
Martin's Edition



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



NOTES FROM THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

In last month's letter, I stressed the importance of getting involved in the governance of the Village by paying attention to the election process and the importance of nominating candidates for the Village Council. Elections are May 3rd, which is also the time that the Annual Budget is proposed for approval. You are urged to participate in one of the many opportunities afforded you in the budget development process:

On Thursday February 16th the topic of program and service initiatives for the Village, an important consideration for budget development, will be placed on the agenda for residents to share ideas.

On Thursday, March 1st the Council will meet for a working session to begin the formal development of a budget for Fiscal Year 2013 which begins July 1 of 2012. This working session allows the public attendance but restricts resident comments as the Council studies the numbers and discusses budget development.

On Thursday, March 15th the budget will receive further review by the Council at the regular monthly Council meeting and the Real Property Rate will be proposed and introduced. It will be an additional opportunity for residents to make their comments.

On Thursday, March 29th the Council will hold a budget session for residents to comment on the proposed budget and tax rate. The Council must adopt a proposed budget and tax rate at this meeting to meet the required 30-day notice before adoption at the May 3 Annual Meeting.

On Thursday, April 19th the candidates forum will be a part of the Council meeting and further opportunities will be available for all in attendance to share their views on the budget and program plans for FY 2013.

On Thursday, May 3rd Council elections will be conducted and the Village Annual Meeting will begin at the conclusion of the election (8 PM). Again, there will be an opportunity for resident comments before the Council adopts a budget and tax rate.

This series of meetings is an opportunity for all residents to understand and participate in the budget process. Please plan to join us for these meetings.

Richard Krajeck

FEBRUARY 2012

◆ NOMINATION PERIOD FOR COUNCIL OPENS

Current terms end for three seats on the Village of Martin's Additions Council on June 30, 2012. Nominations for candidates will be accepted beginning on Thursday, February 23rd and close on Monday March 26th at 5 PM. See details on page 2 and the enclosed Election Announcement and Nomination Form.

◆ YES, WE WILL SHRED!

In partnership with Section 3 and Section 5 we have scheduled a Shred It Event right here in Martin's Additions for Saturday, May 12th. See page 4.

◆ BULK TRASH PICKUP MARCH 10th

Start your spring cleaning early so you're ready for Saturday, March 10, 2012. Have your items at the curb by 7 AM. Appliances must have Freon removed. No yard debris. Call the office if you have questions.

◆ FY 2013 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT BEGINS IN FEBRUARY

Have ideas about things you'd like to do or see in Martin's Additions? Improvements you'd like to see made that should be included in the budget development process? You'll have several opportunities to share those thoughts with the Council over the next 3 Council meetings. See the article on page 4 about planned meetings.

◆ YOUR SERVICE LIST.ORG

A great new resource for VMA residents. Have you tried it yet? See page 4 for the "How To".

NEXT VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

The next Village Council meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 16th, 2012 at 7:30 PM** in the Village Office, 7013 B Brookville Rd. 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 and a preliminary agenda is published in this newsletter.

2012 VILLAGE ELECTION PROCESS KICKED OFF

Beginning Monday, February 23, 2012 nominations for the Village Council are being accepted by the Village Elections Committee. This year, three seats are up for election on the Council. Each seat is for a two-year term.



Would you like to serve as a Council Member? Martin's Additions is a self-governing, incorporated municipality in the State of Maryland. As such, the Village is responsible for providing trash collection, recycling, road and sidewalk repair, snow plowing, construction permitting and other municipal services. The smooth function of government and delivery of services have depended on the ability and willingness of interested residents to serve on the governing body—the Village Council. Would YOU like to be involved? Consider becoming a candidate.

Who can be nominated? Any resident of Martin's Additions who is a qualified voter (18 years old as of Election Day, May 3) may nominate another qualified resident or him - or herself.

How do you nominate a candidate? Nominations must be made in writing and sent to the Election and Ethics Committee, c/o Village of Martin's Additions, 7013B Brookville Road, Chevy Chase, MD 20815. Nominations open on Monday, February 23, and close on Monday March 26.

What do I have to do if I am a nominee? Ensure that your written nomination is received by the Elections Committee no later than March 26. A Candidate's Statement must be received no later than Wednesday, March 28, along with a brief biographical sketch. Candidates will be welcomed at the April 19 Council meeting where they will be able to give brief statements.

VILLAGE ELECTION COMMITTEE

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Village of Martin's Additions ELECTIONS SCHEDULE 2012

Terms Expiring for:

Richard Krajeck, Jill Filipczyk and Arthur Alexander

Thursday February 23, 2012: Nominations Open.

**[Nominations shall be requested not less than 60 days prior to the election.]*

Monday, March 26, 2012: Deadline for Submitting Nominations.

**[Must be received in writing at least 30 days prior to the election.]*

Wednesday, March 28, 2012: Candidates Statements & Biographical Sketch due into the VMA Office.

Thursday April 19, 2012: Candidates Forum and Introductions during Monthly Council Meeting.

Thursday, May 3, 2012: Council Election, Brookville Village Center 6 - 8 PM

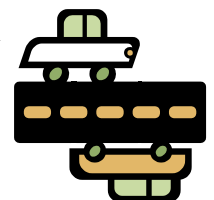
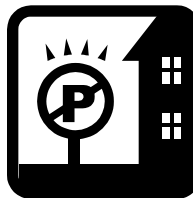
**[Elections and Annual Meeting shall take place by May 15.]*

**Items in Brackets reflect Charter Requirements*

COUNCIL APPROVES PERMANENT REGULATION FOR ONE-SIDE OF THE STREET PARKING DURING HEAVY SNOWFALL.



At the December meeting, the Council passed an emergency regulation allowing the Village Manager to designate one-side of the street only for parking during snow storms on certain streets in Martin's Additions. Permanent regulations must be substituted for the emergency regulations to be effective past 60 days. To this end, Resolution 12-11-2, which represents the installation of a permanent regulation of one-side of the street parking restriction during snow storms, was unanimously adopted according to Charter requirements. The resolution was amended to include Oxford Street in the list of streets that can be considered for restricted parking. The permanent resolution will become effective February 9, 2012.



**COUNCIL TO CONSIDER
NEW BUILDING PERMIT FEES
AND DEFINITION OF CONSTRUCTION**

Over the past several months the Council has been considering the structure of Village building fees to better align them with the effort and costs required to manage those projects. Currently, building permits are issued for square footage changes to a structure that expands the 3-dimensional boundaries of a home. The Council has been concerned for some times about the larger size, multi-tiered projects where renovations can be of a scale virtually the same as new construction but require a disproportionately smaller fee.



The changes being proposed to the Building Permit Fee definitions and fee calculations include clarification and expansion of floor area definition. The new fee structure would calculate the permit fees based upon the total floor area being added to the house, not just the footprint of the addition. Fees would be linked to a per square foot area increase beyond 250 sq. ft.

Currently, fees are based on whether the proposed modification creates an additional floor area that is greater than or less than a threshold of 500 square feet. The new fee structure proposes that a total floor area increase of less than 250 sq. feet will cost \$250 (unchanged from current standards.) Beyond that, the new fee structure would be tied to a cost of a dollar per sq. foot of additional floor area, equal to and greater than 250 square feet up to a maximum of \$4,000, the current fee for a residential tear down and all new construction.

The new fee structure includes a fee of \$10 per linear foot for the construction of new exterior walls. The purpose of this proposal is to more accurately reflect the impact of large exterior renovations that are not otherwise captured by the fees based on additional square footage. If the total linear footage of new exterior walls is less than 15 feet, the linear footage fee is waived. This fee is in addition to the square footage fee, up to a total permit fee of \$4,000. This threshold will allow for more modest, and generally simple cosmetic changes to be performed to exterior walls, such as the construction of a bay window, without any additional fees. Public comment is being taken at the both the February and March Council meetings. The essence of the resolution is shown below.

**PROPOSED VMA REQUIREMENTS
FOR CALCULATING
BUILDING PERMIT
FEES**



Resolution 1-12-1

**Introduced 1-19-012, Action 3-15-2012,
would be effective 4-5-2012)**

NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION
PERMIT.....\$4,000
EXTERIOR ALTERATION and MODIFICATION
PERMIT:

Commercial & Residential Buildings (including garage)
A. Sq. footage Total floor area* increase of less
than ~~500~~ 250 sq. feet.....\$250
Sq. footage Total floor area* increase equal to
or greater.....\$~~500~~
than ~~500~~ 250 square feet \$1 per square
foot and

**B. Replacement of greater than fifteen (15)
contiguous feet of exterior wall** as measured
along the exterior horizontal length of the wall
plane.....\$10 per linear foot.**

**(A. and B. not to collectively exceed a maximum
fee of \$4,000)**

* Floor area includes all levels, including cellars,
basements, and attics, and also includes stairwells and
elevators. Areas with clear ceiling height (measured from
floor to ceiling) greater than fourteen (14) feet shall count
twice.

** Exterior walls shall be measured along the horizontal
wall plane at the height of the first floor joists.

**HAVE YOU JOINED
OUR LIST SERV?**



If you're not a member you're missing important community information and opportunities! To join just go to <http://groups.google.com/group/martins-additions-chevy-chase> and click on "Apply for Membership." Your request to join will be processed, and you'll be notified of your membership. To set up email capabilities, add the name "List Serv" to your email address book, much as you'd enter the name of a friend or business contact. Add martins-additions-chevy-chase@googlegroups.com into your email address file, You are now ready to email the VMA List Serv with a question or comment simply by calling up your old friend "List Serv."



SHREDDING EVENT SATURDAY, MAY 12

Martin's Additions, Section 3 and Section 5 have teamed up for a Secure Shredding Event for residents of our community, to be staged on Taylor Street at the Market, on Saturday May 12 from 10 AM -1 PM. Secure shredding is a green initiative provided by Office Paper Systems and is one of the many ways in which they support our community and environment. All of the fiber processed will return to market as a recycled product. Recycled paper is used in the production of over 5000 different products-- writing paper, napkins, tissue and packaging are some of the more common uses for recycled paper but manufacturers also use it to make products like dust masks, egg cartons, masking tape and coffee filters. Your clean up efforts in your home help clean up the environment too! Secure Shredding will bring their equipment to us and will provide the manpower to help empty cars. **NOT ACCEPTABLE:** 3 hole notebooks, big metal clips (staples and paperclips are okay), computer discs and VHS cassettes. Check them out on line at www.freeseureshredding.com

VMA FY 2013 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

Initiation of Budget Process: February 16th. Regular Council Meeting. Attend the meeting and share any ideas you have for Village improvements

Pre-Preliminary Budget Working Session: March 1st. Working Session for Council. Public welcome to attend but to observe only.

Further Public Budget Discussion: Thursday March 15th; Regular Monthly Council Meeting. Additional opportunity to share budget and program planning ideas for FY 2013

Public Hearing on Budget & Tax Rate: Thursday March 29th. Tax Resolutions will be introduced. Formal budget introduced and discussed

Candidates Introduction & Discussion: Thursday April 19th. Additional opportunity to discuss budget.

Annual Meeting (and Election) : Thursday, May 3rd, 6-8 and 8-9:30 PM. Action on Tax Resolution and Budget Approved.

All meetings are held in the Village Office at 7013 B Brookville Rd. beginning at 7:30 PM.



BUILDING ACTIVITY IN VMA As of 1/19/12

Ongoing Projects:

3518 Bradley Lane: Garage demo and re-build.

3503 Bradley Lane: New home construction. Final clearance expected soon.

- ROW Tree needed to be removed on an emergency basis.

- Sidewalk extended to corner of Bradley and Melville (past 3501) as a part of the driveway apron pour at 3503.

3401 Thornapple Street: (Variance) Construction.

3502 Cummings Lane: The renovation project is almost complete. Fence permit had been granted but no fence has yet been erected.

New Permit Requests/ Pending:

7318 Delfield Street- Demo and new construction. All required permits are on schedule and approved as needed.

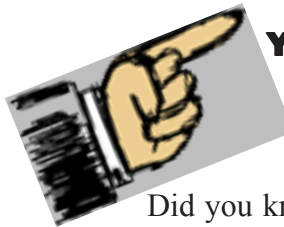
7315 Delfield- Garage and addition. All required permits are on schedule and approved as needed. Construction to begin soon.

Bond Return in Process

3412 Bradley- Deck permit completed. ROW permit for deposit of materials issued and completed. Bond returned.

Bond Return Awaiting Utility Confirmation

7404 Summit Ave- Final patch from Washington Gas needed in order to release bond.



YOUR SERVICE LIST.ORG- AT YOUR SERVICE!

Did you know that many service provider recommendations from our Martin's Additions listserv are now organized on www.YourServiceList.org ? You can go to this website and find the plumber your neighbor uses but whose email you deleted. As a community we can expand our own service list based on personal experiences. Your participation is absolutely **FREE**, and **your name and email address will be protected at all times**. You can read all the terms and conditions associated with the Service List once on the website. Check it out!



VILLAGE OF MARTIN'S ADDITIONS COUNCIL ELECTION 2012

Terms Begin July 1, 2012 and Expire June 30, 2014
for Three Candidates

•NOMINATION PERIOD OPENS

Thursday, February 23, 2012

•NOMINATION PERIOD CLOSES

Monday, March 26, 2012 at 5 PM

•CANDIDATES' INTRODUCTION and FORUM

Thursday, April 19, Village Council Meeting 7:30 PM

•COUNCIL ELECTION & ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, May 3, 2012. Voting from 6:00-8:00 PM;
Meeting 8:00-9:00 PM



VILLAGE OF MARTIN'S ADDITIONS

7013 B Brookville Road, Chevy Chase, MD 20815

VILLAGE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Frank Correl, Chairman; Noell Sottile and Ted Stoddard, Members

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ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS OF MARTIN'S ADDITIONS!

The election for Village of Martin's Additions Council Members will be held on **Thursday, May 3, 2012** at the Annual Meeting in accordance with Village Charter Requirements.

Beginning Thursday, February 23, the Village Elections and Ethics Committee will accept nominations for candidates for the Village Council **to fill three seats for a term of two years each, commencing July 1, 2012.**

Remember reading in high school history courses about the New England Town Meeting? Such meetings are an example of democracy in action – where every towns person has the opportunity to be heard. This type of participative democracy is not just in the history books; the town meeting model thrives in Martin's Additions. In our Village of 325 homes we all can participate in its governance and in determining the quality of living in our community – by attending monthly Village Council meetings, participating on special committees, assisting with special events, and running for a seat on the Council.

Our own residents – lawyers, teachers, homemakers, real estate agents, and government and business leaders – volunteer to be elected to the Council. They are not professional politicians – but people who give VOLUNTARILY (that's right – no pay!) of their time to create and shape the policies that affect the everyday lives of the residents of Martin's Additions.

What are the Roles and Responsibilities of an Elected Official? Council members are elected to serve the public good and represent the interests of all citizens in the Village. Council members agree on common objectives, identify community needs and determine priorities. Village government supports its residents by providing the services we all know, such as trash collection, street and sidewalk maintenance, care of trees, building and zoning regulations, street lighting, snow removal, street cleaning, and more. While the day-to-day execution of these responsibilities is carried out by the Village Staff, the Council determines the level of service that is desirable and sets spending levels.

What is it like to be a Council Member? It is a rewarding, even exciting experience, and opportunities exist to influence higher level policy decisions about service delivery and governance. Council members have the opportunity to work with commissions and utilities such as PEPCO, Washington Gas and WSSC to improve their performance for our common benefit. They participate and lead Village Committees to address residents' concerns. There are valuable contacts with other municipalities and elected officials made through the Maryland Municipal League and other channels.

Time for Action!! Once again, it is time to elect new Council members. Do YOU want our Village to continue as a self-governing, democratic community? If so, **DO** run for the Council this year (remember, current terms end for three Council seats), or **JOIN** a committee and play a part in keeping effective local government alive in Martin's Additions.



◆ VILLAGE ELECTION PROCESS DETAILS ◆



◆ Qualified Voters and Nominees.

In accordance with the Charter for the Village of Martin's Additions, **any resident who is 18 years of age or older on Election Day, May 3, 2012, residing in or owning property in Martin's Additions** is entitled to nominate candidates for election and to vote for Village Council members. Any such resident also is eligible to be nominated to run for election. Voters in Martin's Additions need not be registered in Montgomery County or in the State of Maryland to be eligible to vote in Village elections.

◆ Nomination Form.

The last page of this document is a Village Council Election Nomination Form. Please deliver or mail the completed form to the Election and Ethics Committee, c/o Village of Martin's Additions, 7013 B Brookville Road, Chevy Chase, MD 20815, or email to martinsadditions@verizon.net **no later than close of business, Monday March 26, 2012.** Nominations must be made in writing.

◆ Nominee Willingness to Serve.

As nominations are received, the Elections Committee will ascertain the willingness of nominees to serve. If a nominee is unwilling to accept the nomination, the name will be removed from the list of candidates.

◆ Candidates' Statements Required.

Candidates are requested to provide the Elections & Ethics Committee with a short biographic sketch and position statement by **Wednesday, March 28, 2012**, for distribution to the voters with the list of candidates.

◆ Candidates' Introduction and Forum, Thursday, April 19th Village Council meeting.

The candidates will be introduced at the monthly Council Meeting and given a brief opportunity to meet Village residents and present their position statements. There will be a brief moderated discussion with the opportunity to ask questions of the candidates.

◆ Poll Location and Absentee Ballots.

All eligible residents are encouraged to vote by casting their ballot in the polling area which will be set up at the Brookville Village Center. Write-in candidates are permitted. Any resident expecting to be absent on Election Day may apply for an absentee ballot. All voting is by secret ballot and strict controls are put in place by elections officials to ensure all voters have the opportunity to cast ballots in privacy.

◆ The Election will be held from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday, May 3, 2012,

Once again, we plan to hold a "Village Celebration on the Sidewalk" during the election, weather permitting. The Annual Meeting immediately follows in the Village Office at 7013 B Brookville Road.



**NOMINATIONS FORM for
Village Council Members Election 2012
Village of Martin's Additions**

Deadline for Submission: Monday March 26, 2012

I hereby nominate the following persons to be candidates for the Council of the Village of Martin's Additions at the election to be held Thursday, May 3, 2012.

1. NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ TEL. NO. _____

2. NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ TEL. NO. _____

3. NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ TEL. NO. _____

4. NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ TEL. NO. _____

Two Year Terms to begin July 1, 2012 and Expire June 30, 2014

SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR _____

PRINTED NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TEL. NO. _____ DATE _____

**PLEASE DELIVER OR MAIL THIS FORM TO:
Elections & Ethics Committee
c/o Village of Martin's Additions
7013 B Brookville Road, Chevy Chase, MD 20815**



Phone 301-656-4112 ◆ Fax 301-656-0030 ◆ Email: martinsadditions@verizon.net



OUT AND ABOUT THE VILLAGE

Sad Goodbye to...

♦**Patsy Haley Stann**, long time resident of 3421 Raymond Street, died on January 21 at her home. Patsy was a retired law librarian and over the years managed libraries at various law firms in the DC area. She was an avid quilter, birder and gardener. Patsy participated in many service projects through her church and was instrumental in bringing Christmas in April to the Washington area. She was active in service work in Honduras where she organized a sewing cooperative for women. In the 1990's Patsy was president of the Friends of the Library, Chevy Chase Chapter. Patsy is survived by her husband Jeff, daughter Katherine, son-in-law Andrew and their grandson Benjamin.

FAMOUS BCC USED BOOK SALE SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 10-4 & SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 10-3

Over 30,000 books for sale! Buy Fiction and Nonfiction: Children's, Young Adult, Mystery, Art, Sci-Fi, Travel, Business/Economics, Cooking, Home & Garden, Politics, History, Test Prep, Foreign Language, Science, AND MUCH MORE. Sunday special: buy a bag of books for \$10. Cash and checks accepted.



BCC EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

Join the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Educational Foundation for their 6th annual fundraiser, a Wine Tasting: An International Sampling, on Thursday, **March 8 from 7 - 9 pm at the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase**. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased at www.bccedfoundation.org.



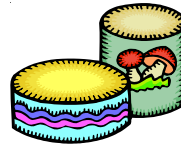
Email Carole Brand at csbrand@verizon.net if you have questions.

DAY OF SERVICE PROJECTS SUCCESSFUL

Martin's Additions participated in the Montgomery County Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service on January 16th with two successful projects:



Our *Manna Food Program* captains Linda and Dick Kirschten of 3406 Turner Lane set up a collection table in front of the Brookville Market collected a total of 456 pounds of food, plus \$66 in cash donations with which to buy more food. As has been the case for 2010 and 2011, almost half of the food collected is thanks to Marilyn Hanlon of Section 5, mother of a Martin's Additions' resident. Many thanks to Linda and Dick for manning the table on that cold day and doing such a great job all through the year!



A second round of *Operation "Treat Our Troops"* also took place in the Village office on this day of service. Doug Stein, builder and owner of 7216 Chestnut Street — a major player and the force behind this wonderful effort— brought his friend Aaron Causey, a wounded Army EOD (explosive ordnance disposal) specialist who served in Afghanistan. He is recovering at Walter Reed National Medical Center. Aaron's wife Kat Causey joined the packing team. Volunteers include Doug Stein of Wexford Homes, Jean Sperling, Village Manager, Martin's Additions, and Brigitte Freeman and her mom Courtney Freeman. They are nearby residents of Rollingwood.



The main source of the donations was through the kindness of Martin's Additions resident Robin Michel who is a President of the Food and Consumables Division at Sears Holding Co. Other residents made additional contributions, including a major donation from the Catherwood Family.

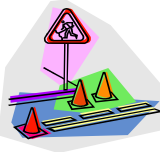
TIRED OF RECEIVING THE WASHINGTON EXAMINER?

To stop deliveries you can contact Ms. Teresa Browne at tbrowne@dcexaminer.com or by FAX at 703-738-0754. It may take a few weeks for deliveries to stop after you notify them.

MORE PAVING BY STATE HIGHWAY . . STAY ALERT!

The State Highway Administration was very busy in our area last year as they paved Brookville Rd.

They are returning to Chevy Chase and Bethesda this summer to resurface Connecticut Avenue from Chevy Chase Circle to Bradley Lane in both directions.



Storm drains will be upgraded at the same time. Work is slated to begin in July or August. They have not given an estimate for how long the work will take. We will update residents as information becomes available.

Ongoing work includes resurfacing Wisconsin Ave. (Rte. 355) in both directions from the DC line to Bradley Lane. This project should be completed by Summer, 2012; they estimate that 12% of the work has been completed. Another project underway is the resurfacing of Wisconsin Ave. from Montgomery Ave. to Jones Bridge Rd. The estimated completion date is in the fall of 2012 with 5% of the work already completed.

If residents have questions about construction on State Highways in our area (Brookville, Connecticut, Wisconsin and River Road) please call the Village Office so we can put you in touch with the appropriate State Highway Administration (SHA) personnel. SHA has been making a concerted effort to touch base with the local communities and keep them informed of nearby SHA work.

CHEVY CHASE@HOME MARCH EVENTS

Meet & Mingle is on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at the Chevy Chase Village Hall from 2 to 4 PM. These events are open to everyone, so come by and sample the programs (and delicious refreshments too!).



◆ **March 6th Meet & Mingle will be a St. Patrick's Day Celebration**, featuring Ellouise Schottler reading Irish stories.

◆ **March 20th M & M** will be a program on “**What Handwriting Tells About You**” given by Elizabeth Gerstein, Certified Handwriting Analyst.

◆ **Thursday, March 8th** is the regular monthly **Brunch Bunch Get-Together** from **10 to 11:30am** at the Olympia Coffee Shoppe, 7021 Brookville Rd.

◆ **Wednesday, March 14 at 7 pm**, Glen Buco, a Certified Financial Planner with 30 years of financial planning and investment management experience, will be speaking on “**Selecting A Financial Advisor: Planning, Investing and Protecting Your Retirement Years.**” This program is also at the Chevy Chase Village Hall.

COLD WEATHER, WARM HEARTS



In spite of the cold temperature on January 16, residents of Martin's Additions stepped up to help the hungry among us. Our food drive on the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, netted 456 pounds of canned/boxed non-perishables; \$66 in cash was also donated and was used to buy more food. In the ensuing two weeks, even more donations mounted up, putting our total contribution for the month of January at 682 lbs! a big thank you to everyone who took part.

Here are two things you might want to check out: On Tuesday, Feb. 28th, more than 70 Montgomery County eateries will be taking part in an event called “Thanksgiving in February.” All participating restaurants will donate 10-20 percent of their sales from that day to the event, with proceeds going to 11 County agencies, including Manna, that provide food assistance to families in need. For a list of participants, go to www.thanksgivinginfebruary.org

There's a nine-minute video called “Food Should be More Than a Wish” on YouTube that looks inside Manna's Gaithersburg warehouse and at the programs that help “fight hunger and feed hope in Montgomery County.” The video, which includes interviews with several Manna officials, is terrific and will give you an idea of where your donations to our Village project are going. You can access it from the Manna website (www.mannafood.org) or connect directly through YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r6XF1bCS9fc>

The fight against hunger continues. As always, you may drop your donations in the box at the foot of the stairs to the Village Office or on the front porch of 3406 Turner Lane, or call the Kirschtens at 301-986-5839 and they'll swing by for a pick up. Thanks again for your ongoing support.

GOINGS ON AT THE CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY

On **Saturday, February 25**, the Library will have an **Antiques Bookshow**. Les Rich of the Friends of the Library Rockville Bookstore will make a short presentation at 1 p.m. and then appraise books.



As of press time, information on book group selections was not available. Go to www.folmc.org and click on Chevy Chase to get current info!

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

February 16, 2012 Council Meeting

Call to Order 7:30 pm
Citizens Concerns and Comments
Public Hearing Resolution 1-12-1
Amendment to Village Building Permit Fees
and Definitions
Building Administrator's Report
Minutes and Treasurer's Report
FY 2013 Budget Development Discussion
Manager's Report

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TIPS ON STAYING SAFE!

Keep all doors and windows closed and locked.

- ◆ Do not hide keys in mailboxes, planters, fake rocks or under doormats. Instead, leave a set of keys with a trusted neighbor.
- ◆ Secure sliding glass doors with a metal rod or piece of plywood placed in the door track.
- ◆ Automatic garage door openers *should not* be relied upon for security. Always lock the door to an attached garage.
- ◆ Make your home appear occupied by using timers on lights, radios and televisions. This will deter criminals even when no one is home.
- ◆ Install low voltage outdoor lighting around the home to discourage intruders.
- ◆ Keep shrubbery and trees trimmed away from entrances and walkways. Large hedges may provide burglars the perfect place to hide or break in through an obscured window or door.
- ◆ Never leave clues that you are away on a trip. Do not let mail, packages and newspapers accumulate. Request that a neighbor park in your driveway to make it appear that someone is home.
- ◆ Keep some window shades and blinds up and curtains open to maintain a normal, everyday appearance in your home.
- ◆ Never leave a message on your answering machine that you are away from your home. Clear messages out periodically so that the answering machine does not fill up.

Village Council Meetings and Agenda Notice

Council meetings are held every **third Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm** in the Village Office located at 7013 B Brookville Road. The Meeting Agenda is posted on the Village Bulletin Board outside the Brookville Supermarket prior to the meeting and on the Village website www.martinsadditions.org on the Friday before the meeting. Contact the Village Office if you wish to have an item considered for placement on the meeting agenda at least two weeks in advance of the meeting. A complete copy of meeting minutes are available in the Village Office, posted on the bulletin board and available on our website.

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**INCOME TAX TIME... DON'T
FORGET WHERE YOU LIVE**

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 "*Martin's Additions*" in the box marked "City, town or taxing area" on your Maryland Income Tax Form 502. -- You can also select this in your tax preparation software.

This assures that a portion of your tax dollars comes back to the Village (as stipulated in State law), 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 these tax dollars are spent right here in your Village and for your direct benefit.