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CHEVERLY MUNICIPAL ELECTION - MONDAY, MAY 6, 2013 (7am-8pm)

2013 ELECTION CALENDAR

Friday, April 5, 2013: Voter Registration Closes (30 days before election)

Monday, April 29, 2013 Last day to apply for Absentee Ballot (7 days before election)

Tuesday, May 2, 2013: Meet the Candidates Forum 7:00 PM - Cheverly Comm. Center

Monday, May 6, 2013: *ELECTION DAY*

VOTER REGISTRATION: Voters registered in Prince George's County are automatically registered to vote in Town elections. Call the Prince George's County Voter Registration Hotline 301-627-2811, or download registration forms at www.elections.state.md.us. You can also get registration forms at the Town Office. Registration Books will close on Friday, April 5, 2013.

Voters may apply for **Emergency Absentee Ballots** for medical and work related emergencies that come up during the last 7 days before election.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION
by Mayor Mike Callahan

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

Spring is here! Welcome Spring! Hopefully, by the time you read the FYI the weather will be a little warmer. As I write the FYI on March 21st, it's still a little chilly outside.

Many residents have mentioned that the March FYI was a tad long, so I'll try to keep this one a little shorter. However, please take the time to read the March FYI because it has a lot of valuable budget information in it.

FY14 Draft Budget Unveiled on April 8th: The FY14 Draft Budget will be delivered to the Town Council on April 8th. If you would like a copy of the Draft Budget it will be available at the front desk of Town Hall. As of this time we expect to keep the Tax Rate at .58 per one hundred dollars of assessed value, and given that virtually every home's assessed value remains constant, the average resident's total tax bill will remain unchanged.

I will highlight any major changes in the FY14 budget in the May Newsletter. However, if you would like to learn more about the budget the most critical meeting will be the April Work Session which is scheduled for April 22nd.

Where Does The Money Go? It's important that every resident understand how their tax dollars are spent. The Town Administrator and I have frequently stated that the Town is very efficient in its delivery of services. One measure of efficiency is how much money goes directly to employee expenses or as I like to say "feet on the street" versus other costs.

Before I go into detail, I want to quickly explain the difference between Capital and Operating Costs.

Operating Costs are those costs that are spent yearly to keep the town running. This represents the vast majority of our budget (89%).

Capital Costs are investments made by the town in roads, vehicles and equipment and in FY12 represented 11% of spending. The town needs to maintain a steady investment in these areas otherwise our roads and vehicles will fall into disrepair and the costs to address will spike. In reality I'd like to get this portion of spending closer to 15 to 18%.

Based on FY2012 results (the last audited numbers) Cheverly can be proud that 70% (\$3,208K) of FY2012 operating costs were spent directly on personnel costs. Of that number only 9% is dedicated to administrative personnel. This means that 91% of all personnel costs are spent on Public Safety and Public Works Staff. As I like to point out, you can even find our Police Chief out on patrol and our Public Works Director driving a plow.

I have recently benchmarked how our administrative personnel costs compare to other Prince George's Municipalities and our numbers are extremely favorable. Percentages range from 9% to 35%, and only two municipalities have lower administrative costs than ours.

Almost two thirds of the remaining 30% of operating costs can be attributed to the following categories.

- Professional Service (Legal, Computer, Auditor): \$125K
- Speed and Red Light Vendors: *** \$110K
- Various Insurances \$ 50K
- Street Lights and Trash Disposal Fees \$200K
- Building Loans and Maintenance \$200K
- Fleet Maintenance \$180K

*** These costs are offset by direct revenues.

Mayor FYI *cont'd*

Buy Local -- Support your Local Non Profit: In the last two months Cheverly residents have had an amazing array of meal options provided to them by our local non-profit institutions. We've had Pancakes offered for Dinner and Breakfast, Corn Beef for Lunch, Chile and Spaghetti and even a Fish Fry.

Every Cheverly resident is welcomed at these events. There is always great food, but more importantly each event offers an opportunity to greet old friends and meet new neighbors.

These non-profits are center-pieces of our community. They provide meeting spaces for organizations and support many community events. The Cheverly United Methodist Church (CUMC), American Legion and St Ambrose buildings are key elements of our community. It would be difficult to imagine Cheverly if any of these institutions became vacant.

So if you get a chance, and are feeling hungry stop by one of their events and help a Cheverly non-profit.

STLF Meets ECC and Clean Up LBDC: "Don't you just love acronyms?" On March 21st, Cheverly was once again visited by six bus loads of students from the organization Students Today Leaders Forever. For the ninth consecutive year the Earth Conservation Corps (along with many other local organizations) coordinated a Clean-Up of Little Beaverdam Creek utilizing the man power of over 200 students.

It was a great event that was covered by Channel 7 News and the local Gazette newspaper. As of this time, we do not have final numbers regarding the total amount of trash removed but in previous years they have removed up to 5 tons of trash in a single day. Thanks to Dan Smith, Marian Dombroski, and Sheila Salo for coordinating Cheverly's part of the event.

Fuego Adult Nightclub: As mentioned in previous newsletters, Fuego is an adult nightclub operating near Kenilworth Avenue between Cheverly and Bladensburg. We have been told by County Authorities that the nightclub would be closed by the end of March due to consistent issues with their permits.

However, it is also our understanding that the owners will be requesting to re-open through a Special Exception Hearing scheduled for April 1st. The Town Council took a position of opposition, and has sent a letter and will be in attendance at the meeting to express their concerns.

A-1 Junkyard: A Special Exception Request was recently reviewed by the County Planning Board for an Auto Salvage business near Kenilworth Avenue between Cheverly and Bladensburg. The Town of Cheverly with advice from the Green Infrastructure Committee and the Cheverly Planning Board originally sent a letter in opposition of the Salvage Yard.

However, after meetings and follow-up conversations with the owner's attorney the town later voiced their support, with conditions for the Special Exception. The primary reason for the change of opinion was the owner's agreement to keep all operations and storage indoors and away from public view. The owner also agreed to provide more green space on the site and to meet with nearby communities on a quarterly basis to discuss issues of mutual concern.

HB820 and the Tiered Tax Cap: These topics were discussed in detail in the March newsletter, so you might want to review the newsletter for some background. The Town has been working for over a year to implement a tiered property tax rate that would charge a higher rate for multi-family units than for single family units. This tax structure is allowed by state law, and has been used by a few municipalities in Maryland.

In response to Cheverly's actions a Bill was introduced at the State Level to limit this existing municipal authority. The Bill mandated that municipality's instantiate the tiered tax structure as part of their charter prior to implementation and placed a limit on the difference in rates to 10%. Cheverly's initial response was that the 10% limit made little sense, because it would not allow municipalities to address inequities that existed in their tax bases. However, we were willing to instantiate the tax structure and had the Town Attorney draft a Charter Amendment to do so.

Since that time, we have learned that the Bill as drafted would not let us implement the tiered structure based on multi-family units vs single family units even with the Charter Amendment. Therefore, we have tabled the Charter Amendment as it raised concerns among some residents.

We continue to work with our delegation, and the Maryland Municipal League to fight this HB820. We have also re-started discussions with the owners of the multifamily units to identify a compromise solution that would address the inequity current tax situation.

PROFILES OF CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR



MICHAEL CALLAHAN

It's been my pleasure to serve as Cheverly's Mayor for the last three years. I've worked hard to advance your interests, and I look forward to continuing to do so. As always, "my" agenda will always be based on your input. Below is a list of key focus areas:

Sound Finances: Recent decreases in property assessments, created a 2.4 million dollar financial problem for Cheverly. We maintained Cheverly's strong financial position, by minimizing revenue losses, reducing expenses and drawing on our fund balance. These actions resulted in a 5% decrease in the average resident's tax bill, in spite of raising the tax rate. The council

and I will continue on this course.

Excellent Public Services Cheverly has strong leaders in the Public Works, Public Safety and Administrative Departments. Maintaining a strong financial framework, allows us to provide them the appropriate operating and capital support to do their jobs. I intend to continue to do just that!

Economic Development: With assistance from the Planning Board and Town Council we've been laying groundwork with efforts like Envision Cheverly, the Route 202 & Landover Metro Corridor Plan, as well as supporting the Pointe@Cheverly and other local initiatives. More importantly, we have spent countless hours fighting against negative land uses in the area.

Communication We've made improvements in the Newsletter, Website and News and Announcements. We will continue to make improvements with particular focus on streaming council meetings, improving content, and posting mid month FYI's to get up to date information on council meetings and town news.

Fostering Community Cheverly is a great place to live and it is you, the residents, who make it great. As Mayor I will continue to do everything possible to support your efforts.

I ask for your continued support in the coming election. Thank You!

VOTE MAY 6, 2013

(7 am - 8 pm)

Cheverly Community Center

PROFILES OF CANDIDATES FOR WARD 1



LAILA RIAZI

Hello Wonderful Ward One! I'm asking for your continued support as your council member. Your ideas and contributions show me what's possible for our Town – a community that embraces diversity, supports each other, celebrates, gives back and pays forward. Together, you and I captured this spirit by growing our December tree-lighting tradition into a Giving and Sharing Celebration, which over two years has gathered hundreds of us to donate food, sign cards for hospitalized Veterans, and enjoy music, cookies, mulled cider, and each other's company.

I joined Council to help our community grow wisely and thrive. My ability to think strategically while drilling into the details lends strength to Council deliberations and has delivered results. Securing Pepco commitments to infrastructure improved reliability through storms, while setting aside funds to capitalize on WSSC road-work for complete street restoration saved \$500,000. Persistence through layers of red tape will ultimately remove the unacceptable, blighted National Park Service-owned houses. Careful choices enabled Cheverly to weather a 21% loss in property assessments (a \$2.1M loss in town revenue) while maintaining desired safety and public services, avoiding burdening families, & positioning us to hold down taxes next year.

On Council, I've analyzed immediate issues with a long-term focus, including ensuring studies and plans for the BW Parkway, 202 and 450 corridors and Metro development reflect our town's interests. I helped drive a direct, proactive approach with our business partners – securing commitments to the highest environmental, industry and labor standards, green space/storm water management and regular business/community meetings. This has eliminated noise and visual blight, kept salvage operations indoors and electronic recycling responsibly managed.

In the nine years that we've called Cheverly home, Andre and I have watched our daughter embrace her schools, the Community Market, every green space, Girl Scouts, Cheverly Young Actors' Guild (CYAG), and friends of all ages and backgrounds. I have co-produced the 2012 CYAG musical *Peter Pan*, advocated for our schools at the county and state levels, been a leading voice in the Hoyer Montessori PTA, and worked as Development Director for Community Crisis Services. Please reach me anytime @ 202.258.6167.



KARL RUSSO

My name is Karl Russo and I am running for Ward 1 Council. I ask for your vote. . I moved to Cheverly in 2007 from Philadelphia where I completed my doctorate in economics at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. My research focused on how neighborhoods value local public services, such as better schools and lower crime as well as access to public parks, transit, libraries, and fire stations. Better services increase property values. On the other hand, higher property taxes lower property values. Local officials that levy taxes need to ensure that the benefits funded by those taxes fully compensate homeowners for the reduction in property values. That is the job of the town council.

Prior to graduate school, I served for two years as an economist at the nonpartisan Office of Tax Analysis in the Department of the Treasury, serving the Clinton and Bush administrations. I currently work as an economist for the nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation where I analyze tax policy and assist all members of the House and Senate in developing their tax policy proposals. With eight years of experience at the Federal level, I want to return to my first passion of local public policy. I believe I can put my research and my policy analysis skills to use in serving the community I have grown to appreciate so much.

If elected, I plan to serve without compensation. It will be part of my contribution to making sure that the town officials can meet "town expenses and public improvements... without imposing any excessive tax burden," as our Cheverly founders envisioned.

My wife and I chose Cheverly because of the many amenities it has to offer and its affordability. With your vote, I look forward to working to keep Cheverly a great place in which to live and raise our two boys.

PROFILES OF CANDIDATES FOR WARD 1



GLEN BARTON

My name is Glen Barton and I ask for your vote on May 6th, 2013 for Ward 1 Council. As your Ward 1 Council Member I will work to ensure transparency in our town government, close fiscal oversight of your tax dollars and strong leadership for sensible economic development and access to outstanding healthcare in the siting and transition of the new Prince George's County Hospital Center.

My professional corporate and budget management experience would serve the citizens of Cheverly well in Town government. Since 1999 I have worked in the financial and healthcare industries managing the transition of services and operations during major construction projects. Most recently I lead teams at Johns Hopkins, Anne Arundel Medical Center, Inova Health System and Howard County General Hospital. In these projects, I used my Lean Six Sigma training to improve processes and reduce waste through the transition while ensuring the organizations remained operational at all times. My previous experience working in the hospitality industry & serving in the U.S. Navy instilled both a deep commitment to customer service and a strong work ethic, which I believe would benefit the residents of Ward 1

Since moving to Cheverly in 2006 I have been an active volunteer, serving on the Cheverly Day Committee for the past two years and helping to bring CHVProm, Cheverly Day Race and the Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot Race/Walk to the community. I have also served as a mentor to Cheverly area teens through VineCorps and provided pro bono services to the Capital Area Food Bank as it moved into its new D.C. headquarters.

One of my great personal pleasures has been working with regional animal rescue organizations to foster and find homes for abandoned or unwanted animals.

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PROFILES OF CANDIDATES FOR WARD 2



MARY JANE COOLEN

I am Mary Jane Coolen and I have been your neighbor in Cheverly since 1991 and representing you on the Town Council for the past two years. I really love our town and have made serving the Town my full-time job.

Cheverly is one of the finest communities in Maryland. My goal has been to maintain all that is good with our town and work to make Cheverly even better in a fiscally responsible way. Two of our greatest assets are our Police and Public Works departments. I will work hard to help our exemplary public servants realize efficiencies while ensuring they have the resources they need to maintain the many amenities we have come to appreciate.

Still, all good things could be better. Our work with PEPCO and WSSC has resulted in a significant upgrade of our infrastructure, but we need to remain vigilant with Verizon and Comcast forcing them to move their wires to the new poles so we can rid all these double poles throughout the ward.

My background uniquely qualifies me to serve in this capacity. I worked as a legislative aide in Annapolis for several sessions of the General Assembly where I developed valuable relationships and experience in state and county government. In 2006, Governor O'Malley appointed me to his Juvenile Services Transition Team because of my work with Prince George's Safe Passages and Baltimore's Mountain Manor Juvenile Treatment programs.

I currently serve on the Board of the Cheverly Community Market and Chair the Board of Joe's Movement Emporium community performing arts center in Mt. Rainier. I serve on the Route 202 Coalition with State Senator Joanne Benson. I am a founding member of Progressive Cheverly. I have come to know many folks in town through my community involvement during the past twenty years. I also teach therapeutic horseback riding to special needs students at the County's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro.

Please feel free to contact me at (240) 696-1176 or mj@mjcoolen.com I look forward to speaking with you in the coming days and hope I can count on your vote on May 6th.

PROFILES OF CANDIDATES FOR WARD 2



JASON LODY

Dr. Jason Lody has been a Ward 2 resident since 2007, but has connections to Cheverly dating back to the late 1990's when he was known as "Brother Jason" serving as assistant principal and middle school teacher at St. Ambrose. An ordained Catholic Priest, Jason has been a police officer in Southeast DC, earning a crime reduction award for his focus on community policing which yielded the highest drop in crimes in the entire Sixth District.

Jason worked as a patrol officer, field training officer, and was detailed to the narcotics unit before working as an investigator with the gang intelligence unit. He was trained by the Secret Service in School Threat Assessment and Active Shooter Response training and has presented nationally on the subject of school safety. In addition to teaching and law enforcement work, Jason has been a public charter school principal and was on the founding team of Center City Public Charter Schools which now serves over 1,000 students across six campuses.

He currently works as a consultant in developing new, high performing charter schools nationally and is leading the start of an innovative charter school in Washington, DC, the first of its kind in the United States where all subjects will be taught in both English and Hebrew. Jason holds a degree in theology, a master's degree in school administration and a doctorate in education, with research concentrating on effective leadership behaviors and sustainable organizational development. Jason seeks to bring transparency and open communication to the council, consistently engaging the members of the Ward 2 community in the process of town governance.

Jason resides in Ward 2 with his partner Linus, an environmental attorney with the Federal Government, and they have two dogs, Mabel and Spencer, who were both rescued from severely abusive environments. You will often see Jason running around town on a daily jog, walking the dogs, or working on home improvement projects that never seem to end. If elected, Jason will deliver quality, accessible leadership that will focus on his diverse experience: education, town viability, public safety, and fiscal responsibility.

PROFILES OF CANDIDATES FOR WARD 3



R.J. ELDRIDGE

I am Roswell "RJ" Eldridge, and I ask for your vote on May 6th so that I may continue to serve the residents of Ward 3 and the Town of Cheverly. We have achieved many major successes during my tenure on the Council, but there is still much to do. I pledge to maintain my strong commitment to our community, and continue turning your ideas into action.

I have a strong track record of being available and responsive, and providing clear information about pending issues that affect residents. I have pushed to increase the Town's transparency and openness to make it easier to be engaged. I approach every decision before the Council with an open mind, and carefully consider Cheverly's needs and priorities with every vote.

When property tax revenues fell, I worked with the mayor & council to make the difficult decisions to ensure Cheverly continues to be a safe, welcoming community with excellent public services and staff that residents expect.

I am a consistent and strong advocate for Cheverly, including several exciting initiatives that promise to benefit our community. As the council liaison to the Cheverly Planning Board, I have championed the citizen-driven Envision Cheverly initiative, developing clear priorities to help guide the Council's deliberations and our approach to development in and around Cheverly. I have actively participated in the Landover Road Sector Plan study, ensuring that the needs of Cheverly and surrounding communities are fully considered. My steadfast commitment to making Cheverly and adjoining neighborhoods safe and comfortable for biking and walking is reflected by recent progress on a Cheverly to Anacostia River Trail bike path. I am pleased to report that MNCPPC has commissioned a study to evaluate three alternative connections that would link our area with the Bladensburg Waterfront Park & the Trail.

Finally, I will continue to provide a high level of service to neighbors in Ward 3 and across our community. I respectfully ask for your vote on May 6th so that I may continue serving you and the Town as we work together to tackle the challenges and seize the opportunities ahead.

PROFILES OF CANDIDATES FOR WARD 4

PROFILES OF CANDIDATES FOR WARD 5



DAVID THORPE

My name is David Thorpe and I would love to represent my ward, Ward 4, for the Cheverly Town Council for another term. I hope that you will agree that I have been responsive and attentive. In the end, this is my ultimate goal in serving Ward 4.

I have lived in Cheverly for the past twelve years with my lovely wife, Linda Cameron and it has been a pleasure!

Currently, I work as a software developer for Intelligent Automation Inc. a scientific and engineering research company located in Rockville MD. My educational background is in Computer Science which I have pursued to the Master's level.

My service to the community has included chairmanship as well as board membership of non-profit and civic organizations. I have recently joined the League of Women Voters to look at education policy for the county.

I have a very strong interest in seeing children learn and am delighted when they take pleasure in learning. To this end, I tutored mathematics at the Safe Passages program located in the Cheverly United Methodist Church. I have also mentored children in this same program for several years. In the past, I have had the pleasure of tutoring mathematics privately in our town.

I started a robotics club for kids in Cheverly and I have mentored them as well as teens at the Blair High School in Montgomery County for FIRST robotics competitions.

I am a music lover and serve as president of the Cheverly Day committee focusing mainly on musical entertainment for Cheverly Day. I am also a guitar aficionado and have, in the past, spent some time tutoring guitar in Cheverly.

If elected to the Town Council, I will focus primarily on maintaining current town infrastructure that serves us well. I will listen to my neighbors and, if we can agree, pursue ideas that we arrive at together. I wish to create good old fashioned community through neighborly interaction with the purpose of supporting, protecting and caring for each other as Cheverlyites. I hope that I may gain your support.

NO CANDIDATE PROFILES

PROFILES OF CANDIDATES FOR WARD 6



SETH ZIRKLE

SIX for SETH

*Because Small Towns
Make Big Decisions*

My name is Seth Zirkle and I am running to represent Ward 6 on the Cheverly Town Council. I ask for your vote so I may bring increased transparency, communication, and healthy discussion to the Council, while strengthening our town's vibrance.

I have lived in Cheverly with my wife, Scarlett, since 2009. I grew up in a small town in rural Southern Indiana, and that small-town feel drew me to Cheverly. But I know *small* towns make *big* decisions. Prior to practicing law, I worked in municipal government and was engaged in the nuts and bolts of council meetings, legislation and policy discussion.

An active member of St. Ambrose Parish and the Men's Club, I have gotten to know many Cheverly neighbors. With the American Legion, Community Market, and Cheverly Day, there are always ways to give back to our community. That's what makes Cheverly great. As a member of Town Council, I will ensure we enact policies that allow Cheverly to grow, but never lose that small-town feeling that brings us all together.

I believe small town communities do make a difference in people's lives, and even the smallest issues deserve a big discussion. I will bring transparency, communication and a healthy level of discussion to the Town Council. I commit to listening to my constituents and to bringing their ideas, not just my own, to each Town Meeting. Additionally, I will utilize community websites, list serves and social media to inform my constituents and further conversations about town legislation.

The Town Council is made up of our friends and neighbors, but the Council's business is serious and always deserves robust deliberation. I believe every council member should have a voice and express his or her opinions. From taxes, to Envision Cheverly, to the Rt. 202 Study, to chickens in the backyard, let's make sure we hash it out!

Please help keep Cheverly, Cheverly, and vote for me on May 6th. Remember, "Six for Seth" on May 6th, because Small Towns make Big Decisions!



CAROLYN COOK

For the past two years, I have had the pleasure of representing Ward 6 on our Town Council. Local governance has been truly an enlightening and rewarding experience. My first term on the Council has been enriching, rewarding and full of welcomed challenges. I have ensured that the residents of Ward 6 were aware of important legislation and critical issues affecting our community. Additionally, I have worked to eliminate nuisances that Ward 6 residents have raised as concerns. An additional lane was added onto 62nd place exit to make it easier to turn onto Landover Rd I coordinated a cleanup project through Prince Georges County Department of Public Works to remove large amounts of trash & debris out of one of our streams. A new light pole was installed on Cheverly Oaks Court. I also led efforts against legislation to support backyard hens.

I believe that Cheverly needs strong Public Works and Public Safety Services. As a member of the council, I supported the necessary steps required to keep them strong in the face of a very difficult budget situation. Together, the Mayor and Council have ensured that Cheverly is in a healthy financial state. We have purposed to keep our Public Safety and Public Works Departments in position to continue the quality of life services that led each of us to settle our roots here.

Our Mayor and Council have worked collaboratively and we need to stay on course. We have done a great deal, but there is still more work to do. It would be an honor to continue to serve and represent your interests on the Cheverly Town Council.

Together, we are making Cheverly a great place to live and raise our families. I ask for your vote on May 6 so that together, we can continue to make great strides!

Sincerely,

Carolyn Cook
Councilmember, Ward 6



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

HOW WE CAN REDUCE CRIME BY 70% -

Take a few minutes and study the crimes reported in February listed at the end of this Message. One thing you will quickly notice is that thefts and vandalisms account for a little over 75% of crimes reported in Cheverly during that month. In truth, almost all the thefts and vandalisms were to autos and most reported vandalisms were really attempted or interrupted thefts to start with, proving once again that theft is by far the most frequent crime in the Town. These statistics also prove how important it is that residents check the plain view contents of their vehicles before locking their vehicle doors. This type of crime clearly prompted our new slogan, "Conceal it or thieves will steal it."

Numbers high on the list of most stolen included communications devices, radar detectors, navigation tools such as Garmin GPS, Magellan GPS, and Tomtom GPS, as examples, and then cameras, loose coins, cell telephones, and music CDs. While not all thefts or vandalisms can be deterred, carefully hiding the presence of the items or removing them altogether may stop thieves visually checking vehicles as they pass by from making you their next victim.

STEPS ONE CAN TAKE TO DETER METRO RELATED CRIMES –

The CPD's definition of METRO crime is any criminal act that occurs on Metro property or between the time a victim exited a METRO train or bus until the time they reached their immediate destination away from a METRO property or stop. In other words, we tend to use the METRO as a starting point regardless of whether the criminal act was directly related to ridership or not. We use and rely on this definition heavily because if we can tie the victim to a METRO facility or bus, it is possible that the suspect used the same facility or bus just prior to the crime. The end result is that both the victim and the suspect(s) were captured on HD video employed at all METRO stations and on all METRO buses.

While this video will likely result in a valued investigative tool, it is always much easier to deter a crime than to subsequently investigate one. With this thought in mind, try to utilize the below listed steps to reduce the likelihood you could be a victim of METRO crime.

1. While riding on METRO train or bus, try not to display cell telephones, other video/communications devices (IPODs, tablets, etc., including earphones), jewelry other valuables that may increase the likelihood you could be targeted.
2. Upon exiting a METRO train or bus, walk slowing away from the vehicle and stop for a minute or so. Give the cameras an opportunity to capture you as well as any would

be criminal who may have targeted you as a victim.

3. When leaving a METRO facility, always try to walk with other people heading in your same general direction. Most would be criminals do not like witnesses to their criminal acts.
 4. Try, to the degree possible, to stay in well lighted areas and away from foliage or other items that could block the view of you from the traveling public.
 5. Keep a whistle (CPD has them for free) in hand and utilize this whistle if you feel you are about to be the victim of a crime or after a suspect flees your immediate vicinity. Nothing draws the public notice like a whistle.
 6. If you feel you are being followed or targeted, even if it is just a hunch, go to the closest open business (i.e., 7-11 Store at Columbia Park Road and Cheverly Avenue) or the nearest house and knock at the door. Tell a store employee or the homeowner to Dial 9-1-1 or utilize your own cell telephone once you are safe. DO NOT WALK OR DRIVE HOME AND THEN REPORT THE CRIME.
 7. If you are the victim or a crime, try your best to look closely at the suspect for a clothing or other description that may enable the CPD to identify the suspect later.
 8. Do not report stolen credit cards, cell phones, or any device in which you have a serial number to your insurance company or credit card/cell phone vendor for at least 24 hours. This gives the CPD the opportunity to potentially track the use of these stolen items, perhaps even get video of their use, before the devices or cards become inoperable.
- Most important, make sure to relay to any responding police officers that you used METRO facilities or vehicles even if you do not believe the instant crime is in anyway related to your ridership. Remember, even if the suspect did not target you from a METRO train or bus, he or she may well have fled the area in one.

C-PACT/CHEVERLY WATCH RESIDENT RADIO PROGRAM MEETING –

The next joint meeting of C-PACT (Cheverly – Police And Citizens Together), Cheverly's Neighborhood Watch Organization, and the Cheverly Watch Resident Radio Program is scheduled for May 9, 2013, at 7:00 PM in the police station. More information on this next month.

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

TELEPHONE NUMBERS –

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

Crime Report for February 2013 (All addresses Are in Hundred Blocks)

02-01-13	1005 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft
02-01-13	2015 Hrs	6400 State St	Robbery
02-02-13	1615 Hrs	6000 Hawthorne St	Vandalism
02-05-13	1900 Hrs	6300 Landover Rd	B&E
02-07-13	1906 Hrs	2700 Lake Ave	Vandalism
02-07-13	2119 Hrs	2300 Belleview Ave	Theft
02-08-13	0920 Hrs	3300 64 th Ave	Theft
02-08-13	1510 Hrs	4700 Lydell Rd	Vandalism
02-09-13	0753 Hrs	2700 Lake Ave	Vandalism
02-09-13	0833 Hrs	2700 Lake Ave	Attempt Theft
02-09-13	2218 Hrs	3100 Chev Ave	Assault (Arrest)
02-13-13	1347 Hrs	2800 Chev Ave	B&E
02-15-13	0020 Hrs	6300 Kilmer St	Theft
02-16-13	1145 Hrs	5800 Annapolis Rd	Theft
02-17-13	1716 Hrs	2600 Valley Way	Vandalism
02-17-13	2036 Hrs	5500 Col Park Rd	Robbery
02-20-13	1254 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft
02-25-13	1500 Hrs	4800 Lydell Rd	Theft
02-26-13	1830 Hrs	6300 Landover Rd	Theft
02-26-13	1714 Hrs	6000 Landover Rd	Theft
02-27-13	1750 Hrs	2700 Chev Ave	Vandalism
02-28-13	0730 Hrs	2500 Chev Ave	Theft
02-28-13	0953 Hrs	3200 Belleview Ave	Theft

RECYCLING TOTALS February 2013

Curb Recycling— 41.59 tons

Electronic Recycling — 0 pallets

Appliances — 8

Turbine KW—no reading



SPRING FLEA MARKET

The Spring Flea Market sponsored by the Recreation Council will be held on Saturday, April 6th from 9 am to 2 pm at the Community Center. Come rain or shine, it's indoors!. Tables Are \$15, reservations start Friday, March 1st. Call Barbara at 301-773-5883. There will be lots of great bargains, good food and Wonderful baked goods.



The Cheverly Recreation Council will sponsor the John “Dent” Wilson Scholarship. There are two \$500 college scholarships to be awarded to a Cheverly resident who is enrolled full time in a academic or vocational post secondary education program for the 2012-2013 academic year. For applications call Judy DeLeonibus at 301-386-4251.



Recreation Council - April meeting will be Tues., April 23rd at 7PM in the conference room at the Community Center. Topic will be the summer playground and the Scholarship.



ARBOR DAY

April 10, 2013

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

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

Votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted

ACTIONS TAKEN

Town Meeting - February 14, 2013

- ☐ CM Eldridge to adopt CAR-1-13 Amending the Tax Cap to eliminate the tax cap. CM Riazi seconded. Approved 5-0

Work Session - February 28, 2013

- ☐ Motion CM Riaza to authorize the Mayor to revise the and/or alter the position of the County to support, oppose or take no position upon receipt of answers posed to the applicant tonight. Seconded CM Thorpe. Approved 4-0
- ☐ Motion CM Cook to grant \$500 to the 4th Ward Civic Association for the African American Cultural Museum in Brentwood. Seconded CM Eldridge. Approved 4-0. CM Thorpe absent.

Town Meeting - March 14, 2013

- ☐ CM Coolen to award a grant to the Friends of Lower Beaver Dam Creek for the purpose of supporting the clean-up of streams on March 21st in the amount of \$500. CM Riazi seconded. Approved 5-0
- ☐ CM Thorpe to table Charter Amendment Resolution 2-13 adding taxing categories. CM Cook seconded. Approved 5-0
- ☐ CM Edlridge to adjourn to closed session to seek legal advice from the Town Attorney regarding pending litigation which the Town is involved regarding the concrete plant. CM Coolen seconded. Approved 5-0.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Town Meeting—April 11, 2013

- ☐ Public Hearing—Town Park Master Plan Amendment
- ☐ Adoption O-1-13 - Amending the Personnel Section
- ☐ Approval of R-1-13 - Appointing Election Judges
- ☐ Introduction FY14—Operating Budget & Capital Improvement Program

Worksession—April 25, 2013

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

MON Town Wide YARD WASTE

MON East side Regular Garbage Pickup only

TUE West side Regular Garbage Pickup only

WED Town wide RECYCLING (blue or yellow bins)

THU East side Garbage & SPECIAL TRASH (at curb)

FRI West side Garbage & SPECIAL TRASH (at curb)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Cheverly American Legion Auxiliary

Happy spring from the Cheverly American Legion Auxiliary! Spring means revitalization, and we are continuing ours with a **membership drive**.

About us: The American Legion Auxiliary is the country's largest women's patriotic organization. Here in Cheverly, our goals are to support local veterans and Cheverly American Legion Post 108, to provide civics education opportunities and scholarships for local youth, and to promote a spirit of Americanism within our community. If these goals resonate with you, we'd **LOVE** to have you! We meet once every other month, and there is a wide range of ways that members can contribute and participate according to their talents and availability. Membership is generally open to female veterans and female relatives of veterans. Please email us at cheverlyauxiliary@gmail.com or contact Aimee Olivo at 202-210-0380 to find out more.

Auxiliary Upcoming Events: Please join us for the following events... **April 13th – 5pm to 8pm Chili Cook-off at the American Legion.** The Auxiliary will be having a corn bread and baked goods sale. **Poppy Distribution during the month of May:** The Auxiliary spends not just Memorial Day, but the entire month of May, paying tribute to our fallen service members. Look for the women of the Cheverly American Legion Auxiliary at town events throughout May distributing the signature red memorial poppy. For over 90 years the American Legion Auxiliary has distributed the memorial poppy to remind Americans that millions sacrificed their lives and health to keep our nation free. During WWI the poppy flourished on the battlefields of Flanders Field among the shelled buildings and bomb-scarred landscape. Like the blood that was shed there, its brilliant red bloom became a sign of hope and renewal. For those who would never leave, those who had given their lives, it is a perpetual memorial to their bravery. Each American Legion Auxiliary poppy is handmade by a veteran. It is traditional to offer a donation when receiving a poppy. Memorial poppy donations are devoted entirely to rehabilitation and assistance for veterans and their families. On behalf of those veterans, thank you for caring.

We welcome any questions or suggestions you have for our organization. You can contact us at cheverlyauxiliary@gmail.com or call our Unit President, Lane Thompson, at 202-674-6898.

PROGRESSIVE CHEVERLY - Monthly meeting: Transforming Health Care in Prince George's County. Join Us on Thursday, April 4, for a special presentation on the public health needs of the County, recommendations for the new County health system, and the role for citizen advocates. Dr. Stephen Thomas, Professor and Director of the Center for Health Equity, University of Maryland School of Public Health, and other staff will discuss their recently released report "Transforming Health Care in Prince George's County: A Public Health Impact Study." Joining the discussion will be Members of Progressive Cheverly's Health Committee. Thursday, April 4, 2013, 7:00 pm, Hoyer School, Cafeteria, 2300 Belleview Ave.

On March 4th, nine Progressive Cheverly members traveled to Annapolis to meet with the members of our 47th District delegation to discuss key legislative initiatives of concern to our members. We had productive conversations and we thank our representatives for taking the time to meet with us. This was a great opportunity to talk face to face with our elected representatives about the issues we care about. Please consider joining Progressive Cheverly and coming with us to next year's lobby night. Contact: chair@progressivecheverly.org

CHEVERLY AMERICAN LEGION

Community Nights – Every Fri at 7:30 PM. Visit us anytime. We offer a special invitation to the community every Friday for Cheverly organizations, families and friends to informally meet. The Queen of Hearts Game takes place every Friday as well - each week one winner is selected to search for the Queen of Hearts on a Board (from a deck of cards). The game continues each week until a winner finds the Queen of Hearts! Come join us!

Saturday, April 13 – Cheverly Post 108 Chili Cook-Off!!! Take note: We want you here! Post 108 will host a chili-cook-off that will be completely supreme! As our guest, you will experience an exciting competition and some amazing local recipes. This is not something you can experience every day. Guest Tickets will be \$10, which includes chili and one free beer!

Thank you to everyone in Cheverly who shared St. Patrick's Day with us, as well as all those who came to the amazing Beach Party by the Auxiliary. Thank you. We always seek your partnership and collaboration.

CheverlyAmericanLegion@Yahoo.com 301-773-0108
Website: www.cheverlyamericanlegion.org

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Cheverly Day 2013 is May 18!

We're gearing up for a great Cheverly Day weekend – so much to do and see and it's ALL Homegrown in Cheverly! Get all the latest news, plus schedules and more on our website: www.cheverlyday.org, then walk, run or bike to Town Park for a great day!

Start your Cheverly Day 2013 weekend Friday night, 8pm to midnight, at **CHVProm**, Cheverly's annual DIY adult prom. Dancing, contests, photos, great food (a potluck event in a town known for exceptional cooks), and drinks all add up to a great evening! **Tickets go on sale Monday, April 15, and sell out quickly every year!** Individual tickets are \$15 per person, or purchase a full table of 12 for \$180. All table reservations *must* be made with a payment. Tickets will be sold at Town Hall during normal business hours OR you can purchase a table directly from committee member Glen Barton (glenmbarton@yahoo.com or 240-667-1244). *This is a community event and everyone's help is welcome!* Please contact Jennifer Daniels (jenniferhdaniels@gmail.com or 202-243-9081) if you can lend a hand! They're looking for sponsors, prize donations, and help with set-up and clean-up.

Saturday morning, start Cheverly Day 2013 off right with a trip to a real Homegrown in Cheverly institution – **Cheverly Community Market!** From 8am to noon, make your way over to the Community Center parking lot for the very best in fresh, local produce, breads, meats, fish, and more. It's a great place to grab your Cheverly Day breakfast, shop for healthy, delicious provisions, visit with friends, and enjoy live entertainment that will set the stage for a great Cheverly Day celebration.

The annual **Cicada Crunch 5k Race/2k Fun Race/Walk** begins at Legion Park at 9am! Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities will take to the streets of Cheverly -- there's a new route this year! Look for the cicadas on the road or visit our website for the map. Not a runner? Come on out and support participants by cheering them on! And if you've thought about participating, but haven't worked up to it yet, join Abel Olivo and the Couch to 5K group in training – there's still time! Visit our website for registration links, maps, and more. We'll also publish searchable results following the race!

Continue active Cheverly Day fun with the annual **3 on 3 Basketball Tourney** in the Gym at the Community Center starting at 11:30am. Sponsored by the Cheverly Police Department, the games are divided by age group and all players receive a tournament t-shirt. Pick up registration forms at the Town offices or download them from our website, then and register at the Cheverly Police Department. Don't forget the annual **softball game** and a surprisingly serious **horseshoe competition** – details are on our website.

This year, Cheverly Day is adding something new – **Fit+Fun Cheverly!** Join us at the stage at noon for a high-energy **Zumba class** led by **Ronald Johnson**, and at 1pm for **yoga** with **Kelly**

Fisher of Wildflower Yoga. We have lots of great events to keep you active this Cheverly Day!

Our Homegrown Cheverly Day continues with games for kids of all ages! **Are you part in a Cheverly community group or town organization? WE NEED YOU!** This year, we have a special new activity -- we're looking for as many groups as possible to get involved by creating and hosting a game in the Community Center parking lot on May 18. Whether it's a hula-hooping competition, guessing the number of gum drops in a jar, hopscotch, or something truly unique, we're looking for your best, brightest ideas, so get those thinking caps on and let the games begin! Please contact Mike Callahan (mayor@cheverly-md.gov) for more info on how your community group can take part in this fun new tradition! We'll also have **Midway** games for the kids – moonbounces, ride-ons, and all sorts of fun fair-style games, as well as the ever-popular laser tag.

Of course, we'll also have great **Cheverly Day t-shirts** this year, designed by our own Pat Nelson – details and design will be posted on our website and blog soon. Add to your collection!

Don't forget **delicious food from your favorite Cheverly Day vendors** – hot dogs & hamburgers, succulent pulled pork, delicious lemonade, cotton candy, and more will be available...we may even have a few surprises! And make sure to visit the St. Ambrose Men's Club **Beer Garden** – cold beer for the grownups and tasty root beer for the kids!

Cheverly Day 2013 has a great lineup of **live music and entertainment** in store for you, with favorites from years past and artists that will be favorites soon! Join us throughout the day for magic by our own **Charles Hutchison**, salsa with **Sin Miedo**, jazz with the great **Nasar Abadey & Supernova**, reggae, rock, cumbia, and ska by **Nayas**, and blues by **Moonshine Society**. At 8:30pm join us at the stage for the **Mayor's speech**, followed the National Anthem performed by Cheverly's **Kathryn Andrews**. Finally, the big event: **THE FIREWORKS!** Info on all the entertainers and a complete schedule is available on our website.

Cheverly Day relies on a legion of dedicated volunteers, sponsors, and sponsoring advertisers **Interested in advertising with us, becoming a sponsor, or lending a hand? Visit the website for complete details!**

Remember, all things Cheverly Day 2013 – from ChvProm ticket information, race maps, musicians' bios, scheduling, links to our blog, and more – can be found on our website:

www.cheveryday.org. You can also keep up with us in these places: The latest updates and special features on all things "Homegrown in Cheverly" **blog** www.cheverlyday.blogspot.com

Like us on **Facebook &** interact with other Cheverly Day fans!

www.facebook.com/pages/Cheverly-Day/142851379104423

Follow us on **Twitter** for more scoop!

www.twitter.com/@CheverlyDay

Cheverly Day will be here sooner than you know it, we can't wait to share this Homegrown in Cheverly celebration with you!

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YOU Asked For IT! ZUMBA IS BACK @ Cheverly Town Hall GYM

Are you ready to party yourself into shape? That's exactly what the Zumba® program is all about. It's an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party™ that's moving millions of people toward joy and health.

Zumba® Fitness – When participants see a Zumba class in action, they can't wait to give it a try. Zumba classes feature exotic rhythms set to high-energy Latin and international beats. Before participants know it, they're getting fit and their energy levels are soaring! There's no other fitness class like a Zumba Fitness-Party. It's easy to do, effective and totally exhilarating, often building a deep-rooted community among returning students. Starting Sunday, April 7th. ZUMBA will be back @ Cheverly Town Hall GYM

Every Sunday from 7-8pm it's ZUMBA Time.

\$7.00 per class (drop-in rate)

\$5.00 per class (monthly rate)

Instructor: Neicey V. 240-565-5301

zumbafitnesswithneicey@yahoo.com

COMPOSTING 101

With spring and the garden season starting, it's time to consider composting. Here's a brief overview of composting plus how to order a \$20 bin. Full compost guide at: www.nieinstitute.org/compost.pdf

WHAT TO COMPOST (Mix of GREENS with higher nitrogen ratio & BROWNS higher carbon.):

GREENS: vegetables, fruits, grains, coffee grounds with filter, tea bags, nut shells, plant cuttings, weeds (no seeds), hedge trimmings, grass clippings (best to leave mowed grass in place to fertilize your lawn). Also **natural fibers** such as cotton pads/swabs, cat, dog & even human hair, worn cotton, wool, & leather cloths (cut into small pieces). You can also add manure, bonemeal, old potting soil or other ingredients to increase the fertilizer quality of your compost.

BROWNS: eggshells, wood chips, branches (small), straw, leaves (small amounts) pine needles. Also **soiled paper products** such as paper towels, napkins, tissue paper, compostable paper plates or cups (no coatings), pizza or other food boxes (shredded).

WHAT NOT TO COMPOST: meat/fish, bones, oils & fats, dairy products, pet/human feces or pet litter, whole eggs, inorganic wastes (plastic, metals, chemicals etc.). If you're not sure, don't compost it.

WHERE TO USE YOUR COMPOST: Dig compost into your vegetable or flower garden to amend the soil. Compost is a soil amendment that improves soil quality, increases water retention and adds nutrients. Compost can be used as mulch under bushes and trees. Thin amounts can be spread on lawns to add nutrients and as mulch.

HOW TO ORDER A \$20 BIN: Contact Doug Alexander at: dalexander@nieinstitute.org

WOMAN'S CLUB—The seeds of peace are growing in Cheverly and the Woman's Club is looking for people interested in climbing onboard the Peace Train. For a long time we've said, "Many hands make lite work". Well, we need you and your hands now!

Watch for more information about how you can help coming soon through email lists in town.

Meanwhile, we're gearing up for chicken salad and The Month of Peace in May. Come to the Spring Flea Market, buy some chicken salad sandwiches and support the scholarship fund for Peace Camp! Also, plan a peace activity for yourself, your family and / or more that can be printed on the calendar in the May newsletter.

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CHEVERLY GARDEN CLUB

If April showers bring May flowers please add... work in your garden will bring beautiful flowers and vegetables and other gardening delights. The garden club has already started with plants for the sale on May 11. We found out that you in Cheverly prefer "eating tomatoes" to "cooking tomatoes". We have a number of varieties that hopefully you will be putting in your garden. The sale will be the 11th of May....more to share in the May issue. We are taking a field trip...not very far away....to the Arboretum off New York Avenue. We will be boarding a Tram at 10:30 AM and the tour will be 1 1/2 hour. Our own Cheverly Harold Belcher will be leading the tour. Date was selected as a great date for Azaleas and blooms. Please call 301 773 1991 to reserve a spot..since the tram will take 48 persons and the club will probably only have 30 we are inviting you to come....charge is \$2.00.

The Arboretum is one of the finest and largest in the USA and it is almost on top of us. Did you know Dept. of Ag does research there? Club members, remember to gather your "best" to sell on April 6 at the town Flea Mkt. April 19 is the State Installation Luncheon at the U of Md golf club. April 26 and 27 is the FONA sale at the Arboretum....this is where you find those plants that are rare but will grow in our area....fun time to buy and learn what is available. Go early...always a sale out. This too is off NY Ave. We hope to see some of you at the April 15 meeting at the CUMC....Remember we are "a dirt under broken nails club"

Zumba Gold -Join the Zumba Gold transformation party. I, Ronald Johnson used to weigh 280 lbs., now I weigh 140 lbs. & you can lose weight too. Zumb Gold party 45 min/nutrition tips & q/a session 15min. Cheverly Community Center, Tuesday 9-10 am & Friday 12:30-1:30 pm, \$8 a party/\$50.40 monthly.

Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek is involved in three events this month... Please join us at any or all of them! On Saturday, April 6, the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay is coordinating Project Clean Stream 2013. For details, email contact@allianceforthebay.org or call 443-949-0575.

For details about or to volunteer at the Anacostia Watershed Society's annual Earth Day cleanup on Saturday, April 20, go to www.anacostiaws.org.

Finally, we would love to see you at our monthly Work Party, normally held the last Saturday of each month--so this month it's Saturday, April 27 between 9 am and noon. We'll be building a stone path, picking up trash, and removing invasive plants (such as wisteria) from the area by Magruder Spring. We'll meet at the entrance to the trail that is on Cheverly Avenue, close to the intersection of Cheverly Ave and Columbia Park Road--just one half block from the Cheverly 7-11 store and about a block from the Cheverly Metro. Tools, gloves, snacks, and water will be provided. As always, school community service hours are available. For more information, call Joani Horchler at cell 301-802-7445 or horecpool97@aol.com

Performers and Audience Members Needed for CUMC's annual Talent Show, to be held Friday evening, April 12, from 7-9 p.m. Singers, musicians, comedians, storytellers, etc. are all invited. Time slots are limited, so let us know asap if you're interested. Tickets on sale at the door prior to the performance. For more information or to sign up to perform, contact Cathy Smith ([301-386-4394](tel:301-386-4394); cathysmith2222@gmail.com) or Becky Virta ([301-773-4922](tel:301-773-4922) or MattArcheo@aol.com).
Cheverly United Methodist Church Retreat - CUMC, Fogle Hall - Saturday, April 20, 2013 - 9 – 12:00 noon
Guest Speaker – Fr. Kevin Kennedy, Pastor, St. Ambrose Catholic Church - Spiritual and Personal Growth In Relationship To Each Other, Continental Breakfast served from 9:00 – 9:30am - All Are Welcome !!

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Spring is officially here -- those delicate crocuses have come and gone, the birds are chirping, the daffodils and trees are blooming -- our sights are set on all the amazing fresh, local produce headed our way very soon.

The start of Cheverly Community Market's 2013 season is just around the corner! Opening Market is May 4 -- don't forget to mark your calendars (or download our dates at www.cheverlycommunitymarket.com)!

Know someone who is interested in vending at the Market? **The vendor application process is open now -- visit our website for the Application and Handbook. The application deadline is April 8.** Community Groups and nonprofit organizations interested in participating this season will find a separate application on our website. *We are asking that all Community Groups/Non-profits complete an application this year.*

We're thrilled to kick off your Cheverly Day on May 18! Visit the Market from 8:00am to noon, then stick around for a day chock full of amazing events and activities. It really will be a great fun-filled "Homegrown in Cheverly" time, and we're happy to be part of it! More information can be found on the Cheverly Day website (www.cheverlyday.org) and on our blog (www.cheverlycommunitymarkt.blogspot.com).

Looking forward to our Annual Market Potluck? We've moved it to summer: great local ingredients to choose from at the Market for your potluck recipes and fewer big organized activities on the calendar make for a fun midsummer's celebration! We're looking forward to a great evening and details will be available soon on our blog. Start thinking about your recipe ideas now -- the competition this year promises to be fierce. And be sure to check out Pinterest page (www.pinterest.com/cheverlymarket/recipes) for some great recipes, tips, and techniques that make the most of items you'll find at Cheverly Community Market.

Cheverly Community Market is always looking for volunteers to help during the season. Can't make the Market every Saturday? There are still many ways you can help. Drop us a line cheverlycommunitymarket@gmail.com If you are interested.

Keep up to date with all our activities via the blog, our website, Facebook, Twitter, & our email alerts (links to everything are on our website:

www.cheverlycommunitymarket.com As we near the official Market season, we'll continue to add recipes, tips, techniques, and inspiration to our Pinterest page and lots of great information to our blog to keep you thinking about wonderful, creative, sustainable food. If you haven't signed up for our email alerts yet -- or you're interested in obtaining a yard sign to help publicize the Market -- send us an email (cheverlycommunitymarket@gmail.com). We welcome your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions...we want to keep in touch with you!

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

SAVE THE DATE! CHV Prom 2013 is on Friday, May 17th from 8:00pm – midnight. CHV Prom kicks off Cheverly Day with music, dancing, great food, drinks and lots of prizes! Start brainstorming with your friends now to win the "Best Decorated Table" contest!

Tickets will go on sale Monday, April 15th and sell out quickly every year! Individual tickets are \$15 per person or you can buy a full table of 12 for \$180. All table reservations must be made with a payment!

Individual tickets and tables of 12 will be sold at Town Hall during normal business hours. OR you can purchase a table directly from committee member, Glen Barton. Contact him at glenmbarton@yahoo.com OR call him at 240-667-1244.

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Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee

April Monthly Meeting - Monday, April 1, 2013
7:30-9:00 p.m. Conference Room, 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 in the activities of the committee! Contact sheila.salo@gmail.com to request a copy of the agenda. For more information on the Cheverly Green Plan and greening activities visit: www.greencheverly.org

GREEN @ HOME -- YEAR OF THE HEATH

The Maryland Native Plant Society has named 2013 the Year of the Heath. What is a heath? Azaleas, mountain laurel, blueberries, and more -- they're all heaths. The heaths (Ericaceae) belong to a relatively large family of flowering plants that include azaleas, blueberries, heathers, rhododendrons, and wintergreens. Most of the species are shrubs or trees, but one group is herbaceous and some of these plants lack chlorophyll. Most of the species in the Ericaceae are sun-loving plants that grow in acid soils. Bogs, pocosins, and moors are some habitats where Ericaceae can be found in abundance.

Visit the Green Plan web site, www.greencheverly.org, to learn more about the native heaths growing in Cheverly's green spaces.

Cheverly Parents Resource Center (CPRC)

Has Spring Fever got your kids bouncing off the walls? We know how hard it is to keep Spring Fever at bay, especially during Spring Break. But, fear not! While your babes are out of school, there are still plenty of activities to keep them busy. We've made sure of that. Below is a list of activities CPRC is sponsoring ... with you (and your sanity) in mind. For detailed information and to register for any of these events, just visit our website at www.cheverlyparent.org.

Monday, April 1st, 10:15am: Bikes, Paddleboats & Playgrounds, Oh My! Allen Pond Park: 3330 Northview Dr., Bowie - Bring your bikes, scooters, and lunch as we enjoy all the wonderful things this park has to offer... together—**Free! NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Tuesday, April 2nd, 10:30am: "Wild Things" Nature Program, Picnic & Hayride - Watkins Park Nature Center: 301 Watkins Park Dr. Upper Marlboro - A 1 hour nature program, followed by a BYOB (bring your own bag) lunch. After that, a relaxing hayride through the park. **Cost: \$2 (per child). Adults are free! Hayride is free for CPRC members and \$2 for non-members.**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Wednesday, April 3rd, 11:30am: Jump, Jump Into Spring! Pump it Up, 4230 Forbes Blvd., Suite H Lanham - An hour and 30 minutes of jump time, followed by a BYOB lunch in the party room. **\$4 per child for CPRC members, \$8 per child for non-CPRC members. Adults are Free! REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Thursday, April 4th, 11:00am: Indian Creek Excursion-Indian Creek Playground: 56th Avenue & Seminole St., Berwyn Heights - Come play with us at this Native American themed playground and bring a picnic lunch to enjoy. **Free! NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Friday, April 5th, 3:00pm: Swim Your Cares Away P.G. Sports and Learning Complex Indoor Leisure Pool: 8001 Sheriff Rd., Landover - Float along the Lazy River with its constant current, or slide down the twisting, turning water slide in temperatures ranging from 102 to 104 degrees. The leisure pool is also wheelchair accessible. **\$3 per child, \$4 per adult. REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Also, don't forget about our other springtime activities. Like, story time at Playgroup on Friday, April 12 (10am). Or our Spring Sock Hop on Saturday, April 20 (5:30pm). Check the event calendar on our website (www.cheverlyparent.org) for details! Coming in May... a special playgroup for new moms and kids zumba!

Cheverly Scouts to the Rescue!

In March, Cheverly Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Girl Scout Cadettes completed a grueling six-hour training course on Search and Rescue skills at Watkins Regional Park. Scouts of all ages and types trained on first aid, built first aid kits, learned the basics of land navigation and then were trained in Searching techniques by Maryland Search and Rescue. Then more than thirty-three scouts put their skills to the test in an actual Search and Rescue Exercise.

This April, Cub Scout Pack 257 will take part in tree planting, river clean up and a pioneer camporee. Scouting aims to produce a generation of leaders who are morally strong, community focused and environmentally aware. If interested, join our April Pack meeting at the Cheverly American Legion, Friday April 12th from 7-8pm, or contact Cubmaster Dave at davidja2@dni.gov. (\$55 cost includes your sons own handbook, magazine subscription and many future awards and patches!)



Cub Scout, Boy Scout & Girl Scout Cadettes

Girl Scout Cadette Troop 3443

BECAUSE OF YOU, OUR ECO FAIR WAS A SUCCESS! Our Eco Fair opened with 15 Eco-Friendly company representatives ready to inform our community on how to save money and create a better environment. We had approximately 100 friends and neighbors attendance. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT** DIVAS – Determined, Independent, Victorious, Achievers - Scouts

This is our Girl Scout Silver Award Community Service Project. For more information contact Tonya Parker-Yates at tkparkeryates@gmail.com

STUFFED ANIMALS—Girl Scout Cadette Troop 3443 is currently accepting new stuffed animals for sick children and their siblings for their volunteer project for Spring 2013. Please contact Tonya Parker-Yates at tkparkeryates@gmail.com regarding your donation.

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Meetings & Events

GOVERNMENT EVENT SCHEDULE

Sat. Apr 6 9:00 AM Flea Market
Thurs Apr 11 8:00 PM **TOWN MEETING**
Tues Apr 23 7:00 PM Rec Council Meeting
Thurs Apr 25 7:30 PM **WORKSESSION**

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COMMUNITY EVENT SCHEDULE

- ☐ ZUMBA'S BACK - Sunday 7-8 PM—April 7
- ☐ Cheverly Green Infrastructure - April 1, 7:30-9 PM
- ☐ Composting 101 - Brief overview on composting
- ☐ Zumba Gold - Tue 9-10am, Fri 12:30-1:30pm
- ☐ American Legion—Chili Cook Off - April 13
- ☐ Cub Scout Pack 257 - Pack Meeting April 12, 7-8 pm
- ☐ CUMC Talent Show—April 12, 7-9 pm
- ☐ CUMC Retreat - April 20, 9-12 noon
- ☐ Cheverly Community Market information
- ☐ CHVProm—Tickets available April 15
- ☐ Cheverly Day updated information
- ☐ Garden Club - April 15 meeting
- ☐ FLBC - April 27 monthly work party 9—noon
- ☐ Girl Scout Troop 3443 - ECO Fair thank you
- ☐ Progressive Cheverly - April 4, 7:00 pm Hoyer School
- ☐ Composting do's and don'ts