



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.*

Elections for Cheverly Town Council: If you are interested in running for Cheverly's Town Council please complete the registration form inside this Newsletter. Cheverly Elections are held on the first Monday in May at the Cheverly Town Hall. Please mark your calendar. Given that campaign season is right around the corner, you might see candidates knocking at your door.

Cheverly Council members serve two year terms and earn \$2,400 / per year. Cheverly is a weak mayor system of government, which means that the Town Government's Chief Operating Officer is the Town Administrator. The Town Council's role is to set policy, set priorities, establish a budget and oversee the operations of the town staff. Cheverly is a small town, and elections tend to be pretty civil affairs. However, vibrant elections are the foundation of good local government so if you are interested please join in.

Town of Cheverly Places a Contract to Purchase 6301 Kilmer Ave: The Cheverly Town Council authorized the Town Administrator to enter into a contract to purchase the property at 6301 Kilmer Ave. This is a truly unique piece of property. The lot itself is a mostly wooded 1.3 acre property, however what really adds to its value is that it directly abuts to Gladys Noon Spellman Elementary School. The lot currently contains a small home, garage and fishpond. The home is currently vacant. It may be a few months before the Town is able to close on the property. However, at that time the Town Council will begin a process of determining the future use of the property. We fully expect to include all residents (especially residents near the property), as well as folks from Park and Planning and the County School System.

What Does it Cost to Live in Cheverly?

Abbreviated Version: With budget season upon us, I frequently get asked about what it cost to live in Cheverly. The average Cheverly homeowner, let's say someone with a \$275,000 property assessment, pays \$1,590 annually (or \$133 per month) in Cheverly taxes. That's a pretty good deal for the quality Public Works, Public Safety and general amenities that residents enjoy. However, that same Cheverly resident will enjoy \$717 in annual taxes savings (\$60 per month) on their Prince Georges County tax bill. When you factor in these savings, **the actual "incremental cost" of living in Cheverly is only \$873 annually (or \$73 per month).** Details below.

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The Long Story: Gosh Mike, that was way too brief for you, couldn't you provide a longer explanation? Well since you asked, why not! However remember the primary focus of this article is your Cheverly property taxes. Cheverly's current tax rate is .58, which is charged on every \$100 of your home's tax assessment. As an example let's take a home which is currently assessed at \$275,000. The math is pretty straight forward ($275,000 / 100$)
* $.58 = 1,590$.

That means someone with a home value of \$275,000 pays \$1,590 annually in Cheverly taxes or \$133.00 per month.

Fortunately, Prince George's County citizens that reside in municipalities receive a discount on their Prince George's County taxes for the services that the municipality provide. In our case Cheverly residents get a discount for Public Works and Public Safety services. A citizen of Prince George's County living outside of Cheverly with a home valued at \$275,000 would pay \$4,386 in County taxes versus a Cheverly homeowner whose County taxes would only be \$3,669. (see table below)

This means a Cheverly resident with a \$275,000 home saves \$717 off their county taxes or \$60 per month. (* indicate where Cheverly residents save money.) When you factor in these savings the "incremental cost" of living in Cheverly is \$873 annually (or \$73 per month).

Tax Category	Unincorporated Resident		Cheverly Resident	
	Rate Per	Amount	Rate Per	Amount
<i>County/Schools</i>	.96	\$ 2,640	.838	\$ 2,304 *
<i>State Tax</i>	.112	\$ 300	.112	\$ 300
<i>Park & Planning</i>	.279	\$ 768	.279	\$ 768
<i>Stormwater</i>	.054	\$ 149	.054	\$ 149
<i>Transit Tax</i>	.026	\$ 72	.026	\$ 72
<i>Recycling Fee</i>		\$ 60		\$ *
<i>Solid Waste Fee</i>		\$ 356		\$ 35 *
<i>Clean Water Fee</i>		\$ 41		\$ 41
Total Non-Cheverly Taxes:		\$ 4,386		\$ 3,669
Cheverly Taxes:		\$ 0		\$ 1,590
Total Tax:		\$ 4,386		\$ 5,259

Cheverly's Value Proposition: I have heard from a few Cheverly residents that our tax rate suppresses our property values. Given the scenario described above, the question residents should ask themselves "is living in Cheverly worth \$73 per month". That's a question only you can answer.

However, it is clear that the market has answered this question. In 2010, the middle of the economic downturn, Cheverly's property assessments dropped by 21%. This was a true reflection of what was occurring in the marketplace, and while our drop was precipitous it was much less than the rest of the County.

Three years later and our property assessments have bounced back by 30% (estimated). While this also reflects the general trend in the marketplace, other areas of the county only grew between 12% to 15%. Cheverly's property values far outpaced the growth of all surrounding areas.

BTW, Did We Mention the Crime Rate Dropped 11% in 2014? I'm always hesitant to discuss the crime rate because, as we all know, when a crime happens to you the crime rate is unimportant. However, the crime rate is an important method for evaluating the safety of your community. Good News, Chief Robshaw announced at the February 12th Town Council Meeting that our crime rate dropped 11% over year 2014. This continues a solid five year trend in Cheverly.

WMATA Agrees to Move Rail Yard Away From Landover Metro Station: We are pleased to announce that WMATA has agreed to move its rail yard from the planned location at the Landover Metro Station to a site 1.5 miles north to 3636 Pennsy Drive. WMATA agreed to combine two new rail yards onto a single plot of land at the 3636 Pennsy Drive location.

This decision by WMATA, preserves the Landover Metro Station and the surrounding area for future Transit Oriented Development. Furthermore, it preserves the existing seven acres of forested land and retention pond that sit upon the banks of Lower Beaverdam Creek that flows directly into the Anacostia River. WMATA presented a preliminary plan for the rail yard to our community in a February 12th meeting. While the new site is not optimal, it is much further from the Metro station and will be built on a site that is already 95% impermeable surface.

WMATA is developing more detailed plans and will present them in a Public Hearing in the late Summer or Fall. In the meantime, we will continue to work with WMATA on a number of topics. During the process we learned that there are over 1,200 WMATA workers in the Landover area, and the rail yard will add more.

As the primary employer in our area we hope to work together to build a better relationship and work on potential future development, communicating employment opportunities and internships, and identifying opportunities to mitigate the impacts of building a rail yard on the surrounding environment.

I'd like to give a shout out to everyone who helped the Town Council in this discussion. State Senator Ramirez and the Anacostia Watershed Society sent letters in support of our position. The Office of the County Executive worked directly with WMATA to support our position. Members of the Town Council, Green Infrastructure and the Planning Board, attended meetings and wrote position papers. Over 40 citizens turned out for the WMATA community meeting to express their concerns.

Hey Mike, Why is Cheverly Always Advocating Against Development Projects? Readers of the FYI, know that over the years Cheverly has opposed a Concrete Plant to the south of our borders, opposed a rail yard at the Landon Metro Station, and opposed the downgrading of the development at the Pointe@Cheverly. Why is this? The answer is simple, the Town Council believes in the future of the Cheverly area. We believe there is no greater location in the Washington, DC area! Now that development has crept all the way down New York Avenue, it seems like a matter of time until quality development will come to our doorsteps.

So our job is to oppose low quality development projects, until we can get better quality development. The Town Council has agreed that leaving some sites vacant is a better solution than allowing low quality development in our area that will stand for a long time and prevent higher quality development from coming to our area.

The good news is that we know residents of Cheverly feel the same way. The Planning Board conducted the Envision Cheverly process 18 months ago, & the results of that process emphatically backed up our enthusiastic vision. BTW, the Planning Board is finishing up the final version of the study & hopefully copies will be available by summer.

WSSC is Coming to Cheverly Avenue: WSSC recently completed the bidding to replace the water mains along Cheverly Avenue and work is scheduled to begin in spring. Obviously, WSSC construction on Cheverly Avenue is going to cause more heartburn than their work has caused in other parts of the town. The Town Council asks for your patience during this process as I am sure there will be delays. Furthermore, we ask that you manage your speed as you look for alternative routes through town.

We have asked WSSC to attend an upcoming Town Council meeting to discuss the project so that we can get more information. Below is a list of topics that we have asked them to cover:

Impacts to the Town:

- On-going Communication with Town / Residents
- Schedule,
- Potential Impacts, traffic issues.
- Impacts to Infrastructure, trees, sidewalks, street.
- Plans for remediation.
- Potential for planning for stormwater improvements.

Impacts to Cheverly Ave Residents:

- Likelihood that a person would need to upgrade.
- Timeframe, If WSSC indicates upgrades are required.
- How to select a reputable contractor to do the work
- Are there economies of scale if a group of residents decide to go in together
- Is there any financial assistance available to homeowners.

Are you Composting, Many of your Neighbors are:

Over the last two years Doug Alexander has led an effort to educate residents on the benefits of composting. The good news is that over 400 people have purchased a bin at the discounted price of \$20. That's almost 25% of Cheverly homes. We have seen a direct correlation to a decrease in the amount of garbage that goes to the county landfill. Reducing the number of tons going to the landfill saves Cheverly money (\$59 per ton).

I know some residents are reticent to do something new, and composting seems a little messy. Peg and I have been composting for almost two years, and we have been surprised at just how easy it is. We have never experienced any of the issues that people raise about composting: odor and animals.

We simply keep a sealed medium sized canister on our kitchen counter, and fill it with the organic wastes that accumulate in the kitchen. When it's full, we take it out to the bin. It's amazingly easy and of course it provides tremendous fertilizer for your garden in the spring. So call Public Works (301) 773-2666 and order a composting bin, it even comes with instructions on how to compost.

Cheverly Day is Right Around the Corner: Fireworks, Music, Midway, Food, Corn Hole, Dunk Tank, Mini Golf, Laser Tag, Beer Garden! May 16th! Enuf Said! Of course, if you have ideas on how to improve Cheverly Day or simply want to lend a hand please contact David Thorpe at dthorpe2000@yahoo.com, or better yet attend a Cheverly Day Meeting at 7:30pm on March 10th.

New Recycling Bins: I was driving around town on Wednesday morning, and I couldn't help but notice all of the new blue bins throughout town. Apparently, folks like the wheels and lids because in less than two months we've sold almost 300 bins. We still have 50 left, so if you'd like a bin please call Public Works at (301) 773-2666. Although the bins sell at retail for over \$75 you can get one for \$20 and Public Works will even deliver to your home.

New Street Light for the BW Parkway Bus Stop: The Town Council voted to approve funding for the installation of a new street light at the Bus Stop on the ramp to the BW Parkway. Hopefully, this will end the long running saga regarding "whose light this is, and who will maintain it". Special thanks to the Town Council for stepping outside our borders to take care of this issue, and special thanks to Pepco for providing us with a great price (\$1,200) to get this done. We have yet to get confirmation as to a completion date, but the process is now underway.

Troublesome Icy Areas: With the cold of winter comes new problems to our streets. There are a number locations in town where seeps, water leaks or drainage issues affect safety on sidewalks and streets throughout town. Throughout, most of the year these locations are simply a messy nuisance, however in the cold winter months these locations become more problematic.

The town has attempted to mitigate these issues by distributing sand barrels to particularly difficult areas. However we recognize that this is simply a stop gap solution. Over the next couple of months, Public Works will be providing an inventory of these areas, identifying the source of the issue and potential solutions. We will then continue to work with citizens (yard drainage issues), the County (storm drain issues) and WSSC (leaks).

Columbia Park Bridge at the Metro: The Town Council recognizes the frustration residents have regarding this bridge. Pedestrians complain about the lights and the difficulty of crossing the street. Drivers complain about the inadequate traffic flow. Everyone complains about the amount of truck traffic that exists on what should be a neighborhood bridge.

Town staff has engaged officials from the County and the State Highway Administration on at least four occasions since I became Mayor. On each occasion small tweaks have been identified in an effort to improve the situation. Unfortunately, the problems continue because the bridge was never engineered to handle the combination of traffic that occurs here. The Town has been clear that our priority is to bias any light sequences to improve pedestrian safety. Unfortunately, there is simply too much traffic on this bridge. We have been advocating for a new bridge for more than 5 years and will continue to do so. Please feel free to forward any suggestions you might have to mayor@cheverly-md.gov, as we will be addressing this issue with State Highway again.

Major Stream Clean-up March 19th: If you want to be part of a great experience, come to Boyd Park on March 19th. Six bus loads of college students from across the midwest (Minnesota, Wisconsin, the Dakotas) belonging to the organization Students Today, Leaders Tomorrow will team up with the Earth Conservation Corps for the purpose of cleaning Lower Beaverdam Creek. I've enjoyed the event so much over the years that I asked for waders for Christmas. Over the years this event has removed more than 15 tons of trash from our local stream.

Members of the Town Council and the Green Infrastructure committee will be there to lend a hand. Why not you? If nothing else, just come by for Free Pizza at the end to say thanks! The event will occur from 8:30am to Noon.

Looking for a Place to Eat? As always there's always a place to enjoy a meal and help out a local non-profit organization. Unfortunately, the Pancake Dinner was postponed due to snow in February. Fortunately, we get to eat pancakes in March. Stop by CUMC for the Pancake Dinner on March 3rd.

On March 1st stop by Bladensburg High School and enjoy the Taste of TNI. This event spotlights food from restaurants from the Bladensburg and East Riverdale areas as well as from the Bladensburg High School Culinary Arts Program. The event is FREE, however please bring a donation to support the Culinary Arts program.

Peg and I attended last year and had a blast. We not only met new friends, we also tasted great food from local restaurants. However, the highlight of the evening was the cooking demonstrations from the Culinary Arts School students. The students were charming, fun and talented. They also distributed samples of the great food they were cooking to everyone in audience.

CHEVERLY MUNICIPAL ELECTION
MONDAY May 4, 2015 (7am—8pm)
ALL SIX COUNCIL SEATS WILL BE ELECTED

Candidates for Town Council must be:

- ⇒ 21 years of age on or before the date of election
- ⇒ A citizen of the United States
- ⇒ A registered voter of Cheverly
- ⇒ A resident of Cheverly for not less than 6 months
- ⇒ A resident of the ward from which they are elected (at least 45 days before the date of the election)

FILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES: Filing forms may be obtained on line at http://www.cheverly-md.gov/Pages/CheverlyMD_Clerk/election or at the Town Office during normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm) . Call 301-773-8360 for more information. Completed forms must be returned to the Town Office **no later than 5:00PM. Friday, March 20, 2015**

NOTE: The State of Maryland is requiring a new financial disclosure form that **MUST** be completed by all candidates in order for their petition for candidacy can be considered. The form can be downloaded from the Town's website or picked-up from the Town Clerk during normal business hours.

NOTE: Pictures & Profiles of Candidates are run in the April Newsletter. They should be submitted with the nominating petition or by the newsletter deadline (**March 20**).

- ⇒ **Candidate Profiles must be brief** (no longer than 350 words). Profiles will appear as written. They will not be edited or corrected; however, if the profile is too long, staff will have to shorten it by cutting it off at the paragraph closest to the limit.
- ⇒ **Picture should be a closeup** - will be cropped to about 2"x2".

Please submit the profile and the picture on a disk or email separate files to townclerk@cheverly-md.gov. **Please attach them as separate files; the profile as a WORD document and the picture as a JPEG file.** Contact the Town Clerk at 301-773-8360 if you need further information.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: http://cheverly-md.gov/Pages/CheverlyMD_Clerk/election

Cheverly RECREATION COUNCIL

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 24th at 7:00PM in the conference room at the Community Center. We'll discuss the Saturday April 4 Easter Egg Hunt. We will need volunteers.

Arbor Day is scheduled for **April 1th**. Join Public Works to help plant a tree, contact PW for time and place.



The SPRING FLEA MARKET,

sponsored by the Recreation Council, will be on **Sat, April 11th from 9:00AM to 2:00PM** at the Community Center. Come rain or shine, it's held indoors! Tables are \$15 and reservations start Monday March 2nd. **Call Barbara at 301-773-5883**. There will be lots of great bargains, good food and wonderful baked goods.

When filling out your **MARYLAND TAX RETURN**, Please remember to fill in the **COUNTY AND CITY** boxes just under your address label. It is important that you print in **CHEVERLY** as your city, so that the town gets its correct share of Maryland Income Taxes.

The Cheverly RECREATION COUNCIL

is proud to sponsor the *John Dent Wilson College Scholarship*. This is a \$500. scholarship awarded to a Cheverly Resident who is enrolled full-time in an academic or vocational post-secondary education program for the 2014-2015 academic year. For information call Judy Deleonibus 301-386-4251 or judydeleon@aol.com



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 raking leaves, shoveling snow. Cheverly teenagers can call the town office at 773-8360 if they wish to add their names to this list.

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



EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Recreation Council will be on **Sat, April 4th at 11:00AM**. Children, from toddlers up to 9 years of age, are invited to visit with "The Easter Bunny." We will meet in the gym of the community center and then we'll go outside in age groups to look for Easter Eggs. Please bring your own basket to put your found eggs into. There will be goodies for all and a surprise, too! There will be time before we go out looking for eggs for your parents to take a picture of you with the Easter Bunny.

RECYCLING TOTALS January 2015



Curb Recycling— 50.24 tons
Electronic Recycling— 0 pallets
Appliances— 2



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

GENTLE REMINDER ABOUT WINTER

SNOW REMOVAL: If you are a resident of Cheverly, please be reminded that snow lying on sidewalks in front of their residents or rental

properties must be cleaned off by the owner/occupant within 12 hours after the snow has ceased to fall, or if falling at night, within 12 hours after sunrise the next day.

Snow cannot be deposited on public streets or sidewalks. In addition, owners/occupants are also

required to apply the appropriate material (i.e., sand or similar compound) to ice covered sidewalks within 6 hours of when such ice has formed.

Failure to adhere to such requirements will result in the issuance of a municipal infraction with a fine of \$50 for the first violation and a \$100 fine for each repeated offense. Every day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense. For more information, see Town Code Section 18-4.1.

ELDERWATCH – The CPD regularly visits the Town’s elderly and infirmed in an effort to keep this important segment of the community up to date on crime issues and neighborhood events. These 10-15 minute visits are designed, not only for information sharing, but also to socialize. If any Cheverly resident knows of any elderly or infirmed persons living alone whom they believe would benefit from such contact, please notify the police station (301-341-1055).

PURCHASE AN ALARM SYSTEM OR NOT? – I am frequently asked by residents whether they should engage an alarm service for home protection or not. My first response to this question is that you should look at alarm systems more towards the perspective of a notification device rather than a deterrent device. Because alarm companies make every effort to notify the homeowner before notifying the police of a current alarm, criminals who commit B&E’s know that they have a certain window of opportunity before the arrival of the police. This window may be up to 10 minutes or more, allowing suspects plenty of time to remove items from a home or business and be gone before the police arrive.

On the other hand, an alarm system is useful for residents on vacation or who are away from home for long periods of time. The alarm notification ensures that the police will be notified in the absence of the owner and can take specific steps to protect the residence until the owner can be notified. Be sure to tell the CPD when you are away and request a house check. In addition to the other required information, make sure you tell the CPD whether you have

an alarm and how you can be contacted in the event the alarm is activated while you are away.

OUT OF STATE REGISTRATION PLATES AND DRIVER’S LICENSES–

The Department will be initiating out of state registration enforcement in the next several weeks. Residents of Maryland, including homebuyers, people leasing apartments or homes, or anyone residing in Maryland for more than 60 days must obtain Maryland registration plates and a driver’s license, or face stiff penalties and/or vehicle impoundment. In addition to observation, tax records and rental license agreements will be used to determine how long a person has resided in Maryland. Please make every effort to conform to the law within those 60 days.

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



PRIVATE PROPERTY PLANTING PROGRAM

The Town will provide and plant a tree in your yard at no cost to you. Please go to the Public works Department site on the Cheverly website: Cheverly-md.gov and print out the Tree Agreement form and return it to be included in the Spring 2015 plantings. Trees available this spring are as follows:

American Holly	Northern Red Oak
Black Gum	Pin Oak
Flowering Dogwood	Redbud
Fringtree	Red Maple
Hackberry	River birch-clump
Serviceberry	Swamp White Oak
Tulip Poplar	Sycamore/London plane
Willow Oak	Sweetbay Magnolia
Eastern Red Cedar	Bald Cypress

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

MON Town Wide YARD WASTE—Paper Bags ONLY

MON East side Regular Garbage Pickup only

TUE West side Regular Garbage Pickup only

WED Town wide RECYCLING (blue or yellow bins)

DO NOT PLACE IN PLASTIC BAGS

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**

Town Meeting broadcasts available via your computer on the website go to the homepage under Meetings.

ACTIONS TAKEN

Votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Town Meeting - February 12, 2015

- ☐ CM Riazi to pass Resolutions R-1, 2 & 3-15 to appoint election clerks, judges and supervisors. Seconded CM Coolen. Approved. 6-0.
- ☐ CM Eldridge to make a motion to allow the Mayor to write a letter on behalf of the Town of Cheverly for the School Board's Principal search. Second CM Riazi. Approved 6-0.

TENATIVE AGENDA

Town Meeting - March 12, 2015

Worksession - March 26, 2015

Community Bulletin Board

Mark Your Calendars: **Cheverly's British Soccer Camp**, June 22-26, 2015 at Town Park. Although it seems like this wintery will never end, before we know it, summer will be here, and that includes the Cheverly SC Soccer Camp!!! Get ready--it's coming!!! Sponsored by the Cheverly Soccer Club, the Challenger British Soccer Camp is scheduled for June 22-26, 2015. The one-and-only Coach Mighty Moussa from Scotland (by way of Burundi) will be returning as our camp director for another outstanding week of fun and games for kids from the ages of 3 to 16!!! Please see the links below for more details and registration information. If you have questions, please contact David Konieczko dlkonieczko@yahoo.com or Jill Konieczko at jkonieczko@gmail.com. To learn more about session descriptions, times, and camp costs, and registration, please visit: <http://challenger.mycustomevent.com/ShoppingCart.aspx?com=detailview&iid=54255&zip=20785&returncom=productlist>.

For those who are working on 2014 taxes, and need the Challenger Sports tax ID for last year's camp registrations: 74-2852234

We hope to see you and your young soccer players on the pitch come June!!!

Community Bulletin Board



Village Voices

Cheverlians look toward a Cheverly Village

Cheverly has been our home since 1979. We started on the west side on Crest Avenue and now live on Forest Road backing up to the town park. We get to watch the kids' games and many activities in the park from our back yard. Many neighbors use our yard as a viewpoint and access to the park exercise track. We love Cheverly as the town that time did not forget, now having a diverse populace in every way.

As we age into our post-sixties, we want to stay here. Why? Because in Cheverly we have:

- Wonderful neighbors and friends;
- Parks and trails for kids and adults, with lots of squirrels and other animals;
- Easy access to DC for work and play;
- Lively online networks;
- Cultural activities at our fingertips in PG and DC;
- Many civic activities and clubs;
- Even a Senior Prom – for all ages.

Now as some of our physical (and probably mental) skills are diminishing, we don't want to move to a continuing care community such as Collington or Riderwood. Some of our kids and grand-kids live in Cheverly and we want to see them and other young couples grow and prosper.

We welcome the concept of the Cheverly Village, like those on Capitol Hill and other places. We like the idea of a staffed program that will provide information and help with contractor selection -- it is easy to get taken these days -- tips for living at home and improving it for senior needs, information about other resources, volunteers to provide rides to appointments, transportation to events, and seminars on topics we are all concerned with. A village can address many other senior needs that you will help identify.

Join in the fun and effort to create this wonderful institution and stay in Cheverly to age in place, gracefully, with all of us!

Jack and Debby Warner

"Village Voices" is brought to you by the Cheverly Village Planning Committee. For more information, contact us at ChevVillage@gmail.com

See you on Saturday, March 28 for our FLBC Work Party!

Join your friendly neighborhood environmental group, Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek (FLBC), for our monthly Work Party on Sat, March 28 between 9 am and noon.

We'll be repairing some damage caused by a broken water main--and we'll remove invasives and pick up trash--near Magruder Spring. We'll meet at Magruder Spring, which is along Cheverly Ave, just one-half block north of the Cheverly 7-11 & a block from the Cheverly Metro Station

Tools, gloves, snacks, & water will be provided. As always, volunteer of all ages are welcome, and school community service hours are available. Hope to see you there! For more information, contact Joani Horchler at 301-802-7445 (cell) or horcpool97@aol.com

CHEVERLY GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE -

March Monthly Meeting, Monday, March 2, 2015, 7:30-9:00 p.m. Large Conference Room, Cheverly Community Center. Monthly meeting to report progress on Cheverly greening efforts and plan next steps and new initiatives. In implementing the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Plan, your Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee is working on projects in education, planning, and research.

Help Map Our Cheverly Green Practices

Have you installed rain barrels on your property? A rain garden? Solar panels? Do you use a compost bin? Have you planted new trees in your yard or had the town plant them?

Many of our Cheverly citizens have been adopting green practices to help our environment. Now you can help map our successes. Show what you are doing to make your Cheverly property environmentally friendly.

This Cheverly Day the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee will unveil a map of "best management practices" in Cheverly. You will be able to show your practices directly on the map.

In the meantime, help us gather information for the map. Fill in the survey on Cheverly Green Plan web site, www.greencheverly.org. It's right on the home page.

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Cheverly United Methodist Church

Cheverly United Methodist Men Fish Fry

Friday, March 20th, 2015 5:30 - 7:30 PM

St Ambrose Catholic Church - Fannon Hall

Adults: \$8.00 Children (under 12 years old) \$4.00

MENU: All Plates include:

Whiting Fish

Macaroni and Cheese

Green Beans

Dessert

Rolls

Coffee, Ice Tea & Lemonade

Good Friday Service April 3, 2015 at 7 pm

We are planning a live presentation of The Passion of Christ. We have presented this service in years past, and it is a powerful service, and retelling of the Good Friday message. In order to do this, we will need approximately 15 adults- no speaking parts, but you will act out the readings. We would love to have a few of our older children be the narrators- probably children 9 and up would be good for this. There will be no lines to memorize, all will be read and the play is completely scripted. This can't happen without volunteers. We would need to have 2 or 3 short runs through, probably on a Saturday morning or afternoon. Right now, we need people to volunteer to be a part of this service. If you and your family are interested in helping out, please contact Denise Carrigan @ 301-386-3678 or denisecarrigan@hotmail.com.

A creative Writing Workshop will be held March 7th @ Cheverly United Methodist Church

Youth session is from 10:00 – 11:15am. Adults session start at 11:20am.

Come and let your imaginary juices flow and just have fun. Instructor Dr. Ruth King. Sponsored by the Tabitha Circle @CUMC.

Woman's Club

The Woman's Club's Black History / Peace Celebration has been rescheduled for Sunday, March 15 at the American Legion from 4 – 7 p.m.

We hope to see you there.

Our next regular meeting is planned for Monday, March 30 at Fratelli's at 7 p.m. We'll be discussing the Flea Market kitchen and table, Peace Month and Peace Camp. You're all invited!

GROW YOUR OWN! The Cheverly Community Vegetable Garden

located at Boyd Park is accepting applications for the 2015 growing season. 4' wide x 20' long plots are available for a \$20 fee for Cheverly residents, \$30 for nonresidents. Many town residents do not have vegetable gardens on their own property for reasons such as: terrain, shade, or lack of space. The CHV Community Vegetable Garden provides a sunny, level place to grow fresh veggies close to home. Stop by the front office at the Cheverly Community Center to get an application and guidelines. Contact us if you have questions at chvgardens@verizon.net.

Cheverly Boy's & Girls Club Baseball/ Softball

We are starting our season opening with registration on Sunday, March 1, 2015 (weather permitting) at Cheverly Town Park Field from 2-4PM. This will be for both girls and boys ages 8-16. In order to properly plan the teams, we need you to come out and register your child. Even if you have already Registered, we need to know that your son or daughter is interested in playing for county teams.

Please check club website for more details and updates <http://www.cheverlybgc.org>.

Progressive Cheverly March Forum: "Peace and Justice in our Community" After the tragic events in Ferguson, Cleveland, and New York, Progressive Cheverly's March forum hosts our Cheverly Police Chief Robshaw and Prince George's Hyattsville Commander Major Weishaar as they share their efforts to promote good relations between police and community; explore community actions that can help to keep everyone safe; and discuss ideas that could help to promote a peaceable and sustainable situation for everyone. The public is invited.

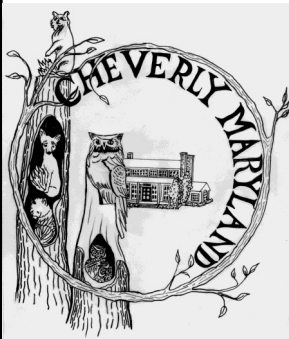
Thursday, March 5, 2015 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Judith Hoyer Center, 2300 Bellevue Ave.
Discussion / Light refreshments

Boy Scout Troop #257 has been busy planning their spring calendar. If whitewater rafting, camping and hiking sound fun to you please contact Scoutmaster Jeffrey Felten-Green at 301-807-4137 or come to a meeting at the American Legion on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. It may not seem like it right now but spring will be here before you know it!

Keep Cheverly Wild

CHEVERLY DAY

Saturday, May 16, 2015 2:00-9:00pm



As we write this in snow and bitter cold, we're looking forward to warm weather and Cheverly Day 2015. Saturday, May 16 will be here before we know it, and lots of great music, food, and activities are in store! Join us from 2pm to 9pm at Town Park for games and activities, food, great music, and all sorts of wonderful community groups. Of course, everything leads up to our annual fireworks...some of the best you'll find in the DC area!

This year's theme -- *Keep Cheverly Wild* -- will appear on our always-popular t-shirts. Pat Nelson has designed this ode to Cheverly Day 2015, which will be printed in black on a gray field. The cotton tees will be available at Cheverly Day and we can't wait to share this instant classic with you! We're also looking forward to our **first photo contest**, which will celebrate *Wild Cheverly*...more details on that coming soon.

Last year's expanded games were a great hit, so we're expanding again this year! In addition to the dunk tank, cornhole, putt-putt golf, and all the great attractions on our Midway, we're gearing up for **Human Foosball** and some other big games. This is going to be a Cheverly Day to remember, and certainly wild! Interested in getting involved with our expanded games? Get in touch -- we'd love to have your help.

The **CHVProm** committee is busy planning another great dance -- we're excited to share those details soon. Make sure to follow them on Twitter (@CHVProm) for insider scoop and fun, as well as keeping an eye on our Facebook page for all the latest!

Cicada Crunch Race news...we need your input about the date. Please visit our blog to share your thoughts in a quick survey!

We're looking for volunteers to help out with expanded activities this year! Volunteering for Cheverly Day is a great way to meet new people if you're new to the community, hang out with old friends if you've been here for awhile, and for students to earn those much-needed service hours. Interested? Please contact Cheverly Day head organizer David Thorpe (dthorpe2000@yahoo.com) and Midway organizer Pat Nelson (patnelson217@gmail.com).

Not able to volunteer but you'd like to lend financial support? Please contribute to the Cheverly Day Fund. Visit the Cheverly Day site (www.cheverlyday.com) and use the secure Paypal form to make a contribution at any level. You will be included in our printed and web acknowledgments, and you'll feel good about being part of something big. **And here's a great way to get your business or organization in front of a large and enthusiastic audience: Become an official Cheverly Day sponsor or advertise on our website and blog.** Please see our website for details, or contact Megan Daly for sponsorship (1megandaly@gmail.com) or Kathryn Andrews (kathrynga@yahoo.com) for advertising and web information.

The Cheverly Day website (<http://www.cheverlyday.com>) is new and improved! Visit us online for the complete updated schedule, Cheverly Day bus routes, group information, profiles of our musicians, vendor and community group applications, and all things Cheverly Day 2015.

This is going to be a terrific Cheverly Day, and we're looking forward to sharing all the latest news leading up to May 16 so visit our blog and website frequently, and connect with us on Facebook and Twitter all the way through the big day!

Connect with us!

Cheverly Day website: www.cheverlyday.org

Cheverly Day blog: www.cheverlyday.blogspot.com

Cheverly Day on Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/Cheverly-Day/142851379104423

Cheverly Day on Twitter: www.twitter.com/cheverlyday

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.

Help us Help our Veterans

In 2015 we are asking the ladies of Cheverly to consider helping us support three local veterans' organizations with a donation when they come to the Legion for ladies night each month.

Canned food donation for the USO Food Pantry

USO-Metro at Fort Meade provides Emergency Programs for housing and food assistance to military service members and their families who are in extreme financial hardship, or to families of service members who are critically or terminally ill and require treatment at area military hospitals. <http://us.uso.org/WashingtonBaltimore/>



Item donations from the MCVET Wish List

The Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training is designed to provide homeless veterans and veterans in need with comprehensive services that will enable them to rejoin their communities as productive citizens. <http://www.mcvet.org/services.php>

Cash donations for the Fisher House Foundation

Fisher House Foundation is a network of comfort homes where military and veterans' families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving treatment. <http://www.fisherhouse.org>

Legion Family Events

Third Friday Ladies' Night

Friday, March 20, 7:30 PM

Cheverly American Legion Dugout

All are welcome! Bring a donation for the USO Food Pantry, MCVET, or Fisher House Foundation.

Saint Patrick's Day Party

Saturday, March 21, 5:00 PM

Cheverly American Legion Dugout

You know we are serious about our Irish! While not as big as our September Half-way-to-St.-Patrick's Day, it is a perfect time to put on green, relax, and enjoy Irish food and music. FOOD for purchase: 5:00 -7:00 PM, or until gone!

Friday Night Queen of Hearts Game

Fridays, 7:30 PM, Cheverly American Legion Dugout

Try your luck at finding the Queen of Hearts on the board of 54 cards. One drawing each week until the Queen of Hearts is found. Raffle tickets for sale in the Dugout daily, 4:00 PM – 10:00PM, up to the drawing.

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 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, or email us at cheverlyauxiliary@gmail.com.

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 Wednesday, March 11, at 7:30 at Post 108. All who would like to know more about the Sons are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Seth Zirkle at [301-775-4758](tel:301-775-4758), or email: sethbzirkle@gmail.com.

Cheverly Garden Club -

We are all freezing NOW unless you read this in Florida. Our February meeting was canceled and we go onto March. Please read the Capital Gardener which can be found on the NCAGC, Inc. Web Site. It gives you a lot of information about the State and what is going on in different Districts. Cheverly is in District 1. We welcome all to our meetings and this March 16th we will have as the speaker Kathy Jentz, editor of Washington Gardener. She will be speaking and showing a program called REGIONALLY ADAPTED PLANTS. We invite ALL to this free presentation. Kathy is well known in the Metro area and actually will be leading a bus group to the Philadelphia Flower Show on March 5. We are planning a field trip to Cat Meow Day Lily Farm and to a Lavender Farm in June. The club is trying to stay within a close distance of Cheverly and a place(s) that has a number of Native flowers in the collection. In April we are asking you to come to the National Arboretum to see and hear Kirk Brown an impersonator of Frederick Law Olmstead. Look up these places and people on the computer. SAVE April 11, 10:00 AM and it is free. Everyone is welcome to the Club's meetings and if you choose to join, thank you.

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Meetings & Events

GOVERNMENT EVENT SCHEDULE

Thur	March 12	8:00 pm	TOWN MEETING
Tue	March 24	7:00 pm	REC Meeting
Thur	March 26	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

- ☐ FLBC - Work Party, Sat. March 28—9 to noon
- ☐ Green Infrastructure - Mon. March 2, 7:30-9 PM
- ☐ Cheverly Village - Village Voices - The Warner's
- ☐ Boy Scout Troop 257 - Weds 6:30-7:30 Amer. Leg
- ☐ Boys & Girls Club Softball/Baseball registration
Sunday March 1, 2-4 pm at Town Park
- ☐ Community Vegetable Garden accepting apps.
- ☐ CUMC - Fish Fry Fri, March 20, 5:30-7:30 pm @
St. Ambrose Fannon Hall, Good Friday Service
April 3, 7PM
- ☐ Women's Club - March 30 7PM Meeting Fratelli's
- ☐ Progressive Cheverly forum— March 5, 7-8 pm
- ☐ British Soccer Camp—June 22-26, register now.
- ☐ Cheverly Day - May 16. Information inside.
- ☐ American Legion - See all information on the
Cheverly website under March newsletter