

Community Organization Policy:

Community Organizations are community-oriented public service organizations. Groups can qualify as a Community Organization provided:

1. The organization's general membership consists of at least 20 members.
2. The organization's general membership consists of at least 55% Cheverly residents.
3. The organization has a lawful purpose that does not pose a threat to public order, to the safety of the public, or the safety of any individual.
4. The organization does not have as its primary purpose marketing products or services or making a profit.
5. The organization abides by the town's non-discrimination policy.

Organizations must maintain by-laws and a list of officers and members. A copy of the by-laws and a current list of officers or a statement of purposes and intent shall be kept on file in the Town Administrative Office. Data on membership shall be provided to the Town annually and upon request whenever such data is pertinent to a proposed use of Community Organization benefits. All parties should be treated with mutual respect in communications and actions.

With limited exceptions, Community Organizations may reserve Town facilities, post in the Town newsletter, and apply for Town grants. Mayor & Council will occasionally revisit these policies to ensure they reflect the needs and expectations of the community.