



**VILLAGE OF NORTH CHEVY CHASE: MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2025**

OCTOBER VILLAGE MEETING

October 21, 2025 – **7:00 PM** – Hybrid
 (Zoom instructions will be sent to the Village’s email list) *Councilmember Evan Glass *Approval of Sept minutes *FY25 audit results *Treasurer’s report *Permits *Intersection safety study *Streetlighting *Snow removal *Trees

will be attending the meeting. He would like to present updates on priority issues facing the County Council as well as listen to residents’ perspectives through a Q&A session. The Village Council will start the other agenda items at 7:30 PM.

CALENDAR (2025)

Oct 21	Village Council Meeting	7:00 PM (hybrid)
Nov 18	Village Council Meeting	7:30 PM (hybrid)
Dec 11	Clothing Donations	Curbside 7:00 AM
Dec 12	Non-Clothing Donations	Curbside 7:00 AM
Dec 13	Bulk Trash Pickup	Curbside by 7:00 AM
Dec 16	Village Council Meeting	7:30 PM (hybrid)
Dec 31	Leaf Collection ends	

Donation Nation: Some residents reached out after the last Donation Nation pick up to indicate that not all items left curbside were collected. In follow up conversations with the organization, the Village was informed that at times, not all items can be collected due to space limitations or items not deemed suitable but a particular challenge for the organization is when boxes are left

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VILLAGE-SPECIFIC NOTICES

Oct 21 Council Meeting Early Start Time:
 Please note that the upcoming Village Council meeting will start at 7:00 PM, as At-Large County Councilmember Evan Glass

open and items are inadvertently scattered. Donation Nation requests that boxes be sealed and labeled "Donation Nation only" to prevent them from being opened by others and making them unsuitable for collection. Also, please note that donated furniture/non-clothing items should be easily lifted by two individuals. Please reach out to the Village Manager if there are any challenges with future collections.

Leaf Collection: Village leaf collection began the week of October 6 and will continue weekly through **December 31**. Please place leaves curbside and make them



accessible for pick up by truck. Please also note that sticks, trash, rocks and other debris will not be collected and leaves should not be shredded. The contractor will also remove leaves from the two diverters along Montgomery Avenue at Stewart and Kenilworth, over the storm drains, and at the three bus stops along Kensington Parkway. The Village's vendor, Bethke Landscaping, is not able to provide specific dates for pick up due to shifting schedules around weather.

Composting: Interested residents can still sign up for the free Village service with Compost Crew. The Village currently has 67 households registered (32% of the community). Please go to the Village website at northchevyCHASE.gov and click on the link for Compost Crew under the Services tab. You may also contact the Village Manager for more information.

Resident Contact/Directory: It is vital that the Village have updated contact information (email, phone) for Village residents. The Village sends out via Constant Contact time-sensitive updates related to crime alerts, construction projects, emergency utility repairs, snow

removal, and other important issues that affect the community, as well as the monthly newsletter and Council meeting agendas. If you have not received an email from the Village within the past two weeks, then you are likely not on the list. Please provide your information to the Village Manager at nccinfo@northchevyCHASE.org or via text or call to (301) 654-7084. In an effort to foster the community, the Village would like to ensure the directory - accessible on the Village website (passcode protected) - is updated as well. Please take a moment to verify that your information is up-to-date and reach out to the Manager if you need the passcode.

Village Trees: The Village has solicited for an independent, certified arborist to support the municipality in assessing the health and maintenance requirements of existing Village trees as well as helping to restore the tree canopy through native tree plantings in target



locations in the Village right-of-way as well as on residents' property (who request a tree when offered). The solicitation closes October 27. The Village plans to have the arborist conduct semi-annual assessments of all Village trees and support updates to the Village tree database, among other services.

Intersection Safety Study: The Village Council is awaiting a draft report with recommendations to improve traffic flow, operations, and safety at the intersection of Connecticut Ave/Jones Bridge Rd/Kensington Parkway from traffic engineering firm, Brudis & Associates, which completed their field work around the end of September.

Village Street Lighting: The Village appreciates residents' cooperation with the parking restrictions and construction-related work along Kensington Parkway as the Village's contractor, Baldwin Line, runs lines and prepares concrete foundations for installation of new streetlights. It is anticipated that the installation of the new poles will be completed by early November.

NorthchevyCHASE.gov domain: The Village website has converted to <https://northchevyCHASE.gov>. The Village is also in the process of converting the emails for Village Councilmembers as well as the Manager to northchevyCHASE.gov addresses and will notify the community once those are active. The .gov domain more accurately reflects the Village as an incorporated municipality as well as enhances the security of communications with the public, as the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), manages the .gov top-level domain.

Permits: Before residents begin any exterior improvement project, please contact the Village Manager to determine what permits may be required. County and Village building regulations may both apply.

GENERAL INTEREST

Workforce Housing Legislation: The County Council's Planning, Housing, & Parks (PHP) committee met on September 29 to discuss SRA 25-02, a subdivision regulation amendment to ZTA 25-02 which allows additional residential building types in the R-40, R-60, R-90, and R-200 zones (the Village is comprised of R-60 and R-90) along certain corridors (i.e. Connecticut Ave) with a minimum percentage of workforce housing units. The PHP recommended that the SRA limit consolidations to a maximum of three lots and a total maximum lot size based on the average lot size of eligible lots (ZTA 25-02

as written allows for unlimited consolidation possibilities). The Committee also unanimously endorsed allowing the use of flag and "landlocked" lots to be created within a workforce housing project and prohibiting duplex, triplex, townhome and apartments behind an existing single-family building. The full County Council will consider the committee's recommendations and likely vote on SRA 25-02 the week of October 13.

MCPS School Boundary Options: MCPS has presented four new proposals to replace the previous proposals, all of which keep the existing B-CC cluster boundary intact from K-12. Recent community feedback was impactful in the proposal changes; however, MCPS will gather additional community feedback in October and November and develop further options (the 8 developed so far and potentially new ones) based on updated community input, to present to the Superintendent in December. Residents can fill out a [new survey](#) to provide further feedback on the factors they consider most important for boundary reassignments.

Purple Line: On or about November 2 through November 16, Jones Mill Road will be closed between Jones Bridge Road and Coquelin Terrace. This closure is necessary for crews to complete utility relocations and construction of the Purple Line underpass. Pedestrian access through the work zone will be maintained. Please follow on-site signage.

Harvest Festival: The community is invited to the North Chevy Chase Christian Church's annual Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 26, with a worship at 11:00 AM and live music, food and family activities at 12:30 PM. For more information, please go to nc4disciples.org.

Discover the Hidden Story of

Microplastics: Join neighbors for a screening of the award-winning documentary *Plastic People* on **November 17 at 7 PM** at Cedar Lane Unitarian Congregation in Bethesda. Hosted by the Sierra Club, the film investigates how microplastics are entering our environment, food, and bodies. A discussion will follow with Councilmember Kate Stewart and Village resident and environmental health scientist Jane Houlihan. Don't miss this chance to learn, connect, and explore solutions.

WSSC Meter Pilot Program: WSSC Water is seeking customers to join its Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Pilot Program. The new smart water metering technology provides near real-time water usage data, leak and high-usage alerts, and tools to better manage consumption. Participation is voluntary, free, and can help customers save money. Learn more and sign up at wsscwater.com/smart-pilot.

HIGHLIGHTS SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING *(Official minutes will be posted to the website once Council approves)*

Treasurer's Report: Combined income was \$10,898 and combined operating expenses were \$47,195 for the months of July and August (new fiscal year started July 1). Total current assets, consisting of operating balance plus reserves (including ARPA funds not yet expended), totaled \$3,323,793 as of August 31.

Permits: The Village approved a fence permit for 8907 Montgomery Ave.

Snow Removal Contract: The Council approved the renewal of the contract with Miller Landscape for snow removal for the upcoming winter season. The Council will consider the option of supporting snow

removal from Village sidewalks at the October meeting.

Policies Approved: The Council approved 2 policies related to delegations of authority by the Council to the Village Manager in support of Village operations. 1) A policy to clarify how policies will be enacted and 2) a policy related to fast-track permit approvals to streamline the permit review and approval process for "low impact" projects (i.e. dumpsters, fences, firepits, gazebos, built-in grills, pods, and sheds less than 100 sq ft).

Capital Improvement Projects Update: The Council approved an updated assessment of all Village streets and sidewalks by Clark Azar and Associates, a civil engineering firm who conducted an assessment in early 2000 and developed a 10-year capital improvement plan. The updated assessment will provide a new 10-year plan with revised cost estimates that will allow the Village to adequately budget for future expenditures.

Village Tree Loss: Village Environment Committee member, Jane Houlihan, presented an in-depth analysis of Village tree inventories starting from 1995 to the present. The Village's tree canopy has decreased from 213 trees in 1995 to 160 as of 2025, a 33% loss in 25 years. Around 40 locations in the Village right-of-way have been identified that would be beneficial areas to plant a canopy tree, as there is sufficient space and no power lines. The Village will plant and maintain a few new trees this fall and inform residents of the locations.

