



**VILLAGE OF NORTH CHEVY CHASE: MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
FEBRUARY 2026**

**FEBRUARY VILLAGE MEETING**

February 17, 2026 – 7:30 PM – Hybrid  
 (Zoom instructions will be sent to the Village’s email list) \*Approval Jan minutes  
 \*Treasurer’s report \*Village-Wide Survey  
 \*Intersection safety study \*Landscape Solicitation \*State housing legislation

**CALENDAR (2026)**

<b>Feb 17</b>	Village Council Meeting	7:30 PM (hybrid)
<b>March 12</b>	Donation Nation Clothing	7:00 AM curbside
<b>March 13</b>	Donation Nation Non-Clothing	7:00 AM curbside
<b>March 14</b>	Bulk Trash Pick Up	7:00 AM curbside
<b>March 17</b>	Village Council Meeting	7:30 PM (hybrid)
<b>April 21</b>	Village Council Meeting	7:30 PM (hybrid)
<b>May 5</b>	Village Elections and Annual Meeting	voting; 8 PM mtg
<b>June 16</b>	Village Council Meeting	7:30 PM (hybrid)

Maier. She and her husband, Bob, were long-time Village residents who generously lent their home for and hosted the Village’s July 4 celebrations for at least three decades. Our thoughts are with her family and other loved ones.

**Taxes:** Please be sure to include the Village of North Chevy Chase as your “city” at the top of your State Tax Return. For electronic filers, the Political Subdivision Code for North Chevy Chase is **1618**.

**VILLAGE COUNCIL**

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**VILLAGE-SPECIFIC NOTICES**

**Resident Update:** It is with great sadness that the Village reports the passing of Linda

**Village Council Elections:** Election for three Village Council positions (2-year terms) will be held on Tuesday, May 5. 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 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 20.

**Connecticut Ave/Kensington Pkwy/Jones Bridge Intersection Safety Study:** The Village provided an update on the intersection safety study conducted by Brudis & Associates at the January Council meeting, which included seven options for improving operability and safety. The Village is awaiting a final version of the report, after which it will be shared with residents and uploaded to the website. The Village Council will also use the document to advocate for improvements to State delegates, County Councilmembers, the County Executive and other key stakeholders.

**Village-Wide Survey:** The Council is considering an independent, Village-wide survey to assess residents' perspectives on Village operations and potential future services and to help guide the Council's resource decisions. Maximum participation in the survey would be critical for its utility. Additional information will be provided after the February Council meeting.

**Village SMS Service:** The Village is providing an SMS service for important, time-sensitive notifications to supplement email communication. Residents should have received a link to "opt in" to the service. Please contact the Village Manager if you have not received that and would like to join.

**Composting:** The community is having a real impact on waste reduction! Compost Crew collected 34,948 lbs of food waste from the Village in 2025, saving 19 tons from sitting in a landfill. Residents can still sign up for the free Village service. Please go to the Village website at [northchevyCHASE.gov](http://northchevyCHASE.gov) and click on the link for Compost Crew under the Services tab or contact the Village Manager.

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

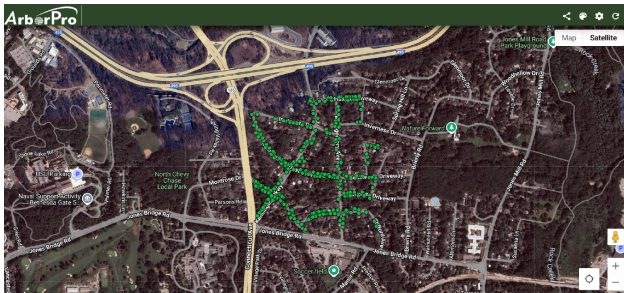


**Tree Maintenance Providers:** The Village has awarded three-year tree service contracts to Davey Tree Experts, Mulheron Tree Experts, and Potomac River Arborists, which have combined experience in such communities as Chevy Chase Village, Town of Chevy Chase, Martin's Additions, and George Washington University campus.

**Village Tree Designations Inside Fence Lines:** The Council decided at the January

meeting to determine Village tree designation for trees inside a fence line but within the right-of-way distance at the front of a property on a case-by-case basis. Trees that are near a fence at the back of a through property are considered private ownership.

**From the Village Arborist (Richard Jones):** This month, I wanted to make sure that everyone was aware that the Village tree inventory has been posted to the Village website and circulated via email. If you click “Services” and then scroll down to “Tree Maintenance” you will be able to select from either a spreadsheet of all the current Village trees, or a link to the inventory map in ArborPro. By clicking on individual points on the ArborPro inventory, you can see all the current information on the tree as well as any photos.



A screenshot of ArborPro

If you have a moment, take a look to see if Village trees are accurately represented on your property. If you think something is not quite right, feel free to contact us and I'll take a closer look to determine who is responsible for what tree. Tree inventories are living collections, so there will be constant updates as we get a better sense of what is in the right-of-way, what work needs to be done, and what new trees can be planted to enhance the Village canopy.

I've been working on some elevation pruning of Village trees near sidewalks and the road these past few weeks. Maintaining proper clearance for both pedestrians and vehicles is important for both safety and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Tree pruning should be a gradual process. Generally, I recommend that no more than 25% of the living branches be removed in a single year. This prevents “shocking” the tree, which can lead to a number of health and safety issues. For much older trees, I recommend keeping that number closer to 10%.

Tree growth is controlled by hormones, and if we prune too much at once, the hormonal imbalance can lead to epicormic growth (also called suckering.) This is what happened when trees were “topped” years ago under utility lines. This is no longer a standard practice.



An overpruned tree will put out suckering growth in order to get more foliage out and survive.

If you ever have a concern about a Village tree, please reach out to the Village Manager. I am also available for tree assessments on private property at

[rjonesarborist@gmail.com](mailto:rjonesarborist@gmail.com)

## **GENERAL INTEREST**

**State Housing Legislation:** The Village is tracking legislation that is part of Governor Moore's “Housing Growth & Affordability

Agenda” which has significant implications for single-family zoning in the municipality; specifically, the **Starter and Silver Homes Act**. As written, this legislation would reduce the minimum lot size to 5,000 sf (instead of the County’s R-60 limit of 6,000 sf and R-90 limit of 9,000 sf); allow townhouses as of right in single-family zones; prohibit lot coverage maximums; reduce minimum setbacks; prohibit regulation of “design” elements; and allow subdivision of lots into three or fewer lots. These rules would supersede County and municipal rules. This legislation has been introduced to the State House and Senate, with hearings scheduled on February 12 and 17 respectively.

The Village sent a letter to State Delegates, County Councilmembers, and the County Executive, in coordination with eleven other municipalities, raising serious concerns about the act and its disregard for municipal authorities but expressing a willingness to work constructively on addressing the demand for more housing within the State. The letter is uploaded to the Village website under Government/Testimonies.

#### **MCPS Boundary Study Updates:**

Superintendent Thomas Taylor will present his recommendation for the boundary studies this month, and the school board will vote on March 26. 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:

<https://sites.google.com/mcpsmd.net/wood-ward-boundary-options/home>.

**NCC Connections:** NCC Connections has a number of fun activities planned throughout February, including social Sunday and bingo for all ages; bowling; and family movie night. Please go to: <https://www.northchevyconnections.org/join-our-listserv> to join and receive updates.

**JANUARY 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:** Year-to-date (July-December 2025) income totaled \$276,547, with year-to-date operating expenses (\$202,634) at 39% of the annual budgeted amount. Village assets as of December 31 totaled \$3.05 million. The Council approved an FY26 budget modification that increased the operating budget by \$32,703, largely to address the ongoing intersection safety study and recent assessment of Village street and sidewalk infrastructure.

**Sidewalk grinding and replacement:** The Village plans to complete sidewalk grinding and replacement of cracked panels, based on the recent infrastructure assessment, in the spring.