



**June 2020**

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**FROM THE CHAIR**

Dear Residents,

It's hard to believe that summer is almost upon us... Even with a stay-at-home order in place and a very different experience of spring (I, for one, am in even more awe of my children's teachers), time continues to fly by here in Martin's Additions and, fortunately, we have much to celebrate.

First, hooray for democracy! Thank you to the Election Committee (Marty Langelan, Jesse Tampio, Lauren Biel, Lorie Mitchell, and Halie Soifer) for managing our first ever mail-in only election. Voter "turnout" was great. Congratulations to Susan Fattig, Jeff Blander, and Arthur Alexander for their victories! The new Council term begins July 1st. Congratulations also to Monty Boland for the strong showing. Perhaps the next Council might draft him for a committee appointment... More election details below.

Second, as your municipal government continues to strive to provide as many of the "routine" services we are accustomed to as possible, the ever-popular annual Shredding Event is back! Coordinated with our neighboring municipalities, it will be held Sunday, June 14, 2020, from 9am to 12pm. Look for more details on what is permissible to shred and how to approach the market area in the coming days. So, if you haven't already, clean out that closet or those desk drawers and prepare to shred. Another small joy and opportunity to celebrate being an incorporated municipality at this time.

Third, while we will not be able to gather as usual for the Annual 4th July Celebration as Montgomery County has cancelled all large events on park property (no big slides allowed!), the Community Engagement Committee's efforts are already underway to make sure that the annual Labor Day Weekend Movie Night has some exciting surprises, if we are all able to gather then. What a celebration that could be! Stay tuned.

Lastly, as my 8 years on the Council come to a close, I would like to share what an honor it has been to serve our community in this capacity. I have learned a tremendous deal from current and former Council colleagues, committee members, and staff about being in municipal leadership. While the "glamour and bright lights" of Council membership may seem daunting, the joy of getting to know and serve so many residents has been a gift, especially during these most recent times. It is nice to walk around your neighborhood and know so many neighbors and friends.

I hope that those who have not yet taken advantage of the opportunity to serve our community - as a Council or committee member - will consider doing so in the future. As I have noted in the past, whether you simply appreciate the services your taxes provide being managed closer to home (e.g., twice per week trash pick-up, bulk trash every other month, and well-lit, well-paved streets) or you routinely participate in the more social, annual community celebrations (e.g., Labor Day Movie Night, the Halloween Party, and the "adults-only" happy hour), there are plenty of opportunities to engage for those who choose to do so.

Continued thanks to those in our community and others who remain on the front lines for the rest of us during this pandemic, and I hope that we will all stay safe (following [CDC guidelines](#)) and be well.

Sincerely,  
Tiffany  
Council Chairperson

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



- **June 1:** Community Engagement Committee Meeting at 7:30 PM Via Zoom
- **June 4:** Walkability Committee Meeting via Zoom time TBD
- **June 14:** Community Shred Event 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM in the market area
- **June 18:** Monthly Village Council meeting at 7:30 PM Via Zoom

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## SPOTLIGHT

### From the Election Committee

May 28, 2020

Dear Candidates, Council Members, and Neighbors,

We have now received written confirmation of the final mail vote results, and here is the official report on the 2020 VMA Council Election. The vote tallies for the candidates (in alphabetical order) are:

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Arthur Alexander | 202 votes |
| Jeffrey Blander  | 204 votes |
| Monty Boland     | 116 votes |
| Susan Fattig     | 204 votes |

In addition, 22 people received a total of 47 write-in votes, as follows:

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|---------------|----------|
| Michael Hess  | 14 votes |
| Katie Howard  | 5 votes  |
| Peter Kahn    | 4 votes  |
| Jean Sperling | 3 votes  |

Ben Dunford, Andrew Kauders, and Chris Schrader each received two votes. Keith Allen, Kathy Bishop, Paul Bishop, Noah Bowers, Noel Dunford (Bingham), Denise Glassman, Tracy Kline, Marty Langelan, Reenie Leahy, Paul McGowan, Mike Meenan, Elizabeth Vorrasi, Holly Worthington, and Lorie Zucco each received one vote. One person, who was not listed on the VMA voter roll, Elizabeth Abdelmasien, also received one vote.

Total ballots:

The vote-by-mail ballots were sent to all 601 eligible residents listed on the 2020 VMA voter roll, and 295 residents sent in their ballots. That's a participation rate of almost 50 percent. It was the second-highest VMA voter turn-out on record, and 14 percent above the number of voters last year.

Total votes on the ballots:

The four candidates received a total of 726 votes. The write-ins received 47 votes. No ballots were disqualified this year. Quite a few residents intentionally left some votes blank by selecting only one or two people on the ballot, instead of voting for three people. There were 112 votes not cast (left blank) on the "under-voted" ballots.

The Election Committee thanks all the candidates for their community leadership in running for the Village Council. We also commend the Village Manager, Niles Anderegg, for his diligent work in support of the Election Committee's mailings, notices, meetings, and logistics. It was a challenge to carry out the VMA election in the midst of this pandemic, and we very much appreciate the community's support.

Respectfully submitted by the 2020 Martin's Additions Election Committee:

Marty Langelan (chair), Lauren Shweder Biel, Lorie Mitchell, Halie Soifer, and Jesse Tampio

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## NOTES FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE

**Minutes from the May 7, 2020 Village Council Meeting** posted [here](#).

**Summer Reminders**



With summer upon us, many residents will be working their lawns. As we all know, grass grows quickly during these Summer months, so please keep your grass mowed and be sure to clear the right of way for pedestrians and drivers alike.

Also, some of you have expressed concerns about right of way trees that might need the attention of the Village Arborist. The Village Office is currently coordinating on some of these projects, but if you know of a tree that might need to be looked at, please do not hesitate to reach out to the office and we will have the Village arborist assess the situation.



While you are out and about, we would also encourage residents to check out the recently finished community garden at the intersection of Cummings Lane and Brookville Road, which includes a bench and a plaque in memory of former chair Richard Krajeck.



### From Officers Picerno and Pratt



Hopefully, we will soon see a return to normalcy in our communities. Even though crime is generally down across the county, as weather warms, we are likely to see the return to some of the criminal activities common in the late spring. One of the most common is thefts from vehicles. Please consider the following tips:

- \* **Lock your vehicles at all times.** Whether the vehicle is parked on the street or to the rear of the house in a driveway it needs to be locked when it is unattended. **This is the most important measure that can be taken to prevent this crime.** The criminals that steal from vehicles roam through the neighborhoods and pull on door handles. They almost always bypass the vehicles with locked doors. Once they find a vehicle that is unlocked (which unfortunately is often the case) they rummage through for a few minutes and take loose change, GPS units, laptops or anything else that is of some value and easy to carry away. They often carry backpacks or bags and do not leave until the bag is full.
- \* Remove or hide valuables from plain sight in your vehicles. GPS units, laptops, phone chargers, currency, EZ pass transponders and anything else should be removed or hidden. Never keep keys to your vehicle inside. That also applies to keys to other vehicles. The same goes for house keys. Do not let the criminals "window shop". If the reward is great enough, they may want to break the window to access that item. If the door is locked and they see nothing significant, chances are they will move on.
- \* Report any suspicious activity promptly
- \* Ensure you have sufficient outdoor lighting. Again, these types of criminals are typically non-confrontational and would rather do their crimes in the darkness. If you can, mount external lights on a garage or residence that will

help deter crime. A simple motion sensor light can quickly be worth the expense.

\* Consider keeping a key fob for your vehicle in the bedroom. If you become a theft victim and realize that someone is looking into your vehicle, you can press the panic button and scare off the would-be thief. Please notify the police even if you scare the subject off as they may stay in the neighborhood and look for a new target.

If you are the victim of a theft from auto, or any crime for that matter, please promptly notify the police. Police operate on a data-driven approach to manpower allotment, and tracking where certain crimes occur have a direct impact on what specialized resources are allocated. By working together to prevent crime, we send the message that the Village is not a place where people should come and commit crimes.

### **Tax Return Reminder: Maryland Taxing Area**

Revenues received through our residents' paid income taxes are a very important source of Village revenues. The Village needs your help to ensure that all income tax revenue due to the Village arrives here. It is important that the designated portion of the tax paid to Montgomery County returns to the Village.



In order for the State of Maryland to return this revenue, your political subdivision must be entered on Maryland Form 502. Maryland Form 502 now requests a 4 digit Political Subdivision Code as well as the Maryland Political Subdivision. The 4 digit Code for Martin's Additions is 1622. For more information, [click here](#).

### **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**

Montgomery County 2020 Census Website

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**AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING(S)**



----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, June 18, 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: Cissna

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

7:41 PM Committee Update(s): Committee Chairpersons or their representatives

7:51 PM Presentation of Cybersecurity Posture Assessment: WildCard LLC

8:01 PM Building Administrator's Report: Lohmeyer

8:11 PM Financial Matters, including FY 2020 Budget Amendments and Treasurer's Report:  
Alexander

8:21 PM Manager's Report: Anderegg

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

8:31 PM Adjournment: Cissna

\*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: May 5, 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 is on hold.

### **7204 Chestnut St.**

The Village issued the building permit on April 3, 2019. The construction of the additions is ongoing. A variance was previously granted for those additions. The applicants have requested a Village Building Permit extension, which extends the permit until July 4, 2020.

A "Stop Work Order" was issued on Monday, March 9th.

The applicant submitted a second variance application for the same rear addition side yard setback on April 29, 2020. The staff has reviewed the application. A Council hearing has not been scheduled.

### **7210 Chestnut St.**

The Village issued their building permit on Oct. 11, 2018. The applicant estimates the project will be completed in 2 to 3 months. The Village building permit has been extended.

The County has closed their building permit but the 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.

### **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 Variance hearing has not been scheduled.



**3412 Taylor St.**

The Village original building permit was issued on Feb. 4, 2019. The house construction is ongoing. The applicant has raised the elevation of the house because of a high ground water condition. The height survey indicated the new roof peak is 6 inches higher than what the Village Code permits.

The Village Building Permit has been extended. The contractor expects to receive the final inspection from MCDPS this week.

**3407 Thornapple St.**

The Village issued their building permit on May 30, 2019. Work has begun 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.

The applicant has been advised that their building permit will expire in May and they are preparing a request for the extension.

**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.
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:**

As we head into June, temperatures typically are in the low 80s in the early weeks, averaging out to the upper 80s at the end of the month. We are looking at a warmer than normal June to August, with rainfall around normal, which would give us the driest Summer since 2016. That could change if we get tropical weather systems, which would not come until August. Summer is a great time to be

outdoors but we need to respect the elements. Thunderstorms can be dangerous if you are caught outdoors. Always know of a safe place to go if thunderstorms threaten your neighborhood. Next month, the newsletter will outline thunderstorm safety rules. Until then, stay safe and get out and enjoy the beauty of Summer. June is an especially enjoyable month with the scent of honeysuckle and wild roses! Have a great Summer, if not weather-wise, then otherwise!

-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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*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](mailto:architecturalphoto@mac.com)

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