

# *Village of North Chevy Chase Newsletter*

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## **Village Council:**

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Ed Asher, Demetrios Lambros  
and Anne Fox

**Next Village Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 16, 2007, 8 p.m., in the Youth Lounge, NCC Christian Church.**

### ***Agenda Highlights:***

- FY2007 repaving report
- Mansionization

### ***Permits Granted:***

The following permits were granted at the Village Council Meeting, December 19, 2006:

- Construct a fence at 8808 Clifford Avenue
- Construct an addition and a deck at 3605 Husted Driveway.
- Renovation and garage at 3706 Stewart Driveway

***Village Permits:*** Village permits are required for additions or alterations to existing structures and new construction as well as for the replacement or erection of fences. Please refer to the Village regulations for details and contact the Village Office (301-654-

7084) with any questions. Permit forms are available from the Village office or on the Village website.

***Christmas Tree Recycling:*** Recycle your Christmas tree curbside on Tuesdays through January 30<sup>th</sup>. Please remove all tinsel and other ornaments.

***Tax Time Reminder:*** For any Village residents who file their State tax return extra early, don't forget to include the Village as your "city" at the top right corner of the return.

***Snow Reminder:*** When snow is expected, please park in your driveway or on the even-numbered side of the street only. Please shovel or sand, as needed, any sidewalk abutting your property. Also, please clear any nearby fire hydrants of snow.

### ***A Village THANK YOU:***

The Village thanks Tracy Morgado and Zilart for the exciting artistic format of the past year's Newsletters. Tracy is

now involved in a new venture, the Piratz Tavern at the corner of Georgia Ave. and Bonifant Street in Silver Spring. We wish her great success.

***MVA on Wheels:*** The MVA mobile office will be at the Friendship Heights Village Center between 10 AM and 2 PM on the following dates during the first half of 2007.

Jan. 29	Feb. 26
Mar. 26	Apr. 23
May 21	June - no service

***An Early Reminder:*** The next bulk trash pickup will be Saturday March 17.

***If You Smell Natural Gas:*** If you smell natural gas, call the Washington Gas Emergency Leak Line at **703-750-1400**. Do not attempt to locate the source of the odor. If the odor is very strong, or you hear a blowing or hissing noise, vacate the building immediately, leaving the doors unlocked as you go. Do nothing to create an ignition source - do not light a match, use the telephone, turn electrical equipment or light switches on or off, or start your car. Call **911** and the Washington Gas emergency numbers only after you have reached a safe distance away from the source of the leak.

***If You Notice a Street Light Out:*** You can call PEPCO at **1-877-737-2662** to report it. You must have the exact address where the pole is located. PEPCO claims to replace street lamps within 72 hours. If they have not responded within 72 hours, call the Village Office at 301-654-7084.

***Have Your Chimney Inspected:*** The Montgomery County Division of Consumer Affairs (DCA) advises that chimney fires and clogged flues can be prevented by regular chimney

inspections and cleanings. Having your chimney inspected is as important as having your furnace and heating system inspected. The simple steps you can take include:

- Contact a licensed/certified chimney sweep. Signs of a dangerous chimney include cracks in masonry, poor updraft, broken flue sections and creosote accumulation.
- Check to see if the chimney sweep is licensed by the Maryland Home Improvement Commission. Ask neighbors for referrals, check DCA's complaint records at 240-777-3636 or check the Better Business Bureau's records at 202-393-8000.
- Have the chimney cleaned on a regular schedule. This will vary from several times a year to once every several years, depending on how often the fireplace is used.

***Purchase of Street Lights:*** When the Maryland General Assembly convenes in January, towns and cities across the state will be pushing for legislation to allow local governments to purchase and maintain their own street lights. This could save taxpayers money, increase reliability and safety and allow North Chevy Chase and other towns to choose more efficient equipment than is presently offered by PEPCO. At present, the Village lights are mostly over 20 years old.

***Verizon Franchise Agreement:*** At the December 19, 2006 Village meeting, the Council adopted a resolution approving the Verizon Franchise Agreement that was adopted by Montgomery County. Residents will soon be able to choose Verizon cable, which will be in

competition with Comcast and RCN in the community. Verizon contractors have already begun stringing cable along Village streets and should be finished early in 2007.