



VILLAGE OF NORTH CHEVY CHASE: MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JULY 2026

JUNE VILLAGE MEETING

July 21, 2026 – 7:30 PM – Hybrid (Zoom instructions will be sent to the Village's email list) *Permits *3600/3700 Husted Traffic Calming *Intersection Safety Study *Village tree proposals *ADU ordinance

CALENDAR (2026)

July 21	Village Council Meeting	7:30 PM (hybrid)
Sept 15	Village Council Meeting	7:30 PM (hybrid)
Sept 24	Donation Nation (Clothing)	8:00 AM Throughout Day
Sept 25	Donation Nation (Non-Clothing)	8:00 AM Throughout Day
Sept 26	Bulk Trash Pickup	7:00 AM curbside
Oct 20	Village Council Meeting	7:30 PM (hybrid)
Nov 17	Village Council Meeting	7:30 PM (hybrid)
Dec 10	Donation Nation (Clothing)	8:00 AM Throughout Day
Dec 11	Donation Nation (Non-Clothing)	8:00 AM Throughout Day
Dec 12	Bulk Trash Pickup	7:00 AM curbside
Dec 15	Village Council Meeting	7:30 PM (hybrid)

VILLAGE-SPECIFIC NOTICES

Condolences: The Village is saddened by the passing of John Appleby, long-time partner of Fern Lapidus. John had a passion for photography and computers, from which the Village benefited. Our thoughts are with Fern and John's broader family and friends.

Traffic Calming at 3600/3700 blocks Husted Drwy and 9000 block Montgomery Ave Intersection: The

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Village Council will receive a briefing by the Director of Engineering Design with the Traffic Group at the July 21 meeting, recommending measures to address residents' safety concerns about vehicles respecting the stop signs at the intersection as well as vehicular speeds along Husted as well as the northern boundary of the Village on Kensington Parkway.

Connecticut Ave/Kensington

Pkwy/Jones Bridge Intersection Safety

Study: The Village expects an update on SHA's ongoing analysis of viable intersection improvements soon. In addition, the Village will discuss ways to best address the site line visibility issues between Kensington Parkway and Jones Bridge Rd during the July 21 meeting.

Noise Ordinance: The Village understands that residents are enjoying evening gatherings outdoors over the summer. Residents are requested to be mindful of the County's maximum allowable noise levels:

Daytime Noise Limit: 65 dBA

- Weekdays: 7:00 am – 9:00 pm
- Weekends & Holidays: 9:00 am – 9:00 pm

Nighttime Noise Limit: 55 dBA (a normal conversation between two people from about 3-6 feet)

- Weekdays: 9:00 pm – 7:00 am
- Weekends & Holidays: 9:00 pm – 9:00 am

Mail Disappearances: Residents have notified the Village that mail placed in the street-side mailbox at the corner of Kenilworth Driveway and Kensington Parkway has gone missing.

Composting: The Council renewed another year of free compost services for Village residents at the June 16 meeting. Please go to the Village website and click on the link for Compost Crew under the Services tab to sign up. For those concerned about attracting vermin, the compost bins use lids that seal securely. Composting is a terrific way to divert organic waste from landfills and reduce associated greenhouse gas emissions.

July 4 Donations: The Village collected \$266 for the Chevy Chase Fire Department during the July 4 celebration. The Department greatly appreciates the generosity of the community.

Events Committee: Are you interested in organizing community-wide gatherings? The Village is looking for 3-4 residents who can support next year's July 4 celebration as well as a holiday get together, building on the successful "Grand Illumination" ceremony from last year!

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



Village Tree Maintenance: The Village arborist provided an overview of the updated Village tree inventory as well as planned maintenance requirements at the June 16 meeting. The Village Manager will

present bids from its three tree contractors at the July 21 meeting for the pruning of 21 Village trees and removal of 6 Village trees, as well as root remediation at 2 Village trees at 3605 Kenilworth Drwy to minimize potential impact from construction in the area. Residents will be notified when work is scheduled. Please find detailed information on the Village website under "Services" at: [VNCC Tree Maintenance and Planting Report Spring 2026](#).

Pepco Tree Trimming: Within the next 2-3 weeks, Pepco plans to clear branches from the utility lines as well as remove 2 Village trees (pin oak at 3819 Kenilworth Drwy in poor condition and ornamental pear at 8813 Kensington Pkwy in fair condition) due to their proximity to overhead utilities and risks. Pepco will plant new trees in those areas in the fall, with Village and resident input.

GENERAL INTEREST

Electronic Waste and our Digitized World *(prepared by resident Helen Santiago Fink, environment committee)*

Our societies are increasingly consumed and dependent on digital devices and electronic applications in all we do. Electronic waste (e-Waste) is documented as the world's fastest growing waste stream - generating globally approximately 60 million tons/annually, with the U.S. being the second largest producer.

Yet, e-Waste is a most valuable resource, estimated at \$60-90 billion/year for the precious metals and critical minerals it contains, including gold, nickel, copper,

aluminum, palladium, and all essential resources to power our digitized world. However, only 22% is formally recycled. Recycling e-waste can help mitigate the need for primary mining and serves as an accelerated strategy to secure the critical minerals necessary for economic, industrial and commercial development throughout the world.

What Not and What To Do?

In a survey of four thousand U.S. consumers, only one in ten people opted for recycling and reselling, with 9% disposing it as trash. ***Do not throw electronics in the trash!*** In the U.S., such national chains as Staples, Best Buy, Walmart accept electronics free of charge for recycling and often erase data content. Extending the life of electronics can reduce e-Waste and provide refurbished products, while creating jobs and market affordability. Firms such as Back Market and Gazelle provide resell and purchase platforms for consumer electronics.

Montgomery County Services and other resources:

The Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station provides daily electronics recycling drop-off, located at the Recycling Drop-Off Area, at 16101 Frederick Road, Derwood, MD. For additional information, call 311.

National Resources:

Recycling Locator: [Earth911](https://earth911.com/),
<https://earth911.com/>

Recycle Nation: <https://recyclenation.com/>

The Growing e-Waste Crisis:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ekOI0nl8V2U>

The Drawer Problem:

<https://theconversation.com/the-drawer-problem-why-so-many-of-us-cant-let-go-of-our-old-electronics-and-what-we-can-do-about-it-284710>

Water Conservation Request:

Montgomery County continues to experience drought conditions across the entire County, with 100% of residents affected. The public is requested to ***voluntarily conserve overall water use***. This includes limiting shower length, turning off faucets when brushing teeth and shaving, addressing toilet leaks, and installing WaterSense labeled showerheads and/or toilets. While there is no immediate threat to the public water supply, early conservation efforts are an important preventive measure.

JUNE COUNCIL MEETING *(meeting minutes will be uploaded to website)*

Treasurer's Report: Year-to-date (July 2025-May 2026) income totaled \$491,333, with operating expenses at \$407,817. Total current Village assets as of May 31 totaled \$3,119,254.

Investment Policy: The Council formally adopted an updated Investment Policy for the Village, which prioritizes safety and liquidity, to ensure ample funds are available to cover all cash flow needs, as well as investment in FDIC-insured accounts with competitive rates of return and the Maryland Local Government Investment Pool (MLGIP) overseen by the State's Treasurer.

ADU Ordinance: An Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) law was enacted last year by the State Legislature that requires local jurisdictions to "adopt a local law authorizing the development of accessory dwelling units" by October 1, 2026. The local law may not impose side and rear setbacks on an ADU that are greater than the side and rear setbacks applicable to other types of accessory buildings (i.e. detached garages and sheds). Also, on-site parking requirements for an ADU cannot be imposed unless supported by a traffic study. The Village's general counsel modified the Village's existing ADU ordinance (Section 3-206) to reflect these updates and coincide with the County's requirements, which are a ratio of 2 feet of additional setback for each foot of height in excess of twelve (12) feet for a flat roof or fifteen (15) feet for any other type of roof and a ratio of one foot of additional setback for each foot of any side that exceeds twenty-four (24) feet. The draft ordinance removes the parking requirement given the required study. The Council will finalize the draft ordinance at the July 21 meeting. Per the Village's Charter (Article 6.03), "the public shall be provided an opportunity to express its views concerning any proposed ordinance at a public hearing to be held at the Village Council meeting scheduled for a vote on any proposed ordinance prior to the actual vote thereon" (with a minimum of 14 days notice). Please note that the Village Council plans to vote on the proposed ordinance at the September 15 meeting. A draft of the ordinance will be sent to residents after the July 21 meeting.

Please note there is no August Council meeting nor newsletter. Happy Summer!