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January 2020 Newsletter



OREGON AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT BEGINS

The Oregon Avenue Reconstruction project began in December. The contractor has mobilized to the site, demolished most of the existing pavement in the northbound lane from Beech Street to Western Avenue, and is currently working on the electrical conduit line for DC Plug. The District Department of Transportation has installed traffic controls that were approved in the construction drawings, including signage and an all-way stop sign at Beech Street and Oregon Avenue. DDOT met with the Metropolitan Police Department and MPD has agreed to increase their presence in the area to deter and cite speeding vehicles. The DDOT project team is also actively monitoring contractor traffic and parking. The project is currently proceeding according to schedule. Currently, the contractor is planning to engage in work on the weekends, although if this becomes disruptive, residents can contact DDOT or the ANC to request a change to those work hours. More information on the



VIDEO NOW ON YOUTUBE FOR ANC 3/4G JANUARY 13 PUBLIC MEETING

The January 13th meeting of ANC3/4G is now available to view through ANC3/4G's [YouTube Channel](#).

A summary of the meeting is below:

- The Commission elected new officers, approved its by-laws, and established a meeting schedule for 2020.
- The Commission voted to object to an application to the public space committee for a permit to build a 42 inch fence at 5101 Connecticut Avenue NW.
- The Commission discussed the actions of the Comprehensive Plan Task Force, its community survey, and its draft report.
- The Commission approved testimony to be delivered at Performance Oversight hearings for the Office of the Chief

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
- Phase 3: Oregon Avenue between Rittenhouse Street and Beech Street – December 2020 – September 2021

During each phase of the project, one lane in the project area will be closed to traffic. 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

- The Commission discussed the Oregon Avenue Reconstruction project and plans to communicate information about the project to the community.
- The Commission discussed the draft concept design for the Chevy Chase Community Center modernization.

The next ANC meeting will be on Monday, January 27, 2020.



DC WATER'S LEAD PIPE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

We are all aware of the hazards of lead in our drinking water. In fact, the World Health Organization has determined that “there is *no* level of exposure to lead that is known to be without harmful effects” (<http://bit.ly/2LCp6pQ>). We may not be aware, however, that many of the older homes in our ANC still have the original lead service pipes that connect with DC Water and provide our drinking water. You can determine the service line material at your house by going to dcwater.com/leadmap, or you can get your water checked for lead without charge by emailing lead@dcwater.com, or by calling DC Water’s hotline (202) 787-4044.

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marked as detours for the project will experience increased traffic.

DDOT will be working closely with MPD and its own traffic enforcement/speed camera division to ensure that drivers maintain safe speeds when 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 www.oregonavenueproject.com. 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 info@oregonavenueproject.com 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 <http://bit.ly/38CW4h7>.

replacement. Last year, the Council passed legislation that may provide free or discounted replacement of these lines. If DC Water is conducting a water main replacement or emergency repairs on your street, you may receive free lead service line replacement, and you will be contacted by DC Water in advance of the project. If you have lead pipes on your property, you may be eligible for a 50% or up to 100% discount on the replacement costs, depending on household size and income level. Information about DC Water's lead service line replacement programs can be found at dcwater.com/replacelead and at doee.dc.gov/service/leadlinereplacement.

If you do not qualify for discounted replacement costs, you may still enroll in the [Voluntary Lead Service Pipe Replacement Program](#), which provides a lower-cost replacement using DC Water contractors. Applications will be accepted on a first-come basis and are subject to funding availability. Average replacement costs are \$720, plus \$120 per foot of copper pipe installed.

If you believe you have sources of lead in your home, you should filter tap water for drinking and cooking until all sources of lead can be removed. This is especially important for pregnant or nursing women and children under age six. The filter should meet National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) Standard 53 for lead removal. Another precaution is to flush the cold water tap when water is not used for several hours before using it for drinking or cooking. Run the tap until you notice a temperature change, then run for an additional two minutes. Lead and other metals can dissolve in water when it sits in

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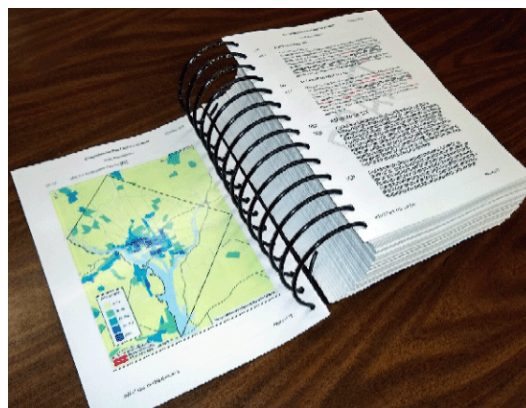
WHAT IS ANC 3/4G?

ANC stands for Advisory Neighborhood Commission. A few facts about our ANC and others in the District:

- 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 [here](#).

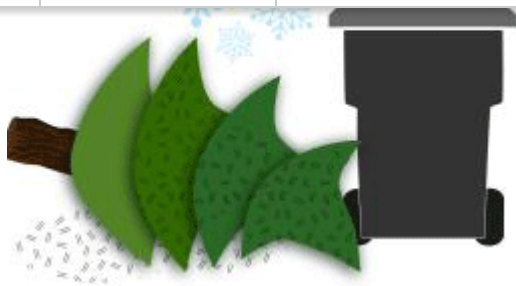
because sediment and lead particles can collect in the screen.

Please check the map or have DC Water test your water to make sure it is safe from lead. This program is the first, important step in eliminating lead service lines within the District and protecting our residents.



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SURVEY FOR CHEVY CHASE HAS CLOSED, FINAL REPORT FORTHCOMING

The most recent Comprehensive Task Force meeting ([December 16th](#)) was attended by 70 people. The next Task Force meeting will be held January 23 at 7pm at the Community Center at which time the draft report, recommendations and ANC survey results will be presented. DC has altered their schedule to receive public comments which now extends until January 10. In addition OP is accepting feedback from ANC's through February 14. This material was also discussed at ANC 3/4G's January 13 meeting. The survey, which was open for 19 days, resulted in **682** fully completed responses coming almost uniformly from ANC3/4G (total population about 15,000 people including about 20% children), resulting in an overall population response rate of

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HOLIDAY TREE AND GREENERY COLLECTION

[Holiday Trees and Greenery will be collected](#) through January 31. Residents in DPW-serviced households are asked to call 311 to make an appointment to schedule their tree and greenery collection for composting through January 10. A couple of key points:

- How should residents prepare holiday trees and greenery? When setting these items out for collection, residents should remove all ornaments and lights. **Do not** bag trees and greenery..
- Where should residents leave trees and greenery? DPW crews will collect these items from the front of residents' houses.
- What should residents do if they don't meet the deadline? After January 31, residents should place holiday trees and greenery with their trash. The items will be picked up with the trash as space in DPW trucks permits.
- How does DPW dispose of trees and greenery? DPW composts items collected through January 31. Trees and greenery collected after then will not be composted.

of Wards 3 & 4 (total population about 150,000 people including about 17% children) for a response rate of 0.38%. The 682 ANC responses came from a representative cross-section of ANC3/4G. The polling locations for the respondents were:

- Chevy Chase Community Center - 240
- Lafayette Elementary School - 233
- Murch Elementary School - 26
- St Johns College High School 86
- Wesley Methodist Church 79
- Other - 20

And the age breakout was:

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| • 35 and younger | 42 |
| • 36-45 | 174 |
| • 46-55 | 154 |
| • 56-64 | 112 |
| • 65-74 | 131 |
| • 75 and older | 69 |

Please attend an upcoming meeting.

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