

NEWSLETTER

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MAYOR'S CORNER

MAYOR KAYCE MUNYENEH



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

By Mayor Kayce Munyeneh

Call 301-773-8360 to contact the Mayor

Message from the Mayor

As May unfolds, our community will observe several celebrations and highlight important issues that impact our town. We can use May as an opportunity for reflection, celebration, and gratitude. From raising awareness about mental health to honoring the diverse heritage of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and from expressing gratitude for our military personnel to recognizing the invaluable contributions of our educators



Mental Health Awareness Month

In recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, our community is committed to fostering dialogue, understanding, and support for mental well-being. From informative seminars to support group gatherings and mindfulness workshops, please do your part to destigmatize mental illness and promote holistic approaches to mental wellness.

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

May also marks Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, offering a vibrant celebration of the rich culture and invaluable contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islander communities to our nation's history. Through cultural festivals, art exhibitions, culinary showcases, and educational programs, our local area honors the diversity, resilience, and enduring legacy of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Military Appreciation Month

As we reflect on the sacrifices and service of our military personnel, May holds added significance as Military Appreciation Month. We honor the bravery, dedication, and selflessness of those who serve and protect our nation.

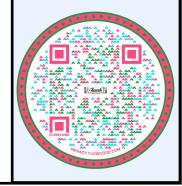
Teacher Appreciation Week

During Teacher Appreciation Week, our community will pay homage to the educators who shape minds, inspire hearts, and empower futures. From heartfelt expressions of gratitude to tokens of appreciation and acts of kindness, we will celebrate the tireless dedication, passion, and impact of our teachers.

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Memorial Day

Finally, as May draws to a close, we can reflect as a community in the memory of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation on Memorial Day. As we pay homage to the brave men and women who laid down their lives in defense of freedom and democracy, we can remember the legacy left behind with reverence and gratitude.

Earmark Celebration

Adding to the excitement surrounding May's festivities is the eagerly anticipated celebration of substantial financial contributions earmarked for our town's stormwater improvements.

United States Senators Benjamin Cardin and Chris Van Hollen, along with United States Congressman Glenn Ivey's Federal Investment: This allocation of \$1.68 million towards our town's stormwater management has been met with jubilation and anticipation. These funds are Federal Funds for crucial infrastructure projects and community enhancement initiatives.

State Funds Secured: In addition to the Federal Funding, Delegate Julian Ivey has secured \$500,000 towards the Lower Beaverdam Creek Watershed Project aimed at the planning, design, construction, and site improvement of the stream valley. This generous award further underscores the commitment of our elected representatives to the well-being and advancement of our community.

Moving Through the Budget Process

As these earmarks and grants are awarded, I still invite you to navigate through the budget process with us. There is a palpable sense of optimism and excitement within our community. Residents eagerly await the realization of these investments, knowing that they will pave the way for a brighter, more prosperous future for our town.

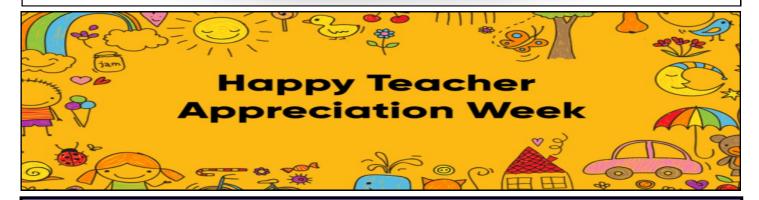
	Government Meetings & W	Vork Sessions						
Upcoming Town Meetings & Work Sessions								
Thursday, May 9, 2024	8:00 pm	Town Meeting						
Thursday, May 23, 2024	7:30 pm	Work Session						
Thursday, June 13, 2024	8:00 pm	Town Meeting						
Thursday, June 27, 2024	7:30 pm	Work Session						
	Special Meetings							
Tuesday, May 7, 2024	7:00 pm	Constant Yield Tax Hearing						
Tuesday, May 14, 2024	7:00 pm	All Departments - Final Budget Review						
Thursday, May 16, 2024	7:00 pm	First Reader of Budget Ordinance						
Thursday, May 23, 2024	7:30 pm	Second Reader of Budget Ordinance						
Thursday, June 13, 2024	8:00 pm	Final Reader of Budget Ordinance and Passage						











COUNCILMEMBERS' UPDATE

WARD 1: COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTOPHER WADE

Greetings neighbors! Be on the lookout for the Ward One Community Conversations. Feel free to contact me at 301-278-8292 or CMWard1@cheverly-md.gov. Use the QR code to follow my website, social media, and upcoming events. As always, I look forward to working with you to continue to make Cheverly Strong! ~Christopher R. Wade



WARD 3: COUNCILMEMBER NICOLE BRYNER

Hello Ward 3! If you'd like to receive my newsletter, where I summarize meetings and highlight upcoming events and issues, you can use this QR code, or go to www.nicolebryner.com. You can always reach me at CMWard3@cheverly-md.gov, 301-892-6384, or Facebook/Instagram. Please don't hesitate to be in touch! -Nicole

WARD 6: COUNCILMEMBER AMY JEAN CHUNG FRY

Friends, if we aren't already connected, please connect with me by using the QR code or the link beacons.ai/amyjeanfry. If you'd prefer to call or text, my number is 301-678-3796.



~Warmly, Amy

THE TOWN: NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS Town Hall 301.773.8360 Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Police Department Emergency 911 Non-Emergency 301.352.1200 Administrative Office 301.341.1055 Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Public Works 301.773.2666 Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Meeting Agendas are updated on the Town website: www.cheverly-md.gov and virtual meeting information will be posted online in News & Announcements. If you have questions, please call the Town Hall.

Town Meetings are broadcast LIVE on Comcast 71 & Fios 35. They are re-broadcast every day at 7:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 7:00 pm. Meetings can also be viewed on the town's website at www.cheverly-md.gov.

ACTIONS TAKEN Town Meeting – April 11, 2024

- Motion to approve budget amendment of \$5000 for TNR made by CM Dalaker. 2nd by CM Garces. Approved Unanimously.
- Motion to authorize the town administrator to enter into the contract with Excel Tree services for 4 years made by CM Bryner. 2nd by CM Wade. Approved unanimously.
- Motion to authorize the town administrator to enter into a contract with a wind energy provider based on their research made by CM Bryner. 2nd by CM Dalaker. Approved Unanimously.

GET ALERTED!

Would you like to receive Town updates in real time? If so, subscribe on the Town website to receive an email sent directly to you when News and Announcements are posted.

Signing up is easy. Simply visit cheverly-md.gov. Go to the brown banner where you see Home, Public Safety, Public Works, Administration, Board of Commission, and Subscribe.

Click "Subscribe..." and fill in the necessary information.

RESIDENTIAL BUSINESS LICENSES

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



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

Town Residential Business Licenses are issued annually for the Fiscal Year (July 1 to June 30). Please call the Town Clerk at 301-773-8360 or stop by the Town Office to pick up an application form.

The yearly business license fee is \$20.



Follow the Town of Cheverly on Instagram to get the latest news and announcements, updates, and activities.





Holiday Schedule

Monday, May 27, 2024





Monday, May 27, 2023

The Public Works Department and ALL Town Administrative Offices

(Town Hall, Public Works, & Police Office)

will be **CLOSED** in observance of the holiday.

NO TRASH OR YARD WASTE PICKUP Monday, May 27th, 2024

Town Wide Regular Trash and Yard Waste will be on Tuesday, May 28th, 2024.

MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER AND HONOR

Find us on Facebook | Town of Cheverly Department of Public Works | www.facebook.com/Town-of-Cheverly-Department-of-Public-Works-106361871845265/



WE'RE ON FACEBOOK!



TRASH SCHEDULE

Mondays (Town Wide) Yard Waste Pick Up

Mondays (East Side) Trash Pick Up

Tuesdays (West Side) Trash Pick Up

Wednesdays (Town Wide) Recycling Pick Up

Thursdays (East Side) Trash Pick Up, including Bulk Trash Pick Up

(3 Items Limit)

Fridays (West Side) Trash Pick Up, including Bulk Trash Pick Up (3 Items Limit)

Note: Bulk Trash is limited to 3 items and only on the days listed above.

Public works crews start pick ups at 7:30 AM. Regular Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling need to be at the curb before 7AM. Yard Waste and Recycling should not be put in plastic trash bags. Electronics will no longer be picked up with Recycling on Wednesdays. They will be picked on Thursdays or Fridays with Bulk Trash.

Please help the Public Works crew out by <u>not</u> parking in front of the yard waste, trash, recycling, and bulk trash. The picture shows how difficult it can be for the crew when there's a vehicle parked.

If you have any questions, call Public Works, 301-773-2666.



RECYCLING & TRASH TOTALS March Numbers

Curbside Recycling: 30.60 TNS (\$27/TN) = \$826.20 Yard Waste: 48.74 TNS (\$25/TN) = \$1,218.50 Refuse: 123.84 TNS (\$70/TN) = \$8,668.80

Recycling + Yard Waste / Total Tonnage = 79.34/203.18 = 39 % (percentage diverted from landfill)
Total Landfill Tipping Fee Savings for Diverted Materials = \$3,494.30



DO THOSE OLD BROKEN-DOWN TRASH CANS AND RECYCLING BINS HAVE YOU IN A DUMP?



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISPOSE OF AN OLD AND/OR DAMAGED RECYCLING BIN OR TRASH CAN, REQUEST A PICKUP USING SEECLICKFIX ON THE TOWN WEBSITE OR DOWNLOAD THE APP. YOU CAN ALSO CALL THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AT (301) 773-2666 TO SCHEDULE A PICKUP.

MAKE SURE THAT THE BROKEN CAN/BIN IS ALL PLASTIC WITH NO METAL PARTS AND THAT IT IS CLEARLY LABELED WITH A SIGN SAYING "DISPOSE OF BIN OR CAN." THEN PUT IT AT THE CURB FOR PICKUP.

Recycling Bins, Rain Barrels, and Compost Bins



Join the Waiting List

Go to https://tinyurl.com/Bins-and-Barrels and click the "Join the Waiting List" button to request recycling bins, rain barrels, and/or compost bins.

Online payment options are available, or payments may be mailed to Public Works, 6401 Forest Road, Cheverly, MD 20785.

Recycle Toters	\$20	
Small Recycle Bin	Free	
Compost Bins	\$20	
Rain Barrels	\$57	



TREE EVALUATION PROGAM FOR TOWN RESIDENTS

Did you know you can request one tree inspection per year by the Town's Arborist?



To request a private tree inspection visit the Town website at www.cheverly-md.gov, complete and return the Tree Evaluation Agreement form, and submit the \$85 inspection fee.

Fees can be made online or via mail by check. Checks should be made payable to the Town of Cheverly and mailed or dropped off at: Town Hall, Attention Public Works, 6401 Forest Road, Cheverly, MD 20785. Once the inspection is completed the resident will receive a report on their tree. Please note: checks will be cashed upon receipt.

TRASH CAN SIZE FOR COLLECTION

Just a reminder, containers are not to exceed thirty-two (32) gallon capacity.



Public Works will not pick up nor empty trash containers larger than 32-gallons. This is for the safety of our Public Works employees who manually lift each and every trash can.

*In the interim, until you purchase a 32-gallon trash can with a tight-fitting lid, please remove all trash bags from cans larger than 32-gallons and place them on the curb prior to trash collection.

If you have any questions, contact the Public Works Department at 301-773-2666.

William Eley Jr. Public Works Building Construction

Construction has begun on the William Eley Jr. Public Works building. Town park, field, and parking lot (including the EV chargers) is an active construction

zone and may be subject to inaccessibility from 7:00 am - 5:00 pm. Please observe any posted signs as a safety precaution. We are working towards maintaining access to the park and field throughout construction via foot-traffic. We thank you for your patience and appreciate your cooperation.

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Report Street Light Problems to Pepco

If you are having any problems with street lights (they are out, blinking on and off, etc.) you can contact Pepco directly. Go to www.pepco.com, go to Outages, and click on Report a Street Light Outage. Enter either the address or pole number. A map showing the street lights in the area will appear. Click on the street light you wish to report. You will be directed to enter information about the light and your contact information.

Or Scan >>>>





See if you qualify to enroll in health coverage now. The application is available daily from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Tax Season Enrollment:



File your taxes and secure health coverage all at once! Easy Enrollment makes it possible when you check the box on your state tax form. Don't miss out on comprehensive health care, including doctor visits and emergency care.

Learn more at MarylandHealthconnection.gov/EasyEnrollment.

Medicaid Check-In:

This year Medicaid renewal is not automatic. Check in with us to make sure your info is current.



To update contact information online, log in to your account at

MarylandHealthConnection.gov.

Get more information at MarylandHealthConnection.gov/CheckIn



GIVE HOPE THIS SPRING.

Give blood.



Blood Drive Town of Cheverly Cheverly Community Center

Gym 6401 Forest Rd Cheverly, MD 20785

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

You may sign up on line at www.redcrossblood.org and search by sponsor code "Town of Cheverly" or call 1-800-REDCROSS to make your life saving donation today.

Eligibility Questions?...call 1-866-236-3276.

Use Rapid Pass to fast track your donation, visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass to learn more







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CODE COMPLIANCE

PARKING COMPLIANCE

According to Code Sec. 18-4.2 and Sec. 27.5



Vehicles that have not moved for 72+ hours may be towed; all vehicles need to be operational & legally operable on both private property and on the street.

Commercial vehicles are prohibited to park in front of residential properties.

SIDEWALK AND ROAD OVERGROWTH

Spring is here and the days are getting nice. With the nice weather and rising gas prices, more and more residents are out walking. Whether they are out for a weekend stroll or headed down to the Metro for a train ride to work, they are using our sidewalks and walking paths.

The warmer weather also marks the start of the growing season. As trees and other vegetation grow, they tend to encroach upon the public right-of-way (sidewalks, streets, or alleys). This overgrowth of vegetation or low hanging branches can obstruct view, creates tripping hazards or otherwise impede the public's ability to use the streets and sidewalks. This encroachment has been deemed a public nuisance in the Town Code and constitutes a hazard, which impedes the free movement of pedestrians or vehicles. As such, residents are required to ensure that public right-of-way abutting their property are kept free of overgrowth and intersections are obstruction free.

Trees located within the first (11) feet of the curb are the responsibility of the Town. Please call if you have a question or notice any condition that may pose a hazard to the community.

GRASS, WEEDS AND OVERGROWTH



Obstructions:

 Residents are reminded that with the nice weather more and more residents are out walking. Please

- keep the walkways and sidewalks clear of overgrowth, obstructions, and hanging limbs.
- 2. If the tree obstructing the sidewalk or roadway is in the planting box, please contact the Department of Public Works.
- 3. Keep vegetation from obstructing the view near intersections.

Lot Maintenance:

- 1. Residents are reminded to make sure your grass is cut before it reaches 8 inches in height.
- 2. Also, the planting strip between the sidewalk and the street is your responsibility to maintain
- 3. If you are going on vacation, make sure you make arrangements to have your grass cut for you.

Be sure to take into consideration that the weather can be unpredictable, but the grass still needs to be cut.

REMINDERS FOR SPECIAL EVENT NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY

- 1. Canvas everyone in the neighborhood to find a date that works best. Visit each neighbor to inform them of your plans and get feedback from them at least before you are tentatively scheduled to host the event. Complete a block party survey. Keep your neighbors informed as the event date approaches and make sure they understand they are a part of celebration. A block party letter and neighbor survey can be obtained at the Town office.
- **2.** Obtain necessary permits if you block off your street. Permits must be obtained 30 days in advance for block parties. A Block Party Permit is required to block off any of a residential street for neighborhood block party purposes,
- 3. Remind your neighbors 1 week before the party that the street will be closed. It is important to keep your neighbors informed.
- 4. Place the "No Parking" signs 24-48 hours prior to the party at each end of the street with the date and time of the street closure. Town Hall can supply "No Parking" signs once the event is permitted.
- 5. We recommend that you communicate with your neighbors a week prior to the Block Party.

Communicating with your neighbors help to ensure all are notified and remember not to park on the street. 6. Your street must be clean and open to traffic no later than 10 PM.

CODE COMPLIANCE

VACATIONS & HOME SECURITY

Residents planning to be away for vacations should visit https://www.cheverly-md.gov/cheverly-police-department/webforms/house-check-request to arrange to have their homes checked while they are gone.

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

- Cancel newspaper & mail delivery or have a neighbor pick it up for you.
- Arrange for lawn care.
- Store valuables, preferably in a bank.
- Store lawn mowers, bicycles, and lawn furniture inside.
- Set lights inside the house on a timer.
- Set telephone bells as low as possible.
- Draw shades and drapes.
- Lock cars left in the driveway.
- Make sure smoke detectors are working.
- Lock all windows and doors.
- Give your house key & itinerary to at least one friend or neighbor.

OUTDOOR BURNING REMINDER

Sec. 12-3.

- (a) No person shall burn or cause to be burned any trash, lumber, leaves, straw, tree branches, trees, logs or other combustible material on any improved street, gutter, parking strip, parkway, park, alley or any other town property within the corporate limits of the Town of Cheverly.
- (b) No person shall burn or cause to be burned any trash, lumber, leaves, straw, tree branches, trees, logs or other combustible material within the corporate limits of the Town of Cheverly, without first obtaining a permit from the Town of Cheverly, excluding outdoor cooking devices.

(Ord. No. 11-77, 8-11-77)

Charter

Reference - Authority to control and prevent fires, § C-23A(26)

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, & play areas of all other parks.

CHEVERLY RENTAL LICENSES

All single-family, multi-family, and roomer rental dwellings in Cheverly are required by Chapter 5 of the Town Code to obtain a Cheverly Rental Housing License.



Licenses are issued annually for the Fiscal Year (July 1 to June 30). Call the Code Compliance Officer at 240-770-7647 for an application.

The yearly rental license fee is \$100.00.

Note: Failure to comply with Town Code licensing laws can result in a fine of \$500.

DEAD TREES

Note: Code Compliance Officers will be identifying dead trees in Town. Please contact Code Compliance if you have any questions or concerns at (240) 770-7647.



MOST COMMON CODE VIOLATIONS

Please visit https://www.cheverly-md.gov/code-compliance/pages/faqs-most-common-code-violations or scan the QR code to see the most common code violations FAO's.



RESIDENTIAL ZONE PARKING

2024 Residential ZONE parking permits are available. The price of the permit is \$5 per vehicle. There is a maximum of two guest passes per residence.

The first guest pass is free and the second guest pass may be obtained for a \$2 fee. (Note: ONLY two guest passes per address.)

Applications can be downloaded from the Town website at www.cheverly-md.gov under the Form and File tab.

Please drop completed applications in the Permits Box located at Town Hall or mail to: Code Enforcement, 6401 Forest Road, Cheverly, MD 20785.

CODE COMPLIANCE



Cheverly Residential Zone Parking Permit Application

Applications can be submitted at Town Hall, online, via US Mail, or placed in the permit box located on the left-side wall of the main entrance at Townhall

- Permits can only be issued to vehicles registered to a Cheverly address
- A copy of your vehicle registration must accompany the application
- Cost of the Permit is \$5 per vehicle | 1 guest parking pass is allowed per address at no cost
- The maximum number of guest passes is 2 per address. This includes one free pass and ONE guest for a \$2 fee.

if you live in one of the following and	eas, you will need a Parl	cing Permit: F	Please check the	zone that applies.
Zone 1: State St, 61st & 62nd A	ve, as well as the 1800 i	olock of 64th	Ave	
Zone 3: 22-2400 block of Cheve	rly Avenue			
Zone 4: Arbor Street & Crestlav	vn Avenue <mark>(22-2300 blo</mark>	ck Parkway E	liminated)	
Zone 5: 2300 block of Belleview	Avenue			
Zone 6: Benton Rd & 23-25 Lak	e Avenue			
Zone 7: 2400 block of Valley W	ay			TOWERS OF THE PROPERTY OF THE
Zone 8: 3300 Belleview Avenue	; Medical Terrace <mark>(Elimi</mark>	nated)		
RO: 6500 & 6600 blocks Oak St	reet, 6500 block Maure	en Court, 313	2 & 3200 block	Hillside Avenue
SR: This permit allows senior cit	tizens 65 years of age ar	nd older to po	ark on the odd s	ide of the 2200 block of Cheverly
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Interim Chief David Morris dmorris@cheverlypoice.org

One team, One mission, Team Cheverly!

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Police Emergency 9-1-1

Police Non-Emergency (301) 352-1200

Cheverly Police Headquarters (301) 341-1055

Hours: 8:00am - 5:00pm Monday - Friday

Message from the Chief

Dear Cheverly Community,

It is with a heavy heart that I address our community regarding a disturbing sexual assault that occurred recently in our town. On 4/11/24 at approximately 7:30 p.m., the victim reported walking home from the metro station near the Judith P. Hoyer Montessori School when approached by the suspect. The victim's identify is being withheld to protect their privacy and safety. The suspect grabbed and sexually assaulted the victim. The victim was able to get to the 7/11 on Arbor St and call 911.

The Prince George's County Police Department, Sexual Assault Section responded and assumed the investigation. The suspect was identified, and detectives filed criminal charges against Farad Perlandus Bullock of Bowie, MD for 2nd degree rape and related charges. Bullock was arrested on April 18th and is currently held without bond in the Department of Corrections.

Sexual assault is a heinous act that violates the sanctity and dignity of the victim and undermines the foundation of our community. As Chief of Police, I want to express my deepest sympathies for the unimaginable ordeal a resident of our town experienced. The victim of this crime has been connected with support services, and I know that they will receive nothing but support and comfort from our community. Combating sexual assault requires a multifaceted approach that extends beyond law enforcement. We must work together as a community to create an environment where survivors feel empowered to come forward, where perpetrators are held accountable, and where education and prevention efforts are prioritized. It is crucial that we break the silence surrounding sexual assault and challenge the attitudes and behaviors that perpetuate this violence. I urge anyone who has been a victim of sexual assault to reach out to law enforcement or a trusted support organization for assistance. Your courage in coming forward is commendable, and we are here to support you every step of the way.

I want to thank the Prince George's County Police Department and the detectives assigned to the Sexual Assault Section for their unwavering commitment to investigating these cases with the utmost diligence and sensitivity. These detectives work tirelessly to bring perpetrators to justice, holding offenders accountable for their actions, while providing care and the support for survivors.

While this appears to be an isolated and indiscriminate incident, one act of violence is one too many. Violent crime poses a serious threat to the fabric of our community, and we understand the fear and anxiety it can provoke. Education and prevention are key components of an effective strategy. Our goal is to empower residents with the knowledge and resources to protect themselves and their families. Although this predator is off the street, we are reminded that we cannot take personal safety for granted. We encourage our residents to exercise care, especially when travelling alone, and report to the police activity that appears out of the ordinary.

In closing, let us reaffirm our commitment to building a community where everyone feels safe, respected, and valued. Together, we can stand against sexual violence and create a future free from fear and harm.

Sincerely,

David Morris Chief of Police



Public Safety Forum





Monday, May 20, 2024 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

HYBRID MEETING

<u>Join In-Person</u> Town Hall 6401 Forest Road Cheverly, MD 20785

Join Online

https://tinyurl.com/Public-Safety-Forum-2024

Webinar ID: 831 3744 0244 Passcode: 766242



CHEVERLY YOUTH



Follow our new Instagram page where you will find updates, activities, and news and announcement for Cheverly Youth (High School and Middle School).





Email Yvonne White at ywhite@cheverly-md.gov for volunteer opportunities, to sign up for events or if you have questions.

Please like the "Cheverly Youth" Facebook page or find us on the Town website to stay up to date about the latest news and events for middle and high school aged youth in the community.



COLORING PAGE



CHEVERLY AANHPIDA

Happy Asian Pacific American Heritage Month



ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Cheverly AANHPIDA Community Organization is celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (APAHM) this year by attending an APAHM event with Council Chair Jolene Ivey and Council Member Wanika Fisher, along with the Prince George's County Memorial Library System on May 28, 2024, at 5:30PM-7:30PM at Hyattsville Library. It's an excellent opportunity for the community to come together and learn more about the history and contributions of Asian Americans in our community. May is a month when we celebrate the diverse group of Americans who have a rich history in our country through art, food, sports, dance, music, and film. But if you are like us and want to celebrate beyond May, join our community organization to collaborate on ways to increase representation and engagement within Cheverly!

WARD 4 CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Hello neighbors! This is a friendly reminder about the Ward 4 Civic Association monthly Zoom meeting. The meetings are held every 3rd Monday of the Month. The Zoom meeting information is:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81086133096?
pwd=RkdIMIdvVS9wTE1GK3hGZndCZE9IZz09

ZOOM Meeting ID - **810-8613-3096** Passcode - **534690**

CHEVERLY AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 108

May is Poppy Month

All month-long members of the Cheverly American Legion Auxiliary Unit 108 will be distributing poppies at Cheverly events. Wear a red poppy to honor the fallen and support the living who have worn our nation's uniform. Donations support the future of veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families with medical and financial needs.





RECREATION COUNCIL

Please come out on May 5, 2024 from 2:00-4:00 in Town Park for the CPRC Spring Festival. This event, cosponsored by the Rec Council, will include an inflatable obstacle course, pony rides, petting zoo, face painting, treats and more! Remember, the purpose of the Cheverly Recreation Council is to develop a well-rounded recreation program, coordinate among all governmental agencies & community organizations interested in recreation; and to encourage, evaluate, publicize, assist, initiate, and conduct year-round programs of recreation for all age groups.

We meet usually the that last Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in the large conference room at the community center. Ideally any group or organization that has an interest in rec activities or ideas for future events would send a representative to each of our meetings. We need you to make successful programs for all ages in our community!

CHEVERLY SOCCER CLUB



The International Soccer Camp is designed for all ages and ability levels, from beginner to advanced players. We use age-appropriate practices to help players develop at their own pace,

learn brand-new skills, and become better players while having an amazing time with our international coaching staff!

CIVIC AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION (CAACO)

Honoring mom and maternal figures on Mother's Day to include moms who wear all the hats, new moms, and moms to be. Happy Mother's Day!

CAACO and the Town of Cheverly presents a day in history. Come celebrate Juneteenth 2024, Saturday June 15, 2024. The celebration starts at 3:30 PM out front at Cheverly Town Hall, 6401 Forest Rd., Cheverly, MD 20785. Learn about the Juneteenth history and enjoy the festivities we have planned for you.

CAACO meetings are every 4th Monday of the month at 7PM. See contact information below.

Barbara Brown
CAACO President
OfficialCAACO@gmail.com
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CHEVERLY GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Serving the Cheverly Community since 2011
May Monthly Meeting
Date: Monday, May 6, 2024

7:30-9:30 p.m., virtually via Zoom, watch for announcements on www.greencheverly.org, the Cheverly Exchange, and the Cheverly List.

Monthly meeting to report progress on Cheverly greening efforts and plan next steps and new initiatives. In implementing the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Plan, your Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee is working on projects in education, planning, and research.

All are welcome to join us! Contact sheila.salo@gmail.com or see www.greencheverly.org for the meeting agenda.

A CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT NEAR CHEVERLY?

Plans for a concrete batching or mixing plant are being revived. The property in question is 1301 Claybrick Road in the industrial area north of Sheriff Road and south of Old Ward Four. The property owner is Maryland Stone, Inc., of Birmingham, Alabama. The project revival began in 2023 with submissions of a Tree Conservation Plan, grading permit, and natural resource inventory.

A concrete batching or mixing plant mixes cement with sand, aggregates, and water. The air pollutant associated with concrete batch plants is particulate matter.

The county District Council approved the project through a special exception in 2008. The Town of Cheverly appealed that approval together with Chapel Oaks, Progressive Cheverly, the University of Maryland and others. The appeal emphasized cumulative impacts on communities of air pollution from multiple sources. In 2013 the appeal was denied in the Maryland State Supreme Court. Therefore the case reverted to its 2008 status, meaning that the project can proceed.

The EPA and other agencies now pay more attention to cumulative impacts and environmental justice than was the case 20 years ago. The Maryland Department of the Environment issues state permits for the construction of concrete batching plants.

CHEVERLY DAY

Cheverly Day is September 28. King Soul will headline the music. The theme is Cheverly Through the Decades --Celebrating the history and evolution of Cheverly over the years. Thanks to contest winner Kaiulani Ivory Akpan.

The Cheverly Day fundraiser at Franklins Brewery and Restaurant is June 4. Eat, drink and buy your Father's Day gifts.

Cheverly Day is sponsoring singer Carly Harvey at the June 28 food truck night at the Cheverly American Legion Post 108.

Volunteer to help with Cheverly Day. Cheverly Day. @Cheverly Day.org



We are bringing back the CPRC Spring Festival on May 5, 2024 in the upper part of Town Park from 2-4. There will be pony rides, face painting, petting zoo, snacks and more! We want to thank the Cheverly Rec Council for partnering with us in order to make this event happen. In addition, this year we have received a sponsorship from Cheverly Home Improvement and thank them so much for their support of this great community event.

Please remember to check out on our website and listserv for continuing activities like game night monthly at the American Legion and Chess Club.

Also, weekly playgroups happen every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in the gym from 10-12. If the gym is closed for some reason, there will be an email to the list and post on Facebook to alert parents and caregivers. Please no skates, scooters, or bikes in the

gym as it is hard on the gym floor. Please dispose of diapers in the plastic bags provided at the Community Center. Thanks for keeping it neat and relaying the information to your caregivers! Also pay attention to Facebook and the list for weekend playgroups. Anyone can volunteer to host a Sunday playgroup by signing up online.

If you aren't a current member and would like to be, or just forgot to renew, please email us at cpremembership@gmail.com or visit our website and click the "join" button.

CHEVERLY BOY SCOUT TROOP 257

Put your boy on the path to fun outdoor adventures! – Boy Scout BSA Troop 257 has activities planned for boys 11 to 18 (sixth to twelfth grade.) In April, we took a backpacking trip along the Appalachian Trail. We are going on a whitewater rapids trip mid-May in Harpers Ferry. We are working on a slider-making cooking competition, a sports day, as well as a car vacuuming fundraiser. Details on that to follow. In June we have a beach campout and BSA summer camp on the Eastern Shore. We also have an Eagle Scout Court of Honor planned for next month. All Eagle Scouts are invited to celebrate with us on Thursday, June 6 at our Eagle Scout Court of Honor; please contact us to RSVP!

If you are interested in joining Scouts, please contact Micah Watson at micah@cheverlyday.com or 240-603-9366. (We can also connect boys and girls 11 and under with Cub Scout Pack 257, and we can connect girls 11 to 18 with a neighboring BSA Girls Troop.) Note, we are still selling firewood. If you are looking for some, please reach out. This is our primary fundraiser. Thank you in advance!

CHEVERLY NATIVE PLANTING PROJECT

If you are interested in adding native plants to your yard, make sure to come to the joint CNPP and Cheverly Garden Club Plant Sale on May 11th starting at 9am at the Town Center. CNPP will have at least nine types of native shrubs that thrive in a variety of conditions. And, the Garden Club will have several different native perennials to fill your gardens. CNPP will have mosquito trap starter kits available as well. The traps are more effective and safer than spraying.

Also, make sure to check out CNPP's eight sites around town! Our sites range from the native planting around the community center buildings to the Cheverly Nature Park. Our latest site is 5701 Landover

Rd, an overgrown lot used for illegal dumping that we are turning into an ecologically-healthy park. More information about our sites is on our website, communitynativeplantingproject.org.

All our work is done by volunteers, and we could use your help! No experience is necessary for our site work. Bonus is you may learn some things that will help you in your own yard.

If you are interested in learning more about native plants, ecologically-sound landscaping practices, or would like to volunteer, please contact us at info@communitynativeplantingproject.org.

<u>CHEVERLY VILLAGE</u> What happens when the lights go out?

Cheverly Village recently developed an Emergency Power Buddy program, which pairs each member with a Village volunteer who lives nearby. In the event of a prolonged power outage, our "Volunteer Power Buddies" will check on their "Member Buddy." These Village "buddies" share their contact information to help them recognize each other's incoming phone calls.

Two of our board members recently attended Prince George's County Cheverly Emergency Response Team (CERT) training, primarily to cross-train so that we understand CERT's role in an emergency and can coordinate our efforts with theirs. We have spoken with Cheverly's Police Department about how we can be a resource for their emergency planning as well.

Village Volunteers will also be helping our members prepare concise, eye-catching "File of Life" cards that can easily be found by EMT personnel when responding to 911 calls. We will be developing starter "Go Bags" for our members to use in case of evacuation.

For useful information for older adults from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), see https://www.ready.gov/older-adults.

Cheverly Village's emergency preparedness program is a logical outgrowth of the neighborly caring for which Cheverly is known. Would you like to join us in this effort? We welcome you as volunteers or members—or both!

To learn more about Cheverly Village membership, or to support the Village as a volunteer or a donor, contact us at Cheverlyvillage.org or call 240-770-1033.

Renate Reimschuessel, Cheverly Village Vice President



It's Time! The Cheverly Garden Club Plant Sale will be on Saturday, May 11, from 9am until noon or until we sell out of plants. The sale will be located in the Robert Tucker Pavilion at Town Park (newer pavilion next to the Community Center). The sale's focus is on native perennials, but we will also have veggies and plants from our members' yards — Cheverly grown winners. Check the club's Facebook page or Cheverly email listserv postings for more details as we get closer to the big day. The Cheverly American Legion Auxiliary will also be there with a charity bake sale. And the Cheverly Native Planting Project will be selling native shrubs.

Please also visit the **Garden Club's Little Free Seed Library** located between the Cheverly Police station and the Community Center. Seed packets are identified with the type of seed and a QR code that gives a link to information about planting and caring for your seedlings. There are seeds for annuals, veggies, and native wildflowers available. Happy planting!

The club's **annual picnic** for members and guests will be held at the Robert Tucker Pavilion later in May. Check with Barbara Pejokovich to let her know what you will bring to the potluck.

Alert! Is your crape myrtle covered in black sooty mold? It is from the honeydew produced by the Crape Myrtle Bark Scale (CMBS). CMBS can appear either white or grey in color and have a waxy coating. They can produce two generations of insects in a single year. You can control them by pruning out sections of your crape myrtle if the infestation is new or localized. CMBS can be sprayed in late April and May with a bifenthrin spray (Ortho Outdoor Insect Killer Concentrate) mixed with 2% horticultural oil (i.e., 5 tablespoons of horticultural oil per gallon of water in a sprayer) added for best control. For more information, see the Home and Garden Information Center page at https://extension.umd.edu/resource/crapemyrtle-bark-scale-new-problem-home-landscapes/.

Stay healthy, stay hydrated, and wear your sunscreen!

THE CHEVERLY WOMEN'S CLUB

(est. October 1919, the year women got the right to vote.)
The oldest Cheverly Town Organization.

"Peace begins with a smile." —Mother Teresa

Some years ago, the Cheverly Women's Club spon-

sored Peace Month in May. We created a Peace Month calendar that was printed in the Newsletter and included sponsored events. We also sponsored a Little Friends for Peace Camp for Children run by MJ & Jerry Park. We are considering reinstituting these activities for May 2025 and ask you to work with us as an individual, family, or organization.

What can we do now in the month of May 2024:

- Be kind and direct
- Bring a sense of mindfulness into your conversations
- Use your voice for good
- Perform random acts of kindness
- Smile and wave
- Reflect on gratitude

Also, every day we remember, appreciate, and honor:

May 6: Holocaust Remembrance Day / May 7: National Teachers' Day / May 29: Memorial Day

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 8 and 22 - 10 a.m. Community Center

More Information

Steering Committee - joycelang@verizon.net

FRIENDS OF LOWER BEAVERDAM CREEK

CELEBRATE OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY ON MAY 18th

Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek (FLBC) at the Cheverly Community Market on Sat. May 18th.

Visit our booth to share anniversary stories and wishes for an even greener Cheverly and Prince George's County. You can also join a guided hike on the Woodworth Trail where we will point out Cheverly's largest tree and the location of beaver ponds that were a longtime presence there. We may even see evidence of recent beaver activity.

Thanks to all who participated in the Earth Day cleanup on April 20 where we removed more than 81 tires recently dumped down the Route 50 embankment into Woodworth Park. This illegal dumping was largely (and sadly!) in the same area where we removed 113 tires at one of our first work parties in 2004.

A major focus of FLBC in our 20th year is acquisition by the town of 6 lots adjacent to the trail that are an important part of the greenspace between Arbor Street and Route 50. Thank you to the 20 or more people

who spoke last month to the Cheverly Town Council urging them to include protection of these lots in the budget they will soon adopt for FY 2025. These were powerful and moving testaments to the critical importance of natural areas and green space for community health.

Visit us at the market on May 18th, keep walking the trail - and throughout the town - and keep speaking up for healthy green space and clean waterways. For more info, call or text Joani Horchler at 301-802-7445.



Cheverly Community Market
Markets meet on the following Saturdays
8am to Noon
6401 Forest Road

Be sure to join us for our opening market on **Saturday, May 4th!**

We'll have music, yoga, and some of your favorite vendors ready to kick off the farmers market season!

See you then!

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Date: May 25th & May 26th Time: 9am-3pm

All are invited to come out, meet and watch your neighbors pickle with a purpose! There will be vendors, games and prizes - it's a family affair, bring a chair!

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



Please use the payment link to apply for the scholarship!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849A8AB2CA5F4CE9-48086787-memorial?useFullSite=true#/

The Scholarship deadline is May 17, 2024



CHEVERLY WILD EATS CLUB



Calling all lovers of harvesting and eating local, wild, first-hand food. No hunting, fishing or foraging experience needed! Join us for outdoor adventures and indoor feasts. Check us out on Facebook or contact Daniel Handel at danielhandel@gmail.com.



CHEVERLY COMMUNITY UPDATE FROM HOME TEAM 5

Greetings fellow Cheverly residents, this column is the first of many offering updates on activities on Hospital Hill. Comments and feedback are encouraged anytime on cheverlyhill.com. Please scan the QR code to view the Update.

ETHICS COMMISSION

The EC will meet on the third Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m.; most meetings will be closed to the public. Look for updates coming soon to our website at https://www.cheverly-md.gov/ethics-commission.

ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL

Looking for a great school in the heart of Cheverly?

To find out more about our school, call 301-773-0223.

VINECORPS

VineCorps is a Cheverly and PG-based youth development organization that engages young people, 12-24 years old, with a myriad of opportunities to explore, own responsibility, contribute, make the most of good opportunities, take the right risks, work through setbacks, navigate transitions, and realize their own unique potential, in school, on the job, and in life.

Join the VineCorps community for a night to remember! June 12th's Be Our Marigold is a special fundraising event that will bring together young people, families, alumni, partners, and supporters across the PG County area as they share more about their journeys with VineCorps and learn more about our work.

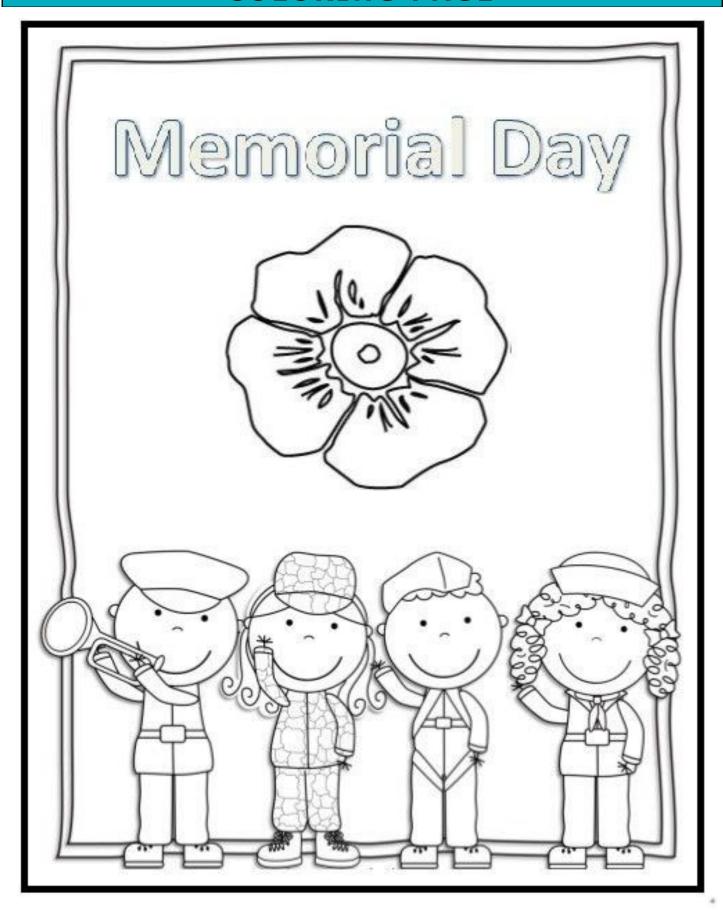
This year, we are proud to honor Maryland State Delegate, Joseline Peña-Melnyk as the second recipient of the VineCorps Corazón Comunitario Award! Join us in presenting this award to her for all her work in youth advocacy locally and beyond.

Grab your tickets by RSVP'ing via the flyer QR code or using this link: bit.ly/vcmarigold.





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Meetings & Events

Visite el sitio web de la Ciudad de Cheverly en www.cheverly-md.gov o escanee el código QR para obtener la traducción al Español

COMMUNITY EVENT SCHEDULE

Saturday May 4th 8:00 am - Noon

<u>Sunday, May 5th</u> 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Monday, May 6th 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

◆ <u>Tuesday, May 7th</u> 7:30 pm

Wed., May 8th & 22nd 10:00 am

◆ <u>Saturday, May 11th</u> 9:00 am

• Wednesday, May 15th 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Monday, May 20th 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Monday, Mat 20th 7:30 pm

May 25th & 26th 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Community Market Town Hall

CPRC Spring Festival Town Park

Green Infrastructure Mtg. Zoom

Planning Board Meeting

Women's Club Mtg.
Town Hall—Large Conf.

CNPP/Garden Club Plant Sale - Town Hall

Blood Drive

Community Center.

Public Safety Forum Town Hall

Ethics Commission

Pickleball Tournament Community Center

Monday, May 27th - All Town Offices are Closed
Memorial Day