

Martin's Edition



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

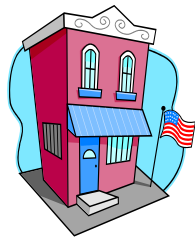
Dear Residents:

Occasionally it is important to remind ourselves of the advantages we enjoy as a municipality in the state of Maryland. We voted in favor of incorporation as a municipality almost 25 years ago. That act gave us the authority to offer and maintain the excellent level of services we enjoy today.

There are many advantages of grass-roots government. Our five elected officials, whom we can vote in or out of office every two years, live right down the street. These officials are empowered with the authority to make decisions that make our community a nicer place to live through powers given to them by the State of Maryland via our Charter.

You may find it surprising that we essentially pay no more money to receive services from the Village than if we were simply an unincorporated area in Montgomery County—but we receive a higher level of service and have direct input into the decisions that affect that level of service. For example, while we contribute additional monies to our coffers through our local property tax (at a very low rate that translates into about \$80 for a \$1 million property), we are not charged user fees for waste disposal that are close to \$300 per household in the County.

As a municipality, we are also returned a portion of the income tax revenues specifically paid to the state by the residents of Martin's Additions. The proportion of overall income receipts that we receive is established in the code of the State of Maryland. If we were NOT a municipality we would NOT receive this money—money that we use to fund the services that we enjoy. We have a direct, local say and the flexibility to determine the level of services that are purchased and delivered with those funds. We also receive a special revenue-sharing block of money from the County to help offset any duplication of taxes for services. The State also returns to our community some of the Highway User Revenues, and we earn revenues from the issuance of permits for construction projects and levies on utilities for the use of our right-of-way. There are a few other sources of income, such as Cable Franchise fees, that we earn by virtue of our definition as a municipality.



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NOVEMBER 2009

**HAPPY DAY OF
THANKS FOR ALL
WE HAVE!**



◆ **PLEASE DON'T RAKE LEAVES
INTO THE STREET**



The Village of Martin's Additions provides bundles of leaf bags for leaf collection. Please do not rake leaves into the street. The streets are regularly cleaned, but this service is not meant to pick up residents' leaves.

◆ **RECYCLING CHANGED**

Tuesday is now recycling day. Don't forget to bring your bins in as soon as possible after collection!

◆ **HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION
SCHEDULE**

No pick up Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26th. See page 6 for more details on holiday pick up schedules.

◆ **SNOW SHOVELING
SEASON UPON US SOON**

Are you over 65 or disabled and need help this winter with shoveling your sidewalk? Contact the Village Office at 3/656-4112 to request this service if you were not receiving it last year.



◆ **VMA "TOYS FOR TOTS" DROPOFF**

Again this year the Village Office will be a satellite toy drop location working with the CC Fire Department. New unwrapped toys can be brought to the office.



◆ **HOLIDAY FUND KICK-
OFF COMING SOON!**

We will again be collecting contributions to a Holiday Fund for our service personnel. Watch for a letter coming soon!



VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS

November 19th at 7:30 PM. Village Office
Agenda Includes Public Comment on Proposed Ordinance
10-09-1 related to the adoption of standards for the
maintenance of public-rights-of-way.

So what services does Martin's Additions provide? **Public Safety** services, such as *street lighting*-- we work with Pepco to assure that street lights are on and in good repair; we pay to have additional street lights installed and for street light power. **Police services** are contracted with Chevy Chase Village Police for police patrols and assistance to supplement Montgomery County Police services. **Traffic safety** as it relates to proper signage and road safety is our responsibility and includes installing and maintaining traffic-control devices and markings. We must care for all the *sidewalks and streets* in Martin's Additions to keep them safe and in good repair. Since there is a designated right-of-way throughout the Village we can install sidewalks where none exist. We also are prepared to respond to certain emergencies, such as storms, by acting in a liaison capacity with utilities and the County.

Public Welfare oversight includes **Zoning and Land Use Planning Authority**, a power just recently granted municipalities and one that the unincorporated areas of Montgomery County do not enjoy. **Building regulations** and their oversight also fall into this category. We have the authority to establish our own **permit processing requirements** for the issuance of building permits within the Village. We produce, oversee, and regulate our **Code of Ordinances** that spell out our authority to take care of our community. While we rely primarily on the County to enforce numerous **building and health and welfare codes**, we retain the **authority to legislate** different requirements so long as we are able to enforce them. We can contract with the County for enforcement within our boundaries. Some services are inherent in the County's authority—**Fire, Police and Rescue Services** for example. Administratively we do a lot of coordinating and communicating between the County and our contractors to make sure all our bases are covered.

Public Works are probably our largest area of responsibility and service delivery. We enjoy **back-yard garbage pick-up twice a week** because we have the authority to contract for the level of service we wish to receive and we have the funds to support that level of service. (The County provides only once a week pick-up—at the curb in a County-specified trash container). We expanded our **heavy trash pick-up services to once a month**—again because we have the authority, the budget, and contractual flexibility to make that happen. We additionally contract for **weekly yard debris pick-up at the curb** and **weekly recycling pick-up**. We care for our own **streets**—the Village is responsible for **street repair and repaving, curb and gutter repairs, and sidewalk repairs**. We provide **street cleaning** several times a year. Leaf bags are purchased and distributed for **leaf collection**. We are responsible for **snow removal** from our streets,

and we provide a **sidewalk shoveling service** for senior citizens and temporarily or permanently disabled residents.

The well-being and maintenance of our **Community Environment** is another area of responsibility that the Village oversees. We **care for all the trees** within the Village right-of-way, **including removal, planting, feeding, and pruning**. This is one of the biggest items in our budget. We have to coordinate with the State Forester for the proper permits to remove street trees and often with the Pepco Forester to properly take care of our trees that are entangled in Pepco wires. We provide **community-building events**, such as our Halloween Party, Summer Picnic, our Gathering at La Ferme, and the like. We have a **Welcome Committee** to greet new residents.

Communications are another important area of services necessary to sustain the community. We provide a **monthly newsletter**, as you know. The **Council meets once a month** and the **minutes** of those meetings are always available through the Village Office, are posted on our Bulletin Board outside the market, and are included in the newsletter. **Every Council meeting agenda includes an opportunity for resident comments**. We prepare a **Village Directory**, maintain a **list serv**, and maintain our **website**. Any Charter or Ordinance changes must be published in a fashion specified in our Charter as well as State law, so additional notice is provided as necessary to meet those requirements.

Administrative and Legislative Functions. Interactions with the State, the County, the Maryland Municipal League, and immediate surrounding municipalities are also an important part of our job as a municipality—to represent and protect you and your interests to the higher levels of government. Additionally, our five elected representatives—the equivalent of the County Council—are only a phone call away and within walking distance. We conduct our own annual elections with the help of an appointed Elections and Ethics Committee. All of us are guided by our Charter of Incorporation, which gives the Village its powers. The Code of Ordinances spells out how the Village will be operated. The Council has the authority to change those rules, but public notice and an opportunity for resident comments are always part of the process. Elected officials do not get paid for their work and commitment of time overseeing the Village and conducting business. They carry a lot of responsibility for making sure that residents receive the best services they can deliver and staying in compliance with all state and national requirements for governmental entities. Enjoy your important status!

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ORDINANCE 10-09-1 ON AGENDA

Thursday November 19, 2009



As a part of the regular November 19th Council meeting the Martin's Additions Village Council will take public comment at 8:00 PM on proposed ordinance 10-09-1. The subject of this ordinance is:

TO ADOPT STANDARDS PERTAINING TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY ADJOINING PRIVATE PROPERTY.

If adopted, this ordinance will amend Chapter 7 of the Village code of ordinances, as follows. Underline indicates new material. Unchanged material has not been repeated here.

CHAPTER 7

PROPERTY REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL

Section 7-101. Definitions

For the purposes of this Chapter,

- (aa) "Low growing plantings" means grass, ground cover, flowers, and similar plantings maintained at a height of twelve (12) inches or less.

ARTICLE 2. PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Section 7-209. Maintenance of Public Right-of-Way

- (a) The owner of private property adjoining a public right-of-way shall maintain that portion of the right-of-way located between the private property line and the edge of the paved street in a safe and sanitary condition. Said owner shall not permit grass or weeds to grow within the right-of-way to a height in excess of twelve (12) inches above the ground. Nothing herein shall be deemed to require an owner of private property adjoining a right-of-way to repair sidewalks or curbs located within the right-of-way.
- (b) The owner of private property adjoining a public right-of-way shall not place any structure, wall, fence, tree, hedge, shrubbery, or any other plant growth, except low growing plantings, within the right-of-way without a license to use the right-of-way issued pursuant to Section 6-302. Any such tree, hedge, shrubbery, or other plant growth located within the right-of-way on _____, 2009 may be maintained, but not replaced, provided that it does not interfere in any manner with pedestrian or vehicular traffic and is maintained in such a manner and at such height that a clear and unobstructed view is available to pedestrians and vehicular traffic.
- (c) The owner of private property adjoining a public right-of-way shall not permit any structure, wall, fence, tree, hedge, shrubbery, or any other plant growth located on such owner's private property to extend into the right-of-way in such manner that interferes with pedestrian or vehicular traffic. Any structure, wall, fence, tree, hedge, shrubbery, or any other plant growth located on private property adjoining a right-of-way shall be maintained in such a manner and at such height that a clear and unobstructed view of the right-of-way is available to pedestrians and vehicular traffic.
- (d) Any non-public structure, wall, fence, tree, hedge, shrubbery, or any other plant growth located within the public right-of-way in violation of any provision of this Section 7-209 shall be removed by and at the expense of the owner and occupant of the abutting private property upon the request of the Village Manager. The Village Manager may take such action as is necessary to return the right-of-way to a condition required by this Section. The cost of any corrective action may be specially assessed against the abutting private property and collected with the property taxes or collected by a suit for damages.
- (e) Any person who violates any provision of this Section 7-209 or allows a violation of any provision of this Section on his or her property, shall be guilty of a municipal infraction and shall be jointly and severally subject to a penalty of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each day that a violation exists. If a violation occurs, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that all owners of the property allowed the violation.

HELPING YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

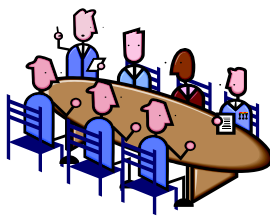
DO YOU KNOW...that Section 502 of the Village Charter regulates the Procedures for Enacting Ordinances? Here's how it works.

First the Council must *develop* the desired ordinances or regulations;

Next, ordinances must be *introduced* at a Council meeting (all meetings are public and the location, date and time must be published). The Council must provide a written notice of the proposed ordinance and hear the views of the public before any final consideration is taken;

At least 30 days must pass from the time the Council introduces an ordinance and the time the Council could actually pass (adopt) the proposed ordinance, again, only at a public meeting where public comment is taken;

Another 20 days must pass after adoption of ordinances before the ordinance becomes *effective*. Actions of the Council are also governed by that State of Maryland's Open Meetings Act which covers a host of additional regulations regarding public input into the decision making process.



NEW ASSISTANT JOINS VILLAGE TEAM

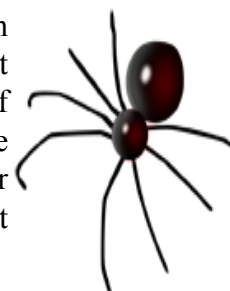
The Village Council and Manager are pleased to announce that an assistant Village Manager has been hired and joins Jean Sperling, our full-time manager, in the Village Office. **Debra Schmal** joined the team at the end of October, having recently completed work on the formation of a non-profit organization affiliated with the George Washington University. She and Jean will make an excellent team—with Deb's Masters' Degree in Social Work and Jean's Masters Degree in Urban Affairs and Policy Analysis they will serve as a fine complement to each other. Deb brings with her a broad range of both people- and office- support skills. Lucky for her the commute is not long—she's in walking distance! Give Deb a call on the Village line (301-656-4112) or stop in to the office to just say hi and welcome her to the job. Another friendly voice, happy to provide you service!

HALLOWEEN PARTY A TERRIFIC SUCCESS!



A scary bouncy house and multitudes of costumed creatures parading down Turner Lane on Sunday, October 25th made for another successful annual Halloween Parade and Party in Martin's Additions. Weather and turnout were both spectacular. As always, many thanks for making this fabulous party a success go first and foremost to resident Keith Allen whose house serves at the launching point and his generosity, supervision and experience make everything work like a well-oiled machine. The Super Heroes thrilled the crowd and so did Fonzi the Clown who entertained everyone with his tricks. Resident and BCC Rescue Squad member Paul Mackell saw to it that a Rescue truck was available for the crowd to explore. Popcorn, cotton candy, cold drinks and pizza disappeared quickly. Our pumpkin painting activities table was a hit for our littlest residents. Paul Wolfe of Integrated Plant Care delivered a truck load of little pumpkins, just perfect for painting! He also delivered a pile of pumpkins to Children's Hospital compliments of Martin's Additions children. Taylor Street resident Jill Filipczyk pitched at the event, as did Holly Worthington of Turner Lane, who assisted particularly with loads of scary stuff! The event couldn't have happened without the Catherwood family who assisted with many operational tasks and most importantly, the clean up!

Thanks also to Linda and Dick Kirschten of Turner Lane for staffing the Manna Center Food Donation Table and distributing Village of Martin's Additions safe, reflective Halloween bags for our children. They made their run to Manna food center shortly after the Halloween Party and added another 188 pounds to bring the total for October to 358, our best month in a while. Now, if we can just average 280 pounds in each of November and December, we will reach the two ton mark for the year! See you all next Halloween!





THE LAST TATOO IN TILBURG

John Kay Recounts Celebration of 65th Anniversary of WWII Event

Editor's Note: John Kay, a long time resident of the Village of Martin's Additions and former Village Manager, shared this story with us of his recent return at the age of 90 to Holland and recognition for his involvement in the liberation of the city of Tilburg.

Today Tilburg, Netherlands is a thriving city with a population of about 200,000 located in County Central Holland, about an hour and a half drive south of Amsterdam. Back in 1944, the city of Tilburg, Holland was liberated from German control by the British army—and more specifically by that army's 15th Division. The Division was composed mainly of Scots, but also included a few people like me, who came from the south of England.

Since the war Tilburg has celebrated its liberation every five years, but this year the Burgomaster (mayor) decided that this year's event would be the last. He reasonably reckoned that few if any liberators would be around to participate. I determined, since I was one of those lucky few, to travel to this last celebration. As it turned out I was one of only nine Anglo-Scots who undertook the journey to Holland by train from London. (A few of the Scotsmen still have accents so strong that I couldn't understand them.) But at Brussels we were greeted by other liberators, some of whom have settled in Holland or had otherwise traveled to Holland for the event.

Our Tilburg hosts took us by bus to several sites of likely interest. At a nearby monastery we had the opportunity to verify that the beer made by the monks was indeed very good. Similarly so was the beer at a local pub run by a Scotsman who had settled in Holland. We also visited an airfield that had been used for training during the war. At the airfield a club of private individuals maintain aircraft for pleasure. On display were a World War II-era "Spitfire" in very good shape and a small plane given by General Eisenhower to Crown Prince Bernard of Holland.

The formal events included the laying of wreaths at four well-kept memorials. Despite my walker I was asked to lay a wreath at the memorial in a small village for the brigadier in charge of the whole military unit. He had lost his life in the area. It was impressive to see the number of elderly persons who took part in the event.

On the last day we participated in an "interreligious" service at a church in the middle of Tilburg. A section of the English text was devoted to the sufferings of the Jews with no mention of those who caused all the trouble. Yet many middle-aged people there present still take the war and its consequences very seriously.

Then came the set-piece performance that makes all the foregoing trivial by comparison. At the town center square we were treated to a "tattoo," the like of which we shall not see again in our lifetimes. A tattoo is a military performance by a band—or, in this case, seven or eight bands, together with a unit of female dancers. Fittingly the bands members were wearing kilts. Half of the bandsmen played bagpipes, and the other half played kettle drums. Some of the drums were beaten with round leather balls on sticks; the others drummers used conventional drumsticks.

Of course, there are many non-Scotsmen for whom the sound of a bagpipe is too close, however far away it may be. But there are certain tunes played on bagpipes, like "For Auld Lang Syne" and "Scotland Forever," that really do stir the soul. The sturdy players marching back and forth, giant batons twirling, honoring an event that occurred sixty-five years ago have left an absolutely indelible impression.

MAKE THE VILLAGE FOOD DRIVE PART OF YOUR HOLIDAY GIVING!



While you're out and about running errands, please think about adding a donation to the Village's food drive on behalf of Manna Food Center to your list of weekly purchases. Soup, hot or cold cereal, rice or pasta, canned veggies, fruits, meats or sauces — any nonperishable items will be welcome. Unfortunately, the number of families in need continues to grow.

Manna serves Montgomery County residents referred by some 360 community agencies, and has seen a 52 percent increase in its client load over the last 15 months to a record high of more than 35,000. In addition, the number of students eligible for the Smart Sacks program, which provides backpacks full of food for kids on weekends when no school meals are available, has almost doubled to over 25,000. Needed items for Smart Sacks include juice boxes, small containers of fruit, and packages of cheese or peanut butter crackers.

One economical way to contribute to the food drive is to take advantage of retail grocery and drug store weekly specials — 10 cans of vegetables or 10 packages of pasta for \$10, for instance, along with “buy one, get one free” promotions. Please keep the Village food project in mind when you're out stocking up your own larders!

Thanks to your generosity throughout 2009, the Village's contribution to Manna will total almost 4,000 pounds — two tons! — of food. But we can do more! Drop off your donations in the box located at the foot of the stairs to the Village office on Brookville Road (between the barber shop and Amber Fields) or call Dick and Linda Kirschten (301-986-5839) and they will pick up your donation at your door.

“SINGLE STREAM” RECYCLING REMINDER

Since so much IS acceptable in the recyclable bin we thought it would be easier to list what is **not** recyclable:

UNACCEPTABLE FIBER AND PAPER

NO:

- Used paper towels, tissues
- Used paper plates, cups, etc.
- Metallic wrapping paper
- Wax paper, laminated paper
- Any paper contaminated with food waste
- Loose shredded paper (must be contained in one tied or sealed bag)



UNACCEPTABLE NON-FIBER

NO:

- Styrofoam (cups, plates, bowls, to-go containers and foam packing material of any kind)
- Materials contaminated with food waste/grease
- Trash/Food Waste
- Colored plastic film (such as candy or food wrappers or bags, colored plastic bags)

- Loose plastic film must be contained within one bag
- Plastic cutlery (forks, knives spoons)
- Non-container glass (cookware, plate glass)
- Motor oil containers
- Construction and demolition material
- Wood

HOLIDAY TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE THANKSGIVING DAY

(Thurs., Nov. 26)

NO PICK UP. Next-day pick up. **(Friday 11/27)**



CHRISTMAS DAY

(Friday, Dec. 25)

NO IMPACT.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

(Friday, Jan. 1)

NO IMPACT.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

Begins Monday, December 28th from curbside.

Continues every Monday through **1/25/09**



OUT AND ABOUT THE VILLAGE

◆ **WELCOME** to *Ada and Mike Johnson*, who recently moved from Aberfoyle Street in NW, DC to **7207 Chestnut Street**. They have two sons, *Arthur (6)*, and *Theo (4)*, who currently attend Beauvoir School. Mike and Ada are both attorneys. Ada's mom, Catalina, has come from Miami and joined them in their new home.



◆ **CONGRATULATIONS** to new parents *Howie Kurtz and Sheri Annis of Taylor Street!* Very chubby baby *Laurie Allison Kurtz* was born August 28, 2009, joining sister Abby Kurtz. Laurie attended her first VMA event—the annual Halloween parade on October 25. There will be many more to come! Sheri tell us that neighbors have been wonderfully supportive and helpful.

◆ **HELP KEEP US INFORMED** of new residents and interesting doings in Martin's Additions! Call or email the Village Office.



VMA HISTORICAL TRIVIA: Did you know..

...that Shepherd Street used to be Anderson Street (1904)?... And that in the same year, Turner Lane was known as Maplewood Avenue, that Taylor Street used to be Meadowbrook Lane, that Chestnut Street was known as Oxford Avenue, that Delfield Street between what is now Taylor Street and Thornapple was South Central Avenue and Delfield Street north of Thornapple street was North Central Avenue, that a very long time ago Cummings Lane (sometimes spelled Cummins) was Cedar Avenue? Thornapple Street was known as North Avenue. On a plat in 1905 Raymond Street is shown as Martins Street. So which streets are unchanged? It seems that Oxford Street has always been Oxford Street, (not to be confused with Oxford Ave) Summit Avenue is unchanged in name, Bradley, Melville Place and Quincy Streets have remained unchanged. Curious? Indeed. Anyone want to figure out why and how?

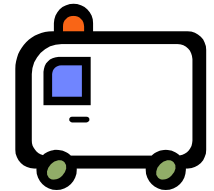


CHEVY CHASE@HOME UPCOMING EVENTS

Chevy Chase@Home was formed to address the needs of older residents who want to “stay put” if possible, rather than some day moving to a retirement or assisted living facility. The aging-in-place movement is a new way for us to remain in our homes and neighborhoods as we grow older. Chevy Chase At Home is a non-profit organization and is seeking tax-exempt status. The next Meet and Mingle event will take place on **Tuesday, November 17 from 2 to 4 pm** in the Chevy Chase Village Hall. There will be people there to answer your *Mac and PC computer questions*. Light refreshments will be served! There is more information on their services and upcoming events at <http://www.chevychaseathome.org> or you can call Betty O'Connor at 301-656-0597.

STAY ON TOP OF EMERGENCY REPORTS

Montgomery County is making a special effort to expand the ways they communicate during emergencies with those who live and work in Montgomery County. They are now participating with *Connected Communities* at <http://connectedcommunities.us>. This collaboration between Montgomery County and Connected Communities helps ensure that critical information is delivered fast and efficiently to county residents. Martin's Additions' residents may wish to join this email group—it is a most informative list serv. Crime statistics for all Districts in Montgomery County are also reported on this. Martins' Additions is in District 2. Information of compiled statistics comes once a week.



SHARE WHAT YOU NO LONGER NEED

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



GET IN THE LIST SERV LOOP!

Sorry that you missed all that change in recycling date? Then it's time to join the Village of Martin's Additions List Serv. Here is how to do it:

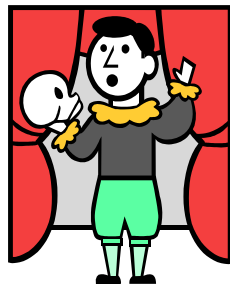
Go to our list serv home page at <http://groups.google.com/group/martins-additions-chevy-chase>. Follow the directions to become a member (click on the box that says "I wish to become a member"). This will walk you through a few steps (you have to set up a Google account and password) and trigger a request to the List Serv Manager who will give clearance to your email address. You'll be notified via email that you are a member and you will start receiving notices that are posted on the list serv by the Village Office and residents.

If you want to use the List Serv (send out a message), you can use the email address shown at the end of this sentence, or even easier, put "List Serv" (or whatever you'd like to name the Village of Martin's Additions List Serv) in your contact list and add the email address of martins-additions-chevy-chase@googlegroups.com.

When you want to send an email to the List Serv group of Martin's Additions residents you just call up "List Serv" like you would any other contact you wish to send an email and prepare your message.

ENJOY PERFORMANCES AT IMAGINATION STAGE

Disney's *Mulan*—the hit musical—is now in a new stage version at Imagination Stage in Bethesda. The show runs from November 25, 2009 through January 10, 2010! You can purchase ticket on online at <http://www.tickets.imaginationstage.org> or by calling 301-280-1660.



For a complete list of offerings, including events for young children and teens go to <http://www.imaginationstage.org> or call 301-280-1660. And for a quick bite to eat as you go about your holiday shopping visit the Just Imagine Café!



OUR SPRUCED-UP CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY IS OPEN!

If you haven't already done so, come in and take a look at the renovated Chevy Chase

Library. The Library was closed from mid-August through Labor Day to receive a much-needed face-lift. The entire building was freshened with new paint and carpeting; new circulation and reference desks were installed; the teen area was greatly improved with special carpeting, seating, and computer stations with "smart lights"; comfortable leather chairs were added to the new books reading area; and the staff now has new modular furniture in their work area. Also, check out the expanded used book sale area. You can find great deals on books, CDs, DVDs and more!

Please consider supporting the Library by joining the Friends of the Library, Chevy Chase Chapter. The Chapter paid for all the teen area changes. For details, contact Steve Schmal, membership chairman, at (301) 652-8620 or e-mail him at schmals@verizon.net.



ENJOY A MESSIAH SING-ALONG CONCERT

The NIH Community Orchestra and the Bethesda

Little Theatre are hosting a Messiah sing-along on Sunday, December 6, 2009 at 3 pm at the Figge Theater at Georgetown Preparatory School. The school is located at 10900 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Donations of \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors will be accepted. Children under 12 are admitted free. The concert proceeds benefit the Charities of NIH. For more information call 301-594-7657 or go to <http://www.nihco.org>.

PEPCO OFFERS CUSTOMER REBATES ON ENERGY EFFICIENT APPLIANCES



If you purchase one of a select number of Energy Star qualified refrigerators, room air conditioners, energy efficient water heaters, etc., Pepco may give you a rebate of up to \$50 per appliance. Only purchases made after September 15, 2009 qualify for the rebate. You must provide your Pepco account number and the original sales receipt when you mail in the rebate application, which must be received by Pepco within 60 of purchase. More information and downloadable forms are available from <http://www.pepco.com>. Check the Pepco website for a complete list of qualified appliances.

HATE THOSE SPEED CAMERAS?

Captain John Damskey of the Montgomery County Police recently reported that the County's SafeSpeed program has resulted in slower vehicle speeds and fewer collisions. Over the past two years, fatalities resulting from vehicle collisions in the County have decreased 50 percent on County roads—although the number of vehicles has not declined. Our County Police believe that there is only one explanation for this fact: speed cameras are improving safety because they are slowing drivers down. None of our neighboring counties has experienced similar declines in fatalities. Locally, since the inception of the Chevy Chase Village SafeSpeed Program, the Village Police report that they have seen a 38% reduction in speed and an 8% reduction in collisions on Connecticut Avenue. At the onset of the program collisions dropped on average from 12 to 14 per month to 3 or 4 per month.



According to the Federal Highway Administration, almost one of every three traffic fatalities is related to speeding. And the greater the vehicle speed at the time of impact, the more severe the injuries that result. The County's first 11 speed cameras have reduced roadway speeds by 22 percent and crashes by 25 percent. Even one-quarter mile from the cameras, crashes are down by 15 percent. The cameras also are working to deter aggressive drivers and improve safety for other drivers and pedestrians.

CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHECK YOUR SMOKE ALARMS & BATTERIES



Working smoke alarms nearly cut in half the risk of dying in a home fire. The men and women of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service (MCFRS) urge ALL residents to check home smoke alarms on a regular basis. Checking your smoke alarms and batteries twice a year to ensure that they are working is one of the simplest, most effective ways to reduce tragic deaths and injuries from fire. Adopt a lifesaving habit by checking your home's smoke alarms and batteries when changing clocks twice a year. Protect your family in the event of a home fire – change the battery!

BULK TRASH PICK UP DATES FOR THE VILLAGE OF MARTINS ADDITIONS

(The second Saturday of each month)

December 12, 2009

January 9, 2010

February 13, 2010

March 13, 2010

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

November 19, 2009 Council Meeting

Call to Order 7:30 PM

Police Report Minutes

October Financial Report

Public Comment on Ordinance 10-09-1:

Care of the Rights -of-Way

Citizens Comments

New Business

Introduction of Ordinance 11-09-1:

Dumpsters and Pods

Snow Shoveling Contract

Snow Plowing Contract

Adjournment



Village of Martin's Additions
 7013 B Brookville Road
 Chevy Chase, MD 20815



VILLAGE MEETINGS

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 posted on the Village Bulletin Board outside the Brookville Supermarket prior to the meeting and on the website. A complete copy of meeting minutes are available in the Village Office, posted on the bulletin board and available at www.martinsadditions.org



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