
Martin's Edition

A Newsletter for the Village of Martin's Additions to Chevy Chase

NOTES FROM THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN



Spring always brings new activity.

Spring in Martin's Additions is no exception.

This Spring the Village will continue to replace the trees we lost over the last couple of years, insuring that future generations of Villagers will enjoy our tree-lined streets.

Spring also always brings two business matters before the Council: elections to the Village Council and a new budget. At this month's Council meeting we will hold our annual Candidate's Forum. The Council will continue to address a number of challenging issues. These issues will not only decide what type of Village we live in today, but what our Village will be in future years. The Council continues to work on developing long-term plans that should enable future Councils to continue providing the services we enjoy while protecting our Village fiscally. I hope you will attend our meeting to meet the candidates.

Spring also brings a new budget. The Council held its budget planning meeting in March and will propose a budget that continues investment in the Village infrastructure, including streets, sidewalks, curbing, tree planting, and tree maintenance. This past year the Village made a large investment in the sidewalks in the southern end of Martin's Additions. This year we propose to do a significant amount of work patching significant problem areas in our streets as well as sealing a number of cracks that lead to premature asphalt failure. During the Annual Walk Through and with the assistance of several independent contractors, the Council has also identified specific areas of curbing and sidewalks that need attention. As always the Village will continue to invest in trimming our trees and planting new trees.

As part of long-term planning the Council will also attempt a review of the entirety of our Village Ordinances. This process is likely to take a number of months, possibly extending into another fiscal year. As a result of such long-term planning, the Council anticipates it will expend a significant amount of money for legal council. This investment should make the day-to-day governance of our Village more efficient.

Tim Price

APRIL 2008 ISSUE

◆ VILLAGE COUNCIL CANDIDATES FORUM : APRIL 17th

The three candidates for Village Council will be present at the Council meeting on April 17th to discuss their interests in the Village Council. Residents are encouraged to attend. The meeting is held in the Village Office, 7013 B Brookville Road, and begins at 7:30 PM.

◆ ELECTION , SOCIAL GATHERING AND ANNUAL MEETING: MAY 15th

Be sure to mark your calendar for the Village Election, and Social Gathering at the market area scheduled for May 15th. The election polls are open from 6 to 8 PM at the Brookville Road village center. The meeting begins at 8 PM in the Village Office.

◆ PLEASE DO NOT MULCH VILLAGE TREES

Do not allow your landscaping service to mulch the Village trees. We just spent a great deal of money having the "volcano mulch mounds" removed. See the article on page 4 for more information on how to properly mulch your own trees and why that is important.

◆ DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR HOUSE NUMBER IS?

If your answer to this question is "I don't have one," it's time to get one. Emergency personnel need to be able to find your home, and so do your friends!

◆ VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monthly Council meeting are held the third Thursday of the month, beginning at 7:30 PM in the Village Office at 7013 B Brookville Road. Occasionally, Council meeting dates must be changed because of scheduling conflicts. Please watch for posted changes on the Village Bulletin Board outside of the market and the list serv.

COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM: APRIL 17th

Three residents will stand for election this year, each to serve for two-year terms. The candidates are:

- ◆ **Richard Krajeck of 3500 Bradley Lane**
- ◆ **Noell Sottile of 3508 Cummings Lane**
- ◆ **Larry Wasson of 7223 Delfield Street**

These candidates will be present at the Council meeting on April 17th for the *Candidates Forum* to talk about their interest in serving on the Village Council. Residents are encouraged to attend this forum, which begins at 7:30 PM in the Village Office at 7013 B Brookville Road and to ask questions of the candidates.

ANNUAL MEETING AND COUNCIL ELECTION: MAY 15th.

The Village Council election will be held on **Thursday, May 15th, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM** at the Village Center. The Village's Annual Meeting will begin at 8 PM. If it is a nice evening the election will be held outside the Village Office at 7013 B Brookville Road. Stores at the Village Center will keep their doors open for a sidewalk festival from 6 to 8 PM.

Any person who is 18 years of age or older and resides in or owns property in Martin's Additions is entitled to vote in the Village Council election. Voters in Martin's Additions need not be registered to vote in Montgomery County or in the State of Maryland. Non-U.S. citizens are allowed to vote. The election will be held in the Office if the weather is inclement. Questions should be directed to Frank Correl, Chairman of the Elections Committee, at 301-951-9211 or at martinsadditions@verizon.net.

WANT TO VOTE IN THE VILLAGE ELECTIONS?

If you are listed in the green Martin's Additions Directory, then you know you can vote in the Village Election. The Election Committee will have an updated version of that directory available and computerized to verify residents' names and addresses. If you're not listed in the directory we will need a copy of a driver's license, a utility bill or other acceptable documentation showing your Martin's Additions address when you come to the polls.

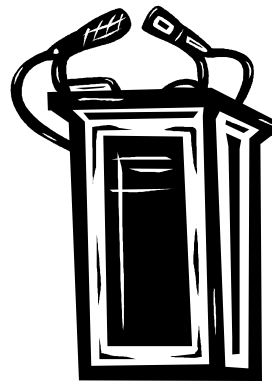
ABSENTEE BALLOTS AVAILABLE

Residents who are unable to come to the polls on Thursday Evening, May 15th, are encouraged to apply for an absentee ballot: (1) by coming to the Office in person, (2) by phoning the Office at 301-656-4112 or Frank Correl at 301-951-6211, or by emailing the Office at martinsadditions@verizon.net.



CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS

RICHARD KRAJECK 3500 Bradley Lane



I have served on the Village Council for the past 2 years as the Village Treasurer. I believe I have made several important contributions to the Village during that short tenure and I would like to continue to work for the Village residents.

My wife and I moved to Martin's Additions in 1979. I retired a few years ago from an

international agricultural organization as the chief operating officer. As treasurer of the Council, I have used my prior business experience to revamp the Village budget so it is easier to read and more effectively allows for the management of the Village expenses. I also rearranged the Village banking operations to keep more of the financial reserves in an income producing account.

I have contributed to the implementation of a Village-wide survey that identifies the boundaries of the Village right-of-way so we can more effectively manage Village-owned trees, sidewalks, etc. I have also worked with the Council to hire an urban planner to assist us as we look at land-use issues within the Village. Additionally, I am also working with the Council to identify a contractor to prepare a long-range capital improvement plan for the maintenance and replacement of such Village infrastructure as streets, curbs, and sidewalks.

I have made many positive contributions to the Village over the past year and a half, and I would like to continue to work with the Council and Village for another term. In addition to my work as Treasurer

I enjoy working for the residents of Martin's Additions to ensure that quality services are provided to the Village, that concerns and issues are remedied in a proper and timely fashion, and that the business of government is open and transparent. I have supported replacement and repair of sidewalks and streets. I have supported revisions in the Village Code where clarity is needed, and I have supported the efforts to bring the Village into compliance with necessary Traffic Codes to assure appropriate enforcement. I would appreciate your support.

NOELL SOTTILE
3508 Cummings Lane



It has been my privilege to serve on the Martin's Additions Village Council for the past four years. I have enjoyed getting to know and work with my fellow Council members and the residents of VMA and other local municipalities as we wrestle with the various issues confronting us in this developing and changing metropolitan area.

In the 18 years that I have lived here, our community, while retaining its fundamental small village character and personality, has found itself affected by the greater community around it. As a VMA Council member, I have experienced municipal governance at its micro level, where the Council and Village Manager work to maintain and upgrade the services and infrastructure for several hundred households, but I have also come to realize how our small community is connected to other local municipalities, the county, and ultimately the state government. There are times when our tiny village seems like the "Who" that Horton hears in Dr. Seuss's book, and I have learned that like Horton's Who, we can make ourselves heard and effect change at higher levels or at least prevent our Village from being squashed.

There is still much work to be done and more change to come, but the community spirit of Martin's Additions is strong, and I am confident that our Village can and will face challenges with cooperation and creativity to chart a steady course into the future. I would like to continue to be a part of that process as a Council member.

I am married to Jim Sottile and we have two sons: one a freshman at Bard College in NY and the other a sophomore at B-CC High School. You may

have seen me walking my black greyhound, Tribby, around the neighborhood. I retired last year from working in local real estate as I found myself in that "sandwich generation" position of having an aging parent who needed attention as well as teenage children. I am involved in a variety of community volunteer activities.

LARRY WASSON
7223 Delfield Street

My wife Marge and I have been Martin's Additions residents since 1979; we have raised two kids here in a great family community with incredible schools that produced one MPP from the University of Michigan and one BS in engineering from Penn State. (Am I proud or what?) Being a Martin's Additions parent meant 8 years as a YMCA and MSI soccer coach, and 4 years as Little League baseball coach. (My kids are just beginning to forgive me for all those extra drills...)

I have been active in the community for many years. I served for 18 years as Martin's Additions representative on the Chevy Chase Fire Board. One of my most visible contributions are the fire hydrant signs to ensure that hydrants are quickly found in the dark, the snow and a car-packed street. We rebuilt our Martin's Additions home from a rambler to a nice size colonial because we did not want to move, and our kids refused to consider living anywhere else. I have over 30 years experience as a professional building inspector – in fact, I was among the first 200 in a field that now numbers well over 16,000. I have been an instructor for the DC Inspections Department and United Planning Organization regarding rehab structures and I have been an advisor to various producers of NBC Dateline and features on various consumer TV segments on WJLA 7, WUSA 9, WRC 4, and the NBC Today Show.

We love Martin's Additions! It's such a wonderful living environment - in many ways because of the people who live here. I'd like to see us maintain, revive, and develop Village programs and policies that enhance our friendly, helpful, and protective neighborhood. I am concerned that there is not always sufficient consensus between the Martin's Additions Council and Village residents. I am interested in instituting policies that as much as possible ensure that the Council's agenda and policies are reflective of what the majority of Village residents want.

DON'T SMOTHER THE TREES (INCLUDING YOUR OWN) WITH MULCH



Don't let the Mulch Mound Monster attack our trees again! Prepare yourself with knowledge! Do not allow your landscape companies to mound mulch around the Village's street trees,

especially since we spent a great deal of money over the winter having the mulch mounds removed. You might also want to know that the mulch mounds are not good for any trees. Mounding up of mulching materials at the base of trees can be fatal to the trees and plantings on anyone's property.

Some find these volcanoes neat and tidy in appearance, but in reality they result in tree decline and eventual death of the tree being "cared for" in this way. **This is one of the most harmful gardening practices;** but it can easily be eliminated or avoided all together. Even professional landscapers are creating these mounds! Mulch volcanoes are most injurious to young trees, and unfortunately that is where they are seen most often. If a newly planted tree is subjected to this treatment, the root ball may be completely shielded from any moisture, even if the area is irrigated heavily. Such trees may struggle to become established and often die within five years of planting.

While the aim is to preserve soil moisture in dry spells, the effect is exactly the opposite: no rain can penetrate a foot-thick layer of mulch and the slope of the mulch away from the tree guarantees that the water will run away from the tree into the street. Thick mulch also promotes the growth of fungi mats that shed water. In effect, the mound functions like a thatched roof over the root zone that prohibits the penetration of water. A trunk wound covered in mulch doesn't heal and becomes an entry way for pests and disease. Many trees actually send roots out into the mulch over time, in a desperate search for moisture. These often grow near the surface of the mulch and are subject to drought stress. A heavy layer of mulch may also harbor rodents that can injure the bark and major roots. Trees mulched in this way fail to develop a normal root flare, which works to buttress the trunk as the tree grows to maturity. Heavily mulched trees

are more likely to be uprooted in a windstorm. You may need to correct the mulching of trees on your own property. Start by breaking up the old mulch with a rake. Pull it away from the trunk. Add about one-half an inch of fresh mulch to improve the appearance, but know that the old mulch is still good!

LAND USE TASK FORCE FORGES ON!



The Land Use Task Force (LUTF) is looking forward to a very productive work session on April 24, beginning at 7 PM in the Village Office. Various tools for regulating mass and

bulk of new construction will be reviewed with Jakubiak & Associates (JAK), VMA's land use consultant.

The initial focus, as reported in previous newsletters, will be on setbacks, height limitations, lot coverage restrictions, wall plane height and length, and limitations on impervious surfaces. Existing and proposed measures in the County and neighboring jurisdictions will be reviewed, and various options will be explored. The goal will be to develop recommendations to the Council that could be included in a VMA land use ordinance. Another goal will be to establish a realistic schedule for finalizing such recommendations, drafting proposed ordinance provisions, circulating them to VMA residents, and holding public hearings.

At the March meeting the LUTF finalized comments on a draft "Land Use Task Force Handbook," prepared by JAK. The Handbook states the goals of the LUTF, examines the various tools available to regulate building mass and bulk, and explains each of the concepts with graphic illustrations. Once the Task Force's comments are incorporated – hopefully by the end of the month – the Handbook will be posted on the JAK website where it will be available to all VMA residents. The Handbook will be an invaluable resource for all residents interested in following this important undertaking. Instructions for accessing the JAK website were printed in the March Newsletter and are repeated on the next page.

HOW TO ACCESS THE TASK FORCE WEBSITE

Documents that the Land Use Task Force are working on with Jakubiak and Associates are accessible to every resident for their review and consideration.

1. Go to www.jakubiak.net
2. Click on the link that says “Village of Martin’s Additions”
3. At the log-in page, enter the case sensitive log-in (VMA) and password (village)

If you register your email address, you will receive an email when a new document is uploaded to the site. You may register your email address by emailing a request to bn@jakubiak.net

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OUT AND ABOUT THE VILLAGE

◆ On April 1st, Martin’s Additions lost a very-long-time resident and extremely good friend, **Anita Mitchell of 3512 Raymond Street**. She died at the grand old age of almost 91, having lived most of her life in Martin’s Additions. She spent many years as an analyst with the Department of State. Most residents who knew her will remember her frequent treks down Brookville Road to catch a bus or the subway to her job as Docent at the Air and Space Museum, which she devoted herself to in retirement.



At the age of 10 Anita moved to Raymond Street where she resided in the same house for most of her 90 years. She graduated from BCC High School and served in the Women’s Army Air Force (WAF) in WWII. She was Commander of the American Legion Post 2 until the time of her death and will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery. She was a pillar of the Chevy Chase Woman’s Club, chairing their International Affairs Committee for many years. In addition to her work at the Smithsonian, Anita was a generous contributor to environmental causes and to those promoting support and appreciation of Native Americans. She was a member of the Chevy Chase Historical Society and took a keen interest in the architectural and aesthetic uniqueness of the Martin’s Additions portion of Chevy Chase.

Anita and her husband Bob, who attended to her for 60 years, were very active in many aspects of Martin’s Additions community. Bob lives in Silver Spring – not far from his old neighborhood of Martin’s Additions.

◆ Many long time residents of Martin’s Additions may remember **Suzanne Saul**, a resident of **Delfield Street** for many years. Suzy passed away in February. She was on the faculty of Howard University and raised her four children – Walter, Rebecca, Bailey, and Joshua – here in Martin’s Additions. She was also a poet and avid gardener. A memorial service was held for her in Boston on Saturday, April 4th.

◆ **3508 Taylor Street** has new residents--**Marcello and Stephanie Nucci and their three children** (two boys and a girl) and one more little Nucci on the way. Welcome!

◆ **The Brookville Brisk Weekday Walkers are back on the beat!** Walkers are invited to meet in front of Amber Fields (7013 Brookville Road) at 9:30 AM Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings for about an hour-long brisk walk up and down the hills around Martin’s Additions. They promise to build up to that. Dogs and strollers are welcome. The route is varied every day--just show up and join in! All are welcome. No walking when it is raining.



**EARTH DAY DRIVE-THRU
RECYCLING RIGHT HERE IN
CHEVY CHASE
SATURDAY, APRIL 19
10 AM – 1 PM**



Chevy Chase United Methodist Church is hosting a recycling drive to collect used cell phones, printer cartridges, and rechargeable batteries. Bring your items for recycling and get a free cup of coffee! There will be fabric grocery bags and fair trade coffee for sale.

**CELEBRATE EARTH DAY IN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

The Montgomery County Volunteer Center is supporting Earth Day with volunteer projects throughout the month of April. Most activities fall on *Saturday and/or Sunday, April 26th or 27th*. Nonprofit agencies, community groups, businesses, schools, clubs, religious groups, etc. are encouraged to host volunteer activities for Earth Day. All participating groups will receive an official certificate of appreciation, signed by Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett. To find out about this Seasons of Service effort or to sign up to volunteer or lead a group project, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteer.

There are many ways to get involved: **Plan Your Own Earth Day Project.** Report what your group is planning to do by completing an easy online Project Form found on www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteer, or use the downloadable form. **Volunteer With an Existing Earth Day Project.** Find out what already has been planned throughout the County by visiting the Montgomery County Volunteer Center website at: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteer. Review the latest listing of planned events and contact event organizers. **Get Earth Day Resources, Ideas, and Inspiration.** Ideas on how to set up your own group/community project and other project planning resources are available at the Volunteer Center's Earth Day page: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteer.

**“CONNECT TO
PROTECT” THE
CAPITAL CRESCENT
TRAIL
SAVE THE DATE-
SATURDAY, MAY 31**



Everyone is invited to a special event on the Capital Crescent Trail, Saturday, May 31, to celebrate the Trail and learn how light rail trains being proposed on the Georgetown Branch between Bethesda and Silver Spring will change this treasured resource. Anyone who has ever jogged, walked, biked or pushed a baby stroller along the Capital Crescent Trail can testify to its beauty and contribution to our community. Bring friends who have never been on the trail and introduce them!

Local communities that use the Trail are organizing this opportunity for area residents to “Connect With the Capital Crescent Trail.” Volunteers interested in helping on May 31 should call Martin’s Additions resident Jon Fleming at 301-657-9289 or email at Cjfleming@aol.com by Friday, May 2.

**READY TO TAKE THE
GARLIC MUSTARD CHALLENGE?**



Our parks are being invaded! Garlic mustard is a non-native, invasive plant that is out-competing our native plants. You are asked to join the all-county Garlic Mustard Challenge, April 19, 20, 23 and 26 in Montgomery County Parks. Gather your family, friends, club, and neighbors and help us clear this invasive weed from our parks. It’s easy to identify and easy to pull. Bring the bags of garlic mustard your group pulls to one of the weigh stations. If you or your group pulls the most garlic mustard by weight you’ll **Win a GRAND PRIZE!** All participants will receive a “Come Play in the Parks” card good for free and/or discounted Montgomery Parks activities.

For event times and locations, visit www.WeedWarrior.org. To set up a group pull in your area, email Lynette.Scaffidi@mncppc-mc.org, or call 301-949-0223. A Google search of “Garlic Mustard plant” will give you illustrations of this plant.



DOG WASTE BAG DISPENSERS INSTALLED

The Village has purchased and installed five dog waste bag dispensers in selected areas of the northern end of the town. It is hoped this will encourage dog walkers to avail themselves of the bags and thus reduce the amount of dog waste that is left on the public right-of-way. The bags are completely biodegradable. Several residents have been kind enough to agree to keep the dispensers supplied with bags. We encourage residents to be our eyes and record whether this effort improves the cleanliness of the grassy areas along the sidewalks. If our efforts are successful, additional dispensers can be purchased or the existing ones can be moved to better address need. Please keep the Village Office informed. Residents are reminded to dispose of the bags in their own trash.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL SECOND ANNUAL BULLDOG 5K MAY 3, 2008



Join the 2nd annual Blessed Sacrament School "Bulldog" 5K race on Saturday, May 3rd. The run begins at 8 AM and the fun run/walk begins at 9 AM.

The starting line will be at the Blessed Sacrament School black top at 6001 Western Avenue, Washington DC. The race will head north on Brookville Road and wind through the neighborhoods of Chevy Chase, MD. Visit Bulldograce.org for registration information

IMAGINATION STAGE'S PREMIERES:

◆ "Looking for Roberto Clemente": A rock musical about baseball and heroes

Play Ball! There will be excitement this spring about baseball in Washington at Nationals Park and in Bethesda, where Imagination Stage is producing the world premiere of *Looking for Roberto Clemente*. The show is perfect for the kids.

WHO: Imagination Stage (formerly Bethesda Academy of Performing Arts)

WHAT: *Looking for Roberto Clemente*, book and lyrics by Karen Zacaris, music by Deborah Wicks La Puma

WHEN: *April 12 - June 1, 2008*. Performance times are Saturday at 12:30, 3:30, & 7:00 PM; Sunday at 12:30 and 3:30 PM

WHERE: Imagination Stage's Studio Theatre, 4908 Auburn Avenue, Bethesda, MD.

TICKETS: Prices range from \$10 to \$20. Box Office: 301-280-1660. www.imaginationstage.org

◆ *From Liverpool to Los Angeles - Shakespeare rocks around the clock*

Imagination Stage will shake up Shakespeare in the Lerner Family Theatre on April 23rd at 7:00 PM. The student Shakespeare Company will perform Hamlet as part of *Shakespeare 24*, a unique international performance event, enabling a global celebration of youth, culture, creativity and Shakespeare.



WHAT: *Hamlet* (abridged) as the Maryland participant for *Shakespeare 24*

WHEN: Wednesday, April 23, at 7:00 PM

WHERE: Imagination Stage's Lerner Family Theatre, 4908 Auburn Avenue, Bethesda, MD

TICKETS: Free. Reservations required. 301-280-1660.

◆ *Snow Angel*



This student production of *Snow Angel* features the senior class of the Acting Conservatory Program at Imagination Stage. *Snow Angel* is a funny and eerie tale of self-discovery, friendship, and homework on a snow day. When the quiet town of Deerpoint, Vermont is hit by the biggest blizzard in 107 years, a mysterious girl named Eva steps out of a snow bank and into the lives of 13 confused teenagers who are asked to help her in her search. What Eva is searching for – and who she really is – becomes a mystery that baffles, divides, and energizes the teens of Deerpoint.

WHO: The 9th Graduating Class

WHAT: *Snow Angel*

WHEN: *Friday & Saturday, April 25 and 26, at 7:30 PM; Sunday, April 27 at 6:00 PM*

WHERE: Imagination Stage's Studio Theatre, 4908 Auburn Avenue, Bethesda, MD

TICKETS: \$10. Box Office: 301-280-1660, www.imaginationstage.org



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VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2008

7013 B Brookville Road
 Chevy Chase, MD

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

- 7:30 Call to Order
- Police Report
- Approval of Minutes
- Introduction of Council Candidates
- Candidates' Presentations
- Residents' Questions
- Treasurer's Report
- Manager's Report
- Building Administrator's Report
- FY 2009 Budget Presentation & Tax Rates

MARTIN'S ADDITIONS BUILDING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED

Spring Spruce Up? Don't forget that the Village of Martin's Additions requires permits for most of the building projects that require County Permits. Call the Village Office at 301-656-4112 to begin the permitting process at the same time you contact the County.

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED

The following permit has recently been issued: 3409 Thornapple Street: Pendergast/King, Addition to rear of property.

