

Martin's Edition



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

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VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Village Council Meeting will be held on **December 20, 2007 at 7:30 PM**. Council meetings are held every **third Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM**, in the Village Office located at 7013 B Brookville Road. The Meeting Agenda is always posted on the Village Bulletin Board outside the Brookville Supermarket. The Village Council occasionally schedules Working Sessions to discuss specific topics. Notice of these Work Sessions are also posted on the bulletin board. A complete copy of meeting minutes are available in the Village Office.



Martin's Additions List Serv Home Page:
<http://groups.google.com/group/martins-additions-chevy-chase>.

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Happy Day of
Thanks for All
We Have

◆ FALL STREET CLEANING

Late November and December. Watch for signs. Make effective use of your tax dollars by using your driveways! See the article on page 4.

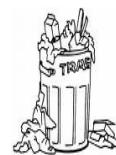


◆ SNOW SHOVELING SEASON UPON US SOON

Are you over 65, or disabled and need help this winter with snow shoveling? Contact the Village office at 3/656-4112 to request and /or confirm your need for this service. Service will NOT be provided if you have not confirmed your need.



◆ HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE



No Pick up Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22nd. See page 4 for more details on holiday pick up schedules.

◆ HOLIDAY FUND KICK-OFF COMING SOON!



We will again be collecting contributions to a Holiday Fund for the employees of Waste Management. Watch for a letter coming soon!

◆ MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR WINTER CELEBRATION

Plans are already being made for our Winter Get Together at La Ferme! Mark your calendar for Sunday, February 10, 2007 from 2- 4 PM.

IS IT NOISY IN HERE OR IS IT JUST ME?



Noise, noise everywhere and not a pair of earplugs to be found? Probably one of the most frequently voiced (shouted?) concern ever raised in a community is about noise, whether it's the barking dog next door, the leaf blower on a weekend morning, persistent construction buzz, bang and clamor or maybe just the kids. And talk about something that's difficult to monitor and regulate--noise probably takes the cake! For a complaint to be properly handled the sound levels need to be measured at the property line, and so many factors go into measuring those sound levels--even things as immeasurable as how the cloud cover can change the way sound is reflected through a community on a particular day. Martin's Additions relies on Montgomery County to establish, monitor and enforce noise levels and therefore noise violations, as do almost all other municipalities in Montgomery County. Why? Because measuring sound as a disturbance is complicated.

The Montgomery County Noise Control Ordinance (Chapter 31B of the County Code) establishes common sense guidelines which residents and businesses can follow to help promote a more restful, pleasant environment for everyone. The ordinance obviously allows for normal activities during regular hours; it also attempts to eliminate interference from noise when most of us want to rest and relax. The ordinance does not cover noise from aircraft and railroads or motor vehicles on public roadways, since Federal and State governments supercede local regulation. Also exempt are emergency operations by public utilities.

The concept of "Quiet Hours" was developed in an effort to put some structure to the definition of noise disturbances and regulation of noise levels--not an easy thing to do! On weekdays between the hours of 9 PM and 7 AM., noise levels should not exceed 55 decibels (dBA)--at that level two people should be able to conduct a normal conversation with a distance of ten feet between them. On weekends this same decibel level cap is in effect from 9 PM until 9 AM. Special provisions are made for construction noise--between the hours of 7 AM and 5 PM construction noise should

not exceed 75 dBA; from 5 PM to 9 PM that decibel cap drops to 65; after 9 PM and until 7 AM the 55 dBA level is back in effect.

During business hours, specialists from the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection investigate complaints by using sound level meters to measure dBA levels at property lines. After regular business hours, police respond to most noise complaints. Even with the Noise Control Ordinance in force, Montgomery County encourages all of us to take responsibility for preserving a quiet atmosphere in our community. A commitment to self-monitoring and mutual cooperation is essential to eliminating noise problems before they happen--and is fully in keeping with the intent of the ordinance. Many noise problems can be resolved through the same methods used to solve neighborhood problems. Tactful person-to-person communication is a good way to start. When noise disturbances continue despite local attempts to resolve the problem, stronger actions may be warranted. This is especially true if the disturbances consistently occur during "quiet hours".

Whom do you call?

◆ For more information about the Noise Control Ordinance or to report situations that may constitute violations, call the Montgomery County **Department of Environmental Protection** at **240-777-7700** from 8 AM to 4:30 PM weekdays.



◆ To report noise disturbances from animals call the **Division of Animal Control** and Humane Treatment at **240-773-5960** from 8:30 AM until 5 PM weekdays.

◆ To report noise disturbances outside regular business hours, call the **police non-emergency line** at **301-279-8000**.

HALLOWEEN PARTY A HUGE SUCCESS!

Scarecrow making, pumpkin painting and scary creatures parading down Turner Lane on Sunday



October 28 made the most of a beautiful day and a terrific event. Many thanks for making this fabulous party a success go first and foremost to resident Keith Allen. As always, he was the Master of the Universe for this event! Taylor Street resident Jill Filipczyk also served as a supervisor of operations. She handled emergency

calls for extra scarecrow supplies as did Diana Urbanas. A new resident, Engelein Zegers (6817 Brookville Road), was the scarecrow-making guru. She energetically threw herself into the scarecrow making as evidenced by the pictures of her, posted in the bulletin board, covered with straw and avidly stuffing items of clothing. The artistic stuffing abilities of Martin's Additions residents can be seen throughout the Village!

Another activity resurrected this year was pumpkin painting for our littlest residents. Paul Wolfe of Integrated Plant Care delivered a truck load of little pumpkins, just perfect for painting, as well as several bales of hay for our scarecrows! Another new family, Kristin Van Hook and Ranjit Sidhu (3519 Turner Lane) volunteered to supervise the pumpkin painting table, loaded with kids from the start of the event until the end. Their first addition to Martin's Additions is expected next month--true models of community involvement!

Thanks also to Reeny Leahy of Turner Lane for candy-bag stuffing, set-up help, and operational help--she is always there when the call goes out--"Quick, we need...". Thanks to Bill Catherwood maker of the "skeletons" for the scarecrows and to Turner Lane residents Hanna Correl for her vigilance and Ted Stoddard for his noisy pots and pans. See you all next Halloween!

TIPS FROM OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Tom Carr of Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services asked us to share this information with our residents. Several serious fires caused by candles have occurred over the last year. Here are some do's and don't's:



◆If power is lost, **DO NOT** use candles for lighting. Use a flashlight or other battery powered lighting!

If you must use candles, follow these safety tips:

- ◆Extinguish all candles when leaving a room or going to sleep.
- ◆Keep candles away from items that can catch fire, such as flammable liquids, curtains, clothing, books, paper, etc.
- ◆Make sure candles are placed on a secure piece of furniture, in sturdy holders that will not tip over.
- ◆Make sure candleholders are non-combustible and

big enough to collect dripping wax..

- ◆Do not place candles in windows, where blinds or curtains can close over them.
- ◆Keep wicks trimmed to 1/4 inch and extinguish candles when they burn down to within two inches of the holder.
- ◆Keep candles out of reach where they can not be knocked over by children or pets.
- ◆Never leave a child unattended in a room with a candle, nor let a child sleep in a room with a lit candle.

AN ALL NEW COLUMN!

"Dear Jean" invites residents to submit questions about services and activities in the Village of Martin's Additions. "Jean"--being the first name of the Village Manager--will research and attempt to answer questions of village-wide interest. Here is the first of what we hope will be a useful and long-lived column.



A RESIDENT ASKS: How Do I Stop the Examiner Newspaper?

Dear Jean,

I have found the Examiner Newspaper, which is randomly thrown onto lawns throughout Chevy Chase, to be a significant nuisance. I want to make it stop, much like my children's whining. My former residence was burglarized after that newspaper piled up at my front door. Emails, letters and phone calls to the Examiner newspaper over several weeks have no effect--the staff claimed they forwarded the request to stop the delivery to their distributor and yet the paper kept coming. **Signed, Examined by the Burglars.**

Dear Examined: I have been told that the distributor's phone number, finally provided somewhat reluctantly by the staff is 703-441-9226. Three voice mail messages to the distributor provided no relief, but finally connecting with a live person behind the phone number resulted in being able to have the paper stopped. If your neighbors are having similar problems you may want to share this technique with them or ask them to post other suggestions on our List Serv.

NOTICES AND NOTES RELATED TO VILLAGE SERVICES

HOLIDAY TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving Day (Thurs., Nov. 22) No pick up.

Next-day pick up of household waste. (11/23)

Christmas Day (Tues. Dec. 25): No Holiday

Impact. Yard trash and Recycling pick-up on usual schedule, Wednesday December 26th.

Household Waste Pick Up

Thursday December 27th as usual.



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Year's Day (Tues. Jan. 1): No

Holiday Impact; Usual

Wednesday Pick up 1/2/08

CHRISTMAS TREE

PICK-UP

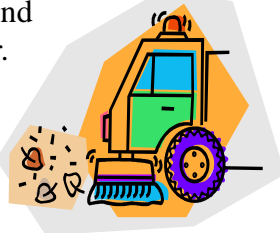


Begins Wednesday, December 26 from curbside and continues every Wednesday through 1/2/08.

EFFECTIVE LEAF SWEEPING CALLS FOR OFF STREET PARKING

Village streets will be swept twice this fall; each cleaning should take about two days assuming no rain complications. The first cleaning is scheduled for late November ; the second one for mid to late December. Signs will be posted in the Right-of-Way to help remind you of the services being provided.

Help make this an effective street leaf cleaning by moving your cars from the streets so our contractor can get at all those piles of leaves hiding underneath the wheels. As your street is swept the signs will be picked up—a signal to you that your street has been serviced and it is okay to park on the street. Mulheron Tree Experts will be providing this service for the Village.



BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED / REQUESTED

The following Permits have been recently requested or issued:

- ◆ 7720Chestnut Street
- ◆ 7206 Delfiled Street
- ◆ 6801 Brookville Road./ 3525 Raymond St.

MAJOR SIDEWALK REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE



The sidewalk, curb and gutter repairs planned for this fall are almost complete. The remaining work is expected to be conducted at the end of November and possibly early December. Only **Quincy Street, Shepherd Street and Turner Lane** remain to be addressed. The repairs on Quincy Street will be major--almost 5,000 square feet of sidewalk will be replaced. Turner Lane will have sporadic repairs at 3403, 3413, 3411, 3501, 3507, 3511, 3515, 3519 and Shepherd Street will have 96 sq. ft of sidewalk replaced at 3410; and 10 feet of curb and gutter replaced at 3405.

Residents are asked to be observant of “No Parking” restrictions that will be posted. If these restrictions are not observed, cars will be towed to the nearest open space. If you are aware of a neighbor who is out of the country or frequently on travel please ask to keep a set of car keys so you can assist in the clearing of the street once notice has been posted. Areas to be repaired will be marked with florescent paint. Any questions can be directed to the Village Office at 301-656-4112.

NEXT VILLAGE BULK TRASH PICK UP Saturday, December 8, 2007

Get your “junk” to the curb by late Friday afternoon or evening for Saturday morning pick up. No liquid latex paint, appliances must have freon removed, no hazardous waste, no construction debris, no yard waste.

Call the Village Office in advance if you have scrap metal or an appliance for pick-up. You may go to the Martins Additions List Serv Home Page (<http://groups.google.com/group/martins-additions-chevy-chase>) for more information about bulk trash pick up regulations. Any questions on this matter can be directed to the Village Office at 301-656-4112.



NOTICES AND NOTES RELATED TO VILLAGE SERVICES

NEW SIDEWALK OUT FRONT? PLEASE AVOID THE USE OF SALT THIS WINTER.

Our sidewalk repair contractor has recommended that residents who have new sidewalks in front of their homes (Raymond, Melville Bradley and soon Quincy, possibly Shepherd and Turner) avoid the use of salt and ice melting products this winter. These materials seriously undermine the strength of the new concrete which needs time to cure. Perhaps we'll get lucky and get no snow or ice at all!

NOTES FROM POLICE CHIEF GORDON



We are fortunate here in Martin's Additions to have the Chevy Chase Village Police force nearby. We are able to contract with them for their services to keep our community safe, and call on them for their advice in many situations. Every month Martin's Additions contracts for about 80 hours of surveillance services. A Village police officer attends every monthly Council meeting and reports on incidents in Martin's Additions as well as in the surrounding municipalities and unincorporated areas that might affect our safety. Here are some tips from Chief Roy Gordon of the Chevy Chase Police Department in response to community-wide concern about recent personal property thefts from vehicles as well as concerns that relate to the upcoming holidays:

- ◆ Always have your keys out and ready before leaving a building as you approach your vehicle.
- ◆ Be alert when leaving stores or shopping malls for your vehicle. Criminals know you are carrying cash, checkbooks and credit cards.
- ◆ Look around and inside your vehicle before getting in.
- ◆ Lock your door immediately upon entering your vehicle, even before you put your keys in the ignition.
- ◆ Check your surroundings before getting out of your car. Go to a well-lighted, heavily traveled area.
- ◆ Use a two-piece key ring with your car keys separate from your other important keys. Give parking valets or mechanics your car key only.
- ◆ Avoid stairwells in parking garages. As long as you watch for cars, the ramp can be much safer.

HELPING YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT DO YOU KNOW...

There are 156 municipal corporations commonly referred to as municipalities, with home rule powers granted under Article XI-E of the Maryland Constitution. While sharing a common foundation under Article XI-E, there is a great variety in the size structure, budget, and services of these municipal corporations. With limited exceptions, the grant of authority available to municipal corporations under the constitution and public general laws is uniform throughout the State. The extent that such authority is exercised within individual municipal corporations is a decision of the voters by adoption or amendment of their charter and, within the confines of the charter, a decision of their elected governing body by adoption of local laws.

Since the ratification of Article XI-E of the Maryland Constitution, there have been only five new municipal incorporations. All of these municipal corporations are located in Montgomery County and all were originally created by the State as special taxing districts: Village of Chevy Chase, Section 3 (1982); Village of Chevy Chase, Section 5 (1982); *Village of Martin's Additions (1985)*; Town of Chevy Chase View (1993); and Village of North Chevy Chase (1996). While the particular circumstances and histories vary, *the common theme in pursuing and achieving municipal status is the desire to exercise home rule powers.*

These new municipal corporations were created by the successful referendum of the voters in each of the former special taxing districts in accordance with the provisions of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

OUT AND ABOUT THE VILLAGE

◆ Welcome to *Tam Pham* and her husband *Jean-Philippe Linteau* and daughter *Julianne Linteau* who moved into **3408 Turner Lane**, Jean Philippe is with the Canadian Embassy and Tam is with UNDP.



◆ Congratulations to Martin's Additions resident *Bill Lebovich* on his very educational and interesting lecture at the Chevy Chase Historical Society's Fall meeting. Bill presented a discussion on "How to Look at Chevy Chase Architecture."

◆ **VMA Residents Receive International Acclaim for their film!** *Sean Fine* and *Andrea Nix-Fine*, residents of Taylor Street along with son Aidan, won the Best Directing Award at the Sundance Film Festival for *War/Dance* a documentary film featuring children of Northern Uganda. *War/Dance* tells the powerful story of northern Uganda's civil war through the eyes of three children who find hope when their traditional music is tested against other tribes at the national music competition. Sean and Andrea followed these children throughout the competition. The film opened on November 16th at the E Street Cinema in DC and will continue in theatres throughout DC. A portion of the ticket sales will go back to the children of Uganda. You can find more information about this documentary at www.fine-films.com and war/dancethemovie.com. Also see a wonderful article describing their work in the November/December issue of *Bethesda Magazine*. We are so proud to have them here in Martin's Additions!

OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

WHERE TO RECYCLE BATTERIES!

◆ Shady Grove Transfer Station hazardous waste drop location will accept car batteries.

◆ Cell phone and any other non rechargeable batteries or nickel, lithium or other speciality batteries can be dropped off at **Radio Shack, Verizon, Strosniders or the Apple Retail Store**. They all participate in a program sponsored by the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC), a national nonprofit organization.

TIME ONCE AGAIN TO BEGIN COLLECTING YOUR USED BOOKS! BCC Sale planned for the Spring.

Bulging bookshelves? Send those books to new homes and support B-CC High School's educational programs by donating to the PTSA Used Book Sale. This is the school's largest fund-raiser. The proceeds are used for equipment, teacher training and special programs that make B-CC high school one of the best.



It's easy to donate. Just load your books in boxes or bags and drive to B-CC's Chelton St. entrance for **curbside pick up** by volunteers, on **Sunday, December 2, from 10 AM to 2 PM**. Tax forms will be available. Please no encyclopedias, magazines or outdated textbooks. Questions can be directed to Peggy Hsieh McIntosh at peggy_hsieh@yahoo.com

COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS NEEDS OUR HELP!

Election Judges needed for the 2008 Primary and General Elections!

The Montgomery County Board of Elections has challenged the Village of Martin's Additions to recruit **50 people** to help serve as election judges and to staff our neighborhood polling place (the former Rollingwood Elementary School). The only qualification you need is to be a registered voter. Training is provided and Election Judges receive a stipend for attending training, and a pre-election meeting at their polling place and working on Election Day. Bilingual voters are also needed.



Election Dates:

Presidential Primary- February 12, 2008

General- November 4, 2008

Interested voters can download an application from the website: www.777vote.org or call 240-777-8533.

If you are interested please call the BOE at:

240-777-8533 for Election Judges

240-777-8570 for Democrat Recruiters

240-777-8575 for Republicans Recruiters

CHEVY CHASE COMMUNITY LIBRARY PROGRAMS

The library at 8005 Connecticut Avenue has lots of programs for toddlers through adults who want to read the great books. To learn more about what is offered, go to <http://www.montgomerycountmd.gov/content/libraries/index.asp>.

SENIOR HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAM OFFERS MANY RESOURCES

Montgomery County's Department of Health and Human Services sponsors a Senior Health Promotion Program which encourages older adults to stay active physically, mentally and socially. A monthly newsletters discusses various health topics and directs readers to local resources. To receive this newsletter email shawn.brennan@montgomerycountymd.gov. Here's a sampling of the information they provide on good nutrition:

♦ ***Paying for Healthy Food:*** For people having difficulty paying for healthy foods, food stamps may be an option. Food stamps from the Federal Government help people buy groceries. If you think you may be eligible, check with the Rockville Food Stamp Office at 240-777-4600.

♦ ***Senior Nutrition Sites:*** Older adults can enjoy lunches for a voluntary donation at a community center, senior center, church etc. These meals offer nutritious food and a chance to see old friends and make new ones. Seniors can call 240-777-3810 about the senior nutrition site nearest to them.

♦ ***Buying Healthy Food:*** For individuals over 60 who have difficulty obtaining healthy food because of physical disability, Meals on Wheels programs may be able to help. Volunteers deliver balanced meals to home-bound individuals who are unable to shop and prepare meals and have no one at home to help. If you are interested in receiving meals call 240-777-3810. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer for this important program call Marilyn Mower, 240-777-1064

♦ ***Senior Nutrition Hotline:*** If you are an older adult unsure about what foods are best for your particular medical situation, or just have a question about food and nutrition, you can call the Senior Nutrition Hotline on Wednesday mornings from 9:00- 11:00 AM at 240-777-1100.

♦ ***Other Organizations that can help:*** The Jewish Council for the Aging (JCA) offers an intensive program to older people of all faiths called Healthy Eating Every Day, a unique, self-paced plan that teaches you how to improve your eating habits in ways that fit your life-style. Call JCA's Active for Life Center of the National Capital Region at 301-255-4205. The African American Health Program runs a Diabetes Dining Club each month that includes education, physical activity and a healthy meal --only \$5.00 for dinner! Call 301-421-5767 to register.

HOLIDAY SHOW FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Looking for a fun family outing? Come see *Twice Upon a Time: Dr. Seuss' The Lorax and The Emperor's New Clothes* at Imagination Stage at 4908 Auburn Avenue in Bethesda.

This new musical, written by the team who wrote the smash hit, *Seussical*, will make for a very special holiday treat. There are shows Saturdays and Sundays through January 13. For information and tickets, visit www.Imaginationstage.org or call the box office at 301-280-1660.

MARTIN'S ADDITIONS REPRESENTED ON CAPITOL HILL

by Frank Correl

As the new Chairman of the Village of Martin's Additions Elections and Ethics Committee, I represented the Village by invitation from Maryland's Senator Ben Cardin to officials of incorporated municipalities all over the state. Beginning with an informal session during which Senator Cardin circulated among the guests, the program was held on the top floor of the Hart Senate Office building with a magnificent view of the city. Chris Van Hollen and Senator Barbara Mikulski joined the group. Senator Cardin sits on several key committees in the Senate. He gave the group a succinct but wide-ranging briefing covering current issues in law enforcement, health, security and other municipal interests. He went on to give a brief picture of the FY2008 budget, environmental and transportation issues, as well as the hearings on the Attorney-General nominee and hearings on Iraq and Iran. He stated that immigration was the subject of more

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constituent communications than even Iraq.

Sen. Cardin invited municipalities to contact his office on all issues of concern. The person to start with is Ken Reichard, the man for Montgomery County, who will facilitate other necessary contacts. Both Chris Van Hollen and Sen. Mikulski talked about their interest in interacting with municipalities on the many issues of interest to them. Mikulski, who is a former Baltimore city council member, professed a special interest in local government matters, described how the Maryland delegation, in both houses of Congress, works as a team “checking their party hats at the door” to find ways to get things done, even at the municipal level. She stressed law enforcement matters — e.g., crime, drugs, personnel cuts and freezes at FBI and DEA, and the Byrne grants for local law enforcement — of significant interest to local governments that she has been involved in.

Both senators also mentioned their concern with Medicare and general health care matters, protection of social security, privacy and proper use of warrants. The speakers knew their subjects and priorities and were able to work efficiently on behalf of their constituents and local governments. I personally was very much impressed by the high level of effort expended by Senators Cardin and Mikulski. The same goes for Reps. Sarbanes and Van Hollen. I also was impressed by the actual and potential influence and capacity available to us in local government — if we choose to call on it — and the concern the Congressional folks have that they be recognized and used as a resource. In short, we’re lucky to be incorporated! Looking at the name tags of the invitees, it was clear that municipalities from all parts of the state were represented. I was less impressed that Montgomery County was represented by perhaps a half dozen persons, a dismal showing. Obviously, jurisdictions elsewhere thought it more worthwhile to come.