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# Martin's Edition

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

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## NOTES FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Two years ago, in a display of municipal authority and autonomy, the Village of Martin's Additions adopted new building codes that differed from the County; our local codes called for more restrictive heights, wall plane lengths, set-back requirements and the like with the intention of downsizing the mansionization movement.

This past month, the Village Council considered its first request for a Variance from those building codes. It was a reminder of fruits of nearly two years of labor by the Land Use Task Force and the Village Council that required both developmental work and education of our residents about the Ordinance proposals and their eventual adoption in June of 2009.

This Variance Hearing was the Village Council's first opportunity to put these procedures to use since adoption of our ordinances. Thanks to the hard work of the Land Use Task Force and then, subsequently, of Alan Beal, the Village Building Administrator and Jean Sperling, Village Manager, a process and procedure was put into place that the applicants, and the Council, found to be fair and expeditious.

We recently witnessed further testimony to the effectiveness of our new building ordinances with a tear-down and new construction project that was planned without the knowledge of the Village's more restrictive codes. The initial house design, based just on the County requirements, had to be sent back to the proverbial drawing board (the builder's architect) in order to meet Village requirements, which reduced the height, unbroken wall planes, and set-backs from the side lot lines. It is clear that large houses can still be constructed, but I believe we are seeing the desired results of a lot of extensive land use planning work—new houses that better blend with the overall character of the Village.

On another note: Schools are starting again. Please be sure to keep cars/trucks out of *No Parking* areas to give the school buses—and emergency equipment—adequate space and the safe ability to navigate our narrow streets. In those areas of the Village where there are no sidewalks, you should maintain at least 4 feet of clear passage from the curb on what is the Village Right of Way (ROW) so that our children and other pedestrians are not forced to walk in the street. -- *Richard Krajeck*

## SEPTEMBER 2011

### VILLAGE DIRECTORY BEING UPDATED.



Please Call the Office at 301-656-4112 if you are new to the Village since the last Directory was published.

### HEAVY TRASH PICK UP SATURDAY, SEPT 10, 2011

The next bulk trash pick up is scheduled for **Saturday September 10th** (the 2nd Saturday of the month, every other month). The **following pick up will be November 12th**. See page 6 for more info.



### BUNDLES OF LEAF BAGS TO BE DELIVERED SOON



Get ready for fall leaf and garden debris cleanup! The Village will be delivering bundles of 25 bags to households who have not opted out of the program. Residents should **not** rake leaves into the street as some other communities do.

### WATCH THAT WEED WHACKER!

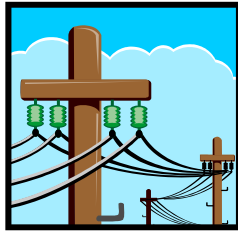
Weed whackers are deadly to the tree watering bags on the new trees. The bags are expensive to replace—\$25 to \$30 of your tax dollars. The Village has had to replace several of them this summer. Please keep weed whackers away and advise your yard care folks to be careful as well.



### VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Village Council meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 7:30 PM** in the Village Office, 7013 B Brookville Rd. The final meeting agenda is posted on the Village website [www.martinsadditions.org](http://www.martinsadditions.org) the Friday before the meeting. A preliminary agenda is published in this newsletter. Contact the Village Office if you wish to have an item considered for placement on the meeting agenda at least two weeks in advance of the meeting.

## **PEPCO STILL HARD AT WORK WITH RELIABILITY IMPROVEMENTS**



No one could have missed the work on Cummings Lane, Brookville Road, Bradley, East-West Highway and other nearby areas that involves the placement of new utility poles, tree trimming, line upgrades, new transformers and the like. A lot of work is still in the pipeline. This is part of Pepco's continued efforts to upgrade the system to give us more reliable service. Pepco is scheduling the work in phases so we don't have a complete picture of all the work that will be done, but here is what we do know:

- ♦ Major improvements are scheduled for all of dead-end Delfield including new triplex wire that will bundle the current wires providing power to each home.
- ♦ Two sections of Delfield Street are scheduled for new lines and new transformers.
- ♦ The goals for line replacement are for all houses in the north end of Martin's Additions to have the new triplex wire installed.
- ♦ Chestnut Street can anticipate some new poles, lines and transformers .
- ♦ Turner Lane is marked for selective new poles, new transformers, and new fuses that will prevent the rippling effect of power outages by closing down the lines.
- ♦ Shepherd Street will receive several new transformers and poles and triplex wire .
- ♦ Raymond, Melville and Bradley appear to be scheduled for extensive pole replacement as well as new transformers and lines.

These changes mean that we will continue to see the PEPCO subcontractor trucks in the neighborhood like ants at a picnic. Traffic will be inconvenienced, particularly on the dead-end streets. Your patience will be required. To the extent that the Village office is able to gather additional scheduling information from PEPCO we will pass it along. Given the magnitude of the job it may be very unlikely that the Village Office can do much more than inform you that the work will begin as you see the trucks roll in. We will try our best to stay ahead of the crews.

If your patience wears thin with the inconveniences this causes please remember that it is unlikely that this will ever happen again in our lifetime.

## **WSSC TO BEGIN WATER LINE REPLACEMENT ON OXFORD STREET**

Martin's Additions is going to get a taste of the very large water line replacement project that is scheduled to begin in just under a year with the initiation of water line work on Oxford Street. The installation of new waterlines beginning at the corner of Oxford and Quincy is *supposed* to begin almost immediately. The bulk of this project is directed at water lines replacements in Chevy Chase Village but our small leg of Oxford is where the project will begin. Above ground water lines are to be placed in the gutters and the street will be excavated and new lines laid down. The Village Office is waiting for WSSC to schedule its pre-construction meeting on this project. And we are waiting some more...and some more. We will keep affected residents informed as best we can through the list serv, email, website and phone as the information becomes available.

## **WSSC RESTORES RAYMOND AND DELFIELD**

Finally, WSSC has repaved the dead-end section of Raymond Street and a section of Delfield Street that were excavated for sewer line work this past winter! The only work remaining is the replacement of the barricade at the end of Raymond. Whew! We have our fingers crossed that it can be completed before winter. The need of WSSC for access to the public right of way that we experienced along Delfield suggests that residents would be wise to determine which plantings, if any, should be moved this fall in anticipation of coming water and sewer work next spring and summer.

## **WSSC CONDUCTS SMOKE TESTS ON SELECT SEWER LINES**

Selective areas of Martin's Additions will have the "good fortune" of being "smoke tested" by WSSC to identify any leaking sanitary sewer lines. If you are in the cohort expected to experience this test you should have received a notice on your door. These tests will be conducted over the next two weeks. You do not need to be home, but WSSC personnel will come onto your property to look for smoke leaks. There is a slight odor to the smoke but it is not harmful. You should see smoke escaping only from your roof vent pipes. If you see it elsewhere or if you have questions call 301-206-8510 Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM or 1-800-828-6439, option 4, ext. 8510.



## COUNCIL MEMBERS SWORN IN; OFFICERS SELECTED

At the July Council meeting, newly re-elected Council Members Mike Zielinski and Chris Mueller were sworn in. New officers were also selected for FY 2012 -- Richard Krajeck was re-appointed Council Chairman, Chris Mueller was re-appointed Council Vice-Chairman. Jill Filipczyk, continues to serve as Council Secretary. Arthur Alexander was reappointed Council Treasurer and Michael Zielinski will continue as Deputy Vice Chairman.

## COMMUNITY NOTES OF INTEREST ...



**WELCOME TO . . .** A very belated welcome to **Josh and Ann Jablon** at **207 Oxford Street**, who became residents of Martin's Additions in early spring 2011.

Children Charlie (11), Lauren (10), James (8) and Jack (5) fill the house.

**WELCOME TO....** **Victoria Huber and Richard M. Hauf and children, Eva (almost 7) and Samuel (almost 3)** who just bought **3511 Raymond Street**. Rich is a Senior Executive at Accenture, and Victoria is an Associate Dean at George Mason University School of Law. Victoria's sister Alison Price and brother-in-law Tim Price and nephews live down the street at 3419 Raymond Street. They have an old, creaky but sweet dog named Mulligan.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO . . .** **Michelle and Patrick Bock** at **3503 Shepherd Street** on the birth of their twin girls, **Lily and Liesl**, who were born April 1, a little earlier than expect but both girls are doing great! Michelle and Patrick moved here from Belgium. Michelle is originally from Ohio and Patrick from Austria.

## ANNUAL NORTH-END BLOCK PARTY SEPTEMBER 18 at 5PM.

The north end of Martin's Additions block party for **Summit, Chestnut, Delfield, Thornapple and Taylor Streets** is scheduled for Sept. 18 from 5pm until dark on Taylor St. Bring a favorite dish to share and a large bottle of soda, juice or water. Paper goods will be supplied. Contact Cathy Klion at 301-654-2788, [cklion@starpower.net](mailto:cklion@starpower.net) to help or if you can lend a table. Rain date is Oct. 2.



## SHEPHERD STREET BLOCK PARTY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 at 5PM

**Neighbors on Adjoining Block of Brookville Invited to Join in the Fun.**

Attention residents of Shepherd Street and neighbors on Brookville Road from 6809 to 7003! You're invited to join in a Block Party on Shepherd Street beginning at 5 PM on Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar now! Offer to volunteer by calling Lukie Otero Mackell at 301-654-2009.

Gather with your neighbors in the street in front of 3500 Shepherd where tables will be set up for salads and desserts to be shared. Grills will be set up for your dogs, burgers, steaks and anything else you want to flambé. Tubs of ice will be ready to accept your beverages to be kept cold and frothy. Details will follow. Let's get a great turn out!

## BCC HIGH SCHOOL AUTHOR EVENT!

Father-Daughter team Marvin Kalb and Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School alumna Deborah Kalb, both of Chevy Chase, will discuss their new book, *Haunting Legacy: Vietnam and the American Presidency from Ford to Obama*. Co-sponsored by the B-CC High School Educational Foundation, B-CC HS Social Studies Department, and Friends of the Library, Bethesda. The book will be available for purchase, with a chance for autographs, and refreshments will be served. Sunday, September 25, 4:00 pm, at the Bethesda Library. Contact Carole Brand at [csbrand@verizon.net](mailto:csbrand@verizon.net) with questions.



### Food Drive Thriving in the Summer Heat

Despite the record heat, the Martin’s Additions food drive did exceptionally well in July. All told for the month, we collected and delivered to Manna Food Center’s warehouse 430 pounds of nonperishable goods – half donated at the Village 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, the rest in the ensuing weeks. As of the 31<sup>st</sup>, our total 2011 contribution stood at 2,860 pounds, on track to meet our 5,000 pound goal for the year.

But typically, as you may surmise, summer isn’t especially kind to food collection efforts. “Because there are no holiday food drives reminding people to donate,” an article in a recent issue of the Gazette reported, “Manna receives about 100,000 pounds less food from private donations” than in the winter, in spite of rising demand. In FY 2011, the paper said, Manna served some 173,000 residents at risk of hunger, compared to 82,700 in FY 2008.

That demand is also evidenced in the Montgomery County school system. Last year, for example, an estimated 44,000 students, or 32 percent of the total, qualified for free or reduced price school meals, up from 22 percent just five years ago. To help meet the need over the summer, Manna has expanded its “Smart Sacks” program, which provides students with backpacks of nutritious, kid-friendly food to tide them over on weekends when there are no school breakfasts or lunches, to 19 schools plus three summer extended learning camps to augment the school system’s feeding efforts.

### RECYCLING CORNER



• There’s an extensive list of items you can recycle in Maryland at: <http://www.mdrecycles.org> and click on “Recycling Directory.”

• During the recent WSSC water restrictions one VMA family did this: they put a pitcher in the sink to capture water they used when rinsing fruits and vegetables. They then used this water in their garden and on their houseplants. The best part: they’ve continued to use this method to conserve water!

• Tell us about green tips you have used and we will publish them in subsequent newsletters!



**MEET & MINGLE AT CHEVY CHASE @ HOME**  
September 6th, Tuesday. No program.

September 14th, Wednesday,  
Noon to 2:00 PM (Note time)

Melanie Choukas-Bradley, an Audubon naturalist and author of the most interesting “City of Trees, The Complete Field Guide to the Trees of Washington, D.C.” Since this lecture begins at noon, we urge you to bring your own brown bag lunch with you. We will provide dessert and a beverage at no charge.

September 20th, Tuesday, 2:00 to 4:00 PM

OMG guess whoz LOL? Alan Fern (age 80) and Jack Arnholz (age 14) are going to teach us a fascinating new language, sometimes referred to as Techno-talk. If you pay very close attention, you may soon find you have sufficient vocabulary to actually converse with your grandchildren and their friends. (That’s just this week. We don’t guarantee that it won’t all change again by next week.) Come and enjoy the fun. We promise there won’t be a test. Both Meet & Mingle programs will be held, as usual, at the Chevy Chase Village Hall, by the Post Office on Connecticut Avenue.



### EXCELLENT SOURCE FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS

**Alert!** *Montgomery* is a free service that allows registered users to receive emergency alerts in the County on their cell phones or other mobile devices during a major crisis, emergency or severe weather events. If you live or work in Montgomery County, you will receive only the most urgent alerts. To learn more go to: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/rsc/bcc/alertbrochure7.pdf>



### FIRE HYDRANTS: KEEP AWAY!

Remember to give fire hydrants a wide berth. Do not park in front of or in close proximity to them. The fire department needs easy access to hydrants in case of a fire. If they are unable to access a hydrant close to a fire it wastes precious time they need to put it out and to prevent the spread to surrounding houses.

## CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY: FAMILY FUN DAY, BOOK CLUBS & DISCUSSIONS

### Children, Teen, and Family Events

Pre-School Story Time: Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. on September 6, 13, and 20. Bilingual story time on Tuesday, September 27 at 10:30 a.m.

Teen Book Discussion Club: Saturday, September 17 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Chevy Chase Library will host a Teen Book Club discussion of The Golden Compass by Philip Pullman. Recommended for teens Grades 7 and up. Register at the information desk. Pizza will be served.

Family Fun Day: Saturday, September 24 – Barefoot Puppets Show 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.; balloon sculpting and face painting 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Chevy Chase Historical Society movie, “Chevy Chase, Maryland: A Streetcar to Home,” 12:45 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Master Gardeners, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### Adult Events

Participants in the book discussion groups are responsible for obtaining copies of the books. Books are chosen so that there are enough copies in the MCPL library system to accommodate everyone. Participants in the Jefferson Café can obtain copies of the article at the reference desk in the Chevy Chase Library.

Adult Non-Fiction Book Group – Wednesday, September 14 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The group will discuss Isaac’s Storm: A Man, a Time, and the Deadliest Hurricane in History by Erik Larson.

Jefferson Café (current affairs discussion group) — Friday, September 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. “Of the 1%, By the 1% and For the 1%,” by Joseph Stiglitz (from the May 2011 issue of Vanity Fair).

Adult Fiction, Memoir and Biography Book Group — Wednesday, September 21 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The group will discuss Run by Ann Patchett.



### CALLING ALL BOYS & GIRLS WHO LOVE TO SING!

JOIN CHILDREN’S CHORUS OF WASHINGTON (CCW) for its 2011-2012 SEASON starting in September. Call (202) 237-1005 to schedule an appointment!

AUDITIONS for the **Children’s Chorus of Washington’s** upcoming season 2011-2012 ARE happening NOW! No preparation or experience needed, **just the love of singing!**

- ALL girls and boys with unchanged voices, ages 9-16 can try out for placement in our Treble, Bel Canto and Concert Choruses
- **ALL boys with changed voices can try out for our NEW Young Men’s Ensemble**

**How?** Just call to schedule an appointment for a simple individual hearing with Artistic Director, Ms. Joan Gregoryk. Tuition scholarships are provided to all students with demonstrated financial needs. **When &**

**Where?** Auditions are held by appointment only on selected dates and take place at Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church in NW Washington, DC. For more information, please visit [www.childschorus.com](http://www.childschorus.com) or call (202) 237-1005.

### ELLEN’S RUN Oct. 16th

**What:** Ellen’s Run 5K Run/3K Walk for Everyone!

**When:** Sunday, October 16, 2011, 9 am

**Where:** Candy Cane Pavilion, Chevy Chase, MD

**How:** [www.EllensRunOnline.org](http://www.EllensRunOnline.org)

**Why:** To benefit B-CC High School Community Scholarship Fund & Mental Health Association

Ellen’s Run is an annual race held in memory of Ellen Vala Schneider, a long-time resident of Section 5 in Chevy Chase and a tireless volunteer in a wide range of community organizations. In her memory, friends and colleagues created the annual Ellen’s Run, to raise money for the B-CC High School Community Scholarship Fund and the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County. Monies are distributed through the Ellen Vala Schneider Fund at the Community Foundation for Montgomery County, a 501(c)(3) organization. Educate, Volunteer, Serve reflects Ellen’s life perfectly. All community members are invited to participate in Ellen’s Run 2011 by walking or running, volunteering, and/or donating to the Fund. Sign up at [www.EllensRunOnline.org](http://www.EllensRunOnline.org) or make a tax-deductible donation by sending a check, payable to Ellen’s Run, c/o Carole Brand, 7011 Fulton Street, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

**NEXT BULK TRASH PICKUP  
Saturday, September 10, 2011**

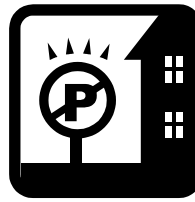
Get your “junk” to the curb by late Friday afternoon or evening for Saturday morning pickup. No liquid latex paint. Appliances must have freon removed. No

hazardous waste, construction debris, or yard waste. Call the Village Office at 301-656-4112 in advance if you have scrap metal or an appliance for pick-up or if you have any questions.



**DON'T GO TO GAITHERSBURG! DO YOUR MVA BUSINESS RIGHT HERE!**

Need Motor Vehicle Express Office services? Pop over to Friendship Heights where the MVA Mobile Office (a bus) is parked once a month on Friendship Boulevard next to the Village Center from 10 AM to 2 PM. The services include driver’s licenses and vehicle registration renewal, MD Photo identifications, disability placards, and tag returns. Next date is Monday September 26th.



**PLEASE THINK BEFORE YOU PARK.**

Residents are kindly reminded to be observant and thoughtful when they park on Village streets. Parking is so often at a premium that we need to work together to get the best results! Please:

- ◆ Make sure not to block neighboring driveways.
- ◆ Make the best use of on-street parking. Did you use two spaces when all you needed was one?
- ◆ Refrain from parking opposite neighbors’ driveways if at all possible.
- ◆ Observe No Parking signage in the Village. It is there to improve YOUR safety and has been installed with an official Traffic Order, so violations can be enforced.
- ◆ Especially observe the 30 ft. No Parking zone that is required at a Stop sign.



**VILLAGE DIRECTORY CHANGE/UPDATE FORM**

Please take a moment to look at your name and address in the Village Directory (Teal Color, dated 2010). We need information to update the Village of Martin’s Additions Directory.

If changes are needed you may:

- ◆ Call the change into the Village Office at 301-656-4112,
- ◆ Email the change to the Village Office, [martinsadditions@verizon.net](mailto:martinsadditions@verizon.net), or
- ◆ Use the change form below which can be mailed or dropped off at the Village Office at 7013B Brookville Road, Chevy Chase, MD 20815 in the Brookville Shopping Center above Brook Taylor.



If you are new to the Village we’d also like your e-mail address so we can keep you informed about important last minute Village matters such as meeting changes, public hearings, snow emergencies and the like. We will use your e-mail address ONLY for Village business. It will not be published in the Directory.

If you have not signed up to be a member of the *list serv* please consider doing so. It’s an easy way to stay connected with your community! Go to [www.groups.google.com/group/martins-additions-chevy-chase](http://www.groups.google.com/group/martins-additions-chevy-chase) and click on “Apply for Group Membership” on the page. You’ll be on your way to being a member!

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph.#: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_



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**VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Monthly Council meetings are held the third Thursday of the month, beginning at 7:30 PM in the Village Office at 7013 B Brookville Road. Any changes in this plan are posted on the website and on the Village Bulletin Board at the Market Area.



**Village of Martin's  
Additions  
Council Meeting  
September 15, 2011**

**Preliminary Meeting Agenda**

- Call to Order 7:30 PM
- Residents Comments, Concerns and Contributions
- Discussion of Request from Chevy Chase at Home
- Discussion of Changes to Article 4.
  - Section 2-401: Expenditures
- Building Administrator's Report
- Action on Minutes
- Financial Report for July and August
- Manager's Report
- Adjournment

**BUILDING PERMIT ACTIVITIES:**

- ◆3503 Bradley Lane  
*New House Construction Permit Granted*
- ◆3401 Thornapple Street  
*Variance Granted for Rear Additions*