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FYI

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

by Mayor Laila Riaz

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.

Mayor's Corner

Dear Cheverly Neighbors and Friends,

On the passing of Congressman Lewis.

Like so many of you, I have been listening to the transformative and powerful and the intimate and profound stories of the life and legacy of Congressman John Lewis. Especially in this time of challenge for our nation, I have found myself asking of his memory, "Are we ready to take on the work without you?" The answer that comes every time I ask, is that we have to find it in ourselves to be both fierce and merciful—impatient and yet tireless—with a view beyond the horizon. We are called to live into the possibility that, together, we can continue a legacy.

Congressman Lewis, Go in Triumph. Go with love. Rest well fine Sir. God Bless your soul.

What is your November 3rd voting plan? Yes, it's important to act now!

Please don't wait to plan for voting on November 3rd. As Congressman Lewis's words remind us, "The vote is the most powerful nonviolent tool we have." As passionately as I love to vote in person, I still will likely vote by mail this November, in an effort to protect myself and others in response to the continued uncertainty of COVID-19. **FOR EVERYONE SEEKING TO VOTE BY MAIL** in the November election, the current direction is that **YOU NEED TO REQUEST A VOTE BY MAIL APPLICATION!** At this time, ballots will NOT be automatically mailed to registered voters. Request a Vote by Mail Application for the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election at this link <https://tinyurl.com/lstdma9b>. Note: the application can appear confusing, as it is also the same application that you would use to register to vote. Your information must match your records, and you will need your driver's license number, ID number, or Learner's Permit number. Great news is that you can also text "VBM" to 77788 to receive the application on your cell phone! Questions or difficulties? Need help with a paper form? Please reach out.

Preparing for local elections—Charter proposals and community conversation.

Mayor and Council are considering non-citizen voting in preparation for the next Town election. As this is a Charter amendment, a public hearing is required and the proposed legislation will be offered for review over the span of three Town meetings. The Cheverly Board of Election Supervisors shared recommendations with the Mayor and Council at the July 23 Worksession, and is planning a forum to hear from community. Community volunteers are essential to making our local elections work here in Town. It's not too early to think about serving on the Board of Election Supervisors or as an Election Judge. Town elections are the first Monday in May, and, although we hope to be able to freely gather by then, we'll need to give thought to measures necessary to support an emergency vote by mail plan.

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POINTS OF INTEREST

- Food Emergency Resources
- Town Parks are Open

The Craftsman Building—buyer interested in purchasing for a distribution center.

The site of the former Craftsman printing press is home to an 170,000 ft² warehouse. The Town has been contacted by an attorney representing a client interest in the site for use as a distribution center. We have clearly expressed that we are very concerned regarding the impact of yet another transportation intensive industrial use affecting our community. This site has unique potential and the owner has been open to creative uses. We appreciate the transparency in contacting the Town and we are communicating our concerns with this industrial use and the site's potential.

Update on Washington Gateway Project (Prologis and Amazon).

The Prince George's County Planning Board voted to approve the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision PPS 419048_01 for the Washington Gateway Project on July 16, 2020. The site owner and developer is Prologis, and the expected tenant is Amazon. The plan is for a warehouse serving "last mile" delivery. The project is located at 5801 Columbia Park Rd.

Cheverly supported the developer's application for Preliminary Plan of Subdivision with conditions. Prior to the Town's involvement, Prologis had already made key environmental commitments to LEED certification and an expanded tree canopy, use of larger caliper trees in reforestation and use of native plants. **Since the Town's involvement, we've worked with Prologis for them to agree to over 20 additional conditions (transportation, Old 4th Ward impact, environment, collector road/additional access to site).** Prologis has also committed to listen to and address Town and community concerns and to be a good neighbor for issues still before us. Additionally, the Town and Prologis will be scheduling regular monthly meeting with Prologis to track progress on these conditions and to establish a strong working relationship. **Find list here (I would welcome discussing any of these conditions in greater detail).** <https://tinyurl.com/vyk4hx6w>.

Major gains include support for limiting construction of a road in favor of additional reforestation, managing, and deeding over land fronting Columbia Park Rd. to the Town to buffer Cabin Branch, Boyd Park, and residents on 64th Ave., extending reforestation and layered planting behind homes on 62nd Ave., and an Operational Traffic Analysis to include a Community input Zoom session on traffic and safety concerns along Columbia Park Rd.

I want to thank Mr. Reddick, President of the 4th Ward Civic Association, CM Ward 4, Kayce Munyeneh, and all of Council and you—residents from the Old 4th Ward and across Cheverly—for engaging every step of this process. The Town is also grateful for the written advisement of the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee and Cheverly Planning Board, and I drew extensively upon their combined report for Cheverly's testimony.

Your help is needed and welcome!

These are key areas where resident action can be instrumental in making this a better project.

1. We Need Your Help! Special Traffic Meeting Ahead! One of the conditions put forward by the Town seeks to better address traffic concerns on Columbia Park Rd. The developer is conducting a Traffic Operational Analysis and has agreed to host a Zoom session with their civil and traffic engineers to gain Cheverly input for the Traffic Operational Analysis to include perspectives from pedestrians, bicyclists, school buses, and metro buses.

Once we have a date in hand, we will ask you to pack the Zoom!

2. Be involved in the upcoming 18-24-month review of the Master Plan of Transportation

The Town of Cheverly will be fully engaged in the upcoming review of the Master Plan of Transportation, not only for the removal of Master Plan Road C-404, but with a look to addressing revisions that can pull pass-through traffic away from the Columbia Park Road bridge and intersections. We will also be requesting that this industrial area be considered for a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) approach with a focus on driving Metro rail and bus ridership; the use of shuttles; commitments in support of bikeshare, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements. We have to rethink transportation in our area. It makes good development, economic, and community sense.

3. Stand ready to require reasonable conditions from Amazon

We need to figure this piece out and I would welcome a hive-mind approach to this.

I think that we need to seek County support for a collective request for reasonable conditions from Amazon and we may need a savvy "campaign" to gain traction with Amazon. The close proximity of our Metro rail and bus lines are an asset to Amazon's operations and Amazon has made significant commitments to incentivizing use of public transportation (including subsidies for employees and contractors, extensive shuttle support, bike-share and pedestrian-friendly supports) for their larger fulfillment centers and corporate offices. It is a reasonable expectation that Amazon aggressively support similar measures at a smaller scale at here in Cheverly in an effort to reduce the anticipated 900+ employee commuting trips per day. Similarly, Amazon has worked with communities to ensure that their delivery vans do not use neighborhood streets as cut-throughs and has provided phone hotlines for communities to report violations. Requesting the same level of commitment for our community is only reasonable and is the foundation of building a long-term, good neighbor relationship.

COVID-19, and Town services and operations.

There have been disturbing increases in community transmission of COVID-19 across the country and the end of July numbers/trends in Maryland show an uptick in cases and hospitalizations. In our County, the trending numbers aren't yet definitive, but should cause us to pause. We need to rededicate ourselves to taking the full and proper wearing of face-coverings, respecting physical distancing, and avoiding congregating (especially in indoor spaces), with the life or death seriousness of a pandemic. Please regard all of these practices not as restrictions, but rather as a shared social responsibility and community good to keep our friends and neighbors as safe as we can in this uncertainty. You can follow Prince George's County numbers.

Connect and be informed—PGCPS re-opening and distance learning.

I completely support PGCPS' decision to stay out of the physical classroom through at least January 29, 2021 to protect the health of all involved, and I share the many broad-reaching questions and concerns of fellow parents. Please don't go this alone! Here in Cheverly, reach out to other families in your student's school and develop a support network. If you are already in a group, please make an extra special effort to seek out and welcome other parents not yet connected. Everything related to PGCPS depends on the information in SchoolMax. Please make sure that your information is accurate <https://tinyurl.com/y4ohmfux>. Also, be in the know and sign up for email and text alerts <https://tinyurl.com/y8tuvaet>. Please pass the word to new and relocating families that PGCPS is now accepting student registration via a new online system. <https://www.pgcps.org/registration/>. All opening-related information will be updated and accessible through a dedicated reopening page, <https://www.pgcps.org/reopen/>. Don't stay silent! I have found our PGCPS School Board member, Bryan Swann, to be very responsive and encourage you to reach out to him at bryan.swann@pgcps.org. Additionally, if you are not already connected with the Cheverly Parent Resource Center (CPRC), I encourage you to connect and see if this community organization offers you and your family a good fit. You can learn more about them via their website <https://www.cheverlyparent.org> or by emailing cprepresident@gmail.com.

Town staffing and delivery of services.

Town Administrator Galloway, in partnership with Chief Towers and Public Works Director Brayman, have maintained a focus both on keeping their staff safe in the time of COVID-19 and on providing responsive Town services and supports. Our staff is experiencing the same COVID-19 impacts as all of us and juggling distance learning and children at home through at least the end of January has to be part of workplan and staffing discussions. Staff is upping technology and thinking through how to continue to serve residents for whom technology is not a fix.

Town Administration is operating almost entirely remotely. Our Code Compliance officers have structured their schedules to maintain physical distancing and follow PPE protocols for any individual community contact. The Cheverly Police Department has taken a number of non-emergency services online and has made operational modifications to limit the opportunity for transmission between officers and with the public. Our Public Works Department can't operate remotely and there is no standing back up should Public Works employees need to isolate or quarantine. Director Brayman continues to focus on distancing and scheduling to provide crews with an eye to safety and operability, but word is that a return to full operational status is unlikely within this calendar. In response to community requests, Public Works has found a way to extend bulk trash pickup to the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Please thank them from a healthy distance!

Evictions, unemployment, foreclosures—short-term protection and long-term concern.

Tenants continue to be protected from eviction, late fees, penalties, and rent increases. This protection extends through to 90 days after the expiration of the Governor's emergency order. If you are having difficulty paying part or all of your rent—contact your property manager or landlord. Tenants are still responsible for paying rent. Rent has NOT been forgiven or erased! Many property managers and landlords are accepting partial payments and arranging individual repayment plans and want tenants to understand that there is no fear or shame in being impacted by COVID-19. If you are a homeowner facing mortgage difficulties, please do not wait or stay silent. You may have foreclosure and repayment protections. There is no risk in reaching out for assistance. Housing Initiative Partnership is a wonderful resource for both homeowners and tenants and is offering remote assistance throughout the pandemic. You can visit their website <https://hiphomes.org/covid-19-resources-for-maryland-residents/> or call them at 301-699-3835. As I write this entry, we still don't have final word on the latest CARES Act legislation, and, as of the middle of July, the number of Marylanders filing for unemployment had risen to close to 500k. If you are having difficulty navigating filing for unemployment or following submitting your application, please don't hesitate to reach out for referral.

The foundational work before our Cheverly Police Department

It's been over two months since the murder of George Floyd and since we viewed the searing images of a Black man slowly dying under the knee and eyes of officers charged with the care of community. The callous brutality of the murder of Mr. Floyd threw the racism that still permeates our country into stark relief and has given rise to the largest protest movement in the history of our nation. Although the discussion of racism in America involves every aspect of society, accountability in

policing and race, the connection between warrior mentality and police brutality, and the reliance on police to step forward as first responders for issues involving homelessness, addiction, and mental illness, have become an urgent focus in communities across the country, including in our Cheverly community. Our Town has its own harmful legacy that extended racially biased policing practices toward Black and Brown people. Listening to perspectives of residents who have viewed the progression of our Town through a lens of many decades, I understand both that we have come to a much better place in our policing practices, and that we still have a great deal of work ahead.

We are fortunate to have a department that is committed to this essential and difficult work. Chief Towers stepped into his position dedicated to the transformation and organizational development of our Cheverly Police Department. Faced with Town-wide budget cuts in response to COVID-19, Chief Towers reorganized his departmental budget to find a way to prioritize bringing in professional resources to assist in structuring the training, mentorship, supervision, evaluation, and accountability of our Cheverly Police Department. In parallel, the department is focusing on policy reform, beginning with funding expert advisement on drafting a use of force policy that reflects the best of policing best practices in reporting, investigation, discipline, accountability, and increased transparency and is grounded in the protection of human life and rights. Across our community, we will grapple with very real fears for the safety and dignity of Black and Brown lives within our community; what transformation looks like; the urgency of now; and who defines and owns this work. Our community is in a place of vulnerability. I encourage each of us to both make space to listen and be uncomfortable and to step forward to be heard as our police department and community navigates this process.

THE TOWN: NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLAYGROUNDS ARE NOW OPEN

Play at Your Own Risk

Parks and playgrounds are open, but equipment is not sanitized.

Park users should comply with social distancing recommendations of 6 feet apart and practice good hygiene.



Town of Cheverly Parks & Fields FACILITIES AND PROGRAM STATUS EFFECTIVE JULY 15TH



PLEASE ADHERE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING PRACTICES.

www.cheverly-md.gov

COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

ORDEN EJECUTIVA

SE REQUIERE COBERTURA DE ROSTRO

Efectivo el viernes 31 de julio, 2020
El Gobernador Larry Hogan requiere que

Todos los residentes y visitantes del estado de Maryland

utilicen coberturas de rostro en lugares públicos de todos los negocios, en transportación pública, y en las áreas públicas al aire libre en donde no se pueda mantener el distanciamiento social.

(Se pueden utilizar mascarillas de fabricación casera, al igual que bandanas, bufandas, o alguna camisa, o también mascarillas desechables o de tela)

COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

EXECUTIVE ORDER

FACE COVERING REQUIRED

Effective Friday, July 31, 2020
Governor Larry Hogan requires that

All State of Maryland Residents & Visitors

must wear face coverings in the public spaces of all businesses, on public transportation, and in outdoor public areas whenever it is not possible to maintain physical distancing.

(You may use a homemade face covering like a bandanna, scarf, or t-shirt, or you may wear a disposable or cloth mask)

¡NO OLVIDE!

Debe seguir practicando las reglas de distanciamiento social.
Mantener 6 pies de distancia entre usted y los demás.

DON'T FORGET!

You must still practice physical distancing guidelines.
6 feet of distance between yourself and others.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF CHEVERLY, MD

CHARTER AMENDMENT TO ALLOW NON-CITIZENS TO VOTE IN TOWN ELECTIONS

Pursuant to Maryland Code, § 4-304 of the Local Government Article, there will be a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Town of Cheverly, Maryland's Charter to permit residents who are not citizens to vote in Town elections provided they are otherwise qualified.

A virtual Public Hearing is scheduled to be held at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, August 27, 2020. Those wishing to submit testimony/comments for the public hearing can email them to townclerk@cheverly-md.gov. Deadline for submittal of testimony/comments is 5:00 p.m., Thursday, August 27, 2020.

Residents may view meetings on Verizon channel 35 or Comcast channel 71.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates are ONGOING

How to get current information

Visit the town of Cheverly website (www.cheverly.gov) for more resources and information regarding COVID-19. Also **please sign up** for the News and Announcements emails.

We are also sharing information via Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Town-of-Cheverly-MD-100731471406679>. To receive our CodeRed notification, subscribe at <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BF05350699FE>. As always you can contact each department by the phone numbers listed below.

We ask that Town residents be patient regarding these matters and during these unprecedented times while the Town continues to strive to provide the essential function of services for our community.

Thank you for your help and cooperation during this social distancing time. Guidance and recommendations are changing rapidly. We will provide updates as they are provided from state and local health officials. If you need to contact the departments, please see hours of operation and phone numbers below.

Please know, closing the building does not mean closing the Town. Town Staff look forward to serving you!

Town Hall	301.773.8360	Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM
Police Department		
Emergency	911	
Non-Emergency	301.352.1200	
Administrative Office	301.341.1055	Monday – Friday, 9AM - 5 PM Saturdays, 8 AM - 4 PM
Public Works	301.773.2666	Monday - Friday, 7:30 AM - 4 PM

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Meeting Agendas are updated on the website: www.cheverly-md.gov and virtual meeting information will be posted online in News & Announcements. If you have questions, please call the Town Hall.

Town Meeting broadcast LIVE on Cable 71 & Fios 35. Re-broadcast every day at 12:00 noon, 6:00 pm and 10:00 pm.

*Votes are unanimous unless otherwise noted
CM= Council Member*

ACTIONS TAKEN

TOWN MEETINGS

Town Meeting - July 9

Chief Towers requested a Budget Amendment so that he could move forward with Conducere (Consulting Firm), Ganesha Martin (Use of Force Expert) and Julie Parker (Communications Consultant). No one supported moving forward with Julie Parker, so a Motion was not made in for her.

- ☐ Motion by CM Fry to Support Conducere, seconded by CM Radloff. Approved by CM Watson, CM Bryner and CM Munyeneh. CM Garcia opposed.
- ☐ Motion by CM Garcia to **Support Ms. Martin**, seconded by CM Bryner. Approved unanimously.

WORKSESSIONS

Worksession - July 23

- ☐ Motion by CM Garcia to Hire Outside Counsel for MPIA, seconded by CM Munyeneh.

CM Garcia amended her motion: Motion to Hire Outside Counsel for Both Requests, seconded by CM Munyeneh. Approved by CM Bryner, CM Fry. Opposed by CM Watson and CM Radloff.

- ☐ Motion by CM Munyeneh to Leave the Town Attorney Choice to the Town Administrator and not exceed Hourly Rate of \$200 an hour, seconded by CM Garcia

CM Munyeneh amended motion for rate of pay not to Exceed \$275 an hour. Approved by CM Bryner, CM Fry, CM Garcia, and CM Munyeneh. Opposed by CM Watson and CM Radloff.

The following motion pertains to the Enterprise Zone presentation give by Mr. Andre Plummer with Prince George's Economic Development Corporation.

- ☐ Motion by CM Bryner to Adopt Resolution for Application for the 2019 Version of the Map presented by Andre Plummer, seconded by CM Watson. Approved unanimously.

Worksession - June 25

Director Brayman updated Mayor and Council on the potential timeline for the removal of the underground storage tanks. Proposed a scope study for the new Public Works building.

- ☐ Motion by CM Watson to Support \$25,000 for EA Firm to Move Forward with Removal of Tanks, seconded by CM Bryner. Approved unanimously.
- ☐ Motion by GM Garcia to Move Forward with Scope Study for \$23,682. seconded by CM Watson. Approved unanimously.

Non-Citizen Voting - CM Garcia explains what it is and why it is important. She would like First Reader to occur at the July Town Meeting.

- ☐ *Motion by CM Garcia for Non-Citizen First Reader to be in the July Town Meeting: CM Garcia, seconded by CM Munyeneh. Approved unanimously.

**Timeline for Non-Citizen Voting has been amended and will appear in a future meeting.*

Alexa for the Town of Cheverly

Alexa for the Town of Cheverly is now up and running. Watch our Town website for updates or visit <https://vimeo.com/443005050> for instructions.

Ethics Commission

Ethics Commission meetings are suspended until Town Buildings reopen to the public.

Annual Utilization Meeting

The annual utilization meeting for September will be postponed until Town Buildings reopen to the public.

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Reminder to residents: Pools

The Town Code defines a Swimming Pool as follows:

Any artificially constructed, non-portable pool capable of being used for swimming, bathing or wading, having a depth of two (2) feet or more at any point.

The Town Code defines a Portable Pool as follows: a pool which is not built into the ground, which can be moved from place to place, and which can contain water of a depth of two (2) feet or more.

The Town Code defines a Wading as follows: any pool not normally in excess of one foot deep at its maximum depth and usually reserved for use by small children.

Sec. 25-5. - Public and private swimming pools.

This type of pool shall conform to all requirements of Prince George's County.

Sec. 25-4. - Town requirements.

(a) Private swimming pools, excluding the apron, shall not be any nearer than eight (8) feet from the side or rear lot lines or from any house, building or residence. All such pools shall be at least fifteen (15) feet back of the front building line, but in no event shall any such pool extend beyond the front of any existing house on any adjacent lot.

(b) All electrical wiring, fixtures and services in and around a pool must conform to the requirements of the Prince George's County department of licenses and permits.

(c) All private swimming pools to be constructed or which are already constructed shall be enclosed by a fence which shall be at least six (6) feet in height, at least twenty-five (25) percent open unless an exception is granted by the mayor and council, and which shall otherwise conform to the standards of Prince George's County for fencing around swimming pools. The fence shall be of a type not readily climbed by children. The gate shall be of a self-closing and self-latching type, with a latch on the inside of the gate not readily available for children to open.

(d) The town building inspector, town administrator or any member of the police department shall have the right, at any reasonable hour, to inspect any private swimming pool for the purposes of determining that all provisions of this section are fulfilled or complied with.

Sec. 25-7. - Portable pools.

It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain a portable pool for the purpose of swimming, bathing, wading or other uses, having a depth of two (2) feet or more at any point, unless such pool is enclosed by a fence which shall be six (6) feet in height, at least twenty-five (25) percent open, unless an exception is granted by the mayor and council, and which shall be of a type not readily climbed by children. The gate shall be of a self-closing and self-latching type, with a latch on the inside of the gate not readily available for children to open. These pools must meet the requirements of Prince George's County.

FAMILY EMERGENCY FOOD RESOURCES

LANDOVER / LARGO	ADDRESS	OPERATIONAL HOURS	CONTACT
Shabach Emergency Empowerment Center	403 Brightseat Rd. Landover, MD 20785	Appt. M-F 10am-3pm	301-322-9593
St. Joseph Catholic Church	2020 ST. Joseph dr. Largo, MD 20774	Appt. W&Sa 1pm-2:30pm	301- 773-0102
City of Praise	8501 Jericho City Dr Landover, MD 20785	Tues & Thurs 4:30-6:00 pm	301-404-8234

CAPITOL HEIGHTS			
Freedom Way	1266 Benning Rd, Capitol Heights, MD 20743	W 6pm-8pm	301-736-0184
HYATTSVILLE			
Community Place Café	6201 Belcrest Rd., Hyattsville, MD 20782	Walk-in M, Tu, Wed, Fri 10am - 2pm	Deborah Commodore 240-486-2711 *Deliver Food
Ager Road Methodist Church (Non-TEFAP)	6301 Ager Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782	Appt. 1st & 3rd Th 9:30 am-11:15 am	301-422-2132
Church of the Living God (Non-TEFAP)	1417 Chillum Rd, Hyattsville, MD 20782	Walk-in Sat 10a-12p	June Muna Mbula 301-559-8893 • Call to confirm
Crossover Church	5340 Baltimore Ave Hyattsville, MD 20781	Appt. Wed & Fri 10am-12pm	301-927-5620
Help-By-Phone (Non-TEFAP)	P.O. Box 324 Riverdale, MD 20738 (mailing address)	Appt. M-Th 9am-5pm; F 9a-12noon	Lois Jones 301-699-4099
SEED Food Dist. Ctr.	5819 E. Pine Dr. Riverdale, MD 20737	Wed 12-3pm	301-458-9808
Metropolitan SDA Food Pantry (Non-TEFAP)	6307 Riggs Road Hyattsville, MD 20783	Every other Wed 3pm-6pm (please call)	Rhonda Herbert 301-439-5632; 301-853-2224 (church)
Fountain of Life Food Pantry (Non-TEFAP)	9470 Annapolis Rd Suite #412 Lanham, MD 20706	M-F 9a-5pm (please call)	Ms. Odukoya 301-755-3392
Ebenezer Church of God (Non-TEFAP)	7550 Buchanan St, Hyattsville, MD 20784	Wednesdays 3 - 7pm; Sat. 12 noon - 3pm	Doreen Lambert 301-412-1678

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Town Hall	Open No public access	Please call respective Town offices to conduct essential business.
Town Parks & Trails	Open	Practice Social Distancing of at least 6 feet.
Town Owned Playground Equipment	Open	Play at Your Own Risk and Practice Social Distancing of at least 6 feet.
Police Department	Open No public access	See note below
Public Works	Open No public access	
Meeting Rooms	No public access	Meeting rooms at Town Hall are closed.
Trash and other Public Works Collection	Modified scheduled	

**- NO -
SOLICITING**

Without a Permit

Soliciting in the Town of Cheverly is prohibited without a Town permit. Hand delivered advertisement is not considered a solicitation. If an unpermitted solicitor is in your neighborhood or you need a Town soliciting permit contact Code Compliance at 240-770-7647. During the COVID-19 pandemic you may call Town Hall if you are unable to reach someone in Code Compliance.

PUBLIC WORKS

TEMPORARY TRASH SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	2nd and 4th Thursday of the Month	Friday
Trash Collection – East Side Yard Waste – Town-Wide	Trash Collection – West Side	Recycling Collection – Town-Wide	Town-Wide Bulk Trash 3 items or less Appliances-Charge \$20 for First + \$10 for each additional	No Services

Please have your Regular Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling at the curb before 7AM.

TOWN WIDE BULK TRASH PICKUP AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY DROP OFF

Starting this month bulk trash pickup will be on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Our next Town Wide Bulk Trash Pickup will be August 13 and 27. Each household will be limited to 3 items. If you have any questions call Public Works, 301-773-2666.

If you need to dispose of more items or for an updated list of accepted bulk items, dates, times and locations for Bulk Trash Drop offs please contact Prince George's County's at <https://princegeorgescountymd.gov/590/Bulky-Trash-Collection>.

Once completed, the reports can be obtained, by request, via reports@cheverlypolice.org.

Report Requests

All reports can be requested, via email, at reports@cheverlypolice.org. When submitting your request, please include as much information as possible, that pertains to the report. In addition, for identification purposes, a photocopy of the requesting party's ID will need to accompany the request. In response to the state of emergency, all fees associated with report requests have been waived.

Tips@cheverlypolice.org

Tips@cheverlypolice.org is an email address that residents can use to send non-emergency tips or information to the department. Our investigators are constantly working to investigate criminal cases in which our residents have been victimized. If you have, or believe you have, information, photographs, or video that could assist the department, and you don't want to call, please send us an email. If you see someone in immediate danger, or a crime being committed, dial 911.

Cheverly's Mass Notification System is here! CodeRED allows residents to receive emergency alerts via text, email, or phone call. Upon signing up for the service, users can create a Managed Account, which allows the user to create a username and password and control the following:

1. Types of alerts received:
 - a. Emergency Alerts (Mandatory)
 - b. General Alerts (Optional)
 - c. Weather Alerts (Optional, as provided by the National Weather Service)
2. Method alerts are received:
 - a. Via text message
 - b. Via email
 - c. Via phone call

Users can also perform a Quick signup however, doing so would require the user to call CodeRED's customer service line in order to make any changes to the account.

Users are required to have either a residential or business address, within the Cheverly limits, in order to sign up for an account. The system supports multiple addresses, phone numbers, and emails.

In order to start receiving alerts, residents can sign up using any of the following ways:

By going to the Police Department's website and clicking on



By going to <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BF05350699FE>

By scanning the following QR code with your smart phone or tablet:



Anyone who would like assistance signing up for alerts can call the department at 301-341-1055, to schedule an appointment.

Crime Report for June 2020

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

6/1/2020	1022	Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Attempted Carjacking
6/1/2020	1120	Hrs	6400 Landover Rd	Theft (Shoplifting)
6/4/2020	1600	Hrs	6400 Landover Rd	B&E (Residential)
6/7/2020	0930	Hrs	5800 Annapolis Rd	Theft (Under \$1000)
6/11/2020	0805	Hrs	Forest Rd @ Hillside Ave	Assault (Intimidation)
6/12/2020	1015	Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Robbery (Commercial)
6/24/2020	0100	Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft from Auto
6/26/2020	0234	Hrs	6400 Landover Rd	Assault (Domestic)
6/27/2020	0808	Hrs	6400 Landover Rd	Theft (Shoplifting)

Community Bulletin Board

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Cheverly Village

Nurturing Our Soil

Cheverly Village had a special guest at a recent virtual Happy Hour. Jo-Ann Romano, a co-founder of the first winery in our county, shared the story of how she and her husband started growing grape vines in the soils of a former tobacco farm. As a young person working on my relatives' tobacco farms in the deep south, I would envision having *any* other crops growing around me rather than tobacco. I also longed for more just, equitable relationships among those tending the fields. So, Romano's story of transformation resonated.

The next day we learned that Congressman John Lewis died. Although John Lewis also came from a farming family, he tended souls, not soils. Over decades he helped grow the very soul of our nation. In 2004, Congressman Lewis came to Cheverly's Gladys Noon Spellman Elementary, where over 90% of students were Black and Latinx. This amazing man looked our students in their eyes and challenged them to be their best true selves and to care for their communities. They listened. We all listened. I miss him in this world.

Many of our elders in Cheverly have experiences and perspectives to help tend our Cheverly soil/soul. We have children who need to have more people look into their eyes and tell them they matter. We have grown-ups who need to hear this, too. We can't afford to ignore or sacrifice anyone. We all provide essential nutrients to our Cheverly soil/soul. Stomping on the soil/soul is not the way to grow anything, anywhere.

At Cheverly Village we want to grow and nurture strong, enduring connections that last through all the stages of life. Join us as a member or a volunteer and help us cultivate more compassion and connection in our Town and growth in your own life.

Visit cheverlyvillage.org, call 240-770-1033, or write to Village@CheverlyVillage.org, to find out how to be

a member, a volunteer, or a supporter of Cheverly Village.

Teresa Williams, President

Enjoy a Virtual Caribbean Feast with Cheverly Village!

On Wednesday, August 12, from 11:00 a.m. to noon, Cheverly's own "Chef Neville" will demonstrate mouth-watering Caribbean cuisine on Zoom. All are welcome! Register for the event on our website, Cheverlyvillage.org, "Events List."

Neville Nugent is owner and chef of the Mad Cow Grill in Laurel. He and his family are members of Cheverly Village.



Bootcamp

Cheverly Free Fitness Bootcamp remains canceled until the Community Center is fully opened to the public. You can still engage with us on our Facebook group (search for Cheverly Bootcamp) or on our google group: cheverly-fitness-bootcamp@googlegroups.com. We have a Zoom circuit workout on Saturday mornings at 8:30. Join the Facebook Group for the latest updates and to get the link to the workout! Watch the Google Group and Facebook for In Person workout updates!

St. Ambrose School

St. Ambrose School is exploring the idea of starting a PK-3 program in the future and we would love the Cheverly residents' feedback.

Please find the survey at the link listed.
<https://forms.gle/2Cy7ZPVaBEUNZGom8>

The Woman's Club

**The Woman's Club
s taking a vacation break this month.**

We hope you are all well and continuing to cope and help each other.

We will be back next month.

In the meantime,

We ask that you **"BE KIND AND PASS LOVE ALONG"**.

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Police Chiefs Advisory Board

Dear Cheverly Neighbors,

Since early June, you have graciously been providing your feedback to the Cheverly Police Chief's Advisory Board (PCAB) through the Voices of Our Community listening sessions. The Voices project has provided an open forum through which we've invited our neighbors across all Cheverly wards to share in open, online meetings what they would like our Cheverly Police Department to hear right now.

Neighbors, we want to extend a hearty thank-you to those of you who courageously shared your thoughts. We hear you and are poised to continue listening. Cheverly PCAB is now—and will continue to operate as—an independent advisory board that is comprised of Cheverly community members.

Our board recently underwent several membership and position changes. We have welcomed two new members, Jackie Elsberg (Ward 4) and Ashley Marchand Orme (Ward 3), bringing our total board size to 11 members. We also thank Katie Zafft, outgoing PCAB president, for the time and effort invested in PCAB and welcome Marverly Nettles as our new president. Ms. Nettles served as vice president prior to becoming president. Katie Arden is now the Vice-President

As a board, we are rolling up our sleeves, preparing to do the hard work. We aim to improve how we hear and amplify the voices of our community. We aim to be more effective and work toward real, meaningful solutions that strengthen our community and address the issues raised to our attention. Over the coming months, we'll be developing special task forces that include additional representation from our community to work toward those specific solutions. We seek to better serve our community and know that you will hold us to that. We will be sure to also provide regular updates about our work moving forward.

Meanwhile, please help us continue this conversation by attending our next Cheverly PCAB board meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 7:00pm. Closer to the meeting date, we'll provide details on how to attend that virtual meeting. Details on that meeting will be posted on various neighborhood internet platforms to include PCAB's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/chevpcab

We also welcome you to also reach out to us confidentially at CheverlyPCAB@gmail.com.

Name	Ward	Name	Ward
Ann Frutrell	Ward 1	Romerro Crusor	Ward 3
Marverly Nettles	Ward 1	Ashley Marchand	Ward 3
Katie Arden	Ward 2	Pastor Lillian Smith	At-Large
Joseph Pruden	Ward 2	Jackie Elsberg	Ward 4
Rene Brown	Ward 3	Jennifer Kone	Ward 6

Cheverly Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The Cheverly CERT website and the opportunity to request our Emergency Kit (EmerKit), is here! The EmerKit bin is filled with various emergency supplies for your event. It is equipped with an extensive First-Aid kit, fire extinguisher, paper towels, OFF, and other emergency supplies. You are required to sign a User Agreement upon delivery to your event. Please visit: www.cheverlycert.org and go to the Contact Us page to make the request. Take a look around the site. You may also connect to us on Facebook for our pop-up food distributions, preparedness updates, and more: [Facebook.com/cheverlycert](https://www.facebook.com/cheverlycert).

Cheverly Boy Scout Troop 257

Cheverly Boy Scout Troop 257 is alive and well, and doing virtual scouting during the shutdown. We're still open to new scouts and have an active Merit Badge program, still planning a week-long backpack trip, and shorter physically distanced excursions in the summer. And we're still meeting regularly (virtually) to hang out, play games, etc. We've also continued acts of service to the community, with a super cool physically distanced tree planting right here in Town on Sat May 9th, with Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and community volunteers working together, and Boy Scouts installing blue bird boxes on town green areas. Contact David Abram (abramdavid@aol.com) or Caroline Jarboe (caroline_jarboe@yahoo.com) for more info or to sign up!

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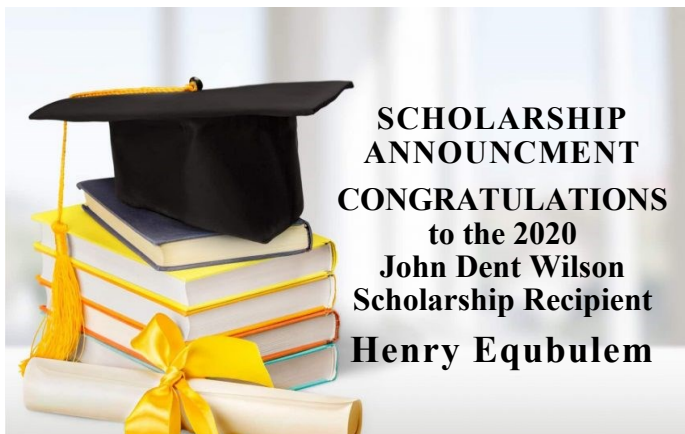
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The **Cheverly Garden Club** is on vacation for August and plans to return in September. We will keep you posted where and when, as we sometimes have our meetings outside of town when the opportunity arises. The US National Arboretum has opened for limited hours on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 1 – 5 pm and limited to 200 cars on the grounds at a time. Be prepared to walk and most of the buildings are closed - <https://www.usna.usda.gov/>. The Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens are open with proper social distancing. See their website for more information - <https://www.nps.gov/keaq/index.htm>. The Cheverly Garden Club's Life-Long Learning Grant is still taking applications. If you are interested in gardening, flowers, environmental issues, programs, and workshops to further your education, apply for one of our Lifelong Learning Grants. The maximum award is \$500. You can apply if you are 18 years old or older, reside in Cheverly or are a full-time employee of the Town. Grant applications are available in the red folder in the Town Building lobby and by email. December 15th is the annual deadline for applications. For further information, please email Kay Holloway at kay_holloway@hotmail.com.

Stay healthy, stay hydrated, and remember to water your trees.

Cheverly Recreation Council



This fall Henry will be attending Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Cheverly Recreation Council is proud of you!

Cheverly American Legion Post 108

PG County Grant Awarded to the Ladies Auxiliary \$10K

- Plans for grant monies include the purchase of an automated external defibrillator (AED) machine, funds going to support Girls and Boys State, and Veterans First Programs.

Donations to Healthcare for Homeless Veterans - As a correction to last month's newsletter, we are proud to announce double the amount of donated clothes and toiletries were received. Instead of an amazing 50 bags, we received approximately 100 bags worth around \$5k of clothing and toiletries by the end of the collection effort. The donated items went to Healthcare for Homeless Veterans/HUD-VASH. **A big thank you to the Cheverly residents for making the clothing drive a huge success.**

Food Truck and Fresh Air Returning - Friday, August 28th, 5 - 8:30 p.m. Our food truck and fresh air event is returning on the last Friday of the month. This August's food truck event, like last year, we plan to collect school supplies, but for at-home learning and for those families affected by the pandemic. Look for requested items on Facebook announcements, the exchange, and Post 108's website event calendar. We will have clearly marked spacing to maintain social distancing, and expect attendees to wear masks and follow any health guidelines. Although this is normally a fun opportunity to bring the kids and let them get some energy out, it is advised against bringing them during the current state of the pandemic. You are also more than welcome to take your food truck and drink order to go.

A Salute to Comedy - Tentatively re-scheduled for September: Hosted by the Cheverly American Legion Auxiliary, we are raising money to support the Armed Services Arts Partnership (ASAP), Adults only. \$25. Doors open at 6pm, show starts at 7pm. For more information on this worthwhile project, visit asapasap.org.

New Officers for the Ladies Auxiliary:

Unit President - Geneva Thorne
1st Vice President - Susan Pruden
2nd Vice President - Joni Beall
Secretary - vacant
Treasurer - Casey Kneipp
Historian - Laurie Green
Chaplain - vacant
Sgt at Arms - vacant
Executive Committee: Cindy Smith, Robin Kaye, and the 3rd seat is vacant

Become a Member - Eligible military service consists of serving at least one day in the armed forces and having an honorable discharge or still being in the military. Family members of an eligible military service member may join too. Email CheverlyAmericanLegion@gmail.com for more information.

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Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee

Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee

August Monthly Meeting

Date: Monday, August 3, 2020

7:30-9:30 p.m., Large Conference Room, Cheverly Community Center, 6401 Forest Road, Cheverly
Or virtually via Zoom, watch for announcements on the Cheverly town website

Monthly meeting to report progress on Cheverly greening efforts and plan next steps and new initiatives. In implementing the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Plan, your Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee is working on projects in education, planning, and research.

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

The Air We Breathe - - Cheverly's Air Quality Monitoring Project

Have you noticed something new in town? We have new Air Quality Monitoring (AQM) sensors located at three sites, Town Center, Boyd Park and the Cheverly Swim and Racket Club. Cheverly students and citizen scientists, would you like to get involved? We're looking for volunteers to join the team and learn about The Air We Breathe...see call for participation below!



*Jan-Michael Arche and Dave Kneipp
install the Purple Air at the Cheverly Pool.*

Why Air Quality Monitoring in Cheverly? Concern about our air quality, due to the close proximity of several heavy industry businesses and major roadways surrounding Cheverly, the Town partnered with the Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health at the University of Maryland last year. Dr. Sacoby

Wilson established a laboratory to address community engagement with environmental health and justice at UMD College Park where he and his PhD candidates design local air monitoring sensor networks and analyze the results. Once completed, the Town will have a baseline for gauging the immediate and cumulative effects of industrial developments and traffic.

Cheverly's AQM network includes 26 Purple Air sensors collecting data about particulate matter (PM2.5 microns), a key metric for air pollution. You can see the status of the Cheverly Pool AQM by zooming in on the map at the Purple Air website <https://www.purpleair.com/map?opt=1/mAQI/a10/cC0&inc=433023#14.99/38.92272/-76.92348>

In addition, Cheverly's network includes two AeroQual sensors that measure PM2.5, ozone and nitrogen dioxide as well as temperature, relative humidity and dew point. These more comprehensive units use mature sensor technology to measure the common pollutants known to have the greatest impact on urban and suburban communities. Once the AQM sensor network is completely installed, the UMD team will implement analysis software to provide the Town with tools and information to better understand current air quality conditions and potential impacts of future developments.

Want to Get Involved? We are seeking volunteers, especially Cheverly high school and college students, who would like to learn about air quality monitoring and help design signs about Cheverly's AQM project. Cheverly will also participate in UMD's student citizen science outreach involving mobile Air Flow 2 monitors (see www.plumelabs.com) in the future. Please contact Karen Moe, volunteer Cheverly project liaison for the UMD project, at <kmoe1976@gmail.com> for more information.

One Cheverly

Please join the Facebook group **One Cheverly**-working to connect a community of many cultures, ethnicities, faiths, and identities. During Covid-19 the group is working to foster a sense of community and be a resource for connectedness and information. We will get through this together!



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Cheverly United Methodist Church



2801 Cheverly Avenue
Cheverly, MD 20785
301-773-1314

www.cheverlyumc.org

In August, the Cheverly United Methodist Church Summer Worship Series Continues. Past highlights included musicians Mercy's Well and Doreen Vail. For more information about upcoming worship services, go to:

www.cheverlyumc.org

If you missed either of the previous musicians, go to:
Sunday, July 12, 2020 – Mercy's Well - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=awK7YPuSR50>



Sunday, July 19, 2020 – Doreen Vail - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N0sAf_GaStY



Be on the lookout for our upcoming guests. Worship Services will be virtual through Sunday, August 16, 2020. Our next Drive-In Worship Service will be on Sunday, August 23, 2020, weather permitting. Worship is at 10AM at cheverlyumc.online.church or https://www.facebook.com/CheverlyUnitedMethodistChurch/?ref=br_rs

COVID-19 Food Outreach Continues

Thanks to each neighbor and business that has contributed to this effort. To date, we have made more

than 1,725 sandwiches and 1,552 lunches for homeless individuals housed by PG Co. during this pandemic. With the Cheverly Emergency Response Team, we have provided more than 562 bags or boxes of food to neighborhood families. CUMC Women have distributed 27 boxes of food to families of Gladys Noon Spellman Elementary students. CUMC also participated in a collaborative mask distribution and Census sign up event. To donate to any of the Coronavirus Food Outreach efforts, send a check made out to Cheverly UMC with the designation of COVID-19 Food Outreach or give at cheverlyumc.org or text to give at #73256 Cheverly UMC \$and designate Coronavirus Outreach.



Saturday, August 1st, 15th, & 29th

8 am – 12 pm

We are working diligently on logistics to ensure you can continue to safely access our essential vendors and their products with help from our ever-supportive vendors, Town Council and Administrator, and Cheverly Police Department.

The market is going to look and feel different from years past, but the adjustments are a critical part of lowering the risk of transmission of COVID-19. And, while we don't have everything 100% finalized, here is what we do know –

There will be single points of entry and exit with one-way customer foot traffic flowing through the market. We will be actively managing the number of customers in the market space and providing guides for where to stand at each vendor stall so that social distancing can take place. And, sadly, we will not be offering live music, free yoga, or cafe tables for customers this season.

Please watch our website - www.cheverlycommunitymarket.org - for details about exactly how these operational changes will play out at the Market this year.

We will look forward to seeing you there, from a safe 6-foot distance of course!

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Ward 3: Nicole Bryner	301-892-6384
Ward 4: Kayce Simmons Munyeneh	240-478-4077
Ward 5: Jenny Garcia	240-604-1081
Ward 6: Amy Fry	301-678-3796

Town Administrator:	Dylan Galloway	301-773-8360
Public Works Director:	Steve Brayman	301-773-2666
Police Chief:	Jarod Towers	301-341-1055

Town Offices Hours	M-F, 9AM-5PM
Town Hall	301-773-8360
Police Headquarters Hours	M-F, 7AM-7PM Sat, 8AM-4PM
Police Headquarters	301-341-1055
Code Compliance	240-770-7647
Photo Enforcement	240-770-7641
Public Works Hours	M-F, 7:30AM-4PM
Public Works	301-773-2666
Maryland Relay	711
FAX	301-773-0173
Police Dispatch (Non-Emergency)	301-352-1200
Website: www.cheverly-md.gov	
Email "Contact The Town" button on the Website	

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CHEVERLY, MD 20785**

The Town of Cheverly does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or sexual orientation.. If you are a person with a disability (vision, hearing, or speech impairment) & wish to participate in Town activities or programs, please contact the Town Office at 301-773-8360, or the Maryland Relay System at 1-800-735-2258.

Meetings & Events

GOVERNMENT EVENT SCHEDULE

Thurs Aug 13, 2020	8:00 p.m.	Town Meeting
Thurs Aug 20, 2020	7:30 p.m.	Worksession
Thurs Sept 10, 2020	8:00 p.m.	Town Meeting
Thurs Sept 24, 2020	7:30 p.m.	Worksession

CHEVERLY WEBSITE www.cheverly-md.gov

You can easily contact the Mayor & Council through their town email accounts. There are also links at the Mayor & Council pages of the website.

Mayor@cheverly-md.gov
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COMMUNITY EVENT SCHEDULE

- ◆ **Saturday, August 1st**
8 :00 a.m. - noon
Cheverly Community Market
Town Hall
- ◆ **Monday, August 3rd**
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Green Infrastructure Com.
Zoom
- ◆ **Tuesday, August 11th**
7:00 p.m.
Cheverly PCAB Board
Meeting
- ◆ **Wednesday, August 12th**
11:00 a.m. - noon
Cheverly Village
Zoom Caribbean Feast
- ◆ **Saturday, August 15th**
8 :00 a.m. - noon
Cheverly Community Market
Town Hall
- ◆ **Friday, August 28th**
5 :00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Cheverly American Legion
- ◆ **Saturday, August 29th**
8 :00 a.m. - noon
Cheverly Community Market
Town Hall
- ◆ **Wednesdays**
9:30 am
Woman's Club
(Zoom)
- ◆ Juneteenth Celebration rescheduled until Sunday, November 1, 2020