



VILLAGE OF MARTIN'S ADDITIONS

Dear Neighbors,

This is your information packet for the 2019 Village Council Election.

It includes your **official notice** about the Martin's Additions **Election on Thursday May 9** and the **Candidates' Community Forum on Sunday April 28**, as well as the candidates' statements, the instructions for absentee voting, and the form to fill out if you'd like to request an absentee ballot.

We encourage all residents to participate in our local democracy. If you're age 18 by Election Day, you're eligible to vote. If you're not already on the VMA voter roll, please bring some ID that shows your address so we can add you on Election Day.

There are two Council seats up for election, and three candidates running. As usual, there will also be spaces on the ballot for write-in candidates. Here in alphabetical order are the candidates for the Village Council this year:

**Katya Hill
Peter Kahn
Richard Krajeck**

When you come to vote on May 9, please stay for the **Village Celebration on the Sidewalk!** There will be special attractions at the shops, and tables highlighting some great community groups – plus music, wine, and yes, **free ice cream** again this year! (Thank you to all our local merchants.)

Absentee ballots will be available beginning on Thursday April 18. You can now request and receive an absentee ballot by email (see the absentee ballot instructions, enclosed).

We'll have extended voting hours again this year – 5 to 8 PM – to provide more time for folks who wish to vote early, as well as those who commute and don't get home until late. The Election Committee will be at the Community Forum on April 28, and we'll be staffing the voting table on May 9. If you have any questions about voting, please email us at VMAelections@gmail.com or call the Committee chair at 301-654-0176. We'll be glad to help.

With best wishes,
Your 2019 VMA Election Committee
Marty Langelan (chair), Lauren Shweder Biel, Lorie Mitchell, Halie Soifer, and Jesse Tampio

Local government matters! Come out and vote on May 9!



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OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ELECTION

The Village of Martin's Additions will hold its annual Council election on Thursday May 9, 2019.

Voting Time: 5 to 8 PM

Voting Location: Election Table at the Village Celebration
in front of the shops on Brookville Road.

Two VMA Council seats are open this year. Three candidates are running:
Katya Hill, Peter Kahn, and Richard Krajeck.

Write-in candidates are also permitted.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF COMMUNITY FORUM

The Election Committee has scheduled a public community forum to give village residents the opportunity to ask questions and discuss issues with the candidates. All of the candidates are expected to attend.

Sandwiches, soft drinks, and cookies will be served.

Date: Sunday April 28, 2019

Time: 4 to 6 PM

Location: Village Office, 7013 Brookville Road (second floor)

If you can't attend, you're welcome to send your questions by email to the Election Committee at VMAelections@gmail.com. The Committee can present your questions to the candidates at the Community Forum (anonymously if requested). We'll include as many issues as time permits.

***Come talk to the candidates on Sunday afternoon April 28!
Vote on May 9!***



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2019 VMA COUNCIL ELECTION CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

The candidates have provided the following statements for the voters of Martin’s Additions. The Election Committee does not edit the content of the candidates’ statements in any way.

Candidate Statement, Village of Martin's Additions

KATYA HILL
3521 Raymond St.

I have been a resident of the Village of Martin’s Additions for 12 years. My husband, Jack, and I bought a house on Raymond Street, near where he grew up, and we fell in love with the neighborhood. We have two young daughters, ages nine and six. We feel lucky to be able to raise our family in such a lovely neighborhood. Part of the Village charm is how accessible the Village government is to its residents. I have served on the Village Council for the past four years and I have enjoyed my time serving the community.

In addition to my experience on the Council, I work at Fannie Mae where I am responsible for developing and managing multifamily financial products. Throughout my 15 year career, I have learned to navigate through a changing environment, drive change and advocate for customers, experience which I am able to leverage as a Council member.

Much has been accomplished in the last four years; since I joined the Council, we made improvements in Village operations: accountability, transparency and the rebidding of the Village contracts. Additionally, the repaving and repairs of Village streets, sidewalks and curbs is nearly complete.

I am particularly pleased that the project I was assigned to spearhead for the Council was the much-delayed street lights – that project is now complete and our streets are well lit and the Village is saving money with the LED lights on our monthly electric bill.

I would like to take on a new challenge. If elected to the Council, I will focus on improving walkability in the Village. I believe it’s important to improve pedestrian safety, whether it is children walking to school or adults walking their dogs after dark. I am keenly interested in and will follow the developments regarding the installation of small cell antennas, including 5G, and update Village Ordinances accordingly.

I ask for your vote on May 9, 2019.

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Candidate Statement, Village of Martin's Additions

PETER KAHN

3408 Bradley Lane

I have been a resident of the Village for nearly fifteen years. My wife and I bought our house on Bradley Lane the same week that our son was born. We feel thankful that he has grown up in such a friendly, safe, green, and neighborly community, and we look forward to living here for many years to come. I want to help preserve the character and beauty of this wonderful community.

As a lawyer and economist, I spent the last 25 years working on a wide variety of legal reform projects for USAID and the World Bank, mostly in the transition countries of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, until I retired two years ago. I've led projects involving fairly large budgets and staffs in several countries, and along the way gained some skills in budgeting and project management. I've had to solve some complex problems of making government work better, often involving a combination of substantial legal issues, skeptical government employees and officeholders, and management systems and incentives that we succeeded in improving with the input of local stakeholders.

Before I began working overseas, I was a law professor, worked for a large D.C. law firm, and served as an economist and lawyer in the federal government. I have served as a Board member and Committee chair in the congregation to which my family belongs, and have been involved as a volunteer in several charitable organizations in Montgomery County. When the Village dealt with the issue of preserving and enhancing our tree canopy several years ago, I worked with a committee that helped bring the matter to the attention of the Village Council.

I believe that the members of the current Council have done a good job of making the Village management systems more professional and effective, and have also improved the services that the Village provides to residents. Though there has been progress, there are, as always, things that remain to do. There are some new and unfamiliar challenges that the Village faces that I would like to help the Council address, and I also have a few thoughts on how the Village can more effectively serve its residents. I would like a chance to serve the community in these and other ways, and I ask for your vote on May 9th.

The three most important issues currently facing the Village of Martin's Additions:

First, I do think that the small-cell wireless issue is one of the most significant issues our community has faced in some time. This could involve the placement of a substantial number of antennas and other equipment on poles and the ground in our Village's right-of-way. I believe there is much that should be done through our Village ordinance and permitting process to protect the community from what may be a threat to its character and physical appearance, privacy, tree cover, traffic safety, and control over its streets, parkways, and sidewalks – not to mention whatever health risks intensive wireless transmission may present. The wise course here, I believe, is to develop an ordinance that protects our community as much as possible, and this will require developing amendments to our newly-enacted ordinance that was drafted

to ensure that our Village met the Federal Communications Commission's April deadline. Some of our neighboring jurisdictions have drafted effective ordinances that do provide more protection than ours does, and we will be able in part to draw on some of the ideas that they have examined and included. Once an amended ordinance is in place, we will have to provide staff time and training to create an effective permitting and enforcement capability; develop a realistic fee structure to cover the costs of permitting and enforcement; coordinate with Montgomery County's Tower Committee to ensure that the results of the permitting process get implemented accurately; and coordinate with our neighboring jurisdictions in Chevy Chase to ensure that boundary areas next to other towns are treated similarly to the rest of the Village. I believe that active involvement, regular monitoring, and effective permitting and enforcement processes are critical to achieving a positive outcome for the Village.

Another issue I believe is of real importance is improving communications between the Council and the community. We should not deal with complex issues of substantial importance by putting the responsibility on the Council to act without meaningful discussion with the community. The community should be fully informed when issues of significance arise, and when necessary we must make efforts to ensure community members understand the choices the Village faces. To that end, we should ensure that the Council makes efforts to keep residents fully informed, and provides opportunities for open explanation and extended discussion. The Council, which ultimately has the responsibility to take action, should be able to do so knowing that the community generally understands the choices it is making and the reasons it is making them; and of course, the community should be able to ensure that the Council is acting in its best interests. This may well require community forums outside the context of Council meetings to allow greater opportunity for discussion. Quarterly neighborhood get-togethers at Olympia Coffee Shop might be another option. Finding the best way to enhance communications and transparency will be a project I intend to pursue, if I'm elected to the Council.

Finally, I think there are a number of issues relating to safety that the community faces.

- The Council has undertaken a study of neighborhood "walkability," focusing especially on the north end of the Village but examining other areas as well. I think the study is an excellent idea. We should carefully consider what the study has to say concerning sidewalks and crosswalks on Brookville Road and throughout the Village.
- Another safety issue relates to the problem of cars being broken into on some of the residential streets of the Village. We should continue to work closely with the police department and residents to explore solutions to this problem.
- I believe there should be some community support system for people who are having health problems or other issues that may impede their mobility or independence. I think we could organize some way for the community to assist with bringing groceries, shoveling walks, contacting emergency personnel, and similar tasks. We could explore improving communication with residents when assistance is needed, perhaps through the newly created system of block captains, who might try to find volunteers in the immediate vicinity. Other options should be explored as well.

Other comments / priorities:

The Community Engagement Committee is an encouraging recent innovation in the Village. Many residents have enjoyed the social events we've had in the past, so it's valuable that the Village has created additional support for planning those and other events in the future. There may be other opportunities for events that would occur on a regular basis, such as presenting speakers on topics of interest to the community. For example, the Parent Encouragement Program in Kensington or the Kid Museum in Rockville might be able to give a talk of special interest to our residents, or we might draw on the many resources of our area for talks on science or other subjects. The organization Chevy Chase@Home has presented numerous talks for older residents in other parts of Chevy Chase, and perhaps we could work with them to bring an occasional speaker to our Village and to publicize their other events. I look forward to learning more about the Committee's plans.



Candidate Statement, Village of Martin's Additions

RICHARD KRAJECK

3500 Bradley Lane

My name is Richard Krajeck. My wife and I have lived in Martin's Additions since 1979, during which time I served on the Village Council for seven years, first as Treasurer and then as Chairman. During my chairmanship the Council passed the first building codes for our Village. There was a high degree of involvement by Village residents, almost 100% of whom ultimately voted for passage of the codes. Four years ago I again ran for the Council and was subsequently elected Chair; I have now been persuaded to run for another term.

In addition to my experience on the Council, I spent 21 years as the Chief Operating Officer of an international trade association, giving me skills that have been useful in addressing Council finances, contracting and personnel. For example, systems have been put in place to be sure that every contract is competitively bid and that the Village's resources are being prudently spent.

We have hired staff that have the Village residents as a priority and, thanks to careful planning and budgeting, the staff has the resources to administer the Village programs and the needs of the residents. The Village has almost completed infrastructure paving, in spite of WSSC's schedule, and the completion of new street lights which has made a significant difference in our Village. In addition, I have actively encouraged newer, younger residents to add their voices, talents and creativity to making the Village a better place for all of us.

My priorities, if I should be re-elected, are: make the Village safer for walkers; install street lights in the areas that are still dark; and continue to follow the 5G issue to make sure that our Ordinances remain as protective as possible as this new internet generation becomes a reality.

I would appreciate and need your support as a candidate for the Village Council. Please vote May 9th.





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2019 VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTION ABSENTEE BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

**Requests for absentee ballots will be accepted from 9 AM
on Thursday April 18, until 3 PM on Wednesday May 8, 2019.**

HOW TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

You can request an absentee ballot by any of the following methods:

- (1) Send the **absentee ballot request form** from this packet by email to the Election Committee at VMAelections@gmail.com;
- (2) Send the Election Committee an email or written request that contains the same information – the qualified voter's full name, address in Martin's Additions, preference as to email or postal ballot delivery, and individual email address;
- (3) Fill out **an absentee ballot request form** at the Village Office (7013 Brookville Road, Suite B, second floor); or
- (4) Send your **absentee ballot request form** by U.S. mail to the VMA Election Committee, P.O. Box 151030, Chevy Chase, MD 20825 (yes, 20825 is the correct zip code).

After verifying that the requester/recipient is a qualified voter, the Committee will send you the absentee ballot and instructions.

You may request an absentee ballot for yourself and/or for any other qualified voter who is a member of your household. Please list the first and last name of any household member for whom you request a ballot. If you ask the Election Committee to email absentee ballots to household members, you must provide a separate individual email address for each eligible voter.

If you request email ballot delivery, the Committee will send your absentee ballot and instructions by email. **You will need to print out the ballot in order to vote.**

The Election Committee encourages residents to request your absentee ballots by email or by dropping off the request form in person at the Village Office, to avoid postal delivery delays.



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REQUEST FORM FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR THE 2019 VMA COUNCIL ELECTION

Please sign and return this form to the Election Committee before 3 PM on Wednesday May 8 to receive your absentee ballot. Please print clearly!

I, the undersigned, am a person of voting age (18 or older as of Election Day) residing in or owning property in the Village of Martin's Additions, Maryland.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please send my absentee ballot by U.S. mail by email

Print email address, if requesting email delivery: _____

I am requesting one absentee ballot for myself.

I am requesting absentee ballots for the following members of my household who are VMA residents and are 18 or older as of Election Day:

Print first and last name:

Print email address:

(List a separate email address for each voter.)

Total number of absentee ballots I am requesting: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

PLEASE NOTE: If you (or others for whom you are requesting a ballot) are not listed in the VMA Directory or a registered voter in Montgomery County, please attach a copy of your (and/or their) driver's license, passport, or other proof of birth date and Martin's Additions address.

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HOW TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

To ensure voting privacy and ballot security, the absentee ballots are assigned random control numbers and do not reflect any voter information on the ballot or the return envelope. The VMA Election Committee secures the ballot control numbers and uses them to authenticate the valid absentee ballots received.

To vote, please place your completed absentee ballot in a sealed envelope that shows the assigned control number (one ballot per envelope). Your absentee ballot must have a valid control number on the envelope to be counted. Please do not put your name or return address on the envelope.

There are three ways to return your completed absentee ballot to the Election Committee:

1. Put your absentee ballot (in an envelope that shows the control number) in the locked ballot box in the Village office no later than 3 PM on Election Day, May 9. Security of the lockbox is maintained by the Election Committee and only the designated members of the Committee have access to the contents of the ballot box. *Please do not ask the Village staff to handle completed ballots at any time.*
2. Mail your absentee ballot via U.S. mail to the VMA Election Committee, P.O. Box 151030, Chevy Chase, MD 20825, in time to be received at the P.O. Box no later than 3 PM on Election Day. The Committee is not responsible for late ballots. If you mail your absentee ballot, please do so well in advance of the election to allow time for delivery.
3. Bring your absentee ballot in person to the polling table on Election Day during the regular voting hours. The Election Committee will accept absentee ballots at the polling table after verifying the voter's identity and the ballot control number.

NOTE: You can now request and receive your absentee ballot by email, thanks to Martin's Additions' updated election procedures, but you must return your completed ballot in paper hard-copy, in a sealed envelope with the ballot control number. To protect voter privacy, the VMA Election Committee cannot accept absentee ballot votes by email.

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Please put your absentee ballot in an envelope, seal it, and put it in the election lockbox in the VMA office by 3 PM on Thursday, May 9 – or mail your ballot early enough to allow extra time for postal delivery.

Please be sure to write your ballot control number on your envelope!