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# Martin's Edition

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

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## *NOTES FROM COUNCIL CHAIRMAN TIM PRICE:*



By the time the Edition goes to press and is received, Martin's Additions will have held its annual celebration at La Ferme. This event has become a favorite of many residents. We again will recognize several individuals whose volunteer spirit deserves at least one more thank you.

You will note from the minutes of the last Village meeting that many Villagers, especially our Village Manager, Jean Sperling, have been very busy. The Tree Committee is meeting to discuss issues associated with trees on private property and whether the Village should try to address concerns which many neighbors have brought before the Council. You will note that the tree committee is also beginning to plan for planting new trees this spring to eventually fill the holes left in our tree canopy by the recent loss of many mature trees. The Council will be addressing the issue of building permit fees and the Village policy on construction bonds. The Manager and the Village's building consultant, Alan Beal, have been busy trying to address drainage issues along Raymond and Melville streets while paying close attention to the impact of new construction. Please also note that the Zoning Committee will begin meeting again and will be searching for some consensus on how to further address the construction issues facing the Village in light of the recent legislation which provides the Village with greater control over construction within the municipality.

Following the La Ferme celebration everyone will be looking forward to spring time with the warmer weather and explosion of new foliage. There will also be a burst of activity from the residents of Martin's Additions, many of them volunteering their time and efforts to make this a more wonderful place to live.

*February 2007*

### **Important Tax Filing Information for Residents of Martin's Additions.**

The major source of revenue that the Village receives each year is our share of state income taxes YOU pay to the State of Maryland. Be sure to write "Martin's Additions" in the box marked City, town or taxing area on Form 502. See the article on the back page for more details.

### **Village Election Scheduled for May 10th. Two Council members terms to expire. Nominations to Open March 1.**

Are you civic minded? Would you like being a part of running the town you live in? See the article on page 3 about the 2007 Elections for the Village Council of Martin's Additions.

### **Annual Spring Heavy Trash Pick-Up Scheduled for Saturday April 28th.**

Get ready for our Spring Heavy Trash Pick-Up. Put it on your calendar!

### **Village Elections and Annual Meeting set for May 10, 2007**

Be sure to put this important event on your calendar also. You'll benefit from exercising your civic duty.

### **The Village is Still Compiling a List of Community Helpers.**

See page 5 for details on how to get on our list. Money making opportunities abound!

### **Sand Cans are for Road Safety Only.**

The sand in the village sand cans contains sodium chloride. Do not use in your garden or sand box.

### **Village Council Meeting 7:30 PM.**

Council meetings are held every **third Thursday of the month**, in the Village Office located at 7013 B Brookville Road.

**FORMAL NOTICE OF FLOOD INSURANCE AVAILABILITY RECEIVED**

The Village of Martin’s Additions recently received formal notice that as of November 21, 2006 the Village was entered into the National Flood Insurance Program. Mr. John Joyce of the Flood Mitigation Division of the Wetlands and Waterways Program, MD Department of the Environment, informed us that flood insurance is underwritten nationally through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Policies are usually written and serviced by local insurance companies, although not all insurance companies offer such coverage. Residents may wish to contact their insurance company to see if they will write a flood insurance policy for their property. However, you can get a policy directly from NFIP by calling 800-638-6620.

**WORK CONTINUES ON VILLAGE DIRECTORY.**

Did you look at the listing that was included in last month’s newsletter? No? Well, shame on you. You have a few more days to vindicate yourself. Are you new to the community? Are you getting ready to move out? Do you have a new neighbor that you should have said hello to weeks ago and now you are embarrassed? Well, here’s your excuse to tell them you want to make sure they are in the Village of Martin’s Additions Directory. Call the Village Office with the results of your confession at 301-656-4112.



**WELCOME COMMITTEE NEEDS MEMBERS!**

Village resident Debbie Metzger of Taylor Street is the first to volunteer for our Welcome Committee-Thanks Debbie! Now we need more members! Debbie already has some wonderful ideas to meet and greet our newcomers. Can you join Debbie to get this community building effort up and going? Council Member Noell Sottile is the Council Liaison.

Interested persons can call Debbie at 301-654-1563 or Noell Sottile at 301-654-7897 or the Village office at 301-656-4112 .



**HEAVY TRASH PICK-UP FOR VMA IS Saturday April 28, 2007**

All items must be at the curb by 7 AM, Saturday April 28th. Some items that are not accepted include dirt, rocks, sand, large tree stumps or yard debris, liquids, paint, refrigerators or AC units, building materials or construction debris, tires or batteries, hazardous materials (gas, paint thinner, asbestos), recyclable materials – cans, glass and plastic bottles, yard debris, newspaper, and cardboard. Additional details will be provided in future Editions.



**‘TAX DUPLICATION’ PAYMENT TO BE REVISITED BY COUNTY EXEC.**

**\$** Each year, one of the line items on the Village of Martin’s Additions budget is something called “Tax Duplication”, that is a payment made by the County to individual municipalities, to reimburse them for some of the expenses that the County would otherwise have to spend on behalf of our residents. In a primarily County-based governmental structure, many services are provided by the County, but road maintenance, park maintenance and snow clearance are handled by municipalities. The once-a year payment based on what the County spends per capita for certain services, is rebated to the municipalities. The formula for this reimbursement is complex and not well understood by either the County Government officials or individual municipal governments. And the sums reimbursed do not correspond necessarily with what we choose to pay for those services (for example, the County has no program to shovel the public walkways of senior citizens, that is a snow removal item we have elected to support with our village budget.) Over the years, members of the Montgomery Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League have lobbied for higher payments and a better understood formula.

County Executive Ike Leggett is forming a committee to revisit this formula and at the same time revisit the County energy tax which accompanies VMA's street lighting bills. The County pays the same tax but of course, rebates it to itself, whereas the funds we pay go directly to the County without any reimbursement.

**ATTENTION ALL YE CIVIC MINDED RESIDENTS! Call for Nominations for Village Council soon to be underway**

As of March 1, nominations for the Village Council will be accepted by the Village Elections Committee. This year two seats will be open on the Council. Each seat is for a two-year term on the Council.



**Who can be Nominated?** Every resident of Martin's Additions who is a qualified voter (18 years of age) may nominate another resident or themselves.

**How do you make a nomination?** Nominations must be made in writing and sent to Ed Holland, Chairman of the Elections and Ethics Committee at 3414 Thornapple Street, Chevy Chase, MD, 20815. Nominations will be received beginning **March 1, 2007** and closed **Friday April 6, 2007**

**Why Serve as a Council Member?** As a recognized municipality in the State of Maryland, the role of the Council members is a significant and important one. Council members have the opportunity to create and shape the policies that affect the everyday lives of the residents of Martin's Additions. The Council can set the level of services that residents want and then see to it that those services are delivered. Council members have a responsibility to set the property tax rate, determine the residents' desire for services and their willingness to pay for them. Would you like to be involved? Consider being a nominee.

**What do I have to do if I am a nominee?** All Village Council nominees must make sure that their **nominations** are received, in writing, by the Elections Committee no later than **Friday April 6, 2007** All **Candidate Statements** must be received by **April 11**. These statements will be published along with brief resumes of each candidate before the Candidate Forum Schedule for April 19th, at the regular Monthly Council Meeting.

**When is the Election?** The election has been scheduled for **Thursday May 10th** prior to the Village's Annual Meeting. There is lots of time between now and then to give you more information, so just pencil this information onto your calendars for now!

**What are some of the Roles and Responsibilities of an Elected Official?** First and foremost, Council members are elected to serve the public good and represent the interests of all citizens in the Village. Once elected, individual opinions are melded to achieve group objectives. One of the first things that Council members do is identify community needs and determine priorities. Usually the most difficult part of this exercise is determining the order in which these issues will be addressed. There are the everyday responsibilities that the Village must meet to support its residents—services such as trash collection, street and sidewalk maintenance, care of trees, building and zoning oversight, street lighting, snow removal, street cleaning—the list is long. While the execution of these responsibilities are carried out by the Village Manager, the Council determines the level of service that is desirable.

**What is it like to be a Council Member?** Frankly, it can be a very exciting experience. Village Council members are held in high regard at both the County as well as the State level. The opportunities to influence higher level policy decisions with regard to service delivery are numerous. The chance to improve and refine service delivery "right here in River City" can be very rewarding. Opportunities abound to work

with commissions and utilities such as Pepco, Washington Gas and WSSC to improve their service delivery to municipalities, particularly ours. Opportunities to introduce new committees to address residents' concern are also numerous.

Give it a thought. You've got time. Questions should be directed to Ed Holland, Chairman of the Elections Committee at 301-652-6432.



## THE “OLD NEWS IS GOOD NEWS” CORNER

We are very excited to report that a new resident of



Thornapple Street, Alex Weiner, has offered to serve as Martin’s Additions “archivist” and in this capacity, she will bring us lots of “old news” to be featured in each *Martin’s Edition*. Alex and her husband Mark recently moved from

Dallas, Texas with their three boys, Sam 13 and twins Eli and Ned, 11. Alex has worked with the National Trust for Historic Preservation and has always had a special interest in “things historical”. She will be coordinating with the Chevy Chase Historical Society and the Montgomery County Historical Society to investigate and record documents associated with the development of the Village of Martin’s Additions. Currently she is reviewing the historical information recorded in the bound Volumes compiled by Wallace Janseen of the Thornapple Street (is it just a coincidence?) from 1931 through 1936 and Shepherd Street news from 1972 through 1974. Residents interested in working with Alex on historical projects can contact her at 301-215-7557. Alex writes “I am thrilled to be living in such a historically rich neighborhood and will be digging up some more good old news for you in the next *Martin’s Edition*. Let me know if you have any great old stories that we can include!”

Think how far the Village of Martin’s Additions has come from its earliest days as farmland and hunt country to 1932, when the article below was written assessing the total value of assessed property at twenty million dollars to the present \$170 million plus. ***Reprinted from an article entitled, “Early Days of Chevy Chase” by Edward J. Murphy that appeared in The Thornapple Street News on September 3, 1932:*** “It will be surprising to some of the late comers to learn that in the early days, during the fall season, the members of the Chevy Chase Club who were fond of hunting, particularly the chasing of the fox, started nearly every Saturday from the Club House. The riders always wore red coats, white breeches and black velvet caps. In many instances the high top hat was worn. Their course bore east around the Cummings Farm, at which point a northern direction was taken. It might be mentioned at this time that the Cummings’ home, which is still maintained, was one of the first, or the first, farms located in that immediate section and has never changed ownership from the family from the day it was built to the present time. Mr. Andrew J. Cummings, who is the head of the family, is one of the best known men in the State of Maryland. The huntsmen, having left the Cummings’ Farm, journeyed on through the hills section that is known as Martin’s Additions, around through the Ray Farm,

wending their way back to the Club House after a very stiff hunt. This territory which was used for hunting purposes without any obstructions as far as residences were concerned, is now practically all built up and, instead of being devoted to agriculture, has been given over entirely to home owners with practically twenty million dollars of assessment property on it.”

***In the November 19, 1932 issue of The Thornapple Street News***, the editors made their pitch for a neighborhood playground: “If we could have a playground out here in Chevy Chase, MD., we could have a lot fun. Not only because it would be nice; but because it is also handy. We wouldn’t have to go way down to the Circle to play a big game of football; we wouldn’t have to go to the tennis courts down at the District to play tennis; we wouldn’t have to play baseball down in the District; and maybe we could even stage some wagon or roller skate races. And maybe it would save us a lot of car fares and flat tires.”

***And here’s some Shepherd Street history from the August 26, 1972 edition of The Shepherd Street News:*** “The Weavers who have lived here on Shepherd Street the longest of anybody, told us this story. They (the Weavers) moved here November 19, 1930 when Shepherd Street was a dead end and there were not even any curbs. Cummings Lane was named for a family named Cummings who had a farm and who owned most of the land. When Mrs. Cummings would walk down the street, the turkeys, ducks and geese would follow her. The playground was part of the Cummings farm and they donated the land. One of the Cummings had a lion but had to get rid of it because it scared people. The Weavers say it was country like here—VERY COUNTRY LIKE. Every night the fathers and sons would have a game of baseball in the street.” Look for more history in the next *Edition!*

## IMAGINATION STAGE’S EDGEFEST DEBUTS THIS SPRING!

Imagination Stage, located right in our Bethesda neighborhood is the region’s preeminent Theatre Arts Organization dedicated to children. The First Annual Imagination Stage’s EDGEfest, featuring professional theatre productions from Russia, Northern Ireland, Canada and the US will be held this Spring. There will be an array of arts-related festival activities, drama workshops and mobile-making workshops—all included for the price of a \$20 Day Pass. Come for a play, stay all day! Imagination Stage’s EDGEfest runs March 31-April 7 at Imagination Stage in Bethesda. Info and tickets at 301-280-1660 or [www.imaginationstage.org](http://www.imaginationstage.org).

**GET ON VMA COMMUNITY HELPER LIST**

The Village of Martin’s Additions Community Helpers List is being compiled as a public service announcement for both Village teens and young adults seeking jobs and for Village residents seeking individuals to provide a variety of services. If you would like your name to appear on the VMA Community Helpers list which will be published in future *Martin’s Editions*, please fill out this authorization form and fax (301-656-0030) or mail it to the Village office at 7013B Brookville Road, Chevy Chase, MD 20815

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Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number

List jobs: baby-sitting, pet-sitting, yard work, snow shoveling, tutoring, etc.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent’s signature

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR BCC HS BOOK SALE---and keep on donating!**

***Sunday March 25, 2007, from 11 AM to 2 PM*** should be clearly marked on your calendar so you won’t miss the famous BCC High School Used Book Sale. Proceeds benefit the BCC PTA and are tax deductible. Books will continue to be accepted on Sundays, February 25, March 4, and March 11. No encyclopedias, magazines or textbooks. Book drop off is on **Sundays, 10 AM - 2 PM, at B-CC Chelton St. entrance Jan. 28, Feb. 11, Feb. 25, March 4 and March 11.** Tax receipts are available and there is curbside drop off..

**MARYLAND’S TREE\_MENDOUS PROGRAM.**

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources TREE-MENDOUS MARYLAND Program is offering its spring list of trees and shrubs available for public land planting. These reasonably priced, mostly native trees and shrubs are available for purchase immediately by anyone planting on public land in Maryland; schools, watershed organizations, local and county governments, homeowner’s associations, environmental groups, etc. visit <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/forests/tmorderform.pdf>. for a list of plants. e-mail [tgalloway@dnr.state.md.us](mailto:tgalloway@dnr.state.md.us) should you need larger trees.

**DO YOUR MVA BUSINESS RIGHT IN THE AREA**

Need Motor Vehicle Express Office services? Pop over to Friendship Heights where the MVA Mobile Office (a bus) is parked once a month on Friendship Boulevard next to the Village Center from 10 AM to 2 PM on February 26, March 26 and April 23 and May 21. The services include driver’s licenses and vehicle registrations renewal, MD Photo identifications, disability placards, and tag returns.

**HELP WANTED for 11 year -old boy.**

A resident of Turner Lane is in need of after school childcare or sitter for an 11 year old boy . Care is needed two-three weekdays per week, from PM until 6:30 PM. Please call Jacqueline Irving at 301-718-9593 if you can assist.

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**GET MAXIMUM USE OF YOUR TAX DOLLARS!**

As a municipality in the State of Maryland, the major source of revenues for the Village of Martin's Additions is our share of income taxes which every resident pays to the state. In order for us to receive this revenue sharing, you must write "***Village of Martin's Additions***" in the box marked "City, town or taxing area" on your Maryland Income Tax Form 502. This assures that a portion of your tax dollars comes back to the Village, rather than to

Montgomery County, to provide you with services. This money helps support our municipal budget for trash collection, recycling, leaf collection, street cleaning, snow removal, tree care and the many other municipal services that are administered by the Village of Martin's Additions. Don't give those revenues away! You have much more control over how those tax dollars are spent right here in your Village.

**FORM 502 MARYLAND RESIDENT INCOME TAX RETURN**  
 OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 2006, ENDING

SOCIAL SECURITY #		SPOUSE'S SOCIAL SECURITY #	
Your First Name	Initial	Last Name	
Spouse's First Name	Initial	Last Name	
PRESENT ADDRESS (No. and street)			
City or Town		State	Zip Code
Name of county and incorporated city, town or special taxing area in which you were a resident on the last day of the taxable period. (See Instruction 6)		Maryland county	City, town or taxing area <b><i>Martins Additions</i></b>

