
Martin's Edition

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

NOTES FROM COUNCIL CHAIRMAN TIM PRICE:



With Summer almost upon us the Village held its elections for new council members and its Annual Meeting in May. The event was catered with light offerings and those in attendance had a wonderful time. The Council reported generally upon the Council's work over the past year and vision for the upcoming year. Additionally, the Council approved the 2007-2008 budget and approved taxing rates for the upcoming year.

The month of June will provide a great deal of business requiring the Council's attention, but opens with a Fair on Sunday June 10 at dead end Turner. The Fair should be great fun for everyone in the family, young, old and anywhere in between. I hope to see you there. On the more serious side, the Council is holding a special meeting on Thursday, June 14 in the Chevy Chase Village Hall to discuss the Village's future. As many of you know the Village has new zoning powers. The Council is seeking your input on how to move forward with the new zoning powers. Whether you think the Village should implement tighter zoning rules, or leave the rules exactly as they are, please make plans to attend, listen to the presentation, and participate in the process. Your assistance in moving our Village forward is needed at this critical juncture.

Finally, June will bring also bring our regular monthly meeting on June 21. This will be the last meeting of our fiscal year. Unfortunately this will also be the last meeting for Todd Mann as a councilperson. During his term, Todd volunteered a tremendous number of hours on behalf of the Village and assisted in moving the Village forward on a number of issues. Todd's executive experience allowed him to bring a number of ideas and viewpoints to the Council that were invaluable. Credit for a great deal of the progress made by the council this past year goes to Todd. We will miss his insights and wisdom and thank him for all of his service to the Village.

I would like to once again acknowledge and thank Ed Holland for all of the diligent and hard work he has performed on behalf of the Village for some twenty (20) years now as the Chair of the Election Committee. Ed has steadfastly, and virtually single-handedly, run the Village election process for these many years. Ed's volunteerism has greatly benefited the Village and been a constant in what sometimes seems to be a sea of change. On behalf of the Village I would express our deepest gratitude for all of Ed's hard work and devotion.

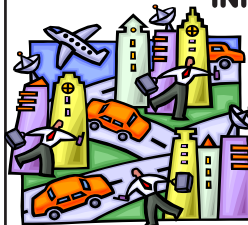
MAY 2007 ISSUE

◆ MARTIN'S ADDITIONS' VILLAGE FAIR JUNE 10TH "See You On the Midway"...

Under the **BIG TOP** at the foot of Turner Lane in Shepherd Street Park from **1-4 PM Sunday June 10th**, you will find a fabulous afternoon of fun, community celebration and camaraderie. Mark your calendar and see the article on page 4 for more details. Call your neighbors!



◆ MAJOR ZONING AND URBAN PLANNING INITIATIVE KICK OFF FOR THE VILLAGE OF MARTIN'S ADDITIONS, JUNE 14, 7:30 PM



CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE HALL

Be sure to see the article on page 3 regarding this meeting. If you have been concerned about building and development this is a **MUST DO** meeting.

◆ IS YOUR STREET NUMBER VISIBLE?

Our Village Survey is in progress and we have noticed **MANY** properties **WITHOUT** easily visible **HOUSE NUMBERS**. Is your house included in that count? It is **SO** important that your home is easily identifiable, **MOST** importantly for our fire and rescue personnel. Will they be able to find you when you need their help?

◆ MARTIN'S ADDITIONS BUILDING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED

Don't forget that the Village of Martin's Additions requires permits for most of the building projects that require County Permits. Call the Village office at 301-656-4112 to begin the permitting process at the same time you contact the County.

◆ PLEASE DON'T BLOCK THE SIDEWALK

For the safety of our pedestrians, please be careful that you don't block the sidewalk when you park in your driveway (which is always the preferable location for parking!). It is a ticketable offense.

◆ LIMITED VILLAGE SERVICES 5/29/07- 6/3/07

Village phones and email will be on stand-by during this time and calls and messages will be returned as soon as possible. Residents should expect some delay in response.

EVERTS AND GWIN ELECTED TO VILLAGE COUNCIL



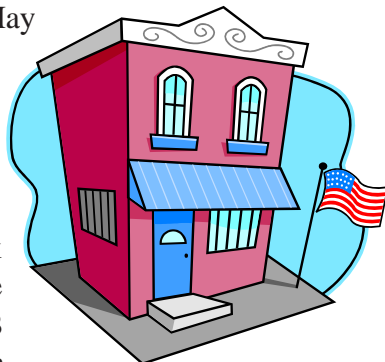
At the Annual Meeting and Village Council Election on May 10th, incumbent Diane Everts (3522 Raymond Street) was re-elected and Catherine Gwin (7314 Delfield Street) was newly elected. Their terms will

begin with the new fiscal year on July 1, 2007. The new members will be sworn into office in July and Council positions will be selected.

Many thanks to Elections Committee Chairman Ed Holland for conducting the election and to Committee member Ted Stoddard. Dan Gardiner was “volunteered” to be a member of the committee for the evening, in the absence of Committee Member Debbie Berlyn. They did a great job giving the election that “old time feel”.

VILLAGE ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING A “DOWN HOME” EVENT

A lovely evening on May 10, 2007, accurately predicted by resident Verizon Weatherman Keith Allen, allowed the voting tables to be set up on the sidewalk in front of the Village Office at 7013B Brookville Road. An



American Flag waved from the window along the Brookville Road side of the office; red white and blue balloons drew attention to the voting box and the three members of the Elections Poll Committee donned “boater” hats, festooned with red white and blue ribbon to add an authentic feel to this old time polling place. Ballots were completed and Montgomery County Voter Rolls were marked up to assure that voting “credit” was given for this local annual election.

A spread of delicious food was prepared by resident caterer Judy Frieder Starrels. Voters had an opportunity to enjoy some of the delicious food and cold beverages while chatting with neighbors on the sidewalk. Amber Fields Interiors kept its door open

for the crowd and welcomed the residents with special treats, kept cold in planters out front. (Be sure to say “thanks” for their contribution to neighborliness next time you walk by or stop into their shop). The camaraderie continued in the Village Office with more food by Judy and the commencement of the Annual Meeting at 8 PM. By 9 PM the Village Council members had given their reports of the activities during the past year, the FY 2008 Budget was adopted and a real property tax rate of \$.008 per \$100 of assessed value of real property and \$.50 per \$100 of assessed value of personal property were approved. Residents attending the meeting prepared “doggie bags” for themselves and everyone went home happy and *early!*

See more of you next year at this fun and important event!

FY 2008 BUDGET AND TAX RATES APPROVED

The proposed FY 2008 budget was mailed to all the residents of Martin’s Additions a few weeks ago and a slightly revised version, resulting from increases in dumping fees, was presented at the Annual Meeting on May 10, 2007. The financial details are enclosed in this newsletter on a separate sheet. The budget was adopted by unanimous vote of the Council at the annual meeting. It is based upon a real property tax rate of \$.008 per \$100 of assessed value and \$.50 per \$100 of Personal Property.

The most significant changes in income from FY 2007 to FY 2008 are: an increase in personal property because of the rate change; an increase in permit fees because of recent changes to the fees to better reflect village costs of issuing and supervising construction permits; and an increase in interest income. Income projections are based on a Real Property Tax rate for the Village of Martin’s Additions at \$0.008 and Personal Property Tax rate of \$0.50 per \$100 of assessed value.

The most significant increase in expense is the addition of \$160,000 in new monies to update our infrastructure: sidewalks, streets, curbs and gutters. This is the first installment of a long term plan to address infrastructure needs. This budget, as proposed, will result in a drawdown of reserves by \$118,300 leaving the Village with a cash reserve of \$963,000.

FY 2008 BUDGET CALLS FOR ONCE-A-MONTH BULK TRASH PICK UP

The Village Council has negotiated a most favorable rate with Waste Management for the introduction of once-a-month bulk trash pick up at the curb, beginning in the new fiscal year, July 2007. These monthly pick-ups will replace the twice annual heavy trash pick ups that the Village has had in place for a number of years.



The second Saturday of every month will be designed for this bulk pick up. What do residents have to do?

Just get your “stuff” to the curb every second Saturday of the month! No more storing of “junk” in your shed or garage for 6 months! You’ll only need to look at your month’s calendar to find the date of the second Saturday and then find the muscle to haul your rubbish to the curb! The same rules that applied to the semi-annual heavy trash pick-up will apply to the monthly bulk pick up--no liquid latex paint, appliances must



have freon removed, no hazardous waste, no construction debris, no yard waste, etc. A detailed reminder will be sent out

prior to the initiation of this new service. In the meantime, start your clean-up planning! Any questions on this matter can be directed to the Village Office at 301-656-4112.

FIRE HYDRANTS: DO THEY ALL WORK?



Are the fire hydrants in our neighborhood fully operational? Recent reports of non-functioning fire hydrants in DC brought that question to mind. We checked with Hal Bruno, one of our representatives on the Chevy Chase Fire Board in Chevy Chase for information. Montgomery County has an ongoing routine check program built on a relationship between the county and Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) who is responsible for repair and upkeep of the hydrants. All hydrants are inspected by WSSC on a 2 to 3 year rotation.

The Fire Department notifies and refers calls about hydrants to WSSC for repair. You can be an extra set of eyes for the Fire Department. If you see a leaking or damaged fire hydrant please report it WSSC at 301-206-8000.

IMPORTANT ZONING MEETING PLANNED FOR JUNE 14, 2007

Chevy Chase Village Hall will be the location for an important meeting of residents of Village of Martin’s Additions and Council on **Thursday June 14th, beginning at 7:30 PM.** This meeting begins the discussion of



how the Village of Martin’s Additions will move forward with zoning regulations intended to preserve and shape the character of the neighborhood now and in the future.

Mr. Chris Jakubiak, of Jakubiak Associates, will lead this kick-off discussion of the future appearance and character of Martin’s Additions. Mr. Jakubiak’s firm specializes in strategic urban planning and “visioning” for communities, and has recently been hired to prepare such a report for the Town of Chevy Chase .

This meeting is being called a “Sense of the Community” meeting where information is gathered on what Village residents want to preserve as our community grows and changes. Residents are called to share their thoughts and ideas about what they want for our community and where and how they think the Village should go. The result of this meeting will serve as the beginning for the development of a long-range vision for the Village of Martin’s Additions.

Further study will be conducted over the summer and a proposal for action would evolve in the fall. The end goal is the development of zoning ordinances to help the Village Council implement the vision our residents have of the immediate and long range view of Martin’s Additions.

MARTIN'S ADDITIONS VILLAGE FAIR SUNDAY, JUNE 10th FROM 1-4 RAIN OR SHINE!

Mark your calendar now for the Annual Martin's Additions Village Fair at the foot of Turner Lane in Shepherd Street Park on Sunday June 10, 2007 from 1 to 4 PM. A great big tent will guarantee that we get to the carnival, rain or shine! If it's too hot, it will give you a place in the shade. If it's too chilly we'll lower the sides and all stay warm, although we don't imagine that is very likely.



There will be entertainment for ALL AGES. The Moon Bounce is a great source of exercise and laughs. Super Heroes will entertain all those who believe; a Magic and Clown show will enthrall all; a face-painter extraordinaire will turn your face into a work of art. The "See You on the Midway" theme will be accomplished with Carnival Games for Martin's Additions tots (Duck Pond and clown face toss) and for teens (Milk Can, Cat Rack and Coke Toss) and prizes for all. That old fashioned feel and smell will come across loud and clear with popcorn, hot dog and ice cream carts and fresh spun cotton candy. Cold beverages will be available. We're hoping for pick-up soccer games, whiffle ball, kickball, volleyball, basketball and any other kind of "ball" you can think of--we just need some volunteers to make this happen.

We're inviting lots of our Village friends too. Our mailman, our refuse collectors, the Police Chief, Firefighters, emergency equipment for everyone to check out. There is no charge for any of these items.

WE NEED HELP!! Can you help run one of these ball games? We'll also need general helping hands to keep the food coming and things running smoothly. We need operators for Midway games. Call **Reenie Leahy** at 654-6820 (reenieleahy@verizon.net) or **Jill Filipczyk** at 656-5566 (jill.filipczyk@gsa.gov) to offer your help .

ATTACK OF THE DREADED MULCH VOLCANO--A CALL TO ACTION!

Don't let the Mulch Mound Monster attack our trees! Prepare yourself with knowledge! What is that lurching monster? Mounding up of mulching materials at the base of trees! Some call them "mulch volcanoes" and they can be found hugging the base of trees. Some find these volcanoes neat and tidy in appearance, but in reality they result in tree decline and eventual death of the tree being "cared for" in this way. This



is one of the most harmful gardening practices; but it can be easily eliminated or avoided all together. Even professional landscapers are creating these mounds! Mulch volcanoes are most injurious to young trees and unfortunately, that is where they are seen most often. If a newly planted tree is subjected to this treatment, the root ball may be completely shielded from any moisture, even if the area is irrigated heavily. Such trees may struggle to become established and often die within five years of planting.

While the aim is to preserve soil moisture in dry spells, the effect is exactly the opposite: no rain can penetrate a foot-thick layer of mulch and the slope of the mulch away from the tree guarantees that the water will run off of the tree into the street. It gets even worse-- thick mulch also promotes the growth of mats of fungi that shed water.

In effect, the mound functions as an umbrella over the root zone. A trunk wound covered in mulch doesn't heal and becomes an entry way for pests and disease. Many trees actually send roots out into the mulch over time, in a desperate search for moisture, These often grow near the surface of the mulch and are subject to drought stress. A heavy layer of mulch may also harbor rodents that can injure the bark and major roots. Trees mulched in this way fail to develop a normal root flare, which works to buttress the trunk as the tree grows to maturity. Heavily mulched trees are more likely to be uprooted in a windstorm.

Correction needed? Remove the compressed and

thatched mound. Form a circular ridge of soil at the edge of the root zone, lightly mulch this saucer so that the soil and mulch work together to trap rainwater and feed it to the roots. Mulch should not touch the trunks. The Village will have the mulch mounds professionally removed from its own trees and properly reshaped. **Please do not let your private contractor re-mulch Village trees.** Help the trees on your own property by removing any mulch volcanoes!

A DOLL HOUSE AT 410 CUMMINGS



LANE? We are looking for information regarding an interesting former resident of Martin's Additions. Sometime between the 1930s and 1960s, Ms. Faith Bradford shared the home of Dr. George Winchester Stone (sister, cousin, girlfriend—we don't know!) at the old three digit address of 410 Cummings Lane. This classic turn of the century farmhouse built in 1909 by Albert Prentiss was the model for an elaborate dollhouse constructed by Ms. Bradford some time in the early 1950s. The dollhouse is now in the possession of the Smithsonian Institution and is being prepared for exhibition. William Bird, the curator, is looking for any information he can include with the exhibit regarding Ms. Bradford and details of the original farmhouse on Cummings Lane. If you have any tidbit that will fill in the blanks, call VMA resident and historian Alex Weiner at (301) 215-7557. Details to follow about the date, time and location of this upcoming Smithsonian exhibit.



THANKS ANNAPOLIS!

After nearly a year of asking PEPCO to repair broken street lights within the village, we believe, finally, all have been fixed. We are deeply indebted to our legislators in Annapolis for their help: Senator Richard Madaleno, Jr., Delegates Ana Gutierrez, Jane Lawton and Jeff Waldstreicher. Without their interest, letters and phone calls to PEPCO, we cannot be sure the repairs would have been made. If you see or write to any them, please convey your thanks for their help! Streetlight bulbs will continue to burn out, given the nature of the beast, but we feel like we made real progress on this particular monster. If you see a

street light out, please report the closest house number for location purposes to the Village Office. We now have all pole numbers centrally registered in the office.

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS CAN BE "RECYCLED"

Montgomery County has a program to recycle usable construction materials for use in low-income housing. If you have any reusable construction materials, you may take them to the Shady Grove side of the Transfer Station at 16101 Frederick Road in Derwood between 7:30 AM and 5 PM Monday through Saturday.



ANOTHER GOOD REASON TO RECYCLE.

We are charged significantly less by Montgomery County for every ton of recyclable material we dump than household trash. Recycle and save yourself and the Village money. New recycling bins are available from the Village Office.



COMPUTER RECYCLING

If only it was as easy as it would seem... Here are a couple of tips on how to recycle your old computers.

◆ *Computers for Communities, Inc.*, will pick up your old computers, Pentium II and higher, refurbish them and provide them to low-income families and individuals at no cost. You can check them out at their web site, www.ComputersForCommunitiesInc.org, or call (301)368-9253 to arrange for a pickup.

◆ *e-cycling, Montgomery County, 301-840-2379.* You have to deliver the computer equipment to them but there is no disposal fee. Location 6101 Frederick Road, Derwood, MD.

LANDSCAPING MULCH POSES FIRE HAZARD

The combination of landscaping mulch and improperly discarded smoking materials has been the cause of several significant fires in Montgomery County so far this year. Fire officials ask that area residents use caution especially when involved in any open burning, including outdoor barbecues and cook outs. Smokers are urged to be extra careful disposing and discarding smoking materials.

CALL YOUR BLOCK REPS

The VMA Welcome Committee encourages all residents to call your block rep when you see “new family activities” on your block!



Bradley Lane

Patty Martin Shocket 3519 Bradley 3/718-3612

Paula Goldberg 3410 Bradley 3/652-0653

Brookville Road

Susan Rappaport 6813 Brookville 3/656-8099

Chestnut Street

Karen Jacob 7206 Chestnut 240-497-1385

Cummings Lane

Maureen McElroy 3514 Cummings 3/657-4305

Delfield Street

Cathy Klion 7211 Delfield 3/654-2788

Dead End Delfield

Pat Schleifer & Babby Landon 7311 Delfield
3/654-0138

Melville Place

Frank & Brigitte Sterret 6702 Melville
3/652-0323

Oxford Street

Lynn Welle & Natalie Straus-Welle
209 Oxford 3/657-2009

Quincy Street

Nan Eaton 108 Quincy 3/951-3361

Alexandra Tice 161 Quincy 3/986-1296

Raymond Street

Debbie Roumell 3516 Raymond 3/718-8759

Jackie Roberts 3413 Raymond 3/654-1984

Shepherd Street

Lexy Mueller 3509 Shepherd 3/718-9687

Susan Shaffer 3406 Shepherd 3/986-8495

Summit Avenue

Sarah Crahan 7203 Summit 3/657-2888

Belva Mac Donald 7206 Summit 3/656-6966

Taylor Street

Jill Filipczyk 3510 Taylor 3/656/5566

Sheri Annis 3408 Taylor 3/654-8012

Thornapple Street

Sharon Hadary Coyle 7308 Summit 3/656-9579

Turner Lane

Reenie Leahy 3402 Turner 3/654-6820

Suzanne & Bruce Rosenblum 3512 Turner
3/656-3855

OUT AND ABOUT THE VILLAGE

◆ *The Brookville Brisk Weekday Walkers* (and their friendly dogs), a newly formed group, meet in front of Amber Fields (7013 Brookville Road) at 9:30 am every morning for about an hour of walking. The route is varied every day--just show up and join in any day! All are welcomed.

◆ *Welcome to new residents* at 3408 Raymond Street, Catherine and Scott Schirmeier and their children Benjamin 2 and Cooper 3 months. They were recently welcomed to Raymond Street along with Ellen and David Zinn and their three children who are moving from 3507 Shepherd Street to a newly built home 3507 Raymond Street. We love it when our residents STAY our residents!

◆ *Welcome to Paul McGowan and Engeline Zegers* who recently purchased the home at 6817 Brookville Road. They will be moving in with their twin boys (almost a year old) and daughter who is almost 5 years old.

◆ *Charlie Fields*, son of Dana and Brandon Fields, was welcomed to 7213 Chestnut Street.

MEALS ON WHEELS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!



Do you know that the “Meals on Wheels Program” is very active and very needed in our Bethesda -Chevy Chase Neighborhood--an area they have been serving for over 30 years!!!!? This fabulous organization delivers hot meals to the homebound and elderly once a day, providing two completely healthy, prepared and packaged meals to sick and homebound individuals. There are SO many people who fall into this needy category. BUT, in order to keep up this very fine and necessary service they need help--not with cooking but with **delivery and with office help**. If they don't find more volunteers to do the meal delivery, they fear they will have to close their doors in July. Can you find about an hour or so a day to help?

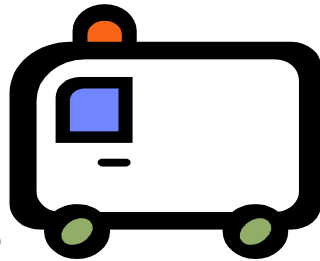
You DO NOT need to cook! What is really needed are *drivers* to deliver the pre-packaged meals to the many homebound, needy individuals that live within the boundaries of Bethesda-Chevy Chase. Also needed are *administrative* volunteers in the Meals on Wheels Office who help get the meals packed in route boxes (this is not heavy work--only the weight of the frozen

dinner) answer the phone and takes messages that may come in from the clients. The office volunteer hours usually run from about 8:45 AM until the last delivery person returns, about 11 AM.

Could you find some time in your schedule to help this wonderful organization out? If you have any time available Monday through Friday from approximately 9 AM to 11 AM and would be able to volunteer one morning a week (or a month) please call 301-654-4610 or 301-461-1054 and ask for Mary.

BCC RESCUE SQUAD NEEDS RECRUITS!

BCC Rescue Squad has launched a membership drive to recruit new volunteer members. They are looking for men and women 18 years or older who want to experience the excitement of responding to emergency calls and serving the community. All that is needed to volunteer is at least one night a week as an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician), a paramedic, or Firefighters. They also need administrative members. The Squad is fully integrated into Montgomery County's Fire and Rescue Service and works closely with the District of Columbia Fire and EMS Department to coordinate its services.



You don't need any prior experience or training to join the BCC Rescue Squad. Prospective EMT's Paramedics and Firefighters receive free, professional training at the Montgomery County Public Safety Training Academy, leading to state certification, as well as annual physicals. Further specialized training can be received in such areas as swift-water rescue, rope rescue, and confined space rescue. Administrative Members assist with dispatching apparatus, fundraising, public relations; such personnel are not required to undergo a physical. For information on volunteering, call the **membership hotline at 301-657-5557**, e-mail: membership@bccrs.org or visit www.bccrs.org

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED

The following Permits have been recently issued:



7207 Chestnut: Salehy- New Home Construction

3505 Shepherd Street: Goldstein/Wachtel-Dumpster Permit

VARIANCE GRANTED

By the Board of Appeals for Montgomery County to William and Lisa Single, 3501 Raymond Street, that will allow the new home to be located at the current building line.

VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF THURSDAY JUNE 21, 2007

7013 B Brookville Road

Chevy Chase, MD

7:30 Call to Order

Police Report

Approval of Minutes 4/19 and 5/19

Treasurer's Report

Traffic Consultant Report

Resolution 4-7-1:Amendment of Lawn Trash Reg

Resolution 4-7-2 Amendment of Trash Schedule

Manager's Report

Building Consultant Report

◆ VILLAGE MONTHLY MEETINGS

Village Council meetings are held every **third**

Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm, in the Village

Office located at 7013 B Brookville Road. t.

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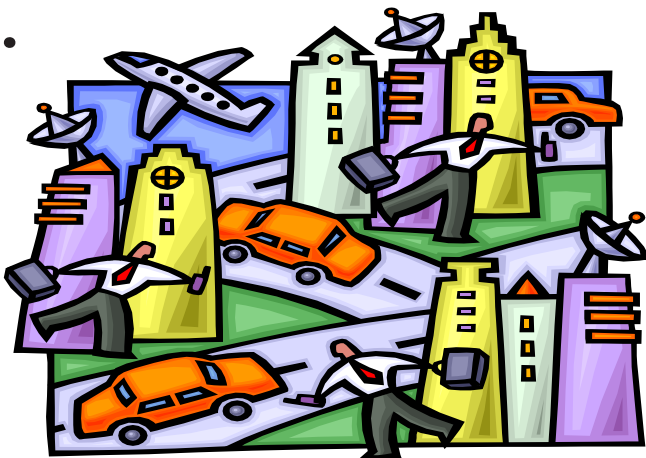
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**HOW WILL THE VILLAGE OF MARTIN'S ADDITIONS
LOOK IN THE FUTURE?**



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BE A PART OF THIS DISCUSSION.
DEFINE THE SHAPE OF
OUR COMMUNITY.

BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION.

**JOIN YOUR VMA NEIGHBORS
AND COUNCIL MEMBERS**

for a
**SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS
OUR FUTURE**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2007
CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE HALL
7:30 PM**