



VILLAGE OF NORTH CHEVY CHASE: MONTHLY NEWSLETTER MAY/JUNE 2025

JUNE VILLAGE MEETING

June 17, 2025, 7:30pm – Hybrid (zoom and in-person - instructions will be sent to the Village's email list).

This will give us plenty of space to spread out, have tables and chairs available for those who prefer, access to bathrooms, multiple children's bounce houses, music and a safe place for children to run around and play. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

CALENDAR (2025)

- June 6: National Gun Violence Awareness Day (wear orange)
- June 12: Curbside Donation, Clothing Donation Nation
- June 13: Curbside Donation, Furniture/Non-Clothing Items
- June 14: Bulk Trash Pick Up
- June 17: Village Council Meeting
7:30pm Hybrid
- July 4: Annual Block Party
- July 16: Village Council Meeting
7:30pm Hybrid
- (No Council meeting in August)
- Sept 19: Village Council Meeting
7:30pm Hybrid

VILLAGE-SPECIFIC NOTICES

Village Council Elections:

Brian Hoffner, and Jon Macy were reelected to two-year terms at the annual meeting on May 6, 2025. Please note in the box for the Village Council the respective positions each Council member has over the next year.

VNCC 4th of July Celebration – On the Move!!!

Our annual 4th of July Block Party, featuring Famous Dave's BBQ and LOTS of other delicious food will be held at the North Chevy Chase Church on Kensington Parkway in the back parking lot and Harlow Hall (available in the event of inclement or overly hot weather.)

VILLAGE COUNCIL

- Chair: Adrian Andreassi
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- Vice Chair: Maury Mechanick
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- Secretary: Brian Hoffner
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- Fire Board Representatives:
Dave Albinson, Guim Barbour, Abby Morris

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National Gun Violence Awareness Day:

The VNCC Council unanimously adopted a proclamation declaring the first Friday in June (**June 6, 2025**) as National Gun Violence Awareness Day within the Village of North Chevy Chase, to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence, to declare that we as a country must do more to reduce gun violence, and to encourage all citizens to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives. In recognition of this day, the Village will be hanging orange ribbons on its municipal signs.

Donation Prior to Bulk Trash Pick Up:

Donation Nation will be coming through the Village prior to the **Saturday, June 14th bulk trash pickup**, as noted on the calendar. Donation Nation accepts furniture and appliances, household items such as dishes and glassware (they ask that those items be boxed up and not mildewy or significantly stained) and office furniture and furnishings such as chairs, computers, copy machines, filing cabinets, desks and more. They also accept clothing but request that it be placed in a bag and labeled for Donation Nation. Pick up of bagged clothing curbside will be on **Thursday, June 12th** and non-clothing and furniture will be picked up on **Friday, June 13th**. Please only put out items scheduled for pick up that day. No specific timeframe is scheduled both days - the Village was informed that trucks will be in the area throughout the day. Additional information on the organization can be found at: <https://www.donationnationusa.org/>

Emergency Alert: Power Outage Information and Weather Updates

Follow statewide power outages at this link:

<https://mdem.maryland.gov/Pages/Power-Outages-Data.aspx>

Monitor weather watches and warnings at this link:

<https://www.weather.gov/alerts>

Monitor the weather by radar at this link:

<https://radar.weather.gov/>

If at all possible, stay off the roads during times of severe weather. If you must drive, the following links may be helpful in planning for safe driving routes:

<https://chart.maryland.gov/TrafficCameras/GetTraffCameras>

and

<https://chart.maryland.gov/InteractiveMap/GetInteractiveMap>

HIGHLIGHTS FROM APRIL 2025 COUNCIL MEETING

(Please note that the official minutes will be posted to Village website upon approval)

Permits

3705 Inverness Driveway – permit granted for major addition greater than 250 sq. feet.

3605 Kenilworth Driveway – late submitted permit for stone patio, backyard retaining wall, front walkway and curb-cut partially considered and granted with respect to stone patio and retaining wall, with front walkway and curb-cut deferred to next Council meeting (May 6, 2025).

FY 2026 Budget Approval & Ordinances –

The Council approved the proposed FY 2026 budget; provisionally approved the Budget Ordinance to be formally adopted at the May Council meeting; and provisionally approved the Resolution for Real and Personal Tax Rates, to be formally adopted following the vote by Village residents at the Annual Meeting on the proposed FY 2026 tax rates (\$0.045/\$100 of assessed value for real property and \$0.13/\$100 of assessed value for personal property).

The Council approved a 4th of July Budget not to exceed \$10,000. This expanded ceiling will allow the organizers to engage bounce houses and music as well as traditional food and accompaniments for the 4th of July Party. It was felt that the change in venue will make this a safer and logistically simplified event.

Kensington Parkway Street Lighting

–The final location walk through took place on March 27, 2025. Wooden stakes now mark the location for all the pole lamp fixtures that are to be installed and the locations for the Pepco meters on each side of Kensington Parkway were identified.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM MAY 2025 COUNCIL MEETING AND 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

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MAY COUNCIL MEETING

Secretary's Report for April 2025 Council Meeting (Mechanick) – Approved.

Treasurer's Report for April and May 2025

Presented by Olga Joos, Treasurer

Action Items:

Permit

A permit for a front walkway and curb cut was granted at 3605 Kenilworth Drwy.

Adoption of Village FY 2026 Budget

Ordinance – The Council adopted the FY 2026 Budget Ordinance as required under Maryland law, setting forth the previously approved Village operating and capital budgets.

Provisional Approval of Resolution for Real and Personal Tax Rate

– The Council provisionally approved the resolution setting forth the proposed FY 2026 Village tax rates for real and personal property, pending confirmation by vote of Village residents of the proposed tax rates at the Village's Annual Meeting. The proposed tax rates are \$0.045/\$100 assessed value for real property and \$0.13/\$100 assessed value for personal property subject to the tax.

National Gun Violence Awareness Day – The Council approved issuance of a proclamation recognizing National Gun Violence Awareness Day on Friday, June 6, 2025.

Safety Study to Address Kensington Pkwy/Jones Bridge Rd./Connecticut Ave

The Council voted to engage a safety engineering firm to perform a study regarding traffic and pedestrian safety concerns at this intersection. The study will address current safety concerns and make recommendations to improve the intersection.

2025 ANNUAL MEETING

Highlights:

Based on a vote of Village residents attending the meeting or voting by absentee ballot, the proposed Village real property and personal property tax rates for the upcoming year was approved (\$.045/\$100 of assessed value for real property and \$0.13/\$100 assessed valued for personal property), both tax rates remaining

unchanged from the past four years. Votes were 89 approved and 9 against.

Council Chair, Adrian Andreassi presented an Annual Report on Village services and activities. A complete presentation of the 2025 Annual Report will be posted to the Village website.

- Highlights from the State of the Village Report include:
- A successful audit conducted by outside auditors;
- Funding for Kensington Pkwy Street light project will proceed, to be partially funded by ARPA funds received by the Village
- The Council actively followed and participated in MoCo's consideration of potential zoning modifications ensuring that the Village would not be negatively impacted.
- Purchased and planted 27 native canopy trees on Village residential properties
- Village renewed its contract with Compost Crew to provide free composting services to all Village residents
- Future consideration of LED streetlight conversion and planned resurfacing of Kensington Pkwy in FY26 or FY27.

Montgomery County (MCPS) Study on New School Boundaries

– MCPS is currently conducting a boundary study to determine the attendance area for Charles W. Woodward High School, which is scheduled to open in the 2027-2028 school year. Woodward High School is on Old Georgetown Road, where Tilden Middle School was until a few years ago. There is at least a possibility that the Village of North Chevy Chase could become designated to attend this newly constructed high school or Walter Johnson High School in North Bethesda. There is also a possibility of the Village being reassigned to Sligo Park Middle School in Silver Spring.

MCPS has engaged a group of consultants to work on this boundary study and they have started holding community engagement meetings which will continue over the next few months. To learn more about the study and its implications, visit the [Boundary Study website](#).