

FYI

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.*

No Poop in the Park: Oh how I hate to dedicate valuable FYI space to Dog Poop, but it has to be done. Many dog owners bring their pets to our town parks early in the morning or late at night to let them run and get exercise. This makes sense to me. However, your pet must be on a leash and cannot run loose and just because your pet is in the park doesn't mean that you don't have to pick up after them.

Cheverly Children play in our parks, and I have recently received a number of comments regarding children dodging poop as they were playing soccer.

This is unacceptable. So please pick up after your pets everywhere in town, especially in our parks.

Also please note that pets are not allowed in **GAST PARK** at any time.

Did I Actually Use Dog and Park in the Same Sentence? By gosh, I'm pretty sure I did. With budget season coming up, this is a great time to gather interested residents to discuss the construction and operation of a Dog Park. Last summer a group of 20 residents met to discuss how we might construct and operate a dog park in town. Unfortunately, the effort didn't sustain itself.

I'd like to get interested residents together on March 21st at 7:30PM at Town Hall to discuss what would be required to establish a community organization that would assist in the operation of a dog park here in Cheverly. The actual question of "where is the dog park going to be located?" is still a question that needs to be answered. That will be a topic of conversation as well. The Town Council hopes to get a core group of Dog Owners interested in this venture to assist in the organization and management of the park

ABSENTEE VOTING - Who may vote by absentee ballot?

» Any qualified voter

How do I get an absentee ballot? You must apply for an absentee ballot, in writing, prior to seven days before election. You can obtain an Application from the Town Office. Call 301-773-8360, write to 6401 Forest Road, Cheverly, MD 20785, or come in to the Town Office. When the Cheverly Election Board processes your application and you are determined to be qualified, an absentee ballot will be mailed to you.

EMERGENCY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Who may apply for an absentee ballot after the deadline?

- » Any qualified voter who is informed within 7 days prior to the election that, as a condition of employment, the voter is required to be absent from Cheverly;
- » Any qualified voter who is unable to be physically present at the polls as a result of illness or accident occurring within 7 days prior to the election;
- » Any qualified voter who is unable to be present because of a death or serious illness in the immediate family occurring within 7 days of the election.

Saint Patty's Day Clean the Stream: On March 17th at Boyd Park over 400 college students from Wisconsin, the Dakota's, Montana and other points west, will be stopping by Boyd Park to clean Little Beaverdam Creek. Believe it or not, this has become an annual pilgrimage for college students on their spring break. They typically arrive between 8:30 and 9:00AM, whoop it up in the park for 30 minutes to warm up, clean the stream until noon and then eat pizza.

They remove tons of trash, tires, shopping carts, and many other items that simply don't belong in a stream. Please come by and join the fun and bring your waders.

Special Blizzard edition of "Hey Mike":
Hey Mike, exactly where were you during the blizzard?
Oops, caught me. I was in Palm Harbor Florida visiting mom. Who by the way sends her regards. Cancelled flights made it impossible to get home.

Hey Mike, who the heck shoveled your walk? You guessed it. Peg was quite a trooper and managed to clean the driveway and sidewalk.

Hey Mike, what's with the plows? I've heard from some in the community that our plows were unprepared and that's why we had maintenance issues. Let's be clear, the Town is prepared for normal and above average snow storms, but 24 inch storms are out of the norm. Four of our plows are Ford F-450's, which are the standard town trucks that are outfitted with plows in the winter. These vehicles are simply not designed to move that much snow.

Hey Mike, why didn't the town go curb to curb after the snow? Again, managing 24 inches of snow is significantly different than 8 to 12 inches. Simply finding places to put the snow becomes complicated. Two issues that Public Works dealt with were: 1) residents who shoveled their cars out but placed the shoveled snow in the road, 2) residents who were concerned about the number of times their driveways would be plowed in. Public Works could not clear the snow shoveled into the road without potentially damaging the cars parked next to the snow piles and they made the decision to not continuously plow in driveways given the upcoming weather.

Blizzard Shout Outs: Cheverly is an amazing town and I am continually amazed at how Cheverlians jump in and lend a hand.

Public Works: Our team worked for 72 hours straight clearing the streets and did an outstanding job. There were many reports of Public Works helping folks in the community. My favorite is how they rallied to get an ambulance unstuck, to get a resident to the hospital.

Police Department: The Cheverly Police also camped in during the storm. They took the opportunity to call many of our Senior Citizens to ensure they were okay. If you'd like to be added to their call list please contact the Police Department.

Warming Center: Thankfully we never had to "start up" a warming center because our power stayed on. However, I want to thank those residents that Councilmember Eldridge and I reached out to. Members of the Cheverly United Methodist Church, the American Legion, the Town Council, Saint Ambrose Church and even Prince George's Hospital were all willing to assist if we needed to establish a "warming center".

Cheverly Cooks: To all the wonderful people who volunteered to cook for our Public Works employees, what a wonderful show of support. Having lived up north for most of my young life, I have never seen a community rally in this way.

Lastly, a nod to PEPCO. While we will continue to work with them to minimize the impact of tree removals and pruning their three year program of pole and wire replacements, redundancy upgrades and tree trimming had a remarkable result across the region.

Snow / Public Sidewalks / Budget Adjustment: As you all know Cheverly's Snow emergency policy requires that all sidewalks must be cleared within 12 hours after the snow stops falling. While every citizen is responsible for their sidewalk, the town is responsible for all of the sidewalks that abut Public Property. This is a significant effort that requires a tremendous amount of physical labor and many man hours.

Furthermore, Cheverly residents have requested that the town clear state and county sidewalks as well, since neither the state nor county clear their sidewalks. Residents frequently complain about the conditions on the Columbia Park Bridge, Landover Road and Columbia Park Road. These are all state or county roads.

Town Staff do eventually clear these sidewalks, but only after our own sidewalks abutting Public Property are clear. In a significant storm, this can take days. In an effort to help town staff clear our public sidewalks AND those of the state and county faster, the Town Council passed a budget adjustment of \$40,000 to buy the appropriate equipment to clear sidewalks. Purchasing a bobcat will eliminate much of the manual labor and allow Public Works to address these critical pedestrian areas sooner.

Cheverly Avenue Construction / WSSC / One Million Dollars: It seems like Cheverly Ave has been under construction forever, doesn't it? Unfortunately, we are still a ways from completion. The project started last summer and will continue to early fall. We understand that this construction is inconvenient in many ways: traffic jams on Cheverly Ave, cars speeding on side roads to avoid traffic, bumpy rides, water shut downs and of course the occasional brown water. The Town Council and I appreciate your patience with this construction, and please know that these upgrades are needed.

More importantly, please know that when the project is complete and Cheverly Ave is re-paved at WSSC's expense the Town of Cheverly and its taxpayers will have saved around one million dollars. That's right, re-paving Cheverly Ave cost around one million dollars. So when you're sitting in a traffic jam, please remember that we are not only getting desperately needed new infrastructure but also a newly paved Cheverly Ave - free of charge.

Hojo's Becomes a Wyndham: The owners of the Howard Johnson's on Route 202 are completing a five million dollar renovation of the hotel which should be complete in the April / May timeframe. When complete, the hotel will be rebranded as a Wyndham Garden Inn.

I recently visited with the management and they indicated that the renovation included: a vastly expanded lobby, a modified exterior, renovation of every room, a small bar and bistro for customers, and an outdoor patio. When complete they will have 40 corporate suites.

This is pretty exciting news to have a quality hotel in our community. The existing Howard Johnson's has been a good neighbor, and provides over \$60,000 in occupancy fees to our annual budget. I anticipate the new Wyndham to be even a better neighbor.

Cheverly Small Grants Program: One budget item that I continually mean to promote, that always slips my mind, is the small grants program. The Town Council established this program five years ago as a means to regulate requests made by community organizations for support. Instead of considering every request as a "one off item" with no guidelines the Small Grant program provides clear guidelines as to who can receive grants and how much they can be for. The Small Grants program has been funded between \$8,000 and \$10,000 each year. Established community organizations can request a grant of up to 20% of the total funding. The purpose of the grant must be for something positive for Cheverly. Over the years grants have been made to: Friends of Little Beaverdam Creek, the Boys and Girls Club, Vine Corps, the Food Truck Festival and many others. We will be continuing this program in the next fiscal year.

Did He Mention the Budget? Yup! It's that time, and by now I've usually inundated you with lots of background info to help you fall asleep at night. If you are feeling the need, please go online and read old February and March Newsletters from 2013 and 2014 as they have lots of details on budget categories and expenditures.

The good news for this year is that we are on a very stable financial track. In past years due to dropping assessment levels we had to raise the tax rate to 58 cents just to keep tax revenues (and your tax bill) flat. Last year when assessments increased by 10% we left the tax rate at 58 cents which in effect raised taxes by 10%. This was the first increase in tax revenues the town had in over 6 years. There is little chance the tax rate will increase this year and the council will review opportunities to potentially decrease the tax rate.

As the budget season progresses we will keep you informed each step of the way. The Town Administrator will provide the council with a draft budget in late March / early April for our consideration during April and May. The Council will be reviewing the budget during April and May and the budget will be passed in June.

Please forward any comments about the budget to the Mayor and your council person.

New Home For Public Works : One item that will be a high priority for the Town Council during the budget deliberations will be setting aside money to begin the design of a new Public Works building. Our Public Works building is very old, susceptible to flooding and really does not have the facilities for people who are sometimes working 48 hours straight. While we would like to replace the current building as soon as possible, we need to first develop a blueprint for the future building. I am sure you will all agree that this is an important expenditure of funds.

PARADE, PARADE, PARADE: Cheverly Day is May 21st, be there! I hope everyone is working on their float, marching band, dance unit, or whatever. Parades only come every five years and we need to make them special so that our children remember them forever. So gather friends and organizations, put your thinking caps on and have some fun.

Also if you have contacts with bands, teams, corporate mascots, or people with special talents please direct them to Glen Barton (glenmbarton@gmail.com) or Mike Callahan (mhcallahan@gmail.com).

6301 Kilmer Street: There is no significant update on this property. The Town Council has requested an assessment of:

- ◇ What needs to be done to simply open the lot to the public, for passive use? There are insurance risks on the property that need remediation prior to unlocking the gate.
- ◇ What would it cost to have the house be useful to fulfill community meeting needs?

These questions drive what will be the next steps for the property. The Town has hired an architect who is currently in the process of completing this evaluation and we hope to have a report during the February 25th worksession.

In the meantime, two Cheverly stalwarts David Kneipp and Sheila Salo invited an archeologist from the Historic Preservation Commission to visit the site and assist in determining the age of the "well" on the property. The "well" dates back to the 1920's and was first used for farming a ten acre lot which was owned by relatives of the Magruder family. The 10 acre farm has been parceled up, one piece of which is where Gladys Noon Spellman is today.

Why Did the Council Buy 6301 Kilmer? The Town Council primarily purchased this property so that we could control the future use of the land. We agreed that you simply can't find a 1.3 acre lot inside the beltway for this price and that others may have purchased the land for the purpose of over developing. Infill development in town is frequently controversial and creates issues with existing neighbors.

Most of the residents I spoke with seemed pleased with this decision; however I also get some occasional negative feedback. I agree that those who say that any expenditure of \$300,000 is significant and requires thoughtful consideration. For example, it took us many years to purchase a trash truck that cost about the same amount. This purchase was no different.

I frequently try to come up with a metric to help folks understand better what the cost was to them. So here it is: for a resident in a single family home with an average property assessment of \$300,000 the purchase cost you approximately \$125. This is a onetime cost and does not repeat yearly.

CHEVERLY MUNICIPAL ELECTION
MONDAY May 2, 2016 (7am—8pm)
THE MAYOR is the only position up for election

Candidates for Mayor must be:

- ⇒ 25 years of age
- ⇒ A citizen of the United States
- ⇒ A registered voter of Cheverly
- ⇒ A resident of Cheverly for not less than 6 months

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 18, 2016**

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 to 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 18**).

- ⇒ **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 by email 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 22nd at 7:00PM in the conference room at the Community Center. We'll discuss the Saturday March 26th Easter Egg Hunt. We will need volunteers.

Arbor Day

is scheduled for **April 6th**

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 9th from 8:30AM to 2:00PM** at the Community Center. Come rain or shine, it's held indoors! Tables are \$15 and reservations start Tuesday March 1st.

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 2015-2016 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.

Andrew Priest	301-772-6028
Malik & Tyreq McAdoo	301-832-1576
Delonta Beard	240-601-4271



EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Recreation Council will be on **Saturday, March 26th 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. Please Volunteer, we need help!

RECYCLING TOTALS January 2016

Curb Recycling— 37.32 tons
Electronic Recycling— 9 pallets
Appliances— 7





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

CRIME OF THE YEAR: You may have noticed if you read the Newsletter regularly that the type of crime most frequently reported in the crime report is theft. The crime of theft always accounts for more than 50% of the reported monthly crime in the Town, sometimes running as high as 90%. In addition to these percentages, there are a number of other common factors that are attributable to theft in the Town:

1. The crime of theft is almost always committed under the cover of darkness.
2. Theft from auto is the #1 form of theft.
3. Most vandalism to autos is usually the result of an attempted theft and is what generally drives up the cost associated with this crime.
4. As much as 1/2 of the number of actual thefts goes unreported
5. In more than half of the thefts from auto, no force was used to enter the vehicle.
6. In more than half of the attempted thefts from auto, nothing of value was removed.
7. Most importantly, 3 out of every 4 thefts from auto could be avoided if simple deterrence measures were employed by vehicle owners.

Simple Deterrence Measures to Prevent Theft From Auto

1. Park in a lighted location whenever possible, preferably a driveway.
2. Lock all vehicle doors. Most thieves walk through the Town looking for unlocked vehicles to plunder; thieves generally use forceful entry as a last resort.
3. Hide or remove all items of value when a vehicle is left unattended. As noted just above, forced entry is promoted when the thief sees something of value from outside of the vehicle.

What Can You Do?

1. Follow the deterrence measures outlined above.
2. Keep bicycles inside the house or stored in the backyard.
3. Keep all outside sheds or similar structures locked.
4. Call the nighttime cellular police telephone (301-789-5090) if you see someone suspicious walking through your neighborhood, especially at night.

PEDESTRIAN RIGHT OF WAY – A question that I am frequently asked about, concerns right of way privileges between pedestrians and vehicular traffic at a crosswalk. While it would seem easy to conclude that a pedestrian should receive right of way honors in most situations, Maryland law really puts obligations on both the pedestrian and vehicle operators at crosswalk encounters. According to Maryland Transportation Article, 21-502 (a) (2), The driver of a vehicle shall come to a stop when a pedestrian crossing the roadway in a crosswalk is: on the half of the roadway on which the vehicle is traveling, or approaching from an adjacent lane on the other half of the roadway.

In addition, 21-502 (b) states: A pedestrian may not suddenly leave the curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield. Both sections of this law together put an obligation on both the pedestrian and the vehicle operator to act in unison to ensure the pedestrian’s safe passage. It should also be noted that certain crosswalks with pedestrian warning signals,

such as those on Cheverly Ave at Forest Road and at Kilmer Street, do not reduce the obligation of a pedestrian to yield to an approaching vehicle just because such a warning signal was activated.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS –

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

Crime Report for December 2015

***Note that all addresses are in Hundred blocks**

12/01/15	1349 hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Assault
12/04/15	0904 hrs	6100 State St.	B&E
12/08/15	1058 hrs	2300 Belleview Ave	Theft
12/09/15	2234 hrs	6100 Arbor	Theft
12/10/15	2132 hrs	6600 Oak St.	Vandalism
12/10/15	2315 hrs	6000 Arbor St.	Theft
12/12/15	1602 hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Sex Offense
12/13/15	0741 hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft from Auto
12/13/15	1128 hrs	2200 Cheverly Ave.	Theft from Auto
12/14/15	0901 hrs	5800 Dewey St.	Theft from Auto
12/14/15	1132 hrs	6100 Cheverly Cr.	Theft from Auto
12/14/15	1530 hrs	6100 Cheverly Cr.	Theft from Auto
12/15/15	1531 hrs	1800 61st Ave.	Assault
12/17/15	0713 hrs	6300 Landover Rd	B&E
12/18/15	1126 hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft
12/18/15	1743 hrs	2200 Cheverly Ave.	B&E
12/19/15	1601 hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Robbery
12/20/15	1554 hrs	6400 Landover Rd	Assault
12/20/15	2010 hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft
12/22/15	1730 hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft
12/24/15	0906 hjrs	6400 Landover Rd	Theft
12/26/15	2319 hrs	6000 Landover Rd	Assault
12/28/15	1200 hrs	5700 Lockwood Rd	Theft
12/29/15	1712 hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft
12/30/15	1030 hrs	6400 Forest Rd	Theft
12/31/15	1006 hrs	6300 Landover Rd	Vandalism
12/31/15	1700 hrs	6400 Landover Rd.	Auto Theft

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 on the Cheverly website: Cheverly-md.gov and print out the Tree Agreement form and return it to be included in the Spring 2016 plantings. Some of the Trees you may choose are as follows:

American Holly	Northern Red Oak
Black Gum	Pin Oak
Flowering Dogwood	Redbud
Fringetree	Red Maple
Hackberry	River birch-clump
Serviceberry	Swamp White
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 (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**

TOWN MEETINGS & WORSESIONS

ACTIONS TAKEN

Votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Town Meeting - February 11, 2016

- CM Riazi** to make a budget adjustment in the Public Works Equipment account in the amount of \$40,000 for the purchase of a used skid steer.
CM Daly seconded. Approved 6-0.

Worksession - February 25, 2016

TENATIVE AGENDA

Town Meeting - March 10, 2016

Worksession - March 24, 2016



Cheverly RECREATION COUNCIL FLEA MARKET

The Flea Market is looking for an organization or maybe two groups that would like to work together to do the ***Baked Goods Table*** at the Spring Flea Market on Saturday April 9, 2016. Please call Barbara 301-773-5883



Community Bulletin Board



Village Voices *Cheverlians look toward a Cheverly Village*

A village was home for me in the rural Northern Neck of Virginia where I spent my formative years. It was there that I learned the meaning of community. In some cases, residents spent the full span of their lives in the same house. Community residents looked out for each other and shared resources as needed, often without being asked. To be fully human, that's what was expected.

For me, the contemporary concept of a village as a means of enabling those who wish to age in place resonates as a way to foster a sense of community. The village can help all ages share the wonderful stages of life – providing material, social and emotional support as needed. Although I built a “senior friendly” house fairly recently when I returned to live in my “old” Cheverly neighborhood, I am aware of future needs that I hope a Cheverly Village could meet. These include transportation, social interaction, help with home maintenance, and referrals to vetted providers of personal or home health care.

I will do whatever I can to make the Cheverly Village a reality.

-- Thelma Boyd-Nash

Thelma Boyd-Nash, 92, is an educator and community activist. She lives in Cheverly's "old fourth ward" near Boyd Park, is active with the League of Women Voters, and has been one of the first members of the Cheverly Village Planning Committee.

"Village Voices" is brought to you by the Cheverly Village Planning Committee. For more information, contact us at ChevVillage@gmail.com or call Diane La Voy (240 599 6346) or Laila Riazi (202 258 6167).

Fitness Bootcamp - Our group meets in the town gym three days/ week: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 a.m. and Saturday mornings at 7:30 am. The schedule is subject to change (and workouts may be canceled on holidays), so please join our mailing list at www.bit.ly/cheverly-fitness for the most up-to-date information. Workouts are volunteer-led and combine strength and cardio movements for a great total body routine. There is no cost to join, although you might be called on to tell a joke or count reps in another language! All fitness levels are welcome. With any questions, email Amanda Szabo at aglensky@gmail.com.

Green Infrastructure Committee - March Meeting, Monday, March 7, 2016, 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. All are welcome to join us!

GREEN @ HOME -- The Year of the Conifer

The Maryland Native Plant Society has named 2016 the Year of the Conifer.

Conifers carry their seeds in cones, and most are evergreen. Examples of conifers are cedars, cypresses, pines, and junipers. Native conifers found in Cheverly's natural areas are Eastern red cedar, pitch pine, loblolly pine, and Virginia pine.

Conifers provide forage, nesting, and cover for wildlife. The seeds in their cones feed birds and small mammals. In turn, birds help spread the seeds. The needles feed moth and butterfly larvae, and these insects feed birds.

Conifers add year-round interest, texture, shape, and color to the garden, and are often used as screening. Bald cypress is available through Cheverly's tree planting program. While it does not occur in our Cheverly natural areas, it is native to Maryland.

Learn more at www.GreenCheverly.org.

March is one of **CPRC's** FAVORITE months of the year! We are so excited to share Spring Break with all of you. We have activities planned for every day of the week, from March 28-April 1 that will appeal to kids of a variety of ages. We will be headed to Oxon Hill Farm to meet some animals and take a wagon ride, to Silver Stars in Bowie for an Open Gym, and to a "Destination Playground" as weather permits, among others. Some of these activities will be space-limited, so be sure to watch your email and FaceBook to get links for registration. As long as winter persists, we will continue to meet in the Community Center gym every M/W/F from 9:30-11:30 for playgroup.

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Mark Your Calendars: Cheverly's British Soccer Camp

Planning ahead for summer camps? Sponsored by the Cheverly Soccer Club, the Challenger British Soccer Camp is scheduled for June 27- July 1, 2016. The camp is for kids of all soccer skill levels and from the ages of 3 to 16. Prices range from \$105 for the youngest kids to \$220 for a full day camp. Camp opens at 9 am and runs to 4 pm.

We are looking for new volunteers to assist the camp coordinator with the 2016 camp. Camp coordinators market the camps in and around the host community and assist with camp logistics. *Without new volunteers, there may be no camp next year!* If you are interested in volunteering, please contact camp coordinator David Konieczko at dlkonieczko@yahoo.com

Please see the links below for more details and registration information. If you have questions, please contact Camp Coordinator David Konieczko at dlkonieczko@yahoo.com.

For general information : <http://challenger.mycustomevent.com>

<http://www.challengersports.com/britishsocceramps.aspx>

Cheverly Cub Scout Pack 257 in cooperation with Boy Scout Troop 257, Girl Scout unit 226 and the Cheverly Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) plan to hold their annual 'Scouts to the Rescue' event at the Town Center Sunday March 13th. Scouts will learn first aid, land navigation and search and rescue skills. To become a scout contact Parent-Unit Coordinator Marisa camslamom@me.com.

Cheverly American Legion Family Announcements

You can find the American Legion Family Announcements on line at www.cheverly-md.gov under the March Newsletter.

JOIN US FOR **FLBC's WORK PARTY--SAT, MARCH 26** - Join your friendly neighborhood environmental group, Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek (FLBC) for our monthly Work Party on Saturday, March 26 between 9 am and noon.

Ken Furnkranz will be in charge of this month's Work Party. Since the Horchlers will be unavailable for the March Work Party, Ken will not have access to the group email list. If you plan to attend, please let Ken know before March 26. Then, if the session has to be canceled for any reason, he can inform you. Ken's cell is 240-449-0831 Or call Ken before leaving that morning to confirm it's still on.

The group will meet at 9 am at the green-gate entrance at Arbor Str. and Parkway, with a focus on removing invasives. Tools, gloves, snacks, and water will be provided. School community service hours are available. To walk there, start at the 7-11 store near the Metro. Cross Cheverly Ave at the light, walk down the slope, cross the wooden bridge, and continue on our trail to Parkway (green gate on your left). Driving: From 7-11, go one block north down Cheverly Ave. Right onto Arbor. Go two blocks to Parkway. The site is on your right. For more information, contact Ken at the above number.

Boy Scout Troop 257 celebrated February 2016 Leap Year to its fullest extent. The month included a joint meeting and bowling trip with University Park Troop 214, Cub Scout Pack 257's Blue & Gold banquet and first aid training. On Sunday, March 13th the Boy Scouts in cooperation with Cub Scout Pack 257, Girl Scout Unit 226 and the Cheverly Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) plan to hold their annual 'Scouts to the Rescue' event at the Town Center. Scouts will learn first aid, land navigation and search and rescue skills. It may not seem like it now but warm weather is coming and the Boy Scouts have lots of fun events planned. If you'd like to help plan events and join the fun please attend a meeting which take place on Sundays at 7pm in the Cheverly American Legion or contact Scoutmaster Michael Brown (murkbrown99@gmail.com, 410-919-7913)

Community Bulletin Board

Cheverly Garden Club – We have many spring events lined up for our members and guests. Our March meeting, on the 21st, will feature Don Hyatt as our guest speaker. Don is a nationally recognized azalea and rhododendron expert. His lectures are always entertaining. On Saturday, April 9th, we will have a table at the Spring Flea Market in the community center. There are always plenty of surprises and unique finds at the market. In lieu of our regular April meeting we will visit the Azalea Gardens in Gambrills on April 30th (more details at the March meeting). Lastly we will need all hands on deck for our annual Plant Sale to be held at the Town Pavilion on Saturday, May 7th. See you there!

Woman's Club – We've all weathered the snow, rain and cold and are looking forward to spring with its warmer temperatures...hopefully, it's already here.

Discussion Group – Wednesday, March 2 at 7 p.m. at the home of Joyce Lang (6424 Forest Rd.) We're asking participants to share articles about people showing the best of humanity related to race and diversity. We're on a quest to create the Beloved Community by discovering how much already exists. Anyone can attend. RSVP helpful – joycelang@verizon.net.

Regular Meeting – Monday, March 14 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. We'll be planning for the April 9 Flea Market and May Peace Month. Anyone who's interested in the work we're doing is invited to share ideas

Police & Kids: A Community Dialogue

All youth from kindergarten thru 5th grade & their parents are invited to a circle of sharing and understanding with the Cheverly Police. Come and meet one of your community's police officers. You will have an opportunity to ask them how they protect us, how youth should interact with police, and any other questions that you wonder about. We invite you to learn, to share your feelings and experiences, and to build trust with our police.

As we all try to build a culture of peace, it is important that we understand each other so we can work together to protect ourselves and keep our kids safe.

This event is hosted by Little Friends For Peace (LFFP) with the Cheverly Cub Scouts.

Sat, March 12th from 1 to 2 pm, American Legion, 3608 Legion Dr., Cheverly
For more information call MJ Park with LFFP: [240-838-4549](tel:240-838-4549) or Lisa Daughtry-Weiss with the Cub Scouts at [301-741-2207](tel:301-741-2207)

News from Saint Ambrose Parish & School

Installation of Father Charlie Cortinovia as Pastor of St. Ambrose by Cardinal Wuerl - Sunday, March 13 Cardinal Wuerl will come to St. Ambrose to install Father Charlie at Mass at the new pastor of our parish. We will have a bi-lingual Mass at 11:30 a.m. with a reception to follow in Fannon Hall. This will be the only Sunday Mass that weekend; there will be no 10:00 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. Masses that day. While Father Charlie has officially been the pastor since January 15, the installation at Mass is an opportunity for the Cardinal to come and visit our parish and to show his support for us. All are welcome!

Soup & Stations at St. Ambrose during Lent - *No need to cook on Friday's during Lent, bring the family to St. Ambrose for Soup and Stations!*

Soup Supper: Build friendships through food and fellowship
We join in fellowship with friends and neighbors to enjoy a simple soup supper, made by members of our community. Come see which ministries make the best soup! *Fridays in Fannon Hall, Feb 12-March 18, 7:00-8:00pm*

Stations of the Cross: Reflect on how Jesus laid down his life for his friends We walk with Jesus on the road to Calvary, reflecting along the way on what it would have been like for Jesus and for the people who were there. We have much to learn from this walk even today. *Fridays in the Church, Feb 12-March 18, 6:45 English, 8:00 Spanish*

Holy Week & Easter at St. Ambrose - All are welcome to join the St. Ambrose Community this Easter season. Easter Sunday Mass will be held at 10am English and 12:30pm in Spanish on March 27th. Prior to Easter, Holy Week Services include:
Thur. March 24th, 7pm - Bilingual Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration, Frid 25th, 7pm - Bilingual Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, Sat 26th, 7:30pm - Easter Vigil.

Saint Ambrose School is now accepting applications for the 2016-17 School year - St. Ambrose School is a close knit community of 232 students of diverse backgrounds and religions serving Grades PreK 4 - 8th. With rigorous academics, foreign language, science & technology and winning sports teams, Saint Ambrose graduates leave 8th grade in superior standing - 94% of the graduating class of 2015 were accepted to their 1st choice of Catholic High Schools. As a part of the Catholic faith tradition, students give back to community with service hours & civic involvement. Please come visit St Ambrose & see our proud community for yourself!

Saint Ambrose School Spirit Night Fundraisers -

- 1) **Tue, March 1,** at **Chick-Fil-A** in Vista Gardens, Bowie - St Ambrose School will earn 20% of the proceeds purchased.
- 2) **Wed, March 23,** at **Ledo's Pizza**, Cheverly, Saint Ambrose School will earn 20% of the proceeds purchased .
- 3) **Tues, April 12,** at **Texas Roadhouse**, Bowie, St. Ambrose School will earn 10% of the proceeds purchased.

Learn more about the St. Ambrose community and Sign up for weekly E-newsletters at sacheverly.org.



We're less than 100 days from Cheverly Day 2016!

Can you believe it? In only a matter of months, winter will be a fading memory and we'll be celebrating all the things that make our town such a special place to live. Join us on May 21 to celebrate **Cheverly...It's Where You Want to Be!**



Start Cheverly Day weekend off right: the ever-popular **CHVProm** returns to Town Hall on Friday, May 20, 8pm to midnight. Tickets for this BYOB potluck party will go on sale in April and always sell out fast. Follow **@CHVProm** on Twitter for all the latest news, and start planning your tables now!



Join in our parade – we want your floats, your marchers, your musicians...let's make this year's parade the biggest and best yet. Are you a member of a community group? A marching band? A theatrical troupe? We want YOU! The parade application is available on our website, so get your marching shoes polished, your costumes sewn, and your floats ready to go!

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. To get involved, email cheverlyday@gmail.com. The committee meets once a month, and we're always looking for more great ideas and helping hands.

We're 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. And, for the first time this year, you can **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. To celebrate, we'll thank our neighbor donors with a personalized message on our website and blog. For a donation of just \$10, we'll post your one-sentence message (non-commercial/non-political, please) on our website and social media. See our website for details and guidelines, and get your message in today! Visit our website to learn how you can lend your financial support...and thanks!

We can't wait to share Cheverly's great annual party with the entire community. Email cheverlyday@gmail.com to get involved, and visit our website www.cheverlyday.org for links to our Facebook, blog and Twitter, and all the latest news on all things Cheverly Day 2016!

Cheverly American Legion Family Announcements

Raise the Roof - a rock 'n' roll extravaganza

A fund raiser for a new roof!

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. Dress is casual -- but 50's attire is never wrong. Let's make this a big night for Cheverly and our American Legion.

Saturday, March 5, Cheverly American Legion Hall

Dinner: 6:00-7:30 PM, \$10/person.

Stuffed pork roast, chunky mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, rolls, salad and dessert. Take-out meals available for those not coming to the show. If Charlie's cookin', you know it will be delish. (Sorry, no vegetarian option)

Show: 8:00 – 11:00 PM. Dinner is not included in show ticket. Cash bar. Open Seating.
\$20/person, in advance — \$25/person, at door

Tickets can be purchased at The Dugout or by emailing:
Cheverlyamericanlegion@gmail.com

St. Patrick's Day in the Dugout

Charlie is making Irish Stew again this year!

- **Traditional Lamb Stew and Irish Soda Bread, \$6.00**
- **Irish Beer and Whiskey for Purchase**
- **Irish Music, on CD or Internet Jukebox**

March 17, 2016 5:00 – 8:00 PM,
Dugout open until 10:00 PM

Ongoing Events

Friday Night Queen of Hearts Game

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

Third Friday Ladies' Night

March 18, 7:30 PM, Dugout
All are Welcome.

Girls State and Boys State Candidates

American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State are the premier programs for teaching how government works while developing leadership skills & an appreciation for your rights as a citizen. As a participant in the program you, will run for office, learn public speaking, create and enforce laws and actively participate in all phases of creating and running a working government in this exciting and fun 1-week summer program.

The Cheverly American Legion and Auxiliary has scholarships available to help defray and/or pay the cost of the program. Applications are be accepted now from boys and girls who are in their Junior year of high school. Contact cheverlyamericanlegion@gmail.com or cheverlyauxiliary@gmail.com for sponsorship and scholarship information. Find more about the programs and application requirements at <http://www.boysandgirlsstate.org>.

Cheverly American Legion Family Events and Membership

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: <http://CheverlyAmericanLegion.org> or contact Joseph Pruden (301) 602-2117.

Cheverly American Legion Auxiliary Membership (\$20/year): 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. If you are interested in joining us or learning about the American Legion Auxiliary, email us at cheverlyauxiliary@gmail.com.

Next General Meeting: February 2, 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 CheverlySAL@gmail.com.

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Ward 6: Megan Daly	240-846-3259

Email contact links at the website

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Police Admin & Code Enforcement	301-341-1055
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If you need a Police Officer call:	301-352-1200
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Meetings & Events

GOVERNMENT EVENT SCHEDULE

Thur	March 10	8:00 pm	TOWN MEETING
Tue	March 22	7:00 pm	REC Meeting
Thur	March 24	7:30 pm	WORKSESSION
Sat.	March 26	8:30 am	Easter Egg Hunt

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

- ◆ Village Voices - Thelma Boyd-Nash comments
- ◆ Fitness Bootcamp - Tue/Thur 6 am, Sat 7:30 am
- ◆ Green Infrastructure - March 7, 7:30-9 pm meeting
- ◆ CPRC - M/W/F 9:30-11:30 in Community Center
- ◆ British Soccer Camp—looking for volunteers
- ◆ Cub Scout Pack 257 - March 13, "Scouts to the Rescue"
- ◆ FLBC - Work Party March 26 9am to noon
- ◆ Boy Scout Troop 257 - Meet Sunday's 7pm, American Legion.
- ◆ Garden Club - March 21 Meeting
- ◆ Woman's Club - Discussion, March 2, 7pm at the Lang's, Regular meeting March 14 7pm
- ◆ POLICE & KIDS - March 12, 1-2pm, American Legion.
- ◆ St. Ambrose Parish and School information
- ◆ American Legion Family Announcements Found in the newsletter on the website.
- ◆ CHEVERLY DAY - MAY 21 - PARADE