March 2017 301-773-8360



#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION by Mayor Mike Callahan

Call 301-789-8009 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.

Please Vote, or Run, in the Cheverly Elections on May 1<sup>st</sup>: Elections for the Cheverly Town Council are scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup>, the first Monday in May. Please save the date, and come out to support the elections. This year all six council member seats are up for election.

Frequently I am asked, "What does the council do and how much of a commitment is it?" The Town Council sets policy and direction for town staff as well as provides an oversight function. Town Staff carries out all management and administrative functions of the town. There are times when a council member become involved in an issue that requires a greater time commitment. One example is Councilmember Eldridge's involvement in getting Cheverly connected to Bike Trail network. Virtually all of the council has at least one issue they champion.

The time commitment is the council member's to set. The only true commitment is to attend two meetings a month on the second and fourth Thursday and the preparation that comes with it. However, constituent services and other projects can eat up a lot more time.

Each Councilmember is paid \$2,400 annually, and receives \$50 each quarter to cover incidental expenses. There are no other benefits other than the joy of serving your community.

Cheverly Contests the Re-Zoning of former Smithfield Property: I guess the first question most folks have is: "Where is the Smithfield property?. The Smithfield Property is just south of the Cheverly Metro on Columbia Park Road, abutting the former Fanelli's Deli. This property also abuts Boyd Park in old Ward 4

The property used to be zoned I-2 (Heavy Industrial), however during the Sub-region 4 planning process was rezoned to I-3 (Lighter Industrial). One of the most significant differences in zoning, besides the intensity of Industrial, is the percentage of tree canopy. I-2 only requires 10% tree canopy, while I-3 requires 25% tree canopy. Given the property abuts Boyd Park, the larger tree canopy would be a benefit.

The current property owner is attempting to rezone back to I-2, based on "mistakes" made in the Sub Region 4 Planning Process. While the final decision has not been made (as of Feb 19<sup>th</sup>), it appears the property owner will succeed in rezoning the property back to I-2.

During the hearings, the Council learned that the intended use of the property was to become a product distribution center. The area south of the Cheverly Metro is virtually all zoned Industrial and the primary use of these properties is distribution. The area's proximity to DC, and to the highway network makes this a valuable area to distribution companies.

Issues Resulting From the Industrial Zoning: Due to the number of distribution companies in the area south of the Metro, there are significant traffic issues that culminate at the Columbia Park Bridge. For many years the Town Council has tried to bring attention to the congestion problems at the bridge, where local traffic, pedestrians, and Industrial traffic all compete for the same space creating safety issues.

As the economy continues to improve, more and more distribution centers are being built in the area south of the Metro. Distribution centers are locations where big trucks drive in, and smaller trucks drive out.

The Town Council will renew its effort to find alternative access and egress to this area in an effort to improve the congestion on the Columbia Park Bridge.

Cheverly Sector Plan: On February 10<sup>th</sup> Maryland Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) published a draft of the Cheverly Sector Plan. Hard copies can be found at Town Hall, and electronic copies can found at: <a href="http://www.pgplanning.org/">http://www.pgplanning.org/</a> Resources/Publications/
Preliminary Greater Cheverly Sector Plan.htm.

Every Cheverly resident should take a moment to look through the plan and potentially provide comments, prior to the Public Hearing on March 28<sup>th</sup>. If you have comments but do not intend to attend the Public Hearing please forward to mayor@cheverly-md.gov.

There is much to comment on, but an important issue for the town is to free up the logjam on the Columbia Park Bridge.

Addison Row: Bring out the time machine! When I first joined council back in 2007, there was a significant effort to build a 1,800 unit mixed used development on Addison Road approximately half way between the Cheverly Metro and Deanwood. Due to the economic downturn the project was placed on hold for almost 10 years.

Well, it's back! While it's been scaled down, the Jamal Corporation plans to move forward with a significant development at the same site. The Cheverly Town Council will get an overview from the developer in their February 23<sup>rd</sup> work session.

**Hundreds of College Students Clean the Stream:** 

On March 16<sup>th</sup>, at least 5 busloads of college students will arrive in Boyd Park at 8:00AM. For at least the 10<sup>th</sup> year in a row, students from across the Mid-West, will come to Cheverly and clean tons of trash from Lower Beaver Dam Creek.

If you would like to be part of this fun event, plan to come to Boyd Park on 9:00 AM. Bring waders and gloves, and help keep our neighborhood stream clean.

Where Does the Gas Tax Go? Why the heck is the Mayor discussing the gasoline tax here in the Cheverly Newsletter, isn't that a state issue? Okay, so here's the thing. For 40 years prior to 2009 gasoline tax revenues were shared (by formula) between the state, county, and municipalities. Formulas were based on how many miles of roads and how many vehicles were registered in your town. The idea was, everyone needed to take care of their roads.

Then in 2011, the Governor raided the transportation fund to handle other funding issues facing the state. While state highway funds have come back to normal levels, county and municipal funds have not. For the last four years municipalities have received 50% of their normal funding. The impact to Cheverly is approximately \$130,000 less in highway funding per year, or more than \$800,000 since 2011.

While Cheverly has been quite fortunate that WSSC has re-paved many roads throughout town, the decrease in funding has impacted how much repaving we have been able to do. Actually, just to keep up road maintenance, Cheverly has budgeted more money for road repair than has been allocated by the state to keep up with community needs.

What does this mean to you? It means that money we paid in gasoline tax has gone to cover other state needs, while we end up having to pay some portion of road repair with your property tax dollars. That's not right, and municipalities across the state have been making this case.

You can help. If you meet a State Delegate or Senator ask them what they are doing to restore Highway User Revenues to counties and municipalities.

What's happening with the Dog Park? I'd like to offer a big shout out to the Dog Park committee that has been meeting on Monday evenings.

The group has been working on the governance of the park as well as making recommendations as to how it should be built

The proposed Dog Park will be unlike others in the area. It is going to be built to the right of the Public Works building in a pretty wooded area. Unlike other parks it will not be flat, but will have some terrain to it. The park is likely to be 3/4's of an acre. Given this location the Dog Park committee is reaching out to the community to ensure folks will use the park.

If you are Dog Owner please express your opinions on the park to a member of the committee. You can sign up for communication on the Dog Park my contacting Mike Callahan (<a href="mailto:mhcallahan@gmail.com">mhcallahan@gmail.com</a>) and you will be added the Google group!

What's happening with Boom Reporting? The University of Maryland Seismology Department is completing the preparation of the sensors they plan to deploy in Cheverly. So while we are a month later than we thought, all systems appear to be go for the beginning of March. UMD hopes to deploy more than 10 sensors throughout town. Hopefully, by the time you are reading this we will have contacted the residents where the sensors are to be deployed.

The sensors are small cylinders measuring 6 inches wide and 12 inches high, weighing about 6 pounds. Residents who decide to participate will have the sensor buried in a small 1 foot hole in their yard.

Please continue to report booms via the webpage at is helps the UMD folks identify when they should be looking at the logs.

What is happening at 6301 Kilmer: I hear from many folks "why don't we just open the property up so folks can walk around?". The answer is that there are a few hazards that need to be corrected prior to opening it up. The primary issue is that we need to remove the house on the property.

Town Staff has been working with utility companies to remove electric and gas lines and to re-route electricity to the garage which will remain standing. This work has finally been completed and the house will be removed in the coming months. The Town Council will be briefed on the status of the project in the February 23<sup>rd</sup> council.

#### TOWN MEETINGS & WORSESSIONS

#### **ACTIONS TAKEN**

Votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Town Meeting - February 9, 2017

☐ CM Daly motion to excuse CM Rodgers. CM Eldridge seconded. Approved 4-0. Mayor cast the fourth affirmative vote. CM Stewart and Riazi absent

Worksession - February 23, 2017

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#### TENATIVE AGENDA

Town Meeting - March 9, 2017

Worksession - March 30, 2017





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

## POLICE NIGHTTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER: 301-789-5090

IDENTITY THEFT REPORTING: Identity theft and identity fraud are terms used to refer to all types of crime in which someone wrongfully obtains and uses another person's personal data in some way that involves fraud or deception, typically for economic gain (U.S. Department of Justice, 2016). Identity theft is a federal crime, and dependent upon the amount of loss, maybe a felony that could result in a 15 year prison sentence. Because identity theft is such a widespread circumstance, space will be devoted in future columns to describe how identity theft occurs, what you can do to deter it, and what actions you should take if you discover you are a victim of this type of crime.

For purposes of today's column, the Cheverly Police Department wants you to know that you can report identity theft to this Department regardless of where your identity was stolen or where the loss from identity theft was actually initiated. Federal law states that identity theft victims can report this crime to a local police department regardless of where the crime was originally discovered, reported, or actually occurred. To report identity theft:

- Notify the Federal Trade Commission at IdentityTheft.gov or call 1-877-438-4338 and provide as many details as possible about the crime.
- Call your local police office with:
  - A government-issued ID with a photo
  - Proof of your address (mortgage statement, rental agreement, or utilities bill)
- Any other proof you have of the theft—bills, Internal Revenue Service (IRS) notices, etc.

This information is necessary for the local police to take a report for an identity theft that occurred anywhere in the United States.

CHEVERLY'S COMMITMENT TO COMMUNI-TY POLICING: The Cheverly Police Department has traditionally maintained a "small town" philosophy regarding its policing methodology and outreach. The goal of this seamless service have been realized many times over and can be observed through the integration of the Department's operations and programs into the social fabric of the community. Put another way, the Department fosters a closeness with the community and an open line of communications and dialogue that allows residents and visitors alike to talk to anyone from a patrol officer to the Chief of Police in a manner that assures expeditious service, a clear understanding of local problems, and a constant resolution on the part of Town residents to be involved in the problem solving process. This partnership, if you will, is predicated upon three basic principles:

- That residents and visitors alike will always have direct access to their police;
- That the residents of the Town will be encouraged to participate in all levels of problem identification, even those areas considered to be outside the purview of traditional policing; and,
- That residents and interested parties alike are expected to participate in problem solving through their community voice, through interaction with neighbors and friends, and through support afforded to police employees and programs.

Although typically identified as a community-oriented policing style, Cheverly residents and their police officers prefer to think of their relationship as a social contract in which both sides greatly benefit. While the immediate goal of this partnership is to reduce crime and the likelihood of violence, a strong secondary initiative is to improve the quality of life of all residents and visitors in ways beyond traditional, incidentoriented law enforcement. This initiative produces a strong attachment towards social interaction, community service, and interactive programming in which the police participate in schools, neighborhood events, and youth sports programs. It also means both the Department and the community have an understanding of the necessity for code enforcement and the presentation of a clean and thriving community image.

CRIME MAPS: The Cheverly Police Department now produces monthly and yearly crime maps showing the distribution and current quantity of crime around the Town. These maps are, by design, overlarge to allow for the visualization of symbols indicating individual and types of crime. Unfortunately, this larger size makes it difficult to adapt to the Newsletter structure. Anyone wishing one of these maps can get one for free at the Police Station.

#### Message from the Chief continued..

COLOR CODED ALERTS: As you travel the streets and highways of the State of Maryland, you will notice a well-constructed series of electronic message boards that were devised to quickly notify drivers of various road conditions, accidents, approaching weather systems, or other types of information that would likely impact vehicle and pedestrian traffic. This system is also utilized to announce a number of color coded alerts that enable highway users to be on the look-out for different types of vehicles, persons, or suspects that may be traveling in or through Maryland. The specific color associated with the alert specifies what the underlying issue is that makes these lookouts important. Here is a list of the four (4) most common:

- 1. Amber Alert: Is a lookout for a child under the age of 18 years that has been abducted and is in danger of serious bodily injury or death.
- Silver Alert: Is a lookout for missing person with a serious cognitive disability, such as Alzheimer's or dementia, and whose disappearance poses a credible threat to the health and safety of the individual due to age, health, mental or physical disability, the environment, or weather conditions.
- 3. Blue Alert: Is a lookout for a suspect involved in the serious bodily injury or death of a law enforcement officer.
- 4. Yellow Alert: Is a lookout for a suspect involved in a hit-and-run accident where the driver leaving the scene knew or reasonably should have known that the accident resulted in either serious bodily injury or death and that serious bodily injury or death actually did occur.

#### TELEPHONE NUMBERS –

Police Emergency	9-1-1
<b>Police Nonemergency Calls for Dispatch</b>	(301) 352-1200
Cheverly Police – Main Line	(301) 341-1055
Cheverly Police (Night/Weekend Only)	(301) 789-5090
<b>Cheverly Police Facsimile</b>	(301) 341-0176
Cheverly Photo Enforcement	(240) 770-7641
Alley Cat Towing (Towing Vendor)	(301) 864-0323
Cheverly Investigators	(301) 789-8551
, 3	(301) 852-0537

Crime Report for DECEMBER 2016					
*Note that all addresses are in Hundred Blocks					
				5800 Annapolis	
12/04/16	0136	hrs	Assault (2nd Deg)	Rd	
12/05/16	2123	hrs	Assault (2nd Deg)	2300 Belleview	
12/05/16	2322	hrs	B&E (Res.) attempt	6500 Landover Rd	
				5800 Annapolis	
12/06/16	0045	hrs	B&E (Comm.)	Rd	
12/06/16	1440	hrs	Vandalism	2400 59th Place	
12/08/16	0624	hrs	Theft from Auto	5800 Dewey	
12/09/16	0928	hrs	Vandalism	5800 Carlyle	
12/11/16	0049	hrs	Theft from Auto	6000 Hawthorne	
12/11/16	1818	hrs	Theft (under \$100)	6300 Landover Rd	
12/12/16	0915	hrs	Theft from Auto	6000 Hawthorne	
12/13/16	1115	hrs	B&E (Res.)	6400 Landover Rd	
12/13/16	1300	hrs	Assault (1st Deg)	6100 Montrose Rd	
12/15/16	1426	hrs	Theft (shoplifting)	6500 Landover Rd	
12/18/16	1120	hrs	Vandalism	2400 59th Place	
12/22/16	1758	hrs	Theft (under \$1000)	6500 Landover Rd	
				5800 Annapolis	
12/23/16	1030	hrs	Theft (under \$100)	Rd	
12/26/16	1529	hrs	Theft (shoplifting)	6500 Landover Rd	
12/27/16	0220	hrs	Robbery (armed)	5700 Monroe	
12/27/16	1530	hrs	Theft from Auto	4800 Lydell Rd	
12/28/16	1701	hrs	Theft (under \$1000)	6500 Landover Rd	
12/31/16	1650	hrs	Theft from Auto	2900 Hillside	

#### 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
THILE 18 Side Garbage & SPECIAL TRASH (at curb)

THU East side Garbage & <u>SPECIAL TRASH</u> (at curb) FRI West side Garbage & <u>SPECIAL TRASH</u> (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 (no consoles), 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** 

#### RECYCLING TOTALS January 2017

Curb Recycling - 43.33 tons Electronic Recycling - 4 pallets Appliances - 7

#### RECREATION COUNCIL

The March meeting will be Tuesday, the 28th at 7:00PM in the conference room at the Community Center. We'll discuss the Saturday, April 15th Easter Egg Hunt and that we need volunteers.



#### SPRING FLEA MARKET

The spring Flea Market sponsored by the Recreation Council, will be on **Saturday, April 1st from 8:30AM to 2:00PM** at the Community Center. Come rain or shine, it's indoors! Tables are \$15 and reservations start Wednesday March 1st. **Call Barbara at 301-773-5883**. There will be lots of great bargains, good food and wonderful baked goods.

The next meeting of the Cheverly Garden

**Club** will take place on the evening of Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> in the 4th floor Parlor Room of the Cheverly United Methodist Church. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm and all are welcome. Refreshments will be served. Our speaker will be Harold Belcher and he will discuss visiting the gardens of Australia. In the next few months the Garden Club has some fundraisers planned. The funds that we raise are used to help beautify Cheverly and to finance grants to Cheverly residents and employees for horticulturally related studies. We will have a table at the Flea Market in the Community Center on Saturday, April 1st. Save the date! Our greatly anticipated Plant Sale will happen on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> in the Town Park pavilion. If you have plants you wish to donate to the plant sale or items for the Flea Market, please reach out to any of our members or contact us at CheverlyGardenClub@verizon.net.

To all, this past January, hundreds of thousands of people (many of them from Cheverly!) visited the National Mall in Washington, D.C., where the many Smithsonian Gardens welcome visitors to the Smithsonian museums. Due to the overwhelming crowds, several of these gardens were adversely impacted and suffered damage in the form of trampled or ruined plantings. Please help Smithsonian Gardens restore these beloved spaces with a donation in any amount. Your contribution will aid in making sure these gardens are revived in time for the coming spring season.

DONATE BY CREDIT CARD - <a href="https://www.si.edu/giving/donate-now/unit?id=109">https://www.si.edu/giving/donate-now/unit?id=109</a>
DONATE BY CHECK - <a href="http://gardens.si.edu/get-involved/SGDonationForm.pdf">https://gardens.si.edu/get-involved/SGDonationForm.pdf</a>



#### **Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee**

March Monthly Meeting Date: Monday, March 6, 2017

Time: 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Location: 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 Cheverly Green Infrastructure Plan, your Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee is working on projects in education, planning, and research.

All are welcome to join us! Contact sheila.salo@gmail.com for a copy of the meeting agenda.

#### Cheverly Day 2017 Photo Contest -- Stream Tour and Photo Op

Thursday, March 16, following the big Spring stream cleanup, tour Cabin Branch and Lower Beaverdam Creek with us.

Prepare for the Cheverly Day nature photo contest. Bring your camera or scope out sites to photograph later.

Meet at the Boyd Park parking lot on 64th Street at 1 PM.

This year's contest will focus on Cheverly's streams, springs and wetlands – and the plants and wildlife that live in, on, and around them.

How would you portray our waterways in photos? The play of light and water, close-ups of plants, birds and other animals – it's up to you. Photos illustrating the good, the bad, and everything in between are welcome.

Find more about the contest and our streams on <a href="www.greencheverly.org">www.greencheverly.org</a>.

A tour of Tributary 3 is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, following the Earth Day cleanup at Woodworth Park



The Cheverly Recreation Council will sponsor the John "Dent" Wilson Scholarship. This is a \$500 college scholarship awarded to a Cheverly resident who is enrolled full time in a academic or vocational post secondary education program for the 2016-2017 academic year. For applications call Judy DeLeonibus at

301-386-4251. In the last 3 years we have given 9 scholarships out to Cheverly Teens. The money for the scholarship comes from the sells of the Flea Market Tables.

#### **JOIN US FOR FLBC's WORK PARTY**

SATURDAY, MARCH 25 (Arbor St. meet)

Join your friendly neighborhood environmental group, Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek, for our monthly work party on Saturday, March 25 between 9 am and noon. We'll be spreading wood chips on the trail. We'll meet at 9 am at the green-gate entrance at Arbor Street and Parkway. Tools, gloves, snacks, water, and wake-up coffee will be provided! School community service hours are available. We welcome volunteers of all ages. To walk there, start at the 7-11 store near the Metro. Cross Cheverly Ave at the light, walk down the slope toward a wooden bridge, cross it, and continue on our trail to Parkway. (Meet at the green gate on your left.) Driving: From 7-11, go one block north down Cheverly Ave. Make a right onto Arbor. Go two blocks to Parkway. The site is on your right. For more information, contact Joani Horchler at cell 301-802-7445 or horcpool97@aol.com.



## **Cheverly Fitness Bootcamp**

Town residents of all fitness levels are invited to join Cheverly Fitness Bootcamp, an organiza-

tion that supports fitness and wellness all the while giving us a fun opportunity to get to know our neighbors. We meet in the town gym at 6 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and currently 7:45 a.m. on Saturdays (Please join our email list via the information below to ensure you have the most up-to-date schedule before joining us). There is no cost to join this group. Workouts are volunteerled and combine strength and cardio movements for a great total body routine. We have a great time! Stay up-to-date on group news and schedule changes by subscribing to the Cheverly Fitness Bootcamp Google group at www.bit.ly/cheverly-fitness. With any questions, contact Amanda Szabo at: aglensky@gmail.com.

#### St. Ambrose News

We are geared up & excited for Lent! We have many, many events to bring you closer to Our Lord Jesus during this time of preparation for Easter. Visit:

www.sacheverly.org/lent to get more info on all the events, from Living Stations of the Cross, extra evening confession times, healing masses, and fellowship around fabulous food: fish fry, pupusas, pancake breakfasts, and more! There will also be a book study for Resisting Happiness by Mat-

Join Us!

thew Kelly held multiple times during the

week.



# Cheverly Day

Saturday, May 20, 2017

#### **CHEVERLY DAY 2017 is May 20!**

Mark your calendars for the biggest party in town now & join your friends and neighbors for Cheverly Day 2017.

We have a lot to celebrate on May 20 – the new stage at Town Park, the beginning of fun summer activities, and the wonderful friends and neighbors that make Cheverly great. Want to help out? Volunteer or make a tax-deductible donation to Cheverly Day. Your donation makes a real difference in defraying the costs of bringing this major community event to life every year. We're also looking for corporate sponsors, community donations, and advertisers – all are much needed to sustain the great activities that await you at Cheverly Day. Community groups receive a 50% discount on advertising, so it's a great way to reach the whole town with your news *and* attract new members. Visit our website today to learn how you can lend your financial support…and thanks!

We need volunteers to plan and carry out the many tasks that make up the big event. Have ideas for new activities? Want to help us with community groups, musicians, food, publicity, or any other aspect? Join the Cheverly Day Committee – we meet monthly and we're always looking for fresh ideas.

We can't wait to share Cheverly's great annual party with the entire community. Email <a href="mailto:cheverlyday@gmail.com">cheverlyday@gmail.com</a> to get involved, and visit our website <a href="https://www.cheverlyday.org">www.cheverlyday.org</a> for links to our Facebook and Twitter, and all the latest news on all things Cheverly Day 2017!

**CHEVERLYDAY.ORG** 

#### **Cheverly American Legion Family**

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

#### **Upcoming Events**

St. Patrick's Day Irish Stew Friday, March 17 6:00 PM until it's gone \$5/ bowl

#### Third Friday Ladies' Night Friday, March 17, 7:30 PM, Dugout

Theme: St. Patrick's Day

Wear your green. Bring your Riverdance shoes. Sing along with Irish tunes. Remember, Ladies Nights are not for ladies only.

#### 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 - 10:00 PM, up to the drawing.

Must be a Cheverly American Legion, Son of the American Legion, or American Legion Auxiliary member to play.

## Saturday, March 25 The 108 Music Series The Chayerly America

The Cheverly American Legion Post 108 will host a rockin' night with Johnny Seaton and his band, Bad Behavior. Johnny has an incredible voice and puts on a high-energy show that will have you dancing to the rockabilly music of such greats as Elvis, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and the Stray Cats.

BOOK THE BABYSITTER 'cuz this one's for the grownups, 21 and over.

Saturday, March 25, Cheverly American Legion Hall

**Dinner:** 6:00-7:30 PM (or until it runs out), \$10/person. Spaghetti (meat and meatless)

**Show:** 7:30 – 10:30 PM. \$20/person, in advance. \$25/person, at door. Dinner is not included in show ticket. Cash bar. Open Seating. Tickets can be purchased at <a href="https://www.108musicseries.com">www.108musicseries.com</a> or The Dugout.

Get your tickets early; this one is sure to sell out! Thanks for your support.

#### **Save the Date**

#### Affordable, non-invasive and painless Health Screenings – April 21

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries; abdominal aortic aneurysms; hardening of the arteries in the legs; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat; and a bone density screening, for men and women. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit

www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle

#### **Half-way to Halloween Party** – April 29

Tricks and Treats for Kids of all ages.

#### Mimosas and Muffins at the Garden Club Plant Sale – May 13

Mimosas, coffee, and muffins for sale. Get ready to shop with your morning mimosas or coffee.

#### **Cheverly American Legion Family**

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

Cheverly American Legion Post 108 Membership (\$35/year): 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: <a href="http://CheverlyAmericanLegion.org">http://CheverlyAmericanLegion.org</a> or contact Joseph Pruden (301) 602-2117.

Cheverly American Legion Auxiliary Membership (\$25/year; Jr. \$5/year): The ALA is open to women veterans and women service members, and to many women whose family member is/was a veteran or service member. If you are interested in joining us or learning about the American Legion Auxiliary, email us at <a href="mailto:chever-lyauxiliary@gmail.com">chever-lyauxiliary@gmail.com</a>.

Next General Meeting: April 4, 7:30 – 8:30 Cheverly American Legion

**Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Membership (\$20/year)**: 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. All who would like to know more about the Sons are welcome to attend the general meeting. For meeting date and time or more information, please email at <a href="SAL@CheverlyAmericanLegion.com">SAL@CheverlyAmericanLegion.com</a>.

## Community Bulletin Board

## <u>Unplug your children and put them on a path to outdoor adventure and character development</u> – Cub Scout Pack 257 and Boy Scout Troop 257 are

expanding and have fun activities including camping, hiking, Search and Rescue, and kayaking planned for boys and young men. After the blockbuster "pinewood" model car race, Winter Challenge Camping in January and Blue and Gold scout dinner in February, Cub and Boy Scouts are

planning the Fourth Annual Search and Rescue exercise for Sunday March 26th. Scouting improves confidence, develops outdoor skills, teaches citizenship and builds character through community service.

Cub Scouts are for boys in grades 1 through 5 and Boy Scouts are for young men in grades 6 through 12. Thanks to our generous sponsor, Cheverly's American Legion Post 108. For more information on Cub Scouts please email scoutpack257@gmail.com. For more information on Boy Scouts email abramdavid@aol.com. You can call Micah at 240-603-9366 for more info on both scouting opportunities.



#### **WOMAN'S CLUB**

#### **PEACE CORNER**:

"The Great Silent Grandmother Gathering" by Sharon Mehdi is a story for anyone who thinks she can't save the world. This delightful and inspiring short story begins, "On a buffety, blustery early summer day, when the news was bad and the sky turned yellow, a strange thing happened in the town where I live...At a time when the news is bad and many people feel powerless, this inspiring story tells of two women who do something so simple that at first no one takes them seriously, but soon, when they are joined by other women, and then *many* other women, their simple act of caring has the power to transform the world. Together, these women discover great things are possible – even, and especially, *peace*." (www.grandmotherbook.com)

#### **HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR PEACE CAMP 2017:**

You can officially join and pay <u>dues</u> - \$25 a person / \$35 a family. You can save your <u>coins</u> between now and Cheverly Day. You can ask your <u>family</u>, <u>neighbors</u>, <u>and friends</u> to contribute. You can spread the word about our new <u>myevent.com campaign & at https://myevent.com/cheverlywomensclubpeacecamp</u>. You can visit our website (<u>www.cheverlywomensclub.org</u>). You are invited to our <u>next regular meeting</u> – Monday, March 13 at the Community Center at 7 p.m. You are invited to our <u>next fundraiser</u> – The Flea Market Kitchen – Saturday, April 1 at the Community Center from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you haven't tried our chicken salad, you're in for a special treat. If you've eaten it before, you know what we mean.

<u>Contact</u> - Robin McClain (<u>sweetbobbies@gmail.com</u> / Joyce Lang (<u>joycelang@verizon.net</u>) .

#### **Daylight Savings Reminder!!**

When local standard time is about to reach Sunday, March 12, 2017, 2:00:00 am clocks are turned forward 1 hour to Sunday, March 12, 2017, 3:00:00 am local daylight time instead. Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour later on Mar 12, 2017 than the day before. There will be more light in the evening. Also called Spring Forward, Summer Time, and Daylight Savings Time.





### Cheverly United Methodist Men Fish fry dinner

**MARCH 24, 2017** 

5:30 PM TO 7:30 PM

ST AMBROSE CHURCH - FANNON HALL

CHEVERLY, MARYLAND

Adults - \$9.00 (single serving) - Children - \$5.00 (12 years and under)

All Plates include:
Whiting Fish
Macaroni and Cheese
Green Beans
Rolls
Dessert

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: KEN JONES - 240-882-3694



## Cheverly's New Team Sport

#### Cheverly Village volunteers show great teamwork

While services such as driving a Cheverly Village member to an appointment must be done by one volunteer at a time, other tasks are best done in teams. These include repetitive tasks that would be hard to fit into one person's schedule, such as driving to a series of physical therapy appointments, or doing the member's weekly grocery shopping, or routinely chopping vegetables for healthful meals. For service requests such as these, "tag teams" of Cheverly Village volunteers are getting the job done.

Volunteers also team up for tasks that would be challenging for one person, such as building a shed, moving furniture, and raking leaves. And then there are the social activities for which teamwork is a must! The much acclaimed Cheverly Home Tour in December was attended by several Cheverly Village members thanks to the grace and agility of a fine team of Cheverly Village volunteers who provided transportation and, in one case, companionship for a spouse who would need to remain at home.

Sometimes teamwork expands to include other local players. For example, a member wanting houseplants to improve indoor air quality was connected to the Cheverly Garden Club, which provided advice and some plant cuttings. In other cases, members have been connected to New Horizons electronics recycling and to Mission of Love to pick up a used sofa.

Instead of receiving trophies, the teams are rewarded with members' comments: "I'm especially grateful because my usual safety net for grocery shopping had fallen through." "Thank you again! It's been on my list to do for years: the hard drive will be shredded..." "Thanks sooo much for raking the leaves! What a blessed relief!" Please indulge me in one more sports metaphor as I affirm that we have a "deep bench" in that Cheverly Village volunteers make for a winning season—all year long!

To learn how to become a Cheverly Village member or volunteer, or how to make a tax-deductible contribution, please call us at (240) 770 1033, write us at village@cheverlyvillage.org, or check out www.cheverlyvillage.org.

-- Teresa Williams, for Cheverly Village Board of Directors

#### **Spellman PTA Update - March 2017**

#### **March Events:**

• Wednesday, March 1st, 7 pm-8 pm - Summer Camp Fair - Join us in the Spellman Multipurpose Room for the PTA's Summer Camp Fair! Don't bother spending hours researching camps - we bring the planning to YOU. We'll have representatives from a huge array of enriching camps throughout the DC area: sports, art, music, STEM and good old fashioned outdoor fun. All organizations will provide information on any fee-assistance programs. Spread the word. All are welcome. Hope to see you there!

**Volunteers Needed!** Do you have some free time and an interest in supporting our neighborhood public school? There are many ways that you can get involved including gardening/landscaping, grant writing, and volunteering in the classroom or during lunchtime. Additionally, we are working very hard to offer support and a warm welcome to the newest arrivals to our community - 22 refugee students from Syria and Afghanistan and their families. If you are interested in working directly with these students, we have many opportunities, including working on-on-one, in small groups and in tutoring sessions, during school hours and after the school day. Please contact us at <a href="mailto:spellmanpta@gmail.com">spellmanpta@gmail.com</a> for more information.

**Earn \$\$ for Spellman while doing your everyday shopping!** It's easy. Online or in stores, you can support Spellman Elementary in these ways:

- Amazon Smile: Link your Amazon account with Spellman Elementary and earn money for the school each time you make a purchase. Visit <a href="https://smile.amazon.com">https://smile.amazon.com</a>. Sign into your Amazon account and search for Spellman PTA.
- **Box Tops for Education:** Look for the pink "Box Tops for Education" label on hundreds of participating grocery products, clip them out and drop them off at the main office at Spellman. The school will receive 10 cents for each Box Top collected!

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# CHEVERLY MUNICIPAL ELECTION MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017 (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 one 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 17, 2017

**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 <u>April Newsletter</u>. They should be submitted with the nominating petition or by the newsletter deadline (March 10, 2017).

⇒ 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 close up -**will be cropped to about 2"x2".

Please submit the profile and the picture on a disk or email separate files to <u>town-clerk@cheverlymd.gov.</u>

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://election.gov/Pages/CheverlyMD\_Clerk/election

### **Progressive Cheverly**

March 2nd forum: On the March: The Struggle for Women's Rights. Dr. Sonya Michel, history professor at the University of Maryland will talk about the work of the Feminist Scholars Policy Forum and its advocacy of paid maternity/paternity leave, child care, equal pay, health care access and other issues. She will also talk about the national women's history museum project, which is now in its planning stages. We will also discuss how we can locally participate in the national A Day Without a Woman on March 8th (see below). Forum is **Thursday, March 2nd, 7:00 pm,** Hoyer Education Center (cafeteria), 2300 Belleview Ave, Cheverly. (Parking Available) All our welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

**Protecting Vulnerable Populations.** At our January 5th public conversation a large group of participants discussed responses to the challenges to America's future unfolding from actions of the Trump administration. One outcome was agreement to find ways to help protect vulnerable populations, particularly Muslims and immigrants. As a result a new independent Cheverly coalition has formed to look for ways to support these threatened groups. Progressive Cheverly is participating in this coalition. For more information, contact Barbara Beyna at <a href="mailto:bbeyna@msn.com">bbeyna@msn.com</a> or Beth McCracken-Harness at <a href="mailto:McCHarness@aol.com">McCHarness@aol.com</a>. In addition, Progressive Cheverly is including protection of vulnerable populations in our advocacy work in the General Assembly.

**A Day Without a Woman:** On March 8th, International Women's Day, Progressive Cheverly members will participate in "A Day Without a Woman" a national and international event to "act together creatively to withdraw from the corporations that harm us and find ways to support the businesses, organizations and communities that sustain us." More info: <a href="https://www.womensmarch.com/womensday">https://www.womensmarch.com/womensday</a>.

Advocacy in the Maryland General Assembly to Protect our Communities. Every year Progressive Cheverly actively participates in the work of the General Assembly where legislation that significantly affects the lives of Marylanders is acted upon. In January we brought our 47th District representatives to Cheverly for you to speak directly with them. In February we participated in a broader Lobby Day effort to support our top priority legislation for this year, which is outlined below. It is not too late to get involved. The General Assembly meets every year for only 90 days, this year's session ending on April 10th. We are entering the most critical time for action on bills that have been presented. If you can help or want more information, contact Paul Thompson at <a href="mailto:presented-upon-net-or-101/101/2015-8831">presented-upon-net-or-101/2015-8831</a> for more information. Progressive Cheverly's legislative priorities for 2017 are: 1) Adopt the Maryland Law Enforcement and Governmental Trust Act; 2) Protect the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid in Maryland; 3) Ban fracking in Maryland; 4) Oppose the bill to prevent local jurisdictions from establishing a minimum wage above the state level; 5) Adopt mandatory paid sick leave; and 6) Support full funding for the Prince George's Regional Medical Center, and ensure the viability of its Cardiac Care Center by opposing a similar center in Anne Arundel County.

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Email contact links at the website

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FAX 301-773-0173 If you need a Police Officer call: 301-352-1200

WEB SITE: www.cheverly-md.gov

Email "Contact The Town" button at the Website

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### Meetings & Events

#### GOVERNMENT EVENT SCHEDULE

March 9 8:00 pm **TOWN MEETING** Thur March 28 7:00 pm **REC Meeting** Tue 7:30 pm Thur March 30 WORKSESSION Sat April 1 8:30 am Spring Flea Market

#### 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**

- \* Cheverly Garden Club Monthly Meeting: March 20th @ 7:00pm.
- \* Green Infrastructure Monthly Meeting: March 6th @ 7:30pm.
- \* FLBC Work Party: March 25th @ 9:00am.
- \* Cheverly Fitness Monthly Meetings: Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 6:00am, Saturdays @ 7:45am.
- \* St. Ambrose Geared up & excited for Lent!
- \* CHEVERLY DAY IS SATURDAY, MAY 20th!
- \* American Legion Irish Stew, Ladies Nights, Oueen of Hearts, 108 Music Series & much more!
- \* Cub Scout Pack 257 & Boy Scout Troop 257 Fourth Annual Search & Rescue: March 26th.
- \* Woman's Club Monthly Meeting: March 13th @ 8:30am.
- \* Cheverly United Methodist Fish Fry: March 24th @ 5:30pm.
- Cheverly Village New Team Sport.
- \* Spellman PTA Summer Camp Fair: March 1st @ 7:00pm.
- \* Cheverly Election Reminder, May 1st