Volume 54 No. 7 Town Offices and Community Center

6401 Forest Road, Cheverly, MD 20785-3197

July 2008 301-773-8360

FVI

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.



EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN CHEVERLY!!!! ATTEND AN OPEN HOUSE FOR CHEVERLY SCHOOLS!!!

WHEN: WEDNESDAY JULY 2nd 2008 - 7:30-9:30 PM WHERE: CHEVERLY COMMUNITY CENTER

WHO SHOULD COME: ALL CHEVERLY PARENTS INTERESTED IN THEIR OPTIONS FOR SCHOOLS IN CHEVERLY AND ALL RESIDENTS INTERESTED IN OUR TOWN

The Cheverly Town Council and I are sponsoring an Open House for all Cheverly residents to introduce Principals, Directors and staff members for The Judith P. Hoyer Early Learning Center, Gladys Noon Spellman Elementary School, The Cheverly United Methodist Church Weekday Nursery and Saint Ambrose Catholic K-8 School. These wonderful professionals will introduce themselves to residents and parents and explain their programs and vision for our schools. Parents should come and meet these educators, bring their questions and learn how or even register for the upcoming school year.

There really are exciting things happening in the schools in Town and Cheverly parents have some excellent options for their children. There is a new and expanded Montessori program at the Judith P. Hoyer Early Center under the expert and dedicated direction of Principal Dr. Lynnette Whitt. Gladys Noon Spellman Elementary School has a new and dynamic Principal, Susan Holiday and she brings an entirely new vision and direction for that school including an expanded TAG (Talented and Gifted) program. Saint Ambrose K-8th Catholic School also has a new principal, Dian Carter, and new things are happening at this terrific Cheverly school. And finally, The Cheverly Weekday Nursery, a five-day-a week program at the Cheverly United Methodist Church has new hours and expanded options for parents. Director Nancy McGuirk continues the school's long history as an important part of the fabric of Cheverly.

As a way of introduction, I have included letters from Dr. Whitt, Principal Holiday and Director McGuirk. Unfortunately, we were unable to contact Principal Dian Carter who has only recently been selected to lead Saint Ambrose in time to get her article and I will include her letter in my August FYI. My apologies for the delay. All four schools will be at the Open House.

So please attend, ask, learn and meet other Cheverly parents and join the PTAs and CAPS (Cheverly Advocates for Public Schools). There really are exiting things happening in Cheverly!

GLADYS NOON SPELLMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

It is my pleasure to introduce myself, Susan Holiday, as the new Principal of Gladys Noon Spellman (GNS) Elementary located right here in Cheverly, Maryland. I have been with Prince George's County Public Schools for 15 years and a proud PGCPS graduate.

I come from a wealth of instructional and administrative experience which includes classroom teacher, Assistant Principal, Regional Instructional Specialist, and Principal. I am very proud to be the next Principal of such an outstanding school.

With the principalship, come many expectations and responsibilities. First and foremost is our responsibility to the children of GNS. I realize as a public school parent myself that when I send my children off to school each day, I have expectations of the school and responsibilities as a parent. The staff and I at GNS hope to live up to both the parents and communities expectations. With that in mind, it is our hope and expectation that both the parents and the community will be active participants in the school.

In the fall of 2007, Gladys Noon Spellman Elementary School began full implementation of a school reform model entitled America's Choice. This School Design is a comprehensive, coherent, standards-based school reform model. There are five design tasks that provide the framework: Standards and Assessments, Aligned Instructional Systems, High Performance Leadership, Professional Learning Communities, and Parent/Guardian and Community Involvement. As you can clearly see, parent and community involvement play a key role in its implementation and success. Our goal for the future is for Gladys Noon Spellman Elementary School to be a model for the implementation of America's Choice.

The America's Choice model focuses on high standards. The rationale is that if we want students to achieve at higher levels, we must make expectations clear. We do this by directly teaching to the standard, posting the standard, and providing positive commentary on student work that is "on" or "working toward" the standards.

Additionally, there is a focus on literacy. All students will be challenged with reading one million words over the course of the school year. The 25 Book Campaign is a way to have students read more and to create a culture of literacy in the school. Student Contracts will be sent home during the first few weeks of school. There is also a Principal's Book of the Month. This book is selected and introduced by the principal and contains a message from which students will benefit.

A supplementary instructional goal for the 2008-2009 school year would be the establishment of Talented and Gifted Cluster classes in the intermediate grades.

Communication will be a goal for the administrators and the teachers throughout the upcoming school year. We will be surveying parents at the start of school as to how best to communicate with them. Email will be an available option. Communication will be both academic and social and available in Spanish. A communication folder will be utilized by all students to help facilitate this process.

In regards to the school facility, the school system will work diligently throughout the summer to thoroughly clean the building so that it is a place that both our students and staff will be proud to attend and work. I will be calling on the community to assist with the exterior! A community beautification day will occur prior to the opening of school in August.

In conclusion, I am grateful to have this opportunity to provide leadership at such a wonderful school which is on its' way to greater things. Please know that we welcome both parent and community involvement and our doors are always open. It will be a busy summer for me, but I look forward to individuals stopping by and visiting.

Susan Holiday Principal Gladys Noon Spellman Elementary School

JUDITH P HOYER EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

What a difference a day makes! At least that is what the students, staff and families of Judith P. Hoyer Early Childhood Center are feeling. The school, since it's inception at its former site in Glendale under the direction of Judy Hoyer herself, has been home to a host of promising programs and practices in the area of early childhood, many of which continue in full implementation today in Prince George's County Public Schools. Programs such as Pre-K, full-day Kindergarten, Head Start, Even Start, Montessori techniques, Pre-K Autism program, and more recently, Pre-K Inclusion classes have been "field tested" or sprung their roots in this small and unique school.

Today's Montessori class and Pre-K classes will take on a new look. The Pre-K program will continue with the two classes presently in place with an added Professional Development component presently under development. The first phase will include a Model Pre-K classroom that will introduce teachers new to Pre-K to the essential components of the Pre-K classroom. It is anticipated that the professional development program will utilize mentoring models, access to observation of master teachers and a variety of multi-media resources.

Much of Marie Montessori's ideas have become part of present day early childhood programs, e.g. the idea that children learn through play; the use of developmentally appropriate learning material; child friendly environments with child sized furnishings. Today's Montessori schools continue these practices as well as the ideas that children take a natural pleasure in learning to master their own environment, that the school/classroom environment supports the child to develop at his or her own fullest potential, and offers the child experiences that allows the student to develop competence and confidence as a learner.

The Enrichment and Specialty Programs (ESP) Office will launch its Montessori Contextual Learning Environment (CLE), presently at Robert Goddard Montessori School in Seabrook and John Hanson Montessori School in Oxon Hill, to a third site at the Judith P. Hoyer ECC in Cheverly. At Hoyer, the student population will begin with three-year olds and extend to sixth grade. The children are grouped in multi-age/grade classes. The Primary classes will consist of children 3-6 years old (Pre-K and Kindergarten), the Lower Elementary classes will include 6-9 year olds (grades 1-3). The Primary and Lower Elementary classes will open the 2008-2009 school year. The Upper Elementary classes will include 9-12 year olds (grades 4-6), and will be phased in the following 2009-2010 school year.

As one of the three Montessori Contextual Learning Environments, entry into the program will be through the CLE lottery, and the Cheverly campus will have its own set of boundaries drawn. (The description of the CLE lottery can be viewed on the Prince George's County web at www1.pgcps.org. Click on the Parent tab, then on the Enrichment and Specialty Programs Office.)

The Montessori program at Hoyer will grow to reach its full capacity in as short as two to three years. This first school year, the student body will be comprised of students currently enrolled and rising to Kindergarten and first grade, four year old children from the Cheverly community who have applied and been accepted, and families on the Goddard waiting list. It is anticipated that openings will remain in the first, second or third grades. Applications to the Montessori program for any remaining openings will be accepted for consideration of students with prior documented Montessori experience.

Over the summer we will transform our school in a number of ways. In addition to filling the classrooms with its new furnishings and materials, we are recruiting highly qualified teachers for the Primary and Lower Elementary classes. In PGCPS, Montessori teachers must hold state and Montessori credentials. Also, as principal, I will further my professional development in the area of Montessori philosophy, curriculum and administration by participating in a training program Montessori School Management at the Center for Montessori Teacher Education in New Rochelle, New York this summer. This is a comprehensive program designed to assist school leaders in managing successful and exemplary Montessori schools.

The school community at the J. P. Hoyer ECC has traditionally been a strong and vibrant force in the success of its programs. We look forward to continuing and deepening this bond as we move forward into these new and exciting developments at the Judith P. Hoyer ECC.

Dr. Lynnette Whitt Principal Judith P. Hoyer ECC

CHEVERLY UNITED METHODIST WEEDAY NURSERY 5-DAY-A-WEEK

For almost 40 years, Cheverly Weekday Nursery has been a part of the Cheverly community. We are a local resource run by local residents for the benefit of Cheverly's parents and children. Today, Weekday Nursery continues to offer the fantastic environment, instruction and care that have always been its hallmarks.

We are a five day-a-week preschool program, offering developmentally appropriate activities for children ages 3 to 5 years. Our mission is to provide the child with the freedom to grow and learn in an environment balanced with enough guidance and structure for each child to feel secure. Children are introduced to a positive environment where they learn at their own pace through our play-centered developmental curriculum.

The school environment is designed with this mission in mind. At WDN children enjoy multiple free-play areas including water and sand tables; dramatic play with the costume corner; manipulative games and toys; exploration at the science table; and building with blocks and other construction toys.

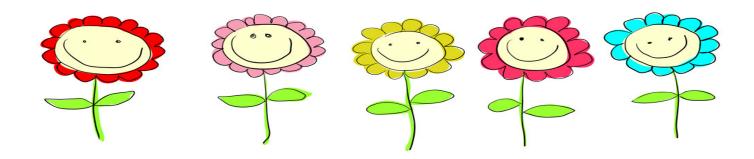
Creativity is encouraged with daily trips to the art room, both structured and self guided. Each day children meet for story and music time. A classroom calendar in accordance with the monthly theme is also discussed. For older children ready to move on to kindergarten, one-on-one instruction is given to assure they develop fundamentals needed for the following year.

WDN's curriculum develops independent thinking, encourages self-sufficiency, instills a love of learning, improves social and emotional skills and helps achieve math and reading readiness for kindergarten.

WDN's teachers are one of our greatest assets. Our director, Nancy McGuirk, has a degree in education and over 25 years of experience at Weekday Nursery. A devoted educator, she gives countless hours to the school and the students. Linda Carr, the assistant teacher has a degree in early childhood education and more than 17 years teaching experience to help guide and shape young minds. Both teachers are Cheverly residents whose children also attended the school.

We offer several enrollment options, including half day, full day and three-quarter day sessions. After care is also available. Cheverly Weekday Nursery is located at 2801 Cheverly Avenue, in the Cheverly United Methodist Church.

For more information check out our website <u>www.cheverlynurseryschools.com</u> or call 301-773-2297.



Concrete Plant Update

As discussed in previous Newsletters, Cheverly has taken an official stance "opposing" Special Exemption 4502. This exemption allows a Concrete Batching Plant to be built in the Industrial Park along Sheriff Road. The developer has claimed that the facility would be a "state of the art", fully enclosed building that would not contribute to any airborne pollution. Nonetheless, this is of great concern to our residents in Ward 4 whose property is nearby the Industrial Park. Additionally, residents using Boyd Park for T-Ball, Basketball and Tennis have also raised concerns. The Town therefore joined the Cedar Heights Civic Association and Progressive Cheverly in opposing this zoning action. State Delegates Victor Ramirez, Jolene Ivey and Joanne Benson have also joined in opposition. The Cedar Heights Civic Association obtained the aid of the University Maryland Law School, Department of Environmental Law to assist us in this action. The Town wishes to express its "Thanks" for their assistance.

Cheverly participated in oral arguments in a public hearing on June 16^{th.} After the hearing and after receiving a statement from the County Health official the County Council decided to re-remand the matter until a more complete Health Study could be conducted. This action will most likely delay a final decision by more than 3 months.

The Town will continue to work with its partners to monitor this issue.

BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

Just before this newsletter went to press, the Town Council unanimously passed the FY09 Budget and Capitol Improvement Program with neither the Property Tax nor Tangible Personal Property Tax rates being raised from current levels. The reserve fund for the Town is budgeted to be approximately \$550,000 with additional funds set aside for the anticipated FY10 budget-year purchase of the new Police/Emergency radio system required by the County. Full details will be in the August newsletter.

GREAT JOB PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

We had several official visitors to Town the week of the big storm and they asked why we didn't have any trees down in Town. The answer was that we did but our Public Works Department had picked them all up! The morning after the storm, I heard our chain saws and grinders going full tilt and by 11 AM, the Town streets and sidewalks were virtually clear. Great job to Director of Public Works Juan Torres and his staff.

EXPLOSIONS UPDATE

Councilmember Micah Watson and I have continued to meet with Senator David Harrington concerning the explosions that have been plaguing Cheverly for years. As many residents may have noticed, there have been very few of these explosions since these meetings have resulted in additional public and governmental scrutiny. This has been no surprise as this has been the pattern for many years. The explosions increase in frequency and intensity---we have meetings---the explosions decrease or nearly stop only to return at a later time. This time we will not stop just because the explosions go into "remission". PLEASE CONTINUE TO CALL THE TOWN TO RE-PORT THE TIME AND DATE OF ANY EXPLOSIONS, INFREQUENT AS THEY HAVE BEEN. The Town staff continues to keep a log and reports it to the authorities. Officials from The Maryland Department of Environmental Services, Attorney General Gansler's office, and Delegate Ramirez have also been involved in these meetings. Recently we met at the University of Maryland with Dr. Alison Flatau, Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Engineering Department. She made recommendations and assisted us in planning how we will finally identify the source of the explosions. Senator Harrington has stated that within the month, we should have monitoring devices in place that should assist us in identifying the source of the explosions and/ or confirming our suspicions as to the origin of the nuisance.

BROWN STATION LANDFILL

NEW DAYS & HOURS OF OPERATON FOR FREE RESIDENTAL DISPOSAL

Brown Station Rd Landfiill -

11611 White House Rd, Upper Marlboro

Mon—Sat. 7:30 am to 3:30 pm Sunday—Closed

Household Hazardous Waste & Electronic Recycling

Thursday, Friday & Saturday 7:30 am—3:30 pm Sunday—Closed



Message from the Chief

Buddy Robshaw (policechief@cheverly-md.gov)

Task Force Statistics – If you are not aware by now, the Department has created a task force of officers to specifically ad-

dress problems in and around the Landover Road corridor for the immediate future. Departmental personnel, supplemented by officers from various specialty units of the Prince George's County Police, are changing hours of operation weekly to address problems and the reaction to the dictates of this enforcement. Statistics for the period of May 28 through June 6, 2008, show a total of 27 adult arrests, 3 juvenile arrests, 4 warrant arrests, and the issuance of over 60 traffic-related citations and/or DUI arrests. In addition to these numbers, task force officers have made on-scene arrests for several robberies, burglaries, assaults, and drug violations. More details to follow.

C-PACT Meeting: The next C-PACT meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2008, at 7:00 PM at the Police Station. We will also be updating residents on the crime picture in Town, talking about some special enforcement projects, and discussing National Night Out or an appropriate substitute.

C-PACT Website: I encourage every reader to visit the C-PACT website located at http://cpact.squarespace.com. Police Department personnel visit this site everyday and the latest information is always available. In addition, I address the "Ask The Chief" Forum whenever there is a question posed and it is a good way to seek answers to questions at any hour.

Recognized Personnel – At a recent awards banquet sponsored by the Police Chief's Association of Prince George's County, the following Cheverly Police Department personnel were recognized for their outstanding contribution to local law enforcement. Janet Isaacson was recognized as the Cheverly Police Department "Civilian of the Year"; Detective Ed Gizinski was recognized as the Cheverly Police Department "Investigator of the Year"; and, Police Officer Jason Lamb was recognized as the Cheverly Police Department "Police Officer of the Year." Congratulations to all recipients. Specific details of the awards can be found at http://cpact.squarespace.com.

Road Closure – The Maryland State Highway Administration has notified the Department that the ramp from eastbound US 50 onto northbound Landover Road will be closed from June 6 to on or about July 4, 2008, depending on weather. This is an emergency closure to address a number of erosion problems that have been exacerbated by recent heavy rains.

July 4th and Related Celebrations – Just a reminder to Town residents, Maryland law prohibits the possession, use, or display of fireworks without a permit and the presence of fire department personnel. Anyone observed in violation of this law will be charged appropriately. This law applies throughout the Town, including properties maintained by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, i.e., Euclid Street Park.

Fingerprinting: The Cheverly Police Department offers fingerprinting services Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The cost for Town residents is \$10.00, and all others \$20.00. It is always a good idea to call first to make sure someone is available to fingerprint. The office telephone number is (301) 341-1055. In addition, you must bring your own fingerprint cards since nearly every agency or entity that requires fingerprints wants them on their own cards. Bring your picture identification or driver's license as well.

Crime Report for May 2008 (All Addresses Are in Hundred Blocks)

Because of some computer problems, the May 2008 Crime Report will given with the June 2008 Crime Report next month. Thank for your patience.

Vehicle Donations: You can donate your used vehicle to the Town of Cheverly and receive the same tax ramifications as any other charity. Recent vehicle donations enabled the police department to purchase new duty weapons, Tasers, radar units, and to help subsidize the "Club" vehicle anti-theft device program. With a donation to the Town, you can see positive results firsthand. As always, the towing of all donated vehicles is free to all residents. In tight fiscal times like today, donations help supplement the equipment inventory that keeps this Department on the cutting edge.

CHEVERLY WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club would like to thank all of you who participated in Cheverly's Month of Peace during May. The month was full of dialogue and activities throughout the town.

A few highlights included a Peace Concert, Cheverly Day, Yoga for Peace, Little Friends for Peace, the Peace Forum and the making of a peace pole by Cadet Girl Scout Troop #437 led by Pat Nelson and its planting by Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek on the path behind Woodworth Park.

At Cheverly Day, Senator David Harrington presented a proclamation to the Town celebrating the Month of Peace which will hang in the Community Center. At the Peace Forum, five quilt squares made by Cheverly children for the Children's Peace Quilt were presented to Gerry Eitner of Communities of Peace. A sixth square will hang in the Community Center.

Some of us expect to continue our peace efforts within ourselves, our families and our community. There are many opportunities to participate in. You can contact: Joyce Lang at 301-773-2211 or joycelang@verizon.net for ideas and suggestions.

Margaret Mead once said, "Never doubt that a small group of people can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has".

Help Cheverly continue to lead the way to create a CULTURE OF PEACE!!

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.

240-478-4622	Xaavier Pinkney
301-773-4650	William Ruddy
301-773-5465	Obinna Ilochonwu
301-322-1075	Dorian Dixon
301-386-0049	Andrew Teel
301-772-6028	Andrew Priest

301-322-4952



Cheverly teenagers can call the town office at 301-773-8360 if they wish to add their names to this list

Max Allegro

ACTIONS TAKEN

Votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Worksession - May 22, 2008

- □ Motion CM Watson to excuse CM Johnson & CM Eldridge. Seconded CM Ford. CM Schachter absent
- Motion CM Callahan to authorize Town Administrator to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Unicor for recycling services. Seconded CM Watson. CM Schachter absent
- Motion CM Watson to award grants to Cheverly Community Market & Cheverly Day Inc. in amounts equivalent to their insurance policies for 2008 & 2009 and upon providing proof & on the further condition that the grants are not to exceed \$1,000. Seconded CM Ford. CM Schachter absent.
- ☐ Motion CM Watson to approve the appointment of Vincent Herman and Chad Clay to the Cheverly Planning Board. Seconded Cm Ford. CM Schachter absent.

Worksession—June 5, 2008

- □ Motion CM Eldridge to excuse CM Johnson & CM Ford.
 Seconded CM Schachter.
- ☐ Motion CM Callahan to authorize a budget adjustment in the amount of \$5,200 for the purchase of soccer goals for Town Park. Seconded CM Watson.

Town Meeting - June 12, 2008Not available

Worksession—June 19, 2008 Not available

TENTATIVE AGENDAS

Worksession—July 3, 2008

Town Meeting—July 10, 2008

Worksession—July 24, 2008

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 6:00 PM & 10:00 PM

Meetings & Events

Tue Thu	Jul 1 Jul 3	8:00PM 7:30PM	B&G Club Exec. Bd. WORKSESSION	
Fri	Jul 4		INDEPENDENCE DAY - Offices closed	
Sat	Jul 5	8-11 AM	Farmers Market	
Tue	July 8	7:00 PM	C-Pact Meeting	
Thu	Jul 10	8:00PM	TOWN MEETING	
Mon	Jul 14	7:00PM	Planning Board	
Tue	Jul 15	8:00PM	Boys & Girls Club Board	
Thu	Jul 17	7:00PM	Swim Club	
Sat	Jul 19	8-11 AM	Farmers Market	
Mon	Jul 21	7:00PM	4th Ward Civic Assoc	
Tue	Jul 22	7:30PM	Metro Task Force	
Thu	Jul 24	7:30PM	WORKSESSION	

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

- Karate Mon 7-11 PM
- Hand Dancing—Tue 7-8:30 PM
- Ballroom Dancing—Sun 6:30-8:30 PM

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

GAST PARK - New playground equipment is scheduled to be installed during July/August. Watch for the construction.



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 with Thursday/Friday 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 cheverly-md.gov

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

Mayor@cheverly-md.gov councilmemberward1@cheverly-md.gov councilmemberward2@cheverly-md.gov councilmemberward3@cheverly-md.gov councilmemberward4@cheverly-md.gov councilmemberward5@cheverly-md.gov councilmemberward6@cheverly-md.gov

Cheverly Newsletter July 2008

 Mayor:
 Julia Mosley
 301-773-7891

 Ward 1:
 Mike Callahan
 301-772-3197

 Ward 2:
 Micah Watson
 240-603-9366

 Ward 3:
 RJ Eldridge
 301-773-7828

 Ward 4:
 Leon Schachter
 301-772-6244

 Ward 5:
 Vernell Johnson
 240-398-9251

 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

Email "Contact The Town" button at the Website

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.

PRSRT STD U.S. POSTAGE PAID HYATTSVILLE MD PERMIT NO. 1563

POSTAL CUSTOMER CARRIER ROUTE CHEVERLY, MD 20785