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December 2019 Newsletter



OREGON AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN TODAY - MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

On Wednesday, December 11, Commissioners Clayman and Speck attended the District Department of Transportation's meeting about the Oregon Avenue reconstruction project. Reconstruction of Oregon Avenue is expected to begin today. Over two years, DDOT will completely reconstruct Oregon Avenue between Military Road and Western Avenue, install sidewalks, replace streetlights, and update landscaping, among other improvements. The full presentation is available at http://bit.ly/2EiNHJL.

The project is divided into three phases:

- Phase 1: Oregon Avenue between Beech Street and Western Avenue – December 2019 – July 2020
- Phase 2: Oregon Avenue between Military Road and Rittenhouse Street – July 2020
 – December 2020



VIDEO NOW ON YOUTUBE FOR ANC 3/4G DECEMBER PUBLIC MEETING

The December 9th meeting of ANC3/4G is now available to view through ANC3/4G's <u>YouTube</u> <u>Channel</u>.

A summary of the meeting is below:

- A discussion and possible vote on a public space permit application at 5101 Connecticut Avenue NW was postponed until January.
- The Commission voted to approve applications by The Avenue and Capital Crab & Seafood for a Substantial Change to their liquor licenses to add sports wagering to their operations.
- Director Trueblood from the Office of Planning presented on proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan.
- Commission Fromboluti provided an update on the modernization of the Chevy Chase Community Center.

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During each phase of the project, one lane in the project area will be closed to traffic. At the start of the project and until approximately March 2020, Oregon Avenue northbound from Beech Street to Western Avenue will be closed due to construction. After that, the southbound lane of that section will be closed until approximately July 2020. The full schedule for lane closures can be found on page 7 of the full presentation at http://bit.ly/2EiNHJL.

As part of Phase 3 of the project, DDOT will completely reconstruct the bridge over Pinehurst Tributary. During this time, from approximately December 2020 – May 2021, both lanes of Oregon Avenue will be closed.

Drivers will be able to cross Oregon at Chestnut Street and Wise Road during the majority of the project. At some point, that crossing will close for some construction but it is expected to be a brief closure.

As part of the first phase of the project, drivers who are traveling north on Oregon Avenue from Military Road will be detoured to turn left on Beech Street when the northbound lane is closed. We expect that Beech Street will see some increased traffic as a result although presumably some drivers will find alternate routes. Similarly, we expect that other streets marked as detours for the project will experience increased traffic. Task Force.

The next ANC meeting will be on Monday, January 13, 2020.



NEW PLANS FOR SIDEKICK ALL DAY COMING TO OLD AMERICAN CITY DINER SPACE

At the November 25th ANC3/4G meeting Salis Holdings shared their current plans for 'Sidekick All Day' which will be similar to and an expansion on their Sidekick Bakery concept in Ballston, Virginia. The location on Connecticut Ave. will include menu offerings similar to those at Ballston but it will also serve food and drink, including beer, wine and assorted cocktails, throughout the day. The current proposal is to use less public space than did the American City Diner. The diner car will remain and plans call for 83 seats inside (including 11 bar stools) and 46 outside. Plans also include 30-50 book nook of some of the best-selling titles from Kramerbooks (another Salis location). As of now they plan to open daily at 8am with closing times depending on the day of the week. Their full ANC presentation is available on our YouTube channel.

DDOT will be working closely with MPD and its

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driving on the detour streets. DDOT has communicated that all residents on Oregon Avenue will have access to their driveways. All contractor employees and workers on the project are expected to park within the construction zone or at secure locations near the site. DDOT Director Jeff Marootian and Councilmember Brandon Todd have also stated publicly that Oregon Avenue between Military Road and Northampton will be resurfaced in places before the project commences.

You can also find out more information about the project at <u>www.oregonavenueproject.com</u>. DDOT has hired Tina Boyd and Associates to communicate with the community about this project. If you have questions or concerns, you can contact Jam Kendrick. She can be reached at <u>info@oregonavenueproject.com</u> or at 202-808-5400. The ANC will also host at least one public meeting on the project in 2020.

The information above will also be included in the ANC's December newsletter. Please subscribe to the newsletter at <u>http://bit.ly/38CW4h7</u>.



WHAT IS ANC 3/4G? ANC stands for Advisory Neighborhood



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SURVEY FOR CHEVY CHASE: YOUR OPINION MATTERS

Please participate in ANC 3/4G's survey on the DC Comprehensive Plan as it will impact our neighborhood. This topic was discussed at the October 28th ANC3/4G meeting as well as at two recent Task Force meetings. The Comprehensive Plan is DC's master plan for development, first created in 2006 and under amendment now. It addresses land use, economic development, housing, transportation, infrastructure, environmental protection, and more. Land use changes have been proposed that would affect many areas of DC including Chevy Chase. As such, the special ANC Task Force created to address this issue developed this brief 8 question survey, which takes less than 10 minutes to complete. This survey presents various considerations and scenarios for your input. We want to learn more about what residents of our community think and results will be used to draft Task Force recommendations. Your participation in this study is voluntary and your name is not requested. Responses will only be reported in the aggregate; all individual responses are strictly confidential. In addition to the Survey there is one more open to the public Task Force meeting coming up: December 16th at the Chevy Chase Community

- Congress created DC's ANCs in 1976.
- Non-partisan, voluntary, and no compensation.
- Commissioners represent approximately 2000 residents.
- Our views are entitled to "great weight" but we have no authority to order, require, or legislate.
- We can advise on virtually anything that affects the neighborhood - traffic, use of public space, zoning variances, liquor licenses, sidewalks, historic preservation, transportation projects, and testimony before the DC Council
- We are unified by a love for the community and a commitment to making it the best it can be for our neighbors!
- We meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays monthly at 7:00pm at the Chevy Chase Community Center.
- Read biographies of Commissioners <u>here</u>.



COMING SOON! MAMA LUCIA EXPRESS

Mama Lucia, which has 6 locations in Maryland, will be opening their first DC location with a Mama Lucia Express at 5504 Connecticut Ave. (the former home of Pumpernickels), the adjacent storefront to the Parthenon. It is scheduled to open some time after the 1st of the year and will be serving items such as pizza and sandwiches as well as bagels for breakfast. Hours of operation and other menu item information will soon be available.



CIRCLE WINE AND LIQUORS CLOSING AT END OF MONTH

Longtime neighbor (see 1959 calendar) in Chevy Chase DC, Circle Wine & Liquors (https://www.circlewinedc.com/), will be closing their 5501 Connecticut Ave. location at the end of December. Their 11 year lease was not renewed and instead the new tenant will be Chase Bank. Circle, which has been in existence as a small business enterprise under different owners, has -

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