

FYI

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
by Mayor Julia Mosley

Call 301-773-7891 to contact the Mayor. The Mayor's door at the Community Center is open to visitors on **Monday evenings** from 7:30 to 9:30 PM, except holidays or if otherwise posted.

TAXES AND RAISING THE TAX CAP

At the December Town meeting, the Council introduced a charter amendment that would raise the Town's tax cap for the upcoming year (FY09), which starts on July 1, 2008. Currently the Town's tax rate for property taxes is 48 cents (\$.48) per \$100 assessed value and the tax cap is 50 cents (\$.50). If adopted, the charter amendment would raise the property tax cap to 58 cents and also raise the Town's cap on tangible personal property tax (business tax) to \$1.20. It is the Council's practice to give any charter amendment or ordinance at least three months of public discussion before adoption starting with introduction followed by a second reading and finally adoption, all generally voted on at the Town's televised meetings. The final vote on the tax cap would not actually take place until the February Town meeting. Council debated whether to raise the cap to 55 cents or 58 cents and chose the higher level for introduction so that residents would know the highest level Council is considering. The actual cap rate adopted may well be 55 cents.

The tax cap is not the tax rate, rather the ceiling above which the Town's tax rate cannot exceed. Raising the tax cap is not the same as raising taxes. The Town can only raise the cap once a year and we felt that 2 cents was not enough of a cushion if the Town had an emergency and had to raise taxes more than that 2 cent margin. In upcoming meetings Council *will* be discussing whether to raise taxes or keep the current tax rate and whether keeping the current tax rate would necessitate cutting some Town services. The Council's Finance Committee, headed up by Council members Mike Callahan and Micah Watson, presented Council with a detailed report on Town's expenses, services and expenditures as well as projections about the actual revenue the Town can expect in the upcoming year. I would say that at this time, it is most of the Council's intention to raise the tax cap to



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 14

Offices Closed—No Trash Pickup

55 cents rather than the 58 cents introduced and *not* raise taxes for FY09. However as Council continues to look at our ever increasing expenses and assesses what we can expect in revenue, this may change in the upcoming months. Residents are encouraged to attend upcoming Town Meetings and Worksessions and participate in the discussions.

CHEVERLY INDUSTRIAL PARK INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS

The Town of Cheverly has recently worked with Mosaic (formerly Fontana Lithograph), the largest employer in the Town, to secure the issuance of \$10 million in Industrial Revenue Bonds (IRB). The proceeds of the IRB are to be spent for building expansion (\$3,350,000) and equipment purchase (\$6,650,000). Unlike a General Obligation Bond, the Town of Cheverly is not pledging its full faith and credit and, therefore, would not be held liable for the balance if there was a default on the IRB. The benefit to the Town is twofold since it promotes economic development and ensures the health of the Town's largest employer in the Cheverly Industrial Park. Also, the equipment purchase(s) will strengthen the Town's Tangible Personal Property tax base and ultimately the Town's Real Estate Property tax base. The benefit to Mosaic is the ability to borrow a portion of the \$10 million as tax exempt and at a favorable interest rate.

The IRB is an excellent way to aid in the expansion of this business, viability of the Industrial Park and ensure the long term expansion of the Town of Cheverly's overall tax base. The Council discussed this at the December televised meeting and previously at a number of worksessions and voted to approve the IRB at a special Town meeting on December 18th.



Message from the Chief

Buddy Robshaw (policechief@cheverly-md.gov)

IMPORTANT C-PACT MEETING –

NEW LOCATION: C-PACT, or Cheverly-Police And Citizens Together, our local Neighborhood Watch Organization, is holding an important meeting on **January 22, 2008, from 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM, at the Gladys Noon Spellman Elementary School** located at 3324 64th Avenue Cheverly, MD 20785. This meeting will be to discuss crime in 2007, with a particular interest towards those events that occurred along the Landover Road corridor. All residents, particularly those who live in Hanson Arms and Cheverly Terrace, are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be in the Auditorium. Please mark your calendars.

Crime Report for November 2007 (All Addresses Are in Hundred Blocks)

Total Arrests for the Month: 44
Total Traffic for the Month: 312

Total Crime (YTD): -8% Total Violent Crime (YTD): -29%

11-01-07	0520 hrs	3600 58 th Place	Theft from Auto
11-03-07	2330 hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Vandalism
11-04-07	0743 hrs	6400 Landover Rd	Vandalism
11-05-07	1940 hrs	2300 Cheverly Ave	Citizen Robbery
11-09-07	2330 Hrs	6000 Reid Street	Stolen Auto/94 Honda
11-10-07	1648 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Assault
11-10-07	1710 Hrs	2300 Parkway	Vandalism
11-12-07	0020 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Carjack/Robbery
11-13-07	0640 Hrs	3000 Parkway	Stolen Auto/97Honda
11-13-07	0700 Hrs	2800 63 rd Place	Vandalism
11-13-07	0700 Hrs	3100 Laurel Ave	Stolen Auto/01 Chry
11-13-07	1705 Hrs	6300 Landover Rd	B&E Residential
11-13-07	2002 Hrs	3400 Belleview Ave	Citizen Robbery
11-14-07	1715 Hrs	2800 63 rd Ave	B&E Residential
11-19-07	1535 Hrs	2400 Schuster Dr	Theft from Auto
11-20-07	1455 Hrs	6400 Landover Rd	Theft from Auto
11-20-07	1650 Hrs	2800 Woodway Pl	Theft
11-21-07	1341 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Robbery Commercial
11-21-07	1530 Hrs	6400 Landover Rd	Robbery Commercial
11-22-07	0210 Hrs	2600 Valley Way	Stolen Auto/97 Jeep
11-22-07	0240 Hrs	2600 Crest Ave	Stolen Auto/96 Ford
11-22-07	0930 Hrs	2400 Parkway	Theft from Auto
11-22-07	1000 Hrs	2600 Valley Way	Vandalism
11-24-07	1340 Hrs	2700 Crest Ave	Stolen Auto/07 Dodge
11-24-07	1905 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Vandalism
11-24-07	2005 Hrs	6300 Landover Rd	Stolen Auto/98 Plym
11-25-07	1835 Hrs	3100 Belleview Ave	B&E Residential
11-26-07	0010 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Vandalism
11-27-07	1705 Hrs	6300 Landover Rd	B&E Residential
11-27-07	2210 Hrs	6400 Landover Rd	B&E Residential
11-28-07	0357 Hrs	1800 61 st Ave	Theft
11-28-07	1130 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Stolen Auto/97 Toyt

11-29-07	1100 Hrs	6300 Landover Rd	Vandalism
11-29-07	1845 Hrs	6300 Landover Rd	B&E Residential
11-30-07	1330 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft

For a number of reasons, I cannot always provide this information regularly in the Newsletter format, but I would be willing to send a copy of this report via Email to any interested Cheverly resident. If you are interested, please provide the Department with your Email address by either calling (301) 341-1055 or by subscribing to the Department's Website. To subscribe, go to www.cheverly-md.gov, go to the Police Department's Web page, go to "Police Lookouts," go to "Receive Lookouts by Email," and then subscribe.

FREE HOME INSPECTIONS – Several members of the Department have received intensive training at various schools specifically designed to teach officers how to perform residential security and safety inspections. These inspections are free for any Cheverly resident and all you have to do is telephone for an appointment. Please call today at (301) 341-1055.

ROBBERY SYMPOSIUM – In the near future, the Department will be reaching out to persons who have previously been a victim of citizen robbery in the Town. The purpose of this meeting is to dissect the mechanics of citizen robberies to see what we can collectively learn about perception, investigation, and deterrence. This meeting will be very helpful in helping the Department develop future strategies for robbery prevention.

TRAFFIC FATALITIES – Landover Road, from US 50 to the B&W Parkway, has been selected for increased traffic enforcement and accident prevention by the State of Maryland because of a number of fatal accidents. Prince George's County is once again leading the state in fatal accidents with 103 through October 2007. The primary cause continues to be driver error and the failure to wear appropriate seat belts and other safety devices. Please exercise caution during this holiday season.

CHEVERLY COVERLETS — \$30.00
100% cotton, 2½ layers, measures approx. 48"x68". The design captures the history and spirit of Cheverly with the depiction of various sites throughout town.

CHEVERLY FLAGS — \$50.00 at Town Hall.

Cheverly Day is Saturday, May 17- Mark your Calendars!

CHEVERLY RECREATION COUNCIL

Come on down to our January 22nd meeting at 7PM in the conference room at the Community center. Our meetings are open to anyone, so feel free to attend one or all of them.

St. Ambrose Cheerleaders just completed a wonderful service project for Christmas. They created 30 shoe box size gift boxes full of tiny presents for area needy children. The items included toys, school supplies, personal hygiene items and candy. Some of the participants were Tyler Sesker (2nd grade), Cecelia Graham (1st grade), Brina Colbert (8th grade), Leila Cox (2nd grade) and Krista Davis (1st grade). These wonderful children really experienced the true meaning and joy of Christmas.

COME ENJOY A NIGHT OF FAMILY BINGO

Junior Girl Scout Troop 437 is sponsoring a night of Family Bingo to earn money for a trip to Williamsburg Va. Bingo will be on Sunday, Feb. 10 from 4-6:30 in Fannon Hall at St. Ambrose. Last year's bingo evening was a great success and the event is back by popular demand! Come enjoy an inexpensive supper of chili or chicken salad, share some laughs, and help the scouts all in one stop. No reservations necessary. For details call Peggy Callahan at 301-772-3197.



Ballroom Dancing

Instructor: Cheverly's own
Sam Burroughs

Session Date: January 13, 2007 - February 17, 2008

Location: Cheverly Community Center
Time: Sundays, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Registration: Bladensburg Community Center
(provide proof of residency) or at
<http://smartlink.pgparcs.com/smartlink/>

Cost: \$60.00 per PG & Montgomery County Resident
Contact: Sam Burroughs at (301) 322-2077

Next session starts February 24, 2008

ACTIONS TAKEN

Votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Town Meeting - December 13 Town Meeting

No actions taken

TENTATIVE AGENDAS

Town Meeting - January 10, 2008

- Holiday Decorating Contest Awards
- Second Reading Charter Amendment R-1-08 Raising Tax Cap

Worksession - January 31, 2008

- Discussion—Future of the Manger Display
- Tax Incentive Financing Update
- American Resource Management Proposal
- Lights on Rt. 50

Town Meeting - February 14, 2008

- Adoption CA-1-08 Amending Tax Cap
- Resolution R-1-08 Appointing Election Supervisors
- Discussion - Proposed Reduction in Department budgets/services

Meeting Agendas are updated on website:

www.cheverly-md.gov and on Cheverly cable channel 71

Town Meeting broadcast LIVE on Cable 71. Re-broadcast everyday at Noon, 3:00 PM, 6:00PM and 10PM.

CHEVERLY Weekday Nursery, a preschool located at the Cheverly Methodist Church has several openings for children 3-5 years old. There are whole day and half day openings available. For further information call 301-773-2297.



Thank you to all those residents who share so much of their time and energy to help make Cheverly a caring, active community and "Great Place to Call Home!" We wish you, and those you love Peace and Joy throughout 2008.

WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS

TOWN CODE - Sec. 27-10—Parking

A snow emergency shall exist whenever snow has accumulated on the streets to a depth of one (1) inch or more. The provisions of this subsection shall be effective without any notification and shall remain in effect until the street is plowed; provided, however, that when snow shall accumulate to a depth of one inch or more after 11:00PM, the provisions of this subsection shall not be effective until 7:00AM the day following and shall remain in effect until the street is plowed.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS: During a snow emergency no person shall park any vehicle as follows:

- On the cul-de-sac portion of any street,
- On any courts,
- On the even-numbered side of all streets,
- (exception) On the odd-numbered side of 59th Avenue, and one block of Inwood Street between Cheverly Avenue & Belleview Avenue.

NOTE: The snow emergency parking restrictions do not override existing no-parking zones or apply to streets where enforcement would disallow all parking because of a no-parking zone, or to streets with any barrier or strip dividing lanes of traffic.

PRIORITIES: The snow removal operations work under the following priorities: 1.) Cheverly Avenue 2.) principal connecting streets: Forest Road, Crest Avenue, Valleyway, Greenleaf Road, 62nd Avenue, State Street, Schuster Drive; 3.) all other streets.

TOWN CODE Sec. 18-4.1—SIDEWALKS Whenever snow accumulates to a depth of one inch or more, it is the duty of each occupant to clear the snow from the sidewalk adjacent to that property, within 12 hours after the snow ceases, (unless at night, in which case it shall be removed within 12 hours after sunrise). Snow and ice removed from sidewalks shall NOT be deposited on streets or other sidewalks.

When ice forms on sidewalks, occupant shall place sand, ashes or other such material on sidewalks within 6 hours, (unless at night, in which case it can be spread by noon of the next day). Icy spots on public property can be reported to Public Works at **301-773-2666**.

SAFETY REMINDER: We ask residents to remember that your neighbors who walk to Metro, or children walking to school, and the hard working Mail Carriers are exposed to dangerous conditions when sidewalks are not cleared in a timely manner. Failure to comply with Town Code could result in fines.

TRASH PICKUP ADJUSTMENTS DUE TO WINTER STORMS:

- * When weather makes it unsafe to operate the trash trucks on the street, collection may be temporarily suspended.
- * Back or side door pickups WILL NOT be made when heavy snow conditions prevail.
Please bring your trash to the curb.



CHRISTMAS TREES

Please put your Christmas Trees at the curb on Sunday night for YARD WASTE pickup on **MONDAY** mornings.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DUMPING

(paint, computers, oils, etc.) **Thursday, Friday & Sunday 7:30AM - 4:00PM** for County residents at the **Brown Station Road Landfill**, 11611 White House Road, Upper Marlboro. They take **Household Hazardous Waste (301-883-5045)**, and up to 5 tires per year. This is also an electronics recycle site (computers). No Commercial Vehicles.

Sunday is the only **free** day to take non-hazardous materials. (furniture, appliances, etc)

WARD 5 COUNCIL SEAT VACANCY

Residents of Ward 5 interested in serving as Councilmember should contact the Town Offices at 301-773-8360 for details.

CHEVERLY'S Motor Oil Recycling Facility

Located just outside the Public Works Department. This facility is NOT for the collection of used oil containers, trash, oil cans, turpentine, paint, and/or any other containers with or without hazardous materials. To dispose of hazardous materials please call the **Prince George's County landfill at 301-833-5045**. They have FREE Household Hazardous Waste Collections on Thursday, Friday and Sunday from 7:30am-4PM

Remember used motor oil or any other hazardous material are not to be poured in the storm drain. If you see anyone dumping, please get in touch with the Public Works Department at 301-773-2666 with a name, description of car or tag number. **BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION NOT THE PROBLEM.**

Where did this pollution come from?

By CM Michael Callahan

Don't you always wonder how all those plastic bottles, paper products, and oil streaks get into our streams? Certainly people don't purposely pollute streams like Cheverly's own Lower Beaverdam Creek.

These objects come from all over Cheverly and are transported to Lower Beaverdam Creek courtesy of the storm drain system. An empty bottle or McDonald's wrapper lying on the street or sidewalk will be washed into a storm drain near you and eventually flow to our creeks, to the Anacostia and eventually to the Chesapeake Bay.

Thanks to the efforts of Friends of Lower Beaverdam members Gabe Horchler, Ken Furnkranz, Micah Saviet, and Doug Alexander who built a homemade "Trash Trap", less trash will be making its way to the Chesapeake.

You can help keep our creeks clean by keeping Cheverly streets litter free. More importantly you can keep contaminants out of our waterways by preventing any automotive liquids, paints or garden pesticides from entering our storm drains. If you hire remodelers, remind them as well. Remember every storm drain is a gateway to the Chesapeake.

If you see or smell hazardous waste in our streams, call the Maryland Department of the Environment (toll-free, 24/7): 1-866-633-4686. You can also call 911, ask for fire, then ask for HAZMAT unit.

Details of Cheverly's ordinance on litter and dumping, including penalties, are at <http://www.municode.com/resources/gateway>. Enter "dumping" in the search box to find the relevant parts.

WHY SEWER MAINS BREAK by WSSC

- Grease blockages
- Root intrusion from trees into mains
- Overloading of water into sewer system caused by heavy rains or melting snow
- Broken or collapsed pipes

If you see water surfacing or see a sewer backing-up or overflowing, call WSSC's 24 hour Emergency Call Center at 301-206-4002.

Customers whose belongs, home, or place of business has been damaged by a water main break or sewer back-up may file a claim with WSSC by calling 301-206-7095, or electronically via the internet at www.wsscwater.com. All claims are fully investigated to determine whether WSSC is responsible for the damages.

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| ■ General Billing Questions - | 301-206-4001 |
| ■ Emergencies Call Center - | 301-206-4002 |
| ■ Claims - | 301-206-7095 |
| ■ Community Relations - | 301-206-8100 |
| ■ Intergovernmental Relations - | 301-206-8228 |

Report **Sonic Booms** to the Cheverly Town Offices 301-773-8360. Please provide date, time and location.

Need help with YARD WORK? To assist our elderly, and other residents who need help with yard work, Cheverly maintains this list of teenagers who are interested in being hired for mowing lawns, raking leaves, shoveling snow, etc.

Blake Gibson	301-34-15539
William Ruddy	301-773-4650
Obinna Ilochonwu	301-773-5465
Xavier Pinkney	248-478-4622
Andrew Priest	301-772-6028
Louciano Garcia	301-773-9672



Cheverly teenagers can call the town office at 773-8360 if they wish to add their names to this list.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE INTO THE PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARY BEFORE THE 20TH OF THE MONTH. WHEN THERE IS A HOLIDAY AT THE END OF THE MONTH, ARTICLES ARE DUE BY THE 15TH.

Meetings & Events

Tues	Jan 1	NEW YEARS DAY (bldg closed)
Thur	Jan 3	7:30 PM WORKSESSION
Thur	Jan 10	8:00 PM TOWN MEETING
Tues	Jan 15	8:00 PM Boys & Girls Club Board
Mon	Jan 21	ML KING B-DAY (bldg closed)
Thur	Jan 17	7-8:30 PM Swim Club
Tues	Jan 22	7-8:30 PM REC Council
Tues	Jan 22	7:30-9:30PM METRO Task Force
Thur	Jan 31	7:30 PM WORK SESSION

CPRC playgroup meets in the Gym on Mon, Wed & Fri (9:30-11:30am) when temperatures are under 65°. Cancelled when the building is closed or an event or work is scheduled.

Recreation Council sponsored MNCPPC classes held at the Community Center Gym:

- Boys & Girls Club B-Ball Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri 5-11PM
- Soccer Club Tues—5PM
- Boys & Girls Club B-Ball Sat. 8AM– 9PM
- Adult Soccer 4-6 PM Sunday
- Soccer Club –12-4 PM Sunday
- Karate - 7PM Monday
- Ballroom Dancing - Sun. 6:30PM-8:30PM

Call 301-445-4500 for info (or) www.pgparcs.com.

NOTE: When schools close due to incimate weather, the gym and Community Center are closed as well.

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

MON	Town Wide	YARD WASTE
MON	East side	Regular Garbage Pickup only
TUE	West side	Regular Garbage Pickup only
WED	Town wide	RECYCLING (blue or yellow bins)
THU	East side	Garbage & SPECIAL TRASH (at curb)
FRI	West side	Garbage & SPECIAL TRASH (at curb)



BAMBOO is picked up on Thur or Fri w/special trash Residents should not leave trash at the curb except after 7:00PM the day before your pickup.

HOLIDAYS? Public Works crews **DO NOT** work on holidays. Collections on holidays are **CANCELLED**.

CHEVERLY WEBSITE

www.cheverly-md.gov

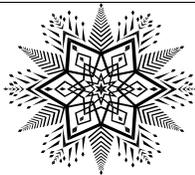
You can now easily contact the Mayor and Council through their town email accounts. There are also links at the Mayor and Council page of the website.

Email address:

- Mayor@cheverly-md.gov
- Councilmemberward1@cheverly-md.gov
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- Councilmemberward3@cheverly-md.gov
- Councilmemberward4@cheverly-md.gov
- Councilmemberward5@cheverly-md.gov
- Councilmemberward6@cheverly-md.gov

Cheverly Newsletter

January 2008



The Town of Cheverly does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or sexual orientation. If you are a person with a disability (vision, hearing, or speech impairment) and wish to participate in Town activities or programs, please contact the Town Office at 773-8360 (voice), or the Maryland Relay System at 1-800-735-2258.

Mayor:	Julia Mosley	301-773-7891
Ward 1:	Mike Callahan	301-772-3197
Ward 2:	Micah Watson	301-322-8482
Ward 3:	RJ Eldridge	301-773-7828
Ward 4:	Leon Schachter	301-772-6244
Ward 5:	Vacant	
Ward 6:	Vincent L. Ford	301-341-0810

Email contact links at the website

Town Offices: (Mon-Fri, 9AM-5PM)

Administration	301-773-8360
Police Admin & Code Enforcement	301-341-1055
Public Works (M-F: 7:30-4)	301-773-2666
Maryland Relay	711
FAX	301-773-0173
If you need a Police Officer call:	301-333-4000

WEB SITE: www.cheverly-md.gov

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