December 2014 301-773-8360



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.

Come to the Tree Lighting Ceremony, and Stay for the Yule Log: Now that you've participated in the Turkey Trot, it's time to celebrate another great Holiday tradition. Come to the Town Tree Lighting Festival. On December 5th, local choirs and bands will perform holiday classics in Town Hall and cookies and cider will be served to all who attend.

Immediately following, the Girl Scouts will lead us in Holiday Carols in Legion Park prior to the lighting of the Town Tree. This is a wonderful event and we'd like to have everyone come out.

Come on Mike, "you know this is just for the children". Absolutely not, this year marks the fourth year where we will follow the tree lighting with the lighting of the Yule Log. What better place to come and meet your friends and neighbors and enjoy some holiday cheer.

As a special treat the Public Works Department is planning to use Swedish Fire Logs as a replacement for the fire pits.

Paving the Way: Ward 1 and Ward 2 residents have been rewarded with newly paved streets, after persevering through almost two years of WSSC construction. Some felt this day would never come, but at last here it is

I have received many questions about this project so I figured I'd answer them in this article.

"Hey Mike, how come the Mayor's road got paved"? Yes, I really have received this question! I'd like to say it's a perk of the office but honestly it's because Tremont was one of the streets that WSSC dug up.

"Hey Mike, who the heck is paying for all this"? As discussed in previous newsletters the vast majority of the funds come from WSSC because of their disruption to our roads. However, many times they will only do portions of streets, so the Town Council has budgeted funds to compliment their work. Over the last five years WSSC has spent more than 750 thousand dollars paving our roads, saving lots of money for Cheverly taxpayers.

Mayor FYI cont'd

"Hey Mike, I noticed that all of the curbs are being altered for Handicapped Access"? The Town Council has approved a plan that whenever a street is repaved, we will take the opportunity to retrofit all the curb crossings for Handicapped Access. This is mandatory based on the ADA (American Disability Act) and is funded through Cheverly tax dollars.

"Hey Mike, why did we only pave half of Greenleaf, Jason and 58th Streets"? Town Staff makes these decisions based primarily on the age and condition of a road and the amount of traffic it receives. Greenleaf and Jason have both been paved in the last 5 years and were generally in very good condition. 58th Street was in good condition even though it hadn't been paved recently because it receives very little traffic.

WSSC was only going to pave half of Lockwood Road; however Lockwood was in very bad condition and staff made the decision to use town funds to pave the entire street.

While we would've liked to pave every street entirely, we believe it is financially responsible to reuse the portions of streets that are still in good condition.

"Hey Mike, where does the Town get the money for our portion of the street paving"? This is a great question! Prior to 2009, the vast majority of these funds came from the state via Highway User Revenues. Each county and state was allocated funds from the State Gas Tax based on the number of vehicles and miles of roads they maintained.

However, since 2009 the State has held back these revenues (over \$150,000 to Cheverly) and used the funds in other areas of the budget. This has really hampered municipalities and counties who maintain their roads. We hope this problem is addressed in the upcoming legislative session, particularly given the recent increase in the Gas Tax

Cheverly has maintained an aggressive program of paving in spite of these major cutbacks from the state. Since WSSC was doing so much work in our town, the Town Council felt it was important to allocate dollars to complement their efforts.

It's Leaf Season: I ask everyone to take a moment to read the Public Works Director's article regarding Leaf Pick-up. However, I want to remind everyone that Cheverly will no longer pick up any yard waste that is contained in Plastic Bags of any type. The County Yard Waste Facility will simple not accept them, so we simply cannot pick them up.

What Exactly Can I Put My Trash In? "Hey Mike, this is so confusing, when exactly can I use a plastic bag?" Actually I kind of agree, the rules have been changing and they've gotten a little complicated. However, if you remember that each type of trash goes to a different trash facility it helps a little.

Normal Trash -- Can be placed in any type of container, clear or opaque bag.

Yard Waste – Can be placed in any type of container, but not in any kind of plastic bag.

Recycling -- Can be placed in any type of container, including a clear plastic bag.

"Hey Mike, now I'm being told that I can only use a 32 Gallon Trash can." I can't tell you how often someone tells me that it is so much more convenient to use a 55 gallon trash can. While that may be more convenient for you, please consider the Public Work staff member who has to lift the trash can. A 55 gallon trash can filled with Normal Trash, Recycling or Yard Waste can be amazingly heavy.

So do your Public Works staff a favor and continue to use a 32 gallon container.

Cheverly Planning Board and Town Council Comment of Neighboring

Developments: In November Cheverly commented on a number of development issues in the surrounding communities. I am writing this article in advance of the final drafts of the comments, so I will simply describe the development.

The Ridge at Landover Metro: This is a development of Town Homes and Condominiums that is planned for the empty lot on Landover Road just to the east of the Landover Metro. The Planning Board has commented previously; encouraging denser development (based on proximity to the Metro), better pedestrian access, and higher quality materials.

Crematorium In Tuxedo on 51st Avenue. The Arlington Chemical Company which is located on 51st Avenue off Tuxedo Road has been in the Funeral Supply business for years. They have requested a Special Exception for an Approved Use in the Industrial Zone for a Crematorium. The Town Council invited them to a meeting last year in advance of this request. Since that time, the Arlington Chemical Corporation has incorporated many of the suggestions we mentioned.

Rail Yard at the Landover Metro: WMATA is looking to modify both the New Carrollton and Landover Metro sites for the purpose of including Rail Yards. As the Metro System continues to expand the requirement to store and maintain cars increases. In both cases, the construction of the Rail Yard will occur within the existing footprint of the Metro Station.

Our initial concern is that the Rail Yard is not in conformance with the work we did on the Route 202 Corridor Plan that asked for greater Mixed Use Development near the Metro Station. A Public Hearing is planned for December 4th, details can be found on the town website.

What is happening at 59th Place and

Tuxedo Road? Sometimes I feel like I am too repetitive in what I write. However, last night I was out with a close friend who said, "Hey Mike, what is happening in that empty lot by Tuxedo Road?"

A local developer has been working since 2007 to build 11 single family homes on this lot. Construction seems to be moving along pretty well. These homes are not in the Town of Cheverly and we have very little input into the project. If you want to know more: http://cheverlywest.com/

Final FY14 Audit Results Are In: Each year the town hires an independent auditing firm to perform a required audit on our budget, financial controls and policies. Once again, Cheverly passed the audit with flying colors.

One key element of the audit is it provides a final accounting for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 2014. This accounting showed that our fund balance at the end of the year was \$1.997M. This was approximately \$50,000 less then we estimated in June.

This topic will be discussed further in February as we begin a discussion on the FY15 Budget.

Holiday Spirit: What a great Town we live in. A special thanks to everyone who makes Halloween so special for our children. From the Kneipp's, to the haunted home on Parkway, to the scary block on Jason, to the Rec Council's Halloween Parade., children in Cheverly are always entertained.

So now we look forward to the Holiday Decorating contest. On December 22nd members of the Town Council will judge the Annual Holiday Decorating Contest. We look forward to once again to enjoying a joyous ride from the decorating that you do.

Cheverly REC Council - Our Holiday Dinner on December 3, at 6:30 pm will take the place of our Dec. meeting. We will discuss the children's Holiday Party on Saturday December 7 at 11am and the Fall Flea Market.

We wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year 2014.

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

MON Town Wide YARD WASTE (IN PAPER BAGS ONLY 1/1/14)

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 no 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

<u>HOLIDAYS</u>? Public Works crews DO NOT work on holidays. Collections on holidays are **CANCELLED**

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.

Teenagers can call the Town Office 301-773-8360 if they wish to add their names to this list

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

TOWN MEETINGS

ACTIONS TAKEN

Votes are unanimous unless otherwise noted

Worksesson - October 23, 2014

No Actions were taken

Town Meeting - November 13, 2014

- MOTION CM Rodgers to excuse CM Riazi. Seconded CM Thorpe. Approved 5-0.
- MOTION CM Coolen to approve Variance Request V-81-14. Seconded CM Eldridge. Approved 5-0.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Town Meeting - December 11, 2014

NO WORKSESSION IN DECEMBER

HOLIDAY HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

The holiday spirit in Cheverly is something to boast about. We are very fortunate to have many families who decorate their homes, giv-



ing the town a colorful flow of lights and holiday cheer. Every year the Mayor and Council, sponsor a decorating contest to recognize the efforts of our residents. The judging will be held on Fri. Dec. 22nd from 7-9 pm

YOUR HOUSE NUMBER MUST BE VISIBILE FROM THE CURB

The judges pick the TOP 20 BEST IN TOWN

All winners will be announced at the January Town meeting and receive a certificate.

RECYCLING TOTALS October 2014

Curb Recycling - 58.41 tons Electronic Recycling - 0 pallets





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

REMINDER...REMINDER...REMINDER:

It is illegal in the State of Maryland to handle/ use a cellular telephone or any device used to

send or receive text or instant messages while operating a motor vehicle on the traveled portion of the roadway. There is a public safety exception in the law for police or fire telephone use. It is also illegal to use earphones or similar devices in both ears at the same time while operating a motor vehicle. The CPD writes traffic summons every day for these violations because distracted driving is a major cause for personal injury and property damage accidents in the State of Maryland.

TO RECEIVE A TAX BREAK FOR 2014, YOU MUST DONATE YOUR VEHICLE BY 12-31-14: 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.

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, and the Cheverly Watch Resident Radio Program will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2015, at 7:00 PM in the Police Conference Room. We will be discussing crime in 2014 and what the police and the community can do to reduce the crime rate even further in 2015.

PARKING ISSUES AND THE LAW – The Cheverly Police Department operates under and enforces a number of inter-related state and county laws as well as the dictates of the Town Code. Regarding parking in the Town, all three sources of law are quite similar and only the corresponding manner of enforcement and fines are different. Please be aware of the following violations regarding parking in the Town. It is illegal for any person to park a vehicle in the Town of Cheverly:

- 1. That blocks the flow of traffic on any street;
- 2. Is parked to obstruct a driveway, alley, sidewalk, fire lane, or intersection;
- 3. Has not been moved in the public right-of-way for over 72 consecutive hours;
- 4. Has an outstanding parking ticket over 30 days old;
- 5. Is inoperable, abandoned, or unregistered (expired tags) on public or private property;
- 6. Any dual-wheeled vehicle in a R-55 zone:

- 7. Any commercial vehicle without a permit between 7:00 PM and 7:00 AM;
- 8. In violation of any "No Parking" or restricted parking sign;
- 9. In a fire lane;
- 10. In a marked handicap parking space;
- 11. Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant;
- 12. Within 15 feet of a bus stop marked by a sign; or
- 13. Within 25 of an intersection's curb lines.

Most violations result in a \$50.00 fine, however, fire lane and handicap parking violations are \$200.00 each.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS -

Police Emergency	9-1-1
Nonemergency Calls for Dispatch	(301) 352-1200
Nighttime Non-Emergency	(301) 789-5090
Cheverly Police	(301) 341-1055
Cheverly Police (Night Only)	(301) 789-5090
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) 852-0537

Crime Report for October 2014 (All addresses Are in Hundred Blocks)

10-03-14	1059 Hrs	5800 Annapolis Rd	Theft
10-08-14	1417 Hrs	6400 Forest Road	Vandalism
10-10-14	0637 Hrs	5700 Monroe St	Theft
10-10-14	1314 Hrs	6400 Landover Rd	Theft
10-12-14	0127 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft
10-16-14	1430 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft
10-20-14	2125 Hrs	5800 Annapolis Rd	Rape
10-22-14	1530 Hrs	2600 Crest Avenue	B&E
10-23-14	1827 Hrs	6400 Landover Rd	B&E
10-23-14	1915 Hrs	2300 Craftsman Cr	B&E
10-31-14	0955 Hrs	3300 Belleview Ave	Theft

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.



Residential ZONE Parking Permits

***PRICE GOES TO \$5.00 IN 2015

You must have Vehicle Registration (registered to Cheverly address) to register your vehicle Parking Permits cost \$5 / 1 Guest Parking Permit allowed per residence at no cost. \$2 for an additional Guest Parking Permit (maximum of 2 guest permits per residence) If you live in one of the following zones, you will need a parking permit: **Zone 1:** State Street, 61st & 62nd Avenues, as well as the 1800 Block of 64th Avenue. Zone 2: **ELIMINATED** (6/13/2013) **Zone 3:** 22-2400 blocks of Cheverly Avenue **Zone 4:** Arbor, Crestlawn, [22-2300 blks Parkway] (ELIMINATED) **Zone 5:** 2300 block of Belleview **Zone 6:** Benton Road; 23-2500 Blocks of Lake Zone 7: 2400 block of Valley Way Zone 8: 3300 Belleview; Medical Terrace [Lockwood Road, 5600blk Jason, 32-3300blk Tremont] (ELIMINATED) SR: The odd side of the 2200 Block of Cheverly Avenue (This permit allows senior citizens 65 years of age or older to park their car in this area in order to utilize Metro) ☑ Residential Parking Permits are displayed on the BACK LEFT bumper area. If you have a regular zone permit and a SR permit display them next to each other on the back left bumper. Guest Parking Permits shall be hung on Rear View mirror with information facing outward. Citations may be issued to any vehicle not in compliance with Town Code 27-5.1: "Residential Zone Parking" If you should have any questions, please contact the Photo Enforcement Unit at 240-770-7641. To apply for a Residential Zone Parking Permit by mail, please provide the following information AND a copy of your vehicle's registration* and return this form with payment. * If you have obtained a *Non-Resident Permit* from MVA, you MUST send a copy of that permit along with your request. Number of Permits: (x\$5.00)(attach copy(s) of registration(s) Guest Pass (one free per residence) (free) Free One additional guest pass: (\$2.00)

(maximum of 2 passes per residence)

TOTAL DUE:

Make checks or money order payable to:

Town of Cheverly

Please do NOT send cash in the mail

Mail to Cheverly Police Zone Parking, 6401 Forest Road, Cheverly, Md. 20785

Leaf Collection or Leaf Mulching



Every season has it beauty and specific tasks that must be performed by your Department of Public Works. During the warm summer day's plans were made for the fall, to plant trees, fix some of the flower beds, repair some sidewalks and prepare the equipment for the year's leaf vacuuming collection efforts. Somewhere in this newsletter you will find the leaf collection schedule. The time when the Town's crews will be in your area so that you can rake your leaves to the curb for collection.

The leaf collection schedule is by no means perfect. Despite the yearly adjustments; the leaf collection crews cannot be in all places at the same time or when the leaves decide to fall. Some years the

best scheduled plan for collection is too early, other times a little late; the leaves have yet to share their falling schedule with anyone. Nevertheless, if raked to the curb, bagged and/or containerized they will be collected. Now as you know and value, the Town of Cheverly can arguably be construed as unique within Prince Georges County. It is an eyesore to have the Town littered with bagged leaf at the curb prior to the scheduled Monday collection. Although it can be considered a violation of the Town's code this practice makes the Town look shabby over the weekend when the town has prospective buyers and visitors. Please keep the bagged leaves on your property until Sunday night. On the other hand this might be the year that you can help with nature's perfect cycle. How about

On the other hand this might be the year that you can help with nature's perfect cycle. How about letting the trees and your lawn clippings come together to "self-fertilize"? Why not take your mower or ask the service that mows your lawn to run the mower over your leaves from north to south and from east to west? The mixture of nitrogen rich grass particles mixed with the carbon rich leaves that have fallen on your lawn make the best combination for your lawn and for the environment. But you don't have to take just my words on this matter; read this excerpt:



"Raking and collecting leaves every autumn is a tradition without scientific basis."

"Based upon research at several uni-versities, the organic matter and nutrients from leaves mown into lawn areas has been proven to improve turf quality. At Michigan State, researchers set a rotary mower to cut at a height of 3 inches and then mowed an 18-inch-deep layer of leaves into test plots. That's the equivalent of 450 pounds of leaves per 1,000 square feet. The tests resulted in improved soil and healthy lawns with few remnant leaves visible the following spring." http://www.finegardening.com/improve-your-soil-raking-less by Terry Ettinger

The Department of Public Works will be picking up this falls raked leaves just like last year. Once again residents will be provided with three ways to remove the leaves from the lawn: 1- bagged them in paper bags and leave them by the curb for Monday's yard waste collection; 2- place them in a container for Monday's yard waste collection; 3- when your block is scheduled for collection - rake them to the tree planting strip without blocking the sidewalk or allowing them to fall on the curbs and blocking the nearby storm drain.



On the other hand: How about Nature's cycle and mulching them? This could be the year that we, as a Town, permit the cycle to continue and thereby doing our part in the restoration and the nurturing of our piece of the earth.

CHEVERLY COMMUNITY HOLIDAY CELEBRATION & TREE LIGHTING

Friday, December 5th starting at 6:30 pm at the Cheverly Community Center.



Culminating at 7:45 at Legion Park

Cheverly Recreation Council - Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 2 at 6:30 PM for our Holiday dinner. We will discuss the children's Holiday Party that will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 11AM and the Fall Flea Market. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. "2015"



♥ Cheverly Recreation Council Zumba Parties!

Get your weight-loss Transformation for the New Year '15 with **Zumba Gold!** (low-impact) & **Zumba Basic!** (high-impact) fun, easy-to-follow Latininspired cardio dance fitness parties 45mins. and proven good-success Nutrition tips/questions & answers session 15mins

Tuesday 9-10am. & Friday 12:30-1:30pm., \$60.00 monthly, go now to http://www.pgparks.com then click smartlink on left-side to register today, you'll love it!

Your national certified Zumba-gold/basic instructor, personal trainer, sports nutritionist & cpr. Ronald Johnson. For inquires Email: TrinityCircle@live.com

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday Dec. 6th will be a big day in Cheverly because "SANTA" is coming to the Rec Council's Holiday Party.

Starting 11am with crafts, entertainment, refreshments and pictures with "Santa". Please bring your camera so you can take pictures. "Santa" will talk to every girl and boy. This will take place at the Community Center. It's a great way to start the holidays.

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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 & Belleview 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.

Cheverly American Legion Family Post 108

The Cheverly American Legion Family is a vibrant and growing group of local men and women who share an interest in supporting our veterans, military service members and their families, youth, and our community

New Year's Eve Party

Join us in the Cheverly American Legion Dug Out to ring the New Year with your friends and neighbors. Wednesday, December 31, 2014, 10:00 PM – 1:00 AM. Cost: \$10

Appetizers and Desserts ... Noise Makers ... Champagne at midnight ... Cash Bar ... \$300 Assorted Gift Cards Raffle Drawing

You will not want to miss the party this year! To purchase tickets, contact Megan Daly, 1megandaly@gmail.com or 301-602-1121, or the Cheverly American Legion Auxiliary, cheverlyauxiliary@gmail.com

Legion Family Events and Programs

\$300 Gift Cards Basket Raffle

Tickets: 1 for \$2; 3 for \$5; 7 for \$10

Drawing at New Year's Eve Party - You do not need to be present to win Buy tickets now: Megan Daly, 301-602-1121

Army vs. Navy Game in the Dugout

Saturday, December 13, 2014, 3:00 PM Cheverly American Legion Dugout Come cheer on your favorite team!

Friday Night Queen of Hearts Game

Friday nights, 7:30 PM, in the Dugout.

Third Friday Ladies' Night

Friday, December 19, 2014, 7:30 – 10:00 PM,

Cheverly American Legion Dugout. All are welcome!

Americanism Essay Contest

Write an essay that answers the question "What does freedom mean to my family?"

Children grades 3 - 8 are eligible to enter. Entries must be submitted by February 1, 2015. Contact the Auxiliary for questions or to submit your entry, cheverlyauxiliary@gmail.com.

Cheverly American Legion Post 108

Membership: The Legion is open to men and women who are serving or have served at least one day of active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States during time of war. Find eligibility dates, application form and documentation requirements on the Cheverly American Legion website: http://CheverlyAmericanLegion.org. Contact Steven Brennan

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

Cheverly's American Flag Flying Sponsor Program

Sponsors for the month of December 2014: Megan Daly

Your month-long sponsorship includes:

Flag raising and lowering ceremonies with the Sponsor

Flag etiquette tutorial at flag raising ceremony

Recognition in the Cheverly monthly town newsletter

Flag returned to sponsor or to American Legion for proper disposal

Commemorative Certificate

Cost: \$50.00 (\$23.00 Flag cost, \$27.00 tax-deductible Legion support & educational program and materials)

We invite you to demonstrate your patriotic spirit and be part of the history of American Flag Flying in Cheverly. Contact Lane Thompson, lane.thompson@yahoo.com, 202-674-6898 to arrange your sponsorship.

Cheverly American Legion Auxiliary

Membership: The ALA is open to women veterans and women service members, and to many woman whose family member is/was a veteran or service member. Whatever talents and time you have to give, we welcome your participation. If you are interested in joining us or learning about the American Legion Auxiliary, please contact Aimee Olivo, (202)-210-0380,

Sons of the American Legion (SAL)

Membership: The SAL is made up of men and boys of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the United States military and are eligible for membership in The American Legion. The Sons of the American Legion will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, December 8, at 7:30 at Post 108. All who would like to know more about the Sons are welcome to attend.

For membership or meeting information, please contact Seth Zirkle, Commander, at (301) 775-4758, or email: sethbzirkke@gmail.com.



Cheverly Cub Scout Pack 257 put into practice their lessens in citizenship, service and charity this fall when they collected a ton of food donations for needy Cheverly families, in partnership with Gladys Noon Spellman Elementary School. They also logged more than one hundred hours of community service. Congratulations young heroes and thank you Cheverly for your generosity.



Cheverly scouts also held their fourth annual Haunted Hike, providing for the community a trail of terror, followed by a reading from the Headless Horseman.

Coming up in December and January, Cub Scouts will learn about diversity, news media and build 'Pine Wood Derby' race cars. Cub Scouts if for boys 6-11 and their families. For more information contact Cubmaster Dave at 202 744-7100.

Progressive Cheverly - In lieu of our monthly forum, come join your neighbors for fun and good food at Progressive Cheverly's potluck holiday party, Thurs. December 4, beginning at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Joyce and Joel Lang, 6424 Forest Rd. Bring a dish to share, but no desserts, please. Progressive Cheverly will provide wine and soft drinks.

Forums resume in January.

EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT!! It's officially holiday season and **Boy Scout Troop #257** is in full fundraising mode. This year the Boy Scouts will be selling popcorn, wreaths, swags, roping, poinsettias, amaryllis and cyclamen. And new this year . FIREWOOD! If you missed your opportunity to support the Boy Scouts at the November Cheverly Community Market please be sure to stop by the troops table at the December market and help the Boy Scouts make their fundraising goal. Raising money helps the Scout packs, troops and councils fund their programs and activities throughout the year. Your purchase helps pay for the activities Scouts do, the camps they attend and for the equipment they need such as canoes, tents and uniforms. Lastly, fundraising helps the Scouts develop business skills that will help take them to the next level in life. Thank you in advance for your generosity, the Scouts look forward to seeing you at the market.

To join Boy Scout Pack #257 call Scoutmaster Jeffrey Felten-Green at 301-807-4137 or come to a meeting at the American Legion on Sundays from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.



OUR USUAL MONTHLY **FLBC Work Party** will NOT be held in December, due to "holiday overload" and possible inclement weather. We will look forward to Saturday, January 31, 2015 as the next date we'll get together for monthly "work fun," weather permitting. To get on our email list to receive monthly notices of work parties and cancellations, please email Joani Horchler at horcpool97@aol.com.

CHEVERLY GARDEN CLUB - We are 60

years old and we are celebrating at Fratelli's on December 14th at noon. Please call Barbara Pejokovich to reserve your place at the table(s). Her number is 301 773 5883, leave a message. The cost is \$20 total with a cash bar.

Montpelier Mansion will be open the whole month of December with one of the rooms decorated by our Babs Bailey. Special nights will be 6-9 PM the 12th and 13th. Greens Decorations by the Paint Branch Club at Riversdale Mansion. Lets enjoy these close Holiday treats by Garden Club people.

We are still seeking persons who are interested in the Learning Grant. Those who have received it were more than happy with what has given them. Contact Margaret Thrasher 301 772 1766 or Kay Holloway Kay_Holloway@hotmail.com. for more information. Please be safe with your tree, live trees should be put out for recycling after you have enjoyed the season. We wish ALL the happiest of the season and look forward to gardening in 2015.

Cheverly United Methodist Church

Christmas Schedule: Dec 14th, Family Christmas Service and Party 10:00AM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, Dec. 24, 7:00 pm & 11:00 pm All are Welcome!!

The Tabitha Women's circle is conducting a monthly Creative Writing Workshop on the first Saturday of the month at Cheverly United Methodist Church. The group held the initial workshops for the youth and adults in Oct. The next session will be Dec 6th

The Workshop for youth and teens will be from 10:00 - 11:00am (ages (9 - 16), Adults will meet from 11:15 - 12:15noon.

Interested participants are invited to come out, use your imagination to make your mind soar and have fun writing.



CHEVERLY COMMUNITY MARKET UPDATE

Sat. Dec 13: Holiday Market with 45 Vendors! On Sat. Dec. 13. more than 45 vendors with the best in locally grown produce, meats and baked goods & arts & crafts will

gather for the last Market of the season. Get cozy & shop with neighbors, friends & family indoors at the Cheverly Community Center for a truly special Cheverly annual seasonal highlight. See you from 8 to noon.

Free Coffee for Newbies

Bring a new shopper to the Market and you both get a cup of coffee on us. Stop by the Board Table.

Stay Connected

We encourage you to follow us on Facebook at Cheverly Community Market and Twitter, @CheverlyMarket. Visit us online at www.cheverlycommunitymarket.com.

CWM Civic Association

Happy Holidays! CWM is having a potluck holiday dinner on Saturday December 13th, 5-7pm at the Cheverly Town Center. Please bring a dish to pass. The toys will be out for the kids to play and lots of room to run around. RSVP is not required so just come on by and join us. For more information or to help out with set-up and clean up please email us at CWMevents@yahoo.com

ST. AMBROSE CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Please join the St. Ambrose during the Christmas Season! We will celebrate Christmas Eve Mass on Dec 24th at 4:30pm in English and 6:30pm in Spanish. Christmas Day Masses will be held at 10:30am in English and 12:30pm in Spanish. And for New Years Day, a Holy Day of Obligation in honor of a Mary, Mother of God, there will be one bilingual mass at 11:30am.

SKATE FOR ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL

Staying around for the holidays? Join us for a skate party and raise money to support St. Ambrose School! Wristbands are only \$6 and include skate rental. Thursday, January 1, 2015 from 6:30-9:00pm at Skate Zone, 1082 Rt. 3 South, Crofton, MD 21114 www.sk8zone.com. Wristbands will not be sold at the door - please purchase from St. Ambrose school office by Friday Dec 12th.

COMPOSTING CAN SAVE YOU UP TO \$2,275 A YEAR FOR ONLY A \$20 INVESTMENT!

For residents, the biggest benefit to backyard composting is it will help you monitor and then reduce your **food** waste losses estimated at between \$1,350 & \$2,275 per household each year.* You'll also help the Town save money.

SoilSaver compost bins are available to Cheverly residents for only \$20 (reg. price up to \$99.98 at Amazon & other locations). The low cost is made possible by the Town of Cheverly and BackyardComposting.org that cover the rest of the cost for the bins and shipping.

You can purchase a bin by going to the Community Center to pay and then pick up your bin at the Public Works Department (7:30am to 4:00pm weekdays).

Learn more and download the 3-page Composting Guide at: www.backyardcomposting.org

This is a comprehensive plan to encourage all residents to compost. We achieved our initial goal of 25%, 400 households out of 1,600, composting their food scraps and soiled paper waste at home. Please participate and help us increase that number.

The Composting Program is reducing Town tipping fees by about \$5,900 each year. About 100 tons (200,000 lbs.) of food scrap and soiled paper waste (paper towels, napkins, tissues, pizza boxes, etc.) are being composted by residents each year.

Of course, you'll also produce over \$20 of great compost each year to amend your garden or mulch around bushes.

(*Source: Bloom, American Wasteland, page 187, family of 4)

CHEVERLY GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

December Monthly Meeting -Monday, December 1, 2014 7:30-9:00 p.m. Large Conference Room, Cheverly Community Center 6401 Forest Road, Cheverly Monthly meeting to report progress on Cheverly greening efforts and plan next steps and new initiatives. In implementing the CheverlyGreen Infrastructure Plan, your Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee is working on projects in education, planning, and research.

All are welcome to join in the activities of the committee! 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.

GREEN @ HOME -- Birds in Winter

It's time to think about keeping your yard bird-friendly through the winter. Finding food can be especially challenging for birds during days with extreme cold temperatures. Setting up a backyard bird feeder makes their lives easier and ours more enjoyable as we can observe the birds up close and in comfort.

Take a look at your property from a bird's perspective. Does it provide the three basic things that all birds need from their habitats?

- FOOD: In winter, set up your bird feeder. If you don't tidy up your yard and flowerbeds in fall, birds will love you for the seeds. Rake fallen leaves under your shrubs to act as mulch -- that encourages beneficial insects which will be bird food. Throughout the year your bird-friendly landscaping will provide fruit, seeds, beneficial insects, and other small animals that birds feed upon.
- WATER: Even in winter, birds need water for drinking and bathing.
- SHELTER: Whether it's a safe place for sleeping, a protected haven from the elements, a hiding place to elude predators, or a secure nesting spot, providing shelter is an important way to make your property birdfriendly. Leave dead limbs and trees in place. Recycle dead branches to start a brush pile; add your old Christmas tree if you have one.

Find more about providing for our birds at http://www.allaboutbirds.org/page.aspx?pid=1138.

More practical ideas for your yard at www.greencheverly.org.



THE CHEVERLY WOMAN'S CLUB SPONSORS

Gifts from the Heart for Peace, Compassion and Service Remade \sim Reused \sim Recycled



- -Children of all ages can shop for holiday gifts for friends, parents, teachers, and neighbors
- Proceeds help fund the Cheverly Peace Camp 2015
- -Teens can earn SERVICE HOURS (contact joycelang@verizon.net)
- -Bring a few re-usable shopping bags to carry your gifts home



DATE: Saturday, December 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. LOCATION: Community Center





On October 26, the Cheverly Village Planning Committee hosted a community meeting to obtain input about the challenges faced by residents as they age and the types of support and services a "Cheverly Village" might provide to promote "aging in place." Sixty-one residents attended the meeting. More than half have lived in Cheverly over 20 years, and almost all want to remain in Cheverly well into their senior years.

After an introduction to the village concept and a summary of what the committee has learned about nearby existing villages, it was the participants' turn to speak—and speak they did! People identified many challenges that aging seniors face, including problems with mobility inside and outside their homes, transportation, househol maintenance, and computer assistance. They also discussed scams and disreputable contractors, social isolation, security, the need for information about public services and for alternative housing for seniors who can no

The idea of a "Cheverly Village springs from two questions: (1) Why should people who have made Cheverly their homes—and some for many, many years—have to leave before they want to leave? and (2) How can the Cheverly community facilitate seniors' "aging in place" - i.e., provide the support and services people need as they grow older?

longer stay in their homes. For many of those challenges, people also offered tangible ideas for how a Cheverly Village might help address them.

At its next meeting on December 1, the Planning Committee will carefully consider all of the challenges and ideas generated on October 26 as it continues to plan a Cheverly Village.

Experience has shown that moving from the *idea* of a village to an *established* village providing services takes two or more years. It requires the diverse talents and contributions of many people. If you would like to serve on the planning committee, please call Laila Riazi (202-258-6167) or Diane La Voy (240-599-6346), or write them at ChevVillage@gmail.com.

Toward the end of the community discussion, participants shared their concerns and excitement about a Cheverly Village. Concerns included how to ensure quality services, how a village might affect the availability of accessible shopping and alternative housing options, how people with declining retirement incomes might afford to pay for the services of a Cheverly Village, and how to make the village visible in the community.

What's exciting about a Cheverly Village? Participants expressed it in these terms: It's a multigenerational project. It would continue access to what people love and enjoy. It involves the four C's: Communication, Coordination, Cooperation and Collaboration. It's already exciting to hear Cheverly seniors

talk about their needs and wants. A Cheverly Village embodies the value of a community-oriented life.

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 <u>MONDAYS</u>. Put bags at the curb on Sunday evening. Use PAPER BAGS or TRASH CANS Only. 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	1st Pickup	2 nd Pickup
Entire Town		Oct.	Feb
		21-31	24-27-
Arbor St	6100-6121	Nov. 7	Jan. 9
Belleview Ave	2300-2358	Dec. 19	Feb. 13
	(even)		
Belleview Ave	2301-2351	Dec. 19	Feb. 13
	(odd)		
Belleview Ave	2701-2719	Nov. 14	Jan. 15
Belleview Ave	2804-2815	Dec. 5	Jan. 30
Belleview Ave	3001-3500	Dec. 5	Jan. 30
Benton Rd	5900-5901	Dec. 19	Feb. 13
Carlyle St	5703-5835	Dec. 16	Feb. 10
Cedar St	6500-6514	Nov. 21	Jan. 23
Cheverly Ave.	2200-2720	Nov. 7	Jan. 9
Cheverly Ave.	2800-3510	Dec. 5	Jan. 30
	(even)		
Cheverly Ave.	2801-3411	Dec. 5	Jan. 30
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Cheverly Circle	#1-#27,	Nov. 7	Jan. 9
Cll. IIII. Ct	6101-6105 3200-3220	Nov. 20	Jan. 22
Cheverly Hills Ct			
Cheverly Oaks Ct	2900-2923	Nov. 21	Jan. 23
Cheverly Park Dr	6200-6232	Nov. 13	Jan. 13
Crest Ave.	2500-2824	Dec. 16	Feb. 10
Crest Ave.	3000-3215	Dec. 16	Feb. 10
Crestlawn Ave.	2300-2311	Nov. 13	Jan. 13
Dewey St	5800-5841	Dec. 16	Feb. 10
Euclid St.	5700-5735	Dec. 18	Feb. 12
Euclid St.	5901-6012	Dec. 19	Feb. 13
Forest Rd.	5700-5721	Dec. 18	Feb. 12

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Forest Rd	5900-6010	Dec. 9	Feb. 3
	(even)		
Forest Rd.	5901-6015	Nov. 14	Jan. 15
	(odd)		
Forest Rd	6101-6219	Dec. 4	Jan. 29
Forest Rd.	6405-6459	Dec. 4	Jan. 29
Greenleaf Rd	5601-5625	Dec. 18	Feb. 12
Greenleaf Rd	5701-5809	Dec. 18	Feb. 12
	(odd)		
Greenleaf Rd	5700-5812	Dec. 9	Feb. 3
	(even)		
Greenleaf Ct		Dec. 9	Feb. 3
Hawthorne St.	5600-5622	Dec. 18	Feb. 12
Hawthorne St.	6000-6025	Dec. 9	Feb. 3
Hillside Ave.	2800-3132	Nov. 21	Jan. 23
Hillside Ave.	3205-3211	Dec. 2	Jan. 27
Inwood St.	5600-5615	Dec. 11	Feb. 5
Inwood St.	6006-6031	Dec. 9	Feb. 3
Inwood St.	6100-6215	Nov. 6	Jan. 8
Inwood St.	6300-6407	Nov. 6	Jan. 8
Jason St.	5600-5716	Dec. 11	Feb. 5
Jason St.	6301-6325	Nov. 20	Jan. 22
Joslyn Pl	6300-6331	Nov. 20	Jan. 22
Jutewood Ave	1607	Nov. 18	Jan 16
Kilmer St.	6000-6021	Dec. 11	Feb. 5
Kilmer St.	6100-6220	Jan. 2	Feb. 20
Lake Ave.	2300-2510	Nov. 14	Jan. 15

Street	Address	1 st Pickup	2 nd Pickup
Lake Ave.	2700-2715	Nov. 14	Jan. 15
Lake Ave.	3001-3122	Dec. 11	Feb. 5
Landover Rd.	5611-6005 (odd)	Dec. 12	Feb. 6
Landover Rd.	6101-6205 (odd)	Jan. 2	Feb. 20
Laurel Ave.	2800-3141	Jan. 2	Feb. 20
Laurel Ave.	3301-3407	Nov. 4	Jan 6
Lockwood Rd.	5600-5907	Dec. 11	Feb. 5
Lombard St.	6100-6205	Nov. 4	Jan. 6
Maureen Ct.	6500-6509	Dec. 2	Jan. 27
Medical Terr.	5901-5905	Dec. 5	Jan. 30
Monroe St.	5625-5627 (odd)	Dec. 12	Feb. 6
Monroe St.	5702-5714	Dec. 12	Feb. 6
Monroe St.	6200-6202	Nov. 4	Jan. 6
Montrose Rd.	6103-6136	Nov. 4	Jan. 6
Newton St.	5518-5614 (even)	Dec. 12	Feb. 6
Newton St.	5700-5809	Dec. 12	Feb. 6
Oak Forest Rd.	6500-6508	Nov. 21	Jan. 23
Oak St.	6501-6509	Dec. 2	Jan. 27
Oak St.	6600-6604 (even)	Dec. 2	Jan. 27
Oak St.	6601-6609 (odd)	Dec. 2	Jan. 27
Oakton Way	6400-6403	Nov. 21	Jan. 23
Parkway	2805-3131	Dec. 4	Jan. 29
Parkway	2203-2309	Nov. 13	Jan. 13
Parkway	2405-2601 (odd)	Nov. 13	Jan. 13
Parkway	2400-2600 (even)	Nov. 7	Jan. 9
Parkway Pl.	2701-2711	Nov. 7	Jan. 9
Quincy St.	5543-5545 (odd)	Dec. 12	Feb. 6
Reed St.	6000-6012 (even)	Nov. 18	Jan. 16
State St.	6000-6204	Nov. 18	Jan. 16
Tremont Ave.	2900-3307	Dec. 16	Feb. 10
Valleyway	2400-2800	Dec. 30	Feb. 19
Wayne Ct.	6200-6204	Nov. 13	Jan. 13
Wayne Pl.	2500-2541	Nov. 13	Jan. 13
Woodway Pl	2802-2909	Nov. 21	Jan. 23

Street	Address	1st Pickup	2 nd Pickup
56 th Pl.	2902-2907	Dec. 18	Feb.12
57 th Ave.	2500-2607	Dec. 16	Feb. 10
57 th Ave.	3501-3507 (odd)	Dec. 12	Feb. 6
58 th Pl.	3600-3605	Dec. 12	Feb. 6
59 th Pl.	2400-2433	Dec. 30	Feb. 19
59 th Ave.	2410-2421	Dec. 30	Feb. 19
61 st Ave.	1701-1817	Nov. 18	Jan. 16
62 nd Ave.	1702-1815	Nov. 18	Jan. 16
62 nd Pl.	One Way Alley	Jan. 2	Feb. 20
63 rd Pl.	2800-2825	Nov. 6	Jan. 8
63 rd Pl.	3102-3127	Nov. 20	Jan. 22
63 rd Ave.	2800-3010	Nov. 6	Jan. 8
63 rd Ave.	3100-3142	Nov. 20	Jan. 22
64 th Ave.	1800-1816	Nov. 18	Jan. 16
64 th Ave.	2800-2825	Nov. 6	Jan. 8
64 th Ave.	2900-2907	Nov. 21	Jan. 23
64 th Ave.	3315, 3321, 3323	Dec. 2	Jan. 27

Holiday Gifts for Employees -

In the past, some residents have expressed their appreciation to the Public Works employees for their service by giving them various gifts during the holidays (sometimes alcohol). Town policy prohib-



employees from accepting & transporting alcoholic beverages. Residents are asked to send any holiday gifts for employees to the Town office to be divided equally among the workers. Thank you.

RECYCLING

The County has issued new guidelines:

NO PLASTIC BAGS OF ANY KIND ARE PERMITTED FOR RECYLED ITEMS

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WEB SITE: www.cheverly-md.gov

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Email "Contact The Town" button at the Website

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) and wish to participate in Town activities or programs, please contact the Town Office at 773-8360 (voice), or the Maryland Relay System at 1-800-735-2258.

POSTAL CUSTOMER CARRIER ROUTE CHEVERLY, MD 20785

Meetings & Events

GOVERNMENT EVENT SCHEDULE

Fri Dec 5 6:30 pm Tree Lighting Ceremony
Sat Dec 6 11:00 am Holiday Party with Santa
Thur Dec 11 8:00 pm TOWN MEETING
Fri Dec 19 7:00 pm House Decorating Contest
NO DECEMBER WORKSESSION
Thur Dec 25 XMAS DAY - OFFICES CLOSED

CHEVERLY WEBSITE www.cheverly-md.gov

NEWS YEARS DAY - OFFICES CLOSED

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

- Green Infrastructure Meeting Dec. 1 7:30-9PM,
- Compost bins available for \$20.
- Woman's Club—Holiday Secret Shop—Dec. 6, 9-2pm
- CUMC Family Christmas Service Dec. 14, 10am
 Christmas Candlelight Service Dec. 24—7 & 11 PM
- Boy Scout Pack #257 Fundraising information. Meetings Sun.7-8:30pm at the American Legion
- Progressive Cheverly Dec. 4 Pot Luck 7PM
- Garden Club Celebration at Fratelli's, Dec.14 noon.
- Zumba Tue. 9-10 am, Fri 12:30-1:30—Town Hall
- Cub Scout Pack 257 Pine Wood Derby Race cars coming.
- Cheverly Market Dec. 13 Holiday market 45 vendors
- American Legion Post 108 Programs
- CWM Civic Association Dec 13 5-7 pm Pot luck diner
- Cheverly Village—next meeting, December 1
- St. Ambrose Christmas Mass Schedule, Skate party Jan 1.