
Martin's Edition

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

NOTES FROM COUNCIL CHAIRMAN TIM PRICE:



Each month I sit down to transcribe my notes and I am impressed by the amount of activity in our Village, especially by our neighborhood volunteers. One such neighbor is Ed Holland. For longer than most neighbors have lived here, Ed Holland served as the Chair of the Election Committee for the Village of Martin's Additions. This year Ed turned in his resignation following our May elections. I want to thank Ed for his many years of volunteerism and his tireless attention to our elections. It takes many volunteers to fulfill many functions in the neighborhood. Ed's successor will have significant expectations to match.

The Council has requested proposals from several urban planning firms to provide leadership to the Village for modification of the Village Zoning Ordinances. The special meeting we sponsored on June 14 indicated that many Villagers want the Council and Village as a whole to consider a number of issues associated with zoning ordinances, such as water run-off, maintenance of the Village tree canopy, building foot prints, and lot coverage. During the coming months we will move forward with your suggestions and begin to craft new ordinances to address many of the concerns Villagers have expressed. Central to these activities will be the work of a Zoning Committee with the urban planning group the Council chooses. Please accept my notes as an invitation to volunteer to serve on the Village of Martin's Additions Zoning Committee. Service on the Committee will require a significant time commitment as there are many issues, a great amount of information to grasp and understand, and many viewpoints to address. I hope you will consider working with this Committee to shape new zoning ordinances.

During July, the Council began consideration of the Tree Committee's proposed revision to the Tree Ordinance. The Committee submitted a proposal to the Council to protect the Village's tree canopy by addressing mature trees (tree trunks of 24 inches or greater in diameter). During several working sessions the Council will review the Committee's proposal and ultimately vote on a new ordinance. Again, I need to thank the many members of the Tree Committee for their hard work at fashioning a proposal for the Council's consideration.

JULY/AUGUST 2007

◆ AUGUST BULK TRASH PICK UP--SATURDAY AUGUST 11 th

Please remember that trash should not be deposited at the curb before the eve of the actual pick-up. See the article on page 3 for details on this monthly bulk pick-up.



◆ PLEASE WATER VILLAGE TREES

When you are watering your trees and shrubs please don't forget the Village trees on the right of way. See the article on page 3 about effective watering. Tree water bags are available from the Village.

◆ MEMBERS NEEDED FOR ZONING COMMITTEE

Are you interested in the future of your community? Do you have an special knowledge about zoning regulations, architectural considerations, community well-being, and the like? Consider volunteering for the VOMA zoning committee. See details on page 2.

◆ IF YOU DON'T WANT LEAF BAGS...

Please call the Village office at 301-656-4112 if you DO NOT WISH to have the Fall Village Leaf Bag distribution (50 bags) made to your home. These bags are distributed for use by residents for fall leaf pick up since we DO NOT rake leaves into the street for vacuum removal.



◆ VMA LISTSERV MAKES IT EASY TO COMMUNICATE WITH NEIGHBORS & VILLAGE

If you have a computer and an email address you can join a new online gathering of residents on the VMA List Serv at no cost. Find the latest in local news! Ask for babysitters! Look for references for handymen and service providers, and much more! See the details on page 2.

◆ MARTIN'S ADDITIONS BUILDING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED

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

◆ MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

Next Village Council Meeting, Thursday, September 20 at 7:30 PM, 7013 B Brookville Road. The August meeting will not be held. Please watch the Village Bulletin Board outside the Brookville Shopping Center for meeting information on work sessions of the Council. Also watch the List Serv for meeting updates.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF OUR LIST SERV? DON'T BE LEFT OUT OF THE LOOP!

The Village of Martin's Additions List Serv is really gathering steam, and we are excited! The HOMEPAGE, located at <http://groups.google.com/group/martins-additions-chevy-chase> contains important information about Village business and services, such as "What is Acceptable in the Bulk Trash Pick Up?" It is conveniently serving as a mini website for Martin's Additions while the Village moves to construct a more expansive Web Location. The Listserv is a wonderful tool for answers to residents' questions and recommendations for services, such as dog sitting, baby sitting, yard care, painters, plasterers and the like.

Want to join? Just send an email to **Josh Bowers**, the List Serv mastermind, at **JBdcLaw@aol.com** and tell him you want to join, or send that invitation request to the Village Office at **martinsadditions@verizon.net** and your request will be processed. You will be notified via email once you have been welcomed onto the "List".

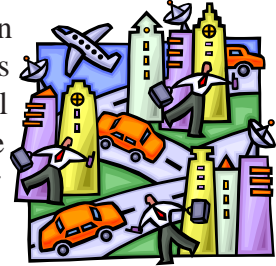
So how do you post a comment or ask a question on the Martin's Additions List Serv once you are a member? It's easy! Just add a contact name to your address book named "List Serv", much like you'd enter the name of a friend or business contact. Next, add the email address martins-additions-chevy-chase@googlegroups.com into the email address file, again like you'd add your friend's email address to the address book. You are now ready to email the VMA List Serv with a question, or comment, by calling up your old friend "List Serv".

As a member of this "List of Neighbors in Martin's Additions", you will hear from other Village residents by receiving their postings and requests as a normal part of your daily e-mail traffic. You will be able to respond to those emails either individually or as a group. Welcome Aboard!



VILLAGE CALLS FOR ZONING CHANGE PROPOSAL

Following the presentation by Jakubiak and Associates in June, the Village Council heard a strong desire to move forward to construct new zoning regulations and building ordinances for the Village of Martin's Additions. Consequently, a Request For Proposal (RFP) was issued in July to five urban planning firms, seeking bids on the Village proposal to address zoning and building regulation changes. Initial responses are due into the Village in early August. They will be reviewed and it is hoped that a contract will be issued before the end of August.



The request for a proposal was constructed in such a way that the Council can move forward quickly with simple, high impact ordinance changes, should the community so desire. The proposal envisions a tiered solution process—simple immediate steps (such as increase the set backs, add driveways and accessory structures to the calculation of what's "covered" in the definition of lot coverage and the like) that can be implemented within 6 months. Once immediate action is underway, the next step will be incremental or intermediate ordinances to further refine the zoning and building adjustments the residents desire. Longer term changes that will address the final vision residents want will complete the larger re-design of zoning regulations for the Village of Martin's Additions.

VILLAGE CALLS FOR CREATION OF A ZONING COMMITTEE

The Council is looking for interested residents to work on a zoning committee. This work will involve meetings with the selected urban planner and coordination of information, meetings with residents, reporting and assisting the Council in moving forward to create new ordinances that reflect the desires of the community. If you are interested in getting involved please contact the Village office at 301-656-4112. This project can only be as successful as residents' willingness to get involved. Village Council Chairman Tim Price will serve as the main Council contact person on this matter.

NEXT VILLAGE BULK TRASH PICK UP SATURDAY AUGUST 11th

The next monthly bulk pick-up date is **SATURDAY August 11. Please mark your calendar.** Get your “junk” to the curb by late Friday afternoon or evening for Saturday morning pick up. VMA residents are reminded



that trash should not be deposited at the curb before the eve of the actual pick-up. It is suggested that if trash is assembled on days before the collection day, it should be held off of the VMA community space. The same rules that applied to the semi-annual heavy trash pick-up apply to the monthly bulk pick up--no liquid latex paint, appliances must have freon removed, no hazardous waste, no construction debris, no yard waste. The office must be called in advance if you have scrap metal or an appliance. You may go to the Martins Additions List Serv Home Page (<http://groups.google.com/group/martins-additions-chevy-chase>) for more information about bulk trash pick up regulations. Any questions on this matter can be directed to the Village Office at 301-656-4112.

EVERYDAY IS NOT TRASH DAY

The Village office receives numerous expressions of concern about trash constantly out on the right-of-way, sometimes seemingly immediately after the trash has been picked up! Please be sensitive to the appearance of the community and hold your trash, rubbish, yard waste and recycling until the evening before pick up. If you have the need for additional trash collection, above and beyond what we pay for with general tax dollars, please call our contractor, Waste Management, at 301-340-0774 to arrange for a special pick-up that will be charged to you as the individual homeowner.

TRASH CANS SHOULD NOT BE AT THE STREET

The Village’s contract with Waste Management specifies that side or rear yard pick-up is the method of household garbage removal. You pay more for this service. Included in the cost is the return of the can to the original location. Do you make use of this contract



clause? If you don’t, you are encouraged to do so. If you prefer to bring your cans to the street, you are asked to return them to their location at the side or rear of the property shortly after the waste has been collected. If you have NOT been allowing the men to come into your rear or back yard and wish to make a change please call the Village Office at 301-656-4112 so the Sanitation Men can be alerted to a change at your property address.

THIRSTY TREES DESERVE ATTENTION

This serious dry spell we are experiencing has certainly become obvious; the sprinkler seems to be going constantly! Would you please remember to water the Village trees that are in the right-of-way? They are an important community asset both for our appearance and our budget! You can either place one of those tree watering bags around the tree and fill it several times a week (if the tree is 6” or smaller in diameter), put a hose on the tree, allowing it to trickle for several hours--the goal is to get about 1” of water into the ground per week-- or use a sprinkler where possible. Help keep our community green! Tree watering bags may be borrowed from the Village Office for use on the street trees. Call 301-656-4112 if you would like one.



COUNCIL BEGINS TO EXPLORE TREE CANOPY ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

At the June 2007 Village Council meeting, the Village Tree Committee presented a proposed plan for protecting trees on private property in an effort to preserve the tree canopy of Martin’s Additions. The members of the tree committee have been working diligently for months, researching what other jurisdictions have done to put a protection program in place, considering many different configurations and approaches to a protective plan. At a work session prior to the July Council meeting, the council began to discuss and explore the presented plan for the tree canopy and how the Village might proceed. The Council intends to have work sessions to discuss this issue further over the next several months.

COUNCIL APPROVES VILLAGE WIDE 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT

Following the recommendations of Mr. Joe Cutro, P.E., the traffic engineer providing consulting services to the Village, the Council has approved the adoption of a Village-wide speed limit of 20 MPH.



Necessary traffic orders and resolutions have been adopted and new signs will be installed over the next several weeks. The 20 MPH speed limit will be enforceable by the Chevy Chase Village Police as well as the Montgomery County Police because the speed limit has been set according to proper engineering standards. Recommended speed limits at speed humps will be set at 10 MPH.

COUNCIL APPROVES CORRECTIONS/ UPGRADE OF SIGNAGE. WATCH FOR FURTHER ACTION



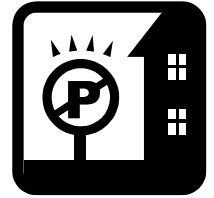
The recommendations for traffic signage changes made by Mr. Cutro will be implemented by the Village Manager, with the approval of the

Council. As a result of these plans, the capable public works firm of Verges Construction will upgrade parking signage and traffic flow plans in the Village in numerous locations. Mr. Cutro will be supervising the changes. The first location experiencing a change is the dead end of Raymond Street, where proper parking restrictions will be correctly signed and the fire hydrant at Melville and Raymond Street will receive additional signage to reduce persistent illegal parking.

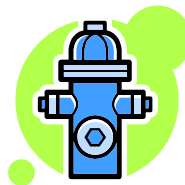
New “No Outlet” flag type signs will be added to streets in the Village that are technically considered No Outlet, including Turner Lane, dead end Delfield Street, Raymond Street and Bradley Lane. Other areas that will receive future attention include Chestnut Street, Summit Avenue and Taylor Street, the 3-way intersection of Raymond and Melville, Bradley and Melville and Quincy and Oxford Street. Residents may see traffic counting and speed recording equipment at a number of locations in the Village over the next several months. Rest assured that these data are being collected to provide the Council with the best possible decision-making information as they review and consider recommendations of Mr. Cutro.

VILLAGE ASKS CC VILLAGE POLICE TO STEP UP TICKETING OF PARKING VIOLATIONS AND SPEED CHECKS

The Village of Martin’s Additions contracts with the Chevy Chase Village Police for approximately 80 plus hours of police service per month. Recently, the CCV police have stepped up their supervision and ticketing of illegal parking, speeding and other violations at the direction of the Village Manager.



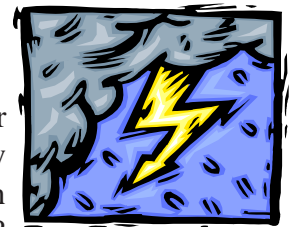
The police have been asked to pay particular attention to illegal parking at fire hydrants, parking at driveway aprons, speeding and cut through trucks. Forewarned is forearmed. “But I



live here” is not an excuse. Residents who are experiencing persistent parking violations on their street are encouraged to call the office to pass the enforcement request onto the CCV Police. Do not be surprised if

you are told that “Yellow Curbs” do not inherently provide a ticketable offense, because they do not. They must be backed up by federal or state traffic laws.

IS YOUR PROPERTY READY FOR A BIG STORM?



The National Weather Service predicts a very business hurricane season this year. Are you ready?

Do you have flashlights, batteries, bottled water and the other necessary items to “shelter in place”? Most importantly, have you looked up at the condition of the trees on your property? Do any of them look diseased? Do they need to be pruned? Within the past three months the Village of Martin’s Additions has had five MAJOR tree emergencies related to trees on private property that blocked or threatened the public streets and sidewalks. In almost all cases, major Pepco lines have been involved in the downed trees, lines that not only provide major electrical service throughout the area, but also elevate the risk of personal property damage should they touch down and ignite a fire. Don’t put yourself in that situation. Look and plan ahead for proper tree care!

A FOX IN THE HEN HOUSE? NO, IN MARTIN'S ADDITIONS!

A Red Fox has been seen in two locations in Martin's Additions, once in the vicinity of Shepherd Street Park and Turner Lane and on Bradley Lane. In the latter case the fox was being chased by a very brave and large domestic cat. We hope the cat didn't lose the battle. Be forewarned. Deer have also been seen throughout the Village--Cummings lane, Shepherd Street, Bradley and other locations. Stay alert.

CLASSROOM ADDITIONS PLANNED FOR B-CC HIGH SCHOOL



Montgomery County Public Schools is planning the design of the Classroom Additions for Bethesda Chevy Chase High School, located at 4301 East-West

Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814. The design is being conducted by a Design Advisory Committee (DAC) that is chaired by the school's principal, Mr. Sean Bulson. The DAC Work sessions are scheduled in such away as to allow for maximum community involvement. All meetings are held in the school Media Center. If anyone would like to participate, please contact Joe DeRosa, AIA Project Manager, Division of Construction at (240) 314-1009. You can also contact Mr. DeRosa by email at joseph_derosa@mcpsmd.org.

NEW SOURCE FOR RECYCLING COMPUTERS

If you have old computers, microwave ovens, printers or copiers that are not working but whose parts might be used, contact **Turtle Wings at (703) 960-0699** or www.turtlewings.com. This is a for-profit firm that recycles these machines for parts. They guarantee that they will wipe your hard drive clean up to Department of Defense standards and will make better use of these complex machines than would the landfill.

If you'd like to donate a Pentium II or higher old computer for a low income family or individual, then



contact **Computers for Communities, Inc.** They will pick up the computers and refurbish them. The website is www.ComputersforCommunities.org, (301) 368-9253. [Information compliments of the Town of Somerset]

ELLEN'S RUN IS FOR EVERYONE

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, October 7, 2007, for ELLEN'S RUN, 5K Run and

Walk; Kids' Fun Run & Brunch. Once again, Ellen's Run is being held to remember our friend and neighbor Ellen Vala Schneider, whose involvement in our community touched and inspired so many. Proceeds from the race will benefit the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High



School Community Scholarship Fund and the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County. Over 600 individuals participated in the first Ellen's Run, last fall. We hope that you will be able to join us again this year and bring all of your family, friends, and neighbors. The race will begin at 9 am, at Candy Cane City. Dogs on leashes are welcome.

BE A SPONSOR We are currently seeking sponsors for the event. There are opportunities for businesses and for friends and family members to support the event this year. Email Liz Appelbaum at pliz@verizon.net or Carole Brand at csbrand@verizon.net to become a sponsor or donor.

VOLUNTEER Volunteers are always welcome to help with planning and at the actual event. Please contact Pam Feinstein (feinstep@aol.com or 301-907-8223) if you are interested in helping now or on Oct. 7.

MORE INFORMATION Learn more about the race at www.ellensrunonline.org. Registration forms will be available online in mid-August. If you would like one mailed to you, please contact feinstep@aol.com or 301-907-8223.

HELP MONTGOMERY COUNTY PREPARE FOR AN EMERGENCY.



Emergency

Whenever an emergency occurs, Montgomery County depends on volunteers to help the community. **Can you be the next**

volunteer who comforts a neighbor during a crisis?

When homes around Lake Needwood had to be evacuated due to severe storms and the fear of flooding, **Emergency Action Team members** helped residents feel safe and secure by staffing a shelter. When Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans, **Medical Reserve Corps members** responded to the call for medically trained volunteers to serve those in desperate need. When the Charter House, an apartment building home to seniors 55+, flooded, **members of the business community** provided meals for those forced from their homes. Other volunteers helped the senior residents retrieve important belongings from the building.

The **Montgomery County Volunteer Center** maintains several programs for volunteers of all skill levels who want to help their community:

- The **Emergency Action Team** helps staff phone banks, comfort people in shelters, distribute information and many other important functions when emergencies occur. The group meets quarterly for trainings and updates on how the county is preparing for emergencies. EAT members need no special skills, only the willingness to be called when an emergency occurs.
- The **Medical Reserve Corps** is made up of current and retired medical professionals. The group has a need for doctors, nurses, physical therapists, veterinarians, and many other medical specialties.
- The **Teen Adaptive Response Unit** is made up of 14 – 18 year-olds who help out at shelters, phone banks, and other locations. The group meets every other month. Members also enjoy the opportunity to learn about different careers that play a part in emergency response.
- The **Language Bank** is a group of volunteers fluent in English *and* another language. Volunteer translators serve on-call to county agencies, schools, and non-profits.

Other volunteer programs that play important roles in the county's emergency preparedness and response include the **Fire Department's Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) program** as well as the Red Cross.

The best time to prepare for an emergency is now. Join your fellow community residents by ensuring the county is ready when a disaster strikes.

For more information on emergency response volunteering, please contact **Michael Goldfarb at (240) 777-2621**

or michael.goldfarb@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Or visit montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteer.

FREE COMPOST BINS

Free compost bins are available at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM. The bins assemble in minutes, without any tools, and are adjustable to fit large or small yards, holding more than 20 bags of leaves and grass. They are light weight, stable and hardy! There are more than 25,000 already working!

NEIGHBORHOOD FRIEND IN NEED OF HELP

Surely almost every Martin's Additions resident knows the kind cashier who checks you out at Brookville Supermarket, although a lot of you probably don't know his name--It's Kidane Zeggae. He usually works the first register and



his sister Titi Zeggae works the second one. He has been at Brookville Super for almost 15 years! Recently Kidane has experienced a serious physical ailment that has left him unable to work because his sight has become seriously impaired. The owners at Brookville are helping him with food, and other needs, of course, and they have also made arrangements to accept financial assistance for Kidane for those who would like to make a contribution. Apparently he is without medical insurance and facing serious financial hardship. Anyone who would like to make a donation to this long time friend of the community is encouraged to go to the office at the Supermarket and offer a contribution.

OUT AND ABOUT THE VILLAGE

◆ *Welcome to new residents at 3507 Shepherd Street, Jennafer Kwait and Allan Spitzer, and son Sam (9) who attends Lowell School and son Eli (1). Please add their name and phone number (301-951-5125) to your Village directory. They have moved from Bethesda, off of Bradley between Goldsboro and Wilson Blvd. Jennafer has her PhD in Public Health from Hopkins and Allan manages a customer implementation and support group for a company called Telarix that provides software solutions to large international telecommunications carriers They were among the very first new families who received the official canvas tote bag, embroidered with the Village of Martin's Additions Seal, and filled with goodies, compliments of the VMA Welcome committee.*

◆ *Welcome to Pete and Patty Cyr at 3502 Cummings Lane, and their three children, one of which is a brand new baby! They have moved from Somerset. More details in the next newsletter.*

◆ *A Goodbye-but-not-far-away to long time residents Stephen and Ellen Conley who moved from 3502 Cummings Lane to 9 West Lenox Street in Chevy Chase Village. They will still be available at 301-986-9654. Stephen and Ellen have been unique Martin's Additions' residents. They lived on Cummings Lane for almost 25 years and in that time, built a new home and then renovated and lived in two more classic properties on Cummings Lane . They started their "career" with us at 3507 Cummings Lane, took on the renovation of 3512 Cummings, and then took on the old farm house at 3502 Cummings Lane (originally 1904) and renovated it. They have raised four children in Martin's Additions, Stephen, a recent graduate of Fairfield University, John, soon to graduate from Vanderbilt , Tim at Southern Methodist University and Meghan at Stone Ridge They've been respectful, kind and considerate neighbors. They will be missed.*



PLEASE BE AWARE OF OUR NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE

While we cannot eliminate noise in our community, we can work to confine it. That is the purpose of both the Montgomery County Noise Control Ordinance and the Noise control ordinance for Martin's Additions. Residents are reminded that the Village Noise ordinance states that "quiet hours" are **9:00 PM to 7:00 AM Monday through Thursday.** Weekend quiet hours commence at **7:00 PM on Friday. Saturday and Sunday** quiet hours are **7:00 PM to 9:00 AM.** During "quiet hours" it is unlawful to create noises louder than 55 decibels at a residential receiving property line. At that level, two persons could conduct a normal conversation with a distance of ten feet between them.

ARE YOU A GOOD NEIGHBOR?

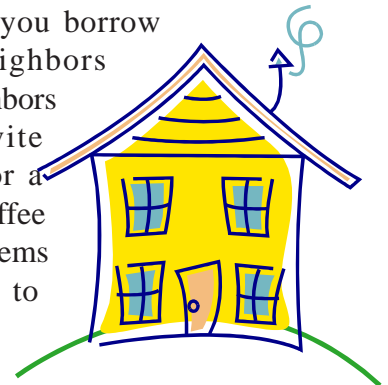
Did you know that the best way to contribute to a safe community is to know your neighbor? Here are some tips on how to be a good neighbor and help make your community safe at the same time

- Welcome new neighbors with an introductory note or a friendly chat
- Notify the Village Office about new neighbors so that a welcome package can be delivered
- Offer to accept an emergency phone number for them where they can be reached when they are away
- Offer to keep a car key for them if their car is parked in the street and they expect to be away for extended periods of time
- Maintain the area around your home so that it's neat and attractive
- Be conscientious about not making noises that might disturb your neighbors, such as loud music, barking dogs, leaf blowers
- End parties at a reasonable hour. Maybe invite your neighbors to come, too

- Return anything you borrow from your neighbors

- Respect your neighbors privacy

- Invite neighbors over for a leisurely cup of coffee to discuss any problems you may have, or to share good news.





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BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED/REQUESTED

The following Permits have been recently requested or issued:

◆ **7215 Delfield Street:** Demolition and Construction of a new dwelling.

Plan review Tuesday, August 14, 2007 7:00 -7:30 pm, Village Office. All residents welcome.

◆ **3501 Raymond Street:** Demolition and Construction of a new building.

Plan review Tuesday, August 14, 2007 7:30 -8:00 pm, Village Office. All residents welcome.



VILLAGE MONTHLY MEETING

The August Village Council Meeting will not be held to allow for vacation. Council meetings are held every **third Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm**, in the Village Office located at 7013 B Brookville Road.

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