



VILLAGE OF NORTH CHEVY CHASE: MONTHLY NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2026

SEPTEMBER VILLAGE MEETING:

September 15, 2026 - 7:30 PM – Hybrid
(Zoom instructions will be sent to the Village's email list) *Permits *Traffic Calming *Intersection Safety Study/Sight Distance Analyses *Leaf Collection Contract *ADU ordinance adoption

CALENDAR (2026)

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)

VILLAGE-SPECIFIC NOTICES

Traffic Calming at 3600/3700 blocks Husted Drwy and 9000 block

Montgomery Ave Intersection: The Village Council approved at the July 21 meeting installation of three, LED motion-activated flashing stop signs at the intersection. Shannon-Baum plans to install the signs in September. The installation of new stop signs at this intersection is a follow on to the data presented to the

Village Council by The Traffic Group at the July 21 meeting which highlighted that only around 7% of vehicles eastbound and westbound along Husted Drwy came to a complete stop at that intersection (with approximately 75% slowing down and 18% not slowing down/stopping). Field studies indicate that installing flashing stop signs boosts complete driver compliance.

The Village Council will continue to discuss traffic calming measures for the northern end of Kensington Parkway at the September 15 meeting.

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**Connecticut Ave/Kensington
Pkwy/Jones Bridge Intersection Safety**

Study: The Council will receive a briefing from The Traffic Group at the Sept 15 meeting on the two sight distance analyses conducted near 3701 Jones Bridge Rd and 8801 Kensington Parkway.

Theft: A catalytic converter was stolen along the 9000 block of Montgomery Ave. in mid-August. Unfortunately, this type of theft from hybrid vehicles is becoming more common. The County Police provide a free “Etch and Catch” program which engraves a serial number on the catalytic converter and might deter thieves. To enroll, contact MCPD’s community services officer at 240-773-6727. Dealers and auto shops can also install anti-theft devices. Police recommend parking vehicles in a well-lit area.

Donation Nation: Donation Nation will collect bagged clothing curbside on Thursday, **September 24** and non-clothing/furniture on Friday, **September 25**, with no specific pick up times. Please label the bags/boxes and only put out items scheduled for pick up that day. Details on collections can be found on the [Village website](https://www.donationnationusa.org) under Services or at: <https://www.donationnationusa.org>.

Bulk Trash: Bulk trash pick up is scheduled for Saturday, **September 26**. Items must be curbside by 7 AM. Details on items for collection can be found on the [Village website](https://www.donationnationusa.org) under Services.

Leaf Collection: The Village is currently soliciting for a vendor to support fall leaf collection beginning o/a October 1 and continuing weekly through o/a December 31. Leaves

should be placed curbside and made

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 contract will include removal of 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.



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!

Composting: Please go to the Village website and click on the link for [Compost Crew](#) under the Services tab to sign up for this free service.

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

VILLAGE TREES



Village Tree Plantings: The Village will be planting trees this fall at the tree removal sites in the right-of-way from the spring. Locations where Village trees were removed in August will have a new tree planted next year, after the stump grindings settle. Residents near the removal sites will receive a list of tree options from which to select based on recommendations by the Village arborist for that particular site.

Canopy/Shade Tree Availability for

Private Property: In an effort to enhance the Village's tree canopy, particularly in light of recent necessary Village tree removals, the Village is offering an opportunity for residents to select a canopy/shade tree for their property, to be planted this fall. Interested residents will sign an agreement to assume maintenance of the tree, with Stadler Nurseries providing a one-year warranty. Please see Constant Contact notice for details and sign up by Sept 14.

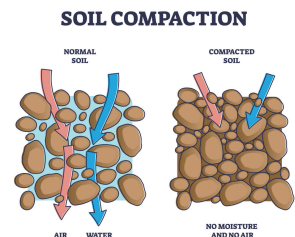
From the Village Arborist (Richard Jones):

This month, I'd like to talk about roots, soils, and compaction. We generally think of plants needing soil so that they have somewhere to grow and obtain water and nutrients. In the built environment, there are other items needed for plants to thrive.

Soil has a texture, which is a ratio of three different types of particle sizes: sand, silt, and clay. A 40-40-20 mix of all three is called "loam,"

and is generally the ideal soil for gardening and farming. In our area of Maryland, much of our soils are higher in clay content. This means that the soil generally retains water well, but also is prone to drainage issues. This can be worsened by compaction, which is the destruction of pore-space (voids) that occur naturally in the soil. Sometimes we must compact soil if we're building a structure, but we can also unintentionally compact soil by parking a car on the grass, dumping a load of gravel under a tree, or when many people walk in the same area, creating "goat-paths."

Why is pore-space important? Because it allows somewhere for water and oxygen to collect in the soil. While plants need carbon dioxide, they also need oxygen in their root space. If there's no oxygen, then anaerobic bacteria starts fermenting everything. Anaerobic soils turn grey and have a bad odor to them. Roots also struggle to grow into compacted soils, leading to circling or surface roots. Compaction will also damage existing plant roots by shearing of the microscopic feeder roots and preventing the tree from uptaking water.



It is possible to slowly correct compaction in soils by using an air-spade or vertical mulching, but these can take time and may be costly. It is far better to plan ahead of time to protect your tree roots.

When construction is planned on a property, reach out to an arborist to help determine tree protection areas.

GENERAL INTEREST

Creating a Cleaner Village (from NCC Environment Committee):

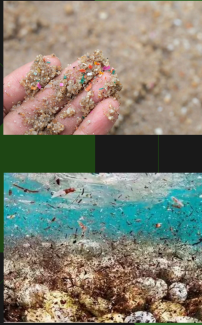
On 30 morning walks around the Village, one resident picked up 95 pieces of plastic trash, including a dozen water bottles, a milk jug, broken toys and much more.



Please help by picking up litter when you see it and recycling what you can, especially plastic bottles. Montgomery County's recycling guide lists what belongs in your bin

(<https://mcg.montgomerycountymd.gov/de/resources/files/store/recycling-basics.pdf>).

Let's tackle the problem before it becomes trash. More than 500 million tons of plastic are produced globally each year, much of it used once and thrown away. Less than 10 percent is recycled. Plastic persists in the environment, harming wildlife and breaking into tiny particles that enter our food, water, air and even our bodies. **Choose reusable bags, bottles, cups and containers when you can, and skip unnecessary single-use plastics. Small choices, multiplied across our community, add up.**

The image consists of two photographs. The top photo shows a person's hand holding a small, crumbly piece of plastic. The bottom photo shows a close-up of a sandy beach littered with numerous tiny, translucent plastic particles (microplastics) mixed with seaweed and sand.

The problem is

- Plastic is bad for the world.
- Plastic cannot fully break down.
- It just turns into tiny pieces called **microplastic**.
- It goes into our water and gets eaten by sea animals and it makes the sea animals sick.
- If we keep using plastic, it will someday turn the world into a landfill.

Courtesy of Uma Sripathi

Bethesda Help: Since 1968, Bethesda Help (<https://www.bethesdahelp.org/>) has provided food assistance to our neighbors in need in Bethesda, Chevy Chase, Kensington and surrounding areas. With social safety net services cut for 4,900 of our County neighbors, including their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, families are turning to food pantries for help. Please consider making a financial donation at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/Donate/MD/Bethesda/BackToSchoolVirtualFoodDrive> or buying essential pantry items through our Amazon Wish List: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2ANQPYJLG44E3?ref=wl_share. Please see Village website under [Community Resources](#) for more information.

Substance Use Prevention Education: The Village received a [free overdose first aid guide](#) from <https://www.addicted.org/> that covers what to do in the first minutes of an overdose. This has been uploaded to the Village website under [Community Resources](#) as well.

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

Treasurer's Report: Year-to-date (July 2025-June 2026) income totaled \$562,181, with operating expenses at \$456,779. Total current Village assets as of June 30 totaled \$3,169,000.