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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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## **LAND USE TASK FORCE UPDATE**

**by Michael Zielinski,  
Chairman**



The VMA Land Use Task Force (LUTF) met on June 16 and 26, 2008, and reviewed draft ordinance provisions that could be recommended to the Council to address citizens' concerns on mansionization. At the June 16 work session, Jakubiak and Associates, the Village's consultant, presented the results of a study of representative samples of old and new construction in the Village. The studies were then used as guidelines for draft building regulation provisions that, if recommended by the LUTF and enacted by the Council, could help assure that new construction preserves and perpetuates VMA's neighborhood character.

The LUTF's June 26 work session was devoted to a review of a first draft of ordinance provisions, prepared by Jakubiak, addressing a number of issues within the LUTF's Phase I effort. As previously reported, the LUTF decided to first focus on such issues as height and setback limitations, which have been regulated in neighboring jurisdictions for some time. In Phase II of its effort, the LUTF plans to address issues more directly related to "massing" of new construction, which has been the subject of recent legislative actions in the Town of Chevy Chase and Chevy Chase Village. This would entail establishing limits on "floor-area-ratio," the square footage of interior space as related to lot size.

Provisions reviewed and tentatively approved at the June 26 meeting included the following:

- a 33-foot limitation on building height (or 28 feet to the mean height of a slanted roof)
- a limitation of 32 feet on the height of any wall plane on any side of a building
- a front setback requirement of 25 feet and a rear setback requirement of 80 feet from the front established building line and no closer than 20 feet to the rear lot line
- side setback requirements that are consistent with existing County requirements, but expand for

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## **JULY /AUGUST ISSUE**

### **HEAVY TRASH PICK UP AUGUST 9th**

The monthly bulk trash pick up is scheduled for Saturday August 9th (the 2nd Saturday of the month). Be sure to have trash at the curb Friday night. See the article on page 5 for more information.

### **PLEASE FILL TREE WATER BAGS**

Newly planted trees have been wrapped in watering bags. They will not water themselves. Please fill them once a week.

### **EXPANDED RECYCLING CONFIRMED**

See the article on page 4 about our recycling services. It's probably easier to tell you what's NOT accepted-- Plastic wrap, Styrofoam, clear plastic clamshell packaging and plastics bags.

### **INTERESTED IN A "SHRED-IT" DAY?**

Several other neighboring communities have very successfully sponsored a "Shred It Day" that provides residents with a convenient way to destroy confidential documents destroyed on site. Would you like such a service provided in VMA? Call the office and let us know if this would be of service to you.

### **DON'T NEED LEAF BAGS THIS FALL?**

If you **DO NOT** need the VMA leaf bags delivered to your home this fall please call the office so we can remove you from the list. The 50-bag bundles will be distributed in early September.

### **LAND USE TASK FORCE MEETING**

Wednesday, July 30th at 7 PM in the Village Office.

### **VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Monthly Council meetings are held the third Thursday of the month, beginning at 7:30 PM in the Village Office at 7013 B Brookville Road. ***The Council will not meet during the month of August***, but will reconvene after its summer recess on Thursday, September 18th at 7:30 PM

wider lots, and increased setbacks for portions of a building more than 44 feet from the front established building line

- a limitation of 28% building coverage on a lot
- a limitation of 25% on impervious surfaces in the front yard of any lot
- a limitation to one front-loading garage, with a maximum door width of 9 feet



Numerous questions raised at the June 26 meeting were transmitted to the land use planning consultants and will be discussed at the LUTF's July meeting/work session on Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM. The LUTF hopes to finalize recommendations

on Phase I ordinance provisions over the summer and to forward them to the Council, which will schedule a series of public hearings where residents' views, concerns, and suggestions can be heard

All VMA residents are urged to review LUTF progress (as reported in the meeting minutes), the LUTF Handbook, and other documents that are available on the Jakubiak website. Instructions for logging onto the site and accessing the documents are reprinted below. The Handbook will be mailed to each Village household in early fall prior to the scheduling of a meeting to discuss the many components of the report and get community feedback.

### HOW TO ACCESS THE TASK FORCE WEBSITE

Documents that the Land Use Task Force are working on with Jakubiak and Associates are accessible to every resident for their review and consideration.

1. Go to [www.jakubiak.net](http://www.jakubiak.net)
2. Click on the link that says "Village of Martin's Additions"
3. At the log-in page, enter the case sensitive log-in (VMA) and password (village)

If you register your email address, you will receive an email when a new document is uploaded to the site. You may register your email address by emailing a request to [bn@jakubiak.net](mailto:bn@jakubiak.net)

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### VILLAGE COUNCIL SELECTS OFFICERS

At the July Village Council meeting the following officers were selected: Chairman, Richard Krajeck; Vice-Chair, Noell Sottile; Treasurer, Catherine Gwin; Secretary Diane Everts; Deputy Chair, Larry Wasson. Their contact information is shown on the next page.

At that same meeting the Council adopted five areas of service oversight, each area to be assigned to a particular Council member. Those areas are identified below with the associated Councilmember's name. Each Councilmember will serve as a consultant in each of the specialized areas. While day to day village business in each functional area is routinely dealt with by the Village Manager, Council members serve as consultants, go-to people in cases of dispute or confusion, and policy advisors in each of the functional areas.

Additionally this is proposed as a way to manage the Village in the absence of the Village Manager. The functional areas of responsibility are as follows:

#### PUBLIC WELFARE—Richard Krajeck

Land Use Planning

Zoning Code of Ordinances

Building Regulations

Health and Welfare Issues

Building Permits

**COMMUNICATIONS – Noell Sottile**

Website                      Records Retention  
Emergency Communications E-mail  
Newsletter                  Directory  
Bulletin Board              List Serv

**PUBLIC SAFETY – Larry Wasson**

Street Lighting  
Police Oversight and Policy  
Traffic and Roads        Sidewalks  
Emergency Preparedness

**PUBLIC WORKS – Diane Everts**

Street Cleaning  
Street Repairs and Maintenance  
Trash Collection        Leaf Collection  
Snow Removal & Sidewalk Shoveling  
Storm Drains

**COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT– Catherine Gwin**

Tree Care                      Tree Removal  
Tree Plantings              Recycling  
Environmental Issues Community Events  
Welcome Committee

**IMPORTANT NOTICES**



**Tree Care:** Residents should be aware of people cruising though the community in pickup trucks offering tree care service. Maryland has a tree expert licensing law that requires tree care providers to be licensed. Licensees have numbers and an identification card and they carry

the requisite amount of insurance. Do not let anyone climb a tree wearing climbing irons, gaffs, hooks or spikes as the holes they create are an open invitation to insects and disease.

**Sidewalk Clearance.** With the rain we’ve had and the nice hot weather we have a record growth of trees, shrubs and ground cover—and lots of weeds encroaching on the sidewalk. Take a walk around your house with a friend or family member . Can the two of you fit on the sidewalk? If not, that probably means that the brush near the sidewalk needs to be trimmed back. Similarly, check for creeping ground cover--the sidewalk should be completely clear. Then look overhead-- prune back any overhanging bushes, trees or shrubs. We’re asking you to be a good neighbor so that those who are walking more and driving less are not assaulted by shrubs and plantings.



**Barking Dogs Even More Offensive in Summer.** Bring your barking dogs inside!

You may have become so used to your dog’s bark so that you no longer hear that incessant, irritating disruption of the peace (or you’re not around during the day to hear your dogs bark) but your neighbors haven’t. If you are a dog owner, common courtesy for your neighbors should guide whether and when you put your dog outside. Do not put your dog out and leave your house for hours unless you know your dog will not spend those same hours barking in your yard and annoying your neighbors.



**Beware of Door-Door Salespeople.** It’s the season for migrant salespeople to invade the neighborhood--please pay attention. There are firms that

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recruit young people from rural areas and put them up in cheap hotels in neighboring counties and drop them off to sell magazine subscriptions and other services in Montgomery County neighborhoods. The firms that hire these people do not do background checks and some of these individuals have been found to have criminal records. Each vendor is required to have a Photo ID license from Montgomery County. If the individual at your door does not have the proper vendor license, call the non-emergency police number 301-279-8000 to file a report. The same caution goes for those offers to blacktop your driveway or sell you frozen meat from a car's trunk because the sellers were delivering in the neighborhood and had some "extra."

**Vacation Precautions.** Don't forget:

- 1) Cancel you newspapers and ask a neighbor to keep an eye out for incidental newspapers and flyers in your absence,
- 2) Make sure your lawn is cut while you are gone,
- 3) Give a key to a neighbor in case of emergency,
- 4) Make sure a neighbor knows how to deactivate your alarm in case it is accidentally activated in your absence,
- 5) Put timers on some of the lights in your home; likewise a radio.



**ADDITIONS TO THE RECYCLING BUCKETS**



You may have read that Montgomery County has announced that it is now accepting more items for recycling. This news prompted us to check

with our recycling provider, **Waste Management Recycle America (WMRA)**, to see how the services we contract for with the WMRA Facility in ElkrIDGE, MD, compare and if we could expect any changes in what we can recycle. We found out that Waste Management has been recycling these materials for some time. Essentially then, there is no change in what you can place in our blue recycling cans because we've been able to recycle all those materials anyway.

Just in case you need clarification, we are able to recycle the items in the expanded list, which

includes empty plastic bottles, containers and lids, jars, pails/buckets and food-grade containers from yogurt, butter/ margarine/cottage cheese/ ice cream containers, detergent, peanut butter, paint buckets up to 5 gallons in size, flower pots, kitty litter tubs with metal handles, deli containers and plastic lids. The important thing is that **these items be very clean** before they are placed in the recycling bin.

Restrictions will continue on plastic bags or wrap, polystyrene or Styrofoam™ cups, trays or packaging, clamshell plastic packaging marked #1, microwavable trays, toys, children's swimming pools, plastic flower tray packs marked #6, other large plastic items or hazardous automotive or garden product containers. **NO NOT RECYCLE THESE ITEMS.**

Our residents may have been withholding some of these materials because we were not aware of the advanced recycling capability of WMRA. Fortunately we are now aware of the services that are available to us and we can make the most of it. WMRA has been able to separate them out and market them along with other bulk rigid plastics —meaning these items are definitely not ending up in the trash, and are living happy, post-consumer, second lives along with your other recyclables.

Keep filling up your blue recycling bin because WM Recycle America has Martin's Additions in the full recycle stream!

**WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN A COMMUNITY SHRED-IT EVENT?**

Consumer fraud and identify theft are epidemic in our community and we know how much time it takes to use one of those in-home shredders. Martin's Additions is considering engaging the services of an on-site one-day document destruction (shredding) company for the benefit of our residents. This service would give residents the opportunity to bring any quantity of confidential documents to be destroyed at a site selected in the Village. Neighboring jurisdictions have provided such services, known as Community Shred-It Days and they have been very well received.

If there is support in Martin's additions we would consider co-sponsoring such a day with neighboring Section 3 and perhaps others. Are you interested? Call the office please at 301-656-4112 and let us know!



### LEAF BAGS TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN EARLY SEPTEMBER

The Village purchases and distributes a bundle of 50 leaf and yard debris bags to each household in the Village every fall. The bags serve as the preferred fall “leaf collection method” in Martin’s Additions since we do not rake leaves into the street for vacuum removal.

Most importantly, please call the Village Office at 301-656-4112 *if you DO NOT WANT* a bundle of bags delivered to your home.

### NEXT VILLAGE BULK TRASH PICKUP SATURDAY AUGUST 9th, 2008

Get your “junk” to the curb by late Friday afternoon or evening for Saturday morning pickup. No liquid latex paint. Appliances must have freon removed.

No hazardous waste, construction debris, or yard waste. Call the Village Office at 301-656-4112 in advance if you have scrap metal or an appliance for pick-up or if you have any questions.



### JOIN MARTIN’S ADDITIONS’ EFFORT TO HELP LOCAL FOOD BANKS

Some weeks back, ABC News ran a week-long series called “The Power of Two” — two simple things people can do to improve their own lives and those of their families, the well-being of their community or the health of the planet at large. One of the ideas centered on the *dwindling supplies at local food banks or food pantries*. People tend to donate during the holiday season so that in the summer months especially, food runs low even though the need remains. *This need is growing in light of the current economic downturn. To help, the suggestion was for shoppers to buy a few extra items whenever they go to the grocery store, put those items in a box and when the box is full, take it to a local food bank.*



VMA residents *Linda and Dick Kirschten* of *3406 Turner Lane* are doing just that since the series ran. But they realized that at two or three items a week, they have filled up only two relatively small boxes. They thought there must be a better way to make a bigger dent in the empty food bank shelves. Why not enlist the entire neighborhood?!

If Martin’s Additions neighbors would like to begin creating their own collection boxes and dropping them as they’re filled at the home of the Kirschtens, they have offered to do the transporting of collected goods on a monthly basis to *Manna Food Centers* in Rockville. Manna has distribution centers throughout the county, the closest being in Silver Spring.

Items suggested by Manna are: peanut butter, tuna fish, canned fruit/vegetables, baby formula/ baby food, shelf-stable milk, cereal or oatmeal, rice, canned or dried beans, tomato sauce, pasta, macaroni and cheese and canned soup. (No glass containers; nonperishable foods only). They also provide a list of items for “Smart Snacks,” a backpack program for children. To learn more, you can go to their website: [http://www.mannafood.org/donating\\_food.html](http://www.mannafood.org/donating_food.html)

The Village Council has enthusiastically endorsed this project and has offered to place a *box at the Village Office*, making it easier for some of you, especially Brookville Market shoppers, to take part. Others can simply start filling your own boxes or bags after your weekly trips to Giant, Safeway, Magruder’s, Whole Foods, etc., and when they’re full, drop them off either at the Kirschten house (3406 Turner Lane) or the village office. When there is a critical mass, a delivery will be made to *Manna*. This is a simple and inexpensive way to help those in need throughout the year and for the Village of Martin’s Additions community to show its generosity beyond our immediate borders.

## DEAR JEAN...WHERE INQUIRING RESIDENTS ASK...

**Dear Jean,**

Just the other day, I was chatting with my new neighbors and they asked what it meant for the Village of Martin's Additions to be a municipality in Montgomery County. I managed to explain a bit about the advantages of local home rule and how we get to determine so much about the services we receive, but I wonder if you could expand on that conversation. I've gotten so used to this wonderful community we have that I think I've forgotten about all the "perks" we get.



**Signed: Needing a Refresher Course**

**Dear Needing a Refresher Course:**

Generally when I think of a refresher course I'm at a restaurant....Oh, never mind; back to the topic.

There is not a short answer to this question because there are many advantages that being a municipality provides us. Today's residents need to thank the residents who voted in favor of incorporation as a municipality almost 25 years ago. That act gave us the authority to offer and maintain the excellent level of services we enjoy.

Let's start with the advantages of grass-roots government. Our five elected officials, whom we can vote in or out of office every two years, live right down the street. These officials are empowered with the authority to make decisions that make our community a nicer place to live through powers given to our Council by the State of Maryland via our Charter.

You may find it surprising that we essentially pay no more money out of our pockets to receive services from the Village than if we were simply an unincorporated area in Montgomery County—but we receive a higher level of service and have direct input into the decisions that affect that level of service. For example, while we contribute additional moneys to our coffers through our local property tax (at a rate of \$0.008 per \$100 of assessed value or \$80 for a \$1 million property), we are not charged user fees for waste disposal that are close to \$300 per household in the County.

As a municipality, we are also returned a portion of the income tax revenues specifically paid

to the state by the residents of Martin's Additions. The proportion of overall income receipts that we receive is established in the code of the State of Maryland. If we were NOT a municipality we would NOT receive this money—money that we use to fund the services that we enjoy. We have a direct, local say and the flexibility to determine the level of services that are purchased and delivered with those funds. We also receive a special revenue-sharing block of money from the County to help offset any duplication of taxes for services. The State also returns to our community some of the Highway User Revenues, and we earn revenues from the issuance of permits for construction projects and levies on utilities for the use of our right-of way. There are a few other sources of income, such as Cable Franchise fees, that we earn by virtue of our definition as a municipality.

So what services does Martin's Additions provide?

**Public Safety** services, such as **street lighting**: We work with Pepco to assure that street lights are on and in good repair; we pay to have additional street lights installed; and we pay the monthly meter bills for all our street lights. **Police services** are contracted with Chevy Chase Village Police for up to 80 hours a month of police patrols and assistance to supplement Montgomery County Police services, our first line of defense. **Traffic safety** as it relates to proper signage and road safety is our responsibility and includes installing and maintaining traffic-control devices and markings. We must care for all the **sidewalks and streets** in Martin's Additions to keep them safe and in good repair. Since there is a designated right-of-way throughout the Village we can install sidewalks. We also need to be prepared to respond to certain emergencies, such as storms, by acting in a liaison capacity with utilities and the County.

**Public Welfare** oversight includes **Zoning and Land Use Planning Authority**, a power just recently granted municipalities and one that the unincorporated areas of Montgomery County do not enjoy. **Building regulations** and their oversight also fall into this category. We have the authority to establish our own **permit processing requirements** for the issuance of building permits within the

Village. We produce, oversee, and regulate our *Code of Ordinances* that spell out our authority to take care of our community. While we rely primarily on the County to enforce numerous *building and health and welfare codes*, we retain the *authority to legislate* different requirements so long as we are able to enforce them. We can contract with the County for enforcement within our boundaries. Some services are inherent in the County's authority—*Fire, Police and Rescue services* for example. We have the authority to hire Chevy Chase Village Police on a contractual basis and as a supplement to the basic police services we receive from the County police, but (as mentioned earlier) Montgomery County Police are our first line of defense. Administratively we do a lot of coordinating and communicating between the County and our contractors to make sure all our bases are covered.

**Public Works** is probably our largest area of responsibility and service delivery. We enjoy *back-yard garbage pick-up twice a week* because we have the authority to contract for the level of service we wish to receive and we have the funds to support that level of service. (The County provides only once a week pick-up—at the curb in a County-specified trash container). We recently decided to expand our *heavy trash pick-up services to once a month*—again because we have the authority, the budget, and contractual flexibility to make that happen. We additionally contract for *weekly yard debris pick-up at the curb* and *weekly recycling pick-up* on a day different from that for household waste pick-up. We care for our own *streets*—the Village is responsible for *street repair and repaving, curb and gutter repairs, and sidewalk repairs*. We provide *street cleaning* several times a year. Leaf bags are purchased and distributed for *leaf collection*. We are responsible for *snow removal* from our streets, and we provide a *sidewalk shoveling service* for senior citizens and temporarily or permanently disabled residents.

The well-being and maintenance of our **Community Environment** is another area of responsibility that the Village oversees. We *care for all the trees* within the Village right-of-way, *including removal, planting, feeding, and pruning*. This is one of the biggest items in our budget. We have to coordinate with the State Forester for the proper permits to remove street trees

and often with the Pepco Forester to properly take care of our trees that are entangled in Pepco wires. We provide *community-building events*, such as our Halloween Party, Summer Picnic, our Gathering at La Ferme, and the like. We have a *Welcome Committee* to greet new residents.

**Communications** are another important area of services necessary to sustain the community. We provide a *monthly newsletter*, as you know. The *Council meets once a month* and the *minutes* of those meetings are always available through the Village Office, are posted on our Bulletin Board outside the market, and are included in the newsletter. *Every Council meeting agenda includes an opportunity for resident comments*. We prepare a *Village Directory*, maintain a *list serv* (with the help of resident Josh Bowers), and will soon maintain a new *website*. Any Charter or Ordinance changes must be published in a fashion specified in our Charter as well as State law, so additional notice is provided as necessary to meet those requirements.

**Administrative and Legislative Functions.** Interactions with the state, the county, the Maryland Municipal League, and immediate surrounding municipalities are also an important part of our job as a municipality—to represent and protect you and your interests to the higher levels of government. Additionally, our five elected representatives—the equivalent of the County Council—are only a phone call away and within walking distance. All of us are guided by our Charter of Incorporation, which gives the Village its powers. The Code of Ordinances spells out how the Village will be operated. The Council has the authority to change those rules, but public notice and an opportunity for resident comments are always part of the process. Elected officials do not get paid for their work and commitment of time overseeing the Village and conducting business. They carry a lot of responsibility for making sure that residents receive the best services they can deliver and staying in compliance with all state and national requirements for governmental entities.

If you have any further questions you can always call me or any Council member, who will be glad to visit with you about the responsibilities and administration of the Village. Whew! I think I need a refresher!

## A GREAT DAY TO WRAP UP THE 4TH!

Despite threats of rain and severe thunderstorms for Sunday July 6th, the weather held out and we had a great Village 4th of July weekend wrap up at the end of Turner Lane in Shepherd Street Park. Residents came with picnic baskets and children and neighbors in tow. Big tubs of ice cold soda and water were available to keep the thirsty quenched; watermelon was sliced, the Good Humor truck did its job keeping everyone happy! A Bouncy House added to the fun as did Super Heroes, Dora the Explorer, and Cookie Monster. Our face painter, "Sherry The Magnificent" outdid herself and sent many happy kids home with some fabulous body artwork. The biggest hit of the day without a doubt was the giant waterslide. Kids of all ages enjoyed the splashdown. Excess ice from the beverages kept it *really cool* and added to the excitement.

Special thanks go to Keith Allen (Turner Lane) who once again was the Master of Ceremonies and of the event. He conducted the weather perfectly allowing the heavens to open up with a deluge only after everyone was safely home and everything was put away. (He knew we needed a good clean-up rain after the party). Thanks also to Jill Filipczyk (Taylor Street) for all her help in purchasing supplies, setting up, running and taking down of the event. Jill and her husband Ben have been pitching in with community

events for many years and we are very grateful. Village Council members

were there to witness the fun and chat with residents. A

"Rolling Thunder" parade started at the Brookville Market area and rolled on down Turner Lane. The Woodson girls of Turner Lane were recognized for the best decked out Rollin' Thunder



Wagon in the crowd. We'll look for even more decorations next year.

## CAN YOU BE A PART OF THE PLANNING FOR THE NEXT SOCIAL EVENT?

Speaking of next year, or more accurately, the next event, the Village Council feels that the creation of a *Community Social Committee* to help *plan and*



*execute Village social events*

throughout the year-- from the Halloween Parade to the Winter

Gathering at La Ferme, the Election Event in the Spring and the July 4th Party--would be a wonderful "addition" to the volunteers we currently rely on. We need a team! We are also *always looking for new ideas!* Call the Village Office at 301-656-4112 if you think you can share some ideas and spare just a bit of time!

## VMA LIST SERV AN IMPORTANT COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION TOOL!

The VMA List Serv is an essential resource to get and give important information on any number of issues. The List Serv is for Martin's Additions residents only—so you don't have to worry about massive emails every day. Most importantly it is a good way to receive important notices from the Village about services, such as *heavy trash pick up reminders* and *storm services alerts*.

You are missing out if you're not a member! Did you know for example that in the last big storm we had in late June, the Village arranged for a chipper truck that was cleaning up debris from the Village trees to also chip debris from private property that was placed at the curb? Wouldn't that have been a good thing to know? If you are a member of the List Serv you were informed of this service.



Join the List Serv so you can receive these important notices! It's easy to do. Go to the internet and type in <http://groups.google.com/group/martins-additions-chevy-chase>. 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. Next, add the email address [martins-additions-chevy-chase@googlegroups.com](mailto:martins-additions-chevy-chase@googlegroups.com) into the email address file, again as you'd add your friend's email address to your address book. You are now ready to email the VMA List Serv with a question or comment simply by calling up your old friend "List Serv." Do it today!

## OUT AND ABOUT THE VILLAGE

### ♦ *Kudos in recognition*

of...Photographs by Xander Glassman, a rising senior at St. Andrew's Episcopal School and resident of Cummings Lane, were included in a recent multimedia exhibit at the NBC Gallery at the NBC/Channel 4 Studios in Washington, DC. A group multimedia art show of student paintings and photography included 11 photos by Xander in the collection of over twenty exciting pieces by three budding artists.



♦ *Welcome* new residents **Margie Gaines and Joseph Cuttriss** at 7308 Delfield Street. Margie and Joe moved from Chevy Chase DC although Joe spent several years as a resident of Chevy Chase Village.

♦ *Welcome* new residents **Caroline and Patrick Shannon**, at 3525 Raymond Street. They moved from 16<sup>th</sup> street in Washington DC with their two children Charlie age 5 and Adeline age 2 ½ and brand new baby **George William**, born just days after the moving truck pulled away!

♦ *Congratulations* to the **Nucci family** at 3508 Taylor on the birth of their 4<sup>th</sup> child Jack who was born June 26 to Marcello and Stephanie Nucci. Baby Jack joins Mickey, Gabriel and Ava.

♦ *Congratulations* to **Janette Lieu and David Liu** at 3522 Raymond Street on the birth of their first child, Edward Chase, who arrived on July 10<sup>th</sup>. He tipped the scales at 8lbs. 4 oz and measured almost 21 inches in height. He joins a gaggle of children under the age of 9 on Raymond Street!

♦ *Congratulations and good studying* to **Eileen Tschiderer** on Summit Avenue who will be going off to Bowdoin College this fall in Maine.

♦ *Welcome* to **Anita Samarth and Bob Filley** soon to move into 6701 Brookville Road. They moved from Glover Park DC and bring along their dog Rainier.

♦ *Goodbye to Karen and John Jacob* –soon-to-be-formerly of **7207 Chestnut Street**. They are leaving Martins Additions for 3622 Raymond Street in Section 3 and along with daughters Eleanor (5) and Kate (3) and will be missed! Karen was an active member of the VMA

Welcome Committee and has already recruited her replacement on the Committee—**Dana Fields at 7213 Chestnut Street**

♦ *Welcome soon* to **Chris and Leslie Schrader** who are moving into **7207 Chestnut Street** from Capitol Hill at the end of August, along with their two little daughters; Grace is 3 ½ and Abigail is 1 ½ .

### Saying Our Goodbyes.....

♦ **Neal Potter**, former Montgomery County Executive and one of Martin's Additions mostwell known residents, passed away on May 30, 2008, at the age of 93. Neal served the county for 24 years, beginning in 1970 with his election to the County Council at the age of 55. He won reelection in all subsequent election years until 1986, serving three times as Council president. He served as the fourth County Executive from 1990 through 1994, and then returned to the County Council for another term as Councilmember at large, leaving the Council in 1998. During his tenure as Council member, Potter played a leading role in Council actions on controlling development, fiscal affairs, tax legislation, sewage and transportation issues and assessment inequities.

Neal lived at 6801 Brookville Road with his wife Marion— she from the time of her birth in 1915. The family home had belonged to his wife's family from the time it was built in 1913. The family home and property was recently sold and the home was moved to 3525 Raymond Street. Vestiges of the face of the original home and front porch can clearly still be seen. Marion Escher Potter resides at the Ashbury Methodist Village in Gaithersburg. Chevy Chase Historical Society produced a fabulous record of interviews with both Neal and Marion Potter including her reflections on conditions in Martin's Additions as early as 1919. Interested residents are welcome to borrow a copy of that interview from the Martin's Additions office.

♦ **Abraham Brumberg**, a long time resident of 3414 Bradley Lane and an author and editor who wrote with passion and authority on issues involving the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and the Jewish experience, died at the age of 81 on Jan. 26 at his home here in Martin's Additions. Neighbors on

Bradley Lane reported that one of the descriptions in the Washington Post obituary best captured the atmosphere of the lively household he and Josephine Woll, his wife of 31 years, kept here in Martin's Additions: "Mr. Brumberg's Chevy Chase home also became known as a lively meeting place for communist dissidents, scholars, journalists and émigrés. Some called it Moscow on the Potomac." "Abe" as he was affectionately known by his neighbors, wrote essays, articles and reviews that appeared in *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, the *New York Review of Books*, the *Economist* and other publications. Mr. Brumberg was born in Tel Aviv in 1926 to Polish Jews. When he was 3, the family returned to Poland. When Hitler invaded Poland in 1939, they fled to Lithuania and then Japan before settling in the United States in 1941. His extraordinary life was recounted in his memoir, "Journeys Through Vanishing Worlds" (2007). His wife of 31 years, Josephine Woll, passed away in March of this year

♦**Josephine Woll**, a professor of Russian literature at Howard University, died March 12 at the age of 57 at her home on Bradley Lane, just 46 days after her husband Abe Brumberg passed away. Dr. Woll (known as "Jo" or "Josie" to her friends) was born in New York and graduated from William Smith College. She received a doctorate in Russian literature in 1975 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She wrote several books, including "Soviet Dissident Literature: A Critical Guide" (1983), and she also wrote film reviews and articles for a number of publications. An expert on Soviet and post-Soviet film and culture—one writer labeled her a "redoubtable scholar" on the subject—Jo was more interested in others' accomplishments than her own. She will be remembered for her generosity in mentoring, encouraging, and counseling her countless friends and students in the area and internationally. Her warmth, wit, and grace will be deeply missed.

### **HOME ENERGY AUDIT MANDATE BY COUNTY FOR HOME SELLERS**

In April the County Council passed a new requirement, effective August 4, 2008 for any home sales transaction. Under Bill Number 31-07, a home energy audit is required as part of a home inspection completed in connection with the sale of a single



family home. Under the act, the seller is required to provide certain utility bills and opportunities for home energy efficiency improvements to a buyer before signing a contract for sale. Home energy audits are to be paid for by the buyer and the definition of just what a home energy audit means is

carefully laid out in legislation. Before signing a contract for the sale of a single family home, the seller must provide the buyer with the following:

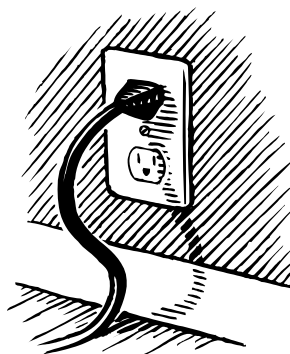
1. Material approved by the Department of Environmental Protection of Montgomery County that gives information about home energy efficiency improvements, including the benefit of conducting a home energy audit.
2. Copies of electric, gas, water, and home heating oil bills or cost and usage history for the home in the immediately preceding 12 months unless the home was unoccupied for that interval.

A layman's reading of these rulings suggests that if a home inspection is required by the buyer, then it must include an energy audit as well; and in any case, copies of the energy bills for the preceding 12 months or information regarding usage will be required.

### **REDUCE YOUR HOME'S CARBON FOOTPRINT AND YOUR ENERGY BILLS**

You can find out how to reduce your home's carbon footprint and your energy bills by scheduling a Home Energy Audit through a program sponsored by the Maryland Energy Administration. Have you had a home energy audit? If not, you probably need one.

A recent study conducted by McKinsey & Company found that the most inefficient worldwide sector in terms of wasted energy is China's heavy industry, but US residential housing ranks a close second. Residential housing accounts for 21% of the nation's CO2 emissions, and housing in the Washington metropolitan area is twice as inefficient as the



average nationally. The state of Maryland is trying to do something to improve this situation.



Maryland's Home Performance Program is sponsored by the Maryland Energy Administration. It is a part of Governor O'Malley's EmPOWER Maryland Initiative, which seeks to reduce Maryland's electricity consumption 15% per person by 2015.

VMA's housing stock is older and the houses tend to be large; both features make these homes prime candidates for energy audits. An audit can identify leakages in a home's envelope, other sources of inefficiency, and the most cost-effective options for reducing a home's carbon footprint and energy bills. Rising energy costs will make more options financially attractive. Do you want to find out more about a Home Energy Audit—what it involves, who conducts it, how much it costs, and much more? You can find the details by going to <http://www.mdhomeperformance.org>. Periodically, staff from the program make presentations to inform the public. The Village Council has been asked to consider hosting such a presentation for the Village possibly this fall. Stay tuned for further information!

### CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT



Two organizations that work to help the Chevy Chase Community Library – our public library located at 8005 Connecticut Avenue – need your support.

The Chevy Chase Chapter of the Friends of the Library (FOLCC) funds many Library programs, purchases equipment for the Library, helps finance staff development and supports the staff. FOLCC-funded programs include Summer Reading Program events, Family Fun Day, celebration of Chinese New Year, and author talks. Among the equipment the FOLCC has purchased are the Library's AV/DVD projection system, bookcases for paperbacks and oversized books, a die-cut machine, a laminator, and wall-mounted folders. To support the staff, the FOLCC has given small holiday and Library Lover's Month gifts and purchased a microwave and toaster oven for staff use. The Library Advisory Committee for Chevy Chase (LAC) advises and consults with the local

Library manager, and represents the Chevy Chase community's interests regarding library needs before the Library Board and the County Executive.

The FOLCC is looking for members to help pay for what was mentioned above. It costs \$25 for a family to join, \$15 for an individual, and memberships are tax-deductible. Joining the FOLCC automatically conveys membership in the Montgomery County FOL, which provides support to the entire County library system. And both the FOLCC and the LAC are looking for persons who can contribute time, as volunteers, in addition to money.

To become a member and/or to volunteer, please contact Steve Schmal at (301) 652-8620 or at [schmals@verizon.net](mailto:schmals@verizon.net).

### FORGET THE GEEKS—CALL AN EXPERT!

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### BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED

The following permit requests have been received: 3516 Turner Lane: demo new construction; 107 Quincy Street bump-out and interior renovation.



A permit was issued for a shed at 7215 Chestnut Street.



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7013 B Brookville Road  
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### **MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEEDS ELECTION JUDGES**

The Montgomery County Board of Elections (BOE) needs about 4,000 volunteer election judges to staff almost 250 precincts during the November General Election. Judges are essential to the success of every election—they ensure that citizens can vote and that those votes are cast in a free and fair election and that votes are protected until counted. Most judges work at their precincts from early in the morning to the closing of the polls. Most judges receive a stipend of \$180.

If you think you can help out, visit the Montgomery County Board of Elections website at [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org) to download an election judge questionnaire or you can call the BOE at 240-777-8533 to request an application.

### **VILLAGE MINUTES POSTED**

Adopted Minutes of the Monthly Council Meeting are posted on the Village Bulletin Board. Copies are also available by contacting the Village office.

### **VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING TENTATIVE AGENDA THURSDAY, September 18, 2008, 7:30 PM 7013 B Brookville Road, Chevy Chase, MD**

Police Report  
Approval of Minutes  
Residents' Comments  
Treasurer's Report  
New Business  
Old Business  
Manager's Report  
Building Administrator's Report

### **MARTIN'S ADDITIONS BUILDING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED**

Making fall construction plans? 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.