

# Martin's Edition



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

## NOTES FROM THE VILLAGE COUNCIL



The VMA Council is considering the need and possible means for better protecting and perpetuating the Village's tree canopy.

Multiple pressures on the existing canopy suggest the need to develop a process for ensuring adequate protection in the years ahead. In considering the need for such a process, the Council is seeking the ideas and input of all interested village residents.

### What is the problem?

The tree canopy is being threatened by age, disease, storms, canopy thinning (exposing nearby trees to wind damage including up-rooting), and tree removal and root system damage from construction.



While the village does not have a record of the number of trees in the Village lost

to each of the above reasons, it is clear that the mature canopy which the Village has long enjoyed is decreasing. The budget for the removal of trees on the Village right-of-way (ROW) is increasing. These are older trees that suffer from disease, rot, and just plain age. This is also happening with trees on resident property.

Cycles of drought and severe storms have also exacted a certain amount of damage to the canopy. Residents may remember the storms that swept through this area over the past few years, closing our streets and leaving many homes without power—in some cases for up to 10 days. Now there is an increased threat of tree loss from construction that is either enlarging current houses or razing and rebuilding larger houses on existing lots. The tree removal on residents' properties which has reduced the tree canopy is exposing neighboring trees to wind damage, and construction work and machinery are increasing root damage to nearby trees.

### Why should Village residents care?

Our tree canopy is not only beautiful, especially in the spring when we have so many flowering trees, it also helps protect us from summer heat by providing

## SEPTEMBER 2007

### LEAF BAGS TO BE DISTRIBUTED DURING THE 2ND WEEK OF SEPTEMBER.



These bags are distributed for use by residents for fall leaf pick up since we do not rake leaves into the street for vacuum removal. Please contact the office at 301-656-4112 if you experience problems with this distribution.

### ◆ SEPTEMBER BULK TRASH PICK UP--SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8th

Please remember that trash should not be deposited at the curb before the eve of the actual pick-up. See the article on page 3 for details on this monthly bulk pick-up.



### ◆ "NORTH END" VMA POT LUCK BLOCK PARTY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH, 5 PM.

Calling all residents of Summit, Chestnut, Delfield, Thornapple and Taylor Streets. The annual "North End" Block Party starts on Taylor Street. See the article on page 4 for details.



### ◆ ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY OCTOBER 28th



Turner Lane will once again see the annual Village Halloween Parade for big and little monsters, goblins and ghosts in the Village. This year we'd like to offer scarecrow-making that will then be displayed throughout the Village. We'll need volunteers to help do this as well as other fun activities. Please see page 4 for more information.

### ◆ PLEASE WATER VILLAGE TREES

When you are watering your trees and shrubs please don't forget the Village trees on the right of way. Tree water bags are available from the Village for use on Village trees.

### ◆ MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING

Next Village Council Meeting, Thursday, September 20 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.

shade, and from the cold by sheltering houses from the wind. Additionally, during severe storms tree roots absorb rain and reduce run-off which means fewer flooded basements and backyards and less erosion. As a result of both these aesthetic and environmental benefits, our trees enhance the property values of all residents.

The tree canopy is interdependent: what happens to a tree on one resident's property can affect the adjoining trees. The sudden removal of a tree either because of death, disease, or construction affects neighboring trees and properties, especially by increasing the exposure of the remaining trees to wind damage and increasing rainwater runoff.

### **How should we address this issue?**

The Village has enacted an ordinance that protects trees on the village ROW. Included is a program to plant new trees in the ROW to replace trees that have been removed or died. We do not currently have any process for encouraging the protection of trees on residential property.



Because of growing concern about the future of the tree canopy, the Council asked the Village Tree Committee to explore some possible options the Council might consider in addressing this issue. The Council, having read the Tree Committee's suggestions, is of the view that the Village would be well served by giving consideration to the development of an approach to the removal and replacement of trees on residents' properties designed to encourage reasonable protection of the tree canopy for the benefit of all residents. Such an approach might involve a procedure that would (and this list is not exhaustive):

- Encourage residents to consider other options than tree removal, for example by providing experts in horticulture, architecture, etc. to help with solutions
- Represent the views of Village residents in the procedure's administration
- Respect any increased workload on Village staff

Before taking any formal decision on this issue, the Council is seeking input from all interested Village residents. To encourage broad community participation, a public forum will be held in the fall

(at a date to be announced) to discuss what, if any, action ought to be taken. The forum will give the Village Tree Committee an opportunity to present its research and recommendations and give residents an opportunity to express their views. After the forum, the Council will decide on what next steps are needed, if any. If it determines that an amendment to the Village's existing tree ordinance is needed, the Council will follow the Village's ordinary procedures for drafting and introducing ordinances or ordinance amendments. (This process is described in the box below.)

In the meantime, we would welcome your comments, preferably by e-mail to the village office ([martinsadditions@verizon.net](mailto:martinsadditions@verizon.net)), so we can have a central master file.

### **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 INTRODUCES ORDINANCE CHANGE FOR USE OF RIGHT OF WAY



Under the direction of the Village's attorney David Podolsky, the Village Council introduced Resolution Number 8-07-1 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. The ordinance also clarifies the repair exemption from building permit requirements.

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 will be considered in public session at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on September 20, 2007. Assuming adoption at the September meeting, the ordinance will take effect on October 10th, 2007. It is posted in its full form on the Village Bulletin Board and is also available from the Village office by calling 301-656-4112.

## VILLAGE REVIEWS URBAN PLANNERS PROPOSAL

A proposal has been 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. On September 11, 2007 at 6:30 PM the Council will meet with representative from Jakubiak to further explore the proposal and consider issuing a contract. The Council hopes to launch this effort early this fall. In the last newsletter we explained that the request for a proposal was constructed in such a way that would allow the Council to move forward quickly with simple, high impact ordinance changes, should the community so desire.



## NEXT VILLAGE BULK TRASH PICK UP SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8th

Get your "junk" to the curb by late Friday afternoon or evening for Saturday morning pick up. The same rules that applied to the semi-



annual heavy trash pick-up 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.

The Village office must be called 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.

## LOCAL HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAYS



*Silver Spring International Middle School*, 313 Wayne Avenue (at Dale Drive) in Silver Spring will be the site for a 1-day Hazardous Waste Collection Event, on *Saturday October 20, from 10 AM - 2 PM.*

*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.

**“NORTH END” ANNUAL FALL POT-LUCK  
BLOCK PARTY SEPTEMBER 16TH**

Residents of Summit Avenue, and Chestnut, Delfield, Thornapple and Taylor Streets won't want to miss the annual Fall Pot-Luck Block Party on Sunday, September 16 from 5:00 PM until dark on Taylor Street.

Bring a favorite dish to share and a large bottle of soda, juice, or water. Paper goods will be provided. If you can help or lend a table please contact Debbie Metzger (301-654-1563; handdme@msn.com) or Cathy Klion (301-654-2788; cklion@starpower.net) Debbie and Cathy have been organizing this block party for more than 10 years now! In 1996 they decided to resurrect an old tradition in the neighborhood that had fallen by the wayside. There is always a good turn out--good food and good company. Put it on your calendar!



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

This year we'd like to add Scarecrow Making to the list of fun things for families to do at the Annual Halloween Celebration and Parade on Turner Lane. Think of how much fun it will be to see the fruits of our scarecrow building labors on front porches and stoops throughout Martin's Additions! Our goblins and ghosts and scary things will parade up and down Turner Lane, hopefully to some musical accompaniment --perhaps "When the Saints Go Marching In"! They'll be prizes for different costume categories and pumpkin painting. We'll need help to do this! Can you volunteer? Do you know how to make scarecrows? How about helping to paint pumpkins? Please call Jill Filipczyk (Taylor) at 301-656-5566 to offer your help.



**FABULOUS ESTATE SALE  
A "MUST DO"  
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY  
SEPT. 15TH AND 16TH**

The 3400 block of Thornapple Street between Delfield and Summit will be the site of a **HUGE** estate sale that you won't want to miss! From 8 AM to 5 PM both days (rain dates Sat.9/22 and Sun. 9/23, same hours) there's going to be a massive collection of estate items--**SO BIG IT HAS TO BE OUTDOORS!** 55 years in the same house, estate items from grandparents born in 1900, plus many brand new items. Furniture (including a 1920's Lane Cedar Chest), a 1950's octagonal poker table, a new Emperor's Chair, costume jewelry, limited edition 1970's Boehm Lenox plates, Pawley's Island original rope hammock, collectibles, gardening items, art, music in many media, clothes, tools, Harley Davidson items, sport and camping supplies, office/school needs, children's and adults' jigsaw puzzles and games. **MUCH MORE!** Tell your friends! (No early birds please! Organizers will need time set out the numerous items).

**CHEVY CHASE FIRE DEPT  
OPEN HOUSE  
SATURDAY OCT. 13th**



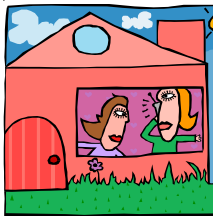
Save Saturday October 13th from 10 AM to 3 PM for an exciting and informative day at the Chevy Chase Fire Station at 8001 Connecticut Avenue. Features of the day include supervised fire engine rides for children and adults, demonstrations by members of specialized teams such as high rise rescue and hazardous materials, a clown, fire truck slide, safety house, balloons and hot dogs and cokes for everyone. The Fire Department asks that we remind everyone to check your smoke alarm batteries!

**MOBILE MVA IN NEIGHBORHOOD  
SEPTEMBER 24**

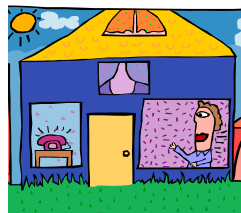
The Motor Vehicle Administration's mobile office will be in Friendship Heights near the Community Center on Monday September 24, from 10-2. Services include driver's licenses and vehicle registration renewal, MD Photo Identification, disability placards and tag returns.

## VMA LIST SERV MEMBERSHIP TOPS 100!

Want to join? Just send an email to **Josh Bowers**, the List Serv mastermind, at **JBdcLaw@aol.com** and tell him you want to join and your request will be processed. You will be notified via email once you have been welcomed onto the "List". The HOMEPAGE, located at <http://groups.google.com/group/martins-additions-chevy-chase> contains important information about Village business and service--check it out!



As a member of this "List of Neighbors in Martin's Additions", you will hear from other Village residents by receiving their postings and requests as a normal part of your daily e-mail traffic. You will be able to respond to those emails either individually or to the group. To send an email to the list of residents just add a contact name to your address book named "List Serv", much like you'd enter the name of a friend or business contact. Next, add the email address [martins-additions-chevy-chase@googlegroups.com](mailto:martins-additions-chevy-chase@googlegroups.com) into the email address file, again like you'd add your friend's email address to the address book.



You are now ready to email the VMA List Serv with a question, or comment, by calling up your old friend "List Serv".

## NEARBY CLASSES TO GET YOU INTO SHAPE

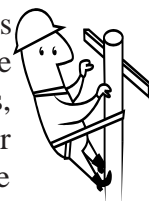
Beginning Sept. 4th, join neighbors for aerobics and /or body sculpting classes given through the BCC-YMCA at the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church located on Chevy Chase Circle at Chevy Chase Parkway. The classes are taught by Martin's Additions' resident Sheila Davis who can be reached at (301)706-3428 or [Fitlady@juno.com](mailto:Fitlady@juno.com). They are:

**Dance Aerobics:** includes 40 minutes of aerobic and 20 minutes of body sculpting. Meets Mon., Weds., and Fri. at 9:30 AM

**Body Sculpting** (No Aerobics): 1 hour working all major muscle groups. Meets Tues. and Thurs. at 9:30 AM

## PEPCO TO WORK ON TREES AROUND LINES

The Pepco Forester met with the Village Manager to discuss tree pruning which is expected to begin immediately within the public right of way and, in a few cases, on private trees that overhang the power lines (within the Pepco Easement and the Village's right of way). This work is necessary to remove immediate hazards created by trees in the power lines. The work is subcontracted out to Asplund Tree Service. Pepco asks that residents do not interfere with the crews. The following is a list of locations where the work is to be conducted.



**Thornapple Street:** North side, just west of Chestnut; north side, east of Dead-end Delfield and at the intersection of Delfield and Thornapple.

**Summit Avenue:** North west corner of Summit and Thornapple.

**Taylor Street:** Corner of Taylor and Chestnut; North side of Taylor between Chestnut and Brookville

**Turner Lane:** 3512 Turner

**Shepherd Street:** South Side 1st pole.

**Cummings Lane:** Corner Cummings and Brookville; 3517/19 Cummings

**Raymond Street:** 3506 Raymond

**Bradley Lane:** North side between 3518 and the Brookville Corner

## IF THEY'RE KNOCKING ON YOUR DOOR THEY MUST HAVE A BADGE (most of the time).

While Martin's Additions doesn't regulate solicitors or door-to-door vendors, Montgomery County does through the Department of Permitting Services. The regs do not apply to solicitors from tax-exempt organizations whose missions are charitable, religious, educational or scientific. Following are the requirements put in place for your protection.

◆ Vendors must wear clearly visible photo ID's labeled "Operator Permit".

◆ Vending Activity can take place only between 9 AM and sunset.

◆ Solicitors may not enter a locked gate or property with a "No Trespassing" or "No Soliciting Sign".

◆ Solicitors may only approach the main entrance of the house.

## OUT AND ABOUT THE VILLAGE

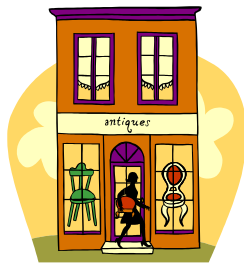
◆ *Andrea and Sean Fine* at **3514 Taylor Street** welcomed a baby boy, Roan, on August 8, 2007, tipping the scales at 7lbs and 2 oz. He joins big brother Aidan who is 2 1/2.



◆ Welcome to *Peter Robeson and Alexandra Stoddard* at **3406 Raymond Street** and goodbye to Steve Findlay and Grace Whitman.

◆ Long time resident of 7315 Delfield Street in Martins Additions, **Florence L. Douglas** passed away on August 20, 2007. She was the devoted mother of three daughters and beloved grandmother of four and sister to three siblings. She will be remembered for her good humor, strength and love of community. Memorial donations may be made in her name to Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, Childrens National Medical Center or Suburban Hospital.

## AMBER FIELDS INTERIORS ANNOUNCES A SIDEWALK SALE September 7th - 9th



Amber Fields Interiors at 7013 Brookville Road will hold a Side Walk Sale offering select items at 15% to 50% off. Friday and Saturday from 10 AM to 5 PM,

Sunday 12- 5 PM. They will also kick off a September Window Treatment sale with 15% off Blinds, Shades, Valances, Drapes and Bedding. Be sure to stop into this lovely interior decorating and furnishing store right here in the Village of Martin's Additions!

## TREADMILL FOR SALE

Image 933 Personnel Fitness System for sale. In excellent condition. \$300 or best offer. Please contact Steve or Debbie Schmal (Summit Avenue) at 301-652-8620

## LOOK WHAT THE BCC RESCUE SQUAD DOES FOR US!

In 2006, Rescue Squad ambulances, medic units and rescue squads responded to almost 11,000 emergencies, including illnesses, injuries, heart attacks, vehicle collisions, house fires, and many other incidents. All emergency services provided to Montgomery County residents are free. The Rescue Squad works in partnership with the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service and responds to calls under a coordinated emergency plan. Contributions from the public and grants from community organizations save us taxpayers more than \$3 million per year.



## BCC RESCUE SQUAD KICKS OFF CAMPAIGN

The Rescue Squads 67th door-to-door campaign is soon underway and will continue through October. Residents can expect uniformed volunteers and emergency vehicles in their neighborhoods between 5 PM and 9 PM on weekdays, from 10 AM to 9 PM on Saturdays and 11 AM to 9 PM on Sundays. The Squad does not use paid solicitors to go door to door or employ telemarketers --all personnel are always in full uniform and carry Rescue Squad identification. The squad is a tax exempt organization under section 501(c) (3) of the IRS Code and contributions are tax deductible as permitted by law. Their new Combined Federal Campaign # is 19223.

## "RESCUE DAY" SLATED FOR SATURDAY OCTOBER 6th.

Kids and adults alike will thrill to the sights of the rescue equipment, personnel and demonstrations at the "Rescue Day" Open House at the BCC Rescue Squad Headquarters, 5020 Battery Lane in Bethesda. So head on over there and watch the well trained personnel use the jaws of life, scale walls and put out vehicle fires!



## ELLEN'S RUN IS FOR EVERYONE

**SAVE THE DATE:** Sunday, October 7, 2007, for ELLEN'S RUN, 5K Run and Walk; Kids' Fun Run & Brunch. Once again, Ellen's Run is being held to remember our friend and neighbor Ellen Vala Schneider, whose involvement in our community touched and inspired so many. Proceeds from the race will benefit the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Community Scholarship Fund and the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County. Over 600 individuals participated in the first Ellen's Run, last fall. We hope that you will be able to join us again this year and bring all of your family, friends, and neighbors. The race will begin at 9 AM, at Candy Cane City. Dogs on leashes are welcome.



**BE A SPONSOR** >Organizers are currently seeking sponsors for the event. There are opportunities for businesses and for friends and family members to support the event this year. Email Liz Appelbaum at [pliz@verizon.net](mailto:pliz@verizon.net) or Carole Brand at [csbrand@verizon.net](mailto:csbrand@verizon.net) to become a sponsor or donor.

**VOLUNTEER** Volunteers are always welcome to help with planning and at the actual event. Please contact Pam Feinstein ([feinstep@aol.com](mailto:feinstep@aol.com) or 301-907-8223) if you are interested in helping now or on Oct. 7.

**MORE INFORMATION** Learn more about the race at [www.ellensrunonline.org](http://www.ellensrunonline.org). Registration forms are available online. If you would like one mailed to you, please contact [feinstep@aol.com](mailto:feinstep@aol.com) or 301-907-8223.

### MENTORS NEEDED FOR B-CC HIGH SCHOOL

Bethesda Chevy Chase High School still needs responsible adults willing to work one-on-one with at-risk ninth graders to improve their academic performance. Mentors meet with their students every week for an hour. Contact Deborah Newman, Program Coordinator, at (301) 529-0702 or [Deborah\\_Newman@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Deborah_Newman@mcpsmd.org) for more information or to volunteer.

## GUIDE FOR NINE ESSENTIAL ITEMS NECESSARY IN AN EMERGENCY



### Emergency

Montgomery County's Emergency Preparedness Program encourages residents to be ready to "shelter-in-place" in the case of an emergency. To help you do this, they provide a simple guide of nine essential items for you to have on hand at all times.

- (1) **Water:** Bottled Water. One Gallon per person, per day for drinking and sanitation. Keep the water in a cool dry place and change to a fresh supply every six months.
- (2) **Food:** . A supply of 3-5 days of nonperishable food per person, such as ready to eat canned meat, fruit and vegetables, canned or boxed juices, powdered milk and soup.
- (3) **Clothes:** Collect one change of clothes and footwear per person. Consider packing blankets, rain gear and outerwear in case of inclement weather.
- (4) **Medications:** Collect three days worth of any prescriptions medicines you're taking. Be sure to note the expiration date so you don't keep them past their date.
- (5) **Flashlight:** Keep a bright flashlight in case there is no power. Consider using a lantern-style light for hands-free use. Don't use candles. They are a fire hazard and are easy to lose track of when the lights come back on.
- (6) **Can Opener:** Make sure it's manual in case there is no power.
- (7) **Radio:** A battery powered radio for listening to news and weather. Consider buying a crank operated or solar powered radio. Don't forget extra batteries. But them in advance in case they are in short supply.
- (8) **Hygiene Items:** Just the basics like soap, toilet paper and a toothbrush. Moist towelettes can be useful for quick sanitation.
- (9) **First Aid:** Basics such as antiseptics, gloves, bandages and non-prescription medicines. You can buy pre-made kits at most pharmacies or grocery stores.



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## BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED/REQUESTED

The following Permits have been recently requested or issued:



◆6801 Brookville Road: Demolition/  
Move permit.

◆3503 Thornapple Street: Dumpster/  
Curb Cut Permits.

## VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS

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