
Martin's Edition

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

NOTES FROM THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

The spring season is well underway by the month of April and with it comes a sense of renewal—it is the same way with the Village's annual budget development and the Council election—time to look forward to a new fiscal year. It is the hope of the Village Council that many residents will take the time to be involved in both of these important local government functions. The first draft of our Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 budget and income projections is enclosed along with revised budget numbers for the current fiscal year, 2011.



The Village Fiscal Year is July 1 – June 30. We anticipate a slightly higher net income in the current fiscal year than we had originally budgeted. This has been achieved through stringent cost cutting efforts applied to daily operations as well as deferring all capital improvement projects including the maintenance and replacement of deteriorating street, curbs, and sidewalks. I urge you to take the time to read the narrative explanation that accompanies the budget in this newsletter. You will see that we are proposing a modest increase in next year's operating budget as well as including some important Capital Improvement Projects for which financial and logistical planning must begin.

The 2012 budget will be presented for public comment at the April 21 Council meeting. All residents are welcome to attend this meeting to listen to the budget presentation and offer public comment. If you cannot attend the meeting, you may also send your thoughts and comments to the Village Office by mail or email. The Council will then introduce the final FY 2012 budget at the Annual Meeting on May 12. Additional resident comments will also be considered before final adoption. As required by the Village Charter, a FY 2012 budget must be adopted at the Annual Meeting.

Don't forget the **Community Forum in the Village Office on Saturday Morning April 30th at 10:30**. The candidates for Council will be present to introduce themselves and discuss issues of Village
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APRIL 2011

◆ VILLAGE 2012 BUDGET TO BE INTRODUCED APRIL 21, 2011

The Council will formally introduce the FY 2012 budget at the Monthly Council Meeting on April 21st. A copy of that budget has been enclosed with this newsletter along with a commentary on FY2011 and highlights of FY2012.



◆ COUNCIL CANDIDATES' ROUNDTABLE : SATURDAY, APRIL 30th

The candidates for Village Council will be present at a Saturday Morning Forum from 10:30 AM to Noon on April 30th to discuss their interests in the Village Council. Residents are encouraged to join in the discussion and camaraderie. Coffee, juice and breakfast noshes will be served

◆ ELECTION, ART SHOW & ANNUAL MEETING: THURSDAY, MAY 12th

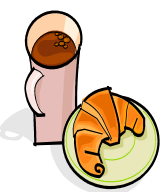
Be sure to mark your calendar for the Village Election and Gathering at the Market Area scheduled for Thursday Evening, May 12th. The camaraderie begins at 6:00 PM, the same time the polls open. Fun and fun will continue to be served until polls close at 8 PM. The Annual Meeting begins at 8 PM in the Village Office. Stores will be offering special attractions. Bring a can of food for Manna!

◆ VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Village Council meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 21, 2011** in the Village Office, 7013 B Brookville Rd. A work session of the Council and a water engineer will begin at **7:00 PM** and the regularly scheduled meeting will begin at **7:45 PM**. The meeting agenda is posted on the Village website www.martinsadditions.org the Friday before the meeting. It is also posted on the bulletin board at the Market Area under Public Notice. Residents wishing to have an item placed on the Agenda must contact the Village Office two weeks prior to the regularly scheduled meeting.

interest with those in attendance. **Voting for the Council will be held from 6 – 8 PM on Thursday, May 12, at the Brookville Shopping Center.** For those who cannot come that day, an absentee ballot will be available. For the wellbeing of the community I urge you to get involved in Village affairs, and the budget and voting are two of the most important affairs of the Village!

Richard Krajeck



**SATURDAY MORNING
ROUNDTABLE II:
COUNCIL CANDIDATE
FORUM**

**APRIL 30th, 10:30 AM to
Noon**

The candidates for the Council election will be present at Saturday Morning Roundtable II : *Candidates Forum* to talk about their interest in serving on the Village Council. There will be a brief moderated discussion with the opportunity to ask questions of the candidates; coffee, juice and breakfast fare will be served. Residents are encouraged to attend this gathering-- the earlier Forum held in March was very enjoyable and offered a nice opportunity for residents and friends to share ideas and comments. Two seats are open on the Council this year.

**ANNUAL MEETING AND
COUNCIL ELECTION
THURSDAY EVENING
MAY 12th**



The Village Council election will be held on **Thursday, May 12th**, from **6:00 to 8:00 PM** at the Brookville 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. Special offers and special libations will be served by the shopkeepers, as well as ice cream, cold drinks and more. Local artists will display a selection of their wares.

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 Village Office if the weather is inclement. Questions should be directed to Frank Correl, Chairman of the Elections Committee, at 301-951-6211 or to martinsadditions@verizon.net.

**WANT TO VOTE IN THE VILLAGE
ELECTIONS?**



If you are listed in the blue Martin's Additions Directory, then 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 new to the community and your name may not be on the voter rolls please bring some form of identification with your address on it when you come to the polls.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS AVAILABLE

Residents who are unable to come to the polls on Thursday evening, May 12th, 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. All absentee ballots must be returned no later than noon on election day.

**VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2011
PRELIMINARY AGENDA**

- 7:00 Storm Water Discussion W/ Engineer
- 7:45 Call to Order
- Residents' Concerns
- Elections and Ethics Committee Update
- Candidates Introduction
- Building Administrator's Report
- Action on Minutes of March 17, 2011 Meeting
- Financial Report
- FY 2012 Budget Introduction
- Residents' Remarks
- Manager's Report

FY 2012 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW



In developing the current year's budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 ending June 30, 2011 the Village Council was mindful of the unexpected decline in revenues that occurred in the previous year (FY 2010)

which required drawing down reserve funds about \$250,000 to cover necessary operating expenses in that fiscal year. An extraordinary downturn in income tax receipts in FY2010 precipitated a dramatic reduction in services and expectations for FY 2011. The current year's budget deliberately held down spending while planning for even lower revenues. Capital improvements have been deferred until late in the fiscal year when we have better information on both spending and income. Fortunately, due to a tight rein on spending and some small increases on the revenue side, the Village now contemplates a surplus of \$82,000 which will be put into the reserve fund for use as a buffer against unanticipated expenses as well as revenue for future capital improvements.

For FY2012, we are again being very conservative in our income projections and in our expenses. This means that we will continue to take a cautious approach to important infrastructure repairs and replacement for another year until we can feel more confident about our income levels. We will continue to maintain reserves at a level consistent with good budget policies recommended by our accountant and auditors and for unanticipated expenses and emergency capital improvements.

FY2011: THE CURRENT SITUATION

At this time, it appears that Village revenues will be approximately \$40,000 higher than originally projected; the Village share of the state income tax, which is two-thirds of the total village income, is the single largest source of the increase. The higher-than-expected revenues came from late payments of residents' income taxes from previous years. We receive our share of state income taxes as they flow into the state's coffers, including back taxes and late payments, making accurate forecasting nearly impossible. State tax



analysts believe there will not be a repetition of this idiosyncratic event for FY 2012.

Projected lower income necessitated reduced expenditures in FY2011. We accomplished this by reducing certain services: community-wide events fell from four to two; we restructured the agenda of Council meetings to allow for reduction of legal representation and shortened time requirements for the building administrator's report; street cleaning and general maintenance were reduced or deferred; we decreased the number of leaf bags distributed in the fall, reduced the number of new tree plantings, reduced bulk trash pick-ups to every other month, eliminated yard waste collection during the winter months, reduced sidewalk shoveling and forestalled capital improvement projects such as street lighting upgrades and pavement repairs.

In addition, the Village Manager sought other savings by identifying lower cost alternatives to current services without diminishing service levels. Examples include a lower cost copier, cheaper storage facilities, and reduced insurance premiums. Nature helped by producing fewer severe snowstorms than last year, although tree damage from storms added significantly to tree care expenses.

The negative side of the FY2011 thrift is an accumulation of needs such as tree replacements and street repairs. Wind and snow storm damage required clean up and removal of trees and debris that added \$10,000 of expense for the clean-up alone. The Council amended the current year budget by adding \$2,000 to begin the tree planting catch-up program. Although the ideal planting time is in the fall, the Council is concerned that the tree-replacement budget will be overwhelmed by tree losses both from storm damage and PEPCO's reliability improvement program that contemplates removing more than a dozen trees in the Village.



The Council intends to put any budget surplus into a designated account for the badly needed street light replacement.

Village of Martin's Additions Draft FY 2012 Budget

	Original	Amended	Proposed Draft	FY2012/ FY2011
	FY2011 BUDGET	FY 2011 BUDGET	FY 2012 BUDGET	FY2011
Income				
4000 · Revenue				
4010 · Permit Fees	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
4020 · Cable TV Franchise Fees	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$0
4040 · County Revenue Sharing	\$21,500	\$24,012	\$22,000	-\$2,012
4050 · Highway Users Fees	\$3,000	\$2,700	\$1,400	-\$1,300
4060 · Income Tax	\$300,000	\$345,000	\$325,000	-\$20,000
4070 · Code Infractions	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0
4080 · Personal Property Tax	\$8,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
4090 · Real Property Tax	\$133,000	\$133,000	\$133,000	\$0
4095 · Utility Property Tax	\$11,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0
4100 · Holiday Fund	\$4,500	\$6,255	\$6,000	-\$255
4110 · Interest	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
4130 · Insurance Reimbursement		\$2,720	\$0	-\$2,720
Total 4000 · Revenue	\$499,600	\$543,287	\$517,000	-\$26,287
Total Income	\$499,600	\$543,287	\$517,000	-\$26,287
Expense				
5000 · General Government				
5010 · Office Expenses	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$14,000	-\$1,000
5025 · Office Furniture & Equipment	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$5,500	\$3,000
5030 · Insurance	\$5,000	\$4,740	\$4,000	-\$740
5040 · Printing & Mailing	\$15,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$0
5050 · Dues & Subscriptions/Conferences	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$7,000	\$2,000
5055 · Storage Rental	\$3,000	\$3,100	\$2,100	-\$1,000
5060 · Office Lease	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$0
5065 · Telephone	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$1,500
5080 · Holiday Fund	\$4,500	\$6,255	\$6,000	-\$255
Total 5000 · General Government	\$80,500	\$79,095	\$82,600	\$3,505
5100 · Salaries & Benefits				
5110 · Managerial & Office Salaries	\$87,000	\$92,500	\$92,500	\$0
5120 · Payroll Taxes & Benefits	\$16,000	\$15,380	\$15,613	\$233
Total 5100 · Salaries & Benefits	\$103,000	\$107,880	\$108,113	\$233
5200 · Professional Fees				
5210 · Accounting & Auditing	\$27,700	\$27,700	\$28,000	\$300
5220 · Building & Permitting	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
5230 · Legal	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
5250 · Survey Upkeep	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
Total 5200 · Professional Fees	\$80,700	\$80,700	\$81,000	\$300
5300 · Streets				
5305 · Streets - General				
5310 · Street Lighting - PEPCO	\$18,000	\$16,000	\$17,000	\$1,000
5322 · Street Cleaning - Fall/Spring	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$0
5324 · Street Maintenance - Other	\$20,000	\$22,000	\$20,000	-\$2,000
Total 5305 · Streets - General	\$48,000	\$50,000	\$49,000	-\$1,000
5349 · Snow Removal Services				
5350 · Snow Removal - Shoveling	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$5,000
5351 · Snow Removal - Plowing	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$15,000	\$7,500
Total 5349 · Snow Removal Services	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$25,000	\$12,500
Total 5300 · Streets	\$60,500	\$59,500	\$59,500	\$0
5400 · Waste & Recycling				
5410 · Waste Collection & Recycling	\$79,500	\$80,000	\$84,000	\$4,000
5420 · Leaf Bags	\$6,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$1,000
Total 5400 · Waste & Recycling	\$85,500	\$84,000	\$89,000	\$5,000

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	FY2011 BUDGET	FY 2011 BUDGET	FY 2012 BUDGET	FY2011
5500 · Other				
5510 · Tree Maintenance	\$25,000	\$35,000	\$30,000	-\$5,000
5515 · Tree Replacement	\$2,000	\$4,500	\$10,000	\$5,500
5518 · Right-of-Way Maintenance	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$3,000	-\$1,000
5520 · Community Events	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$1,000
5530 · Website	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
Total 5500 · Other	\$36,000	\$50,000	\$50,500	\$500
5600 · FY2011 Initiatives				
5260 · Urban Planner	\$10,000	\$500	\$0	
Total 5600 · FY2011 Initiatives	\$10,000	\$500	\$0	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	\$446,200	\$461,175	\$470,713	\$9,538
NET INCOME: Operating Expenses Only	\$53,400	\$82,112	\$46,287	-\$700
5700 · Capital Improvement Projects				
Taylor Street Improvmts	\$0	\$0	\$66,000	
Turner Lane Sidewalks Improvmts	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	
Brookville Road Sidewalks	\$0	\$0	\$165,000	
Intersection Rebuild	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	
Total Street & Sidewalk Improvts	\$10,000	\$0	\$251,000	\$251,000
Street Lighting Reserve	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	
Total 5700 · Capital Improvement Projects	\$10,000	\$100,000	\$351,000	\$251,000
TOTAL ALL EXPENDITURES	\$456,200	\$561,175	\$821,713	\$260,538
NET INCOME:All Expenditures	\$43,400	-\$17,888	-\$304,713	

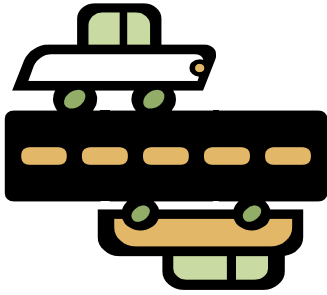
FY2012: LOOKING AHEAD

For FY 2012, we are conservatively projecting total income about \$26,000 below FY2011. In particular, taxes from personal income will likely not include the unanticipated revenues received in FY2011. Unexpectedly, assessed property values in the Village have fallen 20%, apparently because of the timing of the three-year assessment cycle; the last assessment occurred at the peak of the property boom, while the latest came at the bottom. In order to maintain receipts at last year's level, the Council is recommending that the "constant yield tax rate", calculated by the State of Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation, be adopted. Property owners should not find their Village portion of the property tax changed.

Strict attention to costs in the past year has permitted us to increase some expenditures with only a very modest rise in the total allocation. The budget for operating expenses includes money to replace deteriorating furnishings and upgrade village equipment, especially one of the computers. An updated Village directory will be published. Other major changes include additional tree plantings, and support for local community affairs such as block parties. Total operating expenditures are projected to be \$7,800 higher than the current year. Taking income and expenditures together, we are forecasting a net surplus in FY2012 of \$48,000.

Long lasting capital improvements are necessary to maintain and improve the community's infrastructure. These can be postponed in tight times, but extended delay will lead to visible deterioration in the fabric of the Village. We plan to resume capital improvements financed by withdrawals from our capital improvements reserve account; projects include sidewalk rebuilding on Taylor Street, Turner Lane, and Brookville Road. In addition, another \$100,000 will be placed in the street lighting reserve fund for future improvements. As always, capital improvement projects will be delayed until the latter half of the fiscal year when we have a better idea of our projected income and expense levels. The Village Council appreciates residents' comments on the draft budget.

BROOKVILLE ROAD TO BE REPAVED. REALLY.



The Brookville Road Repair Race has had so many Start Flags waved that it seems no one even knows where the start line is! It is the hope of all collaborating and affected Village Managers', the State Highway

Administration and the contractor (F.O.Day) that the "GO!" flag will eventually be waved at the starting line (Western Avenue) and we'll all be in the race together.

The repaving of Brookville Rd. is scheduled to begin soon; we hope within the next several weeks. The project requires coordination between Miss Utility, WSSC, PEPCO, Washington Gas, the State Highway Administration and the Paving Contractor, F.O. Day, and so is a more complicated task to complete than anyone would like.

There are several issues that must be addressed prior to the repaving getting underway. Serious water problems at Bradley and Brookville, on both the Martin's Additions side and Section 3's side, must be corrected. WSSC has had a very difficult time locating the shut off valves for those intersections, complicating the repair process. It would even appear that while the leaks on the west side of Brookville may be resolved, the ones on the east side (Martin's Additions) seem to be getting worse!!!! No rest for the weary.

The Village Office will do everything it can to keep residents informed of the repaving schedule. It will be a big job and inconvenient for many. Flag men will always be on site and you are urged to observe their directions. The contractor plans on beginning at Western Ave., moving toward East-West Highway. They plan on working from 9 AM until 3 PM, juggling school bus schedules and rush hour traffic. They will not work at night, as some people have feared.

The contractor will mill and repair the intersection of our streets that abut Brookville, entering each street by about 50 feet. They will then re-mark the cross walks with thermoplastic stripes. This is very much to our financial advantage because we can take these repairs

off our Village repair budget. If you experience difficulty get in and out of your street please repeat the following mantra: "This inconvenience is saving me money". Let us know if it helps.

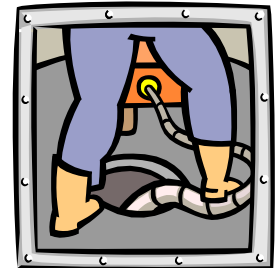


CUMMINGS AND SHEPHERD TRAFFIC TO BE MONITORED

In response to inquiries and concerns by residents of Cummings Lane, in particular, the Village Council authorized our traffic engineer Joe Cutro, P.E. to set up traffic counting devices on both of these major cut-through streets. Traffic volume and speed will be monitored for two weeks and the data analyzed by Mr. Cutro and his findings will be reported and discussed at a Council meeting. Residents will be given notice so they may attend the meeting if they wish.

DELFIELD AND RAYMOND SANITARY SEWER WORK WRAPPING UP

After many weeks of starts and stops, snow, rain, wind and cold, the sanitary sewer project on Delfield Street just south of Thornapple Street is almost completed—a few additional areas need restoration, which is the responsibility of WSSC. The Raymond Street underground work is completed but the restoration of curbs, gutters and the street is barely underway. The Village is monitoring progress in an attempt to keep the contractors on task.



OXFORD STREET SLATED FOR WATER LINE REPLACEMENT; THORNAPPLE TO GET SEWER WORK

The stretch of Oxford Street that falls within the Village of Martin's Additions is flagged to receive a new water line as a part of a major line rebuild that begins in Chevy Chase Village. Recent water line breaks at the intersection of Oxford and Quincy Street foretell of bigger problems that WSSC needs to address. While the project is currently on hold it is possible that a contract will be let by June and work could begin early this summer.

WSSC has also been threatening pipe bursting on Thornapple Street of the sewer lines in order to replace

the existing sewer pipe, which is less intrusive than the recent redo on Delfield Street. This project has been delayed a number of times and it is certainly our hope that they can get to the project before it becomes a crisis.

PEPCO TO BEGIN TREE REMOVAL IN NORTH END

The Village just received notice that PEPCO's tree care subcontractor Asplundh will begin tree pruning and removal of trees interfering with the power lines along Summit Avenue and Thornapple Street on Monday, April 11. Parking restrictions will be put in place and residents have been asked to please observe the No Parking signs. This will help get the equipment in and out of the Village quickly and safely.



Once the pruning and removal is complete the Village will have to grind the stumps and backfill the holes. The areas must then “rest” before they can be replanted. Fall is the best time to plant which will give us time to create a tree replacement plan that would be implemented over time.

ALL NEW UTILITY POLES FOR CUMMINGS LANE AND BROOKVILLE ROAD



PEPCO has informed us that new utility poles will be installed along Brookville Road — you’ve probably seen the big red X’s on the poles from Bradley Lane northward on Brookville Road. All new utility poles are also being installed on Cummings Lane in order to carry more reliable electric service to the Rollingwood area and points east of Martin’s Additions. This is all a part of PEPCO’s Enhanced Reliability Program.

DON'T SMOTHER THE TREES WITH MULCH VOLCANOES

Did you know that mulch mounds are not good for trees? Mounding up of mulching materials at the base of trees can be fatal to the trees and plantings on anyone's property. Do not allow your landscape companies to mound mulch around the Village's street trees, especially since we have spent a great deal of money removing the mulch mounds in the past. 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!

DONATIONS ARE DOWN — SO LET'S STEP IT UP!

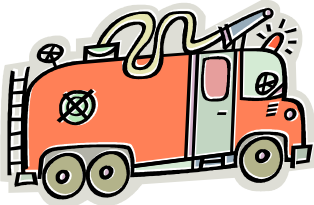


“There are times where I have not eaten so my children have more to eat. I’m an adult. I can do that. I can drink water or eat a piece of bread. But you don’t want your children to come and say, ‘Mom, I’m hungry, an hour after they’ve eaten.’” That quote from a single mother of two in nearby Gaithersburg and taken from a March 25 article in *The Washington Post*, highlights an often invisible problem: hunger in our midst. And that’s why the Martin’s Additions food drive to benefit Manna Food Center is such a vital undertaking.

According to *The Post*, an estimated 70,000 Montgomery County residents – or 7.8 percent of the total – experienced hunger last year. As a result, food banks have for months seen “long lines of the jobless and needy struggling just as food and gasoline prices skyrocket,” and their ranks continue to grow “even as the economy improves.” Half of those seeking assistance “are working two and three jobs and still can’t pay the bills,” the article continued.

The goal of the Martin’s Additions food project is to collect at least 5,000 pounds of canned/boxed food a year—an average of about 420 pounds each month—to match last year’s total. We exceeded the monthly goal in January, thanks to a wonderful MLK Day turnout, but fell a bit short of it in February and even shorter in March (just 332 pounds). Spring is a time of renewal, so let’s all vow to step up our efforts and extend a helping hand to our neighbors in need.

So many of you have been so generous, contributing nonperishable food and sometimes cash, to benefit the cause. It would be terrific to expand participation – and giving is so easy to do! Whenever you are out shopping for your family, just pick up an extra item or two and drop them in the collection box at the foot of the door to the Village Office on Brookville Road—most of us pass there regularly —or on the porch of Linda and Dick Kirschten at 3406 Turner Lane. The Kirschtens will also pick up at your door—just call them at 301-986-5839.



Notes from the Fire Department: **SMOKING AND FIRE SAFETY**

Every year, almost 1,000 smokers and non-smokers are killed in home fires caused by cigarettes and other smoking materials. The U.S. Fire Administration is working to help prevent home fire deaths and injuries caused by smoking materials. Fires caused by cigarettes and other smoking materials are preventable. You can make a difference!

If you smoke or live with someone who smokes, learn the facts. A lit cigarette accidentally dropped onto a chair or bed, or hot cigarette ashes or matches tossed away before they are completely out, can cause a large fire in seconds.

Putting out a cigarette the right way only takes seconds, too. It is up to you to make sure your cigarette is put out, all the way, every time. One-in-four people killed in home fires is not the smoker whose cigarette caused the fire. More than one third were children of the

smokers. Twenty-five percent were neighbors or friends of the smokers.

Smoking & Home Fire Action Steps

If you smoke, smoke outside.

Wherever you smoke, use deep, sturdy ashtrays.

Make sure cigarettes and ashes are out.

Check for cigarette butts.

Never smoke in a home where oxygen is used.

If you smoke, fire-safe cigarettes are better.

Be alert!

Be prepared for a fire:

One of the best ways to protect yourself and your family is to have a working smoke alarm that can sound fast for both a fire that has flames, and a smoky fire that has fumes without flames. It is called a “Dual Sensor Smoke Alarm.” A smoke alarm greatly reduces your chances of dying in a fire.

Prepare an escape plan and practice it often. Make sure everyone in your family knows at least two (2) escape routes from their bedrooms. Visit www.usfa.dhs.gov/smoking to view the U.S. Fire Administration’s Smoking & Home Fires Campaign and to order campaign materials.



**Hope to See You on
the Market Sidewalk
Thursday Evening
May 12th
6 and 8 PM...**

**for our...
CELEBRATION ON
THE SIDEWALK AND
ELECTION!
WONDERFUL THINGS
ARE PLANNED ...**

...By the Market:
Special Food Tastings
and Gifford Ice Cream
Cones.

...By the Pharmacy: A
Basket Full of Beauty and Nutritional Goodies
will be raffled-off. Balloons for the Kids!

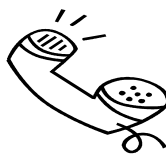
...By Ann's Place: Delicious Cold Drinks,
Scrumptious Snacks, and Resident Art Display

...By the new Brook Taylor Interiors: A
Special New Opening Sidewalk Sale -10% off
Everything-- just for us! Special Adult libations
will also be offered!

...By the Barber Shop: \$7.00 Discount on
your Haircut. Bring the kids too!

*Voting For Village Council will take
place from 6- 8 PM on the Sidewalk.
Bring a Donation of Canned or Dried
Food for Manna*

STUCK ON HOLD . . . AGAIN?



Frustrated trying to reach a real person when
you call customer service? Here are three
websites to check out before spending
another hour on hold! Go to

www.DialAHuman.com and www.GetHuman.com—
they list customer service numbers and give instructions
on how to bypass automated prompts to reach a live
representative. To avoid being placed on hold, go to
www.LucyPhone.com, enter the name or phone number
of the company you are trying to reach, then enter your
phone number and click “start”. LucyPhone connects
you to the company’s line, where you pick an option for
getting a live rep. You hang up and get a call back when
a person is actually on the line to assist you.

DONATE BUILDING MATERIALS

The following organizations accept donations of reusable
or new building materials. Please visit their websites or
give them a call. For larger items, both organizations will
arrange special pickups:

Community Forklift: <http://communityforklift.com> or
call 301-985-5180

Habitat for Humanity: <http://www.habitat-mc.org> or
call 301-947-3304

RECYCLE AND HELP NEEDY NEIGHBORS



Recycle your gently used clothing and home
goods and preserve our planet while helping
your Montgomery County neighbors in
need. The Interfaith Clothing Centers provide clothing/
home goods free of charge to low income County
residents. Your donation is tax deductible. The Interfaith
Clothing Center in Rockville is located at 751
TwinbrookPky, Rockville, MD.

Call them at 301-424-3796 to confirm when you can
drop by with your donations at. For more information
about their wish list of most needed items, go to: [http://
www.iworksmc.org/](http://www.iworksmc.org/).

MOVING? EXPECTING A LARGE TRUCK DELIVERY?

You are encouraged to contact the Village Office to get
temporary No Parking signs to use in front of your house
when you are moving out or when you expect a large
truck delivery. The
signs should be posted
at least one day prior
to the move or delivery



date. As a courtesy, notify your neighbors that the
parking spaces are needed to accommodate a large
truck or moving van for the specified period posted on
the signs.

DECLUTTERING? CONSIDER A BAGSTER® BAG



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OUT AND ABOUT THE VILLAGE

It's time to say goodbye to **Molly and Bob Freeman** (3511 Raymond St) who are moving to Riderwood and hello to **Jodi and Logan Smith** and their dog.



A belated welcome to **Stefania Clerici and Emiliano Duch** at 3512 Bradley Lane! They bring a big gang with them! Daughter Giulia, 14, sons Leo 13, Frederic 9 and Benet 5. They attend BCC High school, Westland Middle School, Chevy Chase Elementary and All Saints Pre-school, in descending order. They moved from Barcelona, Spain and will return there for a summer visit. Emiliano is a consultant in economic development focusing on Latin America.

SAVE THE DATE BULLDOG 5K- REGISTER NOW!

www.bsstoday.org/bulldograce

Lace up those running shoes and get ready for the fifth annual Blessed Sacrament Bulldog 5k race which will be held Saturday, May 14th at 8 a.m. Enjoy a beautiful day with family and friends while supporting the school! There will be a kid's fun run/walk starting at approximately 8:45 a.m. and a post race celebration with food and music for runners/walkers and their families after the races. For more information and to register, check out our website at www.bsstoday.org/bulldograce. Questions – please contact Cindy Hart at cindyhart@verizon.net. Hope to see you at the starting line!

Partial proceeds from the race will benefit the GirlsUp summer camp founded by Kelly Murray. It is an extraordinary program aimed at fostering a sense of strength, character and spirit in girls ages 10-13. For more information go to www.girlsup.org

SMOKE ALARM SAFETY

Checking your smoke alarms and batteries twice a year to ensure that they are working is one of the simplest, most effective ways to reduce tragic deaths and injuries from fire. In fact, working smoke alarms nearly cut in half the risk of dying in a home fire.



CHEVY CHASE AT HOME UPCOMING EVENTS



The April 19 Meet & Mingle will feature local artist and Martin's Additions resident **Millie Shott**, who will demonstrate how to have **Fun with Collage**. Supplies will be provided, so everyone can give this art form a try! Meet & Mingle is from 2 to 4 pm.

What Was Your Favorite Book As A Child? And how has it influenced your life? This lively topic of discussion will be led by **Lois Fern** at the Meet & Mingle on **Tuesday, May 3 from 2 to 4 pm** at the Village Hall. And, as always at M & M gatherings, delicious refreshments will be served.

On **Wednesday, May 4 at 7 pm**, CC@H will sponsor an open forum for the community: **WHO DOES WELL IN OLD AGE?** presented by **Dr. Nathan Billig**, a clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Georgetown University, a teacher, researcher and practicing psychiatrist for 40 years. He is the author of *Growing Older and Wiser: Coping with Expectations, Challenges and Change in the Later Years*. This important event is of interest to both older adults and to the adult children of aging parents. In addition, there will be a **Medication Drop**—an opportunity to bring your unused and/or out of date medicines in their original bottles for proper disposal. These events take place at the **Chevy Chase Village Hall, 5906 Connecticut Avenue** and are open to the public. Members of CC@H who need a ride may call 301-657-3115 to schedule a pick up.

SPECIAL EVENT AT THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF CHEVY CHASE

Used Book Sale/Treasure Trove White Elephant Tables: Saturday, April 16 to Wednesday, April 20. Hours: 10 am to 3 pm daily. Books, Books-on-Tape, and DVD's from \$.50. Donations of books and white elephant items are now being accepted (no encyclopedias, textbooks, or Reader's Digest books, please) from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, Monday - Friday at the clubhouse at 7931 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD, just north of East - West Highway. The event will be held there as well. Admission and parking are free. For more information call 301-652-8480 or visit their website at www.wcccmd.org.

**Chevy Chase Celebrates
FAMILY FUN AND LOCAL HISTORY: SUNDAY MAY 1st!**

Trolley tours of early local architecture, “Chevy Chase Trot” dance lessons, and the painting of a community mural will be among family-friendly activities planned for “Chevy Chase Celebrates,” a free event hosted by the Chevy Chase Historical Society in partnership with five historic Chevy Chase neighborhoods (including Martin’s Additions) on **Sunday, May 1, from 1 - 4 pm at the Jane E. Lawton Center, 4301 Willow Lane, in the Town of Chevy Chase.**

The Society is marking its 30th anniversary with this party for the community, complete with a mammoth birthday cake. Residents can be videotaped sharing their memories of family and neighborhood celebrations for the Society’s archives. In addition, adults can talk with the authors of the new book, *Place Names of Chevy Chase*, being released by the Society on May 1.

For the full schedule of “Chevy Chase Celebrates!” activities, visit www.chevychasehistory.org.

Activities Outside the Town Hall

1:00 – 3:30 Trolley Tours of Town of Chevy Chase Architecture (Free timed tickets required)

Times: 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30

2:00 - 4:00 B-CC Jazz Band

2:00 - 4:00 30th Anniversary Cake-Cutting Celebration



Activities in the Lawton Center

1:00 - 3:00 Chevy Chase Trot Lessons and Dancing:

1:00 - 1:45 Session I Session II 2:00 - 2:45

1:00 - 4:00 Crafts Workshops for Youngsters

1:00 - 4:00 Community Mural Painting for All Ages

Activities in the Town Hall

1:00 - 1:15 Chevy Chase Historical Society Annual Meeting & Election

1:15 - 2:00 *Place Names of Chevy Chase*: First Look at a New CCHS Book Discussion with authors Joan Marsh and Frances Stickles

2:00 - 4:00 Celebrations in Chevy Chase: Videotaping Neighborhood Memories for the Society’s Archives

Exhibits in the Town Hall

1:00 - 4:00 Town of Chevy Chase Memorabilia

2:00 - 4:00 *Place Names of Chevy Chase* Authors Book-Signing

DONATE CHILDREN’S BOOKS TO UNDER-SERVED LOCAL SCHOOLS

Capital Book Share is always looking for new and **very gently used** children’s books (absolutely NO textbooks) for kindergarten through 6th grade children attending under-served schools in the metro DC area. Call 301-775-3057 to arrange for a pick-up of your donated books and to get more information or visit their website at <http://capbookshare.wordpress.com/>.

CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY EVENTS FOR APRIL & MAY

Fri, April 15, 10:30am – 12:00pm: The Jefferson Café article to be discussed is “Ike’s Last Stand,” five views of Eisenhower’s prophetic farewell address in which he warned of the dangers of a military-industrial complex, from *The American Conservative*. Copies of the article are available now at the Library.

Wed, April 27, 2:30pm – 3:30pm: The fiction book group will be discussing Elie Wiesel’s “Night.”

Wed, May 11, 2:30pm – 4:00pm: The non-fiction book group selection is “The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat and Other Clinical Tales,” by Oliver Sacks.

Fri, May 20, 10:30am – 12:00pm: The Jefferson Café article to be discussed is “The Global Poverty Paradox” by Nicholas N. Eberstadt from *The Commentary Magazine*. Copies of the article will be available starting April 15 at the Library.

Wed, May 25, 2:30pm – 3:30pm: The fiction book group will be discussing Yann Martel’s “Beatrice and Virgil.”

Please Note: Participants need to obtain copies of the book selections. There should, however, be sufficient copies available within the Montgomery County Public Library system. Please call 240-773-9590 for more information. The library is located at 8005 Connecticut Ave. in Chevy Chase, just north of the fire station.



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COFFEE WITH THE CANDIDATES

Village Saturday Roundtable II

SATURDAY APRIL 30th

10:30 AM to Noon

Everyone is invited to join the *Candidates for the Village Council* at a Saturday Morning Roundtable in the Village Office. Beverages and breakfast noshes will be served.

