
Martin's Edition

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



NOTES FROM THE CHAIRMAN

This summer has certainly started off as a busy one for Martin's Additions—it seems like it should be September already! Any hopes of summer quiet have been disrupted by WSSC repairing and replacing water and sewer lines, tree work and utility pole replacement by Pepco, stump grinding and removal by the Village. Another huge project was the repaving of Brookville Road. The paving contractor, F.O. Day, and the State Highway folks did an excellent job in less than ideal circumstances. Some days the temperature topped 100 degrees but they kept on working in good humor. We are fortunate to have a Village Manager who has built strong partnerships with the utility companies and state and county service providers; we receive excellent service as a result.

WSSC has done extensive work on Delfield, Summit, Bradley and Raymond Streets fixing our water and sewer lines—sometimes more than once in the same location! Pepco's contractor, Asplundh has been trimming branches and removing trees that interfere with the power lines, part of their new "Blue Sky" and "Right Tree, Right Place" programs. They are also upgrading our overtaxed utility poles and replacing transformers. I've heard from residents at the northern end of Martin's Additions that they haven't lost power this summer—even in severe lightning storms. Clearly, Pepco's work is paying off. With an assessment and consideration of the tree removal and pruning necessitated by Pepco's Reliability Enhancement Program, we will be evaluating sites for new trees in the future, being careful not to plant canopy-size trees under the power lines. Some trees have already been planted (in early spring) but most will be planted in the fall of 2011 and subsequent falls. Summer is not a good time to plant trees because they become too stressed in heat—just like people!

Although not a surprise, the work in the streets at the hands of the many utility companies reminds the Council of the problems that arise when residents plant,

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JULY 2011

BE READY FOR SUMMER STORMS

Keep Pepco's number handy for reporting an outage:
1-877-737-2662.

WATCH YOUR PARKING PLEASE


Please remember when parking on the street to be considerate of your neighbors and use only one space instead of two. Whenever possible, place your car in your driveway.

PLEASE DON'T MOW DOWN OUR TREE WATERING BAGS

Recently planted trees have been wrapped in watering bags. Please be careful when you mow the grassy area around the bags. The lawn mowers tend to win out over the watering bags, resulting in the need for bag replacement—not cheap!



IT'S NOT TOO SOON TO THINK ABOUT LEAF BAGS !

 If you **did not** get the VMA leaf bags delivered to your home last fall **you will not get them this year** unless you call the office. If you don't want them but have received them in the past, please call the office to cancel the order. See page 6 for a list of residents that will NOT get bags. The Village distributes 25 bags per residents to be used for leaf collection, since the Village does not vacuum leaves.

TEEN / YOUNG ADULT SERVICE LIST

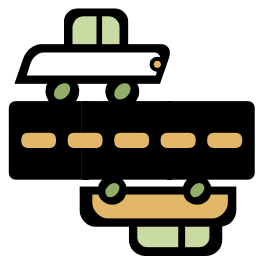
The Village is updating our list of teens and young adult who would like to offer their services to the community. Please see page 9. Snow shoveling, baby and pet sitting and the like can be advertised.

VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Village Council meeting will be held on **Thursday, July 21st, 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 the Friday before the meeting. It is also posted on the bulletin board at the Market Area under Public Notice. A preliminary agenda is published in this newsletter. Please contact the Village Office at 301-656-4112 if you wish to have an item considered for placement on the meeting agenda at least two weeks in advance of the meeting.

place fences and rocks or other objects of obstruction in the Village Right-of-Way (ROW). The utilities have difficulty locating and gaining access to their lines; repair and replacement problems arise also. Additionally, on streets where there are no sidewalks (Chestnut, Delfield and Summit come to mind) people are forced to walk in the street because the ROW is filled with shrubs and flowers planted right up to the curb's edge. This is creating a safety hazard, especially for children and those who have difficulty walking. In fact, in some of the areas, the ROW is so thickly planted that cars parked at the curb cannot discharge passengers safely. Residents are urged to remove such hazards from the public area in front of their homes (in some cases that area is as much as 17 feet from the curb!) and reminded that Section 7-209 of the Village code describes and regulates plantings in the right of way.

Lastly, I want to give a special thanks to Holly Worthington and Keith Allen of Turner Lane for throwing a terrific 4th of July Celebration for the community of Martin's Additions. It was a wonderful day, made complete by the thunderstorms that held off until the end of the celebration. We're sure that is a result of our weatherman Keith Allen's direct line to a higher authority. This is what makes Martin's Additions a great place to live! *Richard Krajeck*



TRAFFIC STUDY SUMMARY

The Traffic Study of Cummings and Shepherd Streets completed this Spring produced interesting results that present a challenge to the Village regarding any future action to reduce traffic problems. The summary comments are presented below for those are looking for a truly abbreviated version. This abbreviated report is followed by a more detailed report. An even more detail is available by calling the Village Office for a complete copy of the traffic engineer's report.

- Traffic volume is up on Shepherd and Cummings, primarily because of development in the surrounding areas.
- Speed is not excessive, on average, but more traffic also means proportionately more vehicles at higher speed.
- Street modifications may reduce traffic a small amount by making travel more inconvenient; for example, using chicanes (lateral shifting of the travel lane) that narrow the passage to one lane.

- Entry and turn restrictions may be the most effective tools.
- All traffic control measures would introduce costs to the village and inconvenience residents as well as others traversing the area. For example, curb bump-outs would eliminate parking spaces and slow emergency vehicles. Entry restrictions would affect residents' access to their own homes.
- It is likely that any proposed remedy would not gain universal acceptance by affected residents.
- The Village Council will continue to consider the issues and welcome community feedback. Stay tuned.

CUMMINGS LANE AND SHEPHERD STREET TRAFFIC UNDER STUDY

Residents' concerns about traffic on Cummings Lane prompted the Village Council to contract with traffic engineer, Joseph Cutro, P.E. to conduct a traffic count and analysis of both Cummings Lane and Shepherd Street. The traffic on both streets was considered to be inexorably linked. Data was collected for six full days at two locations on each street (four sites total) for a six-day period in April. The results of the study are summarized here.



Cummings Lane

Average Daily Weekday Traffic (ADWT) on Cummings Lane was recorded at 850 vehicles per day, making it Martin's Additions' most-heavily traveled street at this time. Available historical data, although quite sparse, indicates that the average daily traffic has risen by about 300 since the early 1990's. The limited historical data available would seem to suggest that speed humps have been effective in reducing speeds on the street. Median speeds appear to have dropped by about 3 mph at the average.

The speed measure results reflect the median speed recorded on Cummings—53% of cars exceeded the posted 20 mph limit. The 85th percentile speed—a more important indicator for traffic engineers and enforcement officers—was exceeded by 15% of the vehicle sample, at 24.2 mph, and is considered to be the best single-number representation of the prevailing speed of traffic. Ideally, speed limits are set at the 5 mph increment below the computed 85th percentile speed—that would set the speed limit on Cummings Lane just about where it has been set—20 mph. The

95th percentile speed was 26.6 mph. The maximum recorded speed of 36.1 mph helps define the extreme upper range of the speed distribution.

Shepherd Street

Average Daily Weekday Traffic (ADWT) on Shepherd Street was counted at 750 vehicles per day, probably making it Martin's Additions' second most-heavily traveled street. Available historical data shows an ADWT in the early 1990's of about 650, indicating that Shepherd had once been the Village's highest-volume street, which was probably so for many years. Like Cummings, much of the vehicle increase in traffic volume over the intervening years can be attributed to cut-through traffic.

The weekday morning peak hour shows a clear directional bias with a 62% westbound split – not quite as pronounced as that on Cummings, but significant nevertheless. Historical speed data for Shepherd Street is rather inconsistent, making comparison with today's conditions difficult. Nevertheless, it would appear that speeds have declined somewhat since the early 1990's, with the median speed dropping by about 2.5 mph.

The speed measure results reflect the median speed recorded on Shepherd—50% of cars traveled at 18.6 mph and 36% exceeded the 20 mph limit. The 85th percentile speed was exceeded by 15% of the vehicle sample, at 22.6 mph, and is considered to be the best single-number representation of the prevailing speed of traffic. The 95th percentile speed was 24.8 mph and the maximum recorded speed of 31.2 mph.



Conclusions and Considerations

Daily traffic volumes on both Cummings Lane and Shepherd Street, while not unusually high in an absolute sense, are among the highest seen on secondary residential streets in the area. Interesting comparison data are provided in table at the end of this article.

Cummings Lane has now become the Village's busiest (local) street. What's more significant is the near 50% growth in traffic flow over the last 20 years, an increase that can deservedly be regarded as problematic. Traffic on Shepherd Street has also increased, but at a slower pace (about 15%), over the same period. These increases in traffic flow have probably occurred gradually or at least in a series of steps.

Cause of Changes. A likely underlying cause is continued development in the southern end of the Bethesda business district. Cummings and Shepherd have become part of an east-west conduit serving that area, in combination with changes in the primary road feeders of Chestnut Street in the District of Columbia, Western Avenue, and Bradley Lane and Raymond Street west of Brookville Road. The key intersections in this path are Connecticut/Bradley and Connecticut/Raymond/Rosemary, where the only traffic signals between the District line and East-West Highway provide safe and relatively convenient crossings of Connecticut Avenue. It is also possible that alterations in the street system (e.g., a new turn restriction in the District) have influenced traffic flow on Cummings Lane and Shepherd Street.

Speed Not A Problem. Speeds on both streets appear to be very much under control, and the data suggests that there is no need for further speed mitigation measures. The speed humps installed on both streets seem to have maintained their intended effect over the years. As described below, however, further countermeasures intended primarily as speed controls could serve as mild deterrents to increasing traffic volume.

Possible Volume Remedies/Considerations. No countermeasures to volume growth on Cummings and Shepherd can be recommended unequivocally, although a number of possible remedies are available.

Turn Restrictions: The most cost-effective strategy would be turn and entry restriction signs, effective either full-time or during peak period(s) only. Such restrictions come with a number of caveats. Any turn/entry restriction strategy of this kind is a double-edged sword, making access to and from local properties more difficult and inconvenient - exceptions for "local residents only" are not legal on public streets. To initiate such a strategy, a broad consensus of local residents would be needed, including input from residents living outside of Martin's Additions as far east as Western Avenue. Restrictions should not be established on/for Cummings or Shepherd alone - complementary signing is needed to prevent a shift in the traffic flow problem from one street to the other.

Role of Other Jurisdictions. Another consideration is the role of other jurisdictions. On its own, Martin's Additions would be able to affect traffic flow only with restriction signs placed at Brookville Road intersections (for which *pro forma* SHA approval would

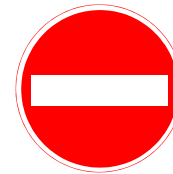
be required). Any effort to control traffic flow at or beyond the Village’s eastern limits would have to be initiated and fully supported by Montgomery County government, and that is not likely. Daily and peak hour traffic volumes on both Cummings Lane and Shepherd Street fail to meet the required thresholds (1000 ADWT, 100 hourly) of Montgomery County’s residential traffic calming program. Fortunately, the County does not have jurisdiction over locations/intersections along Brookville Road within municipal boundaries.

Further Speed Control Measures: Other means of deterring traffic volume have been offered by Cutro and can be considered by the Council: **Chokers/Chicanes**. This could be something as simple as adding another speed hump on each block, or more creating travel path “chicanes” with a series of curb bumpouts or chokers. None of these measures can be specifically recommended because their influence on volume is likely to be slight at best. However, speed control would be further reinforced, and the consensus area required for these alternatives could be pretty much contained within the boundaries of

Martin’s Additions. The existing narrow street would result in extensive loss of on-street parking and serious challenges for surface drainage. Choker/chicane treatment also happens to be an expensive proposition, with cost for the entire length of either Cummings Lane or Shepherd Street estimated at about \$80,000.

New speed bumps. In contrast, new speed humps cost about \$3,000 each, although if new ones were added, the existing pair on each street would likely have to be moved for optimal speed control. Total cost for each street, including demolition of the old humps and relocation of all signs, would be about \$12,000.

Future Considerations: The Village traffic engineer has provided further information on the traffic chicane construction that the Council might considered. Additional information on these potential actions will be reported in future issues of this newsletter.



Martin’s Additions - Comparative Traffic Volumes		
(Average Daily Weekday Traffic)		
Connecticut Avenue, south of E-W Highway	48,000	est.
East-West Highway, east of Connecticut Ave.	30,000	est.
Bradley Lane, west of Connecticut Ave.	12,000	est.
Brookville Road, vicinity Cummings/Shepherd	10,000	est.
Bradley Lane, Connecticut to Brookville (Section 3)	1,500	est.
Leland Street, Connecticut to Brookville (Section 5)	1,200	(2007)
Cummings Lane, east of Brookville Road (VOMA)	850	(2011)
Shepherd Street, east of Brookville Road (VOMA)	750	(2011)
Thornapple Street, east of Brookville (Section 5/VOMA)	750	(2007)
Thornapple Street, Connecticut to Brookville (Section 5)	450	(2007)
Woodbine Street, Connecticut to Brookville (Section 5)	450	(2007)
Underwood Street, Connecticut to Brookville (Section 5)	400	(2007)
Quincy Street, east of Brookville Road (VOMA)	300	(2007)
Raymond Street, east of Brookville Road (VOMA)	300	(2007)
Chestnut Street, Thornapple to Taylor (VOMA)	300	(2007)
Summit Avenue, Thornapple to Taylor (VOMA)	300	(2007)
Williams Street, Connecticut to Brookville (Section 5)	250	(2007)
Bradley Lane, east of Connecticut Avenue (VOMA)	200	(2007)
Delfield Street, Thornapple to Taylor (VOMA)	200	(2007)

KICKING OFF A NEW FISCAL YEAR

The end of June is a very busy time for all municipalities on the July-to-June fiscal year schedule, and the Village of Martin's Additions is no exception. We begin to wrap up the past fiscal year, collecting the last of the bills, balancing the last of budget items and beginning to prepare for our required annual audit. The new fiscal year will continue the same services of Waste Management with no increase in contract costs. Household waste collection will continue on Mondays and Thursday. Yard waste pick up will continue once a week on Mondays for 9 months of the year—specific dates of service stoppage will be announced as we get closer to the end of the fall and the leaf collection needs can be better assessed; recycling pick up will continue on Tuesdays and bulk trash pick up will continue on the every other month schedule we have been operating on.



The Village has decided to change its insurance coverage, beginning July 1, 2011, moving from the Montgomery County Self-Insurance Program to the Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT), a trust that many other municipalities, especially small ones such as Martin's Additions, have chosen as providers of insurance coverage. LGIT offers many educational opportunities for Council members and employees with their semi-annual conferences as well as excellent materials related to risk assessments and safety. The Village also anticipates a reduction in the cost of the annual premium.

The Village will move forward with a great sense of safety in a major storm emergency since the Village Council agreed to a Memorandum of Understanding that will allow the Village to be included in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved Storm Debris Management as a part of the County's Emergency Operations Plan. This debris plan includes provisions for the clearing, collection, removal and processing of debris resulting from a significant hazard or disaster occurring in the County. May we never find ourselves in need of such services, but if we do, there are plans in place for our recovery.

Construction projects and general infrastructure improvements anticipated in the new fiscal year include the demolition and new construction at 3503 Bradley Lane, continued sewer system upgrades on Raymond street and mapping of improvements for most of the water mains in the Village, slated to begin at the very end of FY 2012 and continue for almost a year and a half.

VILLAGE TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM CHEVY CHASE @ HOME



The Village Council has received an invitation from Chevy Chase@Home to become a founding Municipal Member of Chevy Chase at Home by providing financial support for this non-profit organization still in its start up phase. Chevy Chase At Home has been created to meet the expressed needs of older adults in the Village of Chevy Chase as well as those in Martin's Additions, the Town of Chevy Chase, Chevy Chase Section 3 and Chevy Chase Section 5. Those residents "over 65" years of age make up between 13-14 percent of our communities. It is the hope of this organization that the multigenerational aspects that define our neighborhood will be retained.

Each participating municipality in Chevy Chase is being asked to donate on the basis of the number of households in their village. They are requesting the support of the Village of Martin's Additions in the amount of \$3,250, which represents \$10.00 per each of the 325 Village households. This item is on the Council's Agenda for the month of July and interested residents are encouraged to attend the meeting and listen to the discussion related to this request.

ADIOS TO RATS ON RAYMOND



We are pleased to report that with numerous helping hands—many different WSSC crews, the County Health Inspector, diligent residents, smoke bombs, poison, and new lateral sewer lines, the rats on Raymond have been dismissed.

We have received reports of similar sightings of sink-like holes, particularly around water meters elsewhere in the Village and in Section 5. Keep your eyes out for such holes—they can be a tripping hazard and portend of bigger problems. If you find a front door and a back door (in other words, two entrances/exits) it is likely that rats are making a home in that area.

Remember—no dog food outside, clean up wood piles, overgrown ivy patches, and avoid planting fruit trees, if you have a mulberry tree be very cautious — it's a favorite food. Clean up excess bird seed on the ground and dog excrement—even that's a popular food for rats. While it is impossible to completely eliminate rats we can certainly do our best not to provide a haven for them!



PROGRESS ON PEPCO RELIABILITY IMPROVEMENT CONTINUES IN THE VILLAGE

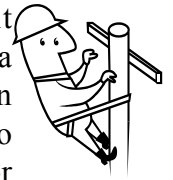
The Village Office continues to get updates from PEPCO about the progress they are making on their Reliability Improvement Project that includes the delivery of power to all of the Village of Martin's Additions. During the third quarter of 2010, Pepco implemented several reliability enhancement strategies. Their progress can be tracked on Pepco's Web site <http://www.pepco.com/energy/reliability/default.aspx>.

So what is being done here in VMA?

Tree Pruning and Removal: Asplundh Tree Service, the subcontractors for PEPCO who deal with tree removal and tree pruning, have just about completed the planned work in Martin's Additions. When they finally roll out of town, all trees will have been pruned and space will have been cleared for power lines, at least for now. Trees that threatened the lines, either directly because they loomed over the lines, or indirectly because they threatened from afar (frequently as close as across the street!) have been cared for. Many trees on private property that posed a hazard to the lines because of their inherent poor condition or as a result of a professional evaluation of the condition and long term viability of the tree, have been removed at the expense of PEPCO. Many residents have benefited from the largess of PEPCO and Asplundh and realized the benefit of this public source of funding for tree removal on private property.

Dramatic work began in the northern end of the Village with several large trees removed and extensive pruning; less dramatic pruning work followed on Quincy Street, where fortunately no trees needed to be removed. The work in the mid-section of Martin's Additions from Bradley Lane to Taylor Street is just being wrapped up now. Careful work was done on these trees with the cooperation of Asplundh's tree experts, the Village's Arborist Paul Wolfe, the Village's tree supervisor Dan Gardner, the Village Manager and State Forester.

Pole Replacements: Equipment replacement has already begun in the area surrounding Martin's Additions—all poles on Bradley Lane from Connecticut Ave into Brookville Road have been replaced for example. Cummings Lane has now received all new poles and we are waiting for removal of the old ones and transfer of lines from old to new.



Other Equipment Upgrades: Other equipment improvements are planned for transformers, replacement of lines with the heavy duty triplex wires with a goal of assuring that all homes have triples lines, assurances that fuses are installed at lateral line connections to contain the impact of outages to smaller areas. The Village Office intends to continue working closely with PEPCO's engineering department to report to you the planned improvements and to identify equipment that our untrained but sensitive eyes have a concern about.

Individual Meter Replacement: In addition to Pepco's reliability work, they have begun the installation of

LEAF BAGS TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN EARLY FALL

The Village will be distributing a bundle of 25 leaf and yard debris bags to each household in the Village for garden debris and leaf clean up. The bags serve as the preferred "leaf collection method" in Martin's Additions since we do not rake leaves into the street for vacuum removal. In an effort to conserve money we will begin distributing the bags that are in storage starting in July. Residents who ***DID NOT WANT a bundle last year WILL NOT receive a bundle this year.*** A list of those residences is provided here. To make a change in that arrangement--to either be added to or removed from the list--please email the Village Office at martinsadditions@verizon.net or call 301-656-4112.

Last Fall's NO LEAF BAG List

Bradley La: 3411, 3505, 3509, 3519, 3520

Brookville Rd: 6609, 7003

Chestnut St: 7204, 7207, 7216, 7223

Cummings La: 3409, 3502, 3504, 3508, 3512

Delfield St: 7207, 7209, 7211, 7218, 7220, 7221, 7222, 7316

Melville Pl: 6700

Quincy St: 107, 112, 121, 161

Raymond St: 3406, 3408, 3507, 3512, 3513, 3516, 3517, 3523, 3525

Shepherd St: 3511

Summit Ave: 7300, 7305, 7307, 7308, 7311, 7313, 7404

Taylor St: 3408, 3409, 3410, 3411

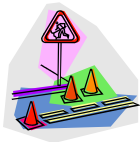
Thornapple St: 3219, 3414

Turner La: 3407, 3411, 3413, 3516, 3517

advanced meters and other smart technologies throughout our service territory. Thus far, over 100,000 smart meters have been installed in the Pepco-wide area. To date, most of the meters have been installed in the District of Columbia, because Pepco only recently received approval from the Maryland Public Service Commission for the deployment of meters in Maryland. However, Maryland meter installations began in June 2011 and Pepco plans to complete the meter exchange portion of this project by December 2012.



ALL WE NEED NOW ARE THE LINES



Brookville Road repaving was a huge task for the State Highway Administration and its subcontractor, F.O. Day. They certainly picked undoubtedly one of the hottest weeks of the year to do that job! While some residents wondered why work did not cease in such temperatures it is important to know that the asphalt plant keeps on producing once it has been ordered and the asphalt has to go somewhere. Even more importantly, the repaving of Brookville Road was a part of the stimulus money provided by the Federal Government to the state of Maryland; the condition of use of the money required that the project be finished by June 30, come hellish weather or high water.

Many residents may be wondering if the squiggly lines will become a permanent attraction of Brookville Road—we have been assured by State Highway that they will not. We expect that one morning soon we'll all wake up to new lines on Brookville and only those who live close enough to hear the noise at night will know in advance that the old lines have been removed and new lines painted.

COMMUNITY NOTES OF INTEREST ...



◆ VILLAGE WELCOMES SUMMER WITH A CELEBRATION OF JULY 4TH!

A roaring hot Sunday would not stop Village residents from having a roaring good time at a summer celebration party in the Village of Martin's Additions on July 3rd, in recognition of July 4th Celebrations! The usual spot for such fun is the cul-de-sac of Turner Lane which opens into the fields of Chevy Chase Park—known locally as Shepherd Street Park. The key attraction—the most outrageous waterslide you have ever seen, consumed

the landscape and consumed the time of many hot local kids and teens. We won't tell on the adults that also "took a spin" on the waterslide. A moon bounce added more fun. If that wasn't enough there were games such as bean bag toss, limbo, high jump, distance toss and much more. Lots of fun prizes were handed out to the champions of these challenges. Kudos to **Holly Worthington** and **Keith Allen** of Turner Lane for sponsoring the picnic and working hard to make it a great success. **Holly** never stopped for a moment's rest, running from game to food table to waterslide to the water balloons, she was overseeing it all.

Now let's talk about the food! Attendees were treated to hamburgers and 'dogs hot from the grill, salads of all sorts, veggies, desserts, cold drink, bottled water and adult beverages, all complements of Holly, Keith and supporting residents and neighbors. The success on the grill is completely the result of **Steve Markham's** (Turner Lane) skill with a spatula and his dedication to excellence in cooking. His wife **Colleen** was a most-able assistant, passing the food and assuring that the supplies and the grill were kept stoked. Keith Allen's Gang of Helpers was absolutely indispensable throughout the day. From set-up through execution—including supervision of the younger set on the water slides—to clean up, Keith's Crew—**Riley Markham, David Bjorkland, and Patrick O'Donnell**—came through! (But of course). So many people pitched in to help—thank you to all. This is what makes a great community event—lots of hands.

During this event, Martin's Additions residents had an opportunity to give back to other needy communities with their donations to the Manna Food Program through VMA volunteers **Dick & Linda Kirschten** (Turner Lane). Their able assistant, and former Village Manager **John Kay** (Delfield Street), manned a table throughout the event, collecting donations of canned and dried goods as well as monetary contributions, for the food program which helps feed the needy residents of Montgomery County. Be sure to see the article in this newsletter with more information about how YOU can help this wonderful effort on a continuing basis. We are lucky to have such generous and community-minded residents in Martin's Additions!





OUT AND ABOUT IN THE VILLAGE

Congratulations to Tracy & CJ Kline of Bradley Lane on the birth of baby **Ryan** on May 2nd—he measured 20" and weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz!

Welcome to new residents **Julie & Scott Kirsch** at 7315 Delfield Street and their two children, daughter Spencer and son Ellis. They moved here from Sandy Spring and already love the neighborhood feel of Martin's Additions.

CHEVY CHASE AT HOME MEET AND MINGLE FOR JULY & AUGUST

Tuesday, July 19: "Place Names of Chevy Chase" Presentation and Book Signing with authors Joan Marsh and Frances Stickles of the Chevy Chase Historical Society.



CHEVY CHASE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Refreshments will follow the program.

Tuesday, August 16: Old-Time Movies with Jerry Bernstein, PhD. Enjoy a discussion about the real Charlie Chan and see one of Jerry's favorites of this series. Jerry is a retired neuroscientist who loves to collect old radio shows and movies. Refreshments will follow the film.

Meet and Mingle programs meet from 2 pm to 4 pm at the Chevy Chase Village Hall. Contact Betty O'Connor at betty.oconnor@chevychaseathome.org for more information.



BULK TRASH PICKUP CONTINUES EVERY OTHER MONTH

As explained in the FY 2012 budget description **bulk trash pick-ups** will continue on the every-other-month schedule that was established in last year's budget. The day of collection will stay the same--the second Saturday of the month. The schedule will be:

July 9, 2011	January 14, 2012
September 10, 2011	March 10, 2012
November 12, 2011	May 12, 2012



MANNA FOOD DRIVE: FROM GOOD TO BAD AND BACK AGAIN

The good news, according to a June 20 Washington Post, article, is that there was a slight (4 percent) up-tick in charitable giving last year, after two years of steep decline. The bad news for our Montgomery County neighbors in need of food assistance is that giving to human services agencies remained stagnant, except for aid to Haiti in the aftermath of the island's devastating earthquake.

"When the economic bad times first hit," Kim Damian, executive director of Manna Food Center, told the Post, "the Montgomery County community stepped up its response with individual donations and food drives." But now, the group's funding has been cut and corporate donations are down by nearly \$47,000. "Meanwhile," Damian said, "the same number of needy people—up to 200 or more a day—keep coming through the door."

"We're still at a record high and that's what folks don't understand," she said. "The community has been responsive when they feel [there's] a crisis... but they are starting to think this is the 'new normal,' and to retreat to old giving patterns. For us, that can be problematic. The lines have not become shorter at the food bank."

But there is another bit of good news, and that is that residents of Martin's Additions continue to be very generous in their donations to our Village's food drive on behalf of Manna. We have delivered 2,430 pound of food items already in 2011.


That generosity was on display again at the annual 4th of July party at the cul-de-sac on Turner Lane. We filled two large cartons of canned and boxed items and also collected a good bit of cash, with which we'll purchase even more food. With the dog days of August ahead, it's important that our efforts not lag. Please pick up a few extra items whenever you go shopping for groceries and drop them in the box at the foot of the stairs to the Village Office or on the porch of Dick and Linda Kirschten at 3406 Turner Lane (or call the Kirschtens at 301-986-5839 and they'll pick up at your door). On behalf of our neighbors in need, many thanks to all of you who give!


TIME TO UPDATE OUR VMA COMMUNITY HELPERS LIST



Many surrounding towns and villages compile a list of resident teens and young adults who are available to offer a variety of services to residents of their towns, and the Village of Martin's Additions joined the the crowd just a year ago. Now it's time to update it!!

These lists have been very successful here as well as in neighboring towns and many residents have come to rely on the list—it acts as a public service announcement for teens seeking jobs and Village residents seeking individuals to provide a variety of services.

 Categories of services offered include general chores, lawn and garden care, snow shoveling, pet care/walking and babysitting, and offer good opportunities for teens to earn money. Snow shoveling services are always in great demand. This is a free opportunity to advertise your services and to earn some money! Prices for these services are negotiated between the helper and the resident.

We will publish our Community Helpers List in the newsletter periodically and it will be available through the Village office. If you would like for your name to appear on the Community Helpers List in the *Martin's Edition*, please fill out this authorization form and fax (301-656-0030) or mail it to the Village office, 7013 B Brookville Road, Chevy Chase, MD 20815. 

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (Cell) _____

 PLEASE CIRCLE THE SERVICES YOU WANT TO OFFER:

Snow Shoveling, Baby-Sitting, Pet Care, Yard Work , Tutoring, General Chores,

Computer/Technology Assistance. Other _____

Signature

Date

Parents Signature if you are under 18 years of age.

THANKS!

If you have any questions call the Village Office at 301-656-4112. Fax 301-656-0030

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON LOST PETS FROM MTG. COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER



Representatives at the Montgomery County Animal Shelter were kind enough to provide us with some helpful tips on what to do if your pet is lost. First and foremost: *It is critical that all of your household pets be tagged with a name, address and phone number. Consider using the “Home Again” micro chip ID program. (www.public.homeagain.com).* Even “inside pets” need identification.

Here are the best steps to follow if you lose a pet:

- 1) **File a lost report with the County Shelter**—go to the shelter (14645 Rothgeb Dr. Rockville) as soon as you can or call them at **240-773-5960**. You can also go to their website at <http://www.mchumane.org> and click on “Lost & Found.” There are forms to download and a link to email the report. Filing the report over the phone is preferable if you want to receive the quickest service.
- 2) **Act quickly** because the shelter holds stray animals for about 6 business days before putting them up for adoption.
- 3) **Initiate a search** if your lost pet has not been taken/reported to the shelter, quickly.
- 4) If your pet has a Home Again micro-chip, immediately call them at 1-888-466-3242. They will notify your vet, local clinics and shelters, and local pet rescuers.
- 5) Follow pets that are brought to the shelter at this website: <http://www.petharbor.com>.
- 6) **Pet stores** and other businesses **will also post lost reports**. Put posters up in community gathering-places, and along the road in high-traffic areas nearby. Contact vets in the area and bring a photo to them.
- 7) **Post a notice**—with a picture—**on the VMA listserv**.
- 8) **If you find a pet**, notify the County Shelter immediately so that the information can be communicated to the owners if they call.
- 9) **More information** can be found at: <http://www.mcmdlstpets.blogspot.com> (This information was provided by Robin Siegel, Montgomery County Animal Shelter.)

RECYCLING CORNER-- RAIN BARRELS ROCK!



A VMA resident recently installed two 50 gallon rain barrels that are connected to one of their downspouts. Results so far have been great - one good downpour and both barrels fill up. They have been able to use the water for plants in the garden - but it could also be used for auto cleaning, window washing, etc. Not only does it save on water costs, but it reduces the water run-off, which can be a concern for many of our neighbors. This resident has spoken to the company that manufactures and supplies the rain barrels that they are using and obtained a reduced price of \$75 per barrel if we buy a minimum of 10. There are also some costs associated with tying the barrel into an existing downspout - but these are relatively small. If you are interested in attending a community meeting or just stopping by their house to get a look, contact the office or call Debbie Brown at 301-913-9445.

WEST NILE VIRUS—A REAL CONCERN

West Nile Virus is a concern in Montgomery County. It is transmitted from infected birds to people by mosquitoes and can result in development of encephalitis or meningitis, which can prove fatal.



How can you reduce the risk of becoming infected with West Nile Virus? 1) Eliminate standing water on your property: children’s wading pools, buckets, wheelbarrows, garbage can lids and bird baths. 2) Help your neighbors find and eliminate standing water. 3) Flush birdbaths and saucers under potted plants once a week; get rid of puddles under window air conditioners; clean out gutters and down-spout screens; turn over children’s wading pools, buckets and anything else that collects water (even bottle caps); fix dripping outdoor faucets. 4) If you have an ornamental pond in your yard: add fish, and aerator or larvicide (mosquito dunks). An aerator will keep the water moving and larvicide will prevent mosquito larva from developing. If you use dunks, check your pond regularly and replace dunks when necessary. Though not harmful to animals, squirrels, raccoons and dogs will eat mosquito dunks.



SUMMERTIME AND THE LIVIN' IS EASY ... AT THE CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

Saturday, July 23: *Digeridoo Down Under*, a high-energy Australian-themed show. The program, best suited for children in kindergarten through grade 5, will begin at 11:00am.

Saturday, July 30: *What in the World!* with magician Mike Rose. The program, best suited for children from kindergarten age through teens, will begin at 10:30am.

Saturday, August 6: *Classically Different Adventures*, tales told through dance and music by Arianna Ross. The program, best suited for children in kindergarten through grade 5, will begin at 11:00am.

Saturday, August 13: *On the Ball, Spinny* with former Harlem Globetrotter Spencer "Spinny" Johnson. The program, best suited for children in kindergarten through grade 8, will begin at 11:00am.

SUMMER BOOK & DISCUSSION PROGRAMS

There are two selections for the **Non-Fiction Book Group on August 10 at 2:30pm** — *The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Adventure* by Caroline Alexander and *Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage* by Alfred Lansing. Participants can read both of them and compare or pick one.

The Jefferson Café discussion will be on Friday, July 15 at 10:30 am. "**Left Out**" by Francis Fukayama (from *The American Interest*, January-February 2011) will be discussed and copies are available at the Library.

The selection for the **Fiction, Memoir and Biography Book Group** is *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* by Carson McCullers. The session will take place on **Wednesday, July 27 at 2:30 p.m.** The "rules" are the same as for the Fiction Book Group.

PLEASE NOTE: *The Great Books Discussion Group will not meet in July or August. The Fiction, Memoir and Biography Book Group and The Jefferson Café will not meet in August.*



BE READY FOR SUMMER STORMS

- Keep Pepco's outage number handy for reporting an outage: **1-877-737-2662**.
- Use surge protectors to protect electronic equipment and appliances.
- Assemble an emergency/storm kit with fresh batteries, a battery operated television or radio, flashlight, bottled water and nonperishable food items such as energy bars, nuts and dried fruit.
- Identify an alternate location with power and be ready to move people with special needs.
- Stay away from any downed power line—assume it's live and dangerous.
- Prepare and periodically review a family emergency plan.
- Watch and listen to local weather reports for thunderstorm warnings.

- If you hear thunder while outdoors, seek immediate shelter; do not stand under a tree.
- When inside during a lightning storm, stay off corded phones, computers and other electronics.

MARTIN'S ADDITIONS BUILDING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED. COME SEE US FIRST!



Construction plans? Martin's Additions has its own building regulations that must be met, along with County building requirements. Call the Village Office at 301-656-4112 to discuss the permitting process before you contact the County. More information is available on our website at www.martinsadditions.org



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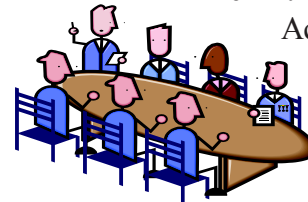
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VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING PRELIMINARY AGENDA

**THURSDAY, July 21, 2011,
7:30 PM**

**7013 B Brookville Road,
Chevy Chase, MD**

Call to Order-General Meeting
Council Swearing-In and Election of Officers
State Ethics Exemption Request
Residents Comments, Concerns and Contributions
Request from Chevy Chase @ Home
Building Administrator's Report-(Alan Beal)
Permit for 3503 Bradley Lane



Action on Minutes
Financial Reports
Manager's Report
Adjournment

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. Please check our website for date confirmation. Any changes in this plan are posted on the website and on the Village Bulletin Board at the Market Area.