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# Martin's Edition

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

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## NOTES FROM COUNCIL CHAIRMAN TIM PRICE:



I would like to begin my June notes where I left off in May, with a thank you to Todd Mann for his service on the Village Council. It bears repeating that Todd has been a tremendous asset to this community and has provided a great deal of wisdom and leadership to the Village and Council. The Village was fortunate to receive the benefit of Todd's service and dedication during the last two years.

While the lazy days of summer are upon us, the work of the Village continues unabated. On Thursday, June 14, the Village held a meeting at the Chevy Chase Village Town Hall to begin a discussion regarding the possible implementation by Martin's Additions of new zoning regulations. This meeting was attended by a large number of Villagers who listened to a presentation from an urban planning group, Jakubiak & Associates, describing various aspects of the Village's ability to implement new zoning regulations, as well as introducing the Village to the various considerations which go into developing zoning regulations. Following the presentation, Villagers participated in a question and answer session. Many ideas and insights were presented on how the Village should proceed with new zoning regulations. The overwhelming number of attendees requested the Council begin a process which would ultimately result in consideration of new zoning regulations. Numerous areas were suggested, including ground water run-off, the lot coverage permitted with impervious surfaces, the size or massing of houses, and the maintenance of the Village's tree canopy. The Council will request professional input on new zoning regulations and the scheduling of further Village meetings to seek additional input and insight. The process will be very labor intensive for the Council. I am hopeful that you will participate and be a part of this discussion.

Regarding another issue of concern to many Villagers, the Tree Committee has completed a draft ordinance reflecting a desire to protect the Village tree canopy, not only as it exists on the public right of way, but also on private property. The Committee's recommendations are expected to be consistent with the idea that each Villager benefits from continuing care of our tree canopy and consideration for the protection of mature shade trees. The Council will receive, review, and discuss both an ordinance and an informational narrative setting forth the Committee's considerations leading up to its proposal. The Council will publish the narrative and proposal for public review and comment by the Village, prior to adoption. Again, I look forward to your participation in this process.

## JUNE 2007 ISSUE

### ◆ IMPORTANT CHANGES TO TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE !

With the start of the new fiscal year on July 1, the Village will begin once a month bulk trash pickup on the second Saturday of every month. **The starting bulk pick up will be Saturday July 14th.** See the article on page 2 for more details about this great new service.



### ◆ VMA LISTSERV OFFERS A NEW WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH NEIGHBORS

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.

### ◆ VILLAGE CONTINUES TO WORK ON ZONING ISSUES

A well attended "Sense of the Community" meeting on June 14th encourages the Council to consider next steps in furthering the Village's new zoning powers. See the article on page 3.

### ◆ MULCH MOUNDS TO BE REPAIRED.

The damaging mulch mounds hugging more than 60 Village trees will be repaired over the Summer by a tree specialist. See the article on page 4 for more information.

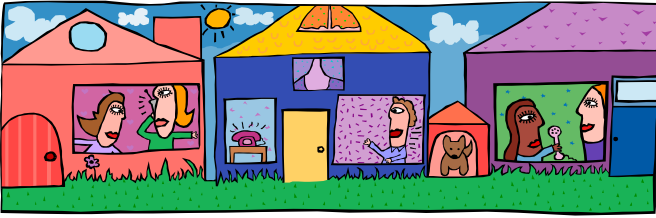
### ◆ MARTIN'S ADDITIONS BUILDING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED

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, July 19; 7:30 PM in the Village Office, 7013 B Brookville Road, Chevy Chase, MD

## MARTIN'S ADDITIONS STARTS A LIST SERV



Martin's Additions Listserv is open for business as of June 2007! It has been created to facilitate neighbor-to-neighbor communication among residents in the Village, to enable residents to share their community interests and views, and to seek and provide information and advice on such things as local services, resources and events. Listserv membership is restricted to residents of Martin's Additions. All residents are invited to join through the Listserv's homepage at <http://groups.google.com/group/martins-additions-chevy-chase>.

In addition to being able to share concerns and ask for service referrals and the like, the Listserv homepage at <http://groups.google.com/group/martins-additions-chevy-chase> offers "Pages" with helpful information including Village and County Resources and Services; the Village Recycle & Refuse Pick-up Schedule; Names & Phone numbers of County, State & Federal Elected Representatives; a description of Martin's Additions Boundaries; and Martin's Additions Demographic Profile.

To post an email on the Listserv send your email to [martins-additions-chevy-chase@googlegroups.com](mailto:martins-additions-chevy-chase@googlegroups.com). When responding to an email on the Listserv you will have the option of responding only to the person who posted the email or to all members on the Listserv.

The Martin's Additions Listserv is not affiliated with Village government. If you would like to communicate directly with the Martin's Additions elected officials or the Village Manager, their names and phone numbers are on the Listserv homepage on the "Page" entitled "Martin's Additions Village Council & Staff Directory".

Join in the facts and fun of the Martin's Additions Listserv. If you have any questions about

the Listserv, please do not hesitate to contact Martin's Additions resident Josh Bowers at [JBdcLaw@aol.com](mailto:JBdcLaw@aol.com).

## VILLAGE ADOPTS ONCE-A-MONTH BULK TRASH PICK UP

The Village Council has negotiated a most favorable rate with Waste Management for the introduction of once-a-month bulk trash pick up at the curb, beginning in the new fiscal year, July 2007. These monthly pick-ups will replace the twice annual heavy trash pick ups that the Village has had in place for a number of years. The *second Saturday of every month will be designed for this bulk pick up*. The first monthly pick-up date is **SATURDAY JULY 14th**.



What do residents have to do? Just get your "stuff" to the curb every second Saturday of the month! No more storing of "junk" in your shed or garage for 6 months! You'll only need to look at your month's calendar to find the date of the second Saturday and then find the muscle to haul your rubbish to the curb! The same rules that applied to the semi-annual heavy trash pick-up will 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, etc. A detailed reminder will be sent out prior to the initiation of this new service. In the meantime, start your clean-up planning! Any questions on this matter can be directed to the Village Office at 301-656-4112.



## IS YOUR RECYCLING BIN READY FOR THE TRASH?

New recycling bins are available from the Village Office for no charge. Just call 301-656-4112 to make arrangements for pick up.



## SENSE OF THE COMMUNITY MEETING PRODUCES EXCELLENT TURN OUT AND GREAT QUESTIONS.



Chevy Chase Village Hall was the site for a well attended meeting on June 14<sup>th</sup>, for residents of Martin's Additions to hear a presentation by Jakubiak and Associates, a local urban planning

firm that specializes in strategic urban planning and visioning. The presentation focused on the Village of Martin's Additions—its character, its history, its appearance and many other components of its makeup as a community. The meeting initiated the discussion of how the Village of Martin's Additions could make use of new zoning powers granted to municipalities in October 2006 by the State of Maryland. This "Sense of the Community" meeting generated divergent observations about the current state, as well as the future appearance of the Village, but all opinions were offered in good faith, a pleasant manner and consideration of other view points.

In the presentation, Chris Jakubiak explained how the design of houses offers a "welcome" or a "not so welcome" appearance to the neighborhood. Building heights, lot setbacks, garage locations, landscaping and many other factors interact to create a certain sense of the "mass" of a house that may or may not fit well within the character of an established neighborhood, such as Martin's Additions. Jakubiak noted several features of Martin's Additions that made us truly unique. They praised our tree canopy; they noted the diversity of the types of homes; they remarked on the narrowness of our streets and the complications such features add to construction and change issues.

Several issues were discussed regarding the future appearance and character of our community and the desires and plans to preserve and protect the nature of the community, physically and environmentally. Residents were called to share their thoughts and ideas about what they want for their community and where and how they think the Village should direct its future. This meeting will serve as the beginning of the development of a long-range vision for the Village of

Martin's Additions and any subsequent zoning changes that can be put in place to activate this vision.

Further study will be conducted over the summer and a proposal for action could evolve in the fall or perhaps sooner. The end goal is the development of zoning ordinances that support the vision residents have for the future of the Village of Martin's Additions. Be sure to stay tuned for future announcements of meetings intended to accomplish this goal

## MARTIN'S ADDITIONS JUNE VILLAGE FAIR SHINED!

Our annual Village Spring Fair on June 10<sup>th</sup> was lots of fun! We had a great big tent in case of rain, and although it threatened, no storm every really materialized. People



reported that it rained all around us but not at the foot of Turner Lane! We suspect that our resident Verizon weather man, Keith Allen, has a direct connection to the man who *really knows* what the weather will be because Keith predicted a great day and we got it.

The Moon Bounce was the usual big attraction for almost all ages. (Some former Council members chose to sit that one attraction out.) Spiderman showed up, along with Dora the Explorer and a Power Ranger. We thought we saw Elmo and a few other characters that only the kids would know about. Our extraordinary face-painter turned many faces into works of art. We hear that some parents couldn't get their children to wash their faces for a week! (Sorry about that.) The fire truck was a big draw --thanks to our Fire Board member Hal Bruno for getting the truck and the Firefighters to spend an afternoon with us.

Many thanks to all the villagers who pitched in to make this a wonderful day. First and foremost, thanks have to go to Keith Allen of 3403 Turner Lane. He was the man behind, under, around and on top of every aspect of this wonderful day. He is a fantastic asset for our community. Thanks also to

Jill Filipczyk (Taylor) and Reenie Leahy (Turner) for all their help with set up, operations and clean up. Council members operated the hot dog cart, the kiddie games and other fair activities. Several young adults helped out on the popcorn and ice cream cart. There are some great pictures in the Village office for residents to see. If you took pictures and would like to add them to our collection we'd love to have them. Just call the office at 301-656-4112.

### MULCH MOUNDS TO BE REPAIRED



Almost 65 Village trees has been identified as needing attention as a result of the mulch volcanoes that have been built up around the base of these many trees. (Refer to the article in last months newsletter for more information.) The Village has hired a contractor to correct the tree “flares”--that’s the part of the tree root ball that should be exposed but are currently covered by dirt or excess mulch. They will use an Airspade to remove the mulch and dirt without harming the tree roots. They will not be remulching those trees that presently have mulch around them. You may call the office (301/656-4112) to find out if the trees in front of your home are on the list. ***Please do not let your private contractor re-mulch Village trees.*** On your own property you may find these volcanoes neat and tidy in appearance, but in reality they result in tree decline and eventual death of the tree being “cared for” in this way. This is one of the most harmful gardening practices; but it can be easily eliminated or avoided all together. Help the trees on your own property by removing any compressed and thatched mounds. Form a circular ridge of soil at the edge of the root zone, lightly mulch this saucer so that the soil and mulch work together to trap rainwater and feed it to the roots. Mulch should not touch the trunks.

### WHAT’S BUGGING YOU?

The Home and Garden Information Center at 1-800-342-2507 answers gardening and pest questions via phone and internet ([www.hgic.umd.edu](http://www.hgic.umd.edu)) This free service is offered by Maryland Cooperative Extension, University of Maryland. Consultants are available by phone from 8 AM to 1 PM Monday through Friday.



### OLD NEWS IS NEW NEWS CORNER...

#### MORE MYSTERY SURROUNDS A DOLL HOUSE AT 410 CUMMINGS LANE.



The mystery of the dollhouse we asked about last month got a bit more interesting with stories from a representative of the Smithsonian Division of Politics and Reform and helpful residents of Cummings Lane. In our last newsletter we reported that information was being sought about an interesting former resident of Martin’s Additions, Ms. Faith Bradford. Sometime between the 1930s and 1960s, Ms. Faith Bradford, a Curator of the Smithsonian Arts and Industry Museum shared the home of Dr. George Winchester Stone. Now we know she was a cousin of Stone family. She lived at the old three digit address of 410 Cummings Lane, the old Stone Family home, which served as the model for the famous doll house. But which house was that?

Cummings Lane resident Ellen Conley at 3502 helped us figure out which house had been 410 Cummings Lane, since she and her husband remembered that their house records show their original house number to be 412. The classic turn of the century farmhouse at 410 Cummings Lane that was the model for the very famous dollhouse constructed by Ms. Bradford was built in 1909 by Albert Prentiss and used to sit at 3506 Cummings Lane. It was torn down in 2003.

The dollhouse is now in the possession of the Smithsonian Institution and is being prepared for exhibition. William Bird, the curator, is looking for any information he can include with the exhibit regarding Ms. Bradford and details of the original farmhouse on Cummings Lane. Does anyone have pictures of that farm house? If you have any tidbit that will fill in the blanks, call VMA resident and historian Alex Weiner at (301) 215-7557. Details to follow about the date, time and location of this upcoming Smithsonian exhibit and its roots in Martin’s Additions. There is more mystery. Apparently Ms. Bradford also constructed a modern doll house under commission with the Smithsonian and it can’t be found. Any ideas?

## LOCAL HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY JUNE 30



Westland Middle School at 511 Massachusetts Ave., Bethesda, will be the site for a 1-day Hazardous Waste Collection Event, on **Saturday June 30, from 10 am - 2 pm**. You may bring pesticides, herbicides, paint thinners, photo chemicals, liquid oil-based paint solvents, fluorescent tubing or bulbs, batteries, mercury and mercury containing items such as thermostats and thermometers. You must have proof of Montgomery County residency. No latex paint (It can be safely managed by drying) For more information call : 301-840-2370 (press 4). If you bring in a mercury thermometer you will receive a free digital fever thermometer in exchange.



## YELLOW RIBBON FUND NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Congressman Chris Van Hollen's office was kind enough to share this information with us about the Yellow Ribbon Fund, Inc. Many thanks to resident Karen McManus for forwarding this information to us for publication.

The Yellow Ribbon Fund was created in 2005 to assist our injured service members and their families when they are at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and to Welcome Our Injured Service Members Home. The mission began when injured Marines told staff members about their very simple everyday needs that were not being met.

Yellow Ribbon Fund, Inc. depends upon the community of the Washington Area to provide volunteers and upon the generosity of all donations in support of injured service members while they are at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington. There are so many ways you can help--with your time, your talents, your ideas, and your connections. The Yellow Ribbon Fund is always looking for "real life" donations of such things as rental cars, taxi rides, free hotel rooms...and so much more. Go to their

wonderful website at [www.yellowribbonfund.org](http://www.yellowribbonfund.org) to find out how you can help. You'll be surprised at the number of ways you can help.

## RESIDENT TEEN OFFERS SERVICES FOR RESIDENT SENIORS

**Adam Brown**, son of Jeremy and Debbie Brown at 3404 Taylor Street, right here in Martin's Additions, has started a volunteer group called *Teens Helping Seniors* which will help elderly people with different daily tasks such as yard work, housecleaning and running errands. There is no charge for the services. Adam is a rising Senior at B-CC High School. The program he has developed is a part of the Lazarus Leadership Fellows Program sponsored by Montgomery County Public School System. Students who have been awarded a role in this Leadership Program, such as Adam, are required to design a community service project to which they will devote at least 200 hours over the course of the summer. Adam is to be congratulated for initiating this program--an idea he developed helping his own grandmother in her home! If you could use Adam's help or know someone who could (they don't need to live only in Martin's Additions) please **call him at 240-731-1411**. His email address is **aa1991.1991@yahoo.com**. Help Adam reach his service hour goal of 200 hours. Adam will also work in Nursing Homes, assisting in any way possible, so if you have a loved one in a Nursing Home consider calling Adam to come along!



## ◆ DUMPSTER BEHIND MARKET NOT FOR PUBLIC USE!



Please be aware that the dumpsters behind the commercial area are for private use **ONLY** by tenants in the commercial area.. They are not meant for use by residents of either Martin's Additions or neighboring communities. The Village is already providing residents with the services necessary to handle yard and household waste. If you have the need for a special pick up, please call Waste Management 301-340-0774.

## OUT AND ABOUT THE VILLAGE

◆ **Welcome to new residents at 6817 Brookville Road, Paul McGowan and Engeliem Zegers**, who moved here from Atlanta, where they lived for 12 years.



They have spent the last year in the Burning Tree area of Bethesda looking for a house to buy. They report to be “absolutely delighted to be in Martin’s Additions”. Paul and Engeliem bring three children with them, twins Aidan and Liam (9 years old) who will be going into the 5th grade at Chevy Chase Elementary and their daughter Lily who is 3 years old. Paul is originally from Ireland and works for the Center for Innovative Technology in Virginia. Engeliem is Dutch, worked in hotel sales and does substitute teaching for special needs children, although she grew up in Bethesda when her father was on a diplomatic posting.

**Welcome Kristin Van Hook and Ranjit Sidhu to 3519 Turner Lane.** They come to Martin’s Additions from Logan Circle with their dog and a baby on the way!

◆ **Congratualtions Due in the Filipczyk Household on Taylor Street.** Jill and Ben Filipczyk are the proud grandparents of Hannah Patricia Howard born to their daughter Kate and her husband Steve Howard, currently residently of Germantown, on May 31, 2007. Baby Hannah weighed in at a hefty 8 lbs and 11 oz. and stood 21 1/2 inches tall!

◆ **Congratulations VMA class of 2007!** The Edition has heard of a number of VMA residents graduating from high school this spring. Congrats to Patrick Landon, Delfield Street; Molly, Kyle and Kendal Kelly-Yahner, Chestnut Street; Coleman Adams, Summit Avenue; Chloe Primdahl, Turner Lane; Margot Catherwood and Claire Mueller, Shepherd Street; Madeline Stokoe and Jimmie Sottile, Cummings Lane; and David Jaffe, Raymond Street. Please let us know of other graduates --all levels--so we can congratulate them too! Just call the Village office at 301-656-4112 or email us at [martinsadditions@verizon.net](mailto:martinsadditions@verizon.net).

◆ **Rosemary Hills Kindergarten Round-Up Planned for Martin’s Additions.** For any students entering Rosemary Hills Kindergarten in Fall ‘07, a group of parents are planning to hold one or more neighborhood activities this summer for new students to meet one another. Please contact Jackie Roberts (Raymond Street) at [jackie.roberts@verizon.net](mailto:jackie.roberts@verizon.net) (or 301-654-1984) if you would like to be included on emails. Even better, join the Martin’s Additions list serv and get ALL the news.

### SUMMER NOTES FROM OUR FIRE and RESCUE SERVICES!

Captain Ray Sanchez, of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services wants to deliver this special message to everyone in Martin’s Additions: Summer time is here and we are finally getting the heat that D.C. area summers guarantee. It is important to drink plenty of water and be careful and cognizant of the special needs of our young and elderly. They are especially susceptible to the effects of extreme temperatures. Never leave a child in a vehicle unattended even if for a few moments. This is a recipe for disaster. I would also like to remind you that July 4<sup>th</sup> is fast approaching and so is the allure of fireworks. Leave the fireworks to the professionals for both safety and legal reasons. Fireworks (even sparklers) are illegal in Montgomery County and rest assured that our Fire Marshals will be out looking for offenders. I thank you for this opportunity to introduce myself to you and to share some safety concerns with you. Have a safe vacation and please feel free to contact me at anytime at Station 7. 301-652-0707 (work) 240-876-9139 (Cell)



### BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED/REQUESTED



The following Permits have been recently issued:

121 Quincy Street: Naierman-Driveway Apron and Curb Cut  
3502 Bradley Lane: Wohlmutth/Hoskins-Build Front Porch  
6801 Brookville Road- Dumpster

The following Permits have been requested:  
3501 Raymond Street: Single-Demolition and Rebuild

**VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
PRELIMINARY AGENDA  
MEETING OF  
THURSDAY JULY 19, 2007**

7013 B Brookville Road  
Chevy Chase, MD  
**7:30 Call to Order**  
Police Report  
Approval of Minutes 6/21/07  
Treasurer's Report  
Tree Committee Report  
Zoning Update Report  
Traffic Regulations  
Manager's Report  
Building Consultant Report

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**VILLAGE MONTHLY MEETINGS**

Village 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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**HAPPY 4TH OF JULY**

