

VILLAGE OF NORTH CHEVY CHASE: MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2026

APRIL VILLAGE MEETING

- April 21, 2026 – 7:30 PM – Hybrid (Zoom instructions will be sent to the Village’s email list) *Approval March minutes
 *Treasurer’s report/Investment policy
 *Permits *FY27 Budget approval
 *Intersection safety study *Arbor Day event
 *Spring tree plantings *Annexation

CALENDAR (2026)

April 21	Village Council Meeting	7:30 PM (hybrid)
May 2	Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration	10 AM - 1 PM (NCC Church)
May 5	Village Elections Council Mtg Annual Mtg	5:30 - 7:30 PM vote; 7:30 PM Council mtg; 8 PM Annual mtg
June 11	Donation Nation (clothing)	Curbside & Labeled
June 12	Donation Nation (non-clothing)	Curbside & Labeled
June 13	Bulk Trash Pickup	7:00 AM curbside
June 16	Village Council Meeting	7:30 PM (hybrid)

VILLAGE-SPECIFIC NOTICES

2025 Taxes: Revenues received through our residents’ paid income taxes remain the most significant source of Village revenues. It is critical that your Maryland income tax return notes Village of North Chevy Chase as the “Maryland Political Subdivision” and includes 1618 (the “4-digit Political Subdivision Code”) to ensure the Village receives its share of state income tax.

VILLAGE COUNCIL

Chair: Adrian Andreassi
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2026 Village Council Election – May 5

The Village will hold an election for **three Village Council seats (2-year terms)** on **Tuesday, May 5**. With the nomination deadline passed, the three candidates, all of whom are current Council members, are:

- Adrian Andreassi
- Maury Mechanick
- Geetika Sripathi

Candidate bios are included at the end of this newsletter.

In-person voting will take place on **May 5 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM** at the **North Chevy Chase Christian Church community room (8814 Kensington Parkway)**.

Absentee voting:

Qualified voters who cannot vote in person may request an absentee ballot by contacting Ilona Prucha, Chair of the Nominating Committee, **no later than April 28, 2026** (one week before the election). Requests may be made by email at ilona.prucha@gmail.com.

Absentee ballots must be completed, sealed, signed on the outside of the envelope where indicated, and returned **no later than 2:00 PM on May 5, 2026**.

FY 2027 Budget and Tax Rate: The Village Council reviewed the draft budget for FY2027 (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027) at the March 17 meeting. The draft FY27 budget is attached to this newsletter and will be uploaded to the Village website under [Government/Agendas&Minutes/2026-04-21](#)
The Council will vote on the budget at the

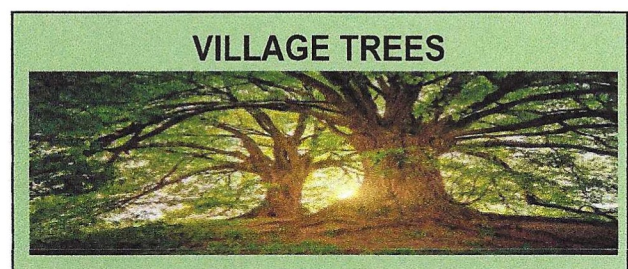
April 21 meeting. Residents are requested to provide any written feedback/comments to the Village Manager in advance of the meeting. Please note that the proposed real property tax rate (\$0.045) and personal property rate (\$0.13) of assessed value remains the same since FY18. Please note that the tax rate will be approved at the May 5 Annual Meeting.

Connecticut Ave/Kensington Pkwy/Jones Bridge Intersection Safety Study:

Residents received a copy of the final report of the intersection safety study by Brudis & Associates, which is also uploaded to the Village website under [Community/News&Notices](#). A number of residents have provided feedback on the recommendations. The Council will discuss next steps - including engagement with key stakeholders - at the April 21 meeting.

Composting: Residents can still sign up for the free Village service. Please go to the Village website 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.



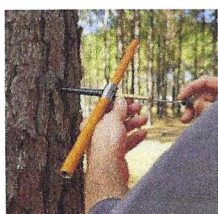
May 2 Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration: The Village will host an Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration on Saturday, **May 2, from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**, at the community

room and front of NCC Church (8814 Kensington Parkway). In addition to a tree planting ceremony, there will be a tour of some of our Village trees to highlight their characteristics and benefits to our local ecosystem. There will also be refreshments, an opportunity to purchase native plants, and activities for children. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Spring Tree Plantings: The Village will be planting five trees in the Village right-of-way this spring (through Stadler Nurseries). Residents at nearby properties have had the opportunity to provide feedback on a selection of native tree species suitable to the respective locations.

From the Village Arborist (Richard Jones): This month, I'd like to talk about a question I get all the time: "*How old is my tree?*" Homeowners will often ask this during an arborist consult, and it's unfortunately not that easy to answer. Well, there is an easy way to answer it, but that involves counting the growth rings on the stump after the tree has been cut down.

The physical size of the tree isn't always an accurate indicator of its age, and research is ongoing to better model and make predictions. Trees can grow at remarkably different rates given their species, exposure to sunlight, and the availability of resources in their root zone. For example, I often find massive sawtooth oaks in our area that are only around 60 years old.



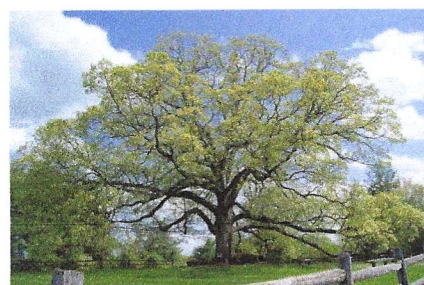
One option is to use an increment borer, which is a forestry tool that drills into

the tree and extracts a core of growth rings for counting. These tools can be quite expensive, take some practice to use correctly, and most homeowners aren't too thrilled about having multiple holes drilled into their tree. They are an option though.

Whenever I'm asked this question of tree age, my first response will be "How old is your house?" Often, the development you live in was cleared, graded, and compacted prior to the homes being built and the utility lines installed. This can give an idea of the maximum age of any tree on your property.

How old are our forests though? Much of Maryland was farmland prior to the Great Depression, which was often abandoned and slowly reforested as people moved into the cities looking for work. As a result, there are very few "old growth" forests in our state anymore. But, if you'd like to visit one, Belt Woods is occasionally open by request in Prince George's county.

If you are looking for an ancient tree a little closer to home, the Travilah Oak can be found near an unassuming shopping center close to the intersection of Glen Road and Travilah Road in Rockville. This white oak is estimated to be older than our Constitution, and it could be a nice extra stop if you



happen to be visiting the nearby Glenstone Museum just down the road.

The Travilah

Oak is located in Rockville and is estimated to be around 285-300 years old.

GENERAL INTEREST

State Housing Legislation: The Starter & Silver Homes Act of 2026 died in committee during the March 23 Crossover Day. Other State housing bills the Village was monitoring have been amended and no longer raise significant concerns for municipalities; however, the Village's General Counsel has indicated that municipalities should be prepared for the introduction in 2027 of additional affordable housing legislation with potential impacts on municipal authorities.

MCPS Boundary Study Updates: On March 26, the Montgomery County School Board approved MCPS Superintendent Thomas Taylor's recommendation for new school boundary lines and regional programming. The attendance zones for BCC high school remain largely unchanged, with a section near Forest Glen in Silver Spring being added.

May 2 Montgomery Potters Event: Montgomery Potters, a club of local ceramicists, is hosting their 2025 Spring Sale on May 2 from 10 AM -5 PM in Harlow Hall at the NCC Church where over 40 artists from the DMV region will showcase handmade pottery available for purchase. To keep the event environmentally friendly, they are requesting that shoppers bring their own bags. Only credit cards will be accepted. For more information, go to montgomerypotters.org. This is a perfect complement to the Village's Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration at the same location that day!!!

The Friends of Chevy Chase Library

funds many of the programs and events at the library and is planning next year's programming. If you have a minute, please fill out this short anonymous survey to inform programs:

<https://superscript.fillout.com/foccl2026survey>

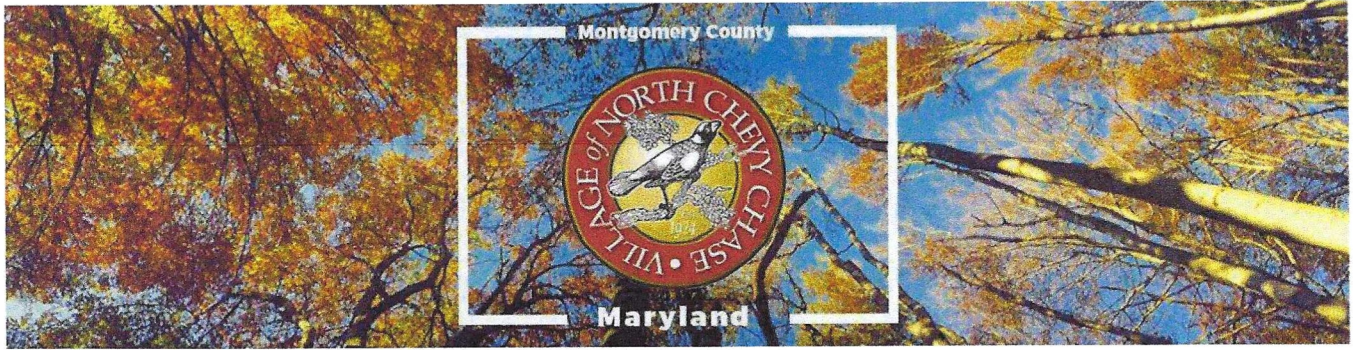
WSSC Repair on Kensington Parkway

Beginning April 1, WSSC will be conducting sewer repairs on Kensington Parkway and Frederick Avenue. Work is expected to last about 45 days and will require lane closures during work hours. Drivers should plan for possible delays and proceed with caution.

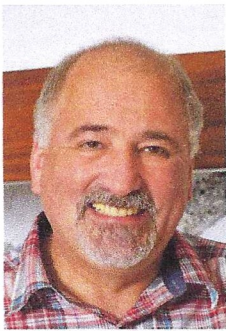
MARCH COUNCIL MEETING (*Official minutes will be posted to the website upon Council approval - some agenda items are addressed above*)

Treasurer's Report: Year-to-date (July 2025-February 2026) income totaled \$395,798, with operating expenses at \$298,031. Current Village assets as of February 28 totaled \$3,111,915. The Council passed a resolution to establish a Maryland Local Government Investment Pool account which allows the Village the ability to further diversify its investments into a safe and efficient money market fund with competitive interest rates.

Landscape Solicitation: The Village Council approved a landscape service contract award to Miller Landscapes, who serves as the Village snow removal contractor as well.



CANDIDATES for 2026 VILLAGE COUNCIL POSITIONS



Adrian Andreassi: I have been a resident in the Village of North Chevy Chase since 2001 and have served on the Village Council since 2003. I am a Fellow of the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance with UMD School of Public Policy/Maryland Municipal League (MML) partnership and a 2025 Inductee in the MML Hall of Fame for having served as an elected municipal official to the Village of North Chevy Chase for over 20 years. I am a lifelong Bethesda-Chevy Chase (BCC) resident, having grown up in East Bethesda where I attended Lynbrook Elementary School, Leland Junior High School and BCC High School. I have worked for over 40 years in the residential remodeling industry and have been with my current employer since 1988, having worn many hats along the way. My building and remodeling experience and knowledge of zoning regulations and building codes in DC, Maryland and Virginia make me well suited to review proposed remodeling or home building activities within the Village. My wonderful wife, Beth, and I have been married for 38 years. We have three daughters, Maddalena, Alexandra and Olivia. I am blessed with a feisty 103-year-old mother. I have a miniature poodle named Scout. I was diagnosed with lymphoma in 2004 and am still here to talk about it! My hobbies include bicycle riding, travel, working on cars and home projects, going to the gym and sampling single malt scotch whisky.



Maury Mechanick: I have been a resident of the Village of North Chevy Chase since 1995. Professionally, I retired from the full-time practice of law in 2017, but have maintained an ongoing consulting relationship since then with the international law firm, White & Case LLP. I have served on the Village Council for six terms, starting in 2012. During my most recent term, I was primarily responsible for: 1) commissioning the safety study addressing the Kensington Parkway/Jones Bridge Road/Connecticut intersection; 2) representing the Village along with neighboring municipalities to oppose extreme re-zoning measures that would have allowed developers free rein to build duplexes, triplexes and quadplexes throughout the Village; 3) serving, without compensation, as the Acting Village Manager for a four-month period until a new Village Manager could be hired; and 4) developing a Project Management orientation for the Village Manager position, to more clearly delineate the Village Manager's scope of

authority and responsibilities. While serving on the Council throughout the past twelve years: I have taken a leadership role on a number of matters affecting Village life, including updating the Village's regulations and developing a new Village website; re-development of Chevy Chase Lake; pedestrian safety in the Village; and dealing with the Maryland State Highway Administration on matters such as the Salt Barn relocation and, more recently, Beltway expansion. I have developed a close working relationship with our State legislative delegation, who have been supportive of the Village on a range of issues. I have testified on behalf of the Village on numerous occasions before the Montgomery County Planning Board and County Council, and led Village efforts to convince Maryland Comptroller Franchot to support deferral of the Montgomery County portion of the ill-conceived Beltway expansion proposal. As a Council member, I am committed to promoting the best quality of life possible for Village residents, while doing so in a fiscally responsible manner. I am also a Maryland Notary Public and provide that service at no charge for Village residents and others in need of notarization services. I am usually quite visible walking the Village streets multiple times a day, with my wife Debbie and our dog, Franklin Delano, the third in a line of golden retrievers, the first being Wookie and the second being Teddy Roosevelt Ruff Rider.



Geetika Sripathi: I've had the pleasure of serving on the Village Council in the role of Treasurer since July 2025. I grew up in Montgomery County and moved to the Village in 2018 with my partner, Amit, and 11 year-old rescue-dog, Mookie, after living in New York City for nearly a decade. Our soon-to-be seven year-old daughter, Uma, has lived on Stewart Driveway for her entire life and is now in first grade. During my time in the Village, I've been active with our esteemed environmental committee and have served as the chair of

the Village nominating committee for three years. As Treasurer, I've had the opportunity to work closely with the Village Manager to update our Treasurer reports, review bids for various Village contractors, and ensure we maintained our active status in the Tree City USA program. I am passionate about creating a safe and sustainable neighborhood and building a strong sense of community here in North Chevy Chase. You may have met me at our annual Spring Fair overseeing the kids' craft table and art show, weeding the native diverters, or distributing ballots during our Village Council elections. I'm currently organizing our upcoming Arbor Day event on May 2, and hope to see you all there! Throughout my career, I've worked extensively in digital marketing and advertising for both corporate and mission-based clients. I completed my master's degree at Northwestern University with a focus in marketing analytics and my undergraduate degree at Carnegie Mellon University.

Let's
Celebrate!



ARBOR DAY & EARTH DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 2

LOCATION:

NCC Church Grounds (front of church) &
Community Room, 8814 Kensington Parkway

SCHEDULE:

10 AM - 1 PM

Native Plant Sale from Nature by Design,
Compost Crew, Nature Forward, Kids Crafts,
Refreshments & more!

10:30 AM

Village Tree Walk with Richard Jones,
Arborist (meet at church grounds)

11:00 AM

Tree Planting Ceremony (3827 Kenilworth Dr)

QUESTIONS? CONTACT TREASURER@NORTHCHEVYCHASE.GOV



Local Orgs



Family-Friendly Fun!



Village Arborist



Native Plant Sale

NCC-Kensington Native Plant Sale - Sat May 2nd 2026



Pre-order from Nature by Design beginning April 18 and no later than April 30th. Email your selections to randee@nature-by-design.com with the subject "NCC PLANT SALE ORDER" and include your phone number in the email. Plants are \$12/qt or \$17/trade gallon or 2.9 qt with some exceptions. Call with questions and shrub pricing: 703-683-4769.



Stop by Sat May 2nd 2026, 10 am to 1 pm for pick-up or to choose from a wide variety of additional plants. Location: Arbor Day/Earth Day event at the front of North Chevy Chase Christian Church (8814 Kensington Pkwy).

See full selection of plants to order at <https://www.nature-by-design.com/plantlist2026.html>



Suggested flower combos to support birds, butterflies, and other pollinators



Golden Alexander
Virginia bluebell
Ostrich fern



Blue wood aster
Spike gayfeather
Blue-stemmed goldenrod



Brown-eyed Susan
Purple coneflower
Switchgrass



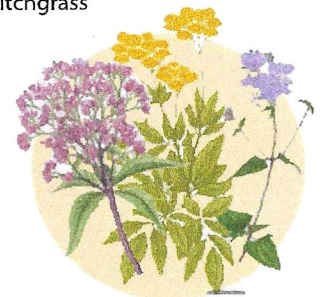
Orange coneflower
Purple coneflower
Spike gayfeather



Wild geranium
Lance-leaved coreopsis
Obedient plant



Butterfly weed
Aromatic aster
Foxglove beardtongue



Golden Alexander
Coastal plain Joe pye
Blue mist flower

Pollinator Favorites

Joe pye weed
Trumpet honeysuckle
Cardinal flower
Wild bergamot
Obediant plant
Zigzag goldenrod



Cranesbill
Gray goldenrod
White wood aster



Jacob's ladder
Golden Alexander
Blue wood aster

Top Sellers

(not all pictured)
Blue false indigo
White turtlehead
Wild scarlet strawberry
Bee balm
Wild blue phlox
Golden Alexander

Tip: Buy at least 3 of each flower type to attract pollinators.

Native flowering shrubs



Red Chokeberry



Sweet Pepperbush



Buttonbush



Southern arrowwood
viburnum



Wax myrtle

VILLAGE of NORTH CHEVY CHASE PROPOSED FY27 BUDGET: DRAFT									
VILLAGE TAX RATE \$0.045 (per \$100 of assessed value) for real property;									
\$0.13 (per \$100 of assessed value) for personal property (unchanged since FY18)									
	ACTUAL FY21	ACTUAL FY22	ACTUAL FY23	ACTUAL FY24	ACTUAL FY25	FY26 BUDGET	PROPOSED FY27		
INCOME									
Cable Franchise Fees	\$6,539.45	\$6,384.14	\$6,020.48	\$6,822.83	\$5,733.86	\$3,500	\$3,220		
County Revenue Sharing	\$25,195	\$29,291	\$0.00	\$51,092	\$53,397	\$54,946	\$58,260		
Permits	\$4,600	\$8,912.50	\$2,825	\$7,900	\$4,800	\$5,000	\$3,000		
Property Taxes	\$79,846.43	\$104,742.53	\$149,464.43	\$94,533.95	\$97,805.75	\$97,498	\$105,000		
State Highway User Revenue	\$13,152.69	\$14,065.85	\$30,269.85	\$31,523.59	\$35,927.19	\$41,314	\$39,914		
State Income Taxes	\$366,065.10	\$477,073.11	\$470,584.70	\$363,921	\$320,054.73	\$350,000	\$325,000		
TOTAL INCOME	\$495,398.67	\$640,469.13	\$659,164.46	\$555,793.37	\$517,718.53	\$552,258	\$534,394		
OPERATING EXPENSES									
Cable Franchise Fees Transfer to MMC							\$3,220		
Composting Services					\$17,572.04	\$25,000	\$20,000		
Donations/Miscellaneous	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$5,054.50	\$17,489.51	\$1,000.46	\$7,500	\$7,500		
Insurance	\$464	\$437	\$423	\$422	\$450.00	\$978.05	\$1,125		
Landscaping/Lawn Mowing	\$9,536	\$9,841.75	\$12,321.32	\$14,434.26	\$15,176.00	\$11,500	\$18,000		
Leaf Collection	\$15,000	\$15,600	\$15,600	\$16,380	\$16,380.00	\$17,200	\$20,000		
Membership Dues/Professional	\$2,118.14	\$3,833.54	\$2,467.44	\$6,666.27	\$3,475.83	\$4,500	\$6,000		
Office & Communication	\$9,769	\$9,431.43	\$12,222.08	\$12,275.10	\$11,427.44	\$17,128	\$22,305		
Personnel	\$50,739.10	\$56,867.81	\$53,348.26	\$66,716.15	\$61,872.51	\$85,000	\$105,000		
Professional Fees	\$17,312.35	\$38,080.47	\$23,820	\$25,435.73	\$30,845.95	\$57,900	\$34,400		
Snow Removal	\$3,706.50	\$4,085	\$0.00	\$3,585	\$10,378.78	\$18,000	\$20,000		
Street Lighting	\$5,982.78	\$6,165.99	\$6,678.66	\$7,241.84	\$8,743.36	\$114,425.00	\$18,000		
Street/Sidewalk Maintenance	\$14,235.19	\$135,495.24	\$10,096.60	\$1,157.83	\$0.00	\$941,500.00	\$25,000		
Trees	\$21,451.00	\$12,027.00	\$47,179.85	\$46,078.58	\$33,602	\$77,000	\$95,000		
Village Events	\$0.00	\$2,477.71	\$2,676.72	\$2,418.06	\$4,082.93	\$10,000	\$15,000		
Waste Removal	\$70,359.18	\$75,733.00	\$99,064.50	\$96,367.08	\$83,313.00	\$90,895	\$95,440		
988 - Investment service fees	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00		\$200	\$200		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 222,673.24	\$ 372,075.94	\$ 290,952.93	\$316,667.41	\$ 298,320.30	\$ 1,478,526.05	\$506,190		
NET INCOME	\$272,725.43	\$268,393.19	\$368,211.53	\$239,125.96	\$219,398.23	(\$926,268.05)	\$28,204		
OTHER EXPENSES									
Street Lighting (Potential purchase of lights/LED conversion)							\$20,000		