



August 2020

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FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Residents,

As this typically hot and humid month draws to a close in a distinctly atypical time, we hope that you all are staying well.

July 1 marked the beginning of a new fiscal year for the Village. Accordingly, newly elected Council members took the oath of office early in the month. The newly constituted Council elected officers and appointed committee members for the current term, as announced at the July 16, 2020 meeting.

Committee members are as follows:

Community Engagement Committee: Sallie Van Tassel, Keith Allen, and Renee Redpath

Election Committee: Josh Bowers, Tiffany Cissna, and George McAleese

Ethics Committee: Marc Efron, Lorie Mitchell, and Debbie Roumell

Tree Supervisor: Monty Boland

Village of Martin's Additions Officers for FY2020-21 are:

Chair: Susan Fattig

Vice-Chair: Todd Mann

Secretary: Katya Hill

Treasurer: Arthur Alexander
At Large: Jeffrey Blander

The Council welcomes new member Jeffrey Blander and extends its gratitude to all VMA committee members for giving their time and talent in service of our community.

Over the next weeks, the Council will consider whether to adopt an ordinance pertaining to private signs in public rights-of-way. VMA currently has no such rules; the recent proliferation of signs and posters on traffic signs, potentially posing a traffic hazard, exposed the lack of regulation. A draft resolution was introduced at the July meeting, which will serve as the starting point for deliberations as to the appropriate form of any such rules deemed necessary. As always, resident comments are invited.

Please take care and enjoy the rest of the summer!

For the Council,

Susan Fattig

Council Chairperson

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UPCOMING EVENTS



- **August 20:** Monthly Village Council meeting at 7:30 PM via Zoom
- **Aug:** Walkability Task Force Meeting (Date: TBD)

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SPOTLIGHT

Village Trees

With summer bringing storms and heat waves, the Village Office asks residents to keep an eye on the Village trees. Village trees are defined as "any tree whose trunk at ground level is located on a public right-of-way and which was planted by or with the permission of the Village or for which the Village has assumed care and treatment." The Village's Tree Supervisor and the Village Arborist maintain and care for these trees, but there is an important role for residents to play in helping these trees to flourish. For example, during a

hot spell, watering Village trees when you're watering your lawn will help keep these trees healthy. Also, if you have a concern about a particular tree, please reach out to the Village Office so the Tree Supervisor or Village Arborist can be informed of the issue and take a look at the tree to determine what needs to be done. Communicating with the Office is especially important when you come across a downed tree or branch in the aftermath of a storm. When residents report these occurrences, as happened recently on Turner Lane, the Village Office can more quickly and efficiently coordinate the cleanup and removal of these hazards. With your help, we can keep the Village green and safe!



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NOTES FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE

Right-of-Way Reminder



The Village wants to remind residents of the Village's policy on [Objects in the Public Rights-of-Way](#). Objects such as basketball hoops and other play equipment are not allowed in the public rights-of-way in order to protect the community, especially children, who might play in areas where cars are likely to go. Residents are also reminded to:

- **Bring your recycling bins all the way to the curb** so as not to interfere with pedestrians who are using the sidewalk and **promptly remove your recycling bins from the curb** the same day the recycling has been collected by Waste Management.
- Please **park your cars fully in the driveway** so as not to block the sidewalk and to free up parking spaces for those who don't have driveways. Please ask any contractors who might be using your driveway for their commercial vehicles to follow the same practice.

In addition, with spring and summer finally here, we want to remind residents that it is **your responsibility** to mow the grass between the sidewalk and the street. If you have not done so already, please check your yard for bushes and branches that are obstructing the sidewalk and right-of-way. It is **also your responsibility** to keep the right-of-way clear of bushes and branches for pedestrians and drivers in the Village, especially on corner lots where the view can easily become obstructed.

Census

Respond *Your Way* to the 2020 Census

Starting on March 12, 2020, every home began to receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You have three options for responding. All of them are easy!

The 2020 Census marks the first time we are invited to respond online-even on our mobile device. The online form is available in many different languages.

Please visit [2020CENSUS.GOV](https://2020census.gov) for more information about the three ways you can respond to the 2020 Census.



Online By Phone By Mail

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---Draft Agenda for the Monthly Council Meeting---

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

**Thursday, August 20, 2020
7:30 PM**

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).

7:30 PM Call to Order: Fattig

7:31 PM Opportunity for Council to hear residents' comments: TBD

7:41 PM Committee Updates: TBD

7:51 PM: Public hearing and possible adoption Ordinance (2020-7-1) to amend chapter 7 of the Village code to regulate signs on private property and the public right-of-way.

8:05 PM Building Administrator's Report: Lohmeyer

8:15 PM Financial Matters, including Treasurer's Report: TBD

8:20 PM Manager's Report: Anderegg

8:25 PM Opportunity for Council to hear residents' comments: TBD

8:31 PM Adjournment: TBD

*Please Note: Listed times are approximate.

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BUILDING BLOCKS



TO: The Council at the Village of Martin's Additions
FROM: Doug Lohmeyer

DATE OF MEMO: July 13, 2020

SUBJECT: Building Administrator's Report

3506 Bradley Lane.

Demolition and building permit applications were submitted to the Village office. The staff has initially reviewed the information. Waiting for MCDPS approval. The resident's information meeting was held on Wed. June 17th.

3525 Bradley Lane

A Village building permit has been issued for a new deck at the left rear of the existing house. The work is proceeding.

7204 Chestnut St.

The Village building permit was extended to July 3, 2020. The construction has been completed and the County has closed their building permit. The staff is in the process of closing the Village building permit and refunding the applicant's performance bond.

7210 Chestnut St.

The Village issued their building permit on Oct. 11, 2018. The County has closed their building permit but their sediment control permit is still open. Once they close that permit, we will do a final inspection and if everything is acceptable, the Village Building Permit can be closed.

7200 Delfield St.

The property owners (a partnership) has applied for a Village demolition and building permit for a new house. The MCDPS is reviewing their application. The Village staff has completed the initial review of the application and submitted their comments of the applicant. A resident information meeting has not been scheduled.

163 Quincy St.

The homeowner is proposing to add additional parking along the side of the existing driveway. The parking area will be different material than the driveway and the preliminary non-vegetative analysis indicates the non-vegetative area will not exceed 30% of the front yard. They have not filed for a Village permit.

3515 Raymond St.

The applicant has submitted plans to remove the existing house and to construct a new house. The County is reviewing their plans. The Village staff has been in contact with the applicant and the architect with Village comments, including the requirement for the "Wall Plane Length".

7200 Summit Ave.

On April 28, 2020, the homeowners submitted a Variance Application for the front and rear setbacks in order to construct a new porch and bay window at the front of the existing house and an addition on the north (right) side of the house. The staff has reviewed the application and submitted comments to the owner and the architect. The applicant has revised the original variance application. The Variance hearing is scheduled for Thursday, July 16, 2020.

3412 Taylor St.

The Village original building permit was issued on Feb. 4, 2019 and extended. The house construction has completed. The MCDPS building permit and sediment control permit has been finalized. The Village is waiting for a couple of minor repairs to the Village right of way, before the Village close their permit. The contractor has been notified of these needed repairs.

3407 Thornapple St.

The Village issued their building permit on May 30, 2019. Work is continuing on the new house construction. The applicant has submitted a "Wall Check", which indicated the new house is in conformance with the approved site plan and the Village Code. On May 29th, the building permit was extended and work is proceeding. The Applicant is proposing to revise the detached garage at the rear of the lot. They have been advised that they will need to obtain a revised permit from MCDPS and to amend the existing Village building permit to show that revision. They have not filed the revised application with the Village.

Miscellaneous Items

The staff is presently working with the following properties:

1. The MSHA has responded to the Village's letter regarding water ponding at the Village street intersections along Brookville Rd. They plan on making improvements to the intersections at Bradley, Quincy, and Cummings this summer. An email was recently sent to MSHA requesting a status report on their improvements.
2. The staff has spoken to several homeowners about proposed improvements to their property.

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HEARD ON THE SIDEWALK**From our local eateries**

- La Ferme is offering a take-out menu for dinner. See the [menu on their website](#) for details.
- Olympia Cafe has also re-opened for breakfast and lunch take-out.

Chevy Chase Library:

Please check out what the library has to offer by clicking here: [Chevy Chase Library](#)

Weather Outlook:

Lately we have been experiencing electrical storms, some accompanied with flash flooding. Let's discuss flash floods, which are the #1 cause of deaths associated with thunderstorms, more than 90 fatalities each year. A flash flood occurs within a few hours (usually less than six) of heavy or excessive rainfall. A flood is the inundation of a normally dry area caused by abnormally high water flow. Floods develop more slowly than flash floods, normally greater than 6 hours. More than half of all flood-related drownings occur when a vehicle is driven into hazardous flood water. Many flash flood fatalities occur at night. Six inches of fast moving water can knock you off your feet. Two feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles, including SUVs and pickups. Remember--if you can't see the ground--turn around--don't drown!!! Have a safe rest of the summer.

-Keith Allen (Turner Lane)

[Keith Allen, a 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.

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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To receive e-notifications from the Village Council, the committees, and the office (i.e., any official communication from your Village government), please fill out the Village Contact [webform](#). This is the best way to receive information on Village business (e.g., Council and Committee meetings), services (e.g., waste pickup and snow removal), and events (e.g., the 4th of July Celebration or the Movie Night in the Park).

The VMA monthly newsletter is distributed to the Village on the last Monday of the month. If you wish to submit an article or news item for the newsletter, please submit your item by 5 PM on the preceding Friday. Any article or news item must meet the VMA newsletter criteria. [Policy No. 09-16-01-Policy for Contents of Martin's Edition Newsletter](#)

Please note:

The Village office does not administer the *VMA neighborhood Listserv* (a *Google-Group*). To receive *Listserv* emails, please contact Bill Lebovich at architecturalphoto@mac.com

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