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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 MIKE ZIELINSKI**

*Land Use Task Force Chairman*

You may recall from earlier newsletters that the members of the VMA Land Use Task Force (LUTF) were appointed and welcomed at the January Village Council meeting. As of March, the Task Force is beginning to feel comfortable about tackling the complexities we face and has established a structure by means of which to move forward.

At our first meeting in late January, the Task Force agreed to hold monthly work sessions at 7:00 PM in the Village Office on the fourth Thursday of every month. We encourage interested residents to attend these work sessions to listen and learn, along with the members of the Task Force, about the intricacies of urban planning and zoning issues. These are not public hearings where residents are invited to comment, but they are opportunities to observe public deliberations.

Also at our first meeting, officers were elected and liaisons to neighboring jurisdictions were appointed. Since both the Town of Chevy Chase and the Village of Chevy Chase are grappling with similar development concerns, the Task Force felt it appropriate to assign members to cover the deliberations in neighboring jurisdictions. Boucie Addison was named liaison to the Town of Chevy Chase and Lynne Iadorola agreed to cover Chevy Chase Village's debate. LUTF members and their respective email addresses are listed on page 9 of this newsletter.

The Task Force has also met with the Village's attorneys and Jakubiak & Associates, the consultants retained by the Council to assist the Village in developing an appropriate response to concerns raised by VMA residents. Many of these concerns and issues were expressed at the June 14, 2007 public meeting on this topic that was held at the Chevy Chase Village Hall.

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*March 2008*

### **♦VILLAGE COUNCIL NOMINATIONS DUE APRIL 1, 2008**

Nominations for the Village Council must be received by Tuesday, April 1st. Statements are due by April 7th. See page 5 for more details.

### **♦NOMINATION FORM ENCLOSED**

In case you missed the special Elections Mailing, we have enclosed another nomination form for you to get involved.

### **♦COUNCIL CANDIDATES FORUM APRIL 17, 7:30 PM**

Come meet the candidates for the Village Council, hear them tell YOU why they want to serve, and ask them questions. Village office 7:30 PM

### **♦APRIL HEAVY TRASH PICK-UP SATURDAY APRIL 12**

As usual, the April heavy trash pick up will be the 2nd Saturday of the month. Junk at the curb no sooner than Friday night, please.

### **♦HELP WANTED BY THE VILLAGE**

The Village of Martin's Additions intends to hire someone to take and produce minutes at monthly Village Council meetings and scheduled working sessions that are held from time to time. All meetings are held weekday evenings. Please send a resume that includes experience and salary requirements to the Village office at 7013 B Brookville Road or [martinsadditions@verizon.net](mailto:martinsadditions@verizon.net)

### **♦VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Monthly Council meeting are usually held the third Thursday of the month, beginning at 7:30 PM in the Village office at 7013 B Brookville Road. Occasionally council meeting dates must be changed to handle important scheduling conflicts. Please watch for posted changes on the Village bulletin board and the list serv. Meeting dates and changes are always posted on the Village Bulletin Board outside the Market.



As our mission and thoughts take shape, we will share our progress with the community. Our recent discussions have identified the following issues: adequate space

between houses to ensure privacy, light, and air circulation; appropriately sized construction in keeping with lot sizes, neighboring structures, and the character of the Village; lot coverage by impervious surfaces and effects on storm water management; and damage caused by new construction to neighboring properties and rights of way. The concepts of land use planning that have been preliminarily examined include setbacks, building height, lot coverage, wall plate height and length, floor area ratio, impervious surface lot coverage, grading and vegetation. (See the article on this page for expansion of these topics).

The LUTF is very sensitive to its charge of meeting the challenge of controlling new construction and, at the same time, avoiding unnecessary adverse economic consequences and other unintended impacts. For that reason, it has decided to address first some less controversial issues that could provide effective tools to control some of the more obvious problems. The initial focus will be on setbacks, lot coverage, wall plate height and length, impervious surfaces and grading. Neighboring jurisdictions currently have, or are considering, such provisions in their ordinances. Concepts like limitations on floor-area-ratio (FAR), generally the ratio of usable floor area on above-ground stories to the area of the lot, have generated a great deal of controversy in Chevy Chase Village and the Town of Chevy Chase. The LUTF has decided to defer consideration of FAR and similar provisions until there has been an opportunity to refine proposals on other tools and assess their impact.

The input of all VMA residents will be invaluable to the LUTF, as well as the Council. Public meetings will be held at critical points in the process. Residents will be kept advised of LUTF progress in this Newsletter and are free to attend LUTF meetings and work sessions. Critical documents--including the minutes of LUTF meetings, drafts of proposals, and

educational materials--will be available on the website maintained by Jakubiak & Associates. Instructions for accessing this website are posted below. You can also subscribe to automatically receive email notifications of postings of documents of importance at this same site.

The Task Force is honored to be charged with the responsibility of trying to define, preserve and advance the character of the Village of Martin's Additions. We urge residents to assist and support us with their thoughts and observations as we move forward.



### **STAY TUNED-IN AND UP-TO-DATE ON PROGRESS OF VMA LAND USE TASK FORCE**

Documents that the Land Use Task Force are working on with Jakubiak and Associates are accessible to every resident for their review and consideration. Here's how you can view the work:

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)

### **A LESSON IN LAND USE: WHAT CAN PLANNING TECHNIQUES DO FOR A COMMUNITY?**

In an effort to help define its course of action, the Land Use Task Force work session of February 27, 2008 focused on a presentation by Jakubiak and Associates that was divided into three sections. The first was a discussion and review of the *Current Conditions* in VMA. Images of existing structures and streetscapes in Martin's Additions were reviewed. Landscaping and vegetation were noted, as well as the size of driveways and houses relative to the lot, and the relationship of the entryway to the street. Next the discussion turned to the *Challenge of Compatible Infill Development*, including "Mansionization,"



defined as the demolition of existing houses and their replacement with large houses that are out of scale and character with the existing neighborhood. The third topic was “*Other Zoning Issues*,” such as the impact that comes with the loss of historic houses, ambient sunlight, open space and tree cover; more impervious surface and run-off; altered community character in terms of aesthetics and spatial relationships (height, mass and scale of buildings). Other planning challenges include increased building and impervious lot coverage, unconsidered site development, and encroachment of buildings along and toward lot lines. All are challenges of compatible infill development.

*The key elements of building impact* on a community include the *height* of a structure and how it is measured, *setbacks*, and *lot or building coverage* (particularly impervious surface coverage). Over time, the *height* of houses in our area has changed, and as they get higher they get wider. Taller houses have a significant impact on existing houses, and the height of the “wall plate”(the maximum vertical distance of the exterior wall between the ground and the roof line) of any house can actually make a house look even taller.

The relationship between houses is established by *setbacks*—that is, the distance of the house from the sidelot line and from the front and rear lot lines. The amount of open space can be significantly affected by the limits of those setbacks and whether houses are built right up to the setback lines. A canyon effect can be created between houses if side walls have long uninterrupted planes. As a planning tool, setbacks can (1) increase the open space between houses, (2) increase the amount of green space, (3) reduce the width of houses, (4) increase light for neighboring properties, (5) affect privacy, and (6) reduce a canyon effect between houses. Setbacks cannot address height, or mass and scale issues nor can they limit impervious surface coverage.

As buildings get larger they typically cover increasing portions of a lot and so *lot coverage* becomes an issue. Altering lot coverage standards can (1) reduce the building footprint, (2) increase the open space on a lot, and (3) increase light for

neighboring properties. Lot coverage standards cannot (1) prevent the canyon effect between properties, (2) deal with height, (3) deal with massing issues, or (4) limit impervious surface coverage. Expansion of impervious surfaces, largely from front yard paving, presents an additional problem of stormwater run off and changes in the streetscape.

After this “lesson” the Task Force agreed with Jakubiak’s recommendation that addressing the subset of zoning issues (setbacks, lot coverage, impervious surfaces, wall plate height and plane length and grading) will permit more immediate action to deal with challenges that occur outside of mansionization. Then the Task Force can analyze how they impact mansionization.



### **OBSERVATIONS ON MARTIN’S ADDITIONS...**

*Note: The Village of Martin’s Additions is fortunate to have many talented residents on its Land Use Task Force. One of those members, Bill Lebovich, is a noted architectural*

*historian and photographer. Here he shares the thoughts he brings to the Task Force on the architectural, historical and landscape character of Martin’s Additions.*

A few years ago, Montgomery County surveyed Martin’s Additions as a possible historic district and ruled it out for its large number of non-contributing buildings. That is another way of saying we have a variety of houses of various styles erected over a long period of time. But it is that diversity, along with our diverse topography, varied street and lot sizes, and landscape diversity that gives this community a distinct physical and social character.

We do not have one character for all of the Village, just as we do not have one architectural style or one date of construction, nor one style of landscaping. To walk the streets of our community is to enjoy the changing scenery (natural and built) on a block by block or even half block by half block basis.

Ours is not a community of great architecture or even ambitious architecture. And our landscaping is often a clear labor of love and effort, but no one is planting the gardens at Versailles. Our housing of



the early 20th century is mostly one or two stories, most often with the gable roof running parallel to the street. Most of these houses

have additions off the rear. There are earlier and newer houses that are taller, and some of them are three stories. The newer houses are more complex, with multiple roof gables, and a variety of windows. They generally try to evoke a late 19th century New England Shingle Style house. Some houses are now emulating Frank Lloyd Wright Prairie House style. These have greater scale, massing, and solidity than many of the older houses. These houses vary greatly in appearance, but even more importantly they vary greatly as to their effect on their neighbors. Some of these houses, which are not recent additions, loom over—in an intimidating manner—their neighbors and the section of the street they are on. Others are visually interesting and anchor the section of the street they sit on.

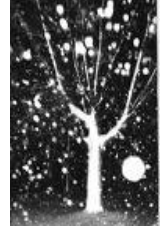
To characterize any new house or even addition as a McMansion is an over-simplification, which does a disservice to our efforts. But it is valid to acknowledge that some buildings are too large, have too many gables, are too out of scale for the neighborhood, and yes, are so badly designed that they diminish the visual qualities of the streetscape and perhaps will eventually diminish the resale value of houses.

And failure to acknowledge environmental and visual problems, such as excessive coverage of a lot, and failure to address these issues, would make our task a failure.

Realizing that just as no one feature describes our housing, landscaping, streetscapes, or community, we should realize that no one factor can be quantified as a land-use restriction and therefore assure us that the character of Martin's Additions will be preserved. If the law has one lesson to teach, it is that cases should be decided on the narrowest grounds, to limit unforeseen consequences. The same applies to our task. To preserve our community character a variety of rules will need to be put in place, while assuring that each one is limited, to the best of our ability, to have the minimal desired effect.

To quantify standards to assure the preservation of unquantifiable architectural and landscape values, there has to be a slow, deliberate, and deliberative process, done without artificial deadlines.

### **WINTER COMMUNITY GATHERING AT LA FERME A HUGE SUCCESS!**



On the afternoon of February 10, 2008 many residents joined their neighbors at the Winter Gathering for Martin's Additions at La Ferme Restaurant. Residents enjoyed the delicious food and superb services offered by owner Alain Roussel and his fabulous staff. A fire crackled in the fireplace, and hot cider was available to quickly warm everyone. The entire crowd seemed excited to get out of the house and mingle with their neighbors! Top-notch magician Bob Tobias entertained children and adults alike with magic tricks that boggled the mind.

Several special residents who have given their time and energy to the administration and betterment of the Village were recognized. At the top of the list was Hal Bruno who has served on the Chevy Chase Fire Board as a rep for Martin's Additions for more than 30 years; resident Natalie Straus-Welle was also recognized for her contribution to the Fire Board. Keith Allen was recognized for another year of fabulous service to the Village—he is always there when the Village needs him. Dan Gardner, tree supervisor for Martin's Additions, was recognized (again!) for all his work overseeing the care, removal and planting, of our many trees. Jill Filipczyk was recognized for her support of Village events; Kirsten Gardner was recognized and thanked for her editing skills—she is now the official Martin's Editions newsletter editor, and we hope to keep it that way for a very long time; Josh Bowers was recognized for his work setting up the Martin's Additions List Serv. Hanna Correl was thanked for her assistance with Village administrative responsibilities.

Many Village youngsters enjoyed the “child-friendly food” provided in the kids' room (what else: pizza and chicken fingers!) and a very special magic show while the adults listened to the awards and recognition presentation.

We hope to see everyone—and more—again next year, although we may need to add a tent!

## VILLAGE ELECTION INFORMATION

♦**The Nominations Process:** Nominations for the Village Council of Martin's Additions are accepted by the Village Election Committee. This year, three seats will be open on the Council. Each seat is for a two-year term. Every resident of Martin's Additions who is a qualified voter (18 years of age) may nominate another resident or him- or herself. Nominations must be made in writing and sent to Frank Correl, Chairman of the Elections and Ethics Committee, at the Village office, 7013 B Brookville Road, Chevy Chase, MD 20815. **Nominations must be received by April 1, 2008**



♦ **Candidate Announcement Process:** Council nominees announce their candidacy with the preparation of a **Candidate Statement**. This statement presents a declaration of the desire to serve on the Council and describes qualifications for office as well as any particular areas of interest or expertise. These statements must be received by the Election Committee by **April 7, 2007**. They will be published along with **brief resumes** of each candidate before the **Candidates Forum, scheduled for April 17th**, at the regular Monthly Council meeting. Candidates will have an opportunity to meet and talk with current council members and residents.

♦**Qualifications for Voting:** In accordance with the Municipal Charter for the Village of Martin's Additions, any resident who is 18 years of age or older residing in or owning property in Martin's Additions is entitled to vote in the Village Council election. Voters in Martin's Additions need not be registered to vote in Montgomery County or in the State of Maryland. Provisions are made for absentee balloting.

♦ **Election and Annual Meeting:** In accordance with Charter requirements, the election will be held on **Thursday, May 15th**. The polls will be open from **6:00 to 8:00 PM** at the Brookville Road Village Center prior to the Village's Annual Meeting. A **Social Hour begins at 6:00 PM**, and the **meeting begins at 8:00 PM** in the Village Office.

Questions should be directed to Frank Correl, Chairman of the Elections Committee, at 301-951-6211.

## NOTES FROM POLICE CHIEF GORDON



This month, Chevy Chase Police Chief Roy Gordon shares a few seasonal crime prevention tips:

♦ Open doors and windows that welcome the spring weather can be an invitation to crime. When you're not at home or are in your backyard keep your doors and windows locked.

♦ Unlocked vehicles are easy targets. Do not leave valuables in your car. Lock it and activate the alarm.

♦ Spring brings transient criminals. They routinely travel up and down the East Coast and commit numerous crimes this time of year. Their vehicles typically display out-of-state license plates. They often distract the homeowner with a request for a glass of water for a child or enter the home while the homeowner is in the backyard.

♦ Home improvement scams also seem to bloom in spring, and elderly folks are often the biggest targets. Typically, someone will knock on your door and claim they are in the area doing work and noticed that your home needs some attention. It may be a cracked driveway needing asphalt coating or a bad roof or damaged chimney. The work done by these folks is substandard and often not needed.

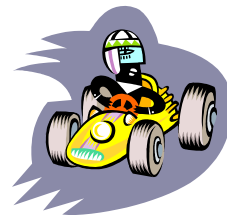
♦ Be highly suspicious of unannounced "utilities inspectors" who want access to your home under the pretense of inspecting pipes for pinhole leaks or lead content or claim to be there to inspect other utilities inside your home.

These scams are not new to the law enforcement community, but each year new victims are scammed.

### KEEP AN EYE ON THE SPEED CAMERAS

Fixed-pole cameras were installed by Chevy Chase Village in the north and southbound shoulders along Connecticut Ave. at Newlands Street and are expected to be operational by March 14th.

These cameras will work in conjunction with the mobile cameras owned by the Chevy Chase Village Police and will be circulated between Connecticut Ave. and Brookville Road. The speed on lower Connecticut Ave. is 30 MPH and Brookville Road is 25 MPH.



## MESSAGES FROM OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

*Use Properly Tested Electrical Products.* Fire Chief Tom Carr and Office of Consumer Protection Director Eric Friedman warned consumers about the potential dangers of using improperly tested and certified electrical products.



Montgomery County's Fire and Rescue Service and Office of Consumer Protection (OCP) officials announced that they have

found and removed electrical space heaters and extension cords, as well as other potentially dangerous electrical items being sold throughout Montgomery County that were not properly tested and certified. County and State laws provide that it is illegal to sell electrical products unless they are clearly labeled with the symbol from a certified testing laboratory. The purpose of the laboratory testing is to ensure the product's safety.

During investigative sweeps stores were found to be selling electric space heaters that had no certification labels. Other stores in the county were found to be selling electrical cords with damaged insulation and counterfeit certification labels. Consumers are urged to be vigilant when shopping for electrical products and to be sure that the items have been tested by a certified testing lab. While Underwriters Laboratories (UL) labels may be the most familiar to consumers, other testing laboratories are also approved. A full list of approved testing laboratories can be found at the Maryland State Fire Marshal's website: [www.firemarshal.state.md.us/](http://www.firemarshal.state.md.us/). To report improperly labeled electrical products call the Office of Consumer Protection at 240-777-3636.



**“SPRING INTO ACTION”  
CHANGE YOUR CLOCK,  
CHANGE YOUR SMOKE  
DETECTOR BATTERY”.**

### BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED / REQUESTED

The following Permits was recently requested:  
3516 Raymond Street. Roumell. Garage demolition and re-build.

## JUST SOME NOTES...

♦ **SUNKEN WATER METERS...** Call WSSC at 301-206-4002 to report sunken water meters. They will come to your property and repair them. This is important because sunken meters can cause a tripping hazard.

♦ **LIKE A TREE IN FRONT OF YOUR HOME?** Call the Village Office at 301-656-4112 if you'd like a new tree planted in front of your home.

♦ **TIME TO CARE FOR TENT CATERPILLARS.** We had several calls last summer about Tent caterpillars on Village and private trees. Now is the time to have the tree protected with safe, bio-friendly sprays. Call the Village Office at 301-656-4112 for more details.

♦ **DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR CHILDREN ARE?** The Village Office is continually receiving calls about young adults (teenagers) in the Village who don't seem to have the proper adult supervision or don't seem to have enough to do. This lack of supervision and symptoms of boredom have resulted in extensive graffiti, running pedestrians off the sidewalk, the use of explosives in storm drains, speeding on Village streets, and other unpleasant and unsafe behavior. Parents: Please be mindful of where your young adults are, especially on holiday evenings.

♦ **REMIND YOUR YOUNG BIKERS TO BE CAUTIOUS OF PEDESTRIANS.** Parents are asked to remind their young bikeriders that the sidewalks have to be shared with pedestrians. In our neighborhood, they need to be especially aware of our wonderful senior populations who enjoy the sidewalks for exercise and have to be treated with extra care. Remind you children that the polite and safe thing to do is to STOP AND WALK THEIR BIKE when confronted by pedestrians.

♦ **MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MAY 15TH** The Village Elections, Social Gathering and Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 15th. Be sure to put this important event on your calendar. You'll benefit from exercising your civic duty. Elections and Social Gathering from 6 to 8 PM. Meeting begins at 8 PM.

## THE OLD NEWS IS GOOD NEWS CORNER...

### TRACING THE HISTORY OF YOUR HOME

*This information was  
provided to us by the  
Chairman of the*

*Council of Section 3, Bill Brownlee. Section 3 has recently initiated a house research project for their Section of Chevy Chase. Martin's Additions residents might enjoy these directions.*



- ◆ The Land Records office in Rockville has copies of the deeds and other documents concerning the ownership of your house, going back to the original purchase of the property.
- ◆ The Land Records office is in the Judiciary Building, 50 Monroe Street. There is a public parking lot about a block away at the corner of Monroe Street and East Jefferson Street. Walk up the block, past the Executive Office Building, to the Judiciary Building. You need to go through security to get in the building, so I suggest you leave any unnecessary items in your car. The Land Records office is on the second floor.
- ◆ First, some definitions. Grantee, mortgagee and party of the second part are buyers; grantor, mortgagor, and party of the first part are sellers. The information is usually recorded both ways, but it is usually easiest to trace back by buyer. Each set of books covers a span of years, and as you go back, greater is the number of years covered in a single set of books. For instance, one set covers from 1777 to 1927, while the newest books cover probably only a few years.
- ◆ Getting started with your purchase is easy. You know who the “grantee” the buyer, is; and you know the date of the sale.
- ◆ Find the set of books including the date of your purchase.
- ◆ Find the book with a large letter corresponding to the initial of your last name; there probably is more than one book, so next find the one with the initial of your given name.
- ◆ On the inside cover of the book is a table that leads you to the correct page. Note at the top the ‘key letters’ l m n r t.
- ◆ On the top row of the table locate the column with the initial of your given name. Next, ignoring the first letter of your last name, find the next two letters in

your name that are “key” letters. Locate those in the left hand column. The intersection of that row with the column of your given name initial will tell you the page number to search. In my case I would find the W column along the top and the RN (bRowNlee) on the left to give me the page number. Don’t ask me the logic behind this, but it does work.

- ◆ Page is a misnomer; it really is a section of the book. At the beginning of the section is a listing of all names and the page within the section with the name you are researching. On that page, you will see the grantee, grantor, date, and Liber and folio number. Copy down the Liber and folio numbers. At this point, I suggest that you ask one of the employees to show you how to find the document on the computer. You can see the document on the computer; and if you want a hard copy, you can go to the document room a couple of doors down to get the printout.
- ◆ You can also access this site from your own computer. It is [www.mdlandrec.net](http://www.mdlandrec.net). You have to register for the site, but there is no cost.
- ◆ As I say, the first one is easy. The difficulty now is to know the date of the previous sale. Occasionally, a deed will refer to the previous Liber and folio or have the date of the previous sale, but that would make things too easy. Sometimes, a long-time resident neighbor will remember the approximate date of the previous sale, but you may have to guess. It gets easier as you go back, because each set of books covers a wider range of years.
- ◆ Another problem is that you may find multiple sales to the same buyer. In that case, the simplest thing is to copy down all the Liber and folio pages and check each one on the computer, looking at the property description on the deed.
- ◆ You should be able to get back to the original purchase [by H.M. Martin] from the Chevy Chase Land Company, not long after the turn of the century.

## AND THE NEW NEWS...

WELCOME TO ...

◆ **Michael Krachov** at 3512 Taylor Street, 240-463-7081. Mike moved to Martin’s Additions from DC.

◆ **Brad and Belinda Blaine** at 3402 Thornapple Street. They are arriving from San Diego. Brad will be working at the National Zoo.



**DOES YOUR CHILD  
LOVE TO SING?  
AUDITION FOR THE  
CHILDREN'S CHORUS  
OF WASHINGTON !**

Auditions for the **Children's Chorus of Washington's 2008-**

2009 season will be held from April 8 to May 15, by appointment only. Open to girls and boys with unchanged voices, ages 9-16. Auditions are easy – no preparation or experience is necessary to audition, just a love of singing! Tuition scholarships are provided to all students in need. Now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year, *CCW is a premiere music education program, founded by former Chevy Chase Elementary School music teacher, Joan Gregoryk, and is recognized for its program and artistic excellence.* CCW provides exciting performance opportunities for our choristers, commissions new works, takes domestic and international tours, and produces CD recordings. We have performed with the National Symphony Orchestra and adult professional choruses at the Kennedy Center and Carnegie Hall, at the Music Center at Strathmore, the National Cathedral, Library of Congress, Lincoln Memorial, and several embassies. CCW's young singers come from over 100 public and private schools in Washington, Maryland, and Virginia. Our choristers say it best: "I could never pick one thing that I like best about CCW – the friends, the music, the tours, everything!" **To schedule an audition, call the Chorus Office at 202-237-1005. For info: [www.childrenschorus.com](http://www.childrenschorus.com)**

**SIXTH ANNUAL B-CC  
HIGH SCHOOL USED  
BOOK SALE**

*Two Days of Great*

*Books at*

*Rock Bottom Prices*

*Saturday, April 5, 12 – 5;*

*Sunday, April 6, 10 – 4*

On **Saturday, April 5, and Sunday, April 6** Bethesda Chevy Chase High School PTSA will host its 6<sup>th</sup> annual used book sale at the school. Given the popularity of this event, for the first time this year it will encompass two full days of sales and special events for the entire family. The popular Book Sale



Café will be open as well. Over 40,000 gently used hardcover and paperback books are sorted into 40 categories and displayed throughout the school's cafeteria and adjacent hallways. Prices range from \$1 to \$3 for best sellers, award-winning fiction, nonfiction and an extensive array of children's books. B-CC student art and literary works will be on display. The school's various music ensembles will perform. Published works by B-CC community authors and musicians will be featured as well. Bethesda Chevy Chase High School is located at 4301 East West Highway in Bethesda. Free parking is available at the school. Questions? Contact Peggy McIntosh at [peggy\\_hsieh@yahoo.com](mailto:peggy_hsieh@yahoo.com) or [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/bcchs/ptsa/usedbooksale.html](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/bcchs/ptsa/usedbooksale.html)

**DON'T BE OUT OF THE LOOP.  
JOIN THE LIST SERV!**

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. 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". Remember if you change your email address you will have to re-apply for membership using your new address.

**MENTORS NEEDED TO ASSIST  
BCC-HS 9th GRADERS**

Interages, Inc. and Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School seek responsible adults (age 50 and better) willing to share your wisdom, experience, and common sense with 9th graders who are struggling with high school academics. Mentors meet with their student every week for an hour during lunch or after school. You'll provide advice, friendship, advocacy, and access to people, opportunities and information the students might not have otherwise. Training and periodic workshops are provided. Interested? Contact Sara Cartmill at Interages, 301-949-3551, X19 or [cartmill@interagesmd.org](mailto:cartmill@interagesmd.org).

## IMAGINATION STAGE'S SPEAK-OUT ON STAGE SENIOR ENSEMBLE PRESENTS:

*"This Is Home"*

**WHO:** Imagination Stage (formerly Bethesda Academy of Performing Arts)

**WHAT:** Speak-Out on Stage Senior Ensemble (grades 7-12) presents their original production, *This Is Home*.

**WHEN:** Friday & Saturday, March 14-15, 2008 at 7:30 PM and Sunday, March 16, 2008 at 6:00 PM

**WHERE:** Imagination Stage's Studio Theatre, 4908 Auburn Avenue, Bethesda, MD. Box Office: 301-280-1660. [www.imaginationstage.org](http://www.imaginationstage.org)

**TICKETS:** \$10 for general admission, with group rates available.

Imagination Stage (formerly BAPA) announces the student production of *This Is Home*. written by and featuring the Speak-Out on Stage Senior (SOOS) Ensemble (grades 7-12). Under the direction of Ali Miller and Diane Nutting, SOOS students worked to create this original piece. It explores the nature of home through movement, poetry, song, and dialogue. The road is not easy as the characters struggle to find their way home or to forget where they came from.

The Speak-Out on Stage program is a year-long experience for students in grades 4-12 with two ensembles: grades 4-6 and 7-12. The goal of Speak-Out on Stage is to give young artists a voice and a forum for issues important to them while strengthening their performance skills and ability to express themselves.



### BUILDING IN VMA REQUIRES A PERMIT

Planning an addition? Putting in a fence? Deck? Building a home?

Taking down a shed? Don't forget you need a permit from the Village of Martin's Additions as well as a Montgomery County permit before any work can begin. Pay special attention to walls and fences that may not be on your private property but rather on Village property. A license to use the right-of-way is now required for such a structure. Call the Village office at 301-656-4112 for information.

### IMPORTANT MEETING SCHEDULES

3/18/08 VMA Regular Council Meeting 7:30 PM  
(note Change of Date)

3/27/08 VMA Land Use Task Force (Work Session)  
7:00 PM

4/3/08 Budget Work Session 7:30 PM

4/17/08 Monthly Council Meeting 7:30 PM

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**GET MAXIMUM USE OF YOUR TAX DOLLARS!**

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 "*Village of 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, rather than to

Montgomery County, 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 those tax dollars are spent right here in your Village.

**FORM  
502**

**MARYLAND  
RESIDENT INCOME TAX RETURN**

OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING

2006, ENDING

SOCIAL SECURITY #		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>Martins Additions</i>

