



Cheverly

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301-773-8360

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

Cheverly Neighbors and Friends,

The possibility of having Amazon as a neighbor—what do we do with this news?

This is a special edition of the usual Mayor's Corner focused entirely on one subject—the proposal for an Amazon delivery center to be located at the site of the former Smithfield pork plant. Newsletter space and the timeline to get this to you is tight, so I promise to come back to you in August to review other important issues before us as a Town and community.

As with most land surrounding Cheverly, the Washington Gateway site at 5801 Columbia Park Road is zoned for I-2 heavy industrial use (i.e., concrete batching, asphalt, meatpacking). This is the location of the former Smithfield pork plant.

The Town of Cheverly does not have zoning authority; all zoning decisions are made by Prince George's County. The sites associated with this project border but are not located in Cheverly. **Prologis, the property owner of this site, has the right to develop it with an I-2 industrial tenant and has currently leased the site to Amazon for a 172,200 square foot Delivery Station.** This is not a fulfillment center; it is a "final mile" site where Amazon vans make deliveries straight to addresses in the local area. According to Amazon, during peak seasons/delivery times, approximately 300 delivery vans will operate from the site daily; the delivery vans will be parked in two lots behind 62nd Avenue in the Old 4th Ward.

<http://www.cheverly-md.gov/home/news/washington-gateway-project-presentation-0>.

The case under consideration is a Preliminary Plan of Subdivision. The relevant document is PPS 419048_01. The Preliminary Plan of Subdivision is meant to be a test of the proposal for adequacy in the areas of zoning and support by public facilities. The subdivision review subcommittee (SDRC) provides a more thorough review. The PPS does not look at architecture or what is being built. The SDRC gives staff an opportunity to get feedback from the review committee, and applicants learn about the committee's issues. The proposal calls for two commercial entrances, one directly from Columbia Park Road and the other through a drive to be built on a proposed collector road. The direct entrance from Columbia Park Road is to be limited to right-in and right-out only. **A hearing regarding this stage is scheduled for July 16.**

The Town requested that the developers secure a 70-day extension of the Washington Gateway project's review process. Only the developer can request such an extension. As the Town understands, if the developer and we can agree on key recommendations that allow us to support or not stand in the way of approval of the project, the developer will seek an

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POINTS OF INTEREST

- Food Emergency Resources
- Student Meals
- Town Offices Closed July 3rd

extension to allow for adjustments to the preliminary plan to support the agreed-upon requests. If Cheverly cannot come to an agreement or determines that we are standing in opposition to the project, the developer will proceed with the July 16 hearing.

We, as a Town and community, still have a lot of work to do—to either make this industrial-zoned project into the best of industrial partners, or to try to defeat it. If we chose to fully oppose and drive this project out, we may still be the losers, as the County’s plans continue to support this site as zoned I-2 for heavy (noxious) industrial development and County approved subdivisions have granted each of these sites hundreds of vehicle trips a day.

Significant concerns related to the proposed project include:

- Traffic impacts for 64th Ave., Metro, and Columbia Park Rd. intersections; and
- Environmental justice and health impacts related to air quality, polluted waterways, noise levels, and potential flooding.

This project will impact all of Cheverly. However, as with everything related to the industrial development and operations in the area of Columbia Park Rd., Cabin Branch Dr., Sherriff Rd. and Marlewood Ave., **Cheverly residents of the historically marginalized Old 4th Ward will be disproportionately affected.**

The Town is seeking several conditions in an effort to address public safety, traffic, environmental, public health, and impacts specific to residents of the Old 4th Ward.

Key requests of Amazon include:

- Metro rail and bus subsidies for their employees and contractors;
- Measures to ensure that delivery vans do not use Cheverly roads as a cut through; and
- Commitment to first phase rollout of electric vans; as well as
- Installation of solar panels on their warehouse and covering their parking lots.

The developer is building a LEED-certified warehouse and is supporting 38% green canopy, including reforestation of impacted areas.

Key requests address:

- Measures to pull traffic away from Columbia Park Rd.; and
- Commitment to away from building the head of a collector road that would prove environmentally destructive and severely impact residents of the old 4th Ward.

For the first time in the history of our traffic battles with industrial development, **this project will include an operational traffic analysis and a forum for Cheverly residents to share our concerns and observations** from our experiences as pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers on Columbia Park Rd.

History of Columbia Park area industrial sites

- Spring 2013: Smithfield announces it will shut down smokehouse and meatpacking plant
- December 2015/January 2016: Cheverly Town Council votes to oppose the Recycled Asphalt Plant planned to be located at Cabin Branch and Sheriff Road. Councilmembers testified before the Maryland Department of Environment to consider “cumulative impact” when reviewing permits
- May 2017: Despite intense objection from the Town of Cheverly, the County Council votes to approve Prologis request to change the zoning from I-3 to I-2 (heavier industrial)
- June 2018: At the request of the Town of Cheverly, Prologis takes down the dilapidated Smithfield plant
- December 2018: Over the Town’s objections, County approves subdivision of lots to allow for warehouse development
- November/December 2019: Developer’s attorney and County Parks and Planning claim to have sent a notice to all interested parties about Amazon project at former Smithfield site
- May 26, 2020: Town alerted to the Amazon project and initiates research and outreach to share concerns and work with community and developer/tenant

As always, and especially during this time, please reach out. I am almost always available by text or call at 202-258-6167, and you can email me at mayor@cheverly-md.gov.

I welcome your call and will do my best to address your concerns or get back to you with information. If you are ever in a situation where you do not hear back from me, please do reach out again or call the Town office, 301-773-8360, so that I can ensure that we connect. Thank you to those who have started joining us at work sessions and meetings. I encourage your continued involvement by video and phone. It feels good to have community in the room, even if it is virtual.

Be Cheverly connected and Cheverly inspired!

Connect with health, food, and financial and legal assistance programs (As of June 25, 2020).

- Testing continues through the Prince George’s County Health Department: Cheverly Health Center 3003 Hospital Dr., Cheverly, MD 20785 301-883-6627.

- For additional testing sites, searchable by address, ZIP code, or map, go to <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/symptoms-testing>
- Go to <http://health.mypgc.us/coronavirus> for an updated list of information and resources.
- County Coronavirus Hotline: <https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1717/Medical-Assistance-Program> or call (301) 883-6627

- Food Assistance in Spanish: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ehw8Gkz1xQNphpVGueApUCFvnddGactw241sUYBSECA/edit>

- Employ Prince George's COVID-19 hourly employee relief fund. Note: you do not need a social security number to apply. <https://employpgedge.com>.

- Maryland Department of Labor's BEACON One-Stop Unemployment Insurance System <https://beacon.labor.maryland.gov/beacon/claimant-page.html>.

More information on many of these topics can be accessed through <https://governor.maryland.gov/marylandunites>

Report Street Light Problems to Pepco

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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.

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 Meeting - June 11

- ☐ Motion by CM Munyeneh to Remove the Town Seal Immediately, seconded by CM Garcia. Unanimously approved.

There have been issues with dumping in the 4th Ward and the proposed cameras will help deter and keep the residents safe.

- ☐ Motion by CM Munyeneh to Purchase Security Cameras for \$14,500 for the top of Trent Street, seconded by CM Bryner. Unanimously approved. CM Garcia not present for vote.

Allows the county to use Cheverly's population numbers during the requalifying period and enables us to apply for grants.

- ☐ Motion by CM Watson to lend Support for Community Block Grant, seconded by CM Fry. Unanimously approved. CM Garcia not present

for vote.

- ☐ Motion by CM Watson to Adopt Fiscal Year 2021 Budget, seconded CM Radloff. Unanimously approved. CM Garcia not present for vote.

Cap matching contributions by the Town to 15% of an employee's salary.

- ☐ Motion by CM Radloff to Cap Contributions at 15%, seconded by CM Munyeneh. Unanimously approved. CM Garcia not present for vote.
- ☐ Motion by CM Radloff for Pride Month Proclamation, seconded by CM Fry. Unanimously approved. CM Garcia not present for vote.
- ☐ Motion by CM Munyeneh for Juneteenth Proclamation, seconded by CM Bryner. Unanimously approved. CM Garcia not present for vote.

Worksession - May 28

- ☐ Motion by CM Watson to Allow Fence Variance, seconded by CM Munyeneh. Unanimously approved.
- ☐ Motion by CM Brynter to Approve Grant Request from the Cheverly Market for \$2,000, seconded by CM Radloff. Unanimously approved.
- ☐ Motion by CM Fry to Move Forward with Mayor and Council Proclamation Proclaiming the First Friday in June 2020 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day, seconded by CM Garcia. Unanimously approved.

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)	Rhoda 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

TEMPORARY TRASH SCHEDULE

To support public health and safety of residents and employees, as well as further promote social distancing of Town employees, **the Town of Cheverly will be temporarily changing trash collection to ONCE per week. Bulk trash pick-up is temporarily suspended until further notice.** Yard waste and recycling collection will continue as regularly scheduled at this time. **Please note that this change in service is being made to enhance the social distancing of Public Works employees. This is an attempt to protect employees and to allow for the continuation of sanitation collection services.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Last Thursday of the Month starting on 6/25	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

The Department of Public Works is focusing on trying to maintain the essential service of sanitation collection and protecting the employees who provide that service. **The department will maintain the schedule outlined above until further notice**, and for as long as the department can maintain crews for collection. Please understand that the department is working on a skeleton crew and **is unable to provide other services at this time.**

Please note that the following services are **temporarily suspended until further notice: bulk trash pick-up, appliance pick-up, mulch delivery, tree planting, recycling bin sales, rain barrel sales, compost bin sales, payments for past services**, and all other services provided by Public Works. During this time, the Department of Public Works may have limited hours for answering telephone calls.

RECYCLING & TRASH TOTALS

April 2020

Curbside Recycling	46.38TNS (\$27 per ton)
Yard Waste	51.31TNS (\$25 per ton)
Refuse	136.99TNS (\$59 per ton)



$$\frac{\text{Recycling + Yardwaste}}{\text{Total Tonnage}} = \frac{97.69}{234.68} = 41.63\% \text{ Percentage diverted from landfill}$$

Total Landfill Tipping Fee Savings for Diverted Materials = \$3,228.70
8 Appliances

Friday, July 3, 2020

**Public Works and Town Offices will be CLOSED
in observation of the holiday**

EMPLOYEES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER CALLS



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.

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

GRAB-AND-GO BREAKFAST, LUNCH + SNACK

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 10 A.M. - 1 P.M.

**No meal service Monday, April 13 due to spring break.*

VIEW ALL LOCATIONS:
PGCPS.ORG/CORONAVIRUS/MEAL-SITES/



Message from the Chief
Jarod J. Towers
(policechief@cheverly-md.gov)

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Crime Report for May 2020

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

5/1/2020	2131	Hrs	6000 Arbor St	Theft (Shoplifting)
5/4/2020	0825	Hrs	6400 Landover Rd	Theft (Shoplifting)
5/5/2020	1927	Hrs	5800 Annapolis Rd	Assault (Domestic) Mutual
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5/10/2020	2100	Hrs	3100 Laurel Ave	Theft from Auto
5/11/2020	1607	Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Auto Theft
5/12/2020	0820	Hrs	6400 Landover Rd	Theft (Shoplifting)
5/14/2020	1900	Hrs	3100 Bellevue Ave	Theft (Other)
5/15/2020	1200	Hrs	2200 Cheverly Ave	Fraud
5/18/2020	1920	Hrs	5800 Annapolis Rd	Citizen Robbery
5/18/2020	2200	Hrs	2200 Cheverly Ave	Theft (Other)
5/19/2020	2300	Hrs	5800 Annapolis Rd	Theft from Auto
5/25/2020	0406	Hrs	6500 Oak St	Auto Theft
5/26/2020	1200	Hrs	5700 Monroe St	Vandalism
5/26/2020	1500	Hrs	5500 Quincy St	Theft (Bicycle)
5/27/2020	1100	Hrs	5800 Landover Rd	Theft (Shoplifting)
5/29/2020	1124	Hrs	6100 Landover Rd	B&E (Residential)
5/29/2020	1235	Hrs	6400 Landover Rd	Theft (Shoplifting)
5/30/2020	1230	Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Fraud



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Online Reporting

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the department implemented an online reporting system for some non-emergency calls for service. These calls include auto tampering, destruction of property/property damage, lost property, theft from autos, and certain other thefts that don't rise to the level of burglary. Residents are encouraged to utilize this system, in lieu of the non-emergency number, for incidents that meet the requirements.

The online portal can be found here:

<https://www.cheverly-md.gov/police-department/webforms/cheverly-police-department-online-report-submittal>

Upon submittal, residents should expect a call from one of our officers to either gather further information, or to provide the respective case number.

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.

Coffee Conference w/ the Chief:

Hearing from and maintaining open communication with our community are two integral pieces to 21st century policing. While we must maintain social distancing, communication remains intact. Please join me by conference call, rather than in-person. Residents can join by doing the following:

July 15, 2020 (9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1497452640>

Or iPhone one-tap :

+1(470)8692200,,1497452640# (US East)

+1(646)3573664,,1497452640#

Or Telephone:

Dial(for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

+1(470)8692200 (US East)

+1(646)3573664

Meeting ID: 149 745 2640

July 20, 2020 (4:00 PM – 6:00 PM)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1495089598>

Or iPhone one-tap:

+1(470)8692200,,1495089598# (US East)

Or Telephone:

+1(470)8692200 (US East)

Meeting ID: 149 508 9598



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(policechief@cheverly-md.gov)

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If you prefer something more private, call the station and we can arrange for a one on one call. As I have mentioned before, I value community feedback and want you all to know that without it, it is difficult to evaluate our personnel and our department. As always, I can be reached at jtowers@cheverlypolice.org or policechief@cheverly-md.gov.

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



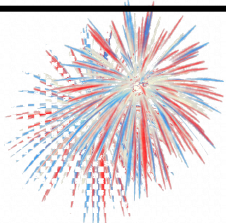
By going to <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BF05350699FE>

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



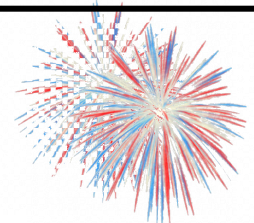
TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Police Emergency	9-1-1
Police Non-Emergency	(301) 352-1200
Cheverly Police Headquarters	(301) 341-1055
<i>(7am – 7pm Mon-Fri—Sat 8am - 4pm)</i>	
Cheverly Photo Enforcement	(240) 770-7641



Cheverly
Friday, July 3, 2020

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED



Community Bulletin Board

In an effort to keep our Town connected during this pandemic we are including upcoming events in this Newsletter. Please note we may need to cancel these events due to ongoing changes and updates with COVID-19.



Cheverly Village

“Are We There Yet?”

You may remember that plaintive question asked from the back seat during a long car trip. We grown-ups are still asking it, in a couple contexts.

In one context, most of us are tired of COVID-19 and all the precautions it requires; we're eager to get back to normal life. But we know we're not “there yet.”

To avoid social isolation, Cheverly Village members and volunteers have been finding ways to physically distance without socially distancing. In June we had our first online Games Day and played BINGO! via Zoom; we will do it again in July. Volunteers check in regularly with all Village members, and on Friday evenings at 5:00 we enjoy an online Happy Hour. The Village's Book Club has been meeting online since March, and in July will discuss *West with the Night* by Beryl Markham. Other activities are being planned, including an 8-week course in memoir-writing led by Cheverly storyteller Cathy Smith. (Contact us if you would like to visit any Village activity.)

In a second and more compelling way, many Cheverlyans are recognizing that we are far from “there yet” as a society. While our town has recently freed itself from the symbol of a plantation house on our official seal, we know that thoughtful discussions about racial inequality in our systems need to happen with greater frequency and in earnest. Cheverly Village is committed to this task. In many heartfelt book discussions over the past couple years, we have listened to each other as we engage with the experiences of colonial-era plantations in South Carolina, murders of Osage Indians of Oklahoma, a 1907 Jim Crow lynching in nearby Bowie, and other pieces of our American past and present. In June, after contemplating many suggestions, we selected two more books for discussion. They will be *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot and *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander.

We are especially fortunate to be able to learn from

our members who have honored us all in this community by sharing information and experiences from both personal and historical perspectives. For example, Thelma Boyd-Nash provided a generous telling of a story of her life that Cheverly Village recorded three years ago at the Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center in North Brentwood. You may hear Ms. Boyd-Nash's own words from this event on our website, cheverlyvillage.org ♦ About Us ♦ Member Stories. Ms. Boyd-Nash is a founding member of Cheverly Village and an elder to whom we owe much.

Please call or write us to find out how to be a member, a volunteer, or a supporter of Cheverly Village: 240-770-1033, VillageCheverlyVillage.org.

*--Teresa Williams, President
--Diane La Voy, Vice President*



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! We hope to be back to in-person workouts in the near future, but our first priority is the safety and health of our community.

Police Chiefs Advisory Board

Voices of Our Community: On July 7th and July 9th from 7pm to 8pm, PCAB will have an open discussion for all residents via Zoom. Let us know what YOU want Cheverly Police to hear now or just drop by and say hello! These sessions will not be recorded. Details will be posted on our Facebook Page or by email request. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/chevPCAB/>. PCAB delivered over 500 cloth masks to residents at Cheverly Station.

PCAB Meeting: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 8pm via Zoom. Details will be released via News and Announcements email. For more information please email cheverlypcab@gmail.com.

Community Bulletin Board



Cheverly Garden Club will be on vacation for the months of July and August and returning in September. We will keep you posted where and when, as we sometimes have our meetings elsewhere when the opportunity appears. 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. Look for other favorites to open as restrictions are gradually lifted.

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 and stay hydrated.

St. Ambrose School

St. Ambrose School is currently accepting applications for the 2020-2021 SY.

Please apply at www.sascheverly.org.

For more information contact Cheryl Conto at cconto@stambrosecatholicschool.org

Cheverly Boys and Girls Club

CBGC is continuing to monitor the COVID-19 situation as it pertains to youth sports in the county. With soccer season quickly approaching, we will update the situation on the club website as we are given information from the county as to how we are authorized to conduct team sports this fall, so we encourage you to check out www.cheverlybgc.org throughout the coming weeks. As always, please feel free to reach out to Larry Fry at Larry.Fry.CBGC@gmail.com with any questions.



From the Cheverly Parent Resource Center (CPRC)!

Thank you!

We did it! Through your generous support, the CPRC far exceeded our \$1000 goal for our annual Summer Nutrition Drive at Gladys Noon Spellman Elementary School. We raised \$2120! With your help CPRC donated 90 gift cards (\$25 per card) to Spellman families! ❤️

Participate in Our Poster Contest



THE FIRST PLACE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A \$100 DONATION FROM CPRC TOWARDS THE CHARITY OF THEIR CHOICE!!!

DEADLINE: JULY 15TH

MAKE YOUR SUBMISSION VIA:

*IG: @CHEVERLYPARENTRESOURCECENTER

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*EMAIL: COMMUNICATIONS@CHEVERLYPARENT.ORG



Stay in Touch!

There are lots of ways to stay in touch: follow us on Instagram and Facebook, and/or visit our website.

Do you need to reach us?

We're here for you! Please feel free to reach out to any of the Board members if you have questions about any of our activities or services.

- To reach Memberships, please email cprcmembership@gmail.com
- To reach all other Board Members, please email

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Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee

Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee July Monthly Meeting

Date: Monday, July 6, 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.

Town Park Makeover Update

Most of you know that Town Park is getting a makeover. In 2012 the Neighborhood Design Center helped plan a Town Park update, and some of those ideas have been implemented -- the stage, a new pavilion, and a multi-purpose court. Now the Low Impact Development Center is helping complete the design, with an emphasis on engineering for stormwater management along green infrastructure principles. The Low Impact Development Center posted an online survey for you to offer your ideas for the park. The survey closed on May 31. 150 of us completed the survey, not only responding to set questions, but also providing longer narratives. You can find the results and the figures at <https://lowimpactdevelopment.org/townpark/>.

About the respondents

Most of the respondents had not participated in the Town Park master plan process in 2012-2013. Most also are not involved with any of the town boards or committees connected with park planning.

A high percentage of the respondents are familiar with the terms "stormwater," "rainwater harvesting," "rain garden," "permeable pavement" and "green infrastructure." So it looks like we are pretty well informed.

Park Use

Just less than half visit Town Park a few times a month, over a quarter, more than once a week, and fewer a couple of times a year.

Park Planning

The top five responses to the question "What are your priorities for Cheverly Town Park?": Woodworth Trail, playground/play equipment, additional paths, benches/seating areas, erosion control.

Respondents were asked to choose the top three from among their priority list. The choices fall into three tiers. Woodworth Trail and playground/play equipment rated highest; then additional paths, benches/seating areas, and erosion control.

Half of us consider it extremely important to incorporate green infrastructure practices into Town Park renovation projects, and one-third consider it very important.

Stay tuned for further Town Park planning updates. For more about green infrastructure planning in Cheverly, see www.greencheverly.org.

Cheverly African American Community Organization CAACO

If you would like to join CAACO see the information below:

Our primary purpose is to unify the African American community in all segments of life, within the Cheverly community and vicinity.

We want to activate, engage, educate and empower, to present a strong concerted effort in meeting situational awareness particular to our community. This is achievable by pursuing and supporting local policies that address our needs, building partnerships with local community groups, demonstrating a commitment to engage in local activity and establishing a physical presence in the community.

Barbara Brown
CAACO, Convening Coordinator
B83BROWN@GMAIL.COM

In an effort to keep our Town connected during this pandemic we are including upcoming events in this Newsletter. Please note we may need to cancel these events due to ongoing changes and updates with COVID-19.

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THE WOMAN'S CLUB

On July 4th we celebrate our Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation. July 4th is actually the day the 13 colonies claimed independence from England that eventually led to the formation of the United States. The preamble says, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness." We continue to work to make this dream a reality.

Piniel Joseph, author of "The Sword and the Shield" says that this is a watershed moment, a transformative time in which we have the opportunity to remake our nation; an opportunity to end racial injustice and achieve police reform.

We are appreciative and proud of our town for seizing this opportunity. Here are a few ways some of our neighbors are participating as they celebrated Juneteenth last month and will be celebrating in the future.

1) Pastor Lillian Smith of the Cheverly United Methodist Church (CUMC) and Barbara Brown of Cheverly African American Community Organization (CAACO), supported by American Legion Post #108, held a brief commemoration of Juneteenth. Pastor Lillian and Barbara Brown invited those who attended to share what they wished for the world, and encouraged everyone to find individual ways to take action and to be open to being uncomfortable in the work of dismantling racism.

2) The Fourth Ward Civic Association and the CAA-CO will celebrate Juneteenth on November 1. Watch for details.

3) At the June Town meeting, Councilmember Munyeneh introduced and the Mayor and Council unanimously supported a proclamation commemorating Juneteenth.

4) We need to acknowledge our past and come together. Councilmember Munyeneh introduced a motion to remove the town seal that includes a picture of the Plantation House on Cheverly Circle that was built by slaves. The motion was passed unanimously.

5) In honor of Juneteenth the town broadcast a video of the life of Wayne K. Curry, 20 year community, government and civic leader and former Prince George's County Executive alongside some photos and accounts of the history of Cheverly's Old Fourth

Ward.

Meetings - Monday, July 13 - 7 p.m. / Wednesdays, July 1, 8, 22, 29 - 9:30 a.m.

Right now all meetings are conference calls: **425-436-6320 / Access 796406#**

We continue to recruit members to help us carry forward our vision of a beloved community that grows each year more engaged and invested in celebrating and centering diversity in our town.

For more information - Joyce Lang - 773-2211 / Rob-in McClain - 773-1369

Cheverly Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

CERT has donated approx. 490 meals since March and will continue the effort with Cheverly United Methodist Church. The community: Residents, Town & Council, CPD and our Cheverly businesses have provided services, funds, food, and supplies to help our community and surrounding areas. We especially want to thank Landover Liquors, Mi Pueblito Bakery, Keany Produce, Aldi (Cheverly), and Bay's Soft Ice Cream for their generosity. Also, thanks goes to the Zafft family and Cheverly Sewers Group for providing over 500 cloth masks to adults and children in Cheverly. For questions please email ChvCERT@gmail.com.

Cheverly CERT

The Mission of Cheverly CERT is to provide critical support to the Town of Cheverly and assistance to residents during an emergency. To accomplish this mission, Cheverly CERT has three areas of focus:

- 1. Providing our members with on-going training in disaster response, emergency preparedness, leadership, and organizational skills.*
- 2. Educating residents in Cheverly emergency preparedness.*
- 3. Supporting the Cheverly Police Department and related emergency services in the event of a disaster.*

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

As this reflection is being written, the world continues to reel in response to the death of George Floyd at the hands of the Minneapolis, Minnesota police officers. This area is experiencing the 8th day of protesting. Like you, I have been jarred by the images of that fateful 8 minute 46 second video, the mass protests, riots and burning cities. Like you, the images of similar videos haunt me. Like all of you, my emotions have run the full gamut, from tears and sadness to the disbelief that something like this has happened again. Like many mothers of sun kissed sons, I've prayed, 'God, please protect my sons. Keep them safe.' Like you, I've asked, 'What's going on- Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor? The list is just too long.

The issue we currently face is not a Democratic or Republican issue. It is a sin problem framed in the hatred or mistreatment of individuals based on the color of their skin. The sin of hatred in the form and nomenclature of racism has threatened the fabric of this nation for a long time, really from its inception. There is only one race - human. The construct of race was created to justify the dehumanization of others based on color. Acts of the Apostles 17: 26, 28, records,

"From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth;...said, 'We are his offspring.' [b] <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts%2017:26-29&version=NIV#fen-NIV-27552b>

What would happen if we each were able and willing to honor every person as we would want to be honored? What would happen if we loved others as we love ourselves? This responsibility belongs to all of us - atheists and people of all faiths. For persons of the Judeo-Christian tradition, the question remains, 'what does the Lord require of you and me? To do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God. ' Micah 6:8

The issue is not a Democratic or Republican issue. It is truly a sin problem. The sin of racism has threatened the very fabric of this nation from its inception.

As a multicultural congregation, Cheverly United Methodist Church has not shied away from open and hard conversations about racism, prejudice, implicit and explicit bias, white privilege, and internalized oppression. Cheverly UMC has hosted talks on racism by the Rev. E. Michelle Ledder, General Commission on Religion and Race; Freedom Rider, Ernest "Rip" Patton, and studies including "Multi-Cultural Conver-

sations." No one is exempt from this hard, yet important work - not the church or any other entity. The Police Chief's Advisory Board, on which I serve, has participated in Cheverly Police Department implicit bias training. More work remains to be done by all of us.

If true peace is to happen, the extra work has to be done. We will have to continue to work and pray to be the change we want to see. We have made great progress. We still have miles to go before we are done.

Pastor Lillian

Visit the Cheverly UMC Website at www.cheverlyumc.org to see the various opportunities to discuss issues of race and racism as we work for peace.



**Saturday, July 4th and July 18th
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!

Cheverly American Legion Post 108

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

Donations to Healthcare for Homeless Veterans - The Cheverly American Legion Auxiliary would like to thank the community for its generous support of our clothing drive for women veterans. Earlier this year, the Auxiliary learned of the need for clothing for homeless female veterans. We put out the word for clean clothes in good condition and packages of new socks and underwear. The response was overwhelming -- more than 50 bags of clothing have been donated. They will be going to Healthcare for Homeless Veterans/HUD-VASH. Thanks, Cheverly, you always come through.

National Guard COVID-19 Mobilizations - National Guard units in many states were activated to assist with state responses but unfortunately many of those service members were only being placed on orders for 89-days of service, one day short of being eligible for federal benefits. The American Legion and our Post 108 members right here in Cheverly put pressure on the White House, Senate and House Armed Services Committees to reverse those unnecessary limitations to deployments that were just one day short of benefit eligibility.

Dignified Disposal of US Flags - Every year American Legion Posts and other veteran organizations conduct flag retirement ceremonies as a dignified means of disposing of worn and damaged US flags. Post 108 always conducts a retirement ceremony on June 14th each year as a part of Flag Day. This year we helped honorably retire over 100 flags, and even found one 13-stars "Betsy Ross" flag among the group that we hope has a little more life left in a middle or high school history classroom. These flags are collected throughout the year by our members, community members dropping them in the donation box outside the building, or in this year's case, recovered from a nearby American Legion that closed down. Post 108 members searched through attics and the moldy basement of the shuttered facility, and dug through sheds and trailers on the property to recover dozen and dozen of US flags that would have otherwise been bulldozed and trashed. Bring your damaged and tattered flags anytime to the drop box outside of our facility, and join us next June 14th on Flag Day.

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.

Become a Member - Eligible military service consists of serving at least one day in the armed forces and having a 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.

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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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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Meetings & Events

GOVERNMENT EVENT SCHEDULE

Thurs July 9, 2020	8:00 p.m.	Town Meeting
Thurs July 23, 2020	7:30 p.m.	Worksession
Thurs Aug 13, 2020	8:00 p.m.	Town Meeting
Thurs Aug 20, 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.

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COMMUNITY EVENT SCHEDULE

- ◆ **Monday, July 6th**
7:30 p.m. Cheverly Green Infrastructure Committee Meeting
- ◆ **Saturday, July 4th**
8:00 a.m. - noon Cheverly Community Market Town Hall
- ◆ **Tuesday, July 7th**
7:00 p.m. Voice of Our Community PCAB Zoom (check FB)
- ◆ **Thursday, July 9th**
7:00 p.m. Voice of Our Community PCAB Zoom (check FB)
- ◆ **Monday, July 13th**
7:00 p.m. The Woman's Club (Zoom) Meeting
- ◆ **Tuesday, July 14th**
8:00 a.m. PCAB Meeting
- ◆ **Saturday, July 18th**
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