
Martin's Edition

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

NOTES FROM COUNCIL CHAIRMAN TIM PRICE:



The Village begins the New Year with many issues to address over the coming months. You probably noticed significant tree removal activity during the middle of January. This work is the result of a very lengthy and intensive process begun by our stellar Tree Committee many months ago to inspect the Village trees, meet with independent arborists, get the work permitted by the State of Maryland, obtain competitive bids, schedule the work, and finally to get signs posted to prevent property damage during the work. Your Manager, Jean Sperling, and the Village Tree Supervisor, Dan Gardner worked tirelessly to make sure it all came off without a hitch. It is unfortunate to lose large old trees, knowing that the new trees which replace them will not provide the same sheltering shade for many years to come. In response to the removal of trees during last fall and now in January, the Village will be very busy planting new trees this spring.

During our walk through the Village last fall, the Council identified a number of sidewalk and street issues requiring attention. Several streets need significant sidewalk repair/replacement, but virtually every street needs some sidewalk attention. In addition, there are several streets needing significant repair, some include the need to retain experts to address problems with water flow during rains. As spring arrives the Council will be receiving and reviewing proposals on how best to address the sidewalk and street issues.

The Council met on Thursday, January 11 for a special Council meeting to review and begin the adoption of a new Ordinance governing our Building Permit Fee Schedule. Presently our building permit fee is only \$25.00. Under the new Ordinance the Council will have the authority to implement a fee schedule which sets different fees for different levels of construction. Not only is it time to raise the fee level from its present level, but the increased levels of construction, requiring more Village oversight, require higher permit fees. The Ordinance will also grant the Council authority to set the fee schedule by resolution rather than the prolonged ordinance process. The majority of the permit fees will be rising dramatically in order to cover the dramatic increase in costs the Village has encountered in monitoring the new construction in the Village.

The Village continues to discuss the issues associated with increased construction in our neighborhood. Your Village Manager Jean Sperling, and our building consultant, Alan Beal, recently developed construction protocols for builders to follow while building in our Village. However, construction protocols

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Happy New Year, January 2007

Village Council Meeting Time Change.

The starting time for Village Council meetings has been changed to 7:30 PM. Monthly Council meetings are held every third Thursday of the month, in the Village Office located at 7013 B Brookville Road.

Village Directory Draft is Enclosed in this Newsletter.

Please help make our directory complete and accurate. Look for your name, address and phone number. Call, email or write the office with any changes, deletions or additions.

Holiday Fund Reflects High Level of Appreciation.

Contributions this year almost hit the \$5700 mark! What a great show of support for the hard working men of Waste Management. They expressed their deep felt thanks to everyone as well as the many kind holiday wishes they received from residents throughout the Village.

Have You Marked Your Calendar for our Winter Celebration at La Ferme?

We hope to see a great turnout at La Ferme on Sunday afternoon February 11th from 2-4 pm to celebrate our great community! See the details on page 2 of this newsletter.

The Village is Still Compiling a List of Community Helpers. Money Making Opportunities!

If your children or young adults have not registered yet to have their name on the Village list of available Community Helpers (babysitting, snow shoveling, etc) they may be missing out on a money making opportunity! Use the form in last month's newsletter or call the office at 301-656-4112 to get on that list.

do not address the more pressing issues of size, bulk, lot coverage, water runoff, and height of the new construction. The Zoning Committee needs your input and help in reviewing and updating the Village Ordinances on issues of lot coverage, impervious surface coverage, height limitation, and bulk limitations. Since the Village has received new authority to enact legislation on these issues, it is incumbent upon the Village to review these issues and make changes as the Village deems appropriate.

Finally, the Village is hosting the annual Winter Community Celebration on February 11 at La Ferme. I hope you will attend, visit with your friends, enjoy La Ferme's hospitality and take a small winter's break. Each year this event causes me to begin thinking of spring and reminds me of the joys of living in this close, friendly community. Happy New Year.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED TO CHANGE BUILDING PERMIT FEE

The following resolution was introduced at the Village Council meeting on January 11, 2007 to begin the process of amending the Village Code of Ordinances to give the Village Council flexibility in setting the amount of the building permit fees. The Council will discuss this issue and the issue of permit fee amounts at the January 18th and the February 15, 2007 meetings. Public comment is welcome, of course. In accordance with our Charter Requirements, the resolution can be adopted at the February 15th meeting and become effective on March 3, 2007, 20 days after it is adopted.

The subject of Resolution No: 07-03-07 reads: Amendment to Section 6-307 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Martin's Additions to require, as a condition of processing a building permit application, the payment of an application fee in accordance with a fee schedule set by the Council by resolution

WINTER VILLAGE GET TOGETHER AT LA FERME ON FEBRUARY 11TH! WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!



The plans are set for our Annual Village Get Together from 2:00- 4:00 PM on

February 11th, 2007 at one of our favorite neighborhood gathering places, La Ferme Restaurant at 7101 Brookville Road. Every resident of Martin's Additions is welcome along with the kids! Consider this your Martin's Additions' Open House, and stop by, even if you only have a few minutes!

La Ferme's fabulous chefs are planning a delicious selection of food for adults as well as favorites for

the children. Piano music will greet everyone and so will your Council Members, Tim Price, Noel Sottile, Todd Mann, Richard Krajeck, and Diane Everts. We especially hope that new residents will make a point of attending so that we can properly welcome you and introduce you to your neighbors as well as your elected officials! Learn how to become an active member of your village! We'll have sign-up lists for different committees and areas of interest to make sure that your desire and interest to get involved in your community are not missed.

If you have any questions about this event, please call Council Member Diane Everts at 301-654-7777 or the Village Office at 301-656-4112.

RESIDENCES IN TRANSITION: CAN YOU HELP?

While updating the VMA Directory we have developed a list of residences that *appear* to be "in transition" --they are either under construction, have recently sold, are presently unoccupied, rented, or soon to be renovated. Please check this list and let us know if there are residents in these residences--we don't want to miss anyone!



Call the office at 301-656-4112 or email martinsadditions@verizon.net

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| 3502 Bradley La | 124 Quincy St |
| 7003 Brookville Rd | 3408 Raymond St |
| 7223 Chestnut St | 3507 Raymond St |
| 7215 Delfield St | 3519 Raymond St |
| 7310 Delfield St | 7209 Summit Ave |
| 7315 Delfield St | 7303 Summit Ave |
| 207 Oxford St | 3402 Thornapple St |
| 115 Quincy St | 3518 Turner La |

PERMITS REQUIRED TO BUILD IN VMA

Planning an addition? Putting in a fence? Deck? Building a home? Don't forget you need a permit from the Village of Martin's Additions in addition to a Montgomery County permit before any work can begin. Call the Village office at 301-656-4112 for information.

WELCOME BACK

Gramma (“Abu”) Mary Otero is very happy to welcome her daughter Lucia Otero Mackell, her husband Paul Mackell and their two children Sara, age 12 and Thomas, age 10 to her recently renovated home with new personal living space for Gramma on Shepherd Street! Nice to see more familiar faces!

VMA RESIDENT MARVELLE TO PERFORM!



On Saturday January 27, contemporary folk musician and Martin’s Addition resident Kevin Marvelle will be performing at Twin’s Lounge, one of Washington’s most intimate music venues. Kevin will be accompanied by

Grammy Award winning Zan McLeod (mandolin and guitars), Mike Cohen (bass and vocals), and Mark Bruininga (keyboards and vocals). The show will feature Kevin’s own compositions, including songs on his debut CD: JUST REMEMBER, which has been lauded for its memorable melodies and intelligent lyrics. The first of three sets will begin at 8 PM.

Twins Lounge is located two blocks east of Carter Barron at 5516 Colorado Ave., Washington, DC. For more information call 202-882-2523 or visit www.twinsjazz.com.

WELCOME

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN OUR WELCOME COMMITTEE?

The Village Council would like to start a Welcome Committee for the Village of Martin’s Additions--we’re going to need a chairperson and members for that committee. The Council envisions the creation of a “Welcome Tool” of some fashion (a canvas bag perhaps? a recycling bin?) with goodies inside and some friendly faces to deliver such a welcome. The committee would also keep tabs on new residents and advise on activities to make everyone feel welcome! Call the office at 301-656-4112 or email us at martinsadditions@verizon.net if you’d like to be a part of this community building effort.

KEEP DONATING USED BOOKS FOR BCC HS BOOK SALE! Clean out those bookshelves and donate your used books to the BCC HS book sale which will take place on **Sunday March 25, 2007, from 11 AM to 2 PM**. No encyclopedias, magazines or textbooks. If you know of someone who needs assistance because they have a large number of books, contact Peggy McIntosh at 301-951-8605, or peggy_hsieh@yahoo.com for help.. 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. They also need boxes with lids or filing boxes.

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VMA DIRECTORY EDITS NEEDED NOW OR FOREVER HOLD YOUR COMPLAINTS!

Enclosed in this newsletter is a draft miniature version of the Village of Martin's Additions Directory. Only the Alphabetical list is provided. The final version will also be sorted by street name and number. This is the 3rd and final call for Directory edits. PLEASE look for your name, and check your street address and phone number. ANY CHANGES can be called into the Village Office

at 301-656-4112, e-mailed to the Village Office at martinsadditions@verizon.net or mailed to Village of Martin's Additions, 7013 B Brookville Road, Chevy Chase, MD 20815, **NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31st 2007** Also please note that there is a list of residences placed in a category called "in transition" that is shown on page 2 of this newsletter. If you have any information about these homes please let the Village know.