

Martin's Edition



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



NOTES FROM THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

At the February Village meeting, after more than a year of study and deliberations, the VMA Land Use Task Force presented their recommendations for new building regulations to the Village Council. The Task Force recognized the great challenge they faced in developing proposals that respected their charge of promoting new construction that is compatible with the Village's unique character.



All of us in VMA owe them an enormous debt of gratitude for their commitment to this process. They often met twice a month, working with other towns, with our consultants, architects and other experts to understand the complex issues and develop their recommendations. Their draft proposal was presented and discussed at a public meeting held on October 23, 2008; some adjustments have since been made by the Task Force to those earlier proposals.

Now, it is up to all of us to decide how we move forward with these proposals. The process is guided by both our Charter and by Maryland law and will take shape as follows:

- *First*, the Village Council will conduct worksessions in early March to review, understand, clarify and amend, if necessary, the recommendations. These sessions are announced and open to the public. The first worksession took place on March 2, 2009.
- *Second*, from these worksessions, the Council will decide what proposed regulations, if any, will be included in a draft Ordinance to be introduced to the village residents.
- *Third*, the proposed Ordinance will be sent to the County Council for its comments, at least 30 days prior to a public hearing on the Ordinance. At the same time, the



MARCH 2009

◆ SHRED IT! HERE APRIL 18

Mark Your calendar for the Shred It Truck here in VMA. See page 7 for details.



◆ VMA STREET CRACKS TO BE SEALED



Cars will need to be moved from the street or will be towed. Please see article on page 9 for more information.

◆ PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED OPEN MEETINGS ORDINANCE

Thursday, March 19th at 7:30 PM at the regular monthly Council meeting



◆ VILLAGE COUNCIL NOMINATIONS DUE APRIL 1, 2009



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

◆ COUNCIL CANDIDATES FORUM APRIL 16, 2009 7:30 PM

Come meet the candidates for the Village Council, hear them tell YOU why they want to serve, and ask them questions. Meeting in Village office.

◆ HELP WANTED BY THE VILLAGE



The Village wishes to hire a person to take and produce minutes at meetings and working sessions. All meetings are held in the evening. Please contact the Village Office at 301-656-4112 if you are interested. Salary to be determined.

◆ REPORT STREET LIGHTS OUT

Please help keep our Village well-lit by calling the Village Office to report street lights that are out. A street address is needed.



◆ NEXT VILLAGE BULK TRASH PICKUP



Saturday, March 14, 2009

Council will post the proposed Ordinance on the Jakubiak website for residents to review.

- *Fourth*, at least 30 days after the draft Ordinance is introduced to the village residents and sent to the County Council for its comments, the Village Council will conduct a Public Hearing to give all residents an opportunity to provide testimony and voice an opinion on the building code proposals. The specific time frame is mandated by our Charter. Notice of the hearing date will be provided by newsletter.
- *Finally*, after consideration of the recommendations of the Task Force, the consultants, and the public testimony and comments received from many different sources, the Council will vote to adopt, amend, or reject the proposed Ordinance. A decision to reject or amend the Ordinance may necessitate additional worksessions and/or one or more public hearings.

What role does each and every resident play in all of this? The most important role of all! You have a responsibility to be a knowledgeable participant. Read the proposals. Ask questions and give your opinions in writing and at the public hearing(s). Be involved!

The Village will make every effort to provide all pertinent documents for your review and consideration. We will publicize meeting dates and locations where these proposals will be discussed using the newsletter, the listserv, the VMA website, the Jakubiak website, and special flyers. Be sure you are registered for the Martin's Additions Listserv and/or the VMA website to receive special notices. These communication tools are described below.

NEW COMMUNICATION FEATURE ON OUR WEBSITE



The Martins Additions' website (www.martinsadditions.org) allows residents of Martin's Additions to **register for e-mail announcements** from the Village Office that are of immediate interest. This feature allows the Village to send timely email notices to registered residents. The Village Office has been using the List Serv for such notices, but would also like to be able to use the website feature. ***This is a one-way communication***

tool from us to you, so you needn't be worried about additional mass e-mail traffic or spam.

Open our webpage (go to www.martinsadditions.org) and look at the very top of the page in the upper right hand corner you'll see the word "Register." Click on that word and you'll be taken to the User Registration Page. Fill in the requested information (it's easy). Just before you click on the final "Register" button you will be asked to re-type some funny looking characters presented to you in a grid box. (This action prevents spam in our Village inbox). You'll get a message back that says "User Registration-Success!" Encourage your neighbors to make use of this communication tool.



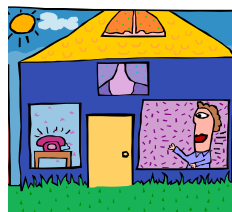
LIST SERV REGISTRATION AVAILABLE THROUGH WEBSITE

The directions for joining the Martin's Additions List Serv are found on our website (www.martinsadditions.org), as well as being described below. Just go to "About the Village" and you'll see "List Serv" pop out. You can follow the directions that are there or, even easier, click on the highlighted link which will take you to the List Serv Home Page where you can sign up to be a member.

GET ON THE SERV LIST!

Did you miss the list of recommended handymen who have worked for your neighbors? Or the notice about the re-scheduled trash pick up? Then it's time to join the Village of Martin's Additions List Serv!

Go to [http:// groups.google.com/group/martins-additions-chevy-chase](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 send an email, add the name "List Serv" to your email address book, much as you'd enter the name of a friend or business contact. Add the e-mail address martins-additions-chevy-chase@googlegroups.com into the e-mail address book, again as you'd add your friend's e-mail address. You are now ready to e-mail the VMA List Serv with a question or comment simply by calling up your old friend "List Serv."

OPEN MEETING'S ORDINANCE INTRODUCED



At the February 19, 2009 Council meeting, under the authority given it by Article 23A of the Maryland Code and the Charter of the Village of Martin's Additions, the Village Council introduced an ordinance to amend Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Martin's Additions by adding Article 5 to adopt regulations for open sessions.

Section 10-507(b) of the State Government Article of the Maryland Code directs public bodies, such as the Village of Martin's Additions, to adopt and enforce reasonable rules regarding the conduct of persons attending open sessions and the videotaping, televising, photographing, broadcasting, or recording of such meetings.

A public hearing will be held at the March 19th Council meeting in the Village Office at 7013 B Brookville Road for residents to offer comment on the proposed ordinance. After the public hearing, the VMA Charter allows the Council to adopt the amendment at the April 16th Council Meeting (a minimum of 30 days after introduction if required). The new ordinance would become effective 20 days after adoption as specified in the Charter. The proposed ordinance follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MARTIN'S ADDITIONS BY ADDING AN ARTICLE 5 TO ADOPT CERTAIN REGULATIONS FOR OPEN SESSIONS.

ARTICLE 5. REGULATIONS FOR OPEN SESSIONS

Section 2-501. Rules and Order of Business.

The Council shall determine its own rules and order of business for open sessions.

Section 2-502. Public Attendance.

- (a) At any open session of the Council, the general public is invited to attend and observe.
- (b) Except in instances when the presiding officer expressly invites public testimony, questions, comments, or other forms of public participation, or when public participation is otherwise authorized by law, no member of the public attending an open session may participate in the session.
- (c) The general public shall be provided a reasonable opportunity to be heard at the monthly meetings of the Council. At the discretion of the presiding officer, a time during a monthly meeting may be allocated for the general public to present testimony, questions, comments, or other forms of public participation. Upon being recognized by the presiding officer and being provided the opportunity to be heard, a person addressing the Council shall state their name, home address, and whether he or she is speaking as an individual or on behalf of some other person, group, organization, or entity. Time limits for the presentation of testimony, questions, comments, or other forms of public participation may be imposed at the discretion of the presiding officer.

Section 2-503. Disruptive Conduct.

- (a) A person attending an open session of the Council may not engage in any conduct, including visual demonstrations such as the waving of placards, signs, or banners, that disrupts the session or that interferes with the right of members of the public to attend and observe the session.
- (b) The presiding officer may order any person who persists in conduct prohibited by subsection (a) of this section or who violates any other regulation concerning the conduct of the open session, including the Council's rules and order of business, to be removed from the session and may request police assistance to restore order. The presiding officer may recess the session while order is restored.

Section 2-504. Recording, Photographing, and Broadcasting of Open Session.

- (a) With prior advance notice to the Village Manager, a member of the public, including any representative of the news media, may record discussions of the Council at an open session by means of a tape recorder or any other recording device if the device does not create an excessive noise that disturbs members of the Council or other persons attending the session.
- (b) With prior advance notice to the Village Manager, a member of the public, including any representative of the news media, may photograph or videotape the proceedings of the Council at an open session by means of any type of camera if the camera:
 - (1) Is operated without excessively bright artificial light that disturbs members of the Council or other persons attending the session; and
 - (2) Does not create an excessive noise that disturbs members of the Council or other persons attending the session.
- (c) With prior advance notice to the Village Manager, a representative of the news media may broadcast or televise the proceedings of the Council at an open session if the equipment used:
 - (1) Is operated without excessively bright artificial light that disturbs members of the Council or other persons attending the session; and
 - (2) Does not create an excessive noise that disturbs members of the Council or other persons attending the session.
- (d) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Article, the Council may impose restrictions on the use of recording devices, cameras, or broadcasting or television equipment if such restriction is necessary to maintain the orderly conduct of the open meeting or is otherwise needed to protect the legitimate rights of others at the meeting.

Section 2-505. Recording Not Part of Record.

A recording of an open session made by a member of the public, or any transcript derived from such a recording, may not be deemed a part of the record of any proceeding of the Council.

VMA-MANNA PROJECT HITTING ITS STRIDE



The Martin's Additions Manna Food Project continues to pick up steam! By the end of February, our total contribution for the year stood at **1,002 pounds** of canned and boxed foods — 485 pounds in January and another 517 pounds in February. This year's total includes a substantial February donation from a family in Section 5, who heard about our project on the National Day of Service and followed up with 11 (very heavy!) bags of groceries. We're also starting to establish contacts in Section 3, so word of our effort is spreading beyond VMA's boundaries. (See the article on the Town of Chevy Chase below.)

Thanks to all generous Village residents who are making contributions! Let's keep the momentum going. Just one or two cans or boxes of food each week from every Martin's Additions family will make a difference in keeping Manna shelves stocked. Demand at Manna's 10 county distribution centers is up nearly 50 percent over last year because of the economic downturn. Our bimonthly deliveries are acknowledged with gratitude by both staff and clients. A donation box remains in place at the bottom of the stairs to the Village Office or call Dick and Linda Kirschten at 301-986-5839 for a pick up at your door. Remember: Hunger Knows No Season! For more on the most-needed food items, visit www.mannafood.org

MARTIN'S ADDITIONS FOOD DRIVE SERVES AS MODEL FOR ToCC

The fantastically successful ongoing canned food drive started by VMA residents Linda and Dick Kirschten (Turner Lane) has been adopted by the Town of Chevy Chase. The Town has created a similar canned food drive program that benefits Manna Food Center, based on the very model that our own Linda and Dick created. The Town flyers even say "Modeled on a program by Martin's Additions." Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. Nice job Dick and Linda!

2009 VILLAGE ELECTION PROCESS OPENS

As of Monday, March 2nd nominations for the Village Council are being accepted by the Village Elections Committee. This year two seats will be 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. The Village sets rates for local property taxes and derives significant income from the State to pay for these services. The smooth function of government and these services has depended on the ability and willingness to serve on the part of concerned residents. Would YOU like to be involved? Consider being 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 7th) may nominate another qualified resident or him- or herself.

How to 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 close on Wednesday, April 1st.

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 1. A Candidate's Statement must be submitted during the nominations period (must be received no later than Thursday, April 9th) along with a brief resume. Statements and resumes of each candidate will be published before the Candidates' Forum, scheduled for April 16th, the date of the regular monthly Council meeting.

**Council Nomination Form
on Next Page**

Village of Martin's Additions VMA ELECTIONS SCHEDULE 2009

Terms Expiring for:
Diane Everts, Catherine Gwin

Monday March 2, 2009. Nominations Open.

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

Wednesday, April 1, 2009. Nominations must be received in writing.

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

Thursday April 9, 2009. Candidates Statements due into the Village Office.

Thursday April 16, 2009. Candidates Forum at Regular April Council Meeting.

Thursday April 23, 2009. Candidate Statements must be published.

[At least two weeks prior to the election...written notice of the nominations {shall be given}together with resumes of the nominees.]

May 7, 2009 Council Election.

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

**Items in Brackets reflect Charter Requirements*

ELECTION AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

Frank Correl, Chairman, 3505 Turner Lane

301-951-6211 fdcorrel@yahoo.com

Sharon Hadary Coyle, 7308 Summit Avenue

301-656-9579 shadary@verizon.net

Ted Stoddard, 3500 Turner Lane

301-652-4256 tedstod@verizon.net



MC FIREFIGHTERS AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU

Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Personnel have visited 15,468 homes, and installed 422 Smoke Alarms & 529 9-volt batteries since November as part of their door to door campaign! The fire fighters from our local station are happy to assist you by coming to your home to check your smoke alarms and give you safety tips. To avail yourself of this service please call the Chevy Chase Fire Department at 301-652-0707 before noon, Monday through Friday. Ask for Maureen or the Captain on duty.

**NOMINATIONS FORM for
Village Council Members Election 2009
Village of Martin's Additions
Deadline for Submission: Wednesday, APRIL 1, 2009**

I hereby nominate the following persons to be candidates for
the Council of the Village of Martin's Additions at the election
to be held **Thursday, May 7, 2009.**

1. NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ TEL. NO. _____

2. NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ TEL. NO. _____

3. NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ TEL. NO. _____

4. NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ TEL. NO. _____

Two-Year Terms to begin July 1, 2009 and Expire June 30, 2011

SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR _____

PRINTED NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TEL. NO. _____ DATE _____

**RETURN THIS FORM TO:
Chairman, Village Elections Committee
Village of Martin's Additions
7013 B Brookville Road, Chevy Chase, MD 20815
Phone 301-656-4112 ♦ Fax 301-656-0030 ♦ Email: martinsadditions@verizon.net**



WINTER COMMUNITY GATHERING A GREAT SUCCESS ONCE AGAIN!

The Village of Martin's Additions' Annual Winter Community Gathering at La Ferme Restaurant occurred on a gorgeous day that couldn't have been more Spring-like—winter was nowhere to be found. You would never have guessed that it was really

February! All the doors of the beautiful La Ferme Restaurant were thrown open, the patio was full of people enjoying the spring-like day. Lovely little bouquets of spring flowers on every table would make anyone believe that it had to be early May.

A huge turnout of residents, young and old, enjoyed the delicious food and superb services offered by owner Alain Roussel and his fabulous staff. The menu and presentation was a bit different this year, with multiple food stations sprinkled throughout the venue and very busy waiters passing tray after tray of goodies. The Zeebop jazz combo that plays at La Ferme every Monday evening entertained the crowd throughout the event. Magician Bob Tobias entertained children and adults alike with magic tricks that boggled the mind.

Many special residents who have given their time and energy to the administration and betterment of the Village were presented with a certificate and a ready to plant, pre-filled flower pot with the Martin's Additions Logo. At the top of the list of those thanked were the members of the Land Use Task Force—Mike Zielinski, Committee Chairman, Boucie Addison, Jenny Brody, Lynn Iadarola, Bill Lebovich, Mark Shaffer, and Paul Weller. Members of the Elections and Ethics Committee were recognized—Frank Correl, Chairman of the Committee, Sharon Hadary Coyle and Ted Stoddard. Tim Price was recognized for his past service as a Council member. John MacDonald was thanked for his work as the Village's representative to the Maryland Municipal League. Linda and Dick Kirschten received a round of applause for their very successful ongoing food drive for Manna Food Center. Keith Allen was recognized for another year of service to the Village—he is always there when the Village needs him and

we seem to need him quite a lot! Dan Gardner, tree supervisor for Martin's Additions, was recognized (again!) for all his work overseeing the Village trees. Jill Filipczyk was recognized for her support of Village events; Josh Bowers was recognized for his work with the Martin's Additions List Serv. Hanne Correl was thanked for her assistance with Village administrative responsibilities; Iris Reichert was thanked for her work with the Toys for Tots Program. Hal Bruno, Natalie Straus and Iris Reichert were thanked for their work on the Chevy Chase Fire Board.

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. Hope everyone enjoyed themselves!

THE SHREDDER IS COMING APRIL 18TH!

We're coming to rescue you from all your paper! **SHRED IT!**, a professional firm with a giant shredder that will do away with your sensitive information with dispatch...and at no individual charge to you (your tax dollars at work) is coming here on Saturday April 18th.



Martins Additions and Section 3 have joined forces to hire the firm **exclusively for our residents, on Saturday, April 18th** (right after tax season) **from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** You won't have to worry about staples or a little bit of metal—that's for the home version of one of these chombers! CD's or floppy discs cannot be included because they require a different kind of shredder. The truck will be along the brick wall next to La Ferme and across from the Market. We will set up a traffic pattern that will likely ask people to queue up across Brookville Road on Taylor Street in Section 3.

You will be able to drive up to the truck (we may have a bit of a line but we'll have people there to manage any traffic), hand over your boxes and watch them make dust out of your no longer valuable papers and be on your way—it's quick and it's easy! Mark the date on your calendar!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH INFO COMES TO TOWN



Preceding the January 2009 Village Council meeting, a presentation on the Neighborhood Watch Program (NWP) was made to the Council and the residents in attendance by Officer Dana Matthis, Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD). Officer Mathis has been on the County police force for 17 years and at the Bethesda Station for 9 years, where she is the Community Service Officer for the 2nd District.

Officer Matthis explained that today's Neighborhood Watch Program is all new—there is no more patrolling as some people may remember as a central part of the old program. Each community sets up the kind of program it wants and coordinates the efforts to make it work. Usually, enthusiasm for the NWP is crime driven; the real challenge comes in



keeping up the momentum for the program. There is not a whole lot new with the program—the focus is on increased awareness. The Police Department is happy to help with any program the community would like to get started. Here are the details:

How is it Set-Up? To get the program going the community needs a coordinator and block captains—usually one per about 10 households—who serve as the worker bees. The number of houses selected per block captain is really determined by the number of households that can be managed. The NWP group usually meets every few months. At the heart of the program is to desire to encourage a sense of community among neighbors—it's basically a “know your neighbor” program; it's really all about being a good neighbor. Community service hours are available for high school students who participate with their community in the program..

Training Is Provided. A 12-hour training program is offered by the police over the course of several weeks, usually a 3-hour training session for one day a week for about a month. The training covers such items as when to call the police, residential security, gang activity, and the like. The Police Department will provide training on virtually anything of interest to the community.

Operation Identification Available. This program of identifying personal property is also a part of the NWP. The Police Department will loan an engraver to the community for personal property identification and they will provide the Neighborhood Watch signs.

Access to Crime Information. Officer Matthis suggested that www.crimereports.com is a good source for crime information. This site provides information on all the calls for services that were made to the police, not necessarily the ones that were confirmed as actual crimes.

Informational Brochures. There are many aspects to community safety, as indicated by the brochures Officer Mathis brought with her, that the MC Police Department would be able to address in more detail and on a training schedule that meets the community's needs. Copies of these brochures are available in the Village Office.

Additional Safety Presentations and Services. The MCPD can make presentations on the components of the NWP on a schedule that fits best with the community's desires and interests.

Free Home Security Assessments are available from the police. These free home security assessments include making recommendations on how to improve your home security.

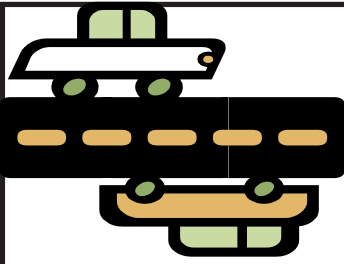
Are you interested in more information? Please call the Village Office to discuss advancing this program or components of this program within the Village of Martin's Additions.

CALLING ALL BROOKVILLE ROAD CROSSERS



The Village of Martin's Additions and Section 3 are considering an experiment with “Pedestrian Paddles” at the two marked crosswalks that span Brookville Road at Taylor Street and at the school crosswalk at Raymond

Street. In response to concerns expressed by some families in Section 3 about the safety of their children when they cross Brookville to get to the market area and ongoing concerns expressed about children crossing at Raymond Street as they head toward Chevy Chase Elementary School, the two jurisdictions have teamed up to consider tools that might be available to improve the situation.

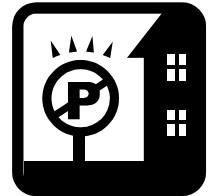


CRACK SEALANT APPLICATION REQUIRES CARS TO BE MOVED FROM STREET

Over the course of several days at the end of March all Village streets will have sealant applied to the cracks in the asphalt. This maintenance program will extend the life of the streets by reducing water seepage into the cracks and upheaval of the asphalt.

Sealant crews will roll throughout the Village, beginning at the north end of Thornapple and Summit and moving to the southern most streets of Oxford and Quincy Street.

CARS MUST BE MOVED FROM THE STREET on the dates specified in flyers that will be circulated and posted along the street. **CARS WILL BE TOWED** if they remain on the streets. **PLEASE**, if you are aware of cars that haven't been moved for a long time would you either knock on that neighbor's door and make sure they have read this notice or call the Village Office? We would **SO PREFER** not to have to tow cars. Cooperation with this request will result in better use of your tax dollars. Questions should be addressed to the Village Office at 301-656-4112.



To this end, we asked our consulting traffic engineer, Joseph Cutro, to examine the possible use of what are known as “**Pedestrian Paddles**” at these **two locations**—how they might be used, what the State laws are, and how can we measure whether they improve the situation.

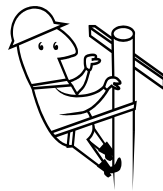
The paddles, known formally as **In-Street Pedestrian Crossing Signs**, have been used in and by a number of other local jurisdictions. They have been recognized as an official traffic control device by national traffic control device regulators since 2003, and therefore may be legally used on public roads in Maryland subject to certain application restrictions.

Can you please tell us what you think? Do you have problems at either of these intersections? Do you feel your children are safe when they cross at these locations? We'd really like your opinion. Can you share any observations about traffic patterns that we should in turn share with our engineer?

If VMA and Section 3 decide to move forward with this experiment, the engineer has recommended that we purchase two portable units and begin testing them at the Taylor Street crosswalks. Our engineer noted during his recent evaluation of these two intersections that none of the three STOP signs at Raymond and Brookville are supplemented by the required ALL WAY or 3-WAY plates. This will be corrected immediately.



MARTIN'S ADDITIONS HOSTS STREET LIGHTING FORUM



Martin's Additions and Section 3 recently hosted an Education Forum on the subject of street lighting with expert, Scott Watson from *The Lighting Practice*, whose services have been used by several neighboring jurisdictions. Representatives from Section 3, Martin's Additions, Chevy Chase Village, Section 5, Somerset, Town of Chevy Chase, Friendship Heights, North Chevy Chase, Kensington, and Chevy Chase View were in attendance. A detailed presentation was made about the many facets of street lighting—who knew it could be so complicated? Information included light and lamp types, illuminance patterns for street lights, glare, lighting standards and the progression of technologies in efficient and ecologically friendly lighting.

This is of particular interest to municipalities because back in the spring of 2007 the state of Maryland granted municipalities new powers to allow the purchase and maintenance of their own street lights. The intention of the bill was to give local governments in Maryland a choice of maintenance provider and an opportunity to lower utility costs. We face other issues also related to street lights; for example, Mercury Vapor light ballasts can no longer be manufactured or imported, and thus are officially obsolete. When Pepco runs out of its supply of Mercury Vapor lights there will be no

more. The Maryland Energy Efficiency Standards Act of 2007 banned new installations of many electrical products including the older, inefficient, “probe start” types of metal halide lights. Taken together, these complexities are forcing municipalities to take a serious look at their street lights and formulate a plan for the future; Martin’s Additions is among them.



TIME TO THINK ABOUT THE OUTDOORS!



•**Do Not Create Mulch Volcanoes Around the Street Trees** (or your private trees for that matter). Please do not allow your landscapers to do this either.

•**Here Are Some Tips for Your**

Property brought to you by the Village Tree Care Expert, Paul Wolfe of Integrated Plant Care, Inc. at 301-881-8130

Consider A Tree Safety Inspection: Don’t wait until the first big storm threatens—have a safety inspection of your trees now to identify potential problems.

Prophylactic Treatment Can Help Decrease Deer Ticks: Landscape treatments are available that can significantly decrease the deer tick population in your garden. And have you seen all those deer in our neighborhood?!

Pre- Party Sprays Can Improve the Success of Your Party: Synthetic pyrethroids modeled after those that occur naturally can be used to rid your property of pesky pests prior to an outdoor event. Call for help.

“UNDERGROUND RAILROAD IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY” LECTURE

Historian and author Anthony Cohen, who has traveled thousands of miles by foot, boat and rail to trace the steps of runaway slaves on the Underground Railroad, will present the **Chevy Chase Historical Society’s spring lecture on Thursday, March 19, at 8 p.m.** at Chevy Chase Village Hall, 5906 Connecticut Avenue. The community is welcome to the free program. As a complement to the lecture, CCHS will offer a two-hour walking tour of Underground Railroad sites in Rockville on Saturday, March 21. Detailed registration information can be found at www.chevychasehistory.org



RECYCLING CORNER

♦ **Television Recycling.** Recycle your old televisions at the County Transfer station at 16101 Frederick Road in Derwood, MD. The sets may be dropped off on Mon.-Fri., 7 AM to 8 PM, Sat., 7 AM to 5 PM and Sun., 9 AM to 5 PM.

♦ **Fluorescent Lights and Rechargeable Batteries Disposal.** Remember that fluorescent light bulbs and rechargeable batteries are hazardous waste and must not be disposed of in your regular trash. You may drop these items off at **My Organic Market** in Rockville at 11711 Parklawn Drive off Nicholson Lane (301-816-4944). **Dry cell** and **alkaline batteries** may go in your household trash. For more information, see www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/dep/solidwaste/collections/services

♦ **Don’t Leave Recycling Bins at the Curb.** Please put the recycling bins out on Tuesday evening and return them to their storage place on Wednesdays. Wind can toss them quite a distance, possibly damaging property and at least breaking the bins.



♦ **New Recycling Bins Available.** Call the office at 301-656-4112 to reserve one and then come and pick it up.

♦ **Share What You No Longer Need** *A Wider Circle* charity located in Bethesda would be delighted to have your household goods. Call 301-657-1010; learn more at www.awidercircle.org

CELEBRATE “EARTH DAY” ALL THROU GH APRIL

The *Montgomery County Volunteer Center* will be celebrating Earth Day throughout the month of April. Volunteers can make a difference by participating in projects with parks, nonprofit agencies, community groups, and county departments. This is a great opportunity for you, your school, your family, neighbors, and/or friends to give back to your community while helping the environment at the same time. Check the Volunteer Center Website at ww.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteers to view the latest listing of planned events. Check back regularly as this list can change daily. There is lots of other information available at this site for ongoing volunteer opportunities throughout Montgomery County.

“CHEVY CHASE AT HOME” CONTINUES TO BUILD

Several residents of the Town of Chevy Chase have begun constructing a “Neighborhood Village” with a goal “to give elderly residents the tools to remain independent as they age in their own homes.” Projector initiators now have in place a 20-member organizing committee representing all five municipalities of the original Chevy Chase (Sections 3 and 5, Chevy Chase Village, Martin’s Additions, and the Town of Chevy Chase) and upwards of 60 households have become “prospective” members of Chevy Chase at Home. The organizing committee is creating a List Serv, expected to be up and running by mid-March, to promote exchange of information between project organizers and prospective members. At that time residents who have provided their contact information will be informed by email or phone about how to access the List Serv. Interested residents will be invited to join one of the task groups or subcommittees set up at the March 3 meeting to transform Chevy Chase at Home into a legal reality.

The designers are particularly thrilled at the response from residents in Martin’s Additions, which has at least five members on the organizing committee. Residents who would like more information about this project can contact either Joan Urban (301-652-4743; JBUMoscow@aol.com) or Martin’s Additions’ own Bill Gilbert (301-654-5558; rgwwsg@gmail.com).

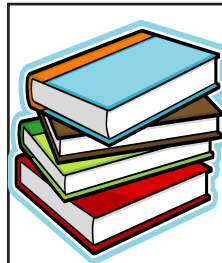
DONATE (RECYCLE) YOUR GOODS AND HELP JOBS UNLIMITED, INC.

The Upscale Resale Thrift Shop, a 501(c) 3 non-profit enterprise, provides employment and training through Jobs Unlimited, Inc., to Montgomery County adults disabled by mental illness while providing goods to the community at a low price. They have operated in Rockville for over 16 years at 1075 Rockville Pike on the 2nd floor of the Talbott Center and have served hundreds of clients. The Thrift Shop is in need of merchandise, primarily higher quality furniture and clothing, but also books, household goods, art work, collectibles and jewelry. If they don’t get new sources of inventory the program will be in jeopardy. All donations are tax deductible, and their truck is available for the pick up of larger pieces of furniture. They can be reached at 301-738-7723.

FAIR TRADE--YOU LEARN FRENCH, THEY LEARN ENGLISH?

Alain Roussel, owner of La Ferme restaurant, has told us about two French speaking young ladies (18 years of age) who are looking for a place to spend some time in the States in order to perfect their English speaking skills this coming summer. Both speak at a college level of English and are able to cover their own expenses. They are looking for a total immersion experience which will allow them to make quick improvement in their English speaking abilities.

They come highly recommended by Monsieur Roussel, who intends to employ them during their stay in the United States. One of them is looking for four to six weeks in June- July and the other is looking for four weeks in August. They would love to be hosted in families where there are young persons of similar ages if possible, but would equally enjoy younger children. If you think you might be able to help please contact Alain at lafermerestaurant@gmail.com or at 301-706-0793.



**FAMOUS BCC USED
BOOK SALE
SATURDAY, MARCH 28,
from 10 am to 6 pm,
and
SUNDAY, MARCH 29,
from 10 am to 3 pm**

Proceeds benefit the BCC High School PTSA. They are looking for Fiction and Non-Fiction for all ages; cook books, home and garden, politics, test prep, foreign language, science and more. **NO** encyclopedias, outdated textbooks or magazines. **Drop-Off Location:** Curbside at the main entrance to B-CC High School. Tax receipts given at drop off.

Drop off Dates will be compressed into a week’s time as follows:

Friday, March 20, 2:30 – 9 pm

Saturday, March 21, 8 am – 6pm

Sunday, March 22, 9 am – 5 pm

Monday, March 23, thru Thursday, March 26, 2:30 – 9 pm

Friday, March 27, 2:30 – 5 pm

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



AUDITIONS for the 2009-2010 season will be held by appointment only on the following dates: **Tuesdays, March 31, April 14 & 21; Fridays, April 3 & 7 and Saturdays, April 25 & May 9.** 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! Now in its 13thth 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 choristers, commissions new works, takes domestic and international tours, and produces CD recordings. **To schedule an audition, call the Chorus Office at 202-237-1005. Info: www.childrenschorus.com**

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. 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
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 9)		City, town or taxing area Martins Additions	

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NEXT VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

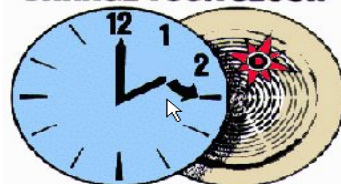
The next Village Council meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 19th 2009 at 7:30 PM** in the Village Office, 7013 B Brookville Rd.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

March 19, 2009 Council Meeting

- Call to Order 7:30 pm
- CCV Police Report
- Citizen's Comments
- Minutes and Treasurer's Report
- Manager's Report
- Report from Elections and Ethics Committee
- Public Hearing Re: Meetings Ordinance
- Zoning Ordinance Discussion
- FY 2010 Budget Discussion
- Expenditures and Revenues
- Constant Yield Tax Rate

CHANGE YOUR CLOCK



CHANGE YOUR BATTERY