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# **CHEVERLY MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

## **MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016 (7am-8pm)**

### **2016 ELECTION CALENDAR**

**Friday, April 1, 2016** Voter Registration Closes (30 days before election)

**Monday, April 25, 2016** Last day to apply for Absentee Ballot (7 days before election)

**Monday, May 2, 2016: *ELECTION DAY***

**VOTER REGISTRATION:** Voters registered in Prince George's County are automatically registered to vote in Town elections. Call the Prince George's County Voter Registration Hotline 301-627-2811, or download registration forms at [www.elections.state.md.us](http://www.elections.state.md.us). You can also get registration forms at the Town Office. Registration Books will close on Friday, April 1, 2016.

Voters may apply for **Emergency Absentee Ballots** for medical and work related emergencies that come up during the last 7 days before election.



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.

**FY17 Budget Season Looms:** The Town Administrator will deliver a draft FY17 Budget at the April Town Meeting. Copies of the budget can be picked up at Town Hall during working hours.

The yearly budget provides the following:  
Audited FY15 Numbers. This is critical for resetting our fund balance and providing budget estimates for FY16 and FY17

Estimated Actuals for FY16 (budget year ending June 30). This is the Town's best estimate of what the town will spend and receive this year. These numbers provide us a baseline Fund Balance and guidelines for spending in FY17.

Estimate Budget for FY17: These numbers represent the expected revenues and expenditures of the Town for the upcoming fiscal year.

**Hey Mike, So how is the town doing financially?**

Well the good news is that we closed out FY15 with a fund balance of 1.67M dollars and our revenues will exceed our expenditures in FY16. So we hope to have a Fund Balance greater than 2.1M heading into FY17.

**Hey Mike, Why is the Fund Balance so large?**

Good question. Please remember that the town **must** have a minimum fund balance of approximately 900K to meet state mandated standards. The remaining amount is operating funds and money that we can apply to pending capital needs: New Public Works Building, Roads, Park Improvements, Vehicles, etc.

**Hey Mike, does the town spend its money wisely?**

I might be a little biased here, but I believe the Town Council has been very conservative in the budget process, and I believe that Town Staff manages the allocated funds with great care. It is always difficult to track the puts and takes but town spending was:

- FY14: 5.2M
- FY15: 5.8M
- FY16: 5.1M (projected)
- FY17: 5.6M (projected)

While Operating costs have remained constant, the major fluctuation is money allocated to capital.

**Hey Mike, How are you going to keep us informed during the process?** Unfortunately, work sessions occur after the newsletter deadline occurs. So look for mid-month FYI's through the Town's News and Announcements System. Hopefully, this should be a non-controversial budget season. I expect the council to spend a little more on capital projects to address some long standing needs.

**6301 Kilmer Update:** The Town of Cheverly commissioned a limited site and building study of the 6301 Kilmer Street, Cheverly, MD property, with the intended findings and information to be used as a guideline to ascertain its most appropriate use for the community. M2 Design Consulting has visited the site, and provided an assessment of the property, liabilities, structures, and potential uses. This study can be found on the Cheverly Website at:

[www.cheverly-md.gov/Pages/CheverlyMD\\_WebDocs/6301%20Kilmer%20St%20Site%20%20Bldg%20Assessment%20Report-%2002.18.2016.pdf](http://www.cheverly-md.gov/Pages/CheverlyMD_WebDocs/6301%20Kilmer%20St%20Site%20%20Bldg%20Assessment%20Report-%2002.18.2016.pdf)

Please take the time to read the document to better understand the costs, as well as the pros and cons of the various options proposed by the community. One major finding that seems to ring true is that the cost of renovating the building would far exceed the value of the resulting structure.

**6301 Update: Spellman Synergy?** The Town Council has long explored whether there is a synergistic use of the property that can be identified through discussions with PGCPs. Unfortunately this conversation has been delayed due to other higher priority issues for PGCPs.

Fortunately, with the assistance of the Spellman PTA and the Principal Brandi Smith an initial conversation occurred that generated much interest on the part of the school system. We expect to have a follow up conversation in April to discuss possible joint uses of the land and a sharing of cost to develop.

**Cheverly Sector Plan:** The Cheverly Sector Plan is currently on Hiatus. Due to staff turnover at MNCPPC, the Cheverly Sector plan is temporarily on hold. The Town has indicated that we support a delay of the planning process until knowledgeable and trained staff are on board. Stay tuned.

**Venerunt, Viderunt, Vicerunt, and then they ate Pizza:** On St Patrick's Day 250 students from across the Mid-West came to Boyd Park to clean Little Beaverdam Creek and the Cabin John Branch. Oh boy did they! They removed 2.5 tons of trash and 2.7 tons of tires. Not to mention the commodes, grocery carts and other items. The Town of Cheverly thanks the Earth Conservation Corp and Students Today Leaders Forever for returning for the 23<sup>rd</sup> year.

**Cheverly Dog Park Meeting:** On March 21<sup>st</sup> over 15 residents attended a meeting to discuss the proposed Cheverly Dog Park. Many more residents have indicated their desire to participate in the planning process.

The primary topic of conversation was the location for a Dog Park. The group agreed that the best location was to pursue the SHA property that exists behind the Public Works building. I agreed to pursue an agreement with SHA for the use of the property, while the residents in attendance agreed to create a recommendation on how to design, construct and operate the park.

Everyone agreed that a follow up meeting will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**Cheverly Avenue Construction / WSSC / One Million Dollars:** It seems like Cheverly Ave has been under construction forever, doesn't it? Unfortunately, we are still a ways from completion. The project started last summer and will continue into early fall. We understand that this construction is inconvenient in many ways: traffic jams on Cheverly Ave, cars speeding on side roads to avoid traffic, bumpy rides, water shut downs and of course the occasional brown water. The Town Council and I appreciate your patience with this construction, and please know that these upgrades are needed.

More importantly, please know that when the project is complete and Cheverly Ave is re-paved at WSSC's expense the Town of Cheverly and its taxpayers will have saved over one million dollars. That's right, re-paving Cheverly Ave cost in excess of one million dollars. So when you're sitting in a traffic jam, please remember that we are not only getting desperately needed new infrastructure but also a newly paved Cheverly Ave free of charge.

**PARADE, PARADE, PARADE:** Cheverly Day is May 21<sup>st</sup>, be there! I hope everyone is working on their float, marching band, dance unit, or whatever. Parades only come every five years and we need to make them special so that our children remember them forever. So gather friends and organizations, put your thinking caps on and have some fun.

Also if you have contacts with bands, teams, corporate mascots, or people with special talents please direct them to Glen Barton ([glenmbarton@gmail.com](mailto:glenmbarton@gmail.com)) or Mike Callahan ([mhcallahan@gmail.com](mailto:mhcallahan@gmail.com)).

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**Hear Ye, Hear Ye,  
Hear Ye**

**Mosquitoes are  
Coming,**

**Mosquitoes are  
Coming**



The spring season brings a host of beauty to our area becoming a feast to our eyes and ears. Spring also brings rain and with rain, wet weather which can become stagnant water, the breeding ground/ facilitator for mosquitoes.

In the event that you wish to host mosquitoes within the immediate area of you property and share them with the community, please let stagnant water remain on your property... That pretty much sums it up. Stagnant/standing/ puddles of water become the host where mosquitoes will lay their eggs. Within five days the immediate area will be hearing the mosquitoes buzzing sound as they search for a blood meal and perhaps leave the host with a medical need

On the other hand you may not wish to host mosquitoes on your property or share them with the community. If this is you, please consider incorporating the guidelines below from the **Maryland Department of Agriculture...**

### **Tips to Rid Your Community of Mosquito Breeding Sites**

Clean rain gutters to allow water to flow freely.

Remove old tires or drill drainage holes in tires used for playground equipment.

Store plastic wading pools inside or turn them upside down when not in use.

Turn over or remove clay pots and plastic containers.

Dispose of all empty beverage containers, plastic wrappers, discarded toys, etc.

Check for trapped water in plastic or canvas tarps used to cover boats, pools, etc. Arrange the tarp to drain the water.

Pump out bilges in boats. Turn canoes and small boats upside down for storage.

Replace water in bird baths at least twice a week.

Remove pet food and water dishes that are not being used.

## MOSQUITOES *cont'd*

Flush livestock water troughs twice a week.

Don't leave garbage can lids lying upside down. Be sure water does not collect in the bottom of garbage cans.

Flush water in the bottom of plant holders twice a week.

Fix dripping outside water faucets.

Turn wheelbarrows upside down when stored outside.

Check around construction sites or do-it-yourself improvements to ensure that proper backfilling and grading prevent drainage problems.

Check ornamental ponds, tree holes and water-holding low areas for mosquito larvae. Call the nearest Mosquito Control Office (see below) if you find, or suspect, mosquito larvae are present.

If ditches do not flow and contain stagnant water for one week or longer, they can produce large numbers of mosquitoes. Report such conditions to a Mosquito Control Office. Do not attempt to clear these ditches because they may be protected by wetland regulations.

Contact the ***Mosquito Control Section*** of the Maryland Department of Agriculture nearest you for additional assistance and advice. **Maryland Department of Agriculture Mosquito Control Offices Annapolis** (Headquarters) 410-841-5870 Central & Western Maryland 301-927-8357 Eastern Maryland 410-543-6626 Southern Maryland 301-373-4263

Like the previous years the Department of Agriculture will be monitoring and spraying for mosquitoes within the Town of Cheverly. On Tuesday nights mosquito control products will be sprayed in the areas where residents have made phone calls to public works and/or the Agriculture Department. These calls result in monitoring and identified areas as having an increase in the mosquito population.

Please monitor the sources of stagnant water on your property and, if possible, ask your neighbors to do the same. Working together early in spring the mosquitoes breeding sites can be minimized... Please call the Department of Public Works. Report your mosquito situation between 7:30 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except federal holidays to 301-773-2666.





**Message from the Chief** Buddy Robshaw  
([policechief@cheverly-md.gov](mailto:policechief@cheverly-md.gov))

**HOME SECURITY EXPO** – The Cheverly Police Department is sponsoring its first ever Home Security Expo, designed for the homeowner who does not have the time to commit to a personal security survey at their home. This Expo will feature easy to find, purchase, and install locks, lighting, and other security items that are designed to deter burglary and theft. Displays will include actual hardware and security systems, information and tips on installation of these items, and firsthand explanation on how these security tools can protect your home and family. The Expo will be held at the police station on **April 9, 2016, between 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**, to include a guided tour of the station and light refreshments. Hope to see everyone there!

**RECORDED THREATENING TELEPHONE CALLS FROM THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS)**

**HOAX:** Lately, residents have been reporting a wide range of recorded telephone messages on both home and cellular telephones allegedly from the IRS. These messages, which derive from a number of different states, threaten immediate action from the IRS because of outstanding taxes and/or liens. All of these calls are scams. These callers may demand money or may say you have a refund due and try to trick you into sharing private information. These con artists can sound convincing when they call. They may know a lot about you, and they usually alter the caller ID to make it look like the IRS is calling. They use fake names and bogus IRS identification badge numbers. If you don't answer, they often leave an "urgent" callback request. Remember, the IRS does not use unsolicited email, text messages or any social media to discuss your personal tax issue.

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS and asking for money, here's what you should do:

- If you know you owe taxes or think you might owe, call the IRS at 1.800.829.1040. The IRS workers can help you with a payment issue.
- If you know you don't owe taxes or have no reason to believe that you do, report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1.800.366.4484 or at [www.tigta.gov](http://www.tigta.gov).

You can file a complaint using the [FTC Complaint Assistant](#); choose "Other" and then "Imposter Scams." If the complaint involves someone impersonating the IRS, include the words "IRS Telephone Scam" in the notes.

**HOW THE POLICE DETERMINE WHO IS AT FAULT IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT?** It is very likely that sometime in your driving lifetime, you or someone you know will be involved in an automobile accident. The first thing you should know is that the police in Prince George's County will respond to any accident scene, ensure the involved drivers are appropriately licensed and the vehicles registered and insured. Whether an accident report will be written is entirely dependent on injuries, damage to

vehicles, and/or violations of the Maryland Transportation Article. Bear in mind also that accident fault is determined from the narrow view of criminal law, not from the viewpoint of settlement, civil suits, or television justice.

The determination of fault in a traffic accident in Maryland is derived from the "Boulevard Rule." This Rule narrowly and specifically determines who the favored and unfavored drivers are in an accident, a decision primarily influenced by right-of-way. Right-of-way means the right of one vehicle or pedestrian to proceed in a lawful manner on a highway in preference to another vehicle or pedestrian. Contributing factors, such as weather, driving conditions, speed, road factors, etc., play a secondary role. I say "contributing factors" because, although each of these factors may jointly determine fault from a civil viewpoint, they may or may not factor into which driver is favored or unfavored.

For example, Driver A, on a secondary road, approaches and stops at a stop sign at an intersection with a major roadway. It is raining and visibility is decreased. As Driver A, who can't see down the major roadway very far because of a curve, pulls out onto the major roadway, Driver A strikes a speeding Driver B who seems to come out of nowhere traveling on the major roadway.

From the example above, the weather, visibility, road conditions, and speeding all play a contributing role in this traffic accident but they are not the primary cause of the accident. The primary cause is the narrow view that Driver B had the legal right-of-way and was favored over Driver A. Although accidents can occur all different ways, the Boulevard Rule finds a way to determine the favored driver in each case. The only exception may well be a parking lot accident where the rules of the road do not always apply.

This information is supplied as a public service and is not meant as a legal opinion in all cases. If you have had an accident and wish to discuss why or why not you were at fault, please give me a call at 301-341-1055. Otherwise, consult a lawyer who will provide you with assistance based upon the individual facts of your case.

**TELEPHONE NUMBERS –**

<b>Police Emergency</b>	<b>9-1-1</b>
<b>Police Nonemergency Calls for Dispatch</b>	<b>(301) 352-1200</b>
<b>Cheverly Police – Main Line</b>	<b>(301) 341-1055</b>
<b>Cheverly Police (Night/Weekend Only)</b>	<b>(301) 789-5090</b>
<b>Cheverly Police Facsimile</b>	<b>(301) 341-0176</b>
<b>Cheverly Photo Enforcement</b>	<b>(240) 770-7641</b>
<b>Alley Cat Towing (Towing Vendor)</b>	<b>(301) 864-0323</b>
<b>Cheverly Investigators</b>	<b>(301) 789-8551</b> <b>(301) 852-0537</b>

## Crime Report February 2016

\*Addresses in hundred blocks only

02/26/16	0710	hrs	6000 Arbor	Assault (2 <sup>nd</sup> Deg)
02/28/16	1046	hrs	4800 Lydell	Theft from Auto
02/28/16	1017	hrs	4800 Lydell	B&E (Comm.)
02/27/16	2333	hrs	5800 Landover Rd	Assault (2 <sup>nd</sup> Deg)
02/27/16	0447	hrs	3108 Laurel	Vandalism
02/25/16	1613	hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Robbery (armed)
02/23/16	0823	hrs	2800 63 <sup>rd</sup> Ave	Theft from Auto
02/21/16	0539	hrs	6400 Landover Rd	B&E (Res.)
02/20/16	1000	hrs	3100 Crest	Theft from Auto
02/21/16	0857	hrs	6200 Cheverly Pk Dr	Theft from Auto
02/21/16	0804	hrs	2300 Belleview	Theft from Auto
02/21/16	1420	hrs	6400 Landover Rd	B&E (Comm.)
02/13/16	2347	hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Vandalism
02/11/16	1647	hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft (under \$100)
02/10/16	1731	hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Assault (1 <sup>st</sup> Deg)
02/09/16	0951	hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Assault (2 <sup>nd</sup> Deg)
02/08/16	1305	hrs	3300 Belleview	Vandalism
02/08/16	0830	hrs	2400 Valleyway	Vandalism
02/07/16	2104	hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft (Shoplifting)
02/03/16	1845	hrs	6400 Landover Rd	Assault (2 <sup>nd</sup> Deg)
02/03/16	1131	hrs	Oak @ Kilmer	Theft from Auto

## RECYCLING TOTALS

February 2016

Curb Recycling— 41.32 tons

Electronic Recycling — 4 pallets

Appliances - 7



## Recreation Council

Just a reminder about the Spring Flea Market, Sat. April 9 from 9am to 2pm

**The Cheverly Recreation Council** will sponsor the John “Dent” Wilson Scholarship. There are two \$500 college scholarships to be awarded to a Cheverly resident who is enrolled full time in a academic or vocational post secondary education program for the 2015-2016 academic year.

For applications call  
Judy DeLeonibus at 301-386-4251.



**Recreation Council** - April meeting will be on Tues., April 26th at 7PM in the conference room at the Community Center. Topic will be the summer playground and the Scholarship.

## NEWS FROM THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE MOSQUITO CONTROL SECTION

The Town is scheduled for random mosquito spraying again this year. Spraying will take place every Tuesday from April through Sept. Spraying for adult mosquitoes will be based strictly on results from standardized surveillance methods. It is your responsibility to notify the Public Works Department of any mosquito swarming. If we receive no complaints, we may not receive the surveillance. Please help us deal with the mosquito problem.



*Votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted*

### ACTIONS TAKEN

#### Worksession - February 25, 2016

- MOTION CM Coolen to have Public Works remove the Valley Way speed hump and install raised crosswalks. Seconded CM Daly. Approved 5-0. CM Rodgers absent.
- MOTION CM Riazi that we not move forward with a speed hump installation on Tremont Avenue. Seconded CM Stewart. Approved 4-0. Mayor recused himself. Vice-Mayor Eldridge did not vote.
- MOTION CM Riazi to authorize supplies and food not to exceed \$500 for the March 17<sup>th</sup> ECC clean-up. Seconded CM Coolen. Approved 6-0.
- MOTION CM Eldridge that the Town of Cheverly sign the Memorandum of Understanding of the Inter Municipal Biking Group. Seconded CM Riazi. Approved 6-0.

#### Town Meeting - March 10, 2016

- CM Eldridge to excuse CM Rodgers. CM Coolen seconded. Approved 5-0.
- CM Riazi to approve the Proclamation Designating April 6, 2016 as Arbor Day in Cheverly. CM Coolen seconded. Approved 5-0
- CM Eldridge to approve the Statement regarding V-120-15. CM Stewart seconded. Approved 5-0.

### TENATIVE AGENDA

#### Town Meeting - April 14, 2016

- Introduction FY17 Operating Budget & C.I.P.

#### Worksession - April 28, 2016

- Discussion FY17 Operating Budget & C.I.P.

### **TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

**MON Town Wide YARD WASTE (Paper Bags Only)**

**MON East side Regular Garbage Pickup only**

**TUE West side Regular Garbage Pickup only**

**WED Town wide RECYCLING (blue or yellow bins)**

**THU East side Garbage & SPECIAL TRASH (at curb)**

**FRI West side Garbage & SPECIAL TRASH (at curb)**

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

**BAMBOO** is picked up with Thursday/Friday Special Trash. Tied up and bundled no longer than 4'

**ELECTRONICS** are picked up on Wednesday with recycling. TV's any size (no wooden consoles), computers (remove hard drive), monitors, keyboards, etc. Place these items next to your recycle bucket.

**APPLIANCES**-Washers, dryers, stoves, dishwashers, refrigerators/freezers (remove doors) microwaves (any size), A/C units (any size) - \$20 for removal, contact Public Works at 301-773-2666

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

**REMEMBER PAPER BAGS ONLY  
FOR YARD WASTE ON MONDAY**

**AND**

**NO PLASTIC BAGS ALLOWED IN  
RECYCLING ON WEDNESDAY**

### **ORDER MULCH NOW**

Mulch is now available for delivery from the Public Works Department. Applications can be found on the Cheverly Website: [www.cheverly-md.gov](http://www.cheverly-md.gov) under Public Works. Mulch is now \$25 for a truck load (2 scoops)

***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 mowing lawns, raking leaves, shoveling snow, etc. Cheverly teenagers can call the town office 301-773-8360 if they wish to add their names to this list

Malik & Tyreq McAdoo 301-832-1576

Andrew Priest 301-772-6028

Delonta Beard 240-601-4271

# Cheverly American Legion Family

The Cheverly American Legion Family is a vibrant and growing group of men and women who share an interest in supporting veterans, military service members and their families, youth, and our community.

## HALFWAY TO HALLOWEEN!

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY



Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>

1 pm to 4pm



Costume Parade! Costume Contest!

Games, Prizes, Music, Food

Face painting, Fortune Teller

Snacks and beverages for sale

Cash bar, 50-50 drawing

Cheverly American Legion Post 108  
3608 Legion Dr. Cheverly, MD 20785  
Sponsored by ALA Unit 108  
Contact: [cheverlyauxiliary@gmail.com](mailto:cheverlyauxiliary@gmail.com)



Cash donations accepted at the door  
Sponsored by ALA Unit 108

## Ongoing Events

**Friday Night Queen of Hearts Game** - Friday nights, 7:30 PM, Dugout

One of the benefits of being a member of the Cheverly American Legion Family is that you can try your luck at finding the Queen of Hearts on the board of 54 cards. One drawing each week until the Queen of Hearts is found. Tickets available for sale in the dugout, Tuesday – Sunday, 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM, up to the drawing.

**Second Friday Game Night** - April 8, 8:00 PM, Dugout

Join the men of the Cheverly American Legion and the St. Ambrose Men's club for pool, darts, and cards.

**Third Friday Ladies' Night** - April 15, 7:30 PM, Dugout

All are welcome. Light refreshments served.

Beer, Wine, and special drink available for purchase.

## Girls State and Boys State Candidates – Last Call!

American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State are the premier programs for teaching how government works while developing leadership skills & 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 1-week summer program.

The Cheverly American Legion and Auxiliary has scholarships available to help defray and/or pay the cost of the program. Applications are being accepted now from boys and girls who are in their Junior year of high school. Contact [cheverlyamericanlegion@gmail.com](mailto:cheverlyamericanlegion@gmail.com) or [cheverlyauxiliary@gmail.com](mailto:cheverlyauxiliary@gmail.com) for sponsorship and scholarship information. Find more about the programs and application requirements at <http://www.boysandgirlsstate.org>.

## Cheverly American Legion Family Events and Membership

**Cheverly American Legion Post 108 Membership (\$35/year):** The Legion is open to men and women who are serving or have served at least one day of active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States during time of war. Find eligibility dates, application form and documentation requirements on the Cheverly American Legion website: <http://CheverlyAmericanLegion.org> or contact Joseph Pruden (301) 602-2117.

**Cheverly American Legion Auxiliary Membership (\$20/year):** The ALA is open to women veterans and women service members, and to many woman whose family member is/was a veteran or service member. If you are interested in joining us or learning about the American Legion Auxiliary, email us at [cheverlyauxiliary@gmail.com](mailto:cheverlyauxiliary@gmail.com).  
Next General Meeting:  
April 5, 7:30 – 8:30  
Cheverly American Legion

**Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Membership (\$20/year):** The SAL is made up of men and boys of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the United States military and are eligible for membership in The American Legion. All who would like to know more about the Sons are welcome to attend the general meeting. For meeting date and time or more information, please email at [CheverlySAL@gmail.com](mailto:CheverlySAL@gmail.com).

# Community Bulletin Board

**Green infrastructure Committee** -Monthly Meeting, Monday, April 4, 2016, 7:30-9:00 p.m. Large Conference Room, Cheverly Community Center.

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!

## **Cheverly Nature Photo Contest, Cheverly Day, May 21st**

Remember last year's Wild Cheverly photo contest? We had so much fun doing the contest last year that we are doing a repeat performance for Cheverly Day 2016. The Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee invites you to use your camera and your creativity to celebrate the richness of Cheverly's natural areas and help inspire their protection and conservation.

This year the emphasis will be on trees. Think about how you would portray our native trees in photos -- from closeups of bark, leaves, fruits and nuts, to interactions of trees and insects, to forest treescapes ... it's up to you.

Start here: Take a walk in any of Cheverly's natural areas, parks, or even in your own back yard.

Photos will be judged in two categories -- black & white and color. Photos must be taken within the town boundaries of Cheverly and must have at least one tree in the picture.

Photos will be judged on composition, technical excellence, and subject: How well does the photo tell a visual story about Cheverly's trees? The contest judges will as before include Mayor Callahan.

Watch for the contest rules and tips when they are posted on the Green Cheverly web site, [www.greencheverly.org](http://www.greencheverly.org), & on the Cheverly Day web site, [www.cheverlyday.com](http://www.cheverlyday.com) For more information, contact the photo contest organizer Dave Kneipp, [kcandave@verizon.net](mailto:kcandave@verizon.net).

## **NEWS FROM ST AMBROSE PARISH AND SCHOOL**

### **Saint Ambrose School Summer Camp 2016**

Come celebrate our 10th year of summer camp at Saint Ambrose! We are looking forward to another fun and enriching summer with our campers! Camp is open to any rising Pre K4 thru rising 8th grade students. You do not have to be enrolled in Saint Ambrose School to attend our summer camp. There are five weeks to choose from: June 27th - July 29th. Every week has academic enrichment (HSPT Prep for rising 8th graders) in the morning but lots of fun and exciting activities in the afternoons. Highlights this summer include: basketball, soccer, yoga, Zumba, field trips, magic shows, LEGO engineering, STEM and much, much more. Check out our website at <http://sacheverly.org/summer-camp> for more information and registration. Registration begins on Friday, April 1st. Hope to see you there!

### **Saint Ambrose School is now accepting applications for the 2016-17 School year**

Saint Ambrose School is a close knit community of 232 students of diverse backgrounds and religions serving Grades PreK 4 - 8th. With rigorous academics, foreign language, science & technology and winning sports teams, Saint Ambrose graduates leave 8th grade in superior standing - 94% of the graduating class of 2015 were accepted to their 1st choice of Catholic High Schools. As a part of the Catholic faith tradition, students give back to community with service hours and civic involvement. Please come visit Saint Ambrose and see our proud community for yourself!

### **Saint Ambrose School Spirit Night Fundraisers**

Mark your calendars and plan to join Saint Ambrose School on the following dates and enjoy family, friends, and food while raising money for the school.

**Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at Texas Roadhouse,** Bowie, Maryland - Saint Ambrose School will earn 10% of the proceeds purchased by the Saint Ambrose Community.

Learn more about the St. Ambrose community and Sign up for weekly E-newsletters at [sacheverly.org](http://sacheverly.org).

# Community Bulletin Board



Music by Charles Strouse. Lyrics by Martin Charnin. Book by Thomas Meehan.

Base on Little Orphan Annie by permission of The Media Tribune Services, Inc.

One of the world's best loved musicals bounds onto the Saint Ambrose Catholic School's stage this spring as plucky and positive Annie charms her way into your heart. Join her fun-filled adventure as she finds a new home with billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his secretary Grace and a loveable mutt named Sandy.

It may be a "Hard Knock Life" but Annie will never stop believing in "Tomorrow."

**Matinee Performance** Sat, April 16, at 2:00 p.m.

**Evening Performances**

Fri, April 15, at 7:00 p.m. Sat, April 16, at 7:00 p.m.

**Tickets - \$6.00 - Ticket sales start March 17, 2016**

**Saint Ambrose School-Gymnasium**

6310 Jason Street  
Cheverly, MD 20785  
Phone: 301-773-0223

Contact the school office for ticket sales and additional information

**Cheverly Garden Club** - It is beautiful out today and so much has bloomed early. There are still colder days ahead and Azaleas to bloom. April 9th is the Flea Market and we have a table. We welcome contributions of items for the table, the funds we raise are donated back to Cheverly in the form of grants and donations. Let a member know if you have something to donate, before the day and if we need to pick up. On April 30th our meeting will be held north of Cheverly in a private garden. This will be a business meeting and a field trip, it will require driving cars and meeting at the CUMC parking lot contact cheverlygardenclub@verizon.net for time and other details.

The Arboretum is bustling with activities and the Arbor House is open. Beautiful gift shop with original pieces for gardeners, children and book persons. All geared to outdoors and gardening and Metro Area interest. The Arboretum is nearby and great place to take company from out of town. Did you know they have classes? April 9th class on Lawn Care - call 202 245 5965 to register and learn about Bay-Friendly Practices. May 7 is our Plant Sale!! Flowers, Vegetables, Herbs and Baskets for your home and Mothers Day gifts. We are getting ready for Cheverly Day. Members need to order their attire  
Enjoy this Spring but Please NO HEAVY APRIL SHOWERS.



**SAVE THE DATE!** CHVProm

2016 is on Friday, May 20th from 8 pm - midnight. CHVProm kicks off Cheverly Day with music, dancing, great food, drinks and prizes! Start brainstorming with your friends now to win the "Best Decorated

Table" contest! This year's theme is "Timeless."

Tickets will go on sale Wednesday, April 20 and sell out quickly every year! Individual tickets are \$15 per person or you can buy a full table of 12 for \$180. Individual tickets and tables of 12 will be sold at Town Hall during normal business hours, CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY, made out to Cheverly Day, memo line "CHVProm tickets" Alternatively, you can purchase a table directly from committee member Robin Kaye (rlkaye@verizon.net, 301-404-0343), still check or money order only. Please note- THERE ARE NO ADVANCED TICKET SALES OR RESERVATIONS. Please contact committee chair Lane Thompson at lane.thompson@yahoo.com or 202-674-6898 if you have any questions or would like to volunteer for planning, set-up, or cleanup.

**COMPOST BINS \$20 RAIN BARRELS \$50**

**Plus PG RainCheck Full Rebate**

You can purchase a compost bin or rain barrel by going to the Community Center to pay and then pick them up at the Public Works Department (9am to 4pm weekdays).

**Make sure to keep the rain barrel receipt. It'll be needed for the rebate.**

For residents, the biggest benefit to backyard composting is it will help you monitor and then reduce your **food waste losses estimated at between \$1,350 & \$2,275 per household** each year. The composting program also saves the Town \$6,000 a year tipping fees.

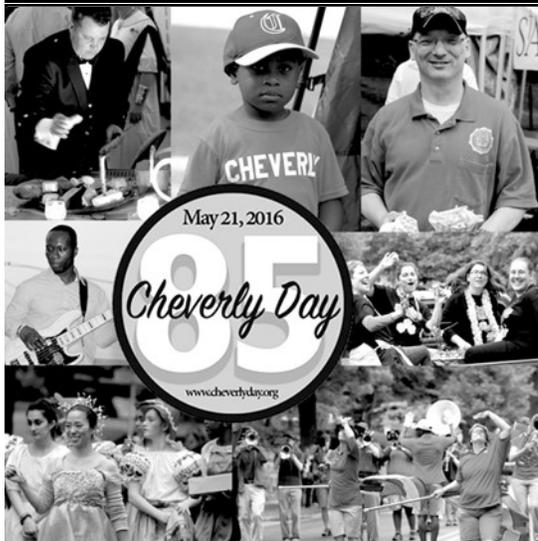
**Learn more and download the 3-page Composting Guide at: [www.backyardcomposting.org](http://www.backyardcomposting.org)**

The EarthMinded 50-gallon rain barrel is easy to install and comes with all the hardware needed. **No need to cut your downspout.** Just drill a small hole with the cutter provided. Then install the diverter. That makes it easy to turn off and on when winter comes. See the rain barrel and details at: <http://tinyurl.com/pjjn9td>

Most households will need at least two and possibly up to six rain barrels depending on the number of downspouts you have.

For the Rain Barrels the PG RainCheck Rebate Program will rebate residents 100% of the cost plus reduce your Stormwater Tax once you've installed them and completed the CB Trust online application at (or search PG RainCheck): [www.cbtrust.org](http://www.cbtrust.org)

# Community Bulletin Board



## The Countdown: We're less than 70 days from Cheverly Day 2016!

We are busy planning possibly the BEST Cheverly Day ever! Join us on May 21 to celebrate Cheverly... It's Where You Want to Be! Make sure to visit [www.cheverlyday.org](http://www.cheverlyday.org) for all the latest! There's news about food vendors, the photo contest, games, community groups... everything you need to know for Cheverly Day!

Start Cheverly Day weekend off right: the ever-popular **CHVProm** returns to Town Hall on Friday, May 20, 8pm to midnight. Tickets for this BYOB potluck party will go on sale in April and always sell out fast. Follow @CHVProm on Twitter for all the latest news, and start

planning your tables now!

**Join in our parade – we want your floats, your marchers, your musicians...let's make this year's parade the biggest and best yet.** Are you a member of a community group? A marching band? A theatrical troupe? We want YOU! The parade application is available on our website, so get your marching shoes polished, your costumes sewn, and your floats ready to go! We'll be holding a Parade Clinic in early April to help you with ideas for floats, etc. Keep an eye on the website for more information, and visit us online for links to great ideas for puppets, floats, costumes and more!

**We also need community groups and local businesses to host tables throughout the day! We'd love to see every group participate – it's a terrific way to share your activities with the community and get new members. Visit our website to download the application.**

**We're looking for corporate sponsors, community donations, and advertisers – all are much needed to sustain the great activities that await you at Cheverly Day.** Community groups receive a 50% discount on advertising, so it's a great way to reach the whole town with your news *and* attract new members. And, for the first time this year, you can **make a tax-deductible donation** to Cheverly Day. Your donation makes a real difference in defraying the costs of bringing this major community event to life every year. To celebrate, we'll thank our neighbor donors with a personalized message on our website and blog. For a donation of just \$10, we'll post your one-sentence message (non-commercial/non-political, please) on our website and social media. See our website for details and guidelines, and get your message in today! Visit our website to learn how you can lend your financial support...and thanks!

We can't wait to share Cheverly's great annual party with the entire community.

Email [cheverlyday@gmail.com](mailto:cheverlyday@gmail.com) to get involved, and visit our website [www.cheverlyday.org](http://www.cheverlyday.org) for links to our Facebook, blog and Twitter, and all the latest news on all things Cheverly Day 2016!

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## Home, Sweet MODIFIED Home *A presentation by Cheverly Village*

- Modifications to make your home more accessible, comfortable and safe
- Finding and negotiating with a trustworthy contractor
- Low interest loans and financial assistance
- Accessible home modifications and renovations using good environmental building practices

Expert speakers, including architect and interior design consultant Melanie Hartwig-Davis, formerly of Cheverly. Useful resources from AARP and a Certified Aging in Place Specialist. (<http://strategiesforindependentliving.com>)  
Tips & advice from Cheverly residents who have already created more accessible homes.

*Also:* Updates on Cheverly Village preparations to receive new members and volunteers  
Refreshments and social time

Bring a neighbor or a friend!  
Saturday, April 23, 1:00-4:00pm Cheverly Town Center

***Are you an accountant or bookkeeper?***  
*Would you like to use your skills to help Cheverly Village? Please contact us at [ChevVillage@gmail.com](mailto:ChevVillage@gmail.com) or call Diane La Voy (240 599 6346) or Laila Riazi (202 258 6167)*

**Woman's Club** – Visit the Woman's Club Flea Market Kitchen and Table on Saturday, April 9 from 9 – 2 at the Community Center. We'll have the best chicken salad sandwiches in town as usual as well as other food. Money earned will help fund the Cheverly Peace Camp this year.

May is Peace Month in Cheverly. The calendar will be printed in the May newsletter. (Thank you Trudy). If you'd like to be included on the calendar, send a short blurb to [joycelang@verizon.net](mailto:joycelang@verizon.net) before April 15. If you have any questions contact Joyce as well. Be sure to include the date and whether it's open to others.

**TALENT SHOW ON APRIL 22 AT 7 PM**  
**Cheverly United Methodist Church** is hosting a talent show to benefit the church and is looking for both talented performers and an enthusiastic audience. Cost is only \$5; children under 10 are free. All ages are encouraged and invited to perform or attend. Singers, musicians, comedians, storytellers and more interested in performing, please contact Cathy Smith (301-386-4394) or Becky Virta (301-773-4922).

**Mark your calendar! Spread the word!**  
**Watch for more details!**

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## CHEVERLY SCOUTS

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Scouts to the Rescue: Cheverly Scouts turned out in scores Sun. March 13<sup>th</sup> to train in first aid, land navigation and search and rescue techniques. The scenario was a multi-vehicle crash on Route 50 West-bound, which left first responders overwhelmed with casualties, some of whom were reported to have wandered off into the woods behind Town Park. Cheverly police called upon the scouts to come to the rescue! Nearly forty youths learned how to treat minor injuries and emergency cases as well as to navigate in the forest. Then they formed into search and rescue teams and organized a sweep of the woods, finding and rescuing four simulated victims, one of whom was our own Mayor Mike Callahan! The event was supported by Cub Scout Pack 257, Boy Scout Troops 257 and 214, Girl Scout Troop 1706 and Girl Scout Service Unit 22-6, American Legion Post 108, as well as Cheverly's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), firefighters from Bladensburg (Truck 9 & ambulance) and Riverdale (Tower 7) Volunteer Fire Departments and the Cheverly Police Department.



## Spellman PTA Update - April 2016

**PTA Meeting:** Join us for our next PTA meeting on Tuesday, April 12 from 6:30-8:00pm in the Spellman multipurpose room. After finalizing plans for Teacher Appreciation Week, we will roll up our sleeves and start preparing for our April 23<sup>rd</sup> School Beautification Day. We will also put the final touches on the makeover of the Faculty Lounge.

**Spellman Beautification Day on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>!** In honor of Earth Day, we will roll up our sleeves to enhance Spellman's entryways with new, attractive landscaping and a student-created mural project led by Artworks Now.

**Earn \$\$ for Spellman while doing your everyday shopping!** It's easy. Online or in stores, you can support Spellman Elementary in three ways:

- **Amazon Smile:** Link your Amazon account with Spellman Elementary and earn money for the school each time you make a purchase. Visit <https://smile.amazon.com>. Sign into your Amazon account and search for Spellman PTA.
- **Target REDCard:** When you shop at Target with your REDCard credit or debit card, you can earn money for Spellman. Visit Target's Take Charge of Education page to sign up: <https://www-secure.target.com/redcard/tcoe/home>
- **Box Tops for Education:** Look for pink "Box Tops for Education" on hundreds of participating grocery products, clip them out, and drop them off in the main office at Spellman. The school will receive 10 cents for each Box Top collected!

**Volunteers Needed!** Do you have some free time and an interest in supporting our neighborhood public school? There are many ways that you can get involved including gardening/landscaping, grant writing, and volunteering in the classroom. Great news... the required background check for volunteers is now available online! If you're interested in being a volunteer, please contact PTA Vice President Jen Eldridge at [jallenedridge@yahoo.com](mailto:jallenedridge@yahoo.com) or 240-271-9737.

Like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/GNSPTA!](http://www.facebook.com/GNSPTA!)

## Cheverly Fitness Bootcamp

Exercise and meet your neighbors! Our group meets in the town gym three days/ week: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 a.m. and Saturday mornings at 8 am. The schedule is subject to change, so please join our mailing list at [www.bit.ly/cheverly-fitness](http://www.bit.ly/cheverly-fitness) for the most up-to-date information.

Workouts are volunteer-led and combine strength and cardio

Stay up-to-date on group news and schedule changes by subscribing to the Cheverly Fitness Bootcamp Google group at [www.bit.ly/cheverly-fitness](http://www.bit.ly/cheverly-fitness). With any questions, email Amanda Szabo at [aglensky@gmail.com](mailto:aglensky@gmail.com).



## Mark Your Calendars: Cheverly's British Soccer Camp

Planning ahead for summer camps? Sponsored by the Cheverly Soccer Club, the Challenger British Soccer Camp is scheduled for June 27- July 1, 2016. The camp is for kids of all soccer skill levels and from the ages of 3 to 16. Prices range from \$105 for the youngest kids to \$220 for a full day camp. Camp opens at 9 am and runs to 4 pm.

We are looking for new volunteers to assist the camp coordinator with the 2016 camp. Camp coordinators market the camps in and around the host community and assist with camp logistics. *Without new volunteers, there may be no camp next year!* If you are interested in volunteering, please contact camp coordinator David Konieczko at [dlkonieczko@yahoo.com](mailto:dlkonieczko@yahoo.com)

Please see the links below for more details and registration information. If you have questions, please contact Camp Coordinator David Konieczko at [dlkonieczko@yahoo.com](mailto:dlkonieczko@yahoo.com). For general information : <http://challenger.mycustomevent.com>

<http://www.challengersports.com/britishsocceramps.aspx>



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Ward 5: Sandra Rodgers	301-773-8360
Ward 6: Megan Daly	240-846-3259

**Email contact links at the website**

**Town Offices: (Mon-Fri, 9AM-5PM)**

Administration	301-773-8360
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: <a href="http://www.cheverly-md.gov">www.cheverly-md.gov</a>	
Email " <a href="#">Contact The Town</a> " button at the Website	

**POSTAL CUSTOMER  
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*The Town of Cheverly does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or sexual orientation.. If you are a person with a disability (vision, hearing, or speech impairment) & wish to participate in Town activities or programs, please contact the Town Office at 773-8360, or the Maryland Relay System at 1-800-735-2258.*

## Meetings & Events

### GOVERNMENT EVENT SCHEDULE

Fri.	April 1	<b>Voter Registration Closes</b>	
Mon.	April 9	10:00 AM	Home Security Expo
Sat.	April 11	9-2 PM	Flea Market
Thur.	April 14	8:00 PM	<b>TOWN MEETING</b>
Mon	April 25	Last Day to apply for absentee ballot	
Tue	April 26	7:00 PM	REC Council Meeting
Thur	April 28	7:30 PM	<b>WORKSESSION</b>
Mon	May 2	<b>ELECTION DAY 7AM—8 PM</b>	

### COMMUNITY EVENT SCHEDULE

- ChevProm - Save the Date—May 20, 8pm to midnight
- Green Infrastructure - April 4, 7:30-9pm meeting
- Cheverly Nature Photo Context
- Garden Club - April 30 Meeting held in private garden
- Woman's Club - Flea Market Kitchen and Table
- Compost Bins & Rain Barrels available.
- British Soccer Camp details
- St. Ambrose School's Play Production of Annie, Jr,  
 April 16, 2pm in the school gymnasium
- Cheverly Scouts - 4th Annual Scouts to the Rescue
- American Legion Family Events
- St. Ambrose News from Parish and School
- Spellman PTA update
- CUMC - Talent Show - April 22, 7PM
- Cheverly Village - April 23, 1-4 at Town Center

**CHEVERLY WEBSITE** [www.cheverly-md.gov](http://www.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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**Cheverly Day—May 21, 2016**