

***HERE ARE THE CANDIDATES
For the 2010 Village Council ELECTION...***



**Arthur Alexander
3517 Raymond Street**

While taking frequent walks about the Village as well as on recent strolls among the cherry blossoms of Kenwood and the nearby Capitol Crescent Trail, my wife, Elaine, and I have recognized that such amenities do not occur without a great deal of foresight, planning, implementation, and continuing maintenance. When a neighbor nominated me for the VMA Council, I decided that it was my turn to contribute to the future of our community. After 19 years as a resident, we have been fortunate to enjoy the work of others; now it is time to repay that effort. I believe that my career as an economist focused on policy issues helps to prepare me for this task, although experience also tells me that every issue is different and requires getting down to concrete details.

I grew up in the anthracite coal-mining town of Carbondale, PA. Graduating from the local high school, I headed off to MIT and then the army. After a few years at IBM, I continued my education at the London School of Economics, followed by a doctorate in economics from Johns Hopkins in Baltimore.

My wife and I then moved to California and the Rand Corp. in Santa Monica, where I worked on a variety of subjects, including school district finance, Soviet weapons R&D, and Japanese economics. Our two children were born and raised there. In 1991, we came to Martin's Addition when I became the head of the Japan Economic Institute, a small think tank supported by the Japanese foreign ministry. The Institute closed in 2000 when the Japanese government ran out of money. Since then, I have worked at home, writing two books on Japan, teaching at Georgetown and the Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies, and performing research and consulting for a variety of private and public organizations.



Jill Filipczyk
3510 Taylor Street

I have lived in the Village of Martin's Additions since 1980, when my husband Ben, daughter Katie and I moved into our house on Taylor Street. I have been in or around Chevy Chase my entire life, as a native Washingtonian who grew up in Bethesda. As all Village residents know, the Village of Martin's Additions is a unique community in that it appeals to so many different interests. When my mother joined us to live on Taylor Street, for fifteen of our thirty years here, I became particularly aware of how fortunate we are to have neighbors of all ages. As a three generational family, each of us has had our own appreciation for this community.

Over the years, I have been active in supporting our Council and Village Manager in relation to events and celebrations. These activities play a big role in building a sense of community, but I believe that the Village of Martin's Additions community could be even stronger. I would like to work to develop more initiatives where the residents of VMA can become more actively involved. Recent projects, such as the Manna Food Center, and the Chevy Chase @ Home are good examples of what we can do. I think there is also an opportunity to include many students, who attend a wide range of schools, to work together and establish an appreciation for their neighborhood, as well as service to it. As other towns have done, we could create a "Teens List" for VMA teens and young adults to offer their services. In addition, I believe it would be a good idea to expand on the Welcome Committee, which could be used to not only welcome new neighbors, but also to provide information regarding VMA activities, initiatives and services, enhancing Village wide communications.

My professional job title is Director, Workplace Management Division with the General Services Administration (GSA). In this role I do space planning as well as facilities operations and management, often working through bureaucracy. These are functions that are related to Village Council issues. In my position, I also plan, develop and execute a budget for my organization, with the goal of providing continual quality service with reduced revenues, through cautious spending. The Village of Martin's Additions faces this same financial challenge.

My educational background is a Bachelor's degree in English and a Master's degree in Public Administration.

I would welcome the opportunity to serve the Village of Martin's Additions as a Council member.



Richard Krajeck
3500 Bradley Lane

I have chosen to run for a third term because this is a time of great change and many challenges to our Village and I believe I can help meet those challenges and continue to move us forward. I have been privileged to be a member of the Village Council for four years; the first two years as Treasurer, and these past two years, as Council Chairman. Together with the Village Council, we have made significant changes and progress during my tenure and I would like to complete the work we have begun.

One of the most gratifying initiatives during these past two years has been the opportunity to lead the development and enactment of new building codes. We established a Task Force of incredibly devoted Village residents who provided the important technical skills to propose ordinances that respected the rights of property owners while maintaining the character of the Village. I am especially proud that we invited all residents to be involved in the process and we took great care to ensure that all information was clear, understandable and available on a timely basis—to be sure the business of government was, and is, open and transparent.

Going forward we have additional challenges. The Council has just appointed a Storm Water Task Force to look at this important issue as it impacts the lives of Village residents; we must continue to prudently manage Village resources given the significant reduction in income, reflecting the general economic downturn.

My wife and I moved to Martin's Additions in 1979 to live in and be part of a small community. I retired a few years ago from an international agricultural organization as the chief operating officer. That business experience in finance, planning, project management and personnel has proven to be a valuable asset to me during my Council tenure. My goal is to continue to use these skills to provide the highest possible level of service to our residents and to be sure that every resident has an opportunity to be heard and involved in all the decisions of the Council.

I have enjoyed working with the residents of Martin's Additions and I thank all who already have expressed their support for me as a candidate and would be grateful for your support.