



FOR YOUR INFORMATION
by Mayor Mike Callahan

Call 301-789-8009 to contact the Mayor. The Mayor's door at the Community Center is open to visitors on **Monday evenings** from 7:30 to 9:30 PM, except holidays or if otherwise posted.

Happy New Year: Here's to a happy and healthy 2017 to each and every Cheverlian!! While there is much turmoil in the world around us Cheverly continues to be a place where we work together to create the community that we all want to live in. Few people realize that the Town Council adopted mission statement in 1995 that states: *"We are committed to ensuring that diversity succeeds in Cheverly, by providing opportunities and encouragement for people to participate as much as they want in managing and celebrating Cheverly's community life."*

So once again, I ask everyone to consider adopting a New Year's Resolution to join a local organization through your church, town government or a local club. These organizations are what keep our community active, growing and strong.

Residential Re-Entry Center In Cheverly? Leaders of the organization Volunteers of America Chesapeake (VOAC), a faith based organization, based in Lanham, Md attended the December 1st Town Council Meeting to discuss their plans to locate 142 bed facility in the Cheverly Industrial Park at 4701 Lydell Road. They are responding to an RFP from the Federal Bureau of Prisons to provide services to individuals who are completing their sentences and re-entering society.

VOAC presented us a compelling argument that they

are a leader in providing these services and that there is a need in Prince George's County. The Council was receptive and agreed on the need. VOAC is responding to an RFP that outlines specific criteria for the location which include: light industrial site, proximate to transportation and medical facilities, not within ½ mile of a school. However, the council continues to be concerned about the proposed location. The Council's concerns about the facility include: 1) This type of use is not currently allowed in an I-1 zone and would require a change in zoning or a zoning text amendment (offered at the County Council level and requiring no municipal approval), 2) This facility be less than ¼ mile from the Cheverly Pool and Euclid Park, 3) This type of facility does not fit within the concept of the Cheverly Sector Plan that is currently underway and 4) the planned pedestrian/bicycle path that would cut from the pool to the industrial path would pass directly past this facility.

VOAC is planning to attend the January 12th Council Meeting to outline their plans. The Council hopes for a large turnout that evening. So please make you calendars for January 12th at 8:00PM.

KNEAL International: Steve Neal President of the KNEAL International, located at the corner of Tuxedo Road and Kenilworth Ave. Steve's company is a highly successful Truck Sales and Service Company. Steve is considering an expansion of his site to better

support his customers. Steve attended the October 27th Work Session to provide an overview of his planned expansion. In the course of the meeting Steve outlined a potential 15 million dollar plan that would redevelop the corner of Tuxedo and Kenilworth with a potential Royal Farms type gas station and a reconstruction of his site. Steve was acutely aware of the storm water issues in this area and plans to address these by developing accordingly.

These uses are zoned for the this area, and the council welcomed such a significant investment in this area and hoped it would bring more investment to improve this un-incorporated part of the Industrial area.

Cheverly's Marcia Richardson Inducted into the Maryland's Sports Hall of Fame: One of the most wonderful parts of being Mayor is getting to meet the citizens of our great town. So many people, so many stories, so much talent!

Recently I had the opportunity to meet Marcia Richardson who was inducted to the University of Maryland's Sports Hall of Fame on October 21st. Marcia was a member of the Maryland Women's Basketball team from 1981 to 1984, and was a member of the 1982 First Team All ACC Team and a member of the 2005 ACC Legends Team. Marcia remains the 4th leading scorer of all time.

Marcia Richardson's accomplishments after her college basketball career have been equally as meaningful; giving back to our youth as a teacher and high school basketball coach. Marcia has been named Coach of the Year three times for the Wakefield Chieftains in Virginia.

Reporting Booms: Over the last several years it seems that we have experienced fewer "booms" and residents reporting of "booms" to Town Hall have subsided. I suspect that many resident felt it was futile and that nothing had been accomplished. Understood!

Recently, we reached out to the University of Maryland's Geology Department, to ask for their assistance in understanding more about the "booms". The Seismology Department has been wonderfully responsive and put together the following plan of attack;

- Renew reporting of "booms": The University of Maryland created the following web form to facilitate reporting: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScvvDHDnyN_i6GgXnngSifqkHhSNL_kKeOhUvVgXEWt5nEstA/viewform?c=0&w=1. If you are unable to use the internet, please call Town Hall at (301) 773-8360 and leave a message.
- When reports occur, UMD will investigate with currently deployed sensors. However, these sensors are not proximate and they don't believe they'll detect anything.
- Beginning in February, UMD will deploy sensors in Cheverly. They will utilize the boom reports that have been logged in December and January to determine where best to deploy the sensors.

We some luck, we will soon know the location of the booms!

Hey Mike, Do you really believe there is an underground train system? What about the Loch Ness Monster? Well as Paul Harvey used to say "Here's the rest of the story".

News 4 immediately picked up on the UMD Seismology News and Announcements bulletin and wanted to run with it. During the course of the interview I was asked what the possible causes of the "booms" might be. My answer: *"It could be Industrial Uses nearby, deadheading of train cars, gas in the sewers, something with the subway, and of course the always entertaining building an escape tunnel"*. Well you know how this got truncated!

The most interesting part of the story, in my opinion, is that News 4 ran the story at 5:55PM and a "boom" immediately followed at 6:03PM. Coincidence?

New Vest Cameras for the Police Department: The Town Council voted in the December 1st work session to approve a budget adjustment for up to \$100,000 to purchase new Vest Cameras for our police officers. Our current cameras require certain actions on the part of our officers to ensure activity is captured and downloaded correctly. Newer cameras perform these functions automatically which will eliminate the risk of an officer not recording certain interactions.

Chief Robshaw has been a tremendous advocate for the use of cameras, and believes that cameras reduce the risk of escalation of any interaction between our officers and citizens. The Council is following this direction and wants to ensure that our officers are provided the best cameras possible.

Tree Inventory Status: Some residents may have noticed Nathan McElroy and I driving around town at 5 mph admiring our local street trees. Nathan, an arborist, was conducting a tree inventory for the purpose of understanding the diversity, age, and condition of our street tree inventory. This activity is a precursor required to determine how the town should proceed in an accelerated tree planting program this spring and fall.

Initial results indicate we have many vacancies (areas where trees can be planted) throughout town. Nathan and I are going to summarize the vacancies over the next few weeks and recommendations for replacements will be made after being reviewed by the Green Infrastructure committee and approved by Town Staff.

Today's street tree canopy has limited diversity and many sections of town are limited to a single type of tree; sycamore, pear, maple or ash. This presents problems when a disease such as the Emerald Ash borer occurs which is currently destroying trees in the Greenleaf Ave area.

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

MON Town Wide YARD WASTE (PAPER BAGS or Trash Cans ONLY)

MON East side Regular Garbage Pickup only

TUE West side Regular Garbage Pickup only

WED Town wide RECYCLING (no plastic bags)

THU East side Garbage & SPECIAL TRASH at curb

FRI West side Garbage & SPECIAL TRASH at curb

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

- **BAMBOO** is picked up with Thursday/Friday Special Trash. Tied up and bundled no 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**

RECYCLING TOTALS November 2016

Curb Recycling - 50.39 tons
Electronic Recycling - 4 pallets
Appliances - 0



***Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 16, 2017***

**Offices Closed
Community Center Closed
No Trash Pickup**

Cheverly Year in Review

While so many folks seem to be complaining about 2016, here in Cheverly it was another great year. So before we start the New Year, let's look back on our successes in 2016.

General Town Accomplishments:

- Cheverly remains in excellent financial condition as we ended FY15, with a Fund Balance of 2.4 Million. Due to increases in revenue from Speed Cameras and Income Tax, as well as decreases in expenses Cheverly surpassed its budget goals.
- Cheverly Avenue is repaved! Yeah!
- The Town received preliminary permission to build a Dog Park behind the Public Works building and set aside the funding to move forward.
- The Town continued to participate in the Cheverly Sector Planning process with MNCPPC and the Cheverly Planning Board with the primary focus of determining the future of the hospital grounds when a new hospital is built elsewhere.
- The Town Council continued to support the Small Grants program that allows community organization to request up to \$2,000 for worthy causes throughout the town.
- The Town Council continues to support community organizations that want to have access to the building. Over the last couple of years the number of Town Organizations and Building Usage has increased.
- Public Works purchased a Kubota Skid Steer with several attachments that have made many tasks much more efficient. Look for the Kubota on a sidewalk this winter sweeping snow.
- Public Works purchased a 2016 Diesel Ford 550 4 wheel drive with plow and a rear mounted abrasives spreader. This truck will be perfect in every season.
- Public Works rented a bucket truck in the fall to trim the dead wood found in many Town, unfortunately we also had to remove many Ash trees that had succumb to the Emerald Ash borer.
- Public Works directed the efforts to reconstruct and rehabilitate the following the Cheverly Entrance Sign at Route 202 which was rapidly falling into disrepair.
- Public Works directed the efforts to completely revamp the ballparks in Town Park by replacing the backstop and the retaining walls.
- Public Works redesigned the median at the entrance of Cheverly Avenue extending it to assist in preventing motorists from taking the wrong ramp.
- Public Works repaired all the damaged sidewalks along Cheverly Avenue, as well as other areas of town, creating an easier walk to the Metro for Cheverly residents.
- Public Works performed a number of smaller projects throughout town such as: installed two raised crosswalks reconstructed Forest Road, installed rumble strips on Euclid Street, installed ten handicap ramps, and constructed bollards at the Lydell Road circle.

Public Works Accomplishments:

- Public Works collected and recycled 250 tons of yard waste, collected and recycled 257 tons of mixed materials, collected and recycled 60 appliances, and collected and recycled 50 pallets of electronic equipment.
- Public Works planted 60 trees in private and public space.
- Public Works completed the installation of a roof over the salt bin.
- Public Works worked with the county to install two storm water management structures at Town Park.

- Public Works applied for and was awarded a grant for the installation of a storm water structure along 64th Avenue for the purpose of creating a Green Street.
- The Town purchased two new patrol vehicles this fiscal year.
- The end of 2016 has seen the shift to a new Departmental computer server which enables greater resident access to the police and to crime deterrence and enforcement programs.

Cheverly Public Safety:

- The crime rate in 2016 was the lowest in the last ten years (More to follow). Of particular note was the dramatic reduction in violent crimes such as robbery.
- The Department is nearly full staffing which has resulted in a dramatic rise in arrests and other statistical data.
- Resident use of portable radios under the Cheverly Watch and the usage of the off hours cellular phone has resulted in faster police response time to incidents and is a strong deterrent factor to crime.
- Cheverly Watch underwent a significant upgrade with new portable digital radios and a dispatch system.
- The Department's body worn camera program has greatly reduced citizen complaints, false reports, and has played a significantly favorable role as a supplement to officer testimony in court appearances. The Department is now in the process of introducing a new body worn camera system, wirelessly attached to new video cameras in police patrol vehicles that will automatically download video periodically during an officer's shift. This automatic download feature will ensure improved security and storage.
- The Department has purchased ceramic plates to supplement existing body armor to ensure the personal safety of all Town police officers.
- All police officers now wear body worn trauma first aid kits to ensure instant response to serious injuries while awaiting an EMS response.
- In the coming months, residents will be able to participate in the new and improved C-PACT (II) format which will encourage greater participation with the public will promoting innovative deterrence programs and police/resident partnerships.

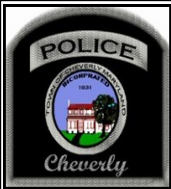
"A picture is worth a thousand words."



During an expected/forecasted snow storm of one inch or more one of these two rows of parked vehicles is on the wrong side of the street. These also include vehicles parked on courts, cull de sacs and where by signage, parking is prohibited.

Except a vehicle is parked on Parkway between Arbor Street and Cheverly circle, Parkway between Gast Park and Kilmer Street, odd number side of 59th Avenue, Inwood Street between Belleview Avenue and Cheverly Avenue and the 3200 of Tremont Avenue **all vehicles must park on the odd side of the street.** If you want additional information consider calling public works at 301-773-2666 between 7:30 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday and/or visit the Town's Website, www.cheverly-md.gov/pages/index and read Sec. 27-10. – "Closing streets during emergencies and snow parking restrictions." With your cooperation our streets will be clear quickly and efficiently. Thank you in advance for your consideration and Happy Holidays to all.

- Your Public Works Department.



Message from the Chief

Buddy Robshaw

(policechief@cheverly-md.gov).

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! Members of the Cheverly Police Department would like to wish all residents and friends a happy holiday season!

CRIME IN 2016: A complete report of all crime in 2016 will be available next month with a breakdown comparison of individual crimes from the previous year, statistical data, and references to new mapping techniques. A general observation is that the Town, despite general gains in crime throughout Prince George's County, still maintains a low crime rate.

STATE OF MARYLAND TRAFFIC FATALITY STATISTICS: Prince George's County leads the State of Maryland in traffic fatalities (58 as of November 2016), with speed, alcohol use, and driver error the most common contributing circumstances. It is also important to note that failure to wear seatbelts was listed as a major factor in the causation of these fatalities. The old statement that seatbelts save lives remains as true as ever!

WINTER SNOW REMOVAL REQUIRMENT IN ADVANCE: I wanted to take this opportunity to remind residents that snow lying on sidewalks in front of their residences or rental properties must be cleaned off by the owner/occupant within 12 hours after the snow has ceased to fall, or if falling at night, with 12 hours after sunrise the next day. Snow cannot be deposited on public streets or sidewalks. In addition, owners/occupants are also required to apply the appropriate material (i.e., sand or similar compound) to ice covered sidewalks with 6 hours of when such ice has formed.

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

HOUSE BILL 1016 UPDATE: The Department has finished work on all the requirements set forth in the law regarding transparency and the new compliant process. The Department's policies and procedures, especially those regarding the complaint process, are now posted on the Town's website in compliance with Maryland law.

COLUMBIA PARK ROAD TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT UPDATE: Town and police department officials met with the State Highway Administration (SHA) on November 30, 2016 regarding traffic and pedestrian issues on

Columbia Park Road and the adjacent bridges abutting Cheverly Avenue. This meeting proved very productive, with SHA officials agreeing to quickly study a number of proposals from the Town that are designed to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety. Most of these proposals involved signage or directional concerns rather than costly mechanical or construction issues. I will keep you advised as to the ongoing progress and our proposed meeting with County officials reference to similar issues.

NOW IS THE TIME TO DONATE YOUR USED VEHICLE: Past vehicle donations have really allowed the Department to update technology in our offices (the new server) and our vehicles and certainly helped us to facilitate a faster response to community problems. We are in an era facing the tough challenges of funding new technology and equipment through limited grant opportunities in these uncertain fiscal times. With the end of the tax year fast approaching, please consider donating your unwanted vehicle(s) to the Town. You get the same tax ramifications as any other charity, and you get to see your tax donation dollars at work in your neighborhood. Thank you in advance.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS –

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

Crime Report for NOVEMBER 2016				
*Note that all addresses are in Hundred Blocks				
11/05/16	0932	hrs	Vandalism	6400 Landover Rd
11/07/16	0813	hrs	B&E (Comm.)	4700 Lydell Rd
11/07/16	2114	hrs	Theft (shoplifting)	6400 Landover Rd
11/10/16	2117	hrs	Vandalism	2700 Bellevue
11/13/16	1644	hrs	Theft (over \$1000)	6300 Landover Rd
11/14/16	0915	hrs	Robbery (Armed)	6500 Landover Rd
11/15/16	2050	hrs	Assault (1 st Deg)	6400 Landover Rd
11/18/16	0815	hrs	B&E (Res.)	6500 Maureen Ct
11/21/16	1129	hrs	Theft (under \$100)	6500 Landover Rd
11/22/16	0955	hrs	Theft (under \$100)	6500 Landover Rd
11/23/16	2010	hrs	Theft (shoplifting)	6500 Landover Rd
11/29/16	0239	hrs	B&E (Comm.)	4800 Lydell Rd
11/29/16	1630	hrs	Theft (under \$1000)	6500 Landover Rd

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Pictured above: Richard Colaresi who served as the Town Attorney for 33 years retired in December. A farewell reception was held in his honor and attended by citizens, past Councilmembers and past Mayors.

RECREATION COUNCIL & BUILDING USAGE MEETING

The Recreation Councils next meeting is on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 7:00pm in the conference room at the Community Center. The first few minutes will be any changes to the holiday usage for February to May.

We have open meeting so all are welcome to attend!

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TOWN MEETINGS

ACTIONS TAKEN

Votes are unanimous unless otherwise noted

Town Meeting - December 8, 2016

- ☐ No actions taken.

November Worksession- December 1, 2016

- ☐ **MOTION CM Eldridge** to approve the grant request to donate 14 totes and one rolling recycling bin to Gladys Noon Spellman Elementary School. Seconded CM Daly. Approved 5-0. CM Stewart absent.
- ☐ **MOTION CM Riazi** to approve the grant request from the Friend of Lower Beaver Dam Creek in the amount of \$2,000. Seconded CM Rodgers. Approved 5-0. CM Stewart absent.
- ☐ **MOTION CM Coolen** to support Variance V-132-16. Seconded CM Riazi. Approved 6-0.
- ☐ **MOTION CM Daly** to support Variance V-13-16. Seconded CM Riazi. Approved 6-0.
- ☐ **MOTION CM Eldridge** to make a budget adjustment to not exceed \$100,000 for wearable body cameras for the Cheverly Police Department. Seconded CM Rodgers. Approved 6-0.
- ☐ **MOTION CM Stewart** to lower the zone violation parking fines to \$35. Seconded CM Rodgers. Failed 3-3 CM Daly, Riazi and Eldridge opposed.
- ☐ **MOTION CM Riazi** to lower the zone parking ticket fines to \$40. Seconded CM Daly. Approved 4-2. CM Stewart and Rodgers opposed.
- ☐ **MOTION CM Daly** to appoint E.I. Cornbrooks, Esquire of the firm Karpinski, Colaresi and Karp P.A. as the Town's Attorney effective December 14, 2016. Seconded CM Coolen. Approved 6-0.
- ☐ **MOTION CM Eldridge** to make a budget adjustment to amend the police vehicle account (01-09-9130) in the amount of \$17,524.74 for the final payment of a 3 year lease-purchase agreement. Seconded Daly. Approved 6-0.
- ☐ **MOTION CM Eldridge** to make a budget adjustment to in the amount of \$802 for the membership fee to the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area group. Seconded CM Riazi. Approved 6-0.

NO WORKSESSION IN DECEMBER

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Town Meeting - January 12, 2017

Worksession - January 26, 2017

As **Progressive Cheverly** starts its 13th year of education and advocacy, now is a great time to join us. If ever there was a time to get involved, this is it. Please come to our upcoming events:

Thursday, January 5th: A Wake Up Call – Activism in Defense of our Future. Come Together at a Progressive Cheverly Conversation:

Progressive Cheverly was founded as an independent organization 12 years ago, following George W. Bush's re-election, guided by our mission statement "to promote economic fairness, social justice, basic human rights, civil liberties, a sustainable environment, a tolerant society and world peace through a more informed political dialogue and active participation in civil society and the democratic political process." Ambitious goals, with a local focus. Donald Trump's election is presenting us with new challenges and threatens to undermine progress on many fronts. How should we respond? Join us on Thursday, January 5th and bring your energy and your ideas for action. Hoyer Education Center, 2300 Belview Ave, 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the cafeteria.

Friday, January 27th: Progressive Cheverly will host our 12th Annual Legislative District 47A Forum.

Come join us for this popular event. Hear your elected General Assembly representatives speak and answer your questions about Maryland state issues, Friday, January 27, 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Hoyer Education Center cafeteria, 2300 Belview Ave, with Senator Victor Ramirez and Delegates Diana Fennell and Jimmy Tarlau. Q & A with elected representatives will follow their presentations.

Thursday, February 2nd: The Future of Metro and Mass Transit in Cheverly and the County

Progressive Cheverly will host a forum on proposed cuts to the Metro system that could directly impact our Cheverly station as well as stations throughout Prince George's County. Community and labor representatives will discuss possible paths toward resolving the Metro crisis in a manner that will serve the interests of riders and workers as well as promote sustainable development. More details and list of speakers will be forthcoming. Q&A will follow the presentations. Thursday, February 2nd, Hoyer Education Center, 2300 Belview Ave, 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the cafeteria.

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“Where is Cheverly Village?”

Good question! As many people know, Cheverly Village isn't a place. It has no buildings. **But where, exactly, do you find Cheverly Village?**

Among your neighbors. Currently 41 of your neighbors are volunteering to provide the services to help Cheverly seniors remain actively engaged in our community as long as possible. As of late December, Cheverly Village has 23 dues-paying members. Ten members have received a total of about 47 services. These include rides to doctor appointments, re-hanging a door that had come off its hinges, help in reviewing and revising memoirs, raking leaves, help in selecting and setting up a new computer, respite care to free a caregiver to attend a community event, and several others.

Wherever your own dear ones live. Recently a Cheverly Village volunteer wrote us about her 90 year-old parents, who live in Texas. Her dad was recently hospitalized, leaving her mom to figure out how to manage on her own and in need of social contact to keep her spirits up. “They would be perfect candidates for a Village, but none exists where they are. Their life is the lens that made me commit to Cheverly Village. I hope that by volunteering my time I will help to bring some stability, comfort, assistance, and peace to my neighbors so that their far-flung children can know that their needs are taken care of in good times and in times of need.”

In your own life.

- Become a Cheverly Village volunteer. You specify your time availability (it can be as little as a few hours per month) and the particular services you would like to provide. Teens 14 or older are welcome too. All volunteers receive a 3-hour orientation and training session and authorize a background check. To learn more about volunteering and the next training session—January 8th!—please email Volunteers@CheverlyVillage.org, or sign up at CheverlyVillage.org, under “Volunteer.”
- Become a member of Cheverly Village. With a phone call you would be able to request a ride, get help with a household chore, or ask about other services and activities you may need and enjoy. Membership is affordable: fees are set according to one's income. To learn more, and to request a membership application, call (240) 770 1033 or email Cheverly Village at Village@CheverlyVillage.org.
- Become a “Friend of Cheverly Village.” Your tax-deductible donation in any amount “gives the gift of Village”: it helps Cheverly Village offer membership at lower rates to neighbors who need them. Your donation may be a one-time gift—check, cash, or credit card—or a monthly charge to your credit card. Please email or call the Village with any questions.

Now you know where Cheverly Village is. Keep in touch in 2017!
Cheverly Village Board of Directors

WOMAN'S CLUB – The Woman's Club has started a new and creative fundraiser for Peace Camp 2017.

We're asking club members, families, friends, neighbors and co-workers to save and donate coins from now to May. We will collect them during May Peace Month (perhaps on Cheverly Day). You can add some bills if you choose. Our beginning efforts at the Progressive Cheverly Holiday Party and the December Community Holiday Market were highly successful and we're excited about this activity. We hope you will choose to participate.

- Our next **Regular Meeting** is on **Monday, January 9 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center**. Please join us in our efforts to grow seeds of peace in Cheverly.
- Our next **Discussion Group** will meet on **Monday, January 23 at 7 p.m. at the Langs (6424 Forest Rd.)**. We will be discussing our direction and priorities for 2017. Come and offer your ideas.
- **PEACE CORNER – The International Season of Nonviolence** was created by Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, as a time to reflect, practice and teach nonviolence. It is from January 30 to April 4, acknowledging the assassinations of Gandhi (January 30, 1947) and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (April 4, 1968). “The future will depend on what we do in the Present” (Mahatma Gandhi). “We must pursue peaceful ends through peaceful means” (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.). The Woman's Club asks you to work on personal daily commitments to make love, peace and nonviolence a way of life.

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Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee

January Monthly Meeting, Mon., January 9, 2017, 7:30-9:00 p.m., at Large Conference Room, Cheverly Community Center.

Monthly meeting to report progress on Cheverly greening efforts and plan next steps and new initiatives. In implementing the Cheverly Green Infrastructure Plan, your Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee is working on projects in education, planning, and research. All are welcome to join us! Contact sheila.salo@gmail.com for a copy of the meeting agenda.

Know Cheverly's Streams -- Tributary 1

Running from about halfway between Greenleaf Rd and Hawthorne southward to Lower Beaverdam Creek, this tributary formed the eastern boundary of a 1685 patent named White Lackington, later called Whitlentine, and the western boundary of the North Kenilworth subdivision (1910). It drains the western portions of Greenleaf Road and Hawthorne Street, as well as Euclid Woods, hospital hill and parts of the Cheverly Industrial Park. Hospital parking lot storm drains feed the tributary. Runoff from the adjacent sports field creates erosion, sending sediment into Tributary 1 and Lower Beaverdam Creek. Euclid Park and Euclid Woods was the site of an African-American subdivision known as North Kenilworth. Platted in 1910, it was annexed to the Town of Cheverly in 1958, and is owned by M-NCPPC. Matt T. Salo serves as steward, and occasionally guides tours. Check with him (mtsalo1@gmail.com) for dates.

The stream runs through a deep ravine, having plunged about 18 feet from its level at Greenleaf Road. A wall of large riprap between the upper and lower streams is intended to slow the water. Several types of ferns, dogwood, and native azaleas may be seen in and near the gorge. The soil in the stream, of mixed silt and clay, is easily eroded, and often forms picturesque but relatively short-lived grottoes and small waterfalls. The streamside area includes a spring and a freshwater wetland. Like forests of other natural areas in Cheverly, Euclid Woods, the forest buffer of Tributary 1 is a mid-successional hardwood mix and a woodland of diverse microhabitats. There are tulip trees, red maples, black gums (tupelos), southern magnolias, American beech, and several species of oaks and pines. Shrubs include several viburnums, spicebush, elderberry, and sweet shrub. Wild yam is an interesting vine growing here. You may also see partridgeberry and native grasses, box turtles laying eggs, deer, both red and gray foxes, strawberry bush, and spotted wintergreen. A small area, the "Red Desert," supporting vegetation typical of pine barrens, is unique in Cheverly. The pines there were planted by Cheverly Boy Scouts in 1973. Among the birds seen along the stream and in the woodland are the towhee, barred owl, woodcock, ovenbird, Louisiana water thrush, pileated woodpecker, eagles, and yellow-billed cuckoo. For a full inventory see www.greencheverly.org.

Take a virtual tour at <https://sites.google.com/site/cheverlygreenplan/cheverlysgreenspaces/cheverly-s-streams-springs-and-wetlands/virtual-tour>. When you visit our natural areas, remember – Take only pictures, leave only footprints, and tread lightly to preserve our natural treasures. For maps, photos, and more about our streams, go to www.greencheverly.org. Look for "Cheverly's Green Spaces" in the sidebar. Get ready for the Cheverly Day 2017 photo contest by thinking about water resources -- streams, wetlands, and springs, and the plants and animals that live in, on, and near them.

CHEVERLY GARDEN CLUB – It is a new year and we are looking forward to seeing some of you at our club meetings. We meet on the 4th floor at the Cheverly United Methodist Church, the third Monday of each month 7:00 PM. Remember we are a "dirt under the nails" club. Thinking ahead to the May Sale that so many of you come and buy. We are already preparing with separating and re potting. On January 16th our speaker will be Barry Woolf. He is a professional photographer and orchid grower who lives in Fallston, MD. He is a member of the Orchid Society and well known lecturer. On orchid propagation including tissue culture. Barry travels through out the world seeking rare and endangered orchids. IF YOU were given or did you buy an orchid and now need "how to care for it in our homes". This is the place to come. Remember these meetings are informal and free. PLEASE come visit us. Remember the bushes outside and be careful with brushing off snow. We should know the name of our Grant Winner by the January meeting. IF it is BAD WEATHER on the 16th.... Consider the meeting cancelled.

Community Bulletin Board

Sweetheart Charity Ball Dinner/Dance on Friday Feb 10, 2017

The Fifth Annual Sweetheart Charity Ball will be held on Friday, February 10 from 7 pm to midnight. This fun, not-to-be-missed event is a potluck dinner/dance featuring the wonderful jazz music of Dino & Friends. (That's our own Dino Efantis!) The location is Fannon Hall at St. Ambrose Church, 3107 63rd Ave, Cheverly. Tickets are a minimum donation of \$25. Reservations are available for tables of 20 at the discounted rate of \$200. Reservations: Joani Horchler, sweetheartcharityball@gmail.com This local anti-human trafficking initiative of St. Ambrose Church benefits FAIR Girls and the the local Saint Vincent de Paul chapter. FAIR Girls provides the only safe house specifically for female human trafficking survivors in the Washington, DC area, and will soon be opening a home in Prince George's County. At the Ball, you'll have the opportunity to purchase JewelGirls jewelry for your sweetheart, made by the FAIR Girls. St Vincent de Paul serves needy people in our area with food, rental assistance, etc. If you cannot attend the Ball, your tax-deductible donation would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Joani Horchler at sweetheartcharityball@gmail.com or text or call her on her cell (301-802-7445) for information on where to mail your check. Thank you!

JOIN US FOR FLBC's WORK PARTY SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

Join your friendly neighborhood environmental group, Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek, for our monthly work party on Saturday, January 28 between 9 am and noon. We'll be spreading wood chips on the trail. We'll meet at 9 am at the green-gate entrance at Arbor Street and Parkway. Tools, gloves, snacks, water, and wake-up coffee will be provided! School community service hours are available. We welcome volunteers of all ages. To walk there, start at the 7-11 store near the Metro. Cross Cheverly Ave at the light, walk down the slope toward a wooden bridge, cross it, and continue on our trail to Parkway. (Meet at the green gate on your left). Driving: From 7-11, go one block north down Cheverly Ave. Make a right onto Arbor. Go two blocks to Parkway. The site is on your right. For more information, contact Joani Horchler at cell 301-802-7445 or horcpool97@aol.com.

Unplug your children and put them on a path to outdoor adventure and character development. Cub Scout Pack 257 and Boy Scout Troop

257 are expanding and have fun activities including camping, hiking and kayaking planned for boys and young men. Boy Scouts and Webelos (grades 4 and up) will camp in cabins and explore northern MD on Jan 6-8. Cub Scouts (grades 1-5) are building model "pinewood" cars and racing them on Sunday Jan 29! Scouting improves confidence, develops outdoor skills, teaches citizenship and builds character through community service. Cub Scouts are for boys in grades 1 through 5 and Boy Scouts are for young men in grades 6 through 12. Thanks to our generous sponsor, Cheverly's American Legion Post 108. For more information on Cub Scouts please email scoutpack257@gmail.com. For more information on Boy Scouts email abramdavid@aol.com. You can call Micah at 240-603-9366 for more info on both scouting opportunities.

Community outreach opportunity: Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Service Day – Jan. 16

In collaboration with Saint Ambrose Church, Saint Ambrose School and the Catholic Charities-Cup of Joe Project, there will be an MLK, Jr. Day of Service held at the **Saint Ambrose School Gymnasium** on Martin Luther King Jr. Day (January 16, 2017) to commemorate Dr. King's commitment to education and social justice. Food bank prep, personal care packages for the homeless, political empowerment letter writing workshops and nursing home craft gifts will be prepared onsite to engage in the act of serving for everyone who will be in attendance. Student or church organizations are especially welcome to participate. If you have any questions about the logistics of the day, or about the relevance of a particular activity, please contact Program Coordinator - Mrs. Jeanne Black at jeanne1213@verizon.net.





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Meetings & Events

GOVERNMENT EVENT SCHEDULE

Mon Jan 2	NEWS YEARS DAY - OFFICES CLOSED
Thur Jan 12	8:00 PM TOWN MEETING
Mon Jan 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—Offices Closed
Tue Jan 24	7:00 PM REC Council & Building Usage Meeting
Thur Jan 26	7:30 PM WORKSESSION

CHEVERLY WEBSITE www.cheverly-md.gov

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

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COMMUNITY EVENT SCHEDULE

- Boy Scout Troop 257 & Cub Scout Troop 257 - Basketball info, Board of Directors openings, & Soccer Wrap up.
- Woman's Club - Regular Meeting Jan. 9 @ 7pm, & Discussion group meeting Jan 23 @ 7pm.
- FLBC - Work Party Jan. 28 @ 9am.
- St. Ambrose Charity Ball - Feb. 10, 7pm.
- St. Ambrose - MLK Youth Service Jan.16.
- Garden Club - Meeting third Monday in Jan. @ CUMC.
- Cheverly Village - "Where is Cheverly Village?"
- Progressive Cheverly - Jan. 5 @ 7pm monthly forum, 47th Dist. Legislative Forum - Jan. 27 @ 7pm & Future of the Metro.
- Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee - Monthly Meeting Jan.9 @ 7:30pm.