
Martin's Edition

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



NOTES FROM THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Blame the snow! We have had to postpone the 25th anniversary celebration of the Village Incorporation from February to March 21, thanks to mountains of snow. It does not change our reason to celebrate, just delays remembering why we became an incorporated Village and benefits it brings to all of us—and at least one was made very clear: our streets and sidewalks were among the first plowed and shoveled—just one example of the many services provided by the Village.



Blame the snow! Our budget for snow plowing and shoveling is clearly overdrawn. Unfortunately, it comes at the same time that we learned our State income tax share (about 75% of our Village income) could be 30% lower than we budgeted and half of the revenues levels we experienced in this category in FY 2009; that State Highway reimbursements have been cut by nearly 90% in the current fiscal year and will not be reinstated in FY 2011; that our tax duplication payment from the County will be cut by 5%. With the State and County each scrambling to find new income streams, it appears that income to municipalities like ours will suffer. As we begin the Fiscal Year 2011 budget development process over the next couple of months, we will be looking closely at Village income and expenses, trying to find a way to maintain services and provide for a more stable income.

What we cannot blame on the snow—at least not yet—are two events planned by the Elections and Ethics Committee: a *Village Saturday Roundtable*: “Participating in Your Village” Q & A Session on March 6 for people interested in finding out more about getting involved in the community

MARCH 2010



◆ INCORPORATION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SUNDAY MARCH 21st !

Hope to see you at our (rescheduled) 2010 Village Winter Gathering at La Ferme on *Sunday, March 21, from 1-3 p.m.* We will be celebrating our 25th Anniversary of Incorporation. Exquisite food and beverages, entertainment for the younger set and camaraderie all around.



◆ NOMINATION PERIOD FOR COUNCIL OPENS

The terms of three Council members expire on June 30. Nominations for candidates opened March 1st and the election is Thursday evening, May 13th.

◆ VILLAGE TO SEND CHIPPER TRUCK THRU IN MID-MARCH

Start collecting storm debris from your property to put to the curb for a chipper truck. Date to be scheduled in mid-late March, weather depending. Watch list serv and website for details.

◆ IMPORTANT TAX FILING INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS OF MARTIN'S ADDITIONS

The Village receives a share of the income tax you pay to the State of Maryland. See the article on the back page for details.

◆ NEXT VILLAGE BULK TRASH PICKUP

Saturday, March 13, 2010

NEXT VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

The next Village Council meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 18th, 2010 at 7:30 PM** in the Village Office, 7013 B Brookville Rd.. The meeting agenda is posted on the Village website www.martinsadditions.org the Friday before the meeting. It is also posted on the bulletin board at the Market Area under Public Notice.

and about Council activities; and a “Meet the Candidates Session” on Saturday, April 24—your opportunity to meet those running for Council and ask your questions. Please put both of these dates on your calendar.

I look forward to joining you on March 21st from 1-3 PM to celebrate our 25th Anniversary as an incorporated municipality.

Richard Krajeck

**Village of Martin’s Additions
ELECTIONS SCHEDULE 2010**

Terms Expiring for:

Richard Krajeck, Chairman, Noell Sottile, Vice Chairman, Larry Wasson, Secretary

Monday March 1, 2010. Nominations Open.

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

Saturday, March 6, Village Roundtable I: “Participating in Your Community” 10:30- Noon, Village Office

Tuesday, April 6, 2010 Deadline for Submitting Nomination.

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

Wednesday, April 14, 2010. Candidates Statements & Biographical Sketch due into the Office of the Village Manager

Saturday, April 24, 2010 Village Roundtable II: “Candidates Forum” 10:30 - Noon, Village Office

May 13, 2010 Council Election, Brookville Village Center 6- 8 PM

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

**Items in Brackets reflect Charter Requirements*

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**2010 VILLAGE
ELECTION**

PROCESS KICKED OFF

Beginning Monday, March 1st, 2010 nominations for the Village Council are being accepted by the Village

Elections Committee. This year three seats are open on the Council. Each seat is for a two-year term.

Would you like to serve as a Council Member? Martin’s Additions is a self-governing, incorporated municipality in the State of Maryland. As such, the Village is responsible for providing trash collection, recycling, road and sidewalk repair, snow plowing, and other municipal services. To support these service, the Village sets rates for local property taxes and derives significant receipts from income taxes through the State. The smooth function of government and delivery of services has depended on the ability and willingness of interested residents to serve on the governing body—the Village Council. Would YOU like to be involved? Consider becoming a candidate.

Who can be nominated? Any resident of Martin’s Additions who is a qualified voter (18 years old as of Election Day, May 13th) may nominate another qualified resident or him- or herself.

How do you nominate a candidate? Nominations must be made in writing and sent to Frank Correl, Chairman of the Elections and Ethics Committee, at the VMA Office, 7013B Brookville Road, Chevy Chase, MD 20815. Nominations open on Monday, March 1st, and close on Tuesday April 6th.

What do I have to do if I am a nominee? Ensure that your written nomination is received by the Elections Committee no later than April 6th. A Candidate’s Statement must be received no later than Wednesday, April 14 along with a brief biographical sketch. The Candidates’ Forum, scheduled for Saturday morning April 24th from 10:30 AM to noon, is an opportunity for candidates to meet residents and present their position statements.





COUNCIL CONTINUES TO STUDY STREET LIGHTING

The Village Council continues to work with lighting engineer Scott Watson to develop a new street lighting plan for the Village. Unlike many other neighboring jurisdictions, Martin's Additions never upgraded from the very antiquated incandescent bulbs and "dusk to dawn" fixtures that are frequently found on our utility poles, so we are considerably behind the times. That may not be all bad however, since at least we didn't pay for upgrades that we now need to upgrade again! The goal is to provide lighting that will be considered comfortable by pedestrians using the streets and sidewalks at night and will not be perceived as unacceptably bright by homeowners. Significant operating cost savings are anticipated with the installation of new lighting since the incandescent bulbs are very inefficient and will soon no longer be available for replacement purposes.

The current improvement project began with a survey of the locations and types of existing street lights. Nighttime luminance readings were taken on most of the streets of Martin's Additions. The results of the survey showed that the existing lighting equipment, most of which is old and inefficient by modern standards as we said, is generally producing very low amounts of mostly uneven lighting for the streets and sidewalks. The survey also revealed that the lights in many areas of the Village are so far apart that the average light levels are far below the standards considered comfortable for pedestrians at night as well as the standards recommended by the Illuminating Engineering Society. Many of the existing lights were found to be obscured by tree branches. (This was a relatively easy problem to correct—trees were pruned back from the lights by our tree service personnel).

After the presentation of the initial survey, several options for upgraded street lighting that PEPCO offers were explained, and a subcommittee of the Council took a nighttime field trip to observe different lighting types. When the various installations were viewed there was a general consensus that the one fixture that provided the most comfortable light levels on the street and sidewalk was in Chevy Chase View. They have installed a "Teardrop" pedestrian-

style light fixture using luminaries that had the most pleasing appearance during the day and at night. These fixtures use a 55-watt induction lamp, at 2000K color temperature. Such a fixture is available for viewing on Georgia Street just north of its intersection with Bradley Lane in Section 3. Residents are urged to take a walk on over to Section 3 and see what you think!

Having selected a lighting style, type and fixture, Martin's Additions has moved into the design phase of a new lighting system. The design process set out to use the existing utility poles as much as possible for lighting fixture locations. Areas that cannot be properly lit using existing poles have been considered for the installation of a new pole. Some poles that presently have lights on them will no longer have lights, and vice versa—some poles without lights at present will have them in the future.

At the January Council meeting Mr. Watson presented two options for consideration by the Council. One option does not plan for any new poles. It calls for 76 light fixtures, about 11 more than we currently have; the second options calls for fewer fixtures—71 in all—but 7 new utility poles. Each new pole might cost as much as \$7,000. Five fewer lights would be needed under this option because new pole locations would result in the need for fewer light fixtures. The light fixtures are estimated to cost in the area of about \$2,800 each. The Council will continue to work on this issue and keep you informed!

COUNCIL ADOPTS RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE STANDARDS

The Martin's Additions Village Council took public comment at its November 2009 meeting on a proposed set of standards related to maintenance of the public right-of-way that was introduced in October. At the



conclusion of the comment period and after further discussion, the Council adopted the ordinance, which became effective on December 9, 2009, in keeping with Charter requirements.

The ordinance amends Chapter 7 of the Village code related to Property Regulations and clarifies the definitions of what can be allowed to

occupy the public right-of-way between the private property line and the edge of the paved street. The ordinance calls for the owner of the private property adjoining a public right of way to maintain that area in a safe and sanitary condition. Owners are not permitted to allow grass or weeds within the right-of-way to a height in excess of twelve inches above the ground. The ordinance also prohibits the construction of any structure, wall, or fence, or planting of a tree, hedge and shrubbery within the right of way without a license to use the right-of-way. Any of the above mentioned items that are in the right-of-way as of the effective date of the ordinance (12/9/2009) can be maintained but not replaced, so long as it does not interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic and if it is maintained in such a manner and at such a height that a clear and unobstructed view is available to pedestrians and traffic.



COUNCIL TAKES ACTION ON DUMPSTER AND POD ORDINANCE



After an incident where an emergency vehicle was hampered by a dumpster in the street, the Council discussed the alternatives for remedying the problem at its

November meeting. It was agreed that a dumpster or portable storage unit placed or maintained in the public right of way may interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic, including but not limited to safety and rescue vehicles, and thereby present health, safety and welfare concerns as recently experienced in the Village.

The Council directed the Village attorney to draft an ordinance to prohibit the placement of dumpsters and portable storage units (PODS) in the public right of way. The Council also requested that permitting requirements be developed for both containers. An ordinance for regulating dumpsters and PODS was introduced and discussed at the December Council meeting. Public comment was taken at the January Council meeting, and after further discussion the ordinance was adopted. It became effective on February 10, 2010. A permit fee of \$75 was set for the portable storage unit, the same fee as the dumpster permit.

VILLAGE TO MOVE FORWARD ON STORM WATER IMPACT



When Martin's Additions first began to address the issues surrounding infill development and redevelopment of properties within our boundaries in the spring and summer of 2007, one of the concerns that residents often expressed was the effect of additional impervious surface that accompanied the increased size of the structures as well as the changes in storm water run off. Stories were told of flooded basements, soggy yards, icing conditions and the like that hadn't been present prior to the redevelopment.

The Village Council decided to separate the consideration of new building regulations related to the mass and bulk of the houses from the impact of water run off and storm water issues. New ordinances addressing compatible residential infill and redevelopment were adopted and became effective in June of 2009. It is now time to address the second stage of the earlier vision which is meant to address storm water management. The following text describes the action that the Council feels the Village should begin to address:

The process of building new houses on existing lots or building additions to existing houses generally reflects an intensification of developments. From the perspective of storm water management, this often translates into increases in impervious surface area, removal of trees and vegetation, injury to or loss of trees on adjacent properties, loss of open and permeable space and changes to grades or slopes. Each of these factors can alter the flow of storm water from a residential lot and each can increase the quantity of storm water flowing into streets and adjoining properties.

The community's ability to handle storm water flows cannot be increased without public costs in new and expanded infrastructure. The management of storm water is constrained by the Village's historic drainage patterns, infrastructure capacity and patterns of streets and lots.

In considering the job of a Storm Water Task Force to



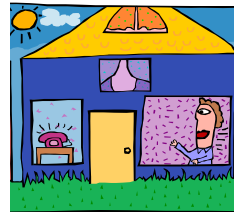
examine the problem, the following directions were envisioned. The Task Force would:

1. evaluate options that may be available to the Village to address storm water issues associated with new construction and other lot improvements, and to minimize any resulting water runoff that is likely to adversely affect any adjacent private or public property; and
2. evaluate the sustainability of the Village's current storm water management system and storm water drains, to handle current and increased flows.

In mid-February, Council Chairman Richard Krajeck and Councilmember and Storm Water Task Force (SWTF) Chair Mike Zielinski, met with the Urban Planning Consultant, Chris Jakubiak of Jakubiak & Associates, to review a proposal for consulting services to assist a Task Force in achieving the goals set forth in the statement above. Alan Beal, VMA's Buildings Administrator, and Bill Lebovich, a member of the Land Use Task Force, brought their perspective on the issues to the table. Jakubiak's proposed scope of work followed the plan laid out above, focusing initially on options that might be available to minimize water runoff and other potential adverse effects associated with improvements requiring permits from the Village.

The proposal envisions reviews of State and County laws and neighboring jurisdictions' ordinances, as well as best practices to protect trees on adjoining properties. The second phase of the Task Force responsibility would include an evaluation of the ability of the Village's current storm water management system to handle current and potentially increased flows that may result over the long term through redevelopment. The issues currently being addressed on Quincy Street have reinforced the concept that construction and maintenance of sewer and storm drains are the responsibility of Montgomery County, and the Council envisions significant involvement of the County, especially in thesecond phase of the Task Force charge.

As with the Land Use Task Force recommendations, a public information report would be produced and illustrated drafts of any recommended ordinance provisions would be developed and circulated. Multiple reports will be made to residents, through the web-site, newsletter, list serv, and a public meeting presentation of any SWTF recommendations. Any proposed ordinance provisions actually introduced by the Council would also be publicly vetted through the ordinance adoption process which includes public hearings.



HAVE YOU JOINED THE LIST SERV?

If you're not a member you're missing a lot of information!

To join just go to <http://groups.google.com/group/martins-additions-chevy-chase> and click on "Apply for Membership." Your request to join will be processed, and you'll be notified of your membership. To set up email capabilities add the name "List Serv" to your email address book, much as you'd enter the name of a friend or business contact. Next, add 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."

"ALERT MONTGOMERY": SOURCE FOR EMERGENCY INFORMATION



With the memories of winter and possible weather-related emergencies, our residents, workers and frequent visitors to Montgomery County are encouraged to sign up for direct and timely electronic alerts about severe weather, traffic problems and other emergencies that may affect your daily plans. Go to <https://alert.montgomerycountymd.gov>. You can designate that alerts be sent to one or more of your electronic devices, including cell phones, text pagers, and wireless devices, along with home and work emails.



RECYCLING CORNER

DO YOU KNOW HOW YOU CAN RECYCLE THESE 10 THINGS?

- 1. Appliances:** Many stores will recycle your old appliance when you purchase a new one. Goodwill accepts working appliances. Go to www.goodwill.org, or you can contact Steel Recycling Institute to recycle them at www.recycle-steel.org.
- 2. Athletic shoes:** One World Running will send still-wearable shoes to athletes in need in Africa, Latin America, and Haiti: www.oneworldrunning.com. Nike's Reuse-a-shoe program turns old shoes into playground and athletic flooring: www.nikereuseashoe.com.
- 3. Batteries:** Rechargeable batteries can be taken to Strosnidars Hardware in Bethesda for recycling or contact www.batteryrecycling.com. Regular dry cell batteries can be safely disposed of in your household trash.
- 4. Clothes:** Wearable clothes can go to our local Goodwill outlet or shelter. Donate wearable women's business clothing to the nonprofit organization Dress for Success, which gives them to low-income women as they search for jobs: www.dressforsuccess.org. Offer unwearable (but clean) clothes to local animal boarding shelter facilities, which often use them as pet bedding.
- 5. Compact fluorescent bulbs (CFL):** Take them to an IKEA store for recycling. You can also order bring them to The Home Depot stores. Check this website for other disposal sites: <http://www.recycleabulb.com>
- 6. Computers and electronics:** Staples and Best Buy takes these items.
- 7. Foam packing peanuts:** Local pack-and-ship store will likely accept these for reuse. Or call the Plastic Loose Fill Producers Council to find a drop-off site: 1-800-828-2214.



- 8. Used oil and anti-freeze collection:** Go to this website to find a convenient location, <http://www.menv.com/montgomeryoil.html>.
- 9. Phones:** Collective Good will refurbish your phone and sell it to someone in a developing country: www.collectivegood.com. Staples stores also recycle cell phones.
- 10. Ink/toner cartridges:** Staples accepts empty cartridges and gives you \$3.00 for each one (provided you have a rewards card)—the check is sent to your home.

....And A Great General Resource: Check out this website: www.earth911.com, it is a great resource for recycling items like small appliances, TVs, computers, cell phones, etc. By using the search feature you can find out where to take a wide array of recyclables.

YOUR NEIGHBORS DON'T WANT TO RECYCLE YOUR RECYCLING!

On windy recycling days, weigh down all of your papers, cardboard and light plastic items. This extra effort saves chasing debris all over the neighborhood. Also remember that Styrofoam chips ARE NOT recyclable. Place them in the regular household trash and PLEASE batten them down.



BREAK DOWN AND RECYCLE CARDBOARD PLEASE

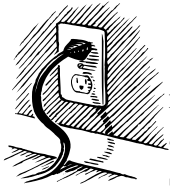
Cardboard boxes should be recycled on Tuesday, not placed in the household trash.

DON'T LEAVE RECYCLING BINS AT CURB

Please put the recycling bins out on Monday evening and return them to their storage place on Tuesdays. Wind can toss them quite a distance, possibly damaging property and at least breaking the bins.

SHARE WHAT YOU NO LONGER NEED

Don't throw it away! A *Wider Circle* charity, which is located in Bethesda, would be delighted to have your household goods. This wonderful nonprofit charity, which comes to pick up items, serves needy people who have very little. Call 301-657-1010 to donate; learn more at www.awidercircle.org.



PEPCO STORM TIPS

While the worst of the snow season may be behind us, we still need to pay attention to these important guidelines.

Spring sometimes brings severe storms, which will arrive before we know it.

If Power Goes Out... call Pepco at **1-877-737-2662** to report outages – even if you think your neighbors may have already called. Pepco’s automated outage reporting system is the most effective way to report an outage because it immediately feeds information into computers that rapidly identify problem areas and dispatch repair crews, so that power can be restored as quickly as possible.

If you spot downed or drooping power lines:

- Stay away from downed lines and report them immediately by calling **1-877-737-2662**.
- Never attempt to remove trees or limbs from any utility line. Assume all objects touching a power line are energized.

Be Prepared! More Storm Preparation Tips:

- Assemble an emergency storm kit. Include a battery-powered radio or television, flashlight, first-aid kit, battery-powered or windup clock, extra batteries, a three day supply of non-perishable food and bottled water, manual can opener, any necessary medications, and a list of emergency phone numbers.
- Maintain a supply of extra blankets and sleeping bags.
- Ensure that all household members have a warm coat, gloves, hat and water-resistant boots.
- Make sure your home has a telephone with a cord or a cell phone to use as a backup. Cordless telephones require electricity to operate, and won’t work if there is an outage.
- Identify a place for emergency shelter in case of an extended outage. It is important that customers with special needs or their caregivers take responsibility to make arrangements ahead of time to prepare for potentially long-lasting service interruptions.
- If using a portable generator during a power outage, always operate it outside. Do not

operate a portable generator near doors, windows or in garages to prevent deadly carbon monoxide from entering the house. In addition, do not use gas or charcoal grills, propane heaters and stoves, or kerosene space heaters indoors as they also cause a dangerous build up of carbon monoxide gas which can often be fatal.

- Remember to use flashlights instead of candles to avoid a fire hazard.

PREVENT HOME IMPROVEMENT SCAMS:

- Research and plan your home improvement project.
- Choose a contractor carefully.
- Contact the Montgomery County Office of Consumer Protection at 240-777-3636 or go to the Montgomery County Government website, www.montgomerycountymd.gov and click on “Departments”, then click on “Consumer Protection” to find out if there have been any complaints about the contractor.
- Contact the Home Improvement Commission in Baltimore at 410-230-6309 to verify if a contractor is licensed.
- Ask a lot of questions.
- Make sure the contractor provides a Home Improvement Contract and both the consumer and the contractor sign it before work begins or money is paid

CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY HOSTS FIRST ISSUES FORUM

Interested in participating in a discussion of a timely, significant topic? Here’s your chance. The National Issues Forum will hold a moderated discussion on “The News Media and Society: How to Restore the Public Trust” at the Chevy Chase Library at 8005 Connecticut Ave. on **Tuesday, March 23**. The event will run from 1:00 until 3:30 pm. The Kettering Foundation, which underwrites the Forum, will provide participants with an information booklet on the topic at the forum.

OUT AND ABOUT THE VILLAGE

Community News

Congrats to.... the Crahan Family on Summit Avenue on the birth of Luke on January 3rd.

He joins mom and dad Sarah and Barnaby and siblings Jacob (12) and Dylan (7)!

Welcome to....new residents McClain "Macy" and Bridger McGaw who recently moved to 3413 Bradley Lane. They hail from Columbus, OH and Boston, MA respectively. They insist that they are "used to this snowfall!"



NEWS FROM CHEVY CHASE @HOME

VOLUNTEER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SOUGHT



Chevy Chase@Home, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping older adults continue to live in their homes with various support services, socialization, education, and transportation to essential venues, seeks an Executive Director/Administrator, half-time or more, to help the organization reach fully operational status and to administer the day-to-day work of providing assistance through a network of volunteers. May progress into a paid position. Previous experience in administration or management helpful. Interested parties please send resume and letter of interest to nb7106@gmail.com and put "Exec Director" in subject line.

MARCH EVENTS WITH CHEVY CHASE@HOME

Blustery March is blowing in some grand fun for the golden oldies that plan to Meet and Mingle at the Chevy Chase Village Hall on Tuesday, March 2. The book club anticipates a wealth of new material from those who read their way through the hiatus of the Big Snow. Games of Bridge, Scrabble and puzzles await your challenge and, as ever, there will be the usual good conversation among those gathered around the refreshment table.

On March 16, we will wear some green and get the jump on St. Patrick's Day. Gaelic folk tales

and music will brighten our party, as well as remembrance of the Emerald Isle. Even a jig or two might be inspired. A four-leaf shamrock awaits the lucky guest. We will gather at the same old location, the Chevy Chase Village Hall, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.

OFFICE WISH LIST FROM CHEVY CHASE@HOME

Do you know of a nearby church or business with an empty cubicle or have a residence with a spare (e.g., basement with separate entrance) room that could be the CC @ H office during normal business hours? (Donations of office space are common among their counterparts in the DC area.) They are also looking for up-to-date technical equipment to put in the office. Please contact Naomi Kaminsky at gruffian@verizon.net or call 301-657-8070.

REDUCE UNWANTED MAIL; OPT OUT OF CATALOGS!

Finally, a way to remove your name from the mailing lists you don't want! Stop the waste, reduce the clutter, and save trees! Join over one million people making a difference. It's simple: visit www.catalogchoice.org to start today!



COUNTY OFFERS CALL 'N' RIDE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

Montgomery County offers a Call and Ride program for elderly and disabled residents. This user-side assistance program began in 1985 and is operated jointly by the Department of Transportation and the Department of Health and Human Services. Residents who would like more information about this program and how to avail themselves of this service should call Ken Sloate at 240-777-5808.

RIDE THE BUS FREE IF YOU ARE 65+

Seniors over 65 and people with disabilities can ride FREE anytime on Ride On and some Metrobus routes in Montgomery County. You need a valid Metro Senior ID card or Medicare card and photo ID. People with disabilities must have a Metro Disabled ID card. For more information on which Metrobuses are affected, go to: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov>

FAMOUS BCC USED BOOK SALE
SATURDAY, MARCH 20-21

Buy Fiction and Nonfiction: Children’s, Young Adult, Mystery, Art, Sci-Fi, Travel, Business/Economics, Cooking, Home & Garden, Politics, History, Test Prep, Foreign Language, Science, AND MUCH MORE. Donate Books in Advance of the Sale!

Drop Off Dates:



Sat. March 6 & Sun. Mar. 7 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Fri. March 12 2:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Sat. March 13 & Sun. Mar. 14

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Mon. March 15 & Tues. Mar. 16 2:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Please **NO encyclopedias, old textbooks, magazines or pre-2007 travel guides**

TAX forms and curbside drop-off at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School
 4301 East-West Hwy., Bethesda, MD

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

March 18, 2010 Council Meeting

Call to Order 7:30 pm

CCV Police Report

Citizens Concerns and Comments

Minutes and Treasurer’s Report

Discussion FY 2010 Budget Development

Discussion of Tax Rate for FY 2011

Manager’s Report

Building Administrator’s Report

LOCK YOUR CAR.

Lock your car. Even in your driveway. Even parked in the street in front of your house. Even though you don’t think you have to. A serious rash of thefts from vehicles continues in our area. One recently arrested thief boasted to a Chevy Chase police officer, “You think this is going to stop because you arrested me? The word is out, Montgomery County is the place to go...” **Police non-emergency number to report a crime that has occurred: 301-279-8000. To report a crime in progress 911.**

VILLAGE FOOD DRIVE OFF TO A ROLLICKING 2010 START



The Village’s response to our Manna Food Center project has been simply fabulous so far this year! After just four trips to Manna’s intake center, our donation stands at a whopping **1,356 pounds!!** Two months into the year, we’ve already collected and delivered more than a fourth of our total for the entirety of 2009. Wow! This year’s number includes more than 600 pounds collected at a table set up at the market area on the Jan. 18th Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, plus purchases made with \$73 in cash donated by residents and passers by.

A huge “thanks” to everyone who participated in the event — with a special shout out to the kids in Section V who went door to door with their wagons and returned with many boxes and bags full of food to the Thornapple Street home of Marilyn and Tim Hanlon, who in turn brought the bounty to project organizers Dick and Linda Kirschten on Turner Lane for delivery to Manna.

In addition, a “mini-surge” of contributions after the abominable snow was cleared away helped boost February’s total to 538 pounds. As a reminder that every can or box counts, the Kirschtens report a long line of folks picking up food at Manna’s distribution facility in Gaithersburg (one of about 8 scattered throughout Montgomery County). To qualify for food, families must be referred by an accredited agency or organization and they typically receive only enough food to tide them over for three or four days a month. A recent article in the Post noted that **some 633,000 DC area residents — nearly a third of them children — are experiencing or are at risk of hunger**, and the problem is expected to get worse before it gets better. So please continue to remember the Martin’s Additions/Manna project whenever you do your food shopping. A collection box remains in place at the foot of the stairs to the Village Office on Brookville Road, and the Kirschtens are always willing to swing by and pick up your donations at your door. Just call them at 301-986-5839.

And a P.S. for those of you who are not on the List Serve — MLK Day donations to the Doctors Without Borders Haiti relief effort came in at \$1,171. Checks (and cash converted into a check) were sent to the organization’s New York City headquarters via registered mail on Jan. 19th.



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

As a municipality in the State of Maryland, the major source of revenues for the Village of Martin's Additions is our share of income taxes, which every resident pays to the State. In order for us to receive this revenue sharing, you must write "*Martin's Additions*" in the box marked "City, town or taxing area" on your Maryland Income Tax Form 502. This assures that a portion of your tax dollars comes back to the Village (as contained in State law), to provide you with services. This money helps support our municipal budget for trash collection, recycling, leaf collection, street cleaning, snow removal, tree care, and the many other municipal services that are administered by the Village of Martin's Additions. Don't give those revenues away! You have much more control over how these tax dollars are spent right here in your Village and for your direct benefit.



FORM 502 MARYLAND RESIDENT INCOME TAX RETURN

SOCIAL SECURITY #		2006 ENDING	
OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING		SPOUSE'S SOCIAL SECURITY #	
Your First Name	Initial	Last Name	
Spouse's First Name	Initial	Last Name	
PRESENT ADDRESS (No. and street)			
City or Town		State	Zip Code
Name of county and incorporated city, town or special taxing area in which you were a resident on the last day of the taxable period. (See Instruction 6)		Maryland county	City, town or taxing area <i>Martin's Additions</i>

WHO WAS HARRY MARTIN ?

Martin's Additions was entrepreneur Harry Martin's idea, and he assembled the Brookeville Road properties in Chevy Chase starting in 1896. In 1916, Martin's 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Additions to Chevy Chase became special taxing districts. After a referendum, they were incorporated into our Village in 1985. Information courtesy of *Bethesda Magazine*.

EXPANSION OF CHEVY CHASE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL?

Montgomery County Public Schools is conducting a feasibility study for an addition to Chevy Chase Elementary School. Student enrollment at elementary schools in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Cluster has increased dramatically in the past two years. Additional space will be needed in several cluster elementary schools to accommodate growing enrollment. A Feasibility Study Committee (FSC) will include representatives of the school, PTA Civic Associations, neighbors, government agencies, the study architects (Muse Architects) and staff from MCPS Division of Construction. FSC work session meetings are scheduled in the afternoons and evenings to allow for maximum staff and community involvement. Sessions are held in the School Media Center: **Tuesday, March 16 at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 6 at 4:30 pm.** FSC PTA/Community Presentation Tuesday, April 27 at 7:00 pm, School Media Center. To participate you please contact Dennis Cross, Project Manager, Montgomery County Public School Division of Construction at (240) 876-4586.

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