

2012 Year In Review

As we look forward to 2013, let's not forget what we accomplished in 2012. Thanks to the leadership of our Town Administrator, Public Works Director, Police Chief and the Town Council, Cheverly once again has much to celebrate. Please take a moment to look over the list of accomplishments:

- Cheverly survived a Microburst, a Derecho and the end of the Mayan Calendar, congratulations to all.
- Cheverly remains in good financial condition as we ended FY12 with an audited fund balance of approximately 1.5M.
- Cheverly did suffer a 21% decrease in property assessments which resulted in a 2.1M loss of revenue over three years. The Town Council developed a "balanced approach" to resolving this issue by limiting cost increases and keeping revenues stable. In spite of raising the Tax Rate from .48 to .58 per hundred dollars of assessed value, most residents saw their town property taxes either remain the same or drop slightly.
- The Cheverly Police Department continued their excellent record. Through the end of November our crime rate was down almost 40%, from the record low rates of 2011. With the exception of January and September Cheverly experienced the lowest monthly totals since statistics were recorded in January 1980. In April Cheverly experienced 9 criminal events which is the lowest monthly total ever recorded.
- The Cheverly Watch Program grew to over 75 participants, the highest number ever.
- Cheverly Investigators were recognized by the Maryland Municipal League and the Maryland Police Chief's Association for their outstanding work and provided "Outstanding Investigation" awards.
- Chief Robshaw was recognized by peers and was promoted to the position of Vice President of the Police Chief's Association of Prince George's Cnty.
- Cheverly residents donated their used cars to the Police Department allowing them to begin purchasing cameras which can be worn on their jerseys for recording personal interactions for the purpose of reducing complaints about Police stops.
- The Public Works Department worked tirelessly removing 1,430 tons of trash and 600 tons of recycling, 25 pallets of electronics and distributed 130 loads of mulch.
- The Public Works Department put in many hours of overtime cleaning our streets of debris from the major storms we encountered this summer.
- Public Works completed the Public Safety initiative near Spellman School by installing 5 new raised crosswalks on 63rd Avenue. Additionally, pedestrian crossing lights have been added to Cheverly Avenue to help folks navigate Cheverly Avenue.

- Public Works designed and installed a grease pit in the Public Works Yard to comply with county storm water regulations. The county was very impressed with the cost effectiveness of the design and will be incorporating it in other locations.
- Public Works installed new electrical plugs throughout Town Park; this will be a major improvement for vendors at Cheverly Day and the Community Market.
- Public Works planted 71 new trees on private and public property, and worked to retain Cheverly's membership in the Tree City USA Program. Additionally, Public Works helped to distribute 100 Oak Saplings as it participated in the "Year of the Oak Program".
- Public Works rented a Bucket Truck this fall in an effort to trim street trees throughout Cheverly. Public Works saved over \$40,000 by renting the truck and doing the work themselves versus outsourcing the effort.
- Cheverly Public Works at the request of the CPRC installed an ADA compliant swing in Gast Park.
- A special Thank You goes to Trudy Stanek who works cheerfully with everyone in the community on issues large and small, and in her free time assembles the Cheverly Newsletter each month.

Our Town Staff continues to deliver excellent services. However the strength of our community is not only measured by the efforts of our Town Staff. What really makes our town a community is the efforts of our citizens. Here are just some of the accomplishments that you made happen.

- The Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee began its efforts to implement the Green Plan. Successful programs were the "Year of the Oak" and the "Cheverly Champion Tree" efforts. The Green Committee was also instrumental in getting the new Electronic Recycling Company to work cooperatively with the Town on green initiatives.
- The Green Infrastructure Committee, particularly Dan Smith, Sheila Salo, and Marian Dombroski also kicked off an effort to redesign Town Park with a local non-profit partner Neighborhood Design Center.

- Marian Dombroski also started a new organization, Friends of Quincy Run, to focus on cleaning up the stream that runs from Cheverly to the Anacostia River.
- Our Recreation Council sponsored two Flea Markets allowing them to raise funds to host the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Parade and Visit from Santa.
- The Cheverly Planning Board kicked off the Envision Cheverly effort engaging residents throughout the town to help imagine what Cheverly could be in 15 to 25 years. These plans will be instrumental as we work with the County on efforts like replacing the hospital, Route 202 Corridor Study, and a soon to be announced Cheverly Plan
- Improvements continue at Gladys Noon Spellman elementary school. Parental involvement continues to increase and a new Room Parent program was implemented and a new after-school Spanish class is being offered.
- Spellman Physical Education teacher, Mrs. Christine Gilliard was named the Maryland Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Physical Education (MAHPERD) Teacher of the Year award for elementary students in the State of Maryland.
- Speaking of Education; Cheverly is proud to have two members on County Executive Rushern Baker's Commission on Education Excellence: Betsy Ramirez and Aimee Olivo.
- The American Legion continues to grow as a presence in Cheverly. This year they sponsored so many events as an opportunity for residents to gather: Half Way to St Pats, Crab Feast, Shrimp Feast, etc.
- The Cheverly Parents Resource Center hosted many weekly and annual events, provided services to Cheverly parents and provided grants to other town organizations. CPRC also hosted the very first "Screen on the Green" movie. Unfortunately, due to rain it turned out to be a "Screen in the Gym".
- Gazillions of electronic messages passed over multiple Cheverly List Serves, allowing residents to share recommendations, trade goods, and generally disseminate information. Thanks to those individuals who run the CPRC List, the Cheverly Exchange and the Cheverly List for everything they do to foster communication.

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- Progressive Cheverly hosted 10 forums on a variety of topics in an effort to inform Cheverly residents on issues both local and national
- Weekday Nursery continues to educate our youngest children and host every child's favorite event of the year: Truck Touch.
- Cheverly Advocates for Public Schools (CAPS) hosted the 3rd Annual Cheverly Schools Fair and 11 local schools and more than 75 families participated
- The Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek (FLBC) continued to improve the Beaverdam Creek Trail from Magruder Spring to Town Hall. They have cleared the Magruder Spring area of invasive weeds and built a new bridge in the area. Kudos to Rex Korden, Gabe Horchler, and Barry Hill who have been known to take mornings from work to spread mulch along the trail.
- Doug Alexander with contributions from the Town of Cheverly, Progressive Cheverly, Republic Properties, the Garden Club and his own non-profit continued a composting program and has now distributed nearly 270 Soil Saver compost bins in an effort to reduce Cheverly's waste stream. Doug estimates the program saved the town over \$5,000 last year.
- The Cheverly Boys and Girls Club and the Cheverly Soccer Club continue to offer opportunities to our youth to enjoy year round sporting programs.
- The Community Market, especially Liz O'Leary, Kathryn Andrews and Cathy Wintermeyer, continued to provide Cheverly residents with the opportunity to purchase local produce and gifts at fourteen markets from May to December.
- The Cheverly Garden Club held their annual Plant Sale, providing Cheverly residents the opportunity to buy plants that grow well in our soils.
- Cheverly continued two new holiday traditions the Turkey Trot and the Yule Log. Special Kudos go out to Robin Kaye, Glen Barton, Abel Olivo for starting the "Couch to 5K" helping residents to get into shape for the Turkey Trot.
- And of course thanks to the Cheverly Day Committee led by David Thorpe, Pat Nelson, Kathryn Andrews, Jim Vigen and Micah Watson for another great event.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

by Mayor Mike Callahan

*Call 301-773-0248 to contact the Mayor. The Mayor's door at the Community Center is open to visitors on **Monday evenings** from 7:30 to 9:30 PM, except holidays or if otherwise posted.*

Cheverly "Booms" Update: Residents throughout town reported hearing a significant "Boom" on Monday 12/3/12 at 8:30pm. This "boom" was more significant than any that have occurred recently, and covered a much larger geographic area. We heard from folks in Hyattsville, North Brentwood and Mount Ranier who also heard the "boom".

The Cheverly Police reached out to peers in other jurisdictions regarding the "boom". ***There is general agreement that the source of the boom was a firework exploding at the opening of the Monday Night Football Game at Fedex Field. This event corresponds exactly to the time of the "boom".*** Patrons at the stadium attest to a very large single explosion occurred. Fedex Field is positioned on a high geographic point which explains the sound and vibration carrying so far.

This event created a lot of community discussion regarding the source of Cheverly "Booms." In an effort to update the community on efforts to identify the source, we provided the summary below. The categories are not scientific; instead they represent the current thinking of town staff.

1. Traditional "Booms": These are most commonly heard on the West Side of town, mostly in Ward 2 but occasionally in Old Ward 4 and Ward 1. Their frequency has tapered off over the last two years but they still occur. Action: *We have been working with the Smith Company to cross reference when these occur with their hours of operation. We have not yet had a correlation but we have a commitment from the company to work with us. We contact them whenever a boom is identified.*
2. "Potential Railroad Booms": These "booms" are heard throughout town and happen much less frequently, although there have been two this year. Residents who have grown up near rail yards report that these booms are unmistakably the sound of "dead heading". "Dead Heading" occurs when train cars are let loose in a yard and then collide with other standing train cars. Two of the last three "booms" that have occurred in town would be placed in this category. Action: *The Town has reached out to CSX and is trying to establish a meeting to discuss this possibility.*

3. "Random Booms": These are very infrequent and may not be attributable to one source. The last "boom" that could be placed in this category occurred on April 20th, 2010. The "boom" on 12/2/12 clearly falls into this category as the impacted geographic area was much greater than Cheverly. Action: *We will reach out to Andrews Air Force base and The Washington Redskins to see if we can get information.*
- Cheverly continues to offer a \$2,500 reward to anyone who can verify the source of the "booms". The Town Administration is interested in any thoughts resident might have on this topic. Please write to TownAdministrator@Cheverly-md.gov, Mayor@cheverly-md.gov, or call the Town Office at 301-773-8360.

Town Council Opposes Auditorium Application for Fuego Adult Night Club: At the November 29th Town Meeting the Town Council voted unanimously to oppose an auditorium application for the Fuego Nightclub. The nightclub is located on Jackson Street which lies in the unincorporated area between Bladensburg and Cheverly. The site is less than a mile from the Cheverly Theatre and the Cheverly Industrial Park.

Fuego has been open for more than a year and has neither a liquor nor food services license. The Town Administrator became aware of the operation in the spring and raised this issue to many county officials. Unfortunately, because the club has no liquor or food license they are allowed to continue operating.

It is unclear at this time exactly what an auditorium license would allow Fuego to do, but we feel strongly that this is not the type of business we want near our borders. We are in the process of reaching out to local municipalities as well as state and local officials to gain their support for our opposition. Bladensburg has already responded.

Town Council will address eliminating the Tax Cap: At the December 13th Town Meeting the Town Council introduced legislation to eliminate the Tax Cap. Cheverly is one of only 13 Maryland Municipalities (there are 157) that have a Tax Cap. In Prince George's County only Laurel and Morningside have a Tax Cap on Real Property taxes.

Residents have asked "Why are we considering this change?" Changing the Tax Cap is a cumbersome process that has at times prevented the town from taking the best actions during the budget process. The Tax Cap process prevented the Council from introducing a tiered tax rate structure last year.

Additionally focusing on the Tax Cap prevents residents from focusing on what is really important which is the Tax Rate. In response to residents who ask "doesn't this allow you to just change our tax rates in secret?" The answer is no! Last year we discussed the Tax Rate from February to June, throughout the Budget Process. The Budget Process is an open process that is discussed over a three month period. In an effort to ensure that everyone can voice their opinion on this topic, the council will not vote on this initiative until February.

Crime Rate Down 40%, Robbery Up 15%: As noted in the 2012 accomplishments Cheverly's crime rate continues at historically low rates. Every category of crime is down, except theft from motor vehicles. So please take the extra minute to lock your car doors and remove valuables from your car or at least remove them from the view of people passing by (particularly GPS's). This type of theft is a crime of opportunity and it is very hard to apprehend the culprit. So please help Cheverly keep the crime rate low.

Ruffling Some Feathers or Playing Chicken? At the December 13th Town Council meeting members of Prince Georges' County Backyard Hens organization presented to the Town Council. This group is requesting that the Prince Georges County Council eliminate the current requirement that residents must have at least a half an acre to raise chickens. Maryland National Capital Park and Planning has already made this recommendation to the County Council in a September report on agriculture. PG Hens is asking Cheverly to send a letter to the County Council in support of this initiative. The County Council is currently out of session and this item will not come up for consideration until later in the spring, allowing the Cheverly Town Council time to adequately consider the initiative.

Cities across America have passed laws allowing residents to raise backyard chickens in an effort to respond to the natural health movement and growing local foods. Cities like; New York, Baltimore, Annapolis New Haven and Stamford have introduced ordinances allowing chickens.

Mayor FYI cont'd

However, it is important that ****IF**** the town council agrees to send a letter supporting this initiative it will be done in a manner that respects neighbors. While we don't expect many residents to own chickens, there must be conditions set upon chicken owners ensuring that chickens are not roaming the streets (as I've heard many say). Regulations set by other communities are:

- No Roosters
- Limit the number of chickens (6)
- Chickens reside in structurally sound coop
- Coops must have setbacks from a neighbors property line
- Coops must have setbacks from neighbors home

Please voice your opinions to your Town Councilmember and to the Mayor as we consider this matter.

Pepco to offer LED Street Lights: In 2010 Councilmember Coolen suggested that Cheverly should install some LED streetlights in an effort to save money. When we made the request to Pepco we were told that Pepco did not offer LED as an option. After some discussion and a request through the state legislature Pepco now offers LED streetlights. Congrats to the efforts of Councilwoman Coolen.

Looking for a New Year's Resolution: Cheverly is a great community, and what makes it great is residents getting involved to make a difference. Why not make a resolution to join a community organization this year. It's a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors and to improve an already great community.

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

**Town Meeting broadcast LIVE on Cable 71 & Fios 35.
Re-broadcast everyday at noon 6:00 PM & 10:00 PM**

ACTIONS TAKEN

Votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Town Meeting - November 13, 2012

- ☐ CM Coolen to adopt Ordinance O-4-12 Repealing and Reenacting the Ethics Ordinance. CM Riazi seconded. Approved unanimously

Worksession - November 29, 2012

- ☐ Motion CM Riazi to oppose CNU-32364-2012 for an Auditorium use located at 5005 Jackson St, Hyattsville as requested by Fuego Strip club. Seconded CM Cook. Approved 5-0

Town Meeting - December 13, 2012

- ☐ Motion CM Riazi to approve R-4-12 Appointing Elizabeth Stewart as an Election Supervisor, Seconded CM Cook. Approved 5-0

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Town Meeting - January 10, 2013

- ☐ Second Reading –CAR-1-13 Eliminating Tax Cap

Worksession - - January 24, 2013

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

MON Town Wide YARD WASTE

MON East side Regular Garbage Pickup only

TUE West side Regular Garbage Pickup only

WED Town wide RECYCLING (blue or yellow bins)

THU East side Garbage & SPECIAL TRASH (at curb)

FRI West side Garbage & SPECIAL TRASH (at curb)

Residents should place trash at the curb after 7:00PM the day before your pickup. Trash must be placed in cans with tight fitting lids to ward off rodents.

BAMBOO is picked up with Thursday/Friday Special Trash. Tied up and bundled not longer than 4'

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

APPLIANCES-Washers, dryers, stoves, dishwashers, refrigerators/freezers (remove doors) microwaves (any size), A/C units (any size) - \$20 for removal, contact Public Works at 301-773-2666

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

Cheverly Recreation Council - Come on down to the Recreation Council meeting on Tuesday, January 22 at 7Pm in the conference room at the Community Center. Our meetings are open to everyone, so feel free to attend and bring some new ideas.

RECYCLING TOTALS November 2012

Curb Recycling—45.96 tons

Electronic Recycling—5 pallets

Appliances— 16

Turbine KW—no reading



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 21, 2013

**Offices Closed & Community Center
Closed
No Trash Pickup**

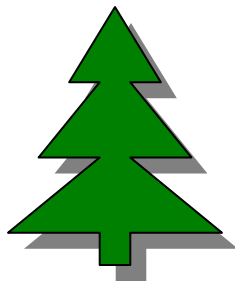


Thank you to all those residents who share so much of their time and energy to help make Cheverly a caring, active community and a “*Great Place to Call Home*”. We wish you, and those you love Peace and Joy throughout 2013.



CHRISTMAS TREES

Please put your Christmas Tree at the curb on Sunday night for YARD WASTE pickup on **MONDAY MORNING.**





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

C-PACT/CHEVERLY WATCH RESIDENT RADIO PROGRAM MEETING –

The next joint meeting of C-PACT (Cheverly – Citizens and Police Together), Cheverly's Neighborhood Watch Organization, & the Cheverly Watch Resident Radio Program will be held on Wed, January 9, 2013, at 7:00 PM in the Police Conference Room. We will be discussing crime in 2012 and what the police and the community can do to reduce the crime rate even further in 2013.

LAST CHANCE TO ENTER SLOGAN CONTEST:

Please take a minute to develop a new slogan that the Department can publicize to reduce thefts in the Cheverly. Much like our slogan "Cheverly is a L.E.W.D. (Lock Every Window and Door) Community" we successfully used to reduce burglaries, we are now looking for a slogan we can use to reduce thefts. Theft is far and away the #1 crime in Cheverly, typically accounting for nearly 50% of all reported Cheverly crime. The slogan contest winner will be announced in a future Newsletter offering and the winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate for their winning slogan.

OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUG AND PRESCRIPTION DROP BOX AT THE STATION –

The Department maintains a drug drop off box in the station lobby. All Cheverly residents are encouraged to drop off their expired prescription drugs for free disposal rather than depositing these items in the regular trash or flushing unwanted drugs down a toilet. Not only does this service improve our environment, it deters unwanted narcotics and other drugs from falling into the hands of persons for which these drugs were not prescribed.

Residents who wish to drop off expired prescription drugs, unused pharmaceuticals, or over the counter medications, may do so anonymously (no requests for identification will be made) during office hours (M-F, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM) in the metal drop off box. Please make sure that any personal information (name, address, etc.) is blocked out on any prescription container and that the lids on all liquids are tightly closed.

TO RECEIVE A TAX BREAK FOR 2012, YOU MUST DONATE YOUR VEHICLE BY 12-31-12:

Your vehicle donations are critical to the ability of the Police Department to maintain its high level of equipment and its access to superior training for the coming year. The advantage of donating your vehicle to the Town, aside from the tax benefit, is that you actually can see your donation dollars at work.

REPORTING DWI AND DUI VIOLATIONS: The State of Maryland has recently initiated a new program to reduce drunk driving violations on Maryland highways. The call to action, entitled Report Drunk Drivers, Dial 9-1-1, encourages any person who observes a drunk driver or one they believe to be a drunk driver to immediately dial 9-1-1 and report the violation to police. You do not have to provide your name, just the suspect vehicle identification information and its current location. For information on how to spot a drunk driver, visit www.reportadrunkdriver.com. Reporting this type of crime is critical given that Prince George's County leads the State of Maryland in traffic fatalities (nearly 7 deaths per month). It is also important to remember, especially in Cheverly, that pedestrian deaths occur with the same frequency as those of crash vehicle passengers (non-drivers).

TELEPHONE NUMBERS –

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

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

Total Arrests for the Month: 21

Total Traffic for the Month: 403

Total Crime (Difference, YTD 2010-2011): -39%

11-02-12	1450 Hrs	5800 Dewey St	Theft
11-04-12	0007 Hrs	6000 Arbor St	Theft
11-07-12	0515 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft (Arrest)
11-09-12	2345 Hrs	5900 Lockwood Rd	Vandalism
11-15-12	1140 Hrs	6400 Inwood St	Vandalism
11-16-12	0954 Hrs	4800 Lydell Rd	B&E
11-18-12	1215 Hrs	2300 Bellevue Ave	Stolen Auto
11-19-12	1401 Hrs	2800 63 rd Ave	Vandalism
11-28-12	0937 Hrs	6300 Landover Rd	Stolen Vehicle
11-29-12	1539 Hrs	6400 Landover Rd	Assault (Arrest)

To apply for Residential Parking Permits and/or Guest passes by mail, please provide the following information OR a copy of your vehicle's registration and return this form with payment. If you have obtained a Non-resident Permit, you MUST send a copy of that permit along with your request. (NOTE: Please PRINT all requested information in a legible manner).

Maryland Tag #: _____ Make of Vehicle: _____

Model of Vehicle: _____ Style: _____ (truck, van, 2-door, etc.)

Owner's Name: _____
(exactly as it appears on your Vehicle's Registration Card)

Owners Address: _____
(must match Zone for Residential Parking Permit)

Please Circle (NOTE: All of the above information will be verified with the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration Zone: prior to the issuance of the parking permit(s).

Zone 1
Zone 2
Zone 3
Zone 4
Zone 5
Zone 6
Zone 7
Zone 8
and/or
SR

Number of Parking Permits _____ (x \$2.00) \$ _____

Guest Passes (one free) _____ (free) free

One Additional Guest Pass _____ (x \$2.00) \$ _____
(maximum of two passes per residence)

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Please make checks or money orders payable to:

TOWN OF CHEVERLY
(Please, do NOT send CASH in mail)

WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS

TOWN CODE - Sec. 27-10—Parking

A snow emergency shall exist whenever snow has accumulated on the streets to a depth of one (1) inch or more. The provisions of this subsection shall be effective without any notification and shall remain in effect until the street is plowed; provided, however, that when snow shall accumulate to a depth of one inch or more after 11:00PM, the provisions of this subsection shall not be effective until 7:00AM the day following and shall remain in effect until the street is plowed.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS: During a snow emergency no person shall park any vehicle as follows:

- On the cul-de-sac portion of any street,
- On any courts,
- On the even-numbered side of all streets,
- **(exception)** On the odd-numbered side of 59th Avenue, and one block of Inwood Street between Cheverly Avenue & Bellevue Avenue.

NOTE: The snow emergency parking restrictions do not override existing no-parking zones or apply to streets where enforcement would disallow all parking because of a no-parking zone, or to streets with any barrier or strip dividing lanes of traffic.

PRIORITIES: The snow removal operations work under the following priorities: 1.) Cheverly Avenue 2.) principal connecting streets: Forest Road, Crest Avenue, Valleyway, Greenleaf Road, 62nd Avenue, State Street, Schuster Drive; 3.) all other streets.

TOWN CODE Sec. 18-4.1—SIDEWALKS

Whenever snow accumulates to a depth of one inch or more, it is the duty of each occupant to clear the snow from the sidewalk adjacent to that property, within 12 hours after the snow ceases, (unless at night, in which case it shall be removed within 12 hours after sunrise). Snow and ice removed from sidewalks shall NOT be deposited on streets or other sidewalks.

When ice forms on sidewalks, occupant shall place sand, ashes or other such material on sidewalks within 6 hours, (unless at night, in which case it can be spread by noon of the next day). Icy spots on public property can be reported to Public Works at **301-773-2666**.

Community Bulletin Board

Cheverly Cub Scout Pack 257 learned about respecting the various religious and cultural traditions of different members of our community, and crafted the "Holidays of Lights" posters featured here. Can you identify all four?



Congratulations to Cameron for earning his Arrow of Light. The highest award in Cub Scouting. In January, Cheverly scouts will build Pine Wood Derby cars. Cub Scouts is for boys, 6-11 and their families. For more info contact Cubmaster Dave - 202 744-7100.



Cub Scout Pack 257 contributed 250 pounds of food to a Gladis Noon Spellman program for needy families in Cheverly.

Community Bulletin Board

Cheverly Parents Resource Center (CPRC)

is happy about the new year and all of the new babies it will bring! Are you having a baby? Maybe you are thinking about cloth diapering but don't know where to start. Why not get some help from experienced moms? Join us for a... **Cloth Diapering Intro & Swap** Jan. 26, 11am-12:30pm @ 3125 Parkway. We will talk about the most common diapering options from birth to potty training. You'll have a chance to ask questions & meet other cloth diapering parents in town. Already "CDing"? Bring your good, used condition diapers to swap for something new-to-you. For more information or to RSVP contact Nicole Callahan at events@cheverlyparent.org And don't forget that new parents and children are welcome at Playgroup. We meet every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (except Holidays) at the Town Center from 9:30am to 11:30am. We love seeing new faces. And, if you haven't been to playgroup in a while, you are welcome back anytime! Familiar faces are great too! On January 11th join us for a special playgroup story time hosted by the New Carrollton Library. Children's Librarian Ms. Nancy will play games, read stories, and more. Story time will begin at 10:00am. Finally, check the CPRC website (www.cheverlyparent.org) for information about a food drive we are sponsoring.

Visit us on Facebook at CPRC.

Progressive Cheverly - Join us to start the new year at our regular monthly forum on **Thursday, January 3rd. Andrea Harrison, County Council Chair** and our District 5 representative on the Council, will be our guest speaker. Find out what is on the County Council's agenda for the upcoming session. There will be plenty of time to ask questions on the issues that concern you.

At our business meeting that evening, we'll be discussing our upcoming goals for the year, including our legislative agenda for the upcoming 2013 General Assembly session. Refreshments served. Hoyer School cafeteria, 2300 Belview Ave, 7:00 pm.

On Friday, January 25th, we will host our **8th annual 47th District Legislative Forum**.

Come hear from State Senator Ramirez and Delegates Ivey, Niemann and Summers about the critical issues in the 2013 General Assembly session. Again, there will be ample time for questions. Refreshments served. Hoyer School cafeteria, 7:00 pm.



If you're reading this, let's assume the Mayans were wrong and we're all looking forward to a happy and healthy 2013.

Cheverly Community Market had an amazing 2012 -- we couldn't have done it without you! We had much to celebrate --

our fifth anniversary, being named one of the top ten small farmer's markets in the United States, the photography of our talented Communications Manager Kathryn Andrews being featured in top farmer's market photography contests and so much more.

We are so very grateful to all of our volunteers. Your limitless enthusiasm -- even during rainstorms, power outages, and derechos -- kept us going and reaffirmed what a wonderful community we have here in Cheverly. Special thanks to Mayor Mike Callahan and his tireless setup team, our board members and volunteers, and especially to the Town of Cheverly and the Department of Public Works. Thank you as well to our wonderful vendors -- you've seen us through lean times and been here to celebrate our successes, too. We're very grateful and look forward sharing a wonderful 2013 season with you. Thank you to two wonderful community groups -- ChvProm and Turkey Trot -- for their generous donations this year. We will use them to build on what we've already accomplished and continue to grow. Last but not least, a very special thank you to *you*, the Cheverly community, for all the love and support you've given us over these past five years.

Lest you forget us, we will be offering some special things in the off-season. Keep checking our website (<http://www.cheverlycommunitymarket.com/>), blog (<http://www.cheverlycommunitymarket.blogspot.com/>) Facebook and Twitter feeds for more information. Throughout the winter, we'll also be adding recipes, tips, techniques, and inspiration to our Pinterest page ((<http://pinterest.com/cheverlymarket/recipes/>)) to keep you thinking about wonderful, creative, sustainable food.

If you haven't signed up for our email alerts yet, send us an email at cheverlycommunitymarket@gmail.com. We welcome your thoughts, ideas and suggestions.

Opening day of our 2013 season is Saturday, May 4, 8am to 12pm. See you at Cheverly Community Market!

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The Cheverly Garden Club wishes you the very Happiest and Healthy New Year. Your mail is probably filled with catalogs for the coming year, remember the Club will have plants for sale in May. Club members you will be asked to help with seedlings, both vegetable and herbal....we need some help to start early and transplant.

Our next meeting will be January 21 and David Kneipp will be in charge. If the weather is bad the meeting will be cancelled and please check your Email and help someone without internet to know this information. Be kind to your neighbors and your lawn when using snow removal chemicals.

Club dues of \$15 are to be paid to Gail Scott ASAP. On May 4 we have a trip planned to Mt Cuba and Hagley Museum in Delaware. Lunch will be at the Capers and Lemon Restaurant in Wilmington and BUS PICK UP will be at the Cheverly United Methodist Church with parking there....Think about attending ...Total cost will be \$85 -\$90 ...with no added fees...Guests are invited, first pay first go, we have limited space. You can look all of this up on the internet and see what a deal this will be. Enjoy the month of January.

Gladys Noon Spellman Elementary

PTA—Our next Parent Workshop and PTA Meeting will take place on Thursday, January 10 from 6:30 - 8pm in the multi- purpose room. Our topic will be STEM; teachers will have great suggestions for helping your child with their STEM project. Remember, Walk on Wednesdays continues all year! Make a special effort to walk, ride your bike, scooter, skateboard, etc. to Spellman on Wednesdays.

GREEN @ HOME- Practical suggestions brought to you by the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee
Can your tree be saved? Is it diseased? Is it a danger to your house or to others?

You may want to ask an independent consulting arborist first rather than a specialist in tree removal.

According to the American Society of Consulting arborists in Rockville, Maryland (www.asca-consultants.org), consulting arborists “are dedicated to the objective assessment of trees, the enhancement of the community and the protection of the environment.”

Homeowners may seek a consulting arborist for:

Knowledge of tree care, preservation and maintenance

Expertise about tree and plant selection and planting

Assessment and identification of tree risks and hazards

Advice on tree preservation

Appraisal of trees

Investigation into tree disputes and negligence

Inspection of plant material and tree issues

See the ASCA web site for more information on the scope of consulting arborists’ work. Click on “find a consulting arborist” to find one in our area. At “ASCA the expert” you can submit your question online.” This information is provided as a convenience. Neither the Town of Cheverly nor the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee recommends any particular professional.

Zumba Gold Join the Zumba Gold transformation party. I, Ronald Johnson use to weigh 280 lbs., now I weigh 140 lbs. & you can lose weight too. Zumb Gold party 45 min/nutrition tips & q/a session 15min. Cheverly Community Center, Tuesday 9-10 am & Friday 12:30-1:30 pm, \$7 a party/\$50.40 monthly.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE, ROT, IN THAT ORDER

Although it may not be possible to fully eliminate waste, there are ways to reduce waste by transforming most trash into resources. This will also reduce tipping fees for the Town so funds can be reallocated for more important purposes.

REDUCE (PRECYCLE): Prevent & minimize waste before it happens

Opt-Out of Junk Mail: Reduce the volume of paper to recycle. Enroll at: www.dmachoice.org

Reusables: Switch from disposable to reusable products: food and beverage containers, cups, plates, batteries, razors, diapers, towels, shopping bags, etc.

Reduce Purchases: In general, think before you buy any product - do you really need it? How did the production of this product impact the environment and what further impacts will there be with the disposal of the product (and associated packaging materials)?

Share or Borrow items between friends and neighbors.

Additional ideas at:
www.halifax.ca/wrms/precycling.html

REUSE: Consider products you own a resource, not waste

Donations: Donate to charity or thrift stores household items (and buy used): clothes, furniture, dishes, books, sports equipment, appliances, electronics, computer equipment, cell phones, cameras, iPod/MP3 Players, laptops, PDAs, etc. Also explore: www.recyclingforcharities.com

Building materials & equipment: Donate to companies like Community Forklift that specializes in selling these used materials.

Freecycle: Offer your gently used products on a local freecycle listserve at: www.freecycle.org
Or on the Cheverly Exchange at:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Cheverly_Exchange

Sell: Sell items on Ebay, Craig's List, consignment shops, to a neighbor, etc.

RECYCLE: Most materials have value as a resource to create new products

Participate in the Town recycling program: Paper (mailers, magazines, cardboard, etc.), plastic (bottles, containers, etc.), aluminum & steel cans, and plastic bags can all be left in your recycling bin at the curb each Wednesday. Electronics can be left beside your bin. If it has a cord it should go in electronic recycling. Yard waste is collected Monday. For appliance pick-up of washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators, air conditioners, water heaters, and microwaves call 301-773-2666. Details at: www.cheverly-md.gov/Pages/CheverlyMD_PubWorks/trash

Only 50% of Cheverly households fully participate in recycling, even though recycling is mandatory. An increase to 75% participation would eliminate many tons of waste and reduce Town tipping fees by thousands of dollars. And the recycled materials could be reused as a resource to produce new products.

ROT: Turn food scraps & soiled paper waste into compost

Participate in the Town Compost Program: You can purchase a bin for only \$20. Fruit or vegetable scraps, soiled paper products, leaves, grass clippings, coffee grounds, etc., can be composted. Learn more from the Compost Guide at:
www.nieinstitute.org/compost.pdf

To order a bin e-mail Doug Alexander at:
dalexander@nieinstitute.org

Community Bulletin Board

Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek - Join your friendly neighborhood environmental group on Saturday, January 26 between 9 am and noon for our monthly Work Party. We will be picking up trash and removing invasive plants (such as wisteria) from the area by Magruder Spring. We'll meet at the entrance to the trail that is on Cheverly Avenue, close to the intersection of Cheverly Ave and Columbia Park Road--just one-half block down the street from the Cheverly 7-11 and about a block from the Cheverly Metro. Tools, gloves, snacks, and water will be provided. As always, school community service hours are available. Hope to see you there! For more information, contact Joani Horchler at [301-802-7445](tel:301-802-7445) (cell) or horcpool97@aol.com.

St. Ambrose School - Sunday, January 27, 2013 - 11:30 AM-2:00 PM Open House at St. Ambrose School - Please visit us on the web at sacheverly.org

Saturday, February 2, 2013 - 7:00 PM - 12:00 AM
Casino Night 2013 - Tickets will be on sale in the school office. Please join us for an evening of food, fun & fellowship!

THE WOMAN'S CLUB - The members of the Woman's Club would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year! We hope 2013 brings health, joy and peace to you and your family. And we hope you will include working for peace at the top of your New Year's Resolution list.

The Cheverly 4th Ward Civic Association will meet on Monday, January 14, at 7:00 pm in Town Hall. If anyone has any questions or agenda items, please e-mail the 4th Ward Secretary at Cheverly4thwardca@yahoo.com.

Cheverly United Methodist Church

Annual Chili Supper Fundraiser

CUMC Fogle Hall - Tuesday, Jan. 22, 5:30 - 7:30pm

Adults \$10.00, Children \$5.00, Children 3 & under free Come out & enjoy an evening of warmth and fellowship.

Invite the family, friends and neighbors. The funds raised will help support our general budget cost. All are Welcome!

CHEVERLY GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

COMMITTEE Monday, January 7th 7:30-9:00 p.m. Conference Room, Cheverly Community Center

Monthly meeting to report progress on Cheverly greening efforts and plan next steps and new initiatives. All are welcome! Contact sheila.salo@gmail.com to request a copy of the agenda. For more information on the Cheverly Green Plan and greening activities visit: www.greencheverly.org.

Need help with YARD WORK? To assist our elderly, and other residents who need help with yard work, Cheverly maintains this list of teenagers who are interested in being hired for mowing lawns, raking leaves, shoveling snow, etc. Cheverly teenagers can call the town office 301-773-8360 if they wish to add their names to this list

Aswan Mangrum	301-609-0585
Dorian Dixon	301-322-1075
Andrew Priest	301-772-6028
Max & Jake Allegro	301-322-4952
Ben Hartmann	301-772-6596
Malik & Tyreq McAdoo	301-832-1576

LEAF COLLECTION PROCEDURES

Vacuuming Leaves: Every street in Cheverly is scheduled for at least 2 vacuuming sweeps.

Rake leaves **between** the curb and sidewalk - not on the street or sidewalk.

- Keep leaves free of twigs, branches, metal, concrete and other debris that can jam or damage the equipment.
- Please do not park cars on the street on the assigned collection day
- Be considerate of your neighbors. Only rake to curb when your pick up day is imminent. Raking too early, allows the leaves to blow into your neighbors yard.

Bag Leaves: Yard waste is collected on **MONDAYS**. Put bags at the curb on Sunday evening. Use **CLEAR PLASTIC BAGS** only (sold at Town Hall or Public Works \$5 for 50 bags). Yard waste includes leaves, grass, brush, twigs, etc. Do not put any dirt, rocks, or other trash/debris in these bags. If you have any questions, please call Public Works at 301-773-2666.

Street	Address	2 nd Pickup
Entire Town		Feb 19-22
Arbor St	6100-6121	Jan. 3
Bellevue Ave	2300-2358 (even)	Feb. 8
Bellevue Ave	2301-2352 (odd)	Feb. 8
Bellevue Ave	2701-2719	Jan. 10
Bellevue Ave	2804-2815	Jan. 25
Bellevue Ave	3001-3500	Jan. 25
Benton Rd	5900-5901	Feb. 8
Carlyle St	5703-5835	Feb. 5
Cedar St	6500-6514	Jan. 17
Chev Ave.	2200-2720	Jan. 3
Chev Ave.	2800-3510 (even)	Jan. 25
Chev Ave.	2801-3411 (odd)	Jan. 25
Chev Circle	#1-#27, 6101-6105	Jan. 3
Chev Hills Ct	3200-3220	Jan. 15
Chev Oaks Ct	2900-2923	Jan. 17
Chev Park Dr	6200-6232	Jan. 8
Col. Park Rd.	(in town)	Jan. 24
Crest Ave.	2500-2824	Feb. 5
Crest Ave.	3000-3215	Feb. 5
Crestlawn Ave.	2300-2311	Jan. 8
Dewey St	5800-5841	Feb. 5
Euclid St	5700-5735	Feb. 5
Euclid St.	5901-6012	Feb. 8
Forest Rd.	5700-5721	Feb. 5
Forest rd.	5900-6010 (even)	Jan. 29
Forest Rd.	5901-6219 (odd)	Jan. 10

Street	Address	2 nd Pickup
Forest Rd.	6100-6212 (even)	Jan. 24
Forest Rd.	6405-6459	Jan. 24
Greenleaf Rd	5601-5625	Feb. 7
Greenleaf Rd.	5701-5809 (odd)	Feb. 7
Greneleaf Rd.	5700-5812 (even)	Jan. 29
Greenleaf Ct.		Jan. 29
Hawthorne. St.	5600-5622	Feb. 7
Hawthorne St.	6000-6025	Jan. 29
Hillside Ave.	2800-3132	Jan. 17
Hillside Ave.	3205-3211	Jan. 18
Inwood St.	5600-5615	Jan. 31
Inwood St.	6006-6031	Jan. 29
Inwood St.	6100-6215	Dec. 28
Inwood St.	6300-6407	Dec. 28
Jason St.	5600-5716	Jan. 31
Jason St.	6301-6325	Jan. 15
Joslyn Place	6300-6331	Jan. 15
Jutewood Ave.	1607	Jan. 11
Kilmer St.	6000-6021	Jan 31
Kilmer St.	6100-6220	Feb. 15
Lake Ave.	2300-2510	Jan. 10
Lake Ave.	2700-2715	Jan .10
Lake Ave.	3001-3122	Jan. 31
Landover Rd.	5611-6005 (odd)	Feb. 1
Landover Rd.	6101-6205 (odd)	Feb. 15
Laurel Ave.	2800-3407	Feb. 15
Lockwood Rd.	5600-5907	Jan. 31

Street	Address	2 nd Pickup
Lombard St.	6100-6205	Dec. 27
Maureen Ct.	6500-6509	Jan. 18
Medical Terr.	5901-5905	Jan. 25
Monroe St.	5625-5627 (odd)	Feb. 1
Monroe St.	5702-5714	Feb. 1
Monroe St.	6200-6202	Dec. 27
Montrose Rd.	6103-6136	Dec. 27
Newton St.	5518-5614 (even)	Feb. 1
Newton St.	5700-5809	Feb. 1
Oak Forest Rd.	6500-6508	Jan 17
Oak St.	6501-6509	Jan. 18
Oak St.	6600-6604 (even)	Jan .18
Oak St.	6601-6609 (odd)	Jan. 18
Oakton Way	6400-6403	Jan .17
Parkway	2805-3131	Jan 24
Parkway	2203-2309	Jan. 8
Parkway	2405-2601 (odd)	Jan 8
Parkway	2400-2600 (even)	Jan 3
Parkway Place	2701-2711	Jan. 3
Quincy St.	5543-5545 (odd)	Feb. 1
Reed St.	6000-6012 (even)	Jan. 11
State St.	6000-6204	Jan. 11
Tremont Ave.	2900-3307	Feb. 5
Valleyway	2400-2800	Feb. 14
Wayne Ct.	6200-6204	Jan. 8
Wayne Pl	2500-2541	Jan. 8
Woodway Place	2802-2909	Jan. 17
56th Place	2902-2907	Feb. 7
57th Ave.	2500-2607	Feb. 5
57th Ave.	3501-3507 (odd)	Feb. 1
58th Place	3600-3605	Feb. 1
59th Place	2400-2433	Feb. 14
59th Ave.	2410-2421	Feb. 14
61st Ave.	1701-1817	Jan. 11
62nd Ave.	1702-1815	Jan. 11
62nd Place	One Way Alley	Feb. 15
63rd Place	2800-2825	Dec. 28

Street	Address	2 nd Pickup
63rd Place	3102-3127	Jan. 15
63rd Ave.	2800-3010	Dec. 28
63rd Ave.	3100-3142	Jan. 15
64th Ave.	1800-1816	Jan. 11
64th Ave.	2800-2825	Dec. 28
64th Ave.	2900-2907	Jan. 17
64th Ave.	3315, 3321, 3323	Jan. 18

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, and play areas of all other parks.

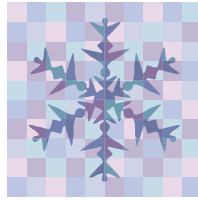


SAFETY REMINDER:

We ask residents to remember that your neighbors who walk to Metro, or children walking to school, and the hard working Mail Carriers are exposed to dangerous conditions when sidewalks are not cleared in a timely manner. Failure to comply with Town Code could result in fines.

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Ward 6: Carolyn Cook 202-256-2795

Email contact links at the website

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Police Admin & Code Enforcement 301-341-1055
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If you need a Police Officer call: 301-352-1200
WEB SITE: www.cheverly-md.gov
Email "[Contact The Town](#)" button at the Website

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The Town of Cheverly does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or sexual orientation.. If you are a person with a disability (vision, hearing, or speech impairment) & wish to participate in Town activities or programs, please contact the Town Office at 773-8360, or the Maryland Relay System at 1-800-735-2258.

Meetings & Events

GOVERNMENT EVENT SCHEDULE

Tues Jan. 1 **NEW YEARS DAY (bldg. closed)**
Thur Jan 10 8:00 PM **TOWN MEETING**
Mon Jan 21 **MLK day - Offices Closed**
Thur Jan 24 7:30 PM **WORKSESSION**

CHEVERLY WEBSITE www.cheverly-md.gov

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

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COMMUNITY EVENT SCHEDULE

- ☐ Club Scout Pak 257 - Scouts to build derby cars
- ☐ St. Ambrose - Jan 27 - Open House
- ☐ 4th Ward Civic Assoc. - meeting Jan 14 7:00pm
- ☐ Zumba Gold - Tue 9-10am, Fri 12:30-1:30pm
- ☐ Cheverly Community market - recognition article
- ☐ Gladys Noon Spellman - PTA meet Jan 10 6:30-8
- ☐ CUMC Annual Chili Supper—Jan 22, 5:30-7:30
- ☐ Green Infrastructure meeting Jan. 7th 7:30-9 PM
- ☐ Friends of Lower Beaverdam - Jan 26, 9-12
- ☐ Progressive Cheverly - monthly forum Jan. 3 7PM
- ☐ Progressive Cheverly - District Forum Jan 25 7PM
- ☐ CPRC—Jan 26 11-12:30 "Cloth Diaper Info"
- ☐ CPRC-Jan 11, Playgroup at New Carrollton Library
- ☐ Garden Club—Jan 21—Meeting