

## 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.*

**At Last: The Big BOOM Presentation:** The University of Maryland Geology Department will be giving a presentation regarding their process and the results of their study here in the Town of Cheverly on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM. Be there!

If you recall, students at the University of Maryland placed seismic monitors throughout Wards 1 and 2 last March for a 4 week period of time to try to help us identify the location of where the Cheverly Booms might be originating. This was the first time UMD's Geology department utilized this technology and the process of getting to a final result has taken some time. However, they are now ready to unveil their results.

The Town will make the materials available after the meeting via the Town Website. This is a big deal, and I hope to see many of you in attendance, especially to show our appreciation to the UMD staff and students for their help. The town also plans to award the \$2,500 Reward Check at this meeting.

**Tax Assessment Appeals Second Chance:** Everyone in Cheverly received a new Tax Assessment earlier this year. Your Assessment is extremely important in the calculation of your Property Tax and if you feel it is too high you should appeal your assessment as a manner to keep your Property Taxes lower.

Of course, the date to file an appeal has passed, but I want to relay that many Cheverly residents (including me) appealed their assessment and the results were successful with assessments being lowered from \$10,000 to \$75,000. Most people I've spoken to have mentioned that the process seemed very fair.

During the appeal period I met with many residents to discuss their appeals. I want everyone to know that as expected; some resident's assessments seemed low, some on target and some very high (the Goldilocks theory). Obviously, I spoke to more residents who had very high assessments, but I did counsel many folks that their assessments seemed about right.

I'm sure you're wondering why I am mentioning this if the deadline for appealing your assessment has passed. It's because I want you to mark your calendar for January of next year to file an appeal. The appeal process occurs every year (not every three years) and if you wish you had appealed this year, then the opportunity is open to you next year.

*Mayor's FYI Continued...*

**Special Thanks to Susan Pruden:** Cheverly residents were benefited in the appeals process by the work of Susan Pruden. The absolute best way to for a resident to appeal their assessment is to review comparable homes that have sold in the last year. Sales Comps is how the Tax Assessment Department states it creates the assessed value, so the best way to contest their assessment is provide Sales Comps of your own.

Susan happily shared Sales Comp data with all Cheverly residents and co-hosted two meetings to help Cheverly residents understand the appeals process better. Thank You!

**Beautifying the Cheverly Ave Bump-outs:** Last Fall the Town Council authorized the Town Administrator to identify a landscaper to develop plans to beautify the Bump-Outs that are on Cheverly Avenue. The guidance was to identify plants that: did not block driver vision, provided color, drought resistant, hardy, required limited maintenance, and if possible native species.

The Landscaper delivered the plans and the Council asked the Green Infrastructure Committee to review them and provide comments. While not all comments were included, the Green Infrastructure Committee added valuable input to the plan.

The Council voted to approve the plan in March and with luck and good weather the Bump-Outs will be planted during May.

**Budget Season Approaches:** In their March work session the Town Council began preliminary discussions about the budget, reviewing expense and revenue data since FY2009. The discussion centered on trying to identify an appropriate three-year strategy for managing the tax rate and the resulting tax revenues. Understanding previous three-year strategies and their implications was important:

FY10 – FY12: Maintain the tax rate at .48 while assessments grew marginally year over year. This allowed the council to increase the fund balance, while still performing limited capital projects: approximately 650K / year. The three-year cycle prior to this period was exceptionally tight with limited dollars to spend on capital.

FY13 – FY15: Hold on tight! This was an extremely difficult time for the town as property assessments dropped over 21%. Even when the council raised the tax rate to .58 the overall revenue from property tax dropped slightly. During these years the council made difficult decisions like limiting capital spending, freezing operating positions, limiting cost of living raises, etc. Through excellent financial management by staff we were able to grow the fund balance slightly during these years and hold expenses flat.

FY16 – FY18: Return to Normalcy: As assessment values increased, property tax revenues increased, thankfully we also benefited from an increase in other revenue sources (primarily income taxes and red-light cameras). During this period the council has been marginally decreasing the tax rate, from .58 to .54, in an effort to slow the growth in your property taxes. However, the council also needed to address long standing capital and operating spending deficits. During this period capital spending has averaged over 1.2M and the fund balance has grown.

**Mike, Why the Budget History?** I think it's important for everyone to know where we are at and how we got here. Each three-year period has been carefully considered by the council at the beginning and a strategy evolved.

As we enter this new three-year cycle we are in a very good financial position. Our fund balance has been growing is now at 3M, we have managed to hold operating expenses to an annual growth factor of %2 since FY10 (%1 since FY11), and we have increased capital spending.

So, the basics are strong, and given that property assessments should continue to grow at %5 over the next three years the basics continue to be strong. So, while the council has not settled on an overall strategy over the next three years; we will continue to focus on containing operating spending, continue to address capital needs, and limit the growth of the fund balance. *The result of this should mean a reduction in the tax rate again this year although the amount will not be settled until the April work session.*

*FYI Continued...*

**What are Capital Improvements?:** Capital Improvements are basically improvements made to the infrastructure of the town: New trucks and vehicles for the Police and Public Works, improvements to Town Hall, our fields, our parks, our playgrounds and our buildings. Of course, one of our largest expenses is the maintenance of our streets, curbs and gutters. These are all expensive projects and many of them have been put off for far too long as we have only recently achieved an appropriate balance between revenue and capital and expense projects.

Between FY10 and FY15 the town addressed very serious needs to replenish our fleet of vehicles. Many of our Police Vehicles and PW Trucks were over eight years old and some as much as twelve to fifteen years old. The council has caught up with the vehicle maintenance and is now in the process of trying to purchase three new police cars a year and one or two new trucks for public works.

However, we are still behind in road maintenance. We have been extremely lucky to have had WSSC replace so many of our roads over the last 5 years, including Cheverly Avenue which was a multi-million-dollar project. However, we still have much to do including a real focus on addressing sidewalks throughout town. We have been hobbled by the state government and their lack of funding county and local government Highway Revenues.

This year we are targeting spending the completion of Lake Avenue resurfacing from Forest Ave to Kilmer Road. This project alone is 175K to complete and we will only be receiving 150K from state Highway Revenues. Yet the council wants to do more; more sidewalks and more roads.

Our Town Hall is frequently used and this year we funded the upgrade of the entry systems, and a new air conditioning system for the front of the building. Yet there is still more to do. The air conditioner for the gym now needs to be replaced, and the technology in the buildings needs to be upgraded.

**But What About Future Infrastructure?:** Looking towards the future, there are larger projects that need to be addressed. The Town Council has funded the design for a brand new Public Works building. While

this project may not begin until FY20 or FY21 this is a large project. Of course, we will use bonds to pay for it but the price tag will likely exceed 2M.

The council also continues to look at constructing a bike path that will afford faster and more convenient access to the Anacostia River Trail, improvements to intersections to improve the safety of our children, improvements to 6301 Kilmer and eventually the construction of a Dog Park.

**Please Take A Look:** Inside the newsletter you will see a flyer regarding a program from Prince George's County that provide 0% interest loans on home improvements made to eliminate health hazards, meet safety or code compliance standards, install energy efficient products, or install necessary ADA compliance features.

**What is Happening with the Dog Park?:** My apologies in not publishing an update recently. However, up until last week we really didn't have an update to publish. As you know, we have been working with the State Highway Association for the last six to eight months to obtain a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that would allow us to lease their property behind the Public Works building for the Dog Park.

The process was prolonged do to personnel changeover and confusion between me and SHA. That said, we had completed the negotiations regarding the MOU and were about to sign when SHA uncovered another issue.

The land we are trying to use for the dog park was originally obtained with funds from the US Govt. Apparently, in order as a condition to the use of funds is a limit of use to the property. Therefore, if we are to use the land we must purchase it.

## RECYCLING TOTALS - February 2018

Curb Recycling - 37.45 tons  
Electronic Recycling - 0  
Appliances - 4



*FYI Continued...*

While this is unfortunate and will create at least a 6 to 8 month delay I am hoping that it is not a back-breaker. The process as articulated by SHA is:

Confirm the area we are agreeing to purchase.

SHA will clear the property internally.

A conveyance plat will work up by SHA.

The conveyance plat will be used for appraisals.

SHA will get its own appraisal, but there are situations where an appraisal by the purchaser yields better results.

SHA is then required by law to offer the property to the County.

SHA and the Town of Cheverly would then negotiate on a purchase price. This can be done simultaneously with the offer to the County.

The Town would then sign a bid form

All information would be forwarded to the Secretary of Transportation with our recommendation for sale

The information would then go to the Board of Public Works for approval.

If there is any good news about this, it is that SHA is now totally engaged in trying to make this work and that I expect the property will not be very expensive. I will continue to keep you informed and I apologize for the delay.

**New Homes Coming to Joslyn Place:** As everyone knows a local developer built 3 new homes on Joslyn Place in the last two years. The same developer owns all of the undeveloped lots on either side of Joslyn Place. He has had plans to develop these lots since the early 2000's.

Two years ago, the Town of Cheverly asked the county to ensure that there was a holistic storm water plan for the area, prior to allowing the remaining homes to be built. It was the Town's position that there were already significant storm water issues downhill from these lots and that any development required attention to existing problems as well as any new storm water problems that might be caused. The county agreed and required the developer to develop a holistic plan. That plan has been completed and approved by the county and addresses many issues. The county and the developer expect the plans to be approved soon, so expect new homes to be built along Joslyn Place.

**Town Park Improvement Plans:** More than three

years ago the Town together with the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee and the Neighborhood Design Center worked together with the community to update the Master Plan for our Town Park. Recent improvements to the stage area and disabled access to the pavilion were the first steps in this plan. These improvements were made utilizing Program Open Space grants which pay for 75% of all costs associated with project. Well, Phase II is about to commence. The Town will be moving the existing basketball courts to the Tennis Court area, expanding the area for basketball. These courts will be multi-use courts, so they will be striped for games such as futsal and street hockey as well. An example of this type of court can be found behind the Cheverly Station Apartments along Oak Street. This project will also be 75% funded by Program Open Space grants. So of course, the question is what will happen to the area where the basketball courts are today. This will be converted to a "gathering space" or pavilion. This will be a passive community space which should be a great complement for our community market.

**Columbia Park Road Re-Paving:** I've had a few folks ask when this will happen. The Town has spoken to State Highway Administration and the County and this effort is planned for this paving season. I know that sounds vague, but at least it is planned.

## **TOWN MEETINGS & WORKSESSIONS**

*Votes are unanimous unless otherwise noted*

### **ACTIONS TAKEN**

Town Meeting - March 8, 2018

- CM MacKenzie** Motion to excuse CM Riazi for this evening and the previous Worksession. Seconded CM Ivey. Approved 5-0.
- CM MacKenzie** Motion to make a budget adjustment in the amount of \$36,500 for doors and a mechanical opening device. Seconded CM Stewart. Approved 5-0.

Work Session - March 22, 2018

### **TENTATIVE AGENDA**

**Town Meeting - April 12, 2018**

**Introduction FY19 Budget & C.L.P.**

**Worksession - April 26, 2018**

**6:30 Boom Presentative**



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

**WELCOME TO TEAM CHEVERLY!!!! PLEASE GET YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS INVOLVED:** Team Cheverly has replaced C-PACT as Cheverly's Neighborhood Watch Organization and policing platform from 2018 into the future. C-PACT had done a wonderful job for the Cheverly community and many of its successful programs will continue. However, Team Cheverly more aptly describes the partnership that the Cheverly Police would like to maintain with our residents. As you already know, [cheverlypolice.org](http://cheverlypolice.org) will be the main portal by which the police can share information, provide lookouts and update crime issues, and share our services with the community. How you reach the portal is decided by which political ward you reside in. For example, if you live in Ward 1, use would simply use [Team1@cheverlypolice.org](mailto:Team1@cheverlypolice.org); Ward 2 residents would use [Team2@cheverlypolice.org](mailto:Team2@cheverlypolice.org), and so on. To join, simply send an email with the words "I would like to join" to the appropriate Team address and we will add you to the mailing list.

Services that available through the portal include:

- \* Latest crime statistics.
- \* Lookouts tailored to each Ward.
- \* General news and announcements.
- \* Request for home security surveys.
- \* Requests for House Checks (at least two days in advance or call the office).
- \* General crime prevention and deterrence ideas.
- \* Notifications of street lights out.
- \* Notifications of abandoned or unlicensed vehicles.
- \* Questions about general community problems answered.
- \* Confidential information will be handled appropriately.

Order of Preference for Reporting Incidents:

1. Emergency – Call 9-1-1
2. Non-Emergency – Patrol Telephone at 301-789-5090
3. Non-Emergency, Patrol Telephone Unavailable – 301-352-1200 (PG Communications)
4. General – Use [cheverlypolice.org](http://cheverlypolice.org) with appropriate Team Number

#### **STAFFING AND PERSONNEL ALLOCATION:**

As many of you are aware, the CPD has lost four of our officers in recent months. All have moved on to bigger agencies with more advancement opportunities, different policing venues, and the availability to transfer to specialized units. We wish each of these officers the best in the futures and offer a hearty thanks for their years of service to the Cheverly community. In the interim, the CPD will be short-staffed and we are asking the community to keep a sharp lookout for suspicious persons, vehicles, and incidents. Please report your observation to the Patrol Telephone at 301-789-5090.

While we regret the loss of these veteran officers, we would also like to announce that three new candidates will be attending a local police academy in the coming week and at least one more in another month. These Cheverly recruits will be in training for the next seven months before they start three months of field training here in the Town. We wish each of these candidate's good luck.

#### **BEWARE OF FAKE IRS EMAILS AND TELEPHONE CALLS:**

It is that time of the year again where scammers, pretending to be IRS agents or employees, ferociously attempt to coerce unsuspecting residents into believing there have pending criminal or civil actions against them. If these scammers are successful in this coercion, they then attempt to force the resident to forward some type of payment to a specified location that ultimately has nothing to do with the government. These scammers have the lingo and threat level down to a science and may often utilize the IRS name and logo or fake websites to conduct their illegal business.

Scammers often send an email or place a telephone call to lure victims into giving up their personal and financial information. The crooks then use this information to commit identity theft or steal your money. Some call their victims to demand payment on a pre-paid debit card or by wire transfer. **According to federal regulations, the IRS will not initiate contact with you to ask for this information by phone or email.**

Message from the Chief continued....

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If you get this type of 'phishing' email, the IRS offers this advice:

- Don't reply to the message.
- Don't open any attachments or click on any links. They may have malicious code that will infect your computer.
- Don't give out your personal or financial information.
- Forward the email to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov). Then delete it.

If you get an unexpected phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS:

- Ask for a call back number and an employee badge number.
- If you think you may owe taxes, call the IRS at 800-829-1040. IRS employees can help you.
- If you don't owe taxes or have no reason to think that you do, call the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 800-366-4484 to report the incident.
- You should also report it to the Federal Trade Commission by using their "FTC Complaint Assistant" on [FTC.gov](http://FTC.gov). Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" to the comments of your complaint.

Be alert to scams that use the IRS as a lure.

**IT IS TIME FOR "OPERATION SPRING CLEANING":** Every Spring, the Department initiates a program of out of state registration enforcement called "Spring Cleaning." Residents of Maryland, including homebuyers, people leasing apartments or homes, or anyone residing in Maryland for more than 60 days must obtain Maryland registration plates and a driver's license or face stiff penalties and/or vehicle impoundment. In addition to observation, tax records and rental license agreements will be used to determine how long a person has resided in Maryland. Please make every effort to conform to the law within those 60 days.

**MONTHLY STATISTICS:** The CPD is in the process of switching over to the County's new records management system. After 40 of training on this new system, reports are starting to be generated that will ultimately make records collection easier and data dissemination more accurate. In the interim, the monthly crime statistics will not be available.

**THE PATROL TELEPHONE IS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS PER DAY!! SAVE THIS NUMBER IN YOUR CELL TELEPHONE, MOBILE DEVICE, OR NEAR YOUR HOME TELEPHONE – 301-789-5090**

#### TELEPHONE NUMBERS –

Police Emergency	9-1-1
Nonemergency Calls for Dispatch	(301) 352-1200
Cheverly Police Office (9am – 5pm)	(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) 789-7743

Crime Report for FEBRUARY 2018				
*Note that all addresses are in Hundred Blocks				
02/04/18	0402	hrs	Assault (2 <sup>nd</sup> Deg)	5800 Annapolis Rd
02/05/18	0623	hrs	Vandalism	3200 Cheverly Hills Ct
02/05/18	0816	hrs	Vandalism	3200 Cheverly Hills Ct
02/05/18	0948	hrs	Fraud (Theft)	2400 Parkway
02/05/18	0908	hrs	Auto Theft	6300 Landover Rd
02/06/18	1109	hrs	Vandalism	3200 Cheverly Hills Ct
02/06/18	1313	hrs	B&E (Residential)	Cheverly Cir
02/11/18	2150	hrs	Vandalism	6400 Landover Rd
02/13/18	1006	hrs	Fraud (Theft)	6000 Inwood St
02/18/18	0805	hrs	Thef (Shoplifting)	5800 Landover Rd
02/17/18	1327	hrs	Theft (under \$100)	6500 Maureen Ct
02/24/18	1411	hrs	Theft from Auto	5800 Landover Rd
02/26/18	1821	hrs	Fraud (Theft)	6500 Landover Rd
02/27/18	0417	hrs	Theft (Shoplifting)	6000 Arbor St

### 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.

**King Soul** - The 108 Music Series of the Cheverly American Legion presents this eight piece southern soul band. Playing soul classics, as well as original material. Proceeds go towards our New Roof Fund. This show is for 21 and older. Saturday, April 28th, 8-11pm. Cheverly American Legion Post 108, 3608 Legion Dr, Cheverly, MD. 301-773-0108. Ticket price \$20, doors open 6:30pm. Ample free parking. Buy tickets at The Dugout, at the door and at [www.the108musicseries.com](http://www.the108musicseries.com). Dinner by Gus's World Famous Fried Chicken \$10, 6:30-8pm, while it lasts.

**Third Friday Ladies' Night** - Friday, April 20th, 7:30pm, Ladies Night in the Dugout (always open to all!), learn how to do PYSANKY - Ukrainian Egg decorating (\$12 fee for supplies, if participating). The Dugout is a members-only bar and an awesome benefit of joining the Legion family. The Cheverly Auxiliary invites everyone, especially the ladies, to be our guest and learn more about the Auxiliary, and just get together and have fun. So, gather up your friends and meet us at the Dugout around 7:30pm.

**Halfway to Halloween** – Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 1-4pm. FAMILY FUN! Because once a year just is not enough. Get more use out of that great costume and come have fun! Costume parade! Costume contest! Games, prizes, activities, music, food, face painting, and a fortune teller. Food, snacks and beverages for sale (including adult beverages). 50-50 drawing. \$2 per child, adults are free. Sponsored by the Cheverly American Legion Auxiliary.

**Second Friday St. Ambrose Men's Club Game Night** – Friday, April 13th, 8pm. Join the Cheverly American Legion and St. Ambrose Men's Club for pool, darts, and cards.

**Commander's Hours** – Every Wednesday, 7:30-8:30pm. Learn more about becoming a Legionnaire, Auxiliary or Sons member. Also find out about our charitable programs and how we can work with other Cheverly non-profits to make this neighborhood even greater.

As the sponsoring organization of Cub Scout Pack 257, Cheverly American Legion Post 108 is pleased to announce that Pack 257 will become a Family Scouting Pack this summer. Families and girls interested in this program should check here next month for more information.

**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 at [CheverlyAmericanLegion.com](http://CheverlyAmericanLegion.com) or contact Joseph Pruden (301) 602-2117.

Upcoming meetings:

Monday, April 16th, 7pm. – Executive committee

Monday, April 16th, 8pm. – General membership

**Cheverly American Legion Auxiliary Membership** (\$25/year; Jr. \$5/year): The ALA is open to women veterans and women service members, and to many women 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). Upcoming meetings:

Tuesday, April 3rd, 7pm – Executive committee

Tuesday, April 3rd, 7:30pm – General membership

NOTE: We will recognize the first and second place winners of the Cheverly American Legion Auxiliary Americanism Essay Contest at the Cheverly Town Council meeting on Thursday, April 12th, 8pm.

**Sons of the American Legion Membership** (\$20/year): The SAL is made up of men and boys (including adopted and stepsons) of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the United States military and who 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 [SAL@CheverlyAmericanLegion.com](mailto:SAL@CheverlyAmericanLegion.com).

### Earth Day In Cheverly - Volunteer for It! And Come to FLBC Work Party, Too!

Be a volunteer for Earth Day here in Cheverly on Saturday, April 21 from 9 am to noon! The meeting point is the intersection of Arbor Street and Park Way. (From the Cheverly 7-11, go one block north on Cheverly Ave, turn right onto Arbor and go to the green-gate entrance to the trail at the end of the block.) To sign up at the Anacostia Watershed website, go to [earthday.anacostiaws.org](http://earthday.anacostiaws.org). Be sure to put your preferred location as "Route 50 at Cheverly." Order a t-shirt when you sign up, as well. Gloves, garbage bags, snacks, and water will be provided. Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek, your friendly neighborhood environmental group, will also have its regular monthly Work Party the following week, on Saturday, April 28 between 9 am and noon. We'll be removing invasive plants and working on native plants. We'll meet at the Magruder Spring entrance to the trail. This location is by the bus stop on Cheverly Avenue, a half-block north of the Cheverly 7-11 store. Tools, gloves, snacks and water will be provided. School community service hours are available at both the Earth Day cleanup and the Work Party session. For more information, call Joani Horschler at 301-802-7445.

# Community Bulletin Board

## JOHN DENT WILSON SCHOLARSHIP

The Cheverly Recreation council is pleased to sponsor the John Dent Wilson \$500. College scholarship. The scholarship is open to all high school students entering their first year of college in the fall of 2018. All eligible applicants must have participated in at least one Cheverly Recreation council activity for the past year. For more information please contact Judy DeLeonibus at 301 641-5104. Deadline for applications is May 31, 2018.

## *What are you doing for EARTH DAY?*

Join us Saturday April 21 for Anacostia Watershed Society's 2018 EARTH DAY CLEANUP. Friends of Quincy Run is hosting a cleanup site for this important event. We'll meet at the corner of Quincy Street and 52nd Ave, near the Cheverly Public Playhouse, where we will organize to clean up a one mile stretch of Quincy Run. Register yourself, your family, or your group at: [earth-day.anacostiaws.org/earthday2018/](http://earth-day.anacostiaws.org/earthday2018/) and select **Quincy Run**. We hope you will join your neighbors and friends for this important event. Find out more about Quincy Run - a tidal tributary of the Anacostia River and one of the 3 major streams flowing through and under our town - at our website: [friendsofquincyrun.org](http://friendsofquincyrun.org). Happy Earthday!

## Cheverly Recreation Council

The April meeting will be Tuesday April 24th at 8 pm in the conference room at the town building. We'll be going over the Easter Egg Hunt and the Flea Market.

4th Ward Civic Association

April 16, 2018

When - Every 3rd Monday or the month

Time - 7pm

Location - Cheverly Town Center, 6401 Forest Road,  
Cheverly, MD 20785

POC - [kaycesimmons@yahoo.com](mailto:kaycesimmons@yahoo.com)

This is a busy and important election season in Prince George's County with many competitive races. In most of these races, the important election is the Democratic primary which will be on June 26th. In March we held a candidate forum for the District 47A State Senate and House of Delegates candidates. Please join us for the following forums to hear and meet candidates, ask questions, and express your views on various local, county, and state issues.

Please note that for all of the upcoming forums, as well as the March one featuring candidates for the 47<sup>th</sup> legislative district (senate and delegate races), Progressive Cheverly members in good standing will be invited to vote on whether or not to endorse particular candidates. Details about endorsement procedures will be emailed shortly to members.

**Thursday, April 12 -- County Council District 5 candidates forum. Note Change in Date (due to spring break school closing):**

**Thursday, May 3 -- County Executive candidates forum.**

**Thursday, June 7 -- States Attorney candidates forum.**

**All candidate forums: 7:00 -- 9:00 pm**

Hoyer Education Center (cafeteria)

**2300 Belleview Ave.** (Parking Available)

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Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

For more information about Progressive Cheverly, please check out our web site

at [progressivecheverly.org](http://progressivecheverly.org) or find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/progressivecheverly](https://www.facebook.com/progressivecheverly).

## Spring Flea Market

Come to the Flea Market on Saturday April 7th from 8:30 am to 2pm. We have great bargains and for lunch you have great chicken sandwiches.

# Community Bulletin Board

**WOMAN'S CLUB** - Plans are underway for the April Flea Market Fundraiser for Peace Camp and for Peace Month in May. You can join us in helping to create a culture of peace in our town. **Flea Market** - Saturday, April 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Center. Enjoy our popular **chicken salad sandwiches** and for the first time, **baked goods**. Money earned will go to scholarships for Peace Camp this summer.

**CPRC** is sponsoring a **fundraiser for Peace Camp at Franklin's Restaurant** on Monday, April 9. Details will be sent by email to the lists in town. **Thank you to all the members of CPRC**. We invite you to participate.

**Please note that there is no meeting in April.**

**Save these dates for PEACE MONTH in MAY: "A Taste of Peace"** - an ice cream social to experience Peace Camp - **Saturday, May 5 at 3 p.m. at Legion Park** and **Wednesday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Legion Park**. MJ and Jerry Park of Little Friends for Peace will conduct a brief peace camp for children, teens, and parents.

Little Friends for Peace and Peace Camp provide youngsters

with daily practice in the loving tools and practices of nonviolence.

**LFFP equips children and teenagers to build a culture of peace:  
to create healthy relationships in our schools, communities, and homes.**

**LFFP offers care and skills to build compassionate communities  
where we all can share, shine, and win.**

**Contact:** [joycelang@verizon.net](mailto:joycelang@verizon.net) or 773-2211 for information.

**Are you ages 17-23 and in need of a job? Go to [www.joesmovement.org/creativeworks](http://www.joesmovement.org/creativeworks) to learn about a paid job-training program near Cheverly. CreativeWorks has been growing for nine years at Joe's Movement Emporium in Mt. Rainier (only a 12-minute drive and on a bus route) and is now expanding to Harmony Hall in Ft. Washington. Participants earn income as they learn skills in theater tech--lighting, sound, stage combat--music production, photography, digital media and more. Call or email **Sierra, Linda or Cathy** at **301-699-1819** for more info.**

**CPRC** will be hosting spring break gatherings during the week of April 5th-9th. Please check the listserve or [cheverlyparent.org](http://cheverlyparent.org) for details!

On Sundays we are hosting a neighborhood Coffee Hour! Please join us at the Community Center anytime between 10-11:00am, bring your own coffee and come to hang out with neighbors and friends. Kids are welcome but not required!

**CPRC** would like to wish everyone a happy Spring Break!

Please come dine, drink or shop at Franklin's on Monday, April 9th and a portion of your bill will be donated to CPRC. We'll be using the money towards scholarships for Peace Camp, run by the Little Friends for Peace, and our Spellman summer nutrition packs. Please come out and support both of these great programs! Spread the word with your friends and neighbors.

# Community Bulletin Board



## Time to take stock

Thich Nhat Hanh, often called the Father of Mindfulness, states, “No one has ever lived in the past or the future, only the *now*.” Worrying about the future or the past is certainly a misuse of our imaginations. However, evaluating what worked, or did not work, in the past and envisioning a desired future is a valuable exercise that we can accomplish in the *now*.

Cheverly Village has set **Sunday, April 15, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm**, as our time to do just that. We invite you to join us for our **Annual Meeting**, which will be held at the Cheverly Community Center. We will review the strides

that the Village has taken since its launch a year and a half ago. Over 60 Village volunteers are providing services in response to the requests made by our 43 members; a growing number of Cheverly Village social and educational activities offer opportunities for social interaction; and the Village is connecting members to a wider range of resources. While we will continue to develop and refine these services, we see that *now* is the time to explore new ways to support members and to connect across generations. We invite you to bring your imaginations and creative power to envisioning the Village’s future.

The Annual Meeting is open to the public, and we warmly invite all friends of the Village—members, volunteers, supporters and all who are curious—to join us for this opportunity to envision a brighter future for our community.

To help us plan refreshments, please let us know of your interest in attending. Members, please tell the Coordinator if you need a ride.

*To find out how to support Cheverly Village as a volunteer, a member, or through your one-time or monthly donations, please contact us at [Village@cheverlyvillage.org](mailto:Village@cheverlyvillage.org), 240 770 1033, [www.cheverlyvillage.org](http://www.cheverlyvillage.org), or by “snail mail” at 3416 Belleview Avenue. Cheverly Village is a tax-deductible organization, and we are thankful for every gift—financial, time, and talent!*

-- Teresa Williams, for Cheverly Village Board of Directors

**Boy Scout Troop 257** participated in the County-wide Search and Rescue training on March 24 and, with the Cub Scouts, are planning our June 1-3 campout at Sandy Point State Park. Scouting builds moral character, citizenship, and outdoor skills in young men -- and now young women, too! Starting September 1st, the cub scout pack (kindergarten through fifth grades) can admit girls, and starting in 2019 the troop (sixth grader and older) can admit young women! Boys should register before May 1st in order to join us at the camp out on June 1st thru June 3rd at Sandy Point State Park! Thanks to everyone who purchased firewood and kindling -- you're making summer scout camp possible! For more information or to join, please contact (older boys or girls) Scoutmaster Dave at [abramdavid@aol.com](mailto:abramdavid@aol.com) or 202-744-7100 or (younger boys or girls) Pack 257 at [Scoutpack257@gmail.com](mailto:Scoutpack257@gmail.com) or 202-256-4808.

## Cheverly Fitness Bootcamp

Need fitness motivation? Want to meet your neighbors? Come exercise with us! Cheverly Fitness Bootcamp is a town organization that supports fitness and wellness all the while giving us a fun opportunity to get to know our neighbors. We meet in the town gym [at 6 a.m.](#) on Tuesdays and Thursdays and [8 a.m.](#) on Saturdays (Please join our email list via the information below to ensure you have the most up-to-date schedule). There is no cost to join this group. Workouts are volunteer-led and combine strength and cardio movements. Bring a yoga mat, hand weights, and a jump rope if you have them. If not, we share! 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). Or find Cheverly Bootcamp on Facebook.

We hope to see you at the gym!

# Community Bulletin Board

## Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee, April Monthly Meeting

Date: Monday, April 2, 2018 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](mailto:sheila.salo@gmail.com) for a copy of the meeting agenda.

### Bay-Wise Certification – Coming Soon to a Yard Near You – Maybe Your Own Yard

Control storm water runoff: install rain barrels, rain gardens

- Provide food, water, and shelter for wildlife
- Reduce or eliminate use of chemical pesticides and fertilizers
- Compost yard clippings, leaves, and vegetable scraps
- Use native plants and trees
- Convert your lawn to a conservation landscape
- Protect your neighboring stream or seep

Maybe this is your yard already. Maybe you need just a little encouragement.

Using the University of Maryland Extension's Bay-Wise Maryland Yardstick you

can get credit for your environmentally-friendly landscape practices, even a cool sign for your yard.

The Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee and Maryland Master Gardeners are helping promote the Bay-Wise program right here in Cheverly. Watch for more about the program in the near future. Let's make Cheverly a Bay-Wise community. How many of our Cheverly yards can we certify? Be wise, be Bay-Wise!

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A MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

**CHEVERLY GARDEN CLUB.** We promise there will be sunshine and showers for your garden this April. Following this March, we have no idea what will happen BUT there are buds on branches and green poking through the ground and the birds are chirping. Please pick up your pencil or your smart phone and mark May 12 for the PLANT SALE. New this year the sale will start at 9:00 AM. The Legion Auxiliary will have "yummies to eat and drink" for sale. Last year we sold out of Caladiums, and we have them on order. They do so well in our area both sun and shade. These are mixed color, size and shape of leaves, they will be available by the bag for \$15 for 15-20. Notify a member to arrange for purchase. YES, we will have Hostas and other plants that grow well in the Cheverly soil. There will be hanging baskets, annuals, vegetables, and herbs for sale. We will be digging perennials from our gardens for you to plant. Since this will be the day before Mother's Day, come early for that special growing gift. The monies earned by the Club are returned to the community in many ways. We are planning several trips, dates not yet set, but you are invited to participate. We will be going back to Hillwood, the former home of Marjorie Merriweather Post, for lunch and tour. It is one of the most beautiful homes in the USA to visit and it's right here in DC. Cost is under \$50 watch our Facebook page for more information. We also plan to visit a private Azalea Garden. Date depends upon blooming and this will be a potluck picnic. Remember the town has composted the leaves you put out last Fall. You can call Public Works at 301-773-2666 for delivery. We call it 'Black Gold', perfect for the gardens. Please consider joining the Garden Club. We meet on every 3rd Monday 7:00 PM Cheverly United Methodist Church 4th floor.

**GROW YOUR OWN!** The Cheverly Community Vegetable Garden located at Boyd Park is accepting applications for the 2018 growing season. 4' wide x 20' long plots are available for a \$20 fee for Cheverly residents, \$30 for nonresidents. Many town residents do not have vegetable gardens on their own property for reasons such as: terrain, shade, or lack of space. The CHV Community Vegetable Garden provides a sunny, level place to grow fresh veggies close to home. Stop by the front office at the Cheverly Community Center to get an application and guidelines. Contact us if you have questions at [chvgardens@verizon.net](mailto:chvgardens@verizon.net).

# Cheverly Newsletter

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## Meetings & Events

### GOVERNMENT EVENT SCHEDULE

Thurs	April 12	8:00pm	Town Meeting
Thurs	April 26	7:30pm	Worksession
Tues	April 24	7:00pm	Council Meeting
Sat	April 7	8:30am	Spring Flea Market

- ### COMMUNITY EVENT SCHEDULE
- ◆ American Legion: King Soul, Ladies' Night, Halfway to Halloween, Men's Club, & Commander's Hours.
  - ◆ FLBC: Earth Day: Sat. April 21, 9am to 12pm & Monthly Work Party: Sat. April 28, 9am to 12pm.
  - ◆ Friends of Quincy Run: Earth Day Clean Up: Sat. April 21.
  - ◆ Progressive Cheverly: Upcoming Forums.
  - ◆ Woman's Club: Flea Market Fundraiser & Peace Camp: "A Taste of Peace"
  - ◆ CPRC: Upcoming events: Coffee Hour & Franklin's
  - ◆ Cheverly Village: Time to Take Stock
  - ◆ Boy Scout Troop 257: Upcoming events
  - ◆ Cheverly Fitness Bootcamp Reminder!
  - ◆ Green Infrastructure: Meeting: Mon. April 2, 7:30 pm
  - ◆ Cheverly Garden: Grow Your Own! & Plant Sale
  - ◆ 4th Ward Civic Meeting Reminder!

**CHEVERLY WEBSITE** [cheverly-md.gov](http://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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