

VILLAGE OF MARTIN'S ADDITIONS



COUNCIL ELECTION 2011

Terms Begin July 1, 2011 and Expire June 30, 2013

- **NOMINATION PERIOD OPENS**

Monday, February 28, 2011

- **VILLAGE SATURDAY ROUNDTABLE**

“Participating In Your Village” Q & A Session
Saturday Morning, March 12, 10:30 – Noon

- **NOMINATION PERIOD CLOSES**

Friday, April 8, 2011 at 5 PM

- **CANDIDATES’ INTRODUCTION**

Thursday, April 21, Village Council Meeting 7:30 PM

- **CANDIDATES’ FORUM**

Saturday Morning, April 30, 10:30 – Noon

- **COUNCIL ELECTION & ANNUAL MEETING**

Thursday, May 12; Voting from 6:00-8:00 PM; Meeting 8:00-9:00 PM



VILLAGE OF MARTIN'S ADDITIONS
7013 B Brookville Road, Chevy Chase, MD 20815
VILLAGE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

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ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS OF MARTIN'S ADDITIONS!

The election for Village of Martin's Additions Council Members will be held on **Thursday, May 12, 2011** at the Annual Meeting in accordance with Village Charter Requirements.

Beginning Monday, February 28, the Village Elections and Ethics Committee will accept nominations for candidates for the Village Council **to fill two seats for a term of two years each, commencing July 1, 2011.**

Remember reading in high school history courses about the New England Town Meeting? Such meetings are an example of democracy in action – where every towns person has the opportunity to be heard. This type of participative democracy is not just in the history books; the town meeting model thrives in Martin's Additions. In our Village of 325 homes we all can participate in its governance and in determining the quality of living in our community – by attending monthly Village Council meetings, participating on special committees, assisting with special events, and running for a seat on the Council.

Our own residents – lawyers, teachers, homemakers, real estate agents, and government and business leaders – volunteer to be elected to the Council. They are not professional politicians – but people who give VOLUNTARILY (that's right – no pay!) of their time to create and shape the policies that affect the everyday lives of the residents of Martin's Additions.

What are the Roles and Responsibilities of an Elected Official? Council members are elected to serve the public good and represent the interests of all citizens in the Village. Council members agree on common objectives, identify community needs and determine priorities. Village government supports its residents by providing the services we all know, such as trash collection, street and sidewalk maintenance, care of trees, building and zoning regulations, street lighting, snow removal, street cleaning, and more. While the day-to-day execution of these responsibilities is carried out by the Village Staff, the Council determines the level of service that is desirable and sets spending levels.

What is it like to be a Council Member? It is a rewarding, even exciting experience, and opportunities exist to influence higher level policy decisions about service delivery and governance. Council members have the opportunity to work with commissions and utilities such as PEPCO, Washington Gas and WSSC to improve their performance for our common benefit. They participate and lead Village Committees to address residents' concerns. There are valuable contacts with other municipalities and elected officials made through the Maryland Municipal League and other channels.

Time for Action!! Once again, it is time to elect new Council members. Do you want our Village to continue as a self-governing, democratic community? If so, do run for the Council this year (remember, there are two open positions!), or join a committee and play a part in keeping effective local government alive in Martin's Additions.



◆ VILLAGE ELECTION PROCESS DETAILS ◆

- ◆ **Qualified Voters and Nominees.** In accordance with the Charter for the Village of Martin's Additions, **any resident who is 18 years of age or older on Election Day, May 12, 2011, residing in or owning property in Martin's Additions** is entitled to nominate candidates for election and to vote for Village Council members. Any such resident also is eligible to be nominated to run for election. Voters in Martin's Additions need not be registered in Montgomery County or in the State of Maryland to be eligible to vote in Village elections.
- ◆ **Nomination Form.** The last page of this document is a Village Council Election Nomination Form. Please deliver or mail the completed form to the Election and Ethics Committee, c/o Village of Martin's Additions, 7013 B Brookville Road, Chevy Chase, MD 20815, or email to martinsadditions@verizon.net **no later than close of business, Friday, April 8, 2011.** Nominations must be made in writing.
- ◆ **Nominee Willingness to Serve.** As nominations are received, the Elections Committee will ascertain the willingness of nominees to serve. If a nominee is unwilling to accept the nomination, the name will be removed from the list of candidates.
- ◆ **Village Saturday Roundtable I : Participating in Your Community, Saturday, March 12, 10:30 to Noon** Please join current and former Village council members and staff for coffee and pastries in the Village office for an informal give-and-take conversation on Village operations and how you can make a difference. This event is designed for every resident who cares about the Village to learn more about becoming involved. In particular, if you are considering running for Council, this is a great opportunity to learn more about Council activities.
- ◆ **Candidates' Statements Required.** Candidates are requested to provide the Elections & Ethics Committee with a short biographic sketch and position statement by **Thursday, April 14, 2011**, for distribution to the voters with the list of candidates.
- ◆ **Candidates' Introduction Thursday, April 21 Council meeting.** The candidates will be introduced at the monthly Council Meeting and given a brief opportunity to make a few remarks.
- ◆ **Village Saturday Roundtable II: Candidates' Forum, April 30, 2011, 10:30 to Noon.** The second Village Saturday Roundtable will be the Candidates' Forum. This Forum replaces the Candidates' Forum traditionally held prior to an evening Council meeting. Candidates for the Council will be there to meet Village residents and present their position statements. There will be a brief moderated discussion with the opportunity to ask questions of the candidates. Coffee and refreshments will be provided.
- ◆ **Poll Location and Absentee Ballots.** All eligible residents are encouraged to vote by casting their ballot in the polling area which will be set up at the Brookville Village Center. Write-in candidates are permitted. Any resident expecting to be absent on Election Day may apply for an absentee ballot. All voting is by secret ballot and strict controls are put in place by elections officials to ensure all voters have the opportunity to cast ballots in privacy.
- ◆ **The Election will be held from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday, May 12, 2011,** Once again, we plan to hold a "Village Sidewalk Celebration" during the election, weather permitting. The Annual Meeting immediately follows in the Village Office at 7013 B Brookville Road.



**NOMINATIONS FORM for
Village Council Members Election 2011
Village of Martin's Additions**

Deadline for Submission: Friday, APRIL 8, 2011

I hereby nominate the following persons to be candidates for the Council of the Village of Martin's Additions at the election to be held Thursday, May 12, 2011.

1. NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ TEL. NO. _____

2. NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ TEL. NO. _____

3. NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ TEL. NO. _____

4. NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ TEL. NO. _____

Two Year Terms to begin July 1, 2011 and Expire June 30, 2013

SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR _____

PRINTED NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TEL. NO. _____ DATE _____

**PLEASE DELIVER OR MAIL THIS FORM TO:
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