

VILLAGE OF NORTH CHEVY CHASE: MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JULY 2025

JULY VILLAGE MEETING

July 15, 2025, 7:30pm – Hybrid (zoom and in-person at North Chevy Chase Christian Church) - instructions will be sent to the Village's email list).

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS (2025)

July 4: Annual Block Party
July 15: Village Council Meeting
7:30pm Hybrid
(No Council meeting in August)
Sept 16: Village Council Meeting
7:30pm Hybrid

This will give us plenty of space of spread out, have tables and chairs available for those who prefer, access to bathrooms, a bounce house, balloon and caricature artists, snow cones from Clayboys, live music and a safe place for children to run around and play. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Please Note There Will Be No Friday Trash Pickup on July 4; Next Pickup Will Be on Tuesday, July 8.

VILLAGE-SPECIFIC NOTICES

New Village Manager to Start in July

The Village Council is pleased to announce the hiring, or perhaps more appropriately, the re-hiring of Dana Peterson to serve as Village Manager, effective July 2025, with Dana having recently returned to the United States and to the Village of North Chevy Chase following a three-year sojourn with her family to Singapore. Dana had previously served as the Village Manager from 2018 through 2021.

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

Our 47th Annual Fourth 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

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Adrian Andreassi Recognized for Outstanding Community Service

Adrian Andreassi, Chair of the Village Council, was nominated for induction into the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Hall of Fame, recognizing dedicated municipal leaders who have devoted 20 years or more to municipal governance service. The induction took place on Tuesday, June 24, at the annual MML summer conference, held in Ocean City, MD.

Village Council Membership Changes

Maury Mechanick and Brian Hoffner have switched positions on the Village Council, with Maury Mechanick assuming the role of Vice Chair and Brian Hoffner assuming the role of Secretary.

Olga Joos, Village Council Member and Treasurer, announced with regret her resignation from the Village Council, to be effective as of September 1, 2025, as a result of a major commitment on her part required in connection with a significant grant-funded program that she will be heading. The Village Council expressed its appreciation for Dr. Joos' invaluable service as Council member and Treasurer over the past three years and wished her all the best in the new endeavors that she will be pursuing.

Highlights from June Council Meeting (Please note that the official minutes will be posted to Village website upon approval)

- **Safety Study** – The Council approved the proposal submitted by Brudis & Associates to conduct a safety study of conditions at the Connecticut Avenue/Jones Bridge Road/Kensington Parkway intersection. The study will be conducted during the September 2025 timeframe. The purpose of the study is to conduct an existing conditions evaluation of safety conditions at the intersection and to develop targeted solutions as appropriate.

- **Village-Wide Composting Program** – The Village will be extending for another year the contract it has with Compost Crew to provide composting services for all residents at no cost.
- **Village Kensington Parkway Street Lighting Status Update** -- It is now expected that installation of the lamp bases and the electrical conduits to provide power for the light fixtures should be installed in the August 2025 timeframe, with installation of the poles and light fixtures occurring in the October/November timeframe.

Village "Petiquette" Reminder

Please see below for helpful reminders for pet owners. Not every homeowner is a pet owner, so please be a responsible pet owner and be respectful of private property. Avoiding private property is the best way to be a courteous neighbor.

- **Keep your pet on a leash.**
- **Do not allow your pet to wander onto other resident's property.**
- **If your pet has to go, make sure it does so on common areas**, like the curb grass closest to the street. Do not venture into homeowner's yards.
- **Pet urine kills plants and flowers.** Please be mindful of the community landscaping and your neighbors landscaping.
- **Keep our common areas clean**, by picking up pet waste and disposing it in your trash can at your home or in Village trash receptacles. Do not dispose of it in someone else's trash or recyclable bin.
- **Please note:** that the Village fine for not properly disposing of pet waste is \$100 for the first offense and \$500 for subsequent offenses.

SUSTAINABLE LIVING TIPS

(Courtesy of Environment Committee)

Helping Your Trees Beat the Heat

Hotter summer temps are here. So how do trees manage that heat, and how can homeowners help their trees continue to thrive

How Does Heat Affect Trees?

Just like humans, trees operate most efficiently at certain temperatures. Too cold or too hot, no matter what climate or growing zone they are in, there are always thresholds where trees begin to decrease functionality. With the heat extremes we're seeing now — and duration of these extremes — it's important to look at the effects in the tree canopy. Too much heat for extended periods can cause excessive transpiration, leading to a loss in water within the plant. Ultimately, that can lead to death of the tree.

How Do You Know a Tree Is Experiencing Stress from Heat?

Heat stress in trees can look like a lot of things: drooping branches, browning leaf tips, small or unusually shaped leaves, or even dieback of branches (particularly high in the center of the tree crown). In heat stress situations, trees are losing water faster than they are absorbing it.

How Do Trees Protect Themselves from Too Much Heat?

Trees aren't complicated things. They handle heat stress in their environment just like humans do. We call it sweating, and trees call it transpiration. The process is almost identical, though. Simply replace skin and pores with leaves and openings called stomata. Trees move water throughout their branches and allow it to escape onto the outside of their leaves and are cooled by the evaporation process.

Trees in higher-temperature climates have adapted over time by growing smaller leaves with less surface area to transpire from.

What Can Homeowners Do to Protect Their Trees in Extreme Heat?

Water. Long, irregularly timed waterings around the base and drip line of a tree is regarded as the best method

GENERAL INTEREST

Zoning Changes (ZTA 25-02)

Affecting the Village of North Chevy Chase

The Planning, Housing and Parks (PHP) Committee of the Montgomery Council conducted a working session on June 24, at which it took a final vote to endorse a set of recommendations that will be forwarded to the full Council, largely favoring ZTA-25-02. ZTA-25-02 is the proposal that would allow for the construction of duplexes, triplexes, and small apartment buildings on designated lots bordering many transit roads throughout the County, including Connecticut Avenue.

The PHP Committee is comprised of three members — Andrew Friedson, Natali Fani-Gonzalez and Will Jawando. The vote to endorse the recommendations was two to one — with Council members Friedson and Fani-Gonzalez in favor and Council Member Jawando opposed.

Here is a summary of the issues of greatest significance to the Village and neighboring municipalities:

1. "Joinder," or "chaining," of lots will be subject of a separate proceeding that will consider a separate Subdivision Regulation Amendment (SRA) to be prepared by Council Member Friedson, but it now appears possible that joinder of up to 3 lots may be permitted, even though the original proposal would not have permitted joinder at all.
2. Corner lots will not be added as "eligible lots."
3. Municipal-specific issues:
 - a. Historic properties will not be excluded (there was discussion about how well protected these lots are under current historic preservation laws);
 - b. Shared driveways can be redeveloped with written consent of the adjoining owner; and
 - c. A proposal to exclude lots fronting on the access lane to I-495, as recommended by the Village of North Chevy Chase and other

neighboring municipalities was not discussed at all and remains unresolved.

It is unclear when the full Montgomery County Council will take up ZTA 25-02, but it will most likely be before their August recess.

The SRA to be proposed by Council Member Friedson will have to be separately introduced, will have its own public hearing, to be followed by a separate PHP work session, and then will be separately voted on by the Council.

The Village intends to continue monitoring the situation and to continue efforts to seek acceptance of the proposal to exclude lots fronting on the I-495 access lane by the full Council when it takes up ZTA-25-02 later this summer.

Further Update on the Timeline for the Montgomery County Public School (MCPS) Study on New School Boundaries – At the end of May MCPS released a set of initial options for the enrollment boundaries for the new Charles W. Woodward High School in Rockville.

MCPS is currently gathering feedback now on those options but more information about possible changes to existing school boundaries is unlikely to be available until September. During this period, the initial options may be refined with the refined version of the initial options to be disclosed in September, followed by opportunities for more community feedback, with final recommendations expected to be issued in December, with public hearings conducted by the School Board thereafter.

As previously reported, there is at least a possibility that students residing in the Village of North Chevy Chase could become designated to attend this newly constructed high school or Walter Johnson High School in North Bethesda, rather than Bethesda Chevy Chase High School. There is also a possibility of Village students being reassigned to Sligo Park Middle School in Silver Spring. As such, Village residents that are concerned about the impact of these proposals on the Village should carefully review them and communicate any

concerns to the Village Council and to other governmental authorities in Montgomery County. To learn more about the study and its implications, visit the Boundary Study Website.

Montgomery County Ban on Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers

Use of gas-powered leaf blowers will be illegal in Montgomery County starting Tuesday, July 1, 2025.

Village of North Cherry Chase

47th annual 4th of July

BLOCK PARTY

VNCC Potluck

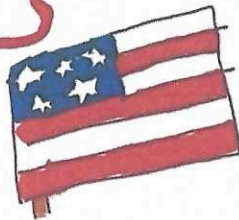
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Where?

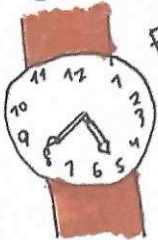
NCC church
parking lot

Rain Location-

NCC church
harlow hall



When?



Friday
July 4th

5-8pm

Donations Welcome!

What to bring?

side dish or salad -
it's a **potluck**
supper

Cakes provided by
village council

bbq provided by
famous daves

live music by the
LOOSE ENDS!

a local band
from silver
spring that
plays at the
babycat

FUN ACTIVITIES!

- bounce house!
- caricature artist
- balloon artist
- clayboys!
- possibly a cherry chase
fire truck drive-by

