com or call the school at 301-773-2297.

Psst: This month's "read your newsletter bonus" -- be one of the first three residents to call the Mayor at 301-773-0248 to receive \$5.00 in Cheverly Day Midway tickets. Repeat winners not allowed.



The Year of the Oak

A village is not complete, unless it have (sic) these trees to mark the season in it. They are important, like the town clock Let us have willows for spring, elms for summer, maples and walnuts and tupelos for autumn, evergreens for winter, and oaks for all seasons. --Henry David Thoreau

It is quite extraordinary that such a big tree as the Oak which across the earth benefits so much the human race develops from a tiny acorn. The oak is the most common tree found in the forests of the world and throughout all the regions of the United States. In this country alone there are more than eighty oak species with Maryland benefitting from having twenty one of these species.

The mid-Atlantic ecosystem, the region where Maryland is located, has benefitted from having oaks in its forests as they have helped with the cleaning of the air within cities & towns as the oaks' strong wood is used for furniture and flooring.

Evaluating the value of the oak in all its variations The Town of Cheverly is joining the Maryland Plant Society in celebrating 2012 as the year of the Oak. This year as part of the Arbor Day celebration the Town will be planting and giving away six hundred white oaks seedlings on a first come first served basis.

Until these six hundred seedlings are gone, if you are able, can plant and care for one of these white oak seedlings in your yard call the department of public works at 301-773-2666 by April 11, 2012 and one seedling per household will be provided.

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Oak seedlings can grow well outside in partial shade. However, for indoor growth, full sun is needed. Ideally, the light should come from above, as in a greenhouse or cold frame. A sunny, south-facing window is a good alternative, but the pots will need to be turned almost daily during shoot flushes as the seedlings bend towards the light. Frequent rotating of the containers will prevent a permanent crook from forming in the stem. One month after germination, weekly applications of a dilute liquid fertilizer should begin. Most house plant fertilizers work well, especially if the nitrogen content is equal to or greater than the phosphorous and potassium.

Most oak seedlings are planted out after one year in the nursery. A good alternative, especially if pint sized containers are used, is to plant the seedling out when it is three months old. If the acorns are germinated in December and January, grow the seedlings indoors until March, when they should be moved outside to a sheltered location to harden off. One week later, the seedlings should be moved to a location similar to the planting site, to allow further acclimation to the elements. Removal from the pots and planting outside can occur in late March, allowing the seedlings two months to establish before the heat of summer.

Even if the seedlings are to remain in the pots for a year, they should be grown outside from spring to fall. Exposure to full sun and wind will produce stronger, hardier growth. The containers should at least be moved outside in early fall, and fertilization discontinued. The shorter daylight and cooler temperatures will cause the seedling to become dormant and prepare for winter. Overwintering seedlings in containers can be difficult due to freezing, drying, and rodent damage. Near a window of an unheated shed or garage makes a good overwintering site, as does a location between two buildings sheltered from direct sun and wind. Remember to continue watering the pots

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Meetings & Events

GOVERNMENT EVENT SCHEDULE

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| Sat. | Apr 7 | 11:00 am | Easter Egg Hunt |
| Wed | Apr 11 | 10:00 am | ARBOR DAY PLANTING |
| Thur | Apr 12 | 8:00 pm | TOWN MEETING |
| Sat | Apr 14 | 9:00 am | Flea Market |
| Tue | Apr 24 | 7:00 pm | REC Meeting |
| Thur | Apr 26 | 7:30 pm | WORK SESSION |

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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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COMMUNITY EVENT SCHEDULE

- Compost Bins ordering information
- CHV Prom - ticket information
- Cheverly Weekday Nursery accepting applications
- Woman's Club - May Peace Month Information
- Soccer Challenge update
- Progressive Cheverly - April 5 Forum
- CUMC Easter Schedule
- Cheverly Boys & Girls Club Baseball sign-ups
- GNS fundraiser—April 24, Franklin's
- CPRC - Mon/Wed/Fri 9:30-11:30 Gast Park
- Garden Club—April 16 - Native Azaleas
- Cheverly Community Gardens - Boyd Park
- Cheverly Farmers Market