



## VILLAGE OF NORTH CHEVY CHASE: MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2025

### **FEBRUARY VILLAGE MEETING**

**February 18, 2025** – 7:30pm– hybrid platform (in person and via Zoom - instructions will be sent to the Village’s email list) \*Approval of January Minutes \*Treasurer’s Report \*Permits \*Kensington Parkway Streetlighting

### **CALENDAR (2025)**

February 18: Village Council Meeting  
7:30pm  
March 13: Curbside Donation, Clothing  
Donation Nation  
March 14: Curbside Donation,  
Furniture/Non-Clothing Items  
Donation Nation  
March 15: Bulk Trash Pick Up  
March 18: Village Council Meeting  
7:30pm  
April 15: Village Council Meeting  
7:30pm

### **VILLAGE-SPECIFIC NOTICES**

#### **NEW RESIDENTS:**

The Village warmly welcomes new residents:

- **3805 Inverness Driveway:** Barnhard and Dorothy Wallmann

The Village Office keeps track of residents who move in an out of the Village. If you know of a home for sale or are planning to move, please email the Village at [nccinfo@northchevyCHASE.org](mailto:nccinfo@northchevyCHASE.org).

#### **Tax Time:**

Processing of personal income tax returns for Tax Year 2024 has begun. The federal and state individual income tax filing deadline is **Tuesday, April 15.**

Revenues received through our residents’ paid income taxes remain the most significant source of Village revenues. This money goes directly to services benefiting Village residents. Village residents do not pay any additional income taxes to live in the Village of North Chevy Chase. By law, as a municipality, the Village receives a portion of the tax you pay to Montgomery County.

#### **VILLAGE COUNCIL**

Chair: Adrian Andreassi  
[chair@northchevyCHASE.org](mailto:chair@northchevyCHASE.org)

Vice Chair: Brian Hoffner  
[vicechair@northchevyCHASE.org](mailto:vicechair@northchevyCHASE.org)

Secretary: Maury Mechanick  
[secretary@northchevyCHASE.org](mailto:secretary@northchevyCHASE.org)

Treasurer: Olga Joos  
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Manager: Susan Theis  
[nccinfo@northchevyCHASE.org](mailto:nccinfo@northchevyCHASE.org)

Fire Board Representatives:  
Dave Albinson, Abby Morris, Guim Barbour

#### **Village of North Chevy Chase**

PO Box 15887, Chevy Chase, MD 20815

**Mobile: 301-654-7084**

TDD (MD Relay Service): 1-800-735-2258

**Website: [www.northchevyCHASE.org](http://www.northchevyCHASE.org)**

Please be aware that MD Form 502 features a separate political subdivision section located under your mailing address. When you complete your Maryland income tax return, remember to put the Village of North Chevy Chase under "Maryland Political Subdivision" and include 1618 the "4-digit Political Subdivision Code" to ensure the Village receives our share of the state income tax.

### **Village Council Elections:**

Election for two Village Council positions (2-year terms) will be held on **Tuesday, May 6**. Per the Village Charter, a Nominating Committee shall be appointed no later than March 1, to comprise at least three persons who are Qualified Voters (resident of the Village of North Chevy Chase who is qualified to vote in Montgomery County and who is registered with the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors of Elections or with the Village Council).

Qualified Voters who are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee, please contact the Village Manager by **Friday, February 22**.

### **Permit Reminders:**

If you are considering a home renovation, addition or landscape project, before you begin any exterior improvement project, please contact the Village office for information and to determine what permits may be required. There are County and Village building regulations that may apply. For additional information, please visit the Village website ([northchevychase.org](http://northchevychase.org)), or contact the Village Manager at [nccinfo@northchevychase.org](mailto:nccinfo@northchevychase.org) or #301.654.7084 to verify any requirements.

### **"Petiquette":**

Please see below for helpful reminders for all pet owners. Not every homeowner is a pet owner, so please be a responsible pet owner and be respectful of private property. Avoiding private property is the best way to be a courteous neighbor.

- Keep your pet on a leash (and if you have an outdoor cat, please be sensitive to neighbors regarding your pet's waste).
- Do not allow your pet to wander onto other resident's property.

- If your pet has to go, make sure it does so on common areas, like the curb grass closest to the street. Do not venture into homeowner's yards.
- Pet urine kills plants and flowers. Please be mindful of the community landscaping and your neighbors landscaping.
- Keep our common areas clean, by picking up pet waste and disposing it in your trash can at your home or in Village trash receptacles.
- Please note: the Village fine for not properly disposing of pet waste is \$100 for the first offense and \$500 for subsequent offenses.

### **Snow Removal:**

Last month, for the first time in years, the Village experienced several significant snowstorms. Miller Landscaping, the Village's new contractor, was extremely responsive and worked diligently to clear the streets in a timely and efficient manner, all while familiarizing themselves with the Village's roads and understanding our municipality's expectations.

The Village appreciates everyone who moved their cars into driveways or to the even-numbered side of the street, as it greatly facilitated snow removal. Village management will continue to notify residents via the email distribution list when snow removal is scheduled.

In addition, residents are once again reminded that while the Village Code requires that residents clear all snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of or abutting their property within the first 24 hours after the cessation of falling snow, this is not only Montgomery County law, but also a neighborly and courteous responsibility shared by all who live adjacent to public sidewalks.

### **Village Management Notification:**

Village Management has been informed by several residents of emails they have recently received that appear to be from the Village, but are not. Please be advised that all official Village communications will be sent exclusively through Constant Contact or directly from the Village Manager's email at [nccinfo@northchevychase.org](mailto:nccinfo@northchevychase.org).

## **GENERAL INTEREST**

### **Proposed legislation would allow duplexes, triplexes along MoCo transit corridors**

The County Council members Andrew Friedson and Natali Fani-González announced a legislative package that would allow more residential housing types – including duplexes, triplexes, townhomes and apartments – along the county's transit corridors, with a requirement that 15% of the housing serve the local workforce. The legislative package is known as More Housing N.O.W. (New Options for Workers).

The legislation also would create an expedited approval process for projects that convert high-vacancy commercial properties to residential use.

The Council staff reports on the More Housing N.O.W. package will be available on the council website:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/>  
on **January 30**.

Public hearings on the More Housing N.O.W. legislative package are expected to be scheduled soon.

### **Governor Moore proposes budget cuts, tax changes**

In response to Maryland's projected \$3 billion deficit, Governor Wes Moore announced his \$67.3 billion proposed budget for FY 2026 that includes both cuts and tax increases, including for Maryland's wealthiest residents, to balance the budget. The proposed budget is about 1.2 percent higher than for FY 2025.

Among the proposed cuts are decreasing investment in public universities, temporarily freezing enrollment in the state's child care scholarship program, and trimming the anticipated budget of the state's Developmental Disabilities Administration.

Moore proposes overhauling Maryland's tax code to lower the corporate tax rate to promote the state's economic growth, end the state's inheritance tax (offset by lowering the estate tax exemption from \$5 million to \$2 million), expand the child tax credit, double the standard

deduction, and consolidate the bottom four income tax brackets.

Moore's budget also proposes adding a 75-cent fee on delivery orders like Amazon and DoorDash and doubling vehicle emission inspection fees.

According to the governor's proposal, these changes would result in lower tax bills for 60 percent of Maryland taxpayers, no change for 22 percent and an increase for 18 percent, primarily for those who make \$750,000 a year or more.

### **Montgomery County Council to Hold Black History Month Commemoration on February 4**

The Montgomery County Council will host its annual commemoration for Black History Month, which is celebrated nationally every February. This year's commemoration will take place on **Tuesday, February 4**, at 11:30am and will focus on the national theme, "African Americans and Labor."

The commemoration will include a proclamation presentation and video interviews highlighting how Black Americans have contributed to the progression of the labor movement in the United States in the past, present and future. This year's commemoration will recognize Lisa Blackwell-Brown, secretary and treasurer of the Municipal and County Government Employees Organization/United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1994 (UFCW Local 1994 MCGEO); Karl Smith, vice president of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) Montgomery College Chapter; and Pia Morrison, president of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 500.

The commemoration will take place at the Council Office Building on the third floor in the Council Hearing Room. Residents who are unable to join the commemoration in person can stream the event live or after the fact on the Council's YouTube and Facebook pages. The commemoration will also be televised on County Cable Montgomery cable channels.

### **Plans move ahead for construction of MoCo Parks' first public disc golf course**

Plans are moving forward to construct an 18-hole public disc golf course in Montgomery County's Northwest Branch Recreational Park in Aspen Hill with Planning Board approval of a forest conservation plan.

The public course would be the first of its kind for Montgomery Parks. The planned disc golf course will be adjacent to the National Capital Trolley Museum and incorporate trolley themes within the course design, such as trolley tracks to create "synergy" with the museum.

Disc golf is a sport played like golf, with players walking around a course, trying to toss flying discs into elevated metal baskets.

In addition to the disc golf course, the project calls for the construction of a plaza/gathering area. Within the plaza, planners propose a covered picnic shelter, picnic tables, a water fountain and benches.

Montgomery Parks officials are hoping construction of the course will begin in early summer and it will open this fall.

**Montgomery Municipal Cable** is a great source for news in and across Montgomery County. If you don't have cable, you can watch their coverage on [YouTube](#), and follow them on social media: [Instagram](#) & [Facebook](#).

They also send out a weekly newsletter which includes a recap of the week's coverage, local events, updates from town and county council meetings, and links to their regular programs on health, cooking, local non-profits, and more. You can subscribe here: [www.mmctv.org](http://www.mmctv.org)

### **HIGHLIGHTS FROM JANUARY COUNCIL**

*(Please note that the official minutes will be posted to Village website upon approval)*

**Secretary's Report for December 2024 Council Meeting** (Mechanick) – Approved.

**Treasurer's Reports for December 2024** (Joos) – Results for December 2024 included income of \$6844.73, and operating expenses of

\$41,458.07 (including street lighting, waste removal, composting services, leaf collection, trees, membership and dues, wages and taxes,

professional fees, and office and communication). Total income for FY 2025 to date (July-December 2024) came to \$220,987.82 and total operating expenses came to \$165,752.03. No capital expenditures have been incurred to date for FY 2025. Total current assets as of December 2024, consisting of operating balance plus reserves, including ARPA funds received, came to \$3,200,285.98.

### **Action Items:**

**Traffic Safety Measures** – The Council decided to follow up with Village residents, as appropriate, with respect to violations of the Village Code of Ordinances Sections 3-205 and 5-205B concerning permissible heights for fences, including hedges, particularly in cases of a potential obstructions to visibility of any traffic control sign, device or signal. Regarding the corner of Kensington Parkway, Connecticut

Avenue, and Jones Bridge Road, the Council decided to retain the services of a safety expert to assess traffic flow and visibility issues at that intersection, in support of the possible installation of a no-turn-on red-camera for right turns from Jones Bridge Road onto Connecticut Avenue, as well as resolution of ongoing concerns regarding traffic visibility at that intersection. The Council also indicated the need for further clarification from the Maryland State Highway Administration regarding the exact border at that location for land owned in fee simple by the State of Maryland, which would be necessary as part of the safety analysis to be conducted.

### **RFP for Sanitation Services: 2025-2027** –

Following issuance of an RFP for sanitation services for the 2025-2027 time period, with possible further extensions beyond 2027 at the discretion of the Village, the Village received bid responses from four bidders. Based on review of the bids, the Council decided to award the contract to Key Sanitation Inc., the current service provider, based upon an assessment of overall qualifications and price.

**Village Street Lighting** –The Village in collaboration with Scott Watson, our lighting consultant, continues to work with Baldwin Line and PEPCO regarding the specific arrangements for installation of 25 pole mounted lighting fixtures along Kensington Parkway. While the Village Council remains interested in arrangements with PEPCO for the installation of LED lights as replacements for all existing non-LED lights currently attached to PEPCO electrical poles throughout the Village, the Council believes that more time is required to fully review and assess PEPCO’s proposal for such lighting, and that an actual contract award to PEPCO for such replacement should be deferred until the beginning of FY 2026.

**Manager’s Report** – Attention was directed to Section 4-204 of the Village Code of Ordinances, dealing with the responsibility of property owners to clear sidewalks adjacent to their properties of snow within 24 hours after a snowfall ends, and the failure of a number of Village residents to do so following the two most recent snow storms. This failure poses a serious public safety risk to Village residents. The Council decided to provide notifications to those residents regarding their failure to comply with the requirements of Section 4-204. Recognizing that certain residents may be physically unable to perform this obligation, the Council expressed a willingness to consider appropriate alternate arrangements for snow removal in such cases, recognizing that it would first be necessary for those residents to advise the Council of such inability before alternate arrangements could be pursued.

**SUSTAINABLE LIVING: (Courtesy of the Environment Committee)**

**Montgomery County launches Climate Smart campaign**

Montgomery County introduced its new Climate Smart campaign, designed to inspire and inform residents about making climate-smart choices in their daily lives. The campaign encourages individuals to take a pledge to be Climate Smart, with the slogan “BIG CHANGE starts small,” serving as a reminder that small actions can lead to significant impact.

The Climate Smart campaign offers tips on how residents can take in five key areas to reduce their carbon footprint:

- **Food:** Plan meals before shopping, compost food scraps, and buy seasonal produce from local farms and farmers markets.
- **Emergency Preparedness:** Sign up to receive emergency alerts from Alert Montgomery, make an emergency plan and take steps to protect your home.
- **Transportation:** Use public transportation, download the Ride On app, walk or bike more often and join the Electric Vehicle Purchasing Co-Op.
- **Energy:** Schedule a free quick home energy checkup, switch to LED lightbulbs, and monitor your thermostat.
- **Trees:** Plant a tree; trees remove carbon from the air, cool the planet, provide habitat and beautify our neighborhoods.

For more information on the Climate Smart campaign and to take the pledge, visit the county’s Climate Action portal: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/climate/>

**Public hearing on bill to ban use of most plastic bags**

On January 14, the County Council held a public hearing on a “bring your own bag” bill, that proposes banning the use of single-use plastic bags (and plastic) at most stores and doubling the tax on paper bags to 10 cents.

The legislation is designed to encourage residents to stop using both single-use plastic bags and paper bags, instead bringing reusable bags when shopping. The ban on plastic bags is in response to concerns about microplastics, a by-product of plastic bags entering waterways and oceans and endangering those ecosystems.

The bill has some exceptions to the ban on single-use plastic, such as meat and poultry that need to be packaged in more impervious material than paper, and dry cleaning. There also are exceptions to the paper bag fee, including prescription drugs and restaurant doggie bags.

If passed, the bill will go into effect July 1, 2025.

## Village of North Chevy Chase - Resident Directory

Dear Neighbors,

We are updating the Village Resident Directory and want to ensure we have accurate information for all residents. Please take a moment to complete the attached form with your contact details and return it to us by either:

- Email: [nccinfo@northchevyCHASE.org](mailto:nccinfo@northchevyCHASE.org)
- Mail: Village of North Chevy Chase, P.O. Box 15887, Chevy Chase, MD 20815

The Resident Directory is for neighbor-to-neighbor communication only. It includes email addresses for non-commercial, non-political use, and is not intended for fundraising or broadcasting. For your safety and in case of emergencies, we also request your phone number.

Thank you for helping us keep the directory up to date!

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Last Name

First Name

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Last Name

First Name

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Children (Name)

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Pets (Name)

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Street Address

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Land Line, if you have one

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Cell Phone Numbers (please specify)

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Email Addresses for Village alerts

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