

FYI

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.

**NOTE: TOWN MEETING CHANGED FROM JUNE 14th TO JUNE 7th ,
WORKSESSION MOVED FROM JUNE 28th TO JUNE 21st. PLEASE
MAKE A NOTE OF THESE DATE CHANGES.**

Town Council Meeting Moved to June 7th:

Due to family considerations of key staff members the June Town Council Meeting will be held on June 7th instead of June 14th. Please mark your calendars accordingly. I know you wouldn't want to miss it!

Cheverly Day is Great Success: May could really be the best month of the year in Cheverly. Congratulations go out to everyone: the Cheverly Young Actors Guild for their presentation of Peter Pan, the Garden Club for another great Plant Sale, the Community Market for a wonderful opening day, Mother's Day Out and Weekday Nursery for the best Truck Touch ever, and the Cheverly Boys and Girls Club for a spectacular Opening Day ceremony for Tee Ball. May had all of these events, and Cheverly Day too. I'd like to thank David Thorpe (Cheverly Day Chairman, Music Program), Pat Nelson (Tee-Shirts, Midway), Jim Vigen and the New Hope Church (Midway), Bruce Mitchell (Sound Man Supreme), Abel Olivo, Robin Kaye and Glen Barton (Cheverly 5K), and Emily Tevault, Robin Kaye, Glen Barton and many more (Cheverly Prom).

Cheverly Day was wonderful and we know we can make it even better. If you'd like to volunteer please contact David Thorpe. Also, Please check out the Cheverly Day website www.cheverlyday.org.

Volunteers of the Year Recognized: At Cheverly Day every year the Mayor and Town Council recognize two individuals or groups for outstanding contributions to our town. This year the recipients were Doug Alexander for his implementation of the Composting Program. Doug not only offered composters at much reduced rates, he also led education programs on how to use them. This program saves residents money because it helps reduce the cost of trash disposal at the county facility.

The other recipients were Nick and Kristy D'Angelo who together have co-chaired Cheverly Day for many years. Nick and Kristy have maintained this great tradition through their combined efforts and with the assistance from key contributors such as Pat Nelson, Micah Watson, Bruce Mitchell, and David Thorpe.

FY13 Budget to be Finalized June 7th: The Town Council will consider the FY2013 Budget during its May 24th work session and finalize details. The budget will then be approved during the June 7th Town Meeting and will become effective on July 1st. If you haven't read previous newsletters, I ask you to go on-line to catch up: Headlines of the budget are:

Mayor FYI cont'd

At the end of FY12 Cheverly should have a positive **fund balance of approximately \$1.6M**. Good Government Practices require a fund balance of approximately \$800,000, so only \$800,000 is actually a "rainy day fund".

The town's **revenues have been reduced by over \$800,000** annually due to: 1) a 22% decrease in property taxes, 2) Industrial Taxes reduced because of bankruptcy, and 3) reductions in federal and state programs. The 2012 property tax reassessment caused property values to drop by an average of 22%.

These issues are magnified because they will impact the town for the next 3 to 5 years, as property will not be reassessed until 2015. Even if property values are on the upswing by then, property tax revenue can only increase by 10% a year by law due to the Homestead Exemption.

To offset these issues the Town Council will most likely approve a .10 property tax rate increase for all property owners. This will raise revenue by \$490,000 annually.

The Town council is also likely to raise property taxes on residential multi-unit rental properties from .48 to 1.10 which will raise revenue by \$130,000 annually.

The Town Council is considering other cost control measures such as salary freezes, freezes of open positions, and cuts of various smaller programs.

Town Council Approves a Tax Cap

Increase Affecting Multi-Family Units: In the April work session the Town Council approved an increase of the Tax Cap from .58 to \$1.20. Raising the Tax Cap does not raise taxes. However, it does allow the Town Council to raise taxes at a later date. I have been asked by many residents "Why did the council raise the tax cap by so much"?

The council reviewed the various tax categories (Residential, Multi-Family Residential, Commercial and Industrial) and their relative contribution to the Town's revenues versus their utilization of services. After reviewing the numbers it was apparent the multi-family units were contributing 3.5% of the tax revenue but consuming services at a greater rate. The multifamily units represent more than 20% of the population and while they handle their own Public Works functions a significant amount of Public Safety resource is utilized there. The council is considering doubling the tax rate for multifamily units so the end result will be a contribution of 7%.

This increase is not directly charged to apartment residents, but instead to the ownership company.

Issues Regarding "Street Trees": Over the last few months a number of incidents have occurred regarding "street trees" which raise issues I'd like to bring to your attention. The first question you might have is, "What is a Street Tree"? "Street Trees" are owned and maintained by the town, and generally live within eleven feet of the street curb. Therefore, all trees in the box between the street and the sidewalk and even some that live just beyond the sidewalk are owned by the town. The Town is governed by policies outlined by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regarding Street Trees & must follow these policies.

We've had two completely opposite problems occur. First residents are not allowed to cut or trim these trees. Any resident who does so can receive a fine from the Town and from DNR. These fines can be up to \$500 so please do not trim these trees. If you have a question or concern about a Street Tree please call the Department of Public Works at (301) 773-2666 for a consultation.

A second issue has occurred when residents are upset by a Street Tree being removed. Street Trees are only removed when they are deemed a danger to the public, either to property or residents who might pass by. I want to ensure you that trees are only removed after a consultation with DNR about the health of the tree and its viability.

Meeting with the County Executive: Recently Vice Mayor Eldridge, the Town Administrator and I met with County Executive Rushern Baker (and neighbor) and twelve members of his staff to discuss issues of importance to the Town of Cheverly. Amongst the topics discussed was: the future of the hospital property, the future of the development at the Pointe@Cheverly, potential improvement of Route 50 and the Columbia Park Bridge, Bike Paths in the area, and other topics. We were pleased that the County Executive and his staff spent over two hours discussing these topics. Overall the meeting was very positive and we are in agreement to follow up on each of the items.

One item of particular interest to Cheverly residents was the County Executive's Transforming Neighborhoods Initiative. The County Executive has identified six key areas that experience social issues and crime and has targeted them with cross functional teams to try to address them. So these areas will not only receive increased police enforcement, but also focus from code enforcement, educational resources, public works, etc in an effort to Transform the Neighborhood. We were excited to see the Kentlands / Palmer Park Neighborhoods identified as an area of focus and our Police Force will be working closely with the team in an effort to improve the 202 Corridor.

Envision Cheverly on June 16th: *Envision Cheverly* is an effort coordinated by the Cheverly Planning Board to gather input from residents in order to build a vision of what they'd like Cheverly (and its surrounding areas) to be in 2025. As we all know Cheverly has so many assets, location, affordability and a great community, but what do we see for Cheverly in the future.

On June 16th from 10:00am-2:00pm please stop by Town Hall to provide your unique insight. This event coincides with a Community Market so there is no excuse not to stop in. Read more about this event inside the newsletter.

Why Doesn't Walmart have a Grocery Store? Representatives of the Nellis Corporation (owners of Capital Plaza) will attend the May 24th Town Council Meeting to discuss the possibility of Walmart expanding to incorporate a grocery store. They have been attempting to identify a grocery store for the center since the Walmart was built, however they have been unsuccessful.

So for some of you who have only recently moved to the neighborhood you might ask the question: "Why doesn't the Walmart have a grocery store?" When the Walmart was built there was significant community opposition regarding a number of issues regarding Walmart's policies. Cheverly along with surrounding communities asked for many logical concessions including; no sale of guns, no grocery store, and other items. At the time we had a viable grocery store abutting the Capital Plaza center and the Little Giant on 202. There were significant concerns about how a Super Walmart would affect these businesses and the quality union jobs that existed. At the time, Cheverly and other surrounding communities passed a resolution, in concurrence with Walmart that precluded a grocery store from being included in the Walmart.

Yard Waste, Trash Cans, Recycling, Oh

My: For those of you who don't know, Juan Torres is our Public Works Director and he has a particular love of our town. I recently had a conversation with him where he expressed concerns about residents who leave trash cans or yard waste at the curb throughout the weekend. He wanted me to remind residents that "house hunters" drive our streets on the weekends and it is important to look our best. So on behalf of Mr Torres, the entire Public Works Department, and the Town Council help Cheverly look its best by following the Town Trash Schedules: http://www.cheverly-md.gov/Pages/CheverlyMD_PubWorks/trash

My Gosh this is a long FYI: Ain't it the truth! If you think it takes a while to read the FYI, well then have a little sympathy on the fella writing it. However, if you've gotten this far I have a surprise for you. If you are the first,

and only the first this month, I have two variegated hostas for your garden. Just call 301-773-0428.

Being Mayor and the rise of Social Media:

An amazing thing happened on May 2nd, the water stopped flowing in Cheverly, and I didn't receive a single phone call. Yes, I received some texts and some emails but not one call. By the time I woke up at 6:30am, Social Media and the Cheverly Exchanges (listserves) were working their magic. Residents were communicating up to date information regarding WSSC water mains and school operations. Thanks for making my job easier.

By the way, another great thing happened on May 2nd. I got to meet all the young ladies in our local Daisy Troop. Now that was enjoyable.

WSSC Is Coming this Summer and Fall:

When the water mains broke on May 2nd WSSC continually used the phrases "aging infrastructure" and "pipes that were over 60 years old". As an older neighborhood Cheverly is in need of some updating of its infrastructure. We've seen the Pepco Reliability Program throughout town this spring replacing wires and poles, and now WSSC will be doing the same with pipes. Areas affected will be Lockwood, Tremont, Upper Crest, Greenleaf and most of Old Ward 4. Please check the town website for more information.

VACATIONS & HOME SECURITY:

Residents planning to be away for vacations should call the Cheverly Police (**301-341-1055**) to arrange to have their homes checked while they are gone.

The following items should also be checked to make sure your residence is safe and looks as much as possible like someone is there:

- Cancel newspaper & mail delivery or have a neighbor pick it up for you.
- Arrange for lawn care.
- Valuables should be stored, preferably in a bank.
- Store lawn mowers, bicycles, and lawn furniture inside.
- Lights inside the house should be set on a timer.
- Set telephone bells as low as possible.
- Shades and drapes should be drawn.
- Cars left in the driveway should be locked.
- Make sure smoke detectors are working.
- All windows and doors should be locked.
- Give your house key & itinerary to at least one friend or neighbor.



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

“TWENTY IS PLENTY” – One of the CPD’s summer initiatives this year is called “Twenty Is Plenty.” The “twenty” in the phrase refers to the 20 mph speed limit that is applicable to most streets in Cheverly and the “plenty” indicates that this speed is more than enough given the narrow, curvy nature of so many Cheverly streets. As part of this initiative, CPD officers will be issuing Maryland State Citations for speeding in lieu of warnings in an effort to ensure the safety of all drivers and pedestrians who utilize our streets. Please obey the speed limit throughout Town and have a safe and prosperous summer.

PRACTICAL JOKE OR STUPID DECISION – Although all of us are aware of the extreme danger our soldiers face overseas due to improvised explosive devices (IEDs), chemical weapons, and other destructive munitions, we rarely have to confront these types of dangers in our own communities. There is a growing trend, however, of persons who construct devices out of simple everyday containers and chemicals that are not designed to necessarily hurt but most often scare. Any capped bottle or container containing any number of “under the sink” chemicals can cause an explosion powerful enough to risk the loss of a limb or fingers. Typically these devices are constructed so that activation begins with the movement of the container by an unsuspecting person. The lesson here is that these types of practical jokes are always stupid decisions that frequently have consequences never intended. Chemistry is a science best learned and implemented in a lab and not on someone’s front porch or driveway. Homeowners should be cognizant about these types of dangers, especially when picking up items that appear to be trash (plastic or glass bottles or containers) left strategically in or around their property.

COMPLAINTS – The CPD has a well-established complaint process whereby residents or visitors alike can bring to the attention of the Department complaints about police personnel, services, and established procedures. While we receive less than a dozen written complaint forms a year about the actions of our officers, especially regarding allegations of brutality, we take each of these complaints seriously. Conduct and communication are items that are discussed at every staff meeting and we are constantly looking at training opportunities to improve our interaction with the public especially under trying and difficult circumstances. The vast majority of verbal complaints are ultimately directed towards police policies and procedures. Some of these procedures are clearly initiated by court rulings and civil actions, some because of new technologies and equipment, and some as part of a larger crime reduction strategy that may be employed by the Department. Regardless of

the causation, these complaints are also taken seriously because they help to determine the right course of action the Department should take and what information should be clarified to avoid future issues. If you should find yourself unsure of the actions of our personnel or policies then you should most definitely call me at your earliest opportunity. I address complaints quickly and fairly and I return all telephone calls promptly. How effective the Department is and can be is predicated on the partnerships that our officers form with the community and how the community perceives its police officers. These partnerships also have a direct relation to our crime rate and ways that we can jointly find to firm up these partnerships benefit everyone.

C-PACT/CHEVERLY WATCH RESIDENT RADIO PROGRAM MEETING – The next joint meeting of C-PACT (Cheverly – Citizens and Police Together), Cheverly’s Neighborhood Watch Organization, and the Cheverly Watch Resident Radio Program is scheduled for July 11, 2012, at 7:00 PM in the Police Department Conference Room.

ELDERWATCH – The CPD regularly visits the Town’s elderly and infirmed in an effort to keep this important segment of the community up to date on crime issues and neighborhood events. These 10-15 minute visits are designed, not only for information sharing, but also to socialize. If any Cheverly resident knows of any elderly or infirmed persons living alone whom they believe would benefit from such contact, please notify Senora at the police station (301-341-1055).

SOLICITORS – One of the inevitable types of incidents that seem to rise in the summer is that of persons soliciting without a permit. All residents are encouraged to call the police whenever a solicitor confronts them. Solicitors in Cheverly are required to display a permit issued by the Town (that must be displayed upon request of any Town resident) and they are required to leave private property immediately when told to do so by a homeowner or face trespassing charges. Please do not hesitate to call the CPD if a solicitor knocks on your door.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS –

Police Emergency	9-1-1
Nonemergency Calls for Dispatch	(301) 352-1200
Cheverly Police	(301) 341-1055
Cheverly Police Facsimile	(301) 341-0176
Cheverly Photo Enforcement	(240) 770-7641
P. G. Towing (Towing Vendor)	(301) 220-1170
Cheverly Investigators	(301) 789-5090
	(301) 789-8551
	(301) 852-8457
Cheverly Traffic Officer	(301) 789-7743

Crime Report for April 2012 (All addresses Are in Hundred Blocks)

Total Arrests for the Month: 46
Total Traffic for the Month: 872
Total Crime (Difference, YTD 2010-2011): -39%

04-04-12	1409 Hrs	4800 Lydell Rd	Theft
04-07-12	1310 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft
04-08-12	1926 Hrs	6400 Landover Rd	Assault
04-14-12	1421 Hrs	6400 Landover Rd	Assault (Arrest)
04-18-12	1120 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft
04-29-12	1330 Hrs	4800 Lydell Rd	Auto Theft
04-30-12	0100 Hrs	2800 Laurel Ave	Theft (Arrest)
04-30-12	1727 Hrs	2600 Crest Ave	B&E Residential
04-30-12	2109 Hrs	6500 Oak Forest Ct	Assault (Arrest)

RESIDENTIAL BUSINESS LICENSES

If you are currently operating a business out of your home, you are required to obtain a **Town Residential Business License**.

Home occupations are under (Chapter 9-of Town Code) and (subtitle 27-of the Prince George’s County Code) and do not include any retail business or trade, etc.

Town Residential Business Licenses are issued annually for the Fiscal Year (July 1 to June 30). Please call the Town Clerk at 301-773-8360 or stop by the Town Office to pick up an application form. *The yearly business license fee is \$20.*

CHEVERLY RENTAL LICENSES

All single-family, multi-family, and roomer rental dwellings in Cheverly are required by Chapter 5 of the Town Code to obtain a **Cheverly Rental Housing License**. Licenses are issued annually for the Fiscal Year (July 1 to June 30). Call the Code Enforcement Office at 301-341-1055 for an application. *The yearly rental license fee is \$100.*

NOTE: *Failure to comply with Town Code licensing laws can result in a fine.*

Meeting Agendas are updated on the website: Cheverly cable Channel 71 and www.cheverly-md.gov

Town Meetings broadcast LIVE on Cable 71 & Fios 35. Rebroadcast every day at 9:00 am, Noon, and 10 PM.

ACTIONS TAKEN

Votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Worksession - April 26, 2012

- MOTION CM Riazi to introduce & pass as emergency ordinance O-2-12 regarding the use of photo speed monitoring systems. Seconded CM Thorpe. Approved 5-0.
- MOTION CM Eldridge to close the meeting to discuss a personnel matter. Seconded CM Cook. Approved 5-0
- MOTION CM Eldridge to grant \$250 to the Cheverly Robotics Club. Seconded CM Coolen. Approved 4-0. CM Thorpe abstained.
- MOTION CM Cook to add Vines Corps as one of the Community Interest Organizations to make them eligible to be awarded a Town grant. Seconded CM Riazi. Approved. 5-0.
- MOTION CM Riazi to authorize a budget adjustment in the amount of \$15,000 for the cost of improving the stormdrain management system in the Public Works Yard. Seconded CM Cook. Approved 5-0.

Town Meeting - May 10, 2012

- MOTION CM Riazi to adopt O-1-12 Amending the Street Permit Section. Seconded CM Coolen. Approved

TENTATIVE AGENDAS

Town Meeting - June 7, 2012

- Adoption OB-1-12 Adopting the TY13 Budget & CIP.
- Second Reading CAR-2-12 Amending the Ward Boundaries

Worksession—June 21, 2012

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

MON Town Wide **YARD WASTE**
MON East side **Regular Garbage Pickup only**
TUE West side **Regular Garbage Pickup only**
WED Town wide **RECYCLING (blue or yellow bins)**
THU East side **Garbage & SPECIAL TRASH (at curb)**
FRI West side **Garbage & SPECIAL TRASH (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 Thurs/Fri Special Trash (cut into 4' lengths, tied and bundled)

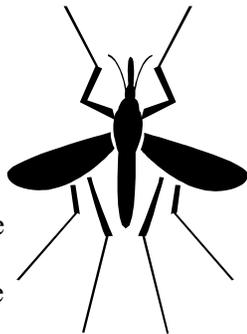
ELECTRONICS - are picked up on Wednesday with recycling. TV's any size, computers (remove hard drive), monitors, keyboards etc. (place next to recycle bucket).

APPLIANCES - Washers, dryers, stoves, dishwashers, refrigerator/freezers (remove doors), microwaves (any size) and a/c units (any size) - \$20 for removal, contact Public Works 301-773-2666.

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

NEWS FROM THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE MOSQUITO CONTROL SECTION -

The Town is scheduled for random mosquito spraying again this year. 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. Please note the time of day and location. If we do not receive complaints, we may not receive the surveillance. Please help us deal with the mosquito problem.



Cheverly RECREATION COUNCIL is proud to sponsor the *John Dent Wilson College Scholarship*. This is a \$500 scholarship awarded to a Cheverly Resident who is enrolled full-time in an academic or vocational post-secondary education program for the 2012-2013 academic year. For information call Judy Deleonibus 301-386-4251 or judydeleon@aol.com



Cheverly RECREATION COUNCIL - No meeting in June.

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 cutting grass, raking leaves, shoveling snow, etc.

301-773-0635	Nickolas Lal
240-478-4622	Xavier Pinkne
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
301-772-6596	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.

MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL NUMBERS

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

TIGHT FITTING LIDS

Have you ever sat down in front of your computer or grabbed the actual printed book to read some of the ordinances found in the Town's code? Yes? No? Have better things to read that will put you to sleep? I fully understand your predicament; nevertheless, these regulations do help us all live responsibly to each other within our community. These ordinances are designed to safeguard the lives of our residents, visitors, guests, their health, the value of our community's real estate and how we are viewed and valued in Prince Georges County, the State and even the Nation. These ordinances are essential and not arbitrary and they effectively and without a doubt bring harmony and value to our community. An example of such ordinances read:

Sec. 10-6. Garbage and trash receptacles and collection generally. In addition to recycling bins and other receptacles containing recyclables each residence shall maintain a suitable metal or plastic container that is intact and without holes, not to exceed thirty-two (32) gallons' capacity covered with a tight-fitting intact lid... If these bins, recyclables, and containers are kept on the outside of the building at any other times, they should be placed to the rear of the front building line and in the case of trash containers kept covered with a tight-fitting intact lid.

Purposively "tight fitting intact lid" has a larger font in this article. You see quite often this fact goes unnoticed by many residents. Yet this is a significant individual and community rodent prevention piece in which everyone can participate. With a tight fitting lid we lend a hand to ourselves and others in the control of rodents, and other similar disease carrying animals from our community.

Tight fitting lids on refuse containers prevent varmints from finding a food source in your back yard and our community. **Tight fitting lids**, besides being the law of the Town can help us prevent birds from spilling refuse all over the Town's sidewalks, alleys, parks, and roads.

Please look at your refuse containers today and ensure that they never look like this:



Let us all do our part to keep and maintain our Town Clean

Refuse Collection Recycling Bulk trash and Yard Waste

The Town of Cheverly has clear rules regarding refuse removal. They are found on chapter ten of the Town's code which is accessible to all on the Town's website Cheverly-md.gov under the "Town Services" heading. Although the rules are clear they are also clearly on a daily basis overlooked by some residents. These rules are not arbitrary or bias they were codified to ensure that this Town public areas and its real estate are valued by residents, potential buyers and visitors. Read the excerpt below of the Town's code and if you want to read more and/or need some clarification call your department of public works at 301-773-2666.

Sec. 10-7. Trash collection.

(a) *Definitions.* In this section the following definitions shall apply:

Bulk trash: Furniture, bedding, carpeting if in four (4) foot sections, doors, no more than two (2) windows, window screens, lawn mowers, weed eaters, chain saws, other small powered equipment without gasoline and oil, and metal BBQs. The town will consider other items as bulk trash on a case by case basis.

Collectible trash: Household trash, white goods, bulk trash, yard waste, electronics and recyclables.

Household trash: Food waste, trash and refuse normally generated in a household which can be stored and contained in a trash container until its scheduled collection. Household trash shall not include white goods and appliances, bulk trash, electronic recyclables, recyclables, yard waste, building materials, furniture or hazardous waste or construction debris.

Recyclables: All materials which can be separated, collected, processed and returned to the economic stream in the form of raw materials or products, including newspapers, glass, plastic containers, cardboard, and cans, are considered recyclables as well as those items defined and published by the town as recyclables.

Yard waste: Leaves, grass clippings, plant cuttings, brush, yard debris as well as branches and shrubs, limbs (excluding bamboo), if less than three (3) inches in diameter and no longer than four (4) feet, bundled and tied and not weighing more than forty (40) pounds. Yard waste does not include pressure-treated lumber of any size.

Community Bulletin Board

CHEVERLY GARDEN CLUB.....We thank all for supporting the PLANT SALE. The funds earned are used for activities through the Garden Club. Look and enjoy the bench in the Town Park. This is a gift from The Garden Club. In May we also made 100 corsages for the mothers of slain police, killed in service 2011 and honored during National Police Week. We also give and support other town and civic activities and needs. Pay attention to the newsletter in issues to come, we may have some very interesting offers. We close down in June for several months after we design and give floral arrangements to home bound citizens in town. Take care and enjoy gardens at your homes and in town. Look for us in the September Newsletter. Ann Gardenhour



With the opening of the **Cheverly Community Market** on May 19 it really feels like the kick off of summer. Didn't get a chance to stop by? Don't worry we will be there June 2 and every other Sat. through October. Don't forget to check our sit for more (www.cheverlycommunitymarket.com) information.

June promises to bring many wonderful things to the market. Tomatoes, beans, and summer squash are all coming in season. How about some juicy, sweet blueberries or cherries? Benny's Fruit Stand will make sure you get your fill. Make sure you stop by and say hello to two of our new vendors, Palmyra Cheese/Cherry Glen Goat Cheese and Classic & Carefree Bake Shoppe. Elk Run and our other wineries return to the Market in June. Why not pick up some bread and cheese to go with a bottle (or two) of wine! Summer means grilling season, and what's better on the grill than some of Simply Sausage's delicious sausages - the Rosemary Lamb are a personal favorite! Or how about some fabulous fish from Two Oceans? Grilled salmon, a simple salad of tomatoes, fresh herbs from New Starts Farm & a drizzle of olive oil - what could beat that! Don't forget to read our blog (<http://cheverlycommunitymarket.blogspot.com/>) for recipes and information about our vendors, including what they will be bringing to each Market.

Did your kids enjoy the Kid's Market as much as mine did? They can make a pinecone bird feeder and learn about local birds from Shelia Salo of the Friends of the Lower Beaverdam on June 16! And of course, don't forget the amazing story-reading skills from our friends at the CPRC. Check our site for the complete Kid's Market schedule.

To make sure you are up on the latest events, musical guests, and vendor news follow us on Twitter, stop by our Facebook page or read our blog (<http://cheverlycommunitymarket.blogspot.com/>). We are excited here at the Cheverly Community Market about sharing our summer with you!

Cheverly United Methodist Church - It's time to register for Vacation Bible School We welcome any children ages 2-12. Participants do not have to be members of the church!!

June 25 - 29th—5:30 - 7:30 PM (dinner will be provided) \$15 per child, \$30 for families with 2 or more children (scholarships are available) - Cheverly United Methodist Church. Registration: send email to Chase O'Brien at chasekeith@hotmail.com to request form.

Join Us June 9th for a Delicious UMM FISH FRY. The United Methodist Men will host a FISH FRY from 12:00 noon to 4:00p.m. Saturday, June 9th in Fogle Hall (3rd Floor) of the Church. The menu will be fish, fries, coleslaw, corn bread, iced tea/lemonade and cake for adults and chicken tenders, fries, fruit cup, lemonade and cookies for the kids. Price will be \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 12 and under. Tickets are being sold at Church after service or at the door.

Mini Retreat at Cheverly United Methodist Church in Fogle Hall.— June 9th , 9:00 – 11:00a.m.
Speaker – Rev. Dr. Andy Lunt , Theme – Spiritual Disciplines Refreshments provided - ALL ARE WELCOME

Community Bulletin Board

Cheverly Green Plan Monthly Meeting

Monday, June 4, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. - Community Center, Focus on implementation of the Green Plan. We are seeking new recruits, especially to participate with outreach and education activities. All are welcome to contribute to action for a thriving, green Cheverly! For more information visit the Green Plan website at www.GreenCheverly.org.

CHV Prom 2012 was a night of great music, lots of dancing, delicious food, and most importantly, a time to celebrate Cheverly with our neighbors. This successful evening couldn't have happened without many people in the community coming together, and volunteering their time and expertise! Thank you to the CHV Prom Committee, Town Staff, Mayor and Council, *The New Romanos* (music), Kathryn Andrews (graphic design), Glen Barton (printing), Susan and Joseph Pruden (photo booth), Cookies to Cocktails-Liz Esposito (cake), and to everyone who assisted with set-up and clean-up. Thank you to Glen Barton and Loy Hayes who contributed to defray the expense of the band. Thank you to area businesses and town organizations who donated fantastic door prizes; Ann Barsi, Boyd Roofing, Cakes & Confections, Teresa Castracane Photography, ChevList, Cheverly Garden Club, Cheverly Parents Resource Center, Cheverly Swim & Racquet Club, Deciduous Dave's Walking Sticks & Stuff, Emerald Lawnsapes, Rose Fennell, Madeleine Golde, Landover Liquors, Martha's Jams, Schlagel Farms, Shortcake Baker, Anna Smith & Stephanie Krimsky, Spoon CPA, Teresa Williams-Touch as Art, Waltz Family Farm, and Wildflower Yoga. We are already looking forward to another fun and successful prom next year!



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Spellman PTA Update

Spellman Makes the Grade... Again !

The 2011 "Maryland Report Card" is out, and for the fourth year running, Spellman Elementary exceeded expectations for school improvement as mandated by the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law. Spellman students met the proficiency targets in all categories (all students, all races, students who receive free/reduced meals, special education, limited English, etc.). The report details how well Spellman students tested in reading and math (grades 3-6) and science (grade 5). Across the board in every category, Spellman outperformed the County in the total percentage of students testing at the "advanced" or "proficient" level. At 98.9%, almost all classes at Spellman are taught by "highly qualified" teachers -- that's 9% higher than the County average and 7% higher than the State average. (Although all teachers must meet certain qualifications, to be "highly qualified" as defined by NCLB, a teacher must have a bachelor's degree, full state certification, and demonstrate content knowledge in the subjects they teach.) The detailed report by the Maryland Board of Education can be found online at www.mdreportcard.org.

Need to register your child?

Visit <http://www1.pgcps.org/gladysnoonspellman> to get details on what forms and information you will need to register your rising kindergartner or any new Spellman elementary students.

Before and After Care

The PTA has been actively working to get assurances from PGCPs that before and after care services will be provided on-site at Spellman next year. Care is provided beginning at 7am and ending at 6pm. The annual tuition is \$3,000, payable in installments of \$145.00 bi-weekly. It is critical that we have a minimum of 45 students registered, so if you have a child at Spellman and are interested, be sure to register your child so they are included in the headcount. Registration is ongoing through June 11 during aftercare hours (between 7-8:30 am and 4-6pm)

If you have any questions about aftercare, you should also feel free to contact PTA Vice President Jen Eldridge at jalleneldridge@yahoo.com or 240-271-9737.

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The Cheverly Working Moms group is looking for new members. All working moms AND dads are welcome! We hold weekend playgroups, field trips, potlucks and more! Membership is free and all events are optional.

MARK THE DATE: We will be holding our annual summer BBQ/ potluck on July 15th.

Visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CheverlyWorkingMoms/> to join.

Join your friendly neighborhood environmental group, **Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek**, on Saturday, June 30 between 9 am and noon for our monthly Work Party. We will work on trail maintenance and removing invasive plants. We'll meet at the entrance to the trail that is on Cheverly Ave, just one-half block down the street from the Cheverly 7-11 and about a block from the Cheverly Metro. Tools, gloves, snacks, and water will be provided. As always, school community service hours are available.

Hope to see you there! For more information, contact Joani Horchler at 301-773-9671 or cell 301-802-7445, or at horecpool97@aol.com.

CHEVERLY SWIM & RAQUET CLUB

Sat. June 30 8 pm—12 am—Adult & Alumni Night. Musical Guest—Mary Shaver Band, Tickets \$20/person This is a POTLUCK & BYOL event (no glass containers or bottles) Sign up and get more details at the Pool's Front desk. For all events, a member must accompany non-members.

ZUMBA - Cheverly Town Hall (gym) Sun 7-8 PM and Tuesday 7:30—8:30 PM. Cost \$5.00/class by the month or \$7 drop in fee per class. Payable to Cheverly REC Council) Instructor Neicey V. 240-565-5301

Progressive Cheverly - All welcome.

Our last community forum before our summer break will be Thursday, June 7th, co-sponsored with Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek.: **The reality of land use in the County: How well does the current planning, zoning and development review process protect the community interest and the environment?** Do developers have too much influence? Is smart growth working? How can the land use process be improved? Guest speakers: Former County Council Members Tom Dernoga and David Harrington, and Cheryl Cort, Policy Director, Coalition for Smarter Growth. 7:00 pm, Hoyer School Cafeteria, 2300 Belleview Ave.

Join us for Progressive Cheverly's **summer picnic**, Sunday, June 10th, 3:00-6:00 pm at the Town Park pavilion. Good food. Great fun. Burgers, hot dogs, beverages provided. Bring a dish to share and bring your family and friends.

Sponsored by the **Cheverly Soccer Club**, Challenger Soccer returns to Cheverly for more fun and games this summer!The first week of camp kicks off at Cheverly Town Park the week of June 18-22. Challenger British Soccer camps offer kids between ages 3 and 15, age and skill-appropriate soccer development—and lots of fun, including the Challenger World Cup and the week-ending soccer splashdown, a perennial favorite of Cheverly kids! Challenger coaches are recruited from universities across the United Kingdom, from England to Wales and Scotland to Northern Ireland, as well as the Republic of Ireland, and bring with them a total passion for soccer. While campers increase soccer and team-building skills, they pick up some fun trivia, an appreciation for Manchester United (not Manchester City), and an enthusiasm for all things related to soccer. For camp registration, please contact ghodgson@challengersports.com or visit <http://www.challengersports.com>. 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.

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The Boys and Girls Club wishes to honor the memory of Fredric Quattro for his decades of service to our organization as Coach, Vice President, President and Parent. The message below is from his family.

Frederic Quattro

May 29, 1945 - April 23, 2012

The Quattro family wishes to thank residents of the town for the support you have shared with us during Fred's illness and his recent death. We deeply appreciate your kind expressions of sympathy in our time of great sorrow.

Love all whom you hold dear
Precious is the time you share
Do not wait for tomorrow
For tomorrow may not be...

A celebration of life is being planned for later this year. If you would like to receive information about this event, please email bquattro@gmail.com.

Should friends desire, contributions may be sent to:
The Cheverly Boys and Girls Club
6401 Forest Road
Cheverly, MD 20785

In memory of Fred Quattro
The Quattro Family

Loads of gratitude to everyone who helped make **Peace Month 2012** a grand success. Tabling at three successive Sat. events brought out a wonderful community sense of Peace Month and showed that many children and adults are participating. We hope you found a personal aspect of peace for yourself and your family this May that you will continue throughout the year. Peace happens day-by-day and person-by-person and we invite you to be part of the ongoing process.

And now we turn our focus to Peace Camp. Camp is the week of July 16-20 at the American Legion Post from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Details can be found at www.lffp.org. Please register your camper soon.

Please consider donating to camp for scholarships. If you represent a town group, club or organization you may have already received a letter with more details or you can get more information at www.lffp.org or Joyce Lang at joycelang@verizon.net or 773-2211.

Cheverly Parents Resource Center (CPRC)

Baseball anyone! Don't forget to purchase your discounted tickets for the **Bowie Baysox game** on Sunday, June 24th when our home team takes on the **Reading Phillies**. The game begins at 2:05pm and tickets are only \$8.00 for anyone ages 3 and older (normally \$12 in advance and \$14 at the door for adults). Children ages 2 and under are free. Oh, and the 24th is **Country day**, so come dressed in your country best and sit back in amazement as you watch the **Cowboy Monkey Rodeo**. *The phenomenon that has swept the nation rides to Bowie as the dog-riding monkeys come to town.* Anyone who is interested in attending should contact Anna Smith for details and more information at annasmith@yahoo.com

CPRC will sponsor **another baseball** outing on Saturday, July 21st at 6:35p.m. *Details to come soon.*

Join us for 10am **story time** at the Cheverly Community Kid Market on June 2nd and 30th. We will read a fun "healthy" story and distribute a free craft or coloring page for the children. The Kid Market will be held during the Cheverly Community Market at (Cheverly Community Center) 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 meet at the Cheverly Community Center.

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

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Meetings & Events

GOVERNMENT EVENT SCHEDULE

Thurs	June 7	8:00 PM	TOWN MEETING
Thurs	June 21	7:30 PM	WORKSESSION
Wed	July 4		INDEPENDENCE DAY (Offices closed)

COMMUNITY EVENT SCHEDULE

- Zumba - Sunday 7-8 PM, Tuesday 7:30-8:30 PM
- Swim & Racquet Club—July 7 Adult & Alumni
- CUMC Vacation Bible School, Fish Fry, Mini Retreat
- Working Moms looking for new members
- Community Market Open
- Cheverly Soccer Club - Challenger Soccer
- CPRC - Bowie Baysox, Story Time at Kid Market
- Woman's Club - Peace Camp
- Progressive Cheverly - Community Forum, Picnic
- FLBC - Monthly Work Party
- Green Plan - Looking for new recruits
- CV Prom 2012 wrap up
- Spellman PTA Updates

CHEVERLY WEBSITE— cheverly.md.gov

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

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