ChevyChaseViewNet Acceptable Use Guidelines
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NAME: ChevyChaseViewNet@groups.io ("ChevyChaseViewNet") Acceptable Use Guidelines

STATEMENT: ChevyChaseViewNet is a forum on Groups.io for residents of the Town of Chevy Chase View, Maryland, to exchange local news and information, and discuss community issues and events.

MEMBERSHIP: ChevyChaseViewNet membership is limited to current residents of the Town of Chevy Chase View, Maryland, and all residents are welcome to join. In very limited cases, a non-resident may be permitted to join ChevyChaseViewNet.

APPLICABILITY: These Guidelines apply to all members of ChevyChaseViewNet. In joining ChevyChaseViewNet, members agree to abide by these Guidelines as well as the Groups.io Terms of Service.

DEFINITIONS:

ChevyChaseViewNet: ChevyChaseViewNet is an e-mail network for residents of Chevy Chase View to both share and ask for local news and information, and discuss community issues and events. ChevyChaseViewNet allows any member of the list to send e-mail to the whole list of members.

Moderator: Volunteer moderators who manage the list membership, adding and removing members on request. Moderators do not review messages before they are posted.

Groups.io: Groups.io gives users a place to meet, interact, and share ideas with each other. These services are currently provided at no cost and messages will contain advertising.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES/PURPOSE: ChevyChaseViewNet is for communicating local news and information, and discussing community issues and events. ChevyChaseViewNet is a supplementary medium of communication; it does not replace any of the other methods the Town Council and staff use to communicate with Town residents.

ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION:

ChevyChaseViewNet is for current residents of the Town of Chevy Chase View, Maryland. You will be asked for information to confirm your residence when you request to join ChevyChaseViewNet. Your name will not be added to ChevyChaseViewNet without your permission. Moderators will not disclose or share members' names or e-mail addresses. Groups.io has its own privacy policies.

Only members of ChevyChaseViewNet can post messages, receive messages, or review messages on the Groups.io Groups web site.

ChevyChaseViewNet is considered an unmoderated list. That is, no one reviews messages before they are posted. You are encouraged to use electronic communications in a manner that is respectful to others.

Attachments to email messages are automatically removed so as to restrict the spread of computer viruses, worms, etc.

Replies may go to the original sender and/or to all of ChevyChaseViewNet. Please review the "TO" line of your message to ensure that you are sending your message to the intended recipient(s).

Issues with individual Town council members, staff, neighbors or residents should not be addressed through posting on ChevyChaseViewNet, but rather should be handled by communicating directly with such individuals and/or with the person or persons who know most about the particular issue.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Each member may express views freely; however:

a. you may NOT advocate on behalf of candidates for political office
b. you may NOT use language that constitutes libel, slander, defamatory claims, or hate speech
c. you may NOT advocate for nor deride particular faiths or beliefs.

2. Appropriate language, behavior and style are expected from all ChevyChaseViewNet members at all times and in all messages. If you have a disagreement with another member, you will be asked to take the "off line" from ChevyChaseViewNet.

3. ChevyChaseViewNet may also serve as a resource for residents for non-Chevy Chase View related topics. These off-topic messages, that is, messages not specific to Chevy Chase View, are permitted but not encouraged.

a. When posting an off-topic message, you should clearly state the topic of your posting and put "Off Topic" in the subject header. This will permit those not interested in non- Chevy Chase View related topics to identify them quickly and treat them appropriately.
b. Off-topic messages are not to be used by commercial enterprises to advertise or solicit business.

ENFORCEMENT: A member who egregiously or repeatedly violates these guidelines will be removed from ChevyChaseViewNet.

GROUPS.IO TERMS OF SERVICE: Members' use of Groups.io is subject to the Terms of Service of Groups.io, available at https://groups.io/static/tos, including the termination provision set forth below.

RESOURCE(S):

- Town of Chevy Chase View Website: http://www.chevychaseview.org/
- Groups.io Terms of Service https://groups.io/static/tos
- Groups.io Privacy Statement https://groups.io/static/privacy

GROUPS.IO'S RIGHT TO TERMINATE:

You agree that Groups.io, in its sole discretion, may suspend or terminate your account (or any part thereof) or use of the Service and remove and discard any content within the Service, for any reason, including, without limitation, for lack of use or if Groups.io believes that you have violated or acted inconsistently with the letter or spirit of these Terms of Service. Any suspected fraudulent, abusive or illegal activity that may be grounds for termination of your use of Service, may be referred to appropriate law enforcement authorities. Groups.io may also in its sole discretion and at any time discontinue providing the Service, or any part thereof, with or without notice. You agree that any termination of your access to the Service under any provision of this Terms of Service may be effected without prior notice, and acknowledge and agree that Groups.io may immediately deactivate or delete your account and all related information and files in your account and/or bar any further access to such files or the Service. Further, you agree that Groups.io will not be liable to you or any third party for any termination of your access to the Service. Please contact us at support@groups.io to report any violations.