

## TOWN MEETING

March 13, 2025

8:00 PM

### AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
4. **Consent Agenda\***
  - **Approval of Minutes:** (Town Meeting – 2/13/25, Closed Meetings 2/27/25 and Work Session 2/27/25)
  - **Grant Request - Mount Hope Commission**
5. **Resident Input** – Public comment period for agenda items and other topics. All comments are limited to 3 minutes. Residents are asked to please state their name and ward. There will not be any additional time for resident input.
6. **Committee Reports**
  - Recreation Council
  - Cheverly Day Committee
  - Planning Board
  - Board of Elections
  - Ethics Commission
7. **Women’s History Month Proclamation\*** – Mayor Munyeneh will read the Women’s History Proclamation
8. **Homestead Tax Credit Ordinance 2025-02\***– 3rd reader of the ordinance updating the Homestead tax credit amount. Mayor and Council will vote on this ordinance.
9. **Financial Update** – The Town Administrator and Accountant will present a financial review.
10. **Board of Elections** – The Town Administrator will provide an update and recommendation for ballot boxes.
11. **Boyd Park Flooring\*** – The Mayor and Council will discuss and select the flooring for the Boyd Park playground.
12. **Public Safety Cameras** – The Mayor and Council will discuss the public safety camera program.
13. **Eley Building Update** – The Public Works Director will provide an update.
14. **Fourth Ward Sign\*** – Director Brayman will make a recommendation for a new town sign in the Fourth Ward.
15. **Town Administrator Report** – Town Administrator Galloway will provide the Mayor and Council with a report on Town operations and a summary of actions taken.
16. **Police Report** – Chief Morris will give a monthly report.

17. **Public Works Report** – Director Brayman will give an update on the Department of Public Works.
18. **Review the March work session agenda and future requests, and Town Administrator Galloway will offer a forecast of the agenda.** The mayor will seek Council input on agenda items for consideration for future meetings.
19. **Mayor and Council Announcements** – Opportunity for Mayor and Council to share community happenings and events. The mayor will afford each elected official up to five minutes to speak. Unused time may not be transferred, and formal council business will not be conducted.
20. **Adjourn**

*(\*) denotes an agenda item requiring action (typically expressed by a vote) of Mayor and Council.*

*At Town Meetings, resident input is only permitted during the agenda item titled “Resident Input” unless otherwise noted.*

*Residents are also encouraged to submit input to the town clerk at [townclerk@cheverly-md.gov](mailto:townclerk@cheverly-md.gov) to be read at the meeting.*

***Please Note: Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article, Section 3-305, the Council by majority vote may retire to executive or closed session at any time during the meeting. Should the Council retire to executive or closed session, the mayor will announce the reasons, and a report will be issued at a future meeting disclosing the reasons for such session.***

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**TOWN MEETING  
February 13, 2025  
8:00 PM**

**Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 8:02 pm

**In attendance: Mayor Munyeneh, Vice Mayor Fry, Council Members Wade, Watson, Bryner, Dalaker, Garces**

Staff: Public Works Director Steve Brayman, Chief David Morris, Deputy Chief Jennifer Krauss, Town Clerk Giselle Richards

Town Attorneys: Jason DeLoach, Todd Pounds

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Motion to approve the agenda made by CM Bryner. 2<sup>nd</sup> by CM Dalaker. Approved Unanimously

**Consent Agenda**

- **Approval of Minutes:** (Town Meeting – 1/9/25, Closed Meetings 1/9/25 and 1/28/25 and Work Session 1/23/25)

Motion to approve consent agenda made by CM Dalaker. 2<sup>nd</sup> by CM Watson. Approved Unanimously.

**Resident Input-**

Cheryl Bently – Ward 1- Concerned about no community engagement on the 5600 Newton St lot. Attended the hearing that the county had when they asked for the variance. Concerned about the home being a rental and the impact on the parking on the street.

Paul Jochum – Ward 2 - Attended the Community Boards and Committees meeting and was surprised to learn about the existence of a Tree Committee. Expressed concern about the impact of English ivy on the town's trees and interest in volunteering as the committee chair. As chair, the goal would be to develop a plan to identify and mark affected trees, which would then be presented to the Mayor and Council. The proposed initiative would be implemented over two years at a minimal cost.

Sheila Salo – Ward 2 – Discussed the backyard bird count and invited everyone to join the count this weekend, starting at Woodward Park. Lists of birds seen in Cheverly posted on green Cheverly.org

Judy Joyner – Ward 1- Expressed concern about the lot at 5600 Newton Street, particularly regarding a storm drain, and emphasized the need for Civil Engineers to conduct a thorough assessment before construction. Noted that the lot has been deemed unmanageable.

Laila Riazi – Ward 1- Noted that the agenda packet lacks information about the vacant lot. Expressed concern over the lack of communication with residents and inquired about how long the town has been aware of the intent to build on the lot.

Rita Cain – Ward 2 – Raised concerns about increasing traffic on the 2800 block of Crest Street. Noted that residents have submitted a petition for speed humps to help slow traffic, emphasized the need for traffic calming measures on Crest Street.

Grady Cothen – Ward 2 – Would like to ensure that traffic calming devices are added to Crest Avenue.

Tina Powell – Ward 2 – Expressed support for the concerns raised by other residents regarding the need for traffic calming devices on Crest Avenue.

### **Committee Reports**

**Recreation Council** – N/A.

**Cheverly Day Committee** – CM Watson

- Next Cheverly Day 2025 is Saturday, October 4, 2025
- Next parade is 2026 for 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Continue to meet 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month.

**Planning Board** – There has been a resignation on the Planning Board. Anyone interested is welcome to attend the meetings.

**Board of Elections** – Town Clerk reported that the BOE has resumed meetings. A second box has been located to install at Cheverly Station Apartments. It will be installed 30 days before the election. A box will also be at the Town Hall.

**Ethics Commission** – N/A

**Swearing In** – Mayor Munyeneh administered the oath of office to:

- Officer Steven Jackson

**Hospital Hill Development** – Representatives from Home Team 5 and Urban Atlantic provided an update on the status of the Hospital Hill development.

- Completed demolition of the power plant, bed tower &
- Next steps are demolition of the interior of the tower and removal of slabs and foundations
- Expected completion of demo activities on site in mid-April
- Preliminary plans of subdivision have been submitted to M-NCPPC
- Hoping to start scheduling meetings with town officials and departments to review documents and County comments received to date in early
- Expect plans to be accepted and a formal referral sent to the town in mid-April
- Currently working on a conceptual design of the bed tower, retail merchandising plan, and investment opportunities

**Vacant Lot—5600 Newton Street\***— The builder, Ms. Alicia, explained the need for a variance on the lot. The home is being built for the owner’s granddaughter, not being built as a rental. Ms. Alicia also explained that the approvals are from the various agencies after review by licensed civil engineers. The home only occupies a small portion of the lot, therefore not interfering with the retaining wall and storm drain.

Attorney Pounds- Acknowledged the various approvals from the County. Mentioned that the 1-foot street frontage variance was requested by the board of appeals. The plans have met the building requirements, and the request is for the Mayor & Council to decide if it will be approved. CM Wade wants to acknowledge the comments from the residents near the lot.

CM Watson is hesitant to make an endorsement to the county without the planning board's recommendation. Would like more engagement with the residents/builder & town.

The Council did not reject the request but instead just asking for a continuation at the work session to allow more questions about the project.

**Black History Month Proclamation** – Mayor Munyeneh read the Black History Proclamation

**Cable Franchise Ordinance 2025-01\*** - Mayor Munyeneh introduced the ordinance for emergency adoption of the Comcast Cable franchise agreement.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-01 -Cable Franchise made by CM Bryner. 2<sup>nd</sup> by CM Watson. Approved unanimously.

**Homestead Tax Credit Ordinance 2025-02** — Councilmember Dalaker introduced the ordinance updating the Homestead tax credit amount.

**Approval of Employment Agreement\*** – The Mayor & Council voted on the Police Chief’s contract.

Motion to empower the Town Administrator to sign the agreed upon employment contract for David Morris made by CM Watson. 2<sup>nd</sup> by CM Wade. Approved Unanimously.

**Town Administrator Report** –Chief Morris provided the town administrator’s monthly report.

- LGIT Health Reimbursement -The town will be receiving a claims reimbursement check from LGIT Health in the amount of \$41,902.84 based on the town’s claims experience during Fiscal Year 2024
- Federal Earmark Webinar - Town staff recently attended a required webinar as a prerequisite for applying for federal earmarks. Potential projects for submission are being evaluated and will be decided upon soon before the deadline.
- WSSC Water Tower Property - WSSC is working with the Town Administrator to identify potential grant funding to allow the Town to purchase the property.

- SAS Sensor Grant - The Town applied for a \$1M MDE grant for flood prevention sensors on behalf of seven Prince George's County municipalities. An update will follow once a decision is made.
- Transformer Explosion - On February 4th, a transformer explosion caused a power outage affecting half of the Town. Pepco was notified and responded promptly. Appreciation was extended to the Town staff for their coordination, and the Police Department for assisting in the response.

**Police Report** – Interim Chief Morris provided a monthly report.

- Since Cheverly PD was initiated 24/7, the department has responded to 100% of all calls for service in Town.
- CPD continues enforcement at Columbia Park/Tuxedo Rd/50 Overpass following ongoing complaints of speeding, red-light running, and unsafe lane changes. Since January 15th, over 60 stops have been conducted.
- Permit applications have been submitted to SHA for red-light cameras on Columbia Park and Route 50 are still pending review.
- Trial data collection for Stop Sign Cameras has begun at select locations, with more to come. No citations are being issued. Full implementation requires approval from the Mayor, the Council, and the County Council.
  - Cheverly Ave @ Oakton Way (x2)
  - Joslyn at 63rd
  - 62nd Pl/63rd and Kilmer
  - Crest at Greenleaf
  - Crest at Euclid
  - Euclid at Valley Way
  - Newton St at 57th
  - Forest Rd. at Cheverly Avenue
  - Inwood Street at 63rd Avenue
- Enhanced roving patrols are in place at Cheverly Station in response to reports of illicit activity from management.
- Cheverly PD and Code Compliance are addressing increased parking violations with a focus on education through warnings. Enforcement in permit areas has led to positive resident response in updating permits. Dozens of warnings have been issued on Bellview and nearby areas. The department is finalizing Town Parking Code revisions for legal review.
- CPD is interested and researching the creation of a 501C3, titled, The Cheverly Police Foundation. A non-profit organization focusing on officer development and community engagement, strengthening that relationship with a scholarship program.

- CPD is meeting with organizers for the Explorers Program (PGPD) to initiate the process of starting the program for the Town of Cheverly and CPD.
- CPD is scheduling training to become the only agency fully trained in Conflict Management/Hostage Negotiations, focusing on interpersonal communication to reduce use-of-force encounters.
- With the swearing-in of Officer Jackson, CPD will begin steps to re-establish and develop an Investigative Section.
- CPD & Town Staff participated in our first-ever Polar Bear Plunge, raising funds and awareness for the Special Olympics.

**Public Works Report** – Director Brayman provided a report.

- Crest Avenue Speed Humps: Mr. Goode recommends two speed humps on Crest Avenue. A public hearing will be scheduled with the goal of the changes being implemented by Spring 2025, pending contractor availability.
- FEMA Earmark Update: The \$1.688M FEMA earmark requires a \$563K Town match, provided in-kind by Corvius and Clean Water Partnership. Approval is requested for the Town Administrator to execute a "cover contract" with Corvius, pending legal review by Mr. DeLoach.
- WSSC Update: WSSC will provide an update on Task Order 201 at the February 27, 2025, work session. Additionally, a virtual community meeting has been scheduled for February 25, 2025, to discuss planned work on 57th Avenue and Belmont Street.
- Snow Operations: Some crews received negative feedback regarding where the snow ends up during plowing. Wants residents to know that it's not intentionally trying to box residents in. It's simply the way the plow works.

Motion to approve the Town Administrator to execute the cover contract with Corvius made by CM Fry. 2<sup>nd</sup> by CM Bryner. Approved unanimously.

**Review of February work session agenda and future requests**

- WSSC update
- Newton St Variance
- Boyd Park Surfacing update
- Pepco update regarding high bills
- Board of Election update
- 5802 Annapolis Rd
- Kilmer Path
- Town org policies
- Stream restoration
- Hometown Heros

- Budget Calendar/Budget Update

**Mayor and Council Announcements –**

CM Wade, I provide services to assist residents with food insecurities during these difficult times. Happy Valentine's Day, and Happy Birthday to my only daughter.

CM Watson – 2/17/25 District 5 candidate forum at the American Legion cohosted by Progressive Cheverly and the Legion Post 108. 2/23/25 Courageous conversations sponsored by the Women's Club at the Methodist Church, 2/23/25 St Ambrose Spaghetti Dinner, 3/1/25 Wild Anacostia Concert at the Cheverly American Legion

CM Bryner—Congratulations, Chief. Thank you to our amazing staff. I am sad to hear angry feedback from residents about the public works department.

CM Dalaker – No Ward 4 Civic Association meeting this month. Bringing to everyone's attention the Great Backyard Bird Count

CM Garces – N/A

CM Fry—Congratulations, Chief Morris. Thank you, Officer Jackson. A Resource Fair for the immigrant community and federal workers will be held on 2/22/25.

Mayor Muniyeh invites residents 55 and older to the brunch on 2/14/25. Muffins with the Mayor during Mayor's hours are 2/21/25 at 9 a.m. I'm looking forward to an art therapy session for federal workers on 3/21/25.

Motion to adjourn made by CM Bryner. 2<sup>nd</sup> by CM Dalaker. Approved unanimously.

WORKSESSION  
February 27, 2025  
7:30 PM

### Minutes

#### **Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm via Zoom.

In attendance: Mayor Munyeneh, Council Members Wade, Watson, Bryner, Dalaker, Garces and Fry

Staff: Town Administrator Dylan Galloway, Chief David Morris, Public Works Director Brayman, Town Clerk Giselle Richards

Town Attorney: Jason DeLoach

Motion to move Pepco up on the agenda made by CM Watson. 2<sup>nd</sup> by CM Bryner. Approved Unanimously

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Stream Restoration Update** – Sonya Williams from the Clean Water Partnership provided an update on the Invasive Project and Storm Water Project

- Project Completion: 95%
- Upcoming Activities
  - Planting
  - Surveying Repair Section
  - Prepare as-builts
- Final Approval Mar 2025 (anticipated)
- Habitat Enhancement: Preserving Native Forest
  - Cheverly East is a 9-acre parcel of land located inside the Capital Beltway. Improving and protecting this woodland will:
    - Provided needed forested lands and green space for our urban spaces
    - Contribute to the 51% tree canopy goal outlined in Prince George’s County General Plan

- Compliment the Cheverly Green Space Master Plan.
  - Contribute more than 81 tons of carbon sequestration.
- Community Engagement: Next Steps
  - Stream Closeout
  - Habitat Enhancement Begins
  - Flood Grant Kick Off
  - Community Engagement Planning

**5801 Annapolis Road**—The ZKSYA group, the owners of 5801 Annapolis Road, presented their proposal for developing the property.

- ZKSYA group has acquired 3 parcels A, B and D to create a 3.10-acre site
- The plans will include three-story units with three bedrooms. The units will be approximately 2,618 sq feet each. One parking space with a garage at each unit.
- Tentative Schedule:
  - Obtain Permits: 2024 - 2025
  - Construction: Fall 2026

**5701 Landover Rd** – Representatives from the Anacostia Watershed Society and Community Native Planting Project presented the design plan for 5701 Landover Rd.

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**PEPCO** – A representative from Pepco will provide an update regarding high bills.

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Motion to extend the meeting to 11:30 pm made by CM Bryner. 2<sup>nd</sup> by CM Dalaker. Approved unanimously.

**WSSC Task Order 201 and West Side Water Main Replacement** – WSSC representatives will provide an update on both projects.

- Task Order 201 – Sewer Rehabilitation
  - Concerns raised about trenches and road patches. An investigation found missing/incomplete compaction reports, failing to meet WSSC Water and county standards.

- A third-party geotechnical firm is conducting borings and density tests at seven locations.
- WSSC Water updated Specification 02315, enhanced oversight, implemented new training, and improved accountability measures.
- Remaining work: ~1 mile of sewer laterals, cleanouts, and final road/landscaping restoration. Completion TBD pending test results.
- Water Main Replacement Projects
  - Urgent (57th Ave & Belmont St.): Replacing 0.1 miles of aging mains due to frequent breaks. Estimated completion: Spring/Summer 2025.
  - Cheverly Phase I: 1.61 miles of mains replaced. Construction: Summer 2025 - Winter 2026, paving in Spring 2027.
  - Cheverly Phase II: 2.33 miles of mains replaced. Construction: Summer 2027 - Spring 2029, paving in Summer 2029.
- Commitment
  - WSSC Water is enforcing enhanced compaction standards, increasing oversight, and ensuring compliance through inspections, training, and accountability.

**Grant Request** – The Town Administrator presented the FY25 grant request from the Mount Hope Commission

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**Board of Elections Update** – The Board of Elections will provide an update on the May 5, 2025, town election.

- To stay within budget, we will use electronic voting machines on election day and printed ballots for mail-ins, with soft copies available to print more if needed.
- We plan to hold 2-3 voter registration events at community gatherings. A board member is reaching out to organizers to confirm feasibility.
- We are developing guidelines for registering young voters without ID or proof of residence, using an affidavit form from Hyattsville as a reference.

- A ballot drop box will be placed in the apartment lobby under security camera surveillance. Election info will be shared with management for resident distribution.
- Mail-in voting promotion starts next month, including QR codes linking to request forms.
- We will increase the number of election day volunteers to assist voters in the gym area.
- Our streets-by-ward reference table is being updated to reflect new ward boundaries.
- Next meeting: March 4, 7 PM via Zoom.

**Homestead Tax Credit Ordinance 2025-02** – CM Dalaker read the fair summary of the ordinance, updating the Homestead tax credit amount from \$50 to \$150.

**Facilities Usage Policy\*** – The policy committee met after feedback from boards and organizations regarding the Organization, Grant, Newsletter, Facilities Usage, and Advisory Committee Policies

Motion to adopt the policies as written, made by CM Bryner. 2<sup>nd</sup> by CM Dalaker. Approved Unanimously.

Motion to extend the meeting to 11:45 pm made by CM Dalaker. Approved unanimously

**Kilmer Street Path** – Director Brayman will provide an update on the ADA Access Ramp

- Kilmer Park ADA Access
  - Public Works requested County feedback on DPW&T handling permits, engineering review, project management, and cost estimation.
  - Estimated project cost: \$500K, with \$300K in Town funding from FY25 & FY26 Program Open Space.
  - If the County agrees, an MOU will be required, with the Town covering costs except for potential in-kind County contributions.
- Landover Rd & 62nd Pl Sidewalk Access
  - DPW&T to lead design and construction. The preferred route within the ROW is at 6209 Landover Rd, but the property owner objects.
  - Alternative: Sidewalk behind the fire hydrant at 6202 Monroe St., requiring a larger retaining wall. The property owner previously supported this option.

- Public Works asked DPW&T to fund and manage the project, determine permit requirements, and use NZI as the contractor.
- DPW&T is reviewing these requests.

**Boyd Park Playground Update** – Deputy PW Director Prom, provided samples for Flooring Options and review the project costs.

- Public Works received updated pricing for three flooring options:
  - Wood carpet/Woodchips: \$8,608
  - Rubber: \$90,632 (~\$69K additional funding needed)
  - Corkeen: \$146,777 (~\$125K additional funding needed)

Approximately \$22,000 remains from the CPP Grant for the Boyd Park Playground. Additional funding is required for rubber or corkeen options.

Motion to extend the meeting until 12 am made by CM Bryner. 2<sup>nd</sup> by CM Dalaker. Approved Unanimously.

**Stop Sign Camera update** – Chief Morris provided an update on stop sign cameras.

- Public Safety Camera Proposal
  - This proposal outlines the installation of public cameras and associated costs for discussion with the Police Department, Mayor, and Council. Resident input is welcomed.
- Overview:
  - Following a series of residential burglaries in 2023, a public safety forum was held, where residents expressed concerns and interest in public camera systems.
  - Proposed locations: Cheverly Ave at Landover Rd & Columbia Park Rd.
  - Cameras would serve as a deterrent and investigative tool, utilizing Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) technology.
  - The existing security camera systems at the new Public Works building have proven effective.
- Staff Recommendation:
  - Install new ALPR cameras on Cheverly Ave and replace outdated cameras on Trent St. & State St.
  - Costs:
    - Power source: \$15,000 (one-time)

- Camera systems: \$40,000 (one-time)
- Monthly fee (LPR analytics & cloud access): \$800
- Staff will explore grant funding options to offset costs.

**5600 Newton Street Variance** – The Mayor & Council will discuss the variance request.

- The town administrator requested to move to the March town meeting/work session.

**Town Administrator Update** - Town Administrator Galloway provided a report to the Mayor and Council.

- Hospital Hill: An agreement was reached with Bladensburg to exclude the hospital property from annexation. Awaiting finalization of charter amendment resolution.
- Home Team 5 & Urban Atlantic: Developers committed to an exclusive partnership with Cheverly and support annexation.
- Hoyer Building: Infrastructure issues have displaced employees; a potential sale to the county is under review.
- Public Hearing: Crest speed humps hearing on March 13 at 6:30 PM.
- Columbia Park Rd: Awaiting SHA and county updates on traffic signals and red-light cameras.
- Cheverly Exit Sign: National Park Service to provide an action plan by March 3.

**Update by CM Fry and Garces Regarding Cheverly Station Apartments –**

- N/A

**Review of March Town Meeting Agenda and Future Requests -**

- Boyd Park Playground Flooring
- Adoption of Homestead Tax Credit Ordinance 2025-02
- Ballot boxes
- Public Safety Cameras Program

Motion to adjourn at made by CM Dalaker. 2<sup>nd</sup> by CM Watson. Approved unanimously.

GRANT ACQUISITION AGREEMENT

All grants issued by the Mayor and Cheverly Town Council are from appropriated funds of the Town of Cheverly and must be accounted for to specified auditing standards.

MOUNT HOPE COMMISSION

Liz Tuckermanty

301-807-4256

Name: \_\_\_\_\_,

1 Cheverly Circle

301-807-4256

Address:

Cheverly, MD 20785  
Mount Hope Commission

Organization:

- I hereby agree NOT to expend funds allocated to the designated organization for salaries, stipends and/or personal income.
- As duly authorized by the above named organization to accept this grant, I assume full responsibility for the proper expenditure of funds for the requested expenses and will report to the town staff the manner in which expended.
- Receipts and a full accounting of all grant funds are required by the end of the given Fiscal Year ending June 30 h.
- I also understand that the funds provided are not for my own personal use, and that violation of this agreement will result in the reimbursement to the Town of Cheverly of any/all funds spent outside the parameters as denoted in the grant application.

02/24/2025

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING:

*Elizabeth Tuckermanty*

Signature of Grant Recipient

THE PURPOSE OF THE GRANT REQUEST.

A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT/PROGRAM YOU WISH TO EXECUTE WITH THE CHEVERLY GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING.

16 A DETAILED ACCOUNTING OF AMOUNTS AND ACTIVITIES/ITEMS FOR WHICH THE GRANT FUNDS SHALL BE UTILIZED.

A DETAILED TIMELINE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS. THE



### **Grant Request:**

The purpose of this grant program is to provide funding for community story telling with Cheverly's Executive Committee, and smaller groups with Alysia Dempsey from [whatinspiresus.com](http://whatinspiresus.com). Her movement inspires people coming together to plant seeds of empathy, peace, compassion, love and respect in the world. We will all enjoy the harvest.

**Background:** The Mount Hope Commission was established in June 2020. The mission of the Mount Hope Commission is to facilitate community healing and reconciliation. This will be achieved through uncovering, sharing and discussing the history of the indigenous peoples who first inhabited the land that is now the Town of Cheverly, the story of Mount Hope and the individuals who were enslaved there, and the stories of those impacted by the Town's segregationist history and discriminatory practices. Through understanding and addressing past and present pain, reconciliation can begin and the hope of an inclusive community that embraces all Cheverly residents can be realized. The Mount Hope Commission envisions a community in which all are embraced, and none feel or experience discrimination. Our vision is of a community that is hopeful and lifts itself and others up<sup>17</sup> by providing fair and equal opportunities for engagement. We

envision that our community will be one that others aspire to become.

The Mount Hope Commission was given a Cheverly Town Organization Grant in May of 2023. It was used to create an online presence with our website [www.mounthopecommission.org](http://www.mounthopecommission.org) for 2023-2025. We sponsored a celebration of Juneteeth on June 19, 2023 with the National Geographic black Scuba Diver, Kamu Sadiki. A talked about discovery of the Clotilla, the last ship with enslaved people to come to the US. All receipts for the 2023 grant are summarized on an attached page. □

The Mount Hope Commission is applying for another Cheverly Town grants to support activities through projects of storytelling with Alysia Dempsey [www.whatinspiresus.com](http://www.whatinspiresus.com). Our goals include:

- a. All residents feel safe, diversity is honored, and the town is inclusive.
- b. Neighbors seek mediation to resolve conflict.
- c. Microaggressions, macroaggressions and privilege are understood.
- d. Residents understand the diverse expression of what it means to be in community.
- e. Residents reflect to each other and to our young people what it means to be a positive member of community.
- f. Residents, individually or collectively, have a safe place and process available to them to engage in difficult conversations.
- g. Residents communicate with empathy, reflectively, and less judgmentally, defensively, and aggressively.
- h. Resident's use active/radical listening when communicating.
- i. Town events reflect the Town's diversity.
- j. Resident's respect and protect the land that is now known as the Town of Cheverly.
- k. They do this as an act of gratitude to the land and all its past caretakers.
- l. Cheverly's young people understand and can articulate the values of the MHC and it's meaning to them and their community.
- m. People trust each other. People are respected. Residents are empathetic. People's paths and journeys are respected.
- n. Issues and topics that have been driven underground are surfaced and addressed healthily and constructively.

The request funds will go to retaining our website, and funding storytelling for the Executive Council, Council members and the community in groups and a table at the Cheverly Community Market. We will also honor an enslaved person from Mount Hope at the African American Civil War Museum to thank Dr. Frank Smith, the Executive Director our Black History Month presenter. We will also host the Celebration of our Time capsule installation at the Community Center.

## **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, every March, Women's History Month provides an opportunity to honor the generations of remarkable contributions of women throughout history who have played pivotal roles in shaping our nation's progress and character; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 Women's History Month theme "Moving Forward Together: Women Educating and Inspiring Generations" celebrates the collective strength, equality, and influence of women who have dedicated their lives to education, mentorship, and leadership, shaping the minds and futures of all generations; and

**WHEREAS**, education has always been a powerful catalyst for change, and women have been at the forefront, driving this transformation; from classrooms to boardrooms, women educators and leaders have played a pivotal role in nurturing minds and inspiring action; it is important to acknowledge and celebrate these contributions, especially at a time when inclusive and equitable education is more critical than ever; and

**WHEREAS**, women's history is inclusive of all people who identify as women, and it is paramount to acknowledge and celebrate the invaluable contributions of all women, including transgender and gender-diverse individuals, who have been at the forefront of movements for equity and social justice; and

**WHEREAS**, women from diverse racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds have made indelible marks on our nation's history, often in ways that have not been adequately acknowledged or recorded, and

**WHEREAS**, women have been instrumental in advocating for their rights and driving movements for social justice, including suffrage, civil rights, labor rights, LGBTQ+ rights, and more, yet their contributions have been historically undervalued and marginalized, and

**WHEREAS**, despite significant progress, women continue to face systemic barriers and discrimination, as evidenced by the persistent gender pay gap and ongoing threats to reproductive rights, bodily autonomy, and gender equality in various spheres of society; and

**WHEREAS**, it is incumbent upon us to not only celebrate the achievements of women but also confront the challenges they face, including regressive legislation that threatens to erode the hard-won gains of the past century; and

**WHEREAS**, as we commemorate Women’s History Month, let us renew our commitment to the ongoing struggle for gender equity and justice, recognizing that true equality can only be achieved when the rights of all women, particularly the most marginalized among us, are upheld and protected; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, The Cheverly Mayor and Council, do hereby proclaim that March is designated as “Women’s History Month” in Cheverly, MD and encourage all residents to observe this month.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

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Kayce Munyeneh  
Mayor

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Christopher R. Wade  
Councilmember

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Joseph Dalaker  
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Amy Jean Chung Fry  
Councilmember

**TOWN OF CHEVERLY  
ORDINANCE No: 2025-02**

**AN ORDINANCE WHEREBY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AMENDS CHAPTER 30, “INCOME BASED TAX CREDIT PROGRAMS” OF THE TOWN CODE TO REVISE THE AMOUNT OF THE HOMEOWNERS’ TAX CREDIT UNDER THE TAX CREDIT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Cheverly are committed to promoting its values as a welcoming and inclusive Town for all individuals and is a community that seeks to accept everyone, regardless of a person's race, ethnicity, place of origin or immigration status; and

**WHEREAS**, residents, new and long-time owner-occupants of principal residences, have continued to face the real threat of losing the financial ability to remain in their homes by virtue of the rising market values, inflation, and consequent property tax assessments, which are the hallmarks of the process of neighborhood change; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cheverly wishes to continue to address displacement and economic hardship caused by the COVID-19 Global Pandemic and consequential inflation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town wishes to preserve key aspects of Cheverly's past while looking forward to the future by supporting sustainable growth that protects our natural and historic resources, while preserving our values, qualities, and culture for our new and longtime residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council adopted a Strategic Plan in 2022 that lists Growth through economic and business development as a Key Priority for a 5-year plan for the Town’s future; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the belief of the Mayor and Council that the community is protected by increasing the tax credit under the Town’s Income Based Tax Credit Program to \$150.00; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cheverly, a new Chapter of the Code, Chapter 30 “INCOME BASED TAX CREDIT PROGRAMS” is repealed, amended, and re-enacted as follows:

**CHAPTER 30– INCOME BASED TAX CREDIT PROGRAMS**

**SEC. 30-1 - Income Based Homeowners’ Municipal Tax Credit**

- (a) The Town of Cheverly will issue a rebate if a resident has completed the Maryland State Department of Assessments & Taxation Homeowners’ Property Tax Credit Application, has been granted that tax credit, and can present written proof of that granted tax credit.
- (b) The Town of Cheverly will first apply the tax credit to any debts, fines, and/or tickets issued by the Town.

**SEC. 30-2. - Eligibility Requirements.**

**The applicant must meet the following requirements to qualify:**

- (a) An applicant’s combined gross household income does not exceed \$60,000.
- (b) An applicant’s net worth must be less than \$200,000, regardless of the amount a resident pays in tax for THE YEAR PRECEDING THE APPLICATION, excluding the value of the property for which the credit application is being made and the cash value of Individual

Retirement Accounts or qualified retirement savings plans as of December 31<sup>ST</sup> OF THE YEAR PRECEDING THE APPLICATION.

- (c) The applicant must own or have a legal interest in the property. Land installment sales, contract purchases, holders of life estate, and beneficiaries of certain trusts have sufficient legal interest.
- (d) The dwelling for which the application is being made must be the applicant's principal residence. Applicant resides or expects to reside for more than six (6) months of the tax year, including July 1, 2] OF THE YEAR PRECEDING THE APPLICATION, unless unable to do so for reasons of illness, need of special care, or the property was recently purchased. An individual who permits, pursuant to a court order or separation agreement, a spouse, former spouse, or children of that person's family to reside in a dwelling in which the individual has a legal interest has met the residency requirement. A homeowner may claim credit for only one principal residence.

**SEC. 30-3.- Application.**

- (a) The applicant must be a current resident of the Town of Cheverly.
- (b) Applicants shall provide to the Treasurer of the Town written proof that they were granted a tax credit FOR THE YEAR PRECEDING THE APPLICATION from the Maryland State Department of Assessments & Taxation
- (c) Initial applications shall be presented to the Town between February 1 and May 15.
- (d) If the applicant meets all requirements, including written proof of approval of the Maryland Homeowners' Property Tax Credit FOR THE YEAR PRECEDING THE APPLICATION, the Treasurer will be directed to issue a reimbursement in the amount of ONE-HUNDRED AND fifty dollars (\$150.00) to the taxpayer.

**SEC. 30-4.- Review.**

- (a) The utility of this ordinance is to be reviewed every year to ensure that its intended purpose is being honored and modifications, if necessary, to the amount rebated to the taxpayer.

**SEC. 30-5.- CONSTRUCTION.**

- (a) The provisions of this Chapter shall be construed so as to be effective to the extent that they do not conflict with federal law, state law, this Code, or any Court order.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that any provisions of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or applications, and to this end, all the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable;

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall take effect 30 days from the date of its adoption;

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that a fair summary of this Ordinance shall forthwith be published twice in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town and otherwise be made available to the public.

**INTRODUCED** by the Town Council of the Town of Cheverly, Maryland, at a regular public meeting on Thursday, February 13, 2025.

**ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Cheverly, Maryland, at a regular public meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Giselle Richards  
Town Clerk

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Kaycee Munyeneh  
Mayor

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**Asterisks \* \* \* Indicate matter remaining unchanged in existing law but not set forth in Ordinance.**

**CAPS indicate additions.**

Strikethrough-indicate matter deleted from the law.

**[Brackets]**-indicate matter deleted in the amendment.

## Boyd Park Flooring

Following discussion in the December Town meeting the Public Works department has received the updated pricing for the 3-flooring options the Mayor and Council indicated interest in for Boyd Park, listed below.

**Woodcarpet/Woodchips: \$8,608.00**



**Rubber: \$90,632.00**



**Corkeen: \$146,777.00**



At this time, we have ~ \$22,000 remaining from the CPP Grant allocated to the Boyd Park Playground Equipment. Both the rubber and corkeen necessitate the Town provide additional funding; the rubber requires an additional ~ \$69,000 and the corkeen requires an additional ~ \$ 125,000.

**To:** Dylan Galloway, Town Administrator

**From:** Chief David Morris

**Date:** February 26, 2025

**Re:** Proposed Public Safety Camera Installation

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**Action Requested:**

No action is required currently. This issue paper provides a proposal to install cameras in public places and associated costs. The information is provided for discussion purposes with the police department seeking mayor and council input and welcomes questions from residents.

**Overview:**

In the late summer of 2023, the Cheverly Police Department, in cooperation with Prince George's County Police Department District I detectives, investigated a series of residential daytime burglaries. The investigation ultimately led to the arrest of an individual who is still awaiting trial.

In response to community concerns, the Police Department, with participation of the mayor and council and allied law enforcement agencies, held a public safety forum on October 19, 2023. The forum generated considerable community interest and provided an outlet for residents to share their story. Some residents expressed outright fear, legitimized by their personal experience and victimization.

Several ideas were presented to provide both a deterrent effect on criminal activity and investigative assistance when activity of this nature occurs. One of those ideas suggested the placement of cameras on Cheverly Ave at both Landover Road and Columbia Park Road. These cameras would be placed in public view with the ability to record vehicle traffic that ingresses or egresses the Town. In conversation with community members, several remain committed to this idea and believe installation of cameras systems serve as a force multiplier making the community safer.

The ongoing construction of the Town's a new public works building permitted the Public Works department and the Police Department to review camera systems necessary for the security of Town equipment during the construction phase. The systems have proven both effective and reliable. The contractor worked with staff to provide systems specifically designed to meet the needs of the project.

**Staff Recommendations:**

Staff recommends moving forward with the acquisition of new camera systems for installation on Cheverly Ave. and replacement of antiquated, inoperable camera systems on systems on Trent St. and State St. These systems will possess Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) technology that uses cameras to capture and read license plates. ALPR is used by law enforcement to help solve crimes, recover stolen vehicles, identify wanted individuals, and vehicles associated with crimes.

Installation of any system on Cheverly Ave at Columbia Park Road requires the acquisition of a power source. Our Public Works Department secured a quote from Prime partners Engineering to provide this service.

Preliminary pricing is as follows:

Power source: \$15,000 – one time cost

Camera Systems: \$40,000 – one time cost

Monthly fee - Includes LPR Analytics with cloud access and Data Connection - \$800

Staff will research available grant funding to assist with the purchase of this equipment.