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## 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.*

**Chief Robshaw Initiates Innovative New Program:** Did you read Chief Robshaw's "Message from the Chief" article in last month's Newsletter? If not please take a moment to go on-line and read the newsletter: [http://cheverly.md.gov/Pages/CheverlyMD\\_Newsletters/07newsletter%202014.pdf](http://cheverly.md.gov/Pages/CheverlyMD_Newsletters/07newsletter%202014.pdf).

Chief Robshaw outlined an experimental new program that supplements Cheverly's innovative Citizen Radio Program that allows Cheverly Residents to directly contact the officer on duty during weekday evenings after the Police Station is closed. This program allows residents to help guide our Police Officers to suspicious situations, it is not designed to be used in emergency situations!

As every resident knows, Cheverly's Police officers patrol the town 24/7, however the Police Station is only open weekdays from 9:00 am to 5.00 pm. This limits a resident's ability to report suspicious situations during the evening hours when they are most likely to occur.

Our officers respond to 911 calls day or night because they are routed through the County Dispatch system. If our officer is busy already, then the 911 call goes to a County Officer as a backup. Therefore, it is critical that **ALL EMERGENCY CALLS BE DIRECTED TO 911!!**

However, there are many instances where a resident sees something suspicious, but there is no crime occurring. For instance, a resident might notice a suspicious car parked on the street, or a suspicious person on the block. The Chief

initiated his radio program for just this purpose and it has been instrumental in reducing crime.

He is now testing an expansion of this program that allows any resident to call a cell phone number that connects to the officer on duty. So please put this number in your Cell Phone (301) 789-5090. Please note; since these are not emergency calls the officer will not always answer the phone. The officer may be engaged in other activities and be unable to pick up the phone. That is why this number is not to be used in emergencies. For emergencies use 911!

### Important Notes:

This number is not to be used instead of 911

This number is not to be used for everyday business

This number is to be used for suspicious activity.

**Speaking of Crime in Cheverly:** Fortunately, crime is a topic that I have very rarely addressed in the FYI. There are two primary reasons for this: 1) Chief Robshaw does an outstanding job of writing about the Police Department every month in his "Message from the Chief" section, and 2) Cheverly's Crime Rate has been at historically low levels for the last three years.

I recognize that not every crime is reported; therefore our crime rate may be lower than what actually is happening. I also recognize that Cheverly has had some truly nagging issues that we have had trouble addressing such as stolen bikes and thefts from cars. However, our Crime Rate has been extremely and historically low especially for a relatively urban area. Chief Robshaw attributes this to the efforts of his department and more importantly to the cooperation of Cheverly residents.

However, it is critical that we all recognize that we live in an urban location and that crime does exist. Some areas of town are more susceptible to crime than others; shopping centers and the metro are locations where people can approach you by surprise. So always be aware of your surroundings. For example: Walking alone after dark, with headphones on may decrease your awareness of your surroundings.

More importantly Lock Every Window and Door (Be LEWD), not only in your home but in your car as well. So many crimes can be prevented by following this advice. Yes, my car has been rifled for loose change and yes it is such a deflating feeling to see the mess in the front seat. However, I know I could have prevented that situation by simply locking my car doors.

So let's all help the Police Force to continue their sparkling track record by Locking our Doors and Windows and being aware of our surroundings.

**Joslyn Street Development:** The Town was recently contacted by a small development company that they would begin the construction of ten homes in the 6300 Block of Joslyn Place. These lots were platted for homes in the 1950's; however construction of the homes has never occurred. I suspect they were never built because of the difficulty of the terrain and the cost of construction. However, with the recent rebound in Cheverly home prices it appears the cost of construction can be recovered.

The builder did attempt to begin construction and received the appropriate building permits for three lots in 2003. However, when the economy experienced a downturn the project went into hibernation.

Recently, members of the Town Council and the Mayor have discussed the situation with residents in the nearby area. Residents voiced concerns about many issues but their primary concerns focused on Tree Conservation and Storm-water Management. Both the North and South sides of Joslyn have significant water run-off due to the steep slope of the terrain and residents expressed concern that new homes may increase the existing issues.

While the Town has no zoning authority and all permits and licenses are issued by the county, the Town has agreed to work with the county to ensure that a comprehensive plan is reviewed by the County and that all issues voiced by our residents will be reviewed and addressed.

**Back to School Safety:** Residents in the area near Spellman and St Ambrose Schools are well aware of the many traffic issues that arise when school starts again in the fall. Speeding on local streets, as well as congestion when parents drop off and pick up their children are common problems that plague residents. As always the Town Council asks your consideration regarding the Safety of Our Children. However, we do plan to make the following changes to assist with problems in the area:

**Raise the Speed Limit on Joslyn to 20MPH:** "What, I thought you said you were going to enhance the safety in the area". The Speed Camera placed on Joslyn Place has done a great job of slowing traffic in the area. Residents report a noticeable decrease in speeding and we are issuing fewer tickets along Joslyn. However, recent changes in State Law mandate that Speed Cameras can only be used when the Speed Limit is 20MPH or greater. Therefore, we are going to raise the Speed Limit to ensure that we can continue to use the Speed Camera as a tool to reduce speeding.

**Prevent cars from lining up along 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to pick up children:** As many residents report Spellman parents line up along 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to pick up their children causing traffic jams and traffic flows that actually endanger the children crossing the road. The Town Council will be changing the signs along this area of 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to prevent this practice and ask the parents to pick up their children in the designated areas. During the month of September our Police Officers will issue warnings, however tickets will be issued later in the school year.

**Speaking of Home Values.:** I'm sure everyone in town is aware that home prices in Cheverly are rising. Yeah!! Of course this is good news for all of us, and it reinforces what we all know; "Cheverly is a great place to live and that people want to move here." This is particularly good news, because the last time our homes were assessed (2012) for Tax Value we suffered a 21% decrease in value. There are many reasons for the increased home values; an improved economy, wonderful home improvements made by our residents, and of course "flippers" who have renovated some run down homes and increased their value significantly.

The reason I raise this topic, is that all Cheverly homes are in the process of being re-assessed as part of the three year cycle. Each of us will receive a notification regarding our new home assessment in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, and that assessment will become effective in 2015. Given that most Cheverly homes are selling at prices above their 2012 assessment levels, and many Cheverly homes are selling at prices above their 2009 assessments levels, it is reasonable to assume that Cheverly home assessments will increase.

What does this all mean? Your Tax Bill is based on a simple equation: Home Assessment \* Tax Rate. Therefore, if your home assessment increases your yearly property tax bill will increase even if the Tax Rate remains stable. The Tax Rate will be a topic for the Town Council beginning in February of 2015.

However, the Town Council wants to make sure that everyone in Cheverly is comfortable with the assessment process. Therefore, we have invited the County Tax Officer to come to Town Hall to discuss the process on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 7:00pm. They will provide a short overview of the process and be available to answer any questions you may have.

Remember your Tax Assessment is 50% of your Tax Bill. It really is simple math Tax Rate \* Tax Assessment = Tax Bill.

**Abandoned Homes:** I (and members of the Town Council) frequently hear from residents that the home next door to them is abandoned and is affecting their property value. We recognize that no one wants to live next to an abandoned home, and when they do they want to make sure it is properly taken care of.

I want to emphasize to everyone that “every home in Cheverly is held to the same standard, whether it is abandoned or occupied.” Town code dictates how a home may appear from the exterior and our Code Enforcement Officer is chartered with ensuring that this code is maintained. When a home is falling into decay (whether abandoned or occupied), the property owner is notified and given an appropriate time to respond. If the exterior is not improved, the Town will take the appropriate legal actions. If the home is still not improved, the Town will hire a contractor to do the work and then lien the property appropriately.

While this process can be time consuming the Town has actually hired contractors to paint homes, repair roofs, remove trees, and of course mow lawns in an effort to bring a home “up to code”.

Please feel free to report any issues to our Code Enforcement Officer; however please be aware that we do not have a double standard for abandoned homes versus occupied homes.

**Bike Paths and Cheverly:** Watching the Tour de France today, I was wondering if these guys could actually ride up Joslyn Place. I guess so, but I know I have lots of trouble.

Hopefully everyone in town knows that construction has begun on a Anacostia River Trail, a bike path that will connect the Bladensburg Marina to the existing Anacostia River Trail that connects to Nationals Stadium. This will enable anyone to access hundreds of miles of trails in DC, Virginia, Maryland and beyond. Hopefully by next year we’ll have a Family Bike Event where CHV Families ride to the stadium to see a game.

This will be a truly amazing network of bike paths allowing Cheverly residents access to so many locations. Of course, the big question is: “why do I have to drive my bike to Bladensburg to take advantage of these paths?”. Maybe not! Councilman Eldridge has spearheaded an effort over the last three years to begin the planning of a bike path that will connect Cheverly to the Anacostia River Trail. This effort has included many residents, the Town Council as well as State Delegates Ivey and Summers.

While still early in the design phase Councilman Eldridge and Park and Planning recently reviewed bike path plans with the Cheverly Pool, Local Property Owners and Smith Brothers that would allow Cheverly residents to ride from the Cheverly Pool, through the Euclid woods to the Industrial Park and then across Kenilworth Avenue. While there are many issues (including funding to work out) this is a great project that will provide Cheverly residents with a better connection to the Anacostia River Trail.

**Free Little Libraries continue to Sprout:** Will Cheverly become the Free Little Library capital of the world? Okay, maybe I exaggerate a little. However, it is clear that residents of Cheverly have embraced the concept of sharing books: “Take one / Leave One”. With two private property sites, 4 public property sites, and a popup library at the Cheverly Community Market Cheverly residents have an amazing access to free books.

Last month Doug Alexander placed two libraries at Town Hall, one for Fiction and one for Non-Fiction. However, he also asked many town organizations if they would participate by painting a library and taking ownerships of its contents. He is offering newspaper boxes for this purpose.

This month more new Libraries appeared. The Girl Scouts delivered a beautifully painted Children Literature Library at Gast Park. They held a ceremony celebrating the event that was attended by the troop, their parents, friends and some Council Members. Later in the month a new Teen Literature Library appeared outside of Town Hall adorned with a Dragon and Tiger.

Thanks to everyone who is participating in this project.

**Invasive Plants Beware:** Invasive Plants on Cheverly Public lands are on notice! For years members of the Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek have worked diligently to eliminate invasive plants (English Ivy, Wisteria, etc.) from the park lands bordering Route 50. This has been a difficult task, and there is so much more to do but they have done an excellent job.

Recently, on July 19<sup>th</sup> members of the Green Infrastructure committee organized a team of local residents to remove invasive plants from another community landmark: The Cheverly Nature Park. The Cheverly Nature Park is a delightful area bordering the hospital property where residents have recently noticed a small deer herd.

A team of 10 to 15 residents worked to remove invasive plants from the park. This team removed a significant amount of Wisteria and English Ivy but has a long way to go. Look for another removal event in the near future.

**Bamboo and You!** Two years ago I initiated a discussion with the Town Council and briefly in the newsletter about the problems associated with the proliferation of Phylloscopus (otherwise known as Golden Bamboo or Running Bamboo). Over the years some residents have planted Golden Bamboo as a border plant between their property and their neighbor's as a means of enhancing privacy. Unfortunately, Golden Bamboo (unlike a fence) is a highly aggressive plant that spreads rapidly and is very difficult to remove.

Golden Bamboo can now be found far from where it was originally planted, encroaching on neighbor's property and public lands. Recently residents have started to complain about the problem. Increasingly residents have said; "I've removed the Golden Bamboo from my property but it continues to encroach from my neighbor's property. What can I do?"

The State of Connecticut, many towns in Long Island, and even College Park, Maryland have passed legislation mandating that residents contain Golden Bamboo on their property. While each piece of legislation is slightly different with varying penalties, the basic gist appears to be: "you can plant Golden Bamboo, but you are responsible for containing it on your property".

In the past, the biggest concern I've heard from residents regarding legislation is that they are not responsible for the Golden Bamboo that exists on their property. Their view is that the Golden Bamboo encroached from a neighbor's yard and they do not feel responsible for containment.

I believe that the spread of Golden Bamboo is an issue that affects many residents and I look forward to hearing from you on potential solutions to this problem. I hope to bring this topic forward to the Town Council in the fall.

**Celebrate Maryland's Star Spangled Weekend Right here in Bladensburg:** On the weekend of August 24<sup>th</sup>, a celebration of the Battle of Bladensburg will occur right down the road on Route 202. Bladensburg Marina will come alive with a Re-Enactment of the Battle of Bladensburg and Encampments over the weekend. It promises to be a great weekend, and you can find the details at: <http://www.starspangled200.com/commemoration-events/chesapeake-campaign/bladensburg-2014/#.U823gPldU04>

While it is true that the United States may have suffered its greatest defeat in history in the Battle of Bladensburg, it did serve as the initial event in a series of battles that culminated in the attack of Fort McHenry, the eventual defeat of the British and the creation of the Star Spangled Banner.

Did you know that President Madison was present at the Battle of Bladensburg, and even issued commands? Or that Secretary of State James Monroe rode along the hills of Route 202 scouting the progress of the British as they marched from Upper Marlboro? Or that Joshua Barney and his 350 sailors delayed the British for hours at a location in (what is now) Fort Lincoln Cemetery as they entered Washington, DC.

Come on out and learn some local history and have a fun weekend.

The Prince George's County Committee on the War of 1812 and the Battle of Bladensburg Task Force are committed to telling the story of the military actions and civilian life that preceded, surrounded, and followed the march across the county, the Battle of Bladensburg on August 24, 1814, and the burning of Washington D.C. Through a Visitor Center, walking and bike tours, sites, events and signage, the Committee and the Task Force are working with partners across the area to ensure a complete visitor experience. Maryland Milestones/ATHA Inc. has been providing staff support for this program

**.Is this Actually the End of the FYI?** You made it!! I'm sorry for the long FYI, but sometimes it's difficult to communicate everything that is happening around town. For those of you who made it this far, and have never received and prize in the past, please call the Mayor's office (number can be found in the Newsletter) and leave a message. The first, third and fifth callers will receive a \$5.00 gift certificate to the Community Market.



## Message from the Chief

Buddy Robshaw ([policechief@cheverly-md.gov](mailto:policechief@cheverly-md.gov))

### PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IS MORE THAN JUST WATCHING OUT FOR MOTOR VEHICLES!

Most victims of robbery are pedestrians. Most victims of robbery in Cheverly are lone pedestrians either walking home from the Cheverly METRO or on foot alone having returned home to the apartments along Landover Road. Regardless of how a Cheverly resident finds themselves on foot, I would like to offer a number of safety tips all could follow in order to minimize the likelihood of becoming a victim of any crime.

1. Find a friend to walk with. Street robbers seek to take advantage of opportunities and target individuals walking alone. Always try to walk with others or in close proximity to others and always try to stay within well lighted areas. If possible, carry a flashlight at night, keep jewelry and other valuables hidden, and always keep a cellular telephone available.

2. Observe what is happening around you. Street robbers tend to watch their intended victim for a short while and intercept him/her along a path the victim is currently following. Be observant of people loitering ahead or for occupied vehicles waiting by the roadside. If you see something suspicious, reverse your course or immediately go to the nearest house and seek assistance from the resident.

3. Carefully note details. If you are accosted by a stranger or a suspected robber, pay close attention to the person's facial features, clothing, a weapon (if displayed), and any conversation that the person has with you. Most importantly, note any vehicle that may be involved and the direction of travel of that fleeing vehicle.

4. Use common sense. Assume that any gun or other weapon a robber(s) displays or infers is real and do not attempt to disarm them. Additionally, do not use physical force, any pepper spray or chemical agent, or any other potential weapon unless you have no other alternative. Money, valuables, credit cards, and other identification can easily be replaced, you cannot. Remember, life has no reset button.

5. Safety, especially your safety, is the primary concern. As soon as you are no longer in danger, immediately contact the police by cellular telephone or a nearby home/business. Do not wait until you get home to call the police. Give police communications as accurate a description of the suspect and suspect vehicle as possible, notify them immediately if you are injured in any way, and stay on the scene until the arrival of a police officer or detective. Do not try to follow the suspect(s) or attempt to detain them by yourself.

### SAVE THIS NUMBER IN YOUR CELL TELEPHONE, MOBILE DEVICE, OR NEAR YOUR HOME TELEPHONE – 301-789-5090

A cell telephone with the above number will be maintained by patrol officers working the streets of Cheverly daily, from 5:00 PM until 5:00 AM (outside of our normal office business hours). In a manner similar to the Cheverly Watch Radio Program, this cell telephone can be contacted for the following reasons:

1. To report a crime in progress;
2. To report a suspicious person, vehicle, or circumstance;
3. To report an emergency situation (traffic accident, tree or wire down, fire, etc.);
4. To report a solicitor;
5. To obtain a vehicle impound release when the office is closed; or,
5. To provide a tip about a previous crime, a wanted person, or criminal activity (rewards are available).

This telephone shall not be called for the following:

1. To report a routine call for service or a call requiring a report only;
2. To seek information about an outstanding case or obtain a copy of a report;
3. To seek legal advice or general assistance.

Note: The non-emergency telephone number for routine calls for service is 301-352-1200 and the number for the Department's daytime hours is 301-341-1055.

**C-PACT/CHEVERLY WATCH RESIDENT RADIO PROGRAM MEETING** – The next joint meeting of C-PACT (Cheverly – Police And Citizens Together), Cheverly's Neighborhood Watch Organization, and the Cheverly Watch Resident Radio Program is scheduled for Wednesday, September 10, 2014, at 7:00 PM in the Department's conference room. We will be making preparations for Public Safety Day.

#### TELEPHONE NUMBERS –

<b>Police Emergency</b>	<b>9-1-1</b>
<b>Non-emergency Calls for Dispatch</b>	<b>(301) 352-1200</b>
<b>Cheverly Police</b>	<b>(301) 341-1055</b>
<b>Cheverly Police (Night 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>P. G. Towing (Towing Vendor)</b>	<b>(301) 220-1170</b>
<b>Cheverly Investigators</b>	<b>(301) 789-8551</b>
	<b>(301) 852-8457</b>

06-16-14	1146 Hrs	6300 Landover Rd	<b>Theft</b>
06-18-14	1212 Hrs	6400 Landover Rd	<b>Theft</b>
06-18-14	1552 Hrs	2300 Belleview Ave	<b>Robbery</b>
06-23-14	2106 Hrs	6400 Landover Rd	<b>B&amp;E</b>
06-29-14	0850 Hrs	6400 Landover Rd	<b>Theft</b>
06-30-14	2140 Hrs	6400 Landover Rd	<b>Theft</b>



## THE FALL FLEE MARKET

sponsored by the Recreation

**Council**, will be held on Saturday, October 4. Reservations start MONDAY, September 1st.



Call Barbara 301-773-5883. Sale of the tables is how we can give 2-3 Scholarships each year to Cheverly Teens going off to College.

### **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 7:00PM 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 not longer than 4'

ELECTRONICS are picked up on Wednesday with recycling. TV's any size, 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. Trash will be picked up your next SCHEDULED DAY.

**When a Holidays occur on Yard Waste Day (Monday), yard waste will be picked up Tuesday. If the Holiday occurs on Wednesday, Recycling will be picked up on Thursday.**

### **RECYCLING TOTALS June 2014**

Curb Recycling — 48.89 tons

Electronic Recycling — 0 pallets

Appliances - 4



## SOLID ANIMAL WASTE ORDINANCE

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

## PRIVATE PROPERTY PLANTING PROGRAM

The Town is once again sponsoring their "Private Property Planting Program". We will provide and plant a Tree in your yard at no cost to you. Go on line at [www.cheverly-md.gov](http://www.cheverly-md.gov) and find the Public Works site, print out the Tree Agreement and drop this form off at

Pubic Works. We will call you when trees come in and will drop a yellow flag for you to designate where in your yard you want your new tree. Trees available this fall will include the following:

American Holly

Pin Oak

Black Tupelo

Redbud

Red Maple

White Oak

Hackberry

River Birch

Northern Red Oak

Serviceberry

Swamp White Oak

Sycamore

Tulip Poplar

Willow Oak

Sweetbay Magnolia

Eastern Red Cypress



# Community Bulletin Board

**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

Dorian Dixon	301-322-1075
Malik & Tyreq McAdoo	301-832-1576
Andrew Priest	301-772-6028

Meeting Agendas are updated on website:  
[www.cheverly-md.gov](http://www.cheverly-md.gov)

**Town Meeting broadcast LIVE on Cable 71 & Fios 35. Re-broadcast everyday at noon 6:00 PM & 10:00 PM Also available via your computer on the website: [www.cheverly-md.gov](http://www.cheverly-md.gov)**

*Votes are unanimous unless otherwise noted*

## ACTIONS TAKEN

### Town Meeting - July 10, 2014

- ◇ CM Thorpe to excuse CM Rodgers. CM Cook seconded. Approved 5-0.
- ◇ CM Cook to approve R-3-14 2015 Application for Collaborative Agreement. CM Riazi seconded. Approved 4-0. CM Eldridge absent.

### Worksession - July 24, 2014

## TENTATIVE AGENDA

### Town Meeting - August 14, 2014

### Worksession - August 21, 2014



### **CHEVERLY COMMUNITY MARKET:**

#### **#KEEPITLOCAL**

August 9, August 23, Sept 6, Sept 20, Oct 11, Oct 25, Nov 22 (Thanksgiving Market), December 13 (Holiday Market)

#### **FREE COFFEE FOR NEWBIES**

Bring a newbie who's never shopped before and you both get free coffee. Just stop by the Board table.

[www.cheverlycommunitymarket.com](http://www.cheverlycommunitymarket.com)

**Cheverly Boy Scout Troop 257** had an amazing experience at Camp Goshen this month. Seven scouts attended the camp and earned badges such as Astronomy, Canoeing, Wilderness Survival and Swimming. The scouts also swam in the lake, hiked and dined on delicious meals such as mac and cheese, breaded chicken and hobo meals they made from scratch. The scouts enjoyed the camp so much that several of them plan to attend next year and even work as scout assistant. Per one scout, "waking up at 6am and watching the fog rise above the lake to the top of the mountains was absolutely beautiful". Sounds awesome right? To take part in this wonderful experience call Scoutmaster Jeffrey Felten-Green at [301-807-4137](tel:301-807-4137) or come to a meeting at the American Legion on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8 pm.



Get Registered for Cheverly Soccer in the Fall!

**The Cheverly Boys and Girls Club** is pleased to announce that the registration for County soccer is officially open. Please go to our web-site at: <http://www.cheverlybgc.org/> - Click on "Home" and scroll down to "Register Online" to sign up.

Dates to Remember:

Saturday, July 26 @ 10:00 am - noon, Euclid Street Park (Pool Park): First day of pre-season practice, all age-groups 7 and up. (All children must wear shin-guards and bring water with them to practice. Cleats are optional, but if worn, they must be soccer cleats i.e. no cleat at the tip of the shoe. It also helps if each child has his/her own ball to bring.)

Friday, September 5: Last day to register your child to be eligible to play on our County teams. Please go to our web-site to get signed up: <http://www.cheverlybgc.org/>

Saturday, September 13: County Soccer season starts (schedule TBA by the County and will not be finalized until September 12.)

Saturday and Sunday, October 25-26: Play-Offs and Championships

Saturday and Sunday, November 1-2: Play-Off rain dates

# Community Bulletin Board

## CHEVERLY GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

**COMMITTEE** - Monthly Meeting, Monday, August 4, 2014, 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 the activities of the committee! Contact [sheila.salo@gmail.com](mailto:sheila.salo@gmail.com) to request a copy of the agenda. For more information on the Cheverly Green Plan and greening activities visit: [www.greencheverly.org](http://www.greencheverly.org).

## RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP

Build your own rain barrel and help keep rainwater on site to prevent erosion and pollution.

The Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee is planning a rain barrel workshop for September. This project is being led by our own Cheverly mayor.



Sign up for the workshop at the Friends of Lower Beaverdam table at the Cheverly Community Market or e-mail your details to [sheila.salo@gmail.com](mailto:sheila.salo@gmail.com).

Learn more about rain barrels and storm water management at <https://sites.google.com/site/cheverlygreenplan/cheverly-green-guide-home/keep-rainwater-on-site>.

**CHV PROM DONATIONS** - The following organizations were presented checks at the Town Meeting in July.

Megan Daly—**Cheverly's American Legion Auxiliary**

Kurt January—President, **St. Vincent De Paul Society** at St. Ambrose

Larry Woodworth—**Cheverly Community Food Pantry**

Molly Guime—**CPRC Diaper Drive**

Please support these and all the other wonderful Cheverly organizations.

## LITTLE FREE LIBRARY UPDATE

The beautiful **Little Free Library for Teens & Young Adults** has been set up at the Community Center. A local DC artist, Oscar Sveloft, painted an incredible Asian design with a tiger, dragon & koi.



Girl Scout Troop 2071 painted a splendid American flag theme Library that offers children's books for all ages at Gast (Cheese) Park.

**Residential Libraries** are located at 3201 Crest Ave. and 3205 Tremont Ave.

The **two adult Library boxes at the Community Center** offer many best-selling adult fiction and non-fiction books.

The **Little Free Library book cart** offers a wide selection at the Community Markets (near food tables). There are so many books of every genre that the Little Library boxes can't hold them all.

Please **only donate high-quality books of interest to a broad audience** in the library boxes since there is limited space. Other books can be donated at the Community Markets. Books that are not likely to be widely read will be donated to Public Libraries or other groups. No need for reference, specialty, or how-to books at this time.

If you'd like to volunteer to help with the Libraries, please contact Doug Alexander at [dalexander@nieinstitute.org](mailto:dalexander@nieinstitute.org).

After a summer break, **Progressive Cheverly** resumes its schedule of monthly forums on September 4. The topic will be "Back to School: A New Era for Public Education in Prince George's County?", featuring a top administrator from the Prince George's County School System as our featured speaker.

Progressive Cheverly will soon be celebrating its 10th anniversary as a locally-based organization dedicated to public education and advocacy across a wide range of topics and issues. For more information, contact Paul Thompson at [prthomps1@verizon.net](mailto:prthomps1@verizon.net) or (301) 772-5831.



# Community Bulletin Board

Join your friendly neighborhood environmental group, **Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek (FLBC)** on Saturday, August 30 between 9 am and noon for our monthly work party. We'll be spreading wood chips, picking up trash, and removing invasive plants (such as wisteria) from the trail and woods.

We'll meet at the green gate by the entrance to the trail near the intersection of Arbor Street and Parkway. 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 301-802-7445 (cell) or [horcpool97@aol.com](mailto:horcpool97@aol.com).

To walk to the site, starting at the Cheverly 7-11 store near the Cheverly Metro, cross Cheverly Avenue at the light, walk down the slope toward a wooden bridge, cross the bridge and continue on our walking trail to Parkway. (We'll meet at the green gate at Parkway Ave, which you'll see on your left.)

**Driving directions to the intersection of Arbor St. and Parkway-- Starting at the 7-11 store, go one block north down Cheverly Ave. Make a right onto Arbor St. and go two blocks until it dead-ends. On your right is the Arbor Street entrance to the trail.**

## Cheverly Running Club

Whether you are an experienced runner or just starting out, a turtle or a hare, come join the Cheverly Running Club on its weekend group runs and walks. Distances and paces vary by runner/walker, but we always manage to enjoy each other's company. Many have even found great pace partners and running buddies. Group runs/walks are scheduled for 7AM every Saturday and Sunday. We meet 10 minutes prior to each run/walk. Start location has been varying to minimize time spent in the sun. If those days or times don't work for you, no worries! Members are always looking for others to join them on other days. Email [cheverlyrunningclub@gmail.com](mailto:cheverlyrunningclub@gmail.com) to be added to the group and get the start locations each week.

It is also time to train and register for the Run/Walk for SIDS on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The 3-mile run and 1.25-mile walk is organized each year by Cheverly Running Club members, Joani and Gabe Horchler. Proceeds go to SIDS research and family support. Support a great cause while enjoying a beautiful run around Greenbelt Lake. For more information on registering for the SIDS run/walk, email [sidsed@aol.com](mailto:sidsed@aol.com).

## CWM Civic Association

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! We have more self-development workshops coming up. Saturday September 27 and November 15, 2014 from 9 am to noon. As with previous workshops this is open to all and is \$10 for registered CWM members and \$30 for non-members. This is a fundraiser for CWM operating expenses. Space is limited so please contact [CWMevents@yahoo.com](mailto:CWMevents@yahoo.com) to RSVP as soon as possible! The workshops will be held at New Hope Academy, 7009 Varnum Street, Landover Hills, MD 20784, less than 3 miles from Cheverly.

Self-development for Parents and Teachers – If you are a parent or work with children, you know that children “do as you do,” not necessarily as you say. How can we live our own advice? How can we live the way we would want our children to live? This is self-development for the sake of our children. In these two workshops Dr. Ichida will introduce the Enneagram personality model and teach you how to discover the specific positive intentions behind our various maladaptive behaviors. We will work with uncovering our own triggers so we can express compassion for others more fully. If you want to truly be able to tap into the place in your heart that knows our children are a blessing, specifically in the moments when they are pushing your buttons, this workshop will help you discover your own work. And, BTW, this skill is cross applicable to your colleagues at work and your adult family members.

Audrey Ichida, Cheverly mom, is an Integral Coach®, which is a type of life coach. For more information on Dr. Ichida and her integral coaching see [www.scientistcoach.com](http://www.scientistcoach.com)

## Woman's Club

Thanks to everyone who helped with Peace Camp. Look in the September newsletter for a list of contributors.

The Woman's Club is looking to change the face of the Holiday Secret Shop this December. More details will appear in this column next month.

We hope you're all having a wonderful summer and wish you a few more weeks of summer fun.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, September 9 at 7 p.m. at Fratelli's. We thank the new members who are stepping up to help with “peace” and hope more of you will come to the September meeting.

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## Cheverly American Legion Family

The Cheverly American Legion Family is a vibrant and growing group of local men and women who share an interest in supporting our Veterans, Military Service Members and their families, youth, and our community

### Cheverly American Legion Post 108

Founded in 1934, our Post exists to support the four pillars of the American Legion: our Veterans, our Children and Youth, Americanism, and a Strong National Defense.

Our "Home on the Hill" continues to be an oasis for our Veterans and their guests. We sponsor the Boy Scout Troop 257 and Cub Scout Pack 257, and improve our community through all that we do.

**Membership:** 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>

Contact Steven Brennan (703) 593-8820 or Nancy Clay (301) 395-6129 for more information.

**Friday Night Queen of Hearts Game:** Every Friday night at 7:30 in the Dugout.

**Legion Hall Rental:** Do you need a place to host a party or reception? The Legion Hall can accommodate up to 300 guests. Call for more information and reservations: (301) 773-0108.

### Sons of the American Legion

Sons of the American Legion (SAL) is an organization within The American Legion and assists with and supports Legion Family programs.

**Membership:** All male descendants of Veterans of the United States Military who served in time of war are eligible for membership in SAL. Email [cheverlyamericanlegion@yahoo.com](mailto:cheverlyamericanlegion@yahoo.com) for membership information.

### American Legion Auxiliary

Founded in the 1940s, the Cheverly Auxiliary has a rich history. Its members' volunteer efforts have touched the lives of veterans in numerous ways: welcoming home weary warriors, visiting patients at VA hospitals, hosting walks and holiday dinners for less fortunate or lonely veterans, and comforting the families of those who have gone before us.

**Membership:** The ALA is open to women veterans and service members, and to many woman whose family member is/was a veteran or service member. Whatever talents and time you have to give, we welcome your participation. If you are interested in joining us or learning about the American Legion Auxiliary, please contact Lane Thompson, (202) -674-6898 or Aime Olivo, (202)-210-0380, or email us at [cheverlyauxiliary@gmail.com](mailto:cheverlyauxiliary@gmail.com).

**Third Friday Ladies' Night.** Join us on Friday, August 15, in the American Legion Dugout bar for Ladies' Night. We are there at 7:30 every third Friday of the month. Come be the American Legion's guest, all are welcome!!

### 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 receive no complaints, we may not receive the surveillance. Please help us deal with the mosquito problem.

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## Cheverly Garden Club

It is not raining and if you are a gardener you have been happy with not watering as much this early summer. Just remember RAIN IS LIQUID SUNSHINE to a garden. This was a good year to dig, move and replant the Azaleas at the American Legion. A BIT OF HISTORY, the Legion's Building has stones from Rock Creek and the White House. Stop by to see the gardens and the building. We are still on Vacation and some of us are looking at our own special horticulture for the Flower Show at the Arboretum the end of October. If it sounds a long way off, please watch and take care of that special plant, vegetable or fruit that you may want to enter. The Garden Club has purchased a commercial sharpener for members to get a great sharp edge on their tools. The order for the Caladiums will go in the middle of August. If you liked yours or you want more or you did not get some, let me know ASAP. Send an Email to Acgardenh@aol.com and mention Caladiums. The price will be close to this year's fee. We only order what we will sell and we have returning customers. Enjoy the rest of the SUMMER we will connect next issue with information about the speakers and programs planned. Remember YOU ARE INVITED....4th floor at Cheverly UMC the third Monday of each month 7:00PM.

## Cheverly Parents Resource Center (CPRC)

### *CPRC's 2014-2015 Membership Drive*

Late August will kick off our annual membership drive for CPRC's 2014-2015 season! Yearly membership donations are \$20 per family and tax deductible; additional donations are gladly accepted if you so choose. All donations are used to fund CPRC activities and resources, or fundraisers to help families in need, including: thrice-weekly playgroups, an informative website and active list serves, meal services and welcome baskets for new Cheverly parents, classes and workshops, outings to local parks and events (often free or at reduced cost), a winter holiday party, and more! Please stop by the Cheverly Community Market to join or renew your membership (market dates will be announced on the listservs,) or donate online at

<http://www.cheverlyparent.org/membership/>

We would like to thank the outgoing board members for their dedication and hard work over this past year, and welcome the new and returning board members!

### *Spellman School Supply Drive*

There's still time to help us make a difference at our local elementary school by donating items or funds to purchase supplies and uniforms for Spellman students who need them. Contact [communitygifts@cheverlyparent.org](mailto:communitygifts@cheverlyparent.org) for details, or check the community listservs. Thank you in advance for your participation!



It's summer. Parents send your Teens to Camp here, save-mega-dollars, also Educators you're off now lose those unwanted-pounds, lose 2lbs. weekly and Seniors lose weight too, increase your life-expectancy by 25% with

Zumba Gold (low-impact) & Zumba Basic (high-impact), easy-to-follow Latin-inspired cardio dance fitness parties 45mins. & Nutrition Tips/Q & A sessions 15mins. I, Ronald Johnson use to weigh 280lbs., now I weigh 140lbs. & you can lose-weight too. Furthermore I'm 43!, I look & feel like 23!, see for yourself. Join now! Cheverly Community Center, Tuesday 9-10am. & Friday 12:30-1:30pm., Register! first Tuesday or Friday of the month, Pre-Register now! last two weeks of each month, No drop-ins/prorate. Teens: \$30.00/Adults: \$60.00 monthly. Your National & Local Certified Zumba-Gold/Basic Instructor, Personal Trainer, Sports Nutritionist & CPR, Ronald Johnson. Email: [TrinityCircle@live.com](mailto:TrinityCircle@live.com)



## Cub Scouts from Cheverly

**Pack 257** held their Graduation Campout at Watkins Regional Park this year. In July, they earned the

Swimming Beltloop. On 27 August they will build and launch sky rockets.

Cub Scouts is for boys 6-11 [grades one through five] and their families. To join, contact Cubmaster Dave at 202 744-7100, or come to our Join Scouting Information Night, Thursday August 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Cheverly American Legion post 108, 7-8pm.

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**Email contact links at the website**

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

Administration	301-773-8360
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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	

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## Meetings & Events

**GOVERNMENT EVENT SCHEDULE**

Thur	Aug. 14	8:00 pm	<b>TOWN MEETING</b>
Thur	Aug. 28	7:30 pm	<b>WORKSESSION</b>
Mon	Sept. 1	Reservations start for fall Flea Market	

**COMMUNITY EVENT SCHEDULE**

- \* Cheverly American Legion Family Post 108 — Friday night Queen of Hearts Game, Legion Hall Rental, Membership; Ladies Auxiliary -Third Friday Ladies Night; Sons of American Legion Membership
- \* Running Club - Sat & Sun. 7am, locations vary. Register for Run/Walk for Sids
- \* CPRC - Membership Drive, Spellman School Supply Drive
- \* Garden Club - A bit of History
- \* CUM Civic Association - Self-development workshops coming, look for dates and times
- \* FLBC - Months work party Sat. Aug. 30, 9-noon
- \* CHV Prom Donations - Check out who received checks
- \* Little Free Library Locations and donation info.
- \* Green Infrastructure - Aug 4 7:30-9 PM Meeting Building your own rain barrel project info
- \* Progressive Cheverly - Celebrating 10 yr anniversary
- \* Cub Scout Pack 257 - Graduation Campout pictures
- \* Zumba - Tues 9-10 am, Fri. 12:30-1:30 pm, Town Hall
- \* Boy Scout Troop 257 - Meet every Wed 6:30-8pm at the American Legion
- \* Woman's Club - Find out what's coming up next month
- \* Boys & Girls Club Soccer Registration Starting Now

**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.

- [Mayor@cheverly-md.gov](mailto:Mayor@cheverly-md.gov)
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