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October 2019 Newsletter



ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATES!

A number of transportation projects are currently underway or will begin soon in our neighborhood. Here are updates on the major projects.

- **Beach Drive** has been open since September 30th! Reconstruction is complete.
- **Wise Road** is open after being resurfaced!
- **Bingham Drive** remains closed and will be re-paved. DC Water will provide information on this project at the ANC's October 28 meeting.
- **Oregon Avenue** from Military Road to Western Avenue will undergo a complete renovation over three years beginning this fall.

Want more information about road construction

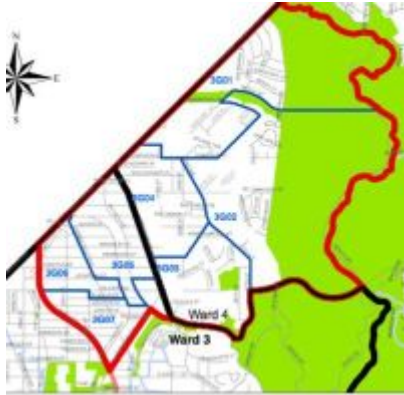


ANC 3/4G MEETING VIDEO OF SEPTEMBER 23RD AVAILABLE ON YOUTUBE

Videos of ANC 3/4G regular meetings are available to view on our [YouTube Channel](#).

Major meeting items on the September 23rd video include:

- The Commission voted 5-0 to approve a resolution supporting the Veteran Retirement Income Tax Exclusion Amendment Act of 2019, which would exempt the retirement income of veterans from District income tax.
- The Commission voted 5-0 to support a special exemption at 3917 Military Road NW to build an addition consistent with an existing one-foot side yard variance.
- The Commission voted 5-0 to approve testimony for the DC Council Committee on Facilities and Procurement's Public

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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](#).

September 25, 2019.

- The Commission heard updates from staff at the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs regarding vacant properties at 2900 Military Road, NW and 5301 and 5303 Connecticut Avenue, NW and the steps DCRA was taking to abate the identified violations those properties.



NORTHWEST CURRENT PUBLISHER RECOGNIZED

At the September 23, 2019 ANC3/4G meeting Jessica Wertheim, on behalf of Mayor Bowser, presented a letter and certificate of recognition to Davis Kennedy, [long-time editor and publisher](#) of the Northwest Current, in recognition of his service to the community in that role. Mr. Kennedy began in his role with the Current in December of 1994 [when he purchased the paper](#). The honor recognized Mr. Kennedy for the coverage of local news and information provided in the Current.

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CHEVY CHASE DC SIPS 'n SNACKS COMING SOON, OCTOBER 19

The inaugural Chevy Chase **Sips 'n Snacks** event will soon be upon us. There are 6 restaurants (with bars) that are taking part in what promises to be a unique event. This easy to walk 2 block stretch of the 6 participating establishments on Connecticut Avenue between Livingston and McKinley Streets include: [Blue 44](#), [Capital Crab](#), [Little Beast](#), [Macon](#), [Parthenon](#), and [The Avenue](#). Together they will be co-hosting this special Chevy Chase **Sips 'n Snacks** event which will take place on Saturday October 19 from 2:30-5:00pm. Event passes will be available for **purchase for \$30** beginning this coming weekend (October 5) at each of the aforementioned places. These passes will entitle the pass holder to one drink (e.g. wine, beer) at each of the restaurants as well as some complimentary special snacks to enhance your visit. And yes, children are more than welcome to accompany adults and have a free soft drink. So, once you have spent the late morning and early afternoon at the Lafayette Fall Festival come on over to Connecticut Avenue for some Sips 'n Snacks. On October 19, visit old friends and make some new friends among Chevy Chase's business community.



HOW TO INFLUENCE THE DISTRICT'S BUDGET

The District's Fiscal Year 2020 budget year began on October 1, 2019, but the process is already underway to set the budget for FY 2021. We're all affected by what the Mayor and the Council decide to fund through the budget — e.g., how much money will be available to repair roads, alleys, and sidewalks, what funding will go to school improvements, and whether the District will pay its share for DC Water's massive Clean Rivers program. Most citizens, however, don't know how those budget decisions are made or how they can help shape budget priorities.

The Mayor began developing the FY 2021 budget over the past summer, when each of the more than 100 District agencies reported the expenses that will be necessary to continue the current level of services. Beginning in October, the Mayor's office and the Office of Budget and Planning give agencies their citywide strategic plan and specific budget guidance for developing funding levels for both operating and capital expenses. Meanwhile, the Office of the Chief Financial Officer projects expected revenues. The agencies submit their budget proposals in December, and, after a review to identify possible efficiencies and to match expenses with

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ANC3/4G REVIVES FACEBOOK ACCOUNT

Based on the recent survey ANC3/4G conducted which examined how our community uses social media we are reviving our long dormant [Facebook account](#). In our survey 22.5% of respondents indicated they would like to get information via Facebook which was more than double any other social media platform. This made it clear that at this time Facebook is the preferred social media choice within our ANC. This does not mean we are abandoning other means of communication but for our over 430 current Facebook followers we will be keeping our account current and updated with both ANC and neighborhood news. We hope you will come to count on our Facebook account for useful information. So, if you don't already [follow us](#) please do and look for us to be active with our posts.

proposed budget to the Council at the end of January.

Using the Mayor's proposal as the baseline, the Council holds public hearings in March to review each agency's budget. The Council often makes changes to reorder priorities, and prepares a revised budget that it usually passes in early June. Assuming that the Mayor agrees to the Council's changes, she approves it and sends it to the President for submission to Congress, which must ultimately act on it.

Much of this process takes place out of the public's eye, but there are ways that residents — both individually and through the ANC — can influence what's included in the final budget. First, we can begin now to ask agency directors and the Mayor to consider proposing funding for important community projects. ANC 3/4G followed this route in seeking funding to modernize the Chevy Chase Community Center, and the Mayor included our proposal in her FY 2019 budget. Second, we can testify at the Council's budget hearings to advocate new, expanded, or reduced agency funding. The ANC testified at six FY 2020 budget hearings and successfully persuaded the Council to fund programs that will support our community.

The District's budget may appear opaque, but there are ways that citizens can influence how our tax dollars get spent. Let your ANC commissioner know if there are particular funding needs, and we will work together to have them considered in the budget.



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