



## CCCA September 2023 Newsletter

**Update: Chevy Chase DC Day will be held on September 23 rain or shine.**

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### **GLAD TO BE HERE!**

My family moved to DC from New York in August 2019. I was immediately enamored with this city. I spent hours roaming Rock Creek Park, amazed that a 1,275-acre national park, with 32 miles of hiking trails was in the middle of DC! We visited the zoo, museums, embassies, and memorials all for – *free??* In New York a visit to the Met would cost my family of four \$94!

We settled in Chevy Chase. I loved its small-town feel, beautiful architecture, and convenience. This was during the height of COVID, so we did not meet our neighbors in person, but our front door was flooded with introductory notes and goodies. Despite the mandated restrictions, we were made to feel very welcome, and DC became home.

As the new President of the Chevy Chase Community Association, I hope to make all our residents and businesses feel welcome and part of this vibrant and diverse community. The CCCA was created in 1909 to foster a sense of community and improve quality of life. I hope to continue this mission by increasing awareness of the many assets of this neighborhood – our good schools, low crime rate, strong real estate market, expansive retail and restaurant establishments, and community services. We will continue to sponsor community events, such as Chevy Chase DC DAY on September 23. We also plan to inform residents of plans that will affect our community – proposed bike lanes, the Commons development, etc. by providing updates and links to resources to learn more and get involved. Ours is a community of many voices, and to be strong, we must respect them all.

I hope that you love being a part of Chevy Chase and that you will continue to support us! We are strictly a volunteer organization. Household membership is only \$20 and funds our newsletter, events, grant seeking for improvements to Connecticut Avenue and local parks and recreation. Click [here](#) to update your membership in CCCA and become a member of the community!

We welcome all who wish to participate.

- We have opportunities for students in need of community service hours.
- We seek contributors to our newsletter.
- We support and promote local events and businesses – so let us know what you do!

If you are interested in becoming more involved – we will find a spot for you!

Best,

Kristine Desmarais

President, Chevy Chase Community Association