

Martin's Edition

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

September 2018

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

While the Council did take the month of August off, Village business continues apace. The planning for Movie Night on September 1, a new endeavor by the Community Engagement Committee led by Barbara Sacks Singer, has been finalized. We hope there is great community support for this First-Ever event! (In the event of a rain-out, we will make it up and hold it on Saturday the 8th instead).



Work is already under way for the Halloween event: vendors have been contacted and contracts soon to be completed. This is another activity being stewarded by the Community Engagement Committee. A special thanks to all of their hard working members.

Volunteers are so important to our Village, but we also rely on our hard-working staff: Manager Matt Trollinger and Assistant Manager, Tina Lurie. While the Council has been on vacation, they have been working with WSSC to get the water main work done on Raymond and Quincy with the hope that those streets can be repaved this fall, and Chestnut and Thornapple in the spring. There is already curb

and gutter work on Raymond that will soon move to Quincy. The corner of Quincy and Oxford is going to be modified during this time in hopes that trucks and cars will not continue to damage the corner when turning.

In cooperation with the State and Section 3, the long awaited reconfiguration of Brookville and Taylor will be completed in time for the new school year. The new crosswalk will be painted and the Handicap Parking signs will be re-installed. I hope you've all had a great summer! See you at the movie!

- Richard Krajeck, Council Chair

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UPCOMING EVENTS



- 9/1 Movie Night in Shepherd Park, 7:30 p.m.
- 9/3 Labor Day - Village Office Closed
- 9/4 First day of School!
- 9/7 A Wider Circle pickup
- 9/8 Bulk Trash pickup
- 9/8 (Movie Night Rain Date, 7:30 p.m.)
- 9/20 Council Meeting, 7:30pm

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SPOTLIGHT

A Message from Village Police

By far, the majority of the complaints we deal with are parking related; this is a good thing! But for those in the community who call the village office with a parking issue,

this may be the only time they will seek police services. So, we take all complaints seriously. As a reminder, street parking in the village is limited. There are county and village parking rules that help try to balance the communities parking needs with public safety and aesthetics, and these rules are different for commercial and private vehicles. Generally speaking, residents are permitted to park on the street adjacent to (near) their property. Guests, or other non residents, can only park on the street for 24 hours. But any vehicle parked on a street that doesn't move for extended periods, or vehicles not property registered, can be considered abandoned and possibly ticketed or towed. To be safe, please use driveways whenever possible, especially for long term guests and vehicles that may not be locally registered. Of course, always refer to local and county parking laws for the exact laws for your particular situation.

~ Lt. Nicholas Picerno

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NOTES FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE

Brookville/Taylor Intersection Re-Construction:

As you have undoubtedly seen, State Highway has been hard at work with the Brookville/Taylor re-construction. As a reminder, the finished product will have the crosswalks closer together, and the north-bound stop sign bumped out to increase visibility. All four corners now have ADA-mats as well. Repaving is being completed the week of August 27th, and the project is expected to be finished by the beginning of the school year.

Additional Police:

As part of the commitment to pedestrian safety, Martin's Additions is hiring additional police officers for the month of September *with the intention of handing out tickets for drivers who are speeding and/or not stopping at stop signs*. We have asked them to pay special attention to a few known problem spots, including the Brookville/Taylor intersection and Thornapple Street, among others. Please be conscious of this as you are driving through VMA - we hope this will help reinforce good driving habits around us, particularly as the school year starts.

Leaf Vacuuming:

This fall, the Village will once again provide leaf vacuuming service to residents. One piece of feedback we received last year was that residents would like to have pickups on Mondays and we were able to arrange that with Lee's Tree Service. We are tentatively scheduled to begin the third week of October, skip the last week, and then

every Monday in November. We may add a vacuuming or two in the beginning of December depending on need and interest from residents.

Leaf Bags:

VMA will also once again be providing leaf bags this fall. Deliveries are expected in early October.

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DRAFT AGENDA FOR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Village of Martin's Additions
7013 Brookville Road (Suite B, 2nd floor)
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-3263

Draft Agenda for Council Meeting
September 20, 2018

The Village Council may entertain a motion during the open meeting to close a portion of the meeting, in accordance with Section 3-305(b) of the Open Meetings Act (Maryland Code, General Provisions Article)

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| 7:30 PM | Call to Order: Krajeck |
| 7:31 PM | Opportunity for Council to hear residents' comments: Krajeck |
| 7:40 PM | Committee Updates |
| 7:45 PM | Action on Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2018: Krajeck |
| 7:50 PM | Building Administrator's Report: Lohmeyer |
| 8:00 PM | Financial Matters: Alexander |
| 8:10 PM | Introduction of Code of Ordinance Amendments: Bolt |
| 8:40 PM | Manager's Report: Trollinger |
| 8:45 PM | Opportunity for Council to hear residents' comments: Krajeck |
| 9:00 PM | Adjournment: Krajeck |

BUILDING BLOCKS

Building Administrator Report:

FROM: Doug Lohmeyer

DATE OF MEMO: August 28, 2018

SUBJECT: Building Administrator's Report

7210 Chestnut St.

The Village has received an application for a new house to be built on the vacant lot. The plans are being reviewed by staff and an information meeting will be scheduled soon.

The Village contacted the County Housing and Community Dev. Office in order to have the land owner mow the high grass on the lot. The lot has not been mowed.

3405 Cummings La.

The applicant has submitted for a building permit from Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (MCDPS) and the Village. The Village issued a building permit on 9/11/17 and construction is on-going. The homeowners stated the work will be completed before the building permit expires and an extension will not be required. Staff will contact homeowner to check on status.

7208 Delfield St.

A dumpster permit has been issued for interior kitchen improvements in the ex. house. A performance bond has been posted to cover any damage to the Village right of way. The applicant recently amended the MCDPS permit for additional interior improvements.

116 Quincy St.

The Villages has issued a building permit for the homeowner to add a covered deck to the left rear back of the ex. house. The covered porch has been completed and the Village permit has been closed.

3404 Shepherd St.

The proposed improvements were not completed prior to the original building permit expiration date. The Village has extended the applicant's building permit until May 16, 2019.

3501 Shepherd St.

The applicant has submitted a building permit application to make several improvements to the existing house. The County and Village have issued building permits and the work is proceeding.

3412 Taylor St.

An application for a County and Village building permit has been submitted. A resident's information meeting was held on Tuesday, June 19th. A Village right of way permit will be required for this connect, since the proposed 6" pipe will pass through the Village right of way. The plans have been reviewed by the Village, but the applicant has not picked up the permit and work has not begun.

3405 Thornapple St.

The house construction is completed. However, several sections of ex. curb in front of the house have chips and cracks and I recommend they be replaced. MCDPS has released their building permit.

MCDPS will not release the sediment control permit until the applicant removes the excess dirt that was placed on the lot at 3407. The additional grading was not approved by MCDPS. The owner has placed some materials on-site and covered it with a tarp but has not begun the re-grading of the lot. I recommend the Village retain the performance bond until the grading has been completed, the MCDPS has released their sediment control permit, the old driveway apron has been removed, and the damaged section of curb are replaced.

3407 Thornapple St.

The applicant's engineer says the owner is looking at different architectural options and plans.

The Village contacted the County Housing and Community Dev. Office in order to have the land owner mow the high grass on the lot. The lot was mowed last week.

Miscellaneous Items

The staff is presently working with the following properties:

3520 Bradley La. - concept plan for an addition at the rear of the ex. house

6701 Brookville Rd.- concept plan for improvements to house and lot

3521 Cummings Lane - concept plan for improvements to house and lot

7209 Delfield St. - concept plan for improvements to house and lot

120 Quincy St. - water leaking from behind the curb

3504 Shepherd St. - concept plan for improvements to house and lot

3508 Shepherd St. - drainage issues

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HEARD ON THE SIDEWALK

Manna Update:

School is Starting - and Manna Needs Your Help

Our Village project benefiting Manna Food Center tanked a bit in August, with a meager 150 pounds of shelf-stable items donated - well below our goal of 400 pounds per month. Thanks to a robust July, we're still meeting that monthly goal - but we're hoping to have a September (and beyond) surge that will keep us on a track to reach our annual goal of 5,000 pounds.

With school about to start, keep in mind Manna's "Smart Sacks" program, which gives elementary school children - who may not have anything to eat over the weekend when school feeding programs aren't available - backpacks full of nutritious items. Currently, the program helps more than 2,850 kids at 59 schools each week. So when you're doing your weekly grocery shopping, think about adding a few items like fruit cups, granola or cereal bars, peanut butter or cheese crackers, juice boxes and so on to help less-fortunate children across Montgomery County.

We've already received a generous check from one Village household that we'll spend soon to get September donations going - and as we have in past years, we'll most likely set up a special collection table outside Brookville Market late in the month to coincide with the County's Week of Service, when many passers-by in the shopping area chip in with cash or food. (Look for an announcement of the event's date on the listserv.)

But we still need help from families across Martin's Additions. If you're new to the neighborhood: nonperishable items may be left in the box at the stairs to the Village Office or on the porch at 3404 Taylor (the Browns) or 3406 Turner (the Kirschtens). Thanks to all of you who've given so generously over the 10 years our food drive has been going. We're lucky to live in such a wonderful, giving community!

From Chevy Chase At Home:

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Dance & Song For Seniors

Six-week session starting Sept. 5 through Oct. 17
No class 9/19

2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Chevy Chase Village Hall

You're invited to explore-and perhaps reconnect with-the joy of dancing and song by taking part in a class based on the model developed by the renowned Mark Morris Dance Group and the Brooklyn Parkinson's Group.

For more information and to register, click [HERE](#)

STAY FIT

Fall Exercise Classes

Gentle Pilates - Mondays

Six-week session

2:30-3:30pm, Sept. 17- Oct. 22

Gentle Pilates - Wednesdays

Seven-week session

10:30 am-11:30 am, Sept. 5 - Oct. 24

no class Sept. 19

Gentle Pilates - Thursdays

Seven-week session

2:30 pm-3:30 pm, Sept. 6 - Oct. 18

Gentle Pilates classes are held at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church

7001 Connecticut Avenue

Zumba Gold

Six-week session

Wednesdays, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, Sept. 5 - Oct. 17

No class Sept. 19

Chevy Chase Village Hall

5906 Connecticut Avenue

CURRENTLY GENTLE PILATES and ZUMBA GOLD REGISTRATION ARE NOT AVAILABLE ONLINE.

Please call the office to register - 301-657-3115

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Weather Outlook:

The summer finished warmer and wtter than average. There were around forty 90 degree days recorded as of August 31st. It's been wet enough without having to

deal with any tropical storms or hurricanes, which have spared the Atlantic and Gulf coasts. September is usually the peak month for hurricanes, however it appears less likely this year.

Expect a more pleasant weather pattern going into September and October. Temperatures and rainfall should continue to run above average, but not to the extent of the past few months.

August, on average, is our wettest month, which is partially due to tropical systems. Hopefully, we'll be drying out for a while, but whatever the weather, enjoy the pleasant September weather we're usually accustomed to.

Summer Stats:

June 2018

Temperatures: 1 degree above normal

Rain: 5.21", which is 1.43" above normal

July 2018

Temperatures: 1 degree above normal

Rain 9.73", which is 6" above normal

August 2018

Temperatures: 2 degrees above normal

Rain: 4.85", which is 2.27" above normal

- Keith Allen, Turner Ln

[Keith Allen, long time resident of Martin's Additions](#), provides weather forecasts by phone for cities across the U.S. Residents are encouraged to call 202-589-1212 for up-to-the-minute updates.

Prevent Wildlife Problems:

Many of us embrace the living communities around us, especially during the summer months. Nesting birds have fledged and many are on their commute south. Squirrels are in the midst of raising their second brood of babies for the year. Young hawks and owls, foxes, and raccoons are learning to make their way in the world before the cold weather sets in. We take them for granted until a problem, a conflict arises, and we sometimes don't think about how our unintended actions affect urban wildlife. As a result, many "wildlife" problems actually turn out to be "people" problems.

Here are a few easy tips to help prevent wildlife problems in and around your home.

- Don't leave dog or cat food outside at night.
- Don't leave birdseed in feeders or on the ground overnight.
- Don't put unsecured garbage outside at night.

- If you have a pet door, securely close it at night.
- Trim overhanging tree branches that provide raccoons and squirrels easy access to your roof.
- Thoroughly inspect your roof, eaves, and siding for damage. Clean out and cover vents with heavy-gauge, rust proof wire mesh to prevent birds, like sparrows and starlings, from nesting. Any breach in your home is an invitation for wildlife.
- Enclose crawl spaces or foundation vents with heavy-gauge, rustproof wire mesh.

For more information about humanely excluding wildlife from your home and your property, check out this excellent resource: [Wild Neighbors](#)

http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/wild_neighbors/

- Paula Goldberg, Bradley Lane

Montgomery County Police Department:

Please join Montgomery County Police, Sgt. Fergus Sugrue - Auto Theft Unit will provide information on current vehicle theft trends, how to reduce your risk of having your vehicle stolen, and so much more!

Don't Make It Easy For Car Thieves! Want to make your vehicle less attractive to car thieves? The quicker a car thief can steal your vehicle, the more attractive it is. Anything you can do to slow down professional car thieves or joy-riders will make your vehicle a less appealing target.

Date: September 19, 2018 Time: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Location: Montgomery County Police 2nd District Community Room 4823 Rugby Avenue Bethesda, Maryland

Limited space! Public parking garage available for parking.

Officer Dana Stroman
Community Services Officer
2nd District
Montgomery County Police
240-773-6727

Keep our community walkable; please patronize the businesses in our Village!

Please also keep in mind these "Friends of the Village":

[A Wider Circle](#)
[Chevy Chase at Home](#)
[Friends of the Library, Chevy Chase Chapter](#)
[Live and Learn Bethesda](#)
[Manna Food Center](#)

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Notes:

To receive Constant Contact notifications from the Village Council, the committees, and the office (i.e., any official communication from your Village government), please contact the Village office. This is the best way to receive information on waste pickup,

snow removal, and Council and committee meetings.

To receive a paper copy of Martin's Edition in the mail, please contact the Village office.

Please note - The Village office does not administer the neighborhood listserv. To receive listserv emails, please contact Bill Lebovich at architecturalphoto@mac.com

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