



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

DECEMBER VILLAGE MEETING

December 16, 2025 – 7:30 PM – Hybrid
(Zoom instructions will be sent to the Village’s email list) *Approval of Nov minutes *Treasurer’s report *Permits *Intersection safety study *Tree Inventory Update *Capital Improvement Plan

CALENDAR (2025)

Dec 11	Clothing Donations	Curbside 7:00 AM
Dec 12	Non-Clothing Donations	Curbside 7:00 AM
Dec 13	Bulk Trash Pickup	Curbside 7:00 AM
Dec 16	Village Council Meeting	7:30 PM (hybrid)
Dec 16	Voluntary tips left for waste pickup	
Dec 17	Voluntary tips left for recycling pickup	
Dec 31	Leaf Collection ends	
Jan 20	Village Council Meeting	7:30 PM (hybrid)

VILLAGE-SPECIFIC NOTICES

Sidewalk Snow Removal: *Village Ordinance:* Please note that residents are required to clear their sidewalks from snow, per **Village Ordinance Section 4-204**

Snow and Ice Removal from Public Sidewalks: **A.** The owner of a lot in the Village, or his designated agent or lessee, shall, within twenty-four (24) hours after a snowfall ceases: a. Remove, or cause the removal of, snow and ice from any sidewalk on such lot or on abutting public property that is normally used by the public. b. Deposit, or cause the deposit of, the removed snow or ice in a reasonably safe location and not upon any public roadway or sidewalk. c. If said snow and ice cannot be removed because of hardening, make the sidewalk reasonably safe for pedestrian travel by spreading sand or a similar substance in sufficient amounts to make

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travel thereon reasonably safe, and shall then, as soon thereafter as weather permits, cause the sidewalk to be thoroughly cleaned. **B.** If snow and ice are not removed, or the sidewalk is not made safe as required by this section, the Village Manager may, in his/her discretion, cause such work to be done. The Village Manager shall ascertain and keep a record of the cost of all such work that he/she causes to be done in accordance with this subsection. Each person whose act or omission makes it necessary that the Village Manager cause the work to be done in accordance with this section shall be liable to the Village for the cost of such work, plus a penalty of fifty (50) percent of such work. These costs shall be assessed to the owner of the lot and collected in the same manner as provided for in Section 1-207(E). **C.** No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited any snow or ice on or against any fire hydrant or on any public sidewalk or street.”

At the November 18 Village Council meeting, the Council expressed appreciation that the majority of residents remove snow from sidewalks but requested that the Village Manager be prepared to enforce the Ordinance and notify via a phone call and/or email those residents who have not cleared sidewalks within 24 hours of snowfall cessation that the Village will be making arrangements to have the snow removed and will recoup those costs from the resident(s) directly.

Vendor Options: For those residents who would like to make alternate arrangements for snow removal, they can contact Miller Landscaping, the Village’s contractor for street snow removal, at (301) 587-1454 or via email at nweber@millerlandscapes.net and/or info@millerlandscapes.net. Please note that Miller has recommended that residents reach out ahead of an event, as it is difficult for them to respond during a storm. They also indicated that they will

service individual properties after they have completed work for their municipal and commercial clients, so it is possible/likely that they will not clear snow from individual properties at the same time as they clear Village streets, but will do their best to return to the community in a timely manner to service individual clients.

Additional Options: If there are any individuals (i.e., teenagers) interested in being hired to clear snow for residents, please contact the Village Manager as soon as possible. A contact list will be shared with residents via email by Dec. 17.

Gratuities for Waste/Recycling Crews:

For those residents who would like to provide a voluntary holiday tip to the Village’s waste/recycling crew, an envelope can be taped to the inside of the lid of the trash and/or recycling receptacle for pickup on Tuesday, December 16 and/or Wednesday, December 17 or residents can send a gratuity via Zelle. Please find below details on the crew:

Trash & Plastic/Glass Recycling

Francisco Perez 240-480-8690

Amado Batan 240-705-3365

Yard Waste & Paper Recycling

Oscar Martinez 240-751-5786

Carlos Cardona 240-690-1358

Donation Nation: Donation Nation will pick up bagged clothing left curbside on Thursday, December 11, and non-clothing and furniture on Friday, December 12. Donation Nation accepts furniture and appliances, household items such as dishes and glassware, and office furniture and furnishings. Please only put out items scheduled for pickup that day, and ensure they are not mildewed or significantly stained. *Please put clothing in a bag and label for Donation Nation. Please box smaller items, seal, and label for Donation Nation.* No specific timeframe is scheduled

either day - trucks should be in the area throughout the day. Additional information on the organization can be found at:

<https://www.donationnationusa.org>

Bulk Trash: Bulk trash pickup is scheduled for Saturday, December 13. Items must be at curbside by 7 AM. Our contractor uses different trucks to haul different items, so certain items may be removed before others. Included items: Washing machines, dryers, stoves, hot water heaters, other major appliances, furniture/parts of furniture, large toys, bicycles, swing sets, bath tubs, sinks, toilets, do-it-yourself amounts of earth, sand, gravel, demolition debris and construction waste, parts of automobiles, but not fleet tires. Excluded: Large tree stumps, poisons, acids, caustics, explosives, oil or other flammable liquids, motor vehicles and parts such as batteries, tires, bricks, general construction material, iron pipe over 10 ft long, large rocks, wood piles, large tree limbs, dead animals, human or animal feces and ammunition.

Leaf Collection: Please note that Village leaf collection will end o/a December 31.

Christmas Tree Pickup: Residents can leave their Christmas streets curbside for pickup starting Monday, December 29 as well as each Monday in January.

Composting: Residents can still sign up for the free Village service with Compost Crew. Please go to the Village website at northchevyCHASE.gov and click on the link for Compost Crew under the Services tab or contact the Village Manager.

Intersection Safety Study: The Village Council met on November 19 with traffic engineers from Brudis & Associates to discuss preliminary recommendations for the intersection of Connecticut Ave/Jones Bridge Rd/Kensington Parkway. Brudis will run additional traffic models to ensure

recommendations improve traffic flow, operations, and safety at the intersection.

NorthchevyCHASE.gov domain: The Manager and all Councilmember emails have migrated to @northchevyCHASE.gov. Please see the text box on page 1 for complete email addresses. Please note that emails to .org will be forwarded to the .gov for the next few months while the Village ensures that all State, County, and other contacts are using the updated addresses.

Updated Contact Information: The Village is looking to initiate a SMS service for limited, time-sensitive notifications (i.e., street snow removal updates) to supplement email communication. If interested, please provide updated cell numbers to the Village Manager. Residents can opt out once the text service begins.

Reminder: Gas Leaf Blower Ban: A ban on the use of gas-powered leaf blowers in Montgomery County took effect on July 1. Residents can report a noise complaint for battery and electric leaf blowers that emit a sound level exceeding 70 dBA (A-weighted decibels) at 50 feet via the following link: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/property-care/leaf-blowers/leaf-blower-noise-complaints.html>, which can result in a \$500 citation.

Village Street Lighting: The Village Council held a lighting ceremony for the new street lights along Kensington Parkway on Friday, December 5. The Council appreciates residents' patience while the work was completed this fall.

Permits: If considering any exterior work, please contact the Village Manager to determine what permits may be required.

VILLAGE TREES



Arborist Introduction:

Hello! My name is Richard Jones, and I am the new Village Arborist.

I am an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist, a Maryland Licensed Tree Expert, a MD/DE Master Logger, and a Maryland qualified professional in forest conservation. I am also the campus arborist for the University of Maryland, College Park.



You will see me walking around the Village (often looking up) as I help to manage all of the trees in the Village right-of-way. I'll also be helping with future tree plantings and other projects to maintain and increase your canopy cover, which provides so many great benefits to the local ecosystem.

I plan to put some tree care tips and other relevant information into each newsletter going forward. For this month: Now that the leaves are coming down, it's a great time to look up at your trees and see if there are any issues that weren't visible during the summer. Broken or dead branches, old bracket fungus, developing splits, or other defects are much easier to spot these days. If you look closely, you'll also be able to see the buds for next year on many of the trees.

If you ever have any concerns about a Village tree, just reach out to the Village Manager and they will send me out to take a look.

GENERAL INTEREST

MCPS Boundary Study Updates: There are now seven options for boundary adjustments related to the reopening of Woodward High School. All current options keep Silver Creek Middle School and Bethesda Chevy Chase High School as the designated schools for the Village. However, the Superintendent or Board of Education can make changes before boundary designations are finalized this spring. Residents can examine the options and complete a survey at the following site: <https://sites.google.com/mcpsmd.net/woodward-boundary-options/home>.

WSSC Lead Pipe Review: WSSC Water will visit specific homes in the Village over the next several weeks to verify the homeowner's pipe type, as part of the EPA's enhanced Lead and Copper Rule to remove lead from America's drinking water. Crews will be wearing WSSC Water hard hats and carrying WSSC Water photo ID badges. To learn more about this important national public health initiative or to verify your pipe material yourself through a Self Survey Tool, visit www.wsscwater.com/pipetype.

NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING (*Official minutes will be posted to the website once Council approves - please note that some agenda items are addressed above*)

Treasurer's Report: Results for October 2025 included combined income of \$60,830 and combined expenses of \$145,846 (includes capital expenses for Kensington Pkwy streetlights). Current fiscal year-to-date revenues came to \$153,005 and expenses to \$221,515. Total assets as of October 31 were \$3,293,608.

Permits: Fast-track permit approvals were provided for a dumpster at 3821 Kenilworth Drwy. and a fence at 3820 Inverness Dr.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!