
Martin's Edition

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

NOTES FROM THE VILLAGE COUNCIL



Fall has finally arrived. For my family, fall is always filled with baseball and soccer. I know it is the same for many other families as I see children dressed up in their uniforms headed out for games, a field of kids dribbling soccer balls at Shepherd Park, or kids practicing their pitching. For all of us, fall also means the glorious change of color, cooling temperatures, and thoughts of evening fires.

For our Village Manager it also means scheduling our annual Halloween Parade and street cleanings to take care of the leaves and various tree debris that accumulates throughout the fall. At the end of October Jean is also coordinating the significant repair of sidewalks along Quincy, Bradley, Melville, and Raymond. This job is made even more difficult by the large mature trees located throughout these streets. Replacing these sidewalks will take several weeks and inconveniences will occur. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

This particular fall our Village wide survey will be completed. With the completion of this survey the Village will now have an additional resource available for coordinating street work, for planting Village trees, for reviewing applications for building permits, and for maintaining the sidewalks.

At our September meeting the Council passed an ordinance to address private construction within the Village right-of-way. Many yards are sloped in such a fashion as to necessitate a wall of some type within the Village right of way. The purpose of the new ordinance is to allow residents to build a retaining wall or fence but to make certain that the Village is not then charged with the responsibility to maintain the wall nor charged with any liability should someone be hurt on the wall.

In discussing this ordinance, several concerns were expressed about numerous places throughout the neighborhood where residents have trouble walking along the Village right of way due to plantings, fences, or other structures blocking the right of way and preventing Villagers from walking anywhere but on the street. The Council asks that each Villager take note not to block access within the right of way along our streets in order to increase the safety of our Village.

Enjoy the fall!

OCTOBER 2007



HALLOWEEN PARADE & PARTY SUNDAY OCTOBER 28th TURNER LANE 3 PM

Grab all the Goblins in your house, and their friends, and join the fun on Turner Lane for the annual Village Halloween Parade. All monsters in the Village, big and little, are welcome! Pumpkin painting, scarecrow making, apple bobbing and so much more. Volunteers are really needed!

See page 4 for the details..

MAJOR SIDEWALK REPAIRS TO BE UNDERTAKEN THIS FALL

Please refer to the list of locations where sidewalk, curb, and gutter repairs will be made this fall, predominantly in the southern section of Martin's Additions. Patience, strict adherence to no parking signage and alternate parking arrangement will be critical components of the success and minimal disruption of this project. Please see the article on page 5.



A FEW TOWN TREES TO BE PLANTED THIS FALL



Because of the severe drought we are under, the Village will be planting only a few trees this fall. It is possible that all planting will be delayed until the Spring. Please see the article on page 6 to see if the ROW in front of your home is on the planting list for a new tree this fall.

JOIN THE MARTIN'S ADDITIONS EMAIL GROUP.

Inform and be informed! Go to <http://groups.google.com/group/martins-additions-chevy-chase> and check "Apply for Membership"

◆ MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

Next Village Council Meeting, Thursday, November 15 at 7:30 PM, 7013 B Brookville Road. Please watch the Village Bulletin Board outside the Brookville Shopping Center for meeting information on work sessions of the Council. Also watch the List Serv for meeting updates.

COUNCIL ADOPTS ORDINANCE FOR USE OF RIGHT OF WAY

At the September 27, 2007 Village Council Meeting, the Council adopted Resolution Number 8-07-1 which had been introduced on August 16, 2007 that calls for an amendment to Section 6-302 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Martin's Additions to require a permit for the future use of the right of way. This permit will require the issuance of a revocable license to the property owner who wishes to use the public right of way. This change derives from the desire of the Council to require abutting property owners to indemnify and hold the Village and its officers and employees harmless from any and all losses, claims, damages and the like, resulting from the owners' use of the public right of way or from the owners' failure to properly maintain the improvements constructed in the public right of way. The ordinance also clarifies the repair exemption from building permit requirements. The Resolution reads as follows:

BE IT ORDAINED AND ORDERED, this 27th day of September, 2007, by the Village Council, acting under and by virtue of the authority given it by Article 23A of the Maryland Code and the Charter of the Village of Martin's Additions, that Section 6-302 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 6-302. Permits Required

(b) Improvements.

No person shall add to, erect, alter, construct, re-construct, repair or improve any structure, make any excavation or temporarily close or block any street or sidewalk within the Village prior to the issuance of a building permit pursuant to this Chapter. **No building permit for construction of private improvements within the public right-of-way shall be issued until the owner of the abutting property has executed a revocable license to use the right-of-way in a form approved by the Village Council.**

(c) Repairs.

[However,] **Notwithstanding paragraph (b) above,** no building permit shall be required in the case of ordinary repairs or maintenance, as defined in Section 6-101, and no building permit shall be required for any of the above-

described activities occurring entirely within the interior of a building. Emergency reconstruction, repair or excavation may be undertaken without first securing a building permit, except that such permit shall be applied for as soon as possible after the need for such activities becomes known.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, that:

(1) If any part or provision of this ordinance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the part or provision held to be invalid shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any remaining part thereof; and

(2) This ordinance shall take effect on the 17th day of October, 2007.

A full copy of the resolution and license is available from the Village office by calling 301-656-4112.

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, it 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.

**COUNCIL ACCEPTS
REGULATORY
RECOMMENDATIONS OF
TRAFFIC ENGINEER**



At the September 27, 2007 Village Council meeting the Council accepted and adopted the recommendations set forth in Traffic Order number 2007-02 of the traffic engineer, Mr. Joseph Cutro, P.E., contracted to recommend the traffic signage changes to improve the safety of vehicular and pedestrian traffic in Martin's Additions. The recommendations and explanations are described below:

1. Remove Mid-Block 2 way Stop signs on Chestnut Street.

These stop signs encourage variable and unpredictable behavior and reduce safety for both motorists and pedestrians. There are no conflicting flows to justify a control intended for intersections and the signs fail to comply with any national or state standards or accepted practice. They present a potentially hazardous situation and a liability problem for the Village. They are poorly executed and maintained. Parking requirements (no parking within 30 ft. of a stop sign) is not enforced and signs are frequently obstructed. Inequitable treatment-only known usage in the Village.

2. Remove Stop sign on eastbound Quincy Street at Oxford.

The current two-way stop at a 3-way intersection does not comply with accepted practice. Such a practice supports an unusual conflict that is not governed by rules of the road. It is inconsistent with good practice at other (e.g. Raymond/Melville) intersections. Presence of a potentially-obstructing tree and statutory elimination of parking (30') argues against a full 3-way stop at this intersection.

3. Remove Remove Stop signs on east and west bound Bradley Lane at Melville Place.

The existing 3-way Stop is poorly executed, and results in unusual conflicts, including encouraging eastbound traffic to drive on left side of Bradley, contrary to basic rule of the road. Left-side stop bar marking is particularly confusing. The statutory parking clearance (30') for the right side Stop is not regularly enforced, and sign is frequently obstructed by parked cars as a result. This sign is also partially obstructed by a tree. Parking in this

zone also constrains movements of right turns from Melville Place. Inconsistent with good control at nearby Raymond/Melville intersection.

4. Remove Stop sign at the corner of Summit at Taylor and replace with a turn warning and a MPH advisory sign.

There are no conflicting flows entering a one-way street that call for a Stop sign. This is not really an intersection and it fails to comply with national/state standards or accepted practice and it conflicts with nearby parking control signs. Consequently it is probably unenforceable.

OTHER VILLAGE NEWS

◆ COUNCIL APPROVES TRAFFIC VOLUME AND SPEED DATA COLLECTION

The Council will move forward with traffic volume and speed data collection on selected streets in the Village. Included in the project will be Chestnut and Delfield Streets and Summit Avenue on the north end, and Raymond, Bradley and Quincy Street on the south end. The counts will be conducted as soon as possible.

◆ PEPSCO PROMISES INSTALLATION OF NEW STREET LIGHT WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS.

The Village has received notice from Pepco that the addition of a street light on Taylor Street should occur within the next few weeks. We are all holding our breath.

◆ NEW VILLAGE BULLETIN BOARD TO BE INSTALLED BY THE END OF THE MONTH

The Village Bulletin Board that hangs outside the Brookville Market is being rebuilt and expanded. The design calls for more space for community notices and reserves space for official Council news. The original Martin's Additions leaf logo which was carved more than 25 years ago has been preserved and will be restored to its former luster and placed in the new bulletin board.

◆ COUNCIL TO CONTRACT WITH LEGAL RECORDS MANAGEMENT FIRM.

At the September meeting the Council accepted a proposal from Douglas Peters of Legal Records Retention LLC to assist in the development of records retention policies for the Village as well as improvements in our current records management system.

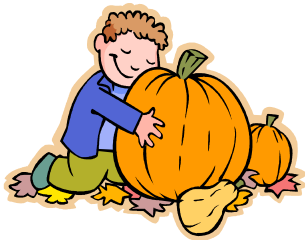
◆ **VILLAGE ACCEPTS URBAN PLANNER'S PROPOSAL**

The proposal received by the Village from Jakubiak & Associates, Inc., a professional town planning firm with substantial Maryland zoning experience aimed at solving design problems and promoting compatible infill and redevelopment was accepted by unanimous vote of the Council at the September meeting at a proposal price of just under \$80,000. The Council expects that this effort will be launched shortly.

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE TO ADD SCARECROWS, PUMPKIN PAINTING AND PRIZES.

Sunday Oct. 28th 3 PM Rain or Shine

Scarecrow Making, Bobbing for Apples and Painting Pumpkins will be some of the fun features at this year's Annual Halloween Parade and Party on Turner Lane on Sunday October 28, 2007 beginning at 3 PM. We can't wait to see all the scarecrows on front porches and stoops throughout Martin's Additions! See a sample at the planter in front of the



Village Office at the Brookville Shopping Center. Our goblins and ghosts and scary things will parade up and down Turner Lane. Super Heroes will appear at the event along with a clown and a bouncy house. They'll be prizes for different costume categories and pumpkin painting. Pizza drinks, candy treats will also be available. A large tent will guarantee a rain free day. Pumpkins and straw courtesy of Integrated Plant Care, a Martin's Additions service provider.

We need volunteers to conduct this event. Can you help, set up or serve food? Do you know how to make scarecrows? Call Chief Scarecrow maker Engelein Zegers at 3/654-1682. If you can help our pumpkin painting team leaders Kristen Van Hook and Ranjit Sidhu--call Kristen at 202/905-5829. Would you like to judge the costumes? Offers of help can be made to Keith Allen at 301-654-0123 or Jill Filipczyk at 301-656-5566.

WILL YOU MAKE A SCARECROW? WE'D LIKE TO COUNT YOU IN!



We will be preparing stakes to be used to create the scarecrows as well as having the straw, twine and other necessary scarecrow making tools available for your scarecrow. We'd like to get a head count of how many construction packages we might need to have ready. Would you please call the office at 301-656-4112 and let us know that you want to make a scarecrow? It

will make our lives easier and guarantee that you'll get the fixings you'll need.

BYO (BRING YOUR OWN) SCARECROW PIECES

Here's what you'll need to bring:



- Tee shirt and Long sleeve shirt.
- Pants.
- Panty hose OR pillow case for head.
- Hat (ski cap or regular cap), Gloves (optional).
- Anything clever you want to add.
- A sense of humor.

WE WILL PROVIDE:

- Stake and cross piece, Straw.
- Twine, Face Parts (felt and glue).
- Oversight. Please note the word "expertise" is nowhere to be found.

LOCAL HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

Westland Middle School, 5511 Massachusetts Avenue will be the site for a 1-day Hazardous Waste Collection Event, on **Saturday November 17, from 10 am - 2 PM**. You may bring pesticides, herbicides, paint thinners, photo chemicals, motor oil, liquid oil-based paint solvents, fluorescent tubing or bulbs, batteries, mercury and mercury containing items such as thermostats and thermometers. You must have proof of Montgomery County residency. No latex paint (It can be safely managed by drying). For more information call : (240)777-6410.



MAJOR SIDEWALK REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO OCCUR

The Village Council has accepted the bid of Chamberlain Contractors, Inc. to repair almost 20,000 square feet of sidewalk and 300 linear feet of curb and gutter for approximately \$160,000. Bids were also received from Aurora Paving and Kerrill Contractor, but the prices were considerably higher than the bid from Chamberlain. Work is expected to begin shortly and continue over as much as a 60 day period, weather permitting. While capital improvement projects such as this are disruptive, they don't occur frequently and they benefit everyone in the community--we'll be safer and more attractive as a result.



Residents are asked to be patient and observant of "No Parking" restrictions that will be posted. If these restrictions are not observed, cars will be towed to the nearest open space. The Village would prefer not to have to resort to towing, so please do everything you can to cooperate. 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. It will help the whole project go more quickly. When a more exact schedule is available it will be presented to the streets effected. Areas to be repaired will be marked with florescent paint. Any questions can be directed to the Village Office at 301-656-4112. The locations of the repairs are listed below.

◆ **Area #1 Melville Place:**

Entire sidewalk to be replaced (1,340 sq.ft). Several section of curb and gutter and driveway apron to be replaced.

◆ **Area # 2 Bradley Lane**

Selected large sections of sidewalk replaced to total 2,230 sq.ft; 110 ft of gutter and curb

◆ **Area #3 Raymond Street**

Selected large sections of sidewalk to be replaced to total 2,720 sq.. ft.; 110 ft of gutter and curb

◆ **Area # 4 Quincy Street**

Replace entire south side walk (4,680 sq. ft.) and part of the north side.; 30 ft of curb and gutter.

◆ **Area # 5 Turner Lane**

Selected locations identified for repair of 496 sq. ft. of sidewalk at 3403, 3413, 3411, 3501, 3507, 3511, 3515, 3519

◆ **Area # 6 Shepherd Street**

Replace 96 sq. ft of sidewalk at 3410; Replace 10 feet of curb and gutter at 3405 .

NEXT VILLAGE BULK TRASH PICK UP SATURDAY November 10th

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. 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. Please consider clipping this reminder and posting it on your bulletin board:

BULK TRASH PICK UP DATES FOR THE VILLAGE OF MARTINS ADDITIONS

(The second Saturday of each month)

November 10, 2007

December 8, 2007

January 12, 2008

February 9, 2008

March 8, 2008

HOLIDAY TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving Day (Thurs., Nov. 22):

Next day pick up. (11/23)

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

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

FALL TREE PLANTING

The significant drought in our area is keeping the Village's fall tree planting plans uncertain, but with the cooperation of residents we are hopeful some trees will be able to be planted. The following locations have been selected for fall tree planting.



Residents at these locations have agreed to help prepare the soil with a waterbucket the Village will provide and then keep the tree watering bags full. The drought significantly complicates tree plantings and care required to make sure the new trees take root. If the trees are not planted this fall it is because the weather has just become too unfavorable. The locations are:

6609 Brookville Road (on Bradley side)

3501 Bradley Lane (on Melville Side)

3419 Cummings Lane

7202 Delfield Street (2 trees)

6700 Melville Place

103 Quincy

161 Quincy

There are numerous other locations throughout the Village that have been identified for new trees, either as a result of prior tree removal, by request of the residents or on the recommendation of our tree supervisor and arborist. We haven't forgotten those locations! If the weather cooperates we will address those requests this fall..

NEW OWNERS AND A NEW LOOK AT BROOKVILLE MARKET



Have you heard the gossip going around town yet about the new owners of Brookville Market? Well it's true! The owner of the Brookville Pharmacy , Hossein Ejtemai and his wife Meg have purchased the Brookville Market business from the Shirazzi

Family and have already begun to make their mark on the store. The Shirazzi Family has owned and managed the Market for more than 25

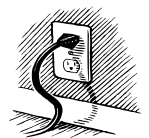
years! While the Shirazzi's continue to own the entire shopping center, this piece of the business--the market-- will be owned by Hossein along with the Pharmacy. Jake, the predominant Shirazzi family figure at the market, plans to move to California and is thrilled to leave the market in the capable hands of Hossein. Hossein has been the owner of the pharmacy since 2004 when he purchased it from Rudy Winternitz.

Hossein immigrated from Iran some 30 years ago and now lives in Reston, VA. He has hired a new manager for the store--Mr. Reza, formerly the team leader of food preparation at the Rockville Pike **Whole Foods** Store for more than 4 years. He too, coincidentally, is from Iran. Their plans include upgrading the market in four main categories--meat, produce, dairy and bread. They intend to introduce more organic products throughout the store; more variety is planned, especially for take-home items and finally, the interior will be redesigned to make it more convenient and friendly. Some of the long time employees will remain at the store , while others will follow the Shirazzi's to their Brookville Market Store in DC. Other new employees have also been hired.

No doubt you've already seen some of the changes--new shopping carts, for example and a reorganization of shelves. The other improvements and changes will be made in stages. Current delivery services will remain in place. Just call 301-652-2793 as you always have for those services. A website is planned, much like Giant's Peapod, and will be up and running soon so you'll be able to order your groceries for delivery on line as well as by phone. The current family-friendly charge system will stay in place although new registers and point of sales technology will be introduced soon. Through all of this, one of the primary goals is to keep prices competitive. Stay tuned and come on in and take a look at the "new " Brookville Market.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

If you need help paying your heating and electric bills you may qualify for assistance through the Maryland Energy Assistance Program. To get more information call the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services at 240-777-4450.



OUT AND ABOUT THE VILLAGE

◆ Here are the details! Welcome to Alexandra Stoddard and Peter Roberson at 3406 Raymond Street, and their three children Nickolas and Anna who are in Kindergarten and preschooler, Lily, age 4.



◆ Welcome also to Patty and Peter Cyr at 3502 Cummings Lane and their three Children, Christopher, 4 and 1/2, Mark 2 and Katie 3 months. Chris goes to school at Concord Hill, and Mark is at Westmoreland Pre-school. The Cyrs moved from just west of here. Peter has his own company--Documental Solutions--and Patty works in special education law.

◆ On Saturday October 14, residents of Shepherd Street and many other friends celebrated the life of Cathy Tardiff of 3511 Shepherd at a memorial service at Mater Dei School Chapel. Cathy passed away in September. Cathy and husband Jim and sons Danny and Jeffrey have lived on Shepherd Street for more than 20 years. Jeffrey is a Junior at Tufts University and Danny is a freshman at Ohio Wesleyan. Her always cheerful manner and indomitable spirit will be greatly missed.

◆ Come see the beautiful photographs of trees in Martin's Additions that were taken by Madeline Stokoe, a 2007 graduate of B-CC High school and daughter of Jim Stokoe and Caroline Lee of Cummings Lane. They are displayed on the walls leading up the office stairs. These photographs were a part of Madeline's senior year project. Tree Committee Chair Cris Fleming, and members Ann Fretz and Bert Leibman assisted in the project.

Madeline is a freshman at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, CA.



◆ We hear that all is quiet on Melville Place. The Grasser children have left for college, JP to the University of the South and Elizabeth to Colby College. Is that why it's quiet?

◆ The organizers of "Ellen's Run" report that it was a wonderful success.

They had over 700 runners, walkers and donors, an increase of more than 50% from last year. They also had a strong showing of local political leaders. Myrna Cardin, the wife of Senator Ben Cardin attended and

spoke after the race. The Senator was out of town. They're going for even bigger numbers next year!

MARTIN'S ADDITIONS' RESIDENT TO ADDRESS CHEVY CHASE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, NOV 7th at 8 PM "How to Look at Chevy Chase Architecture"

Architectural historian and photographer William Lebovich speaks on "How to Look at Chevy Chase Architecture," at the Chevy Chase Historical Society's Fall Lecture, at 8 PM on Wednesday , November 7, at the Town of Chevy Chase Town Hall located in the Community Center, 4301 Willow Lane. We are proud to announce that Mr. Lebovich is "one of our own" --a resident at 7302 Summit Avenue right here in Martin's Additions!

Mr. Lebovich will be illustrating his lecture with his own prize-winning photography. He will avoid the typical labeling of houses as one style or another and will instead focus on how architecture reflects the society that built it, and how a building's massing and detail tell that society's story. "Knowing architectural styles is a great shorthand way for talking about a building," says Lebovich, "but style descriptions seldom convey the complexity and subtlety of most homes. My lecture will attempt to provide more information than is expressed in the usual descriptive terms, 'Colonial Revival' or 'Bungalow.'"

William Lebovich's 33 years as an architectural historian has included work with the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places, Historic American Building Survey and Historic American Engineering Record. Lebovich reviewed the new Swiss Ambassador's residence for Architecture Week Magazine in January 2007 and authored the 1993 book, "Design for Dignity: Accessible Environments for People with Disabilities." His architectural photographs are in the Library of Congress, the Brooklyn Museum and have been published in numerous newspapers, magazines and books. Questions about the November 7th lecture may be directed to Marilyn Montgomery at 301-656-2295.



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BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED/REQUESTED

The following Permits have been recently requested or issued:

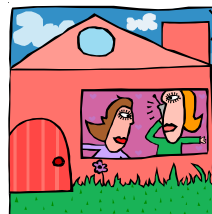
- ◆ 7215 Delfield Street Demolish/Build
- ◆ 3413 Thornapple Street: Dumpster/Replace Portico



VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Village Council Meeting will be held on November 15, 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. A complete copy of meeting minutes are available in the Village Office.

The Village Council occasionally schedules working sessions to discuss specific topics. Notice of such sessions are posted on the Village Bulletin Board and will be posted to the list serve.



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