

Martin's Edition

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

January 2018

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Neighbors,

It has been a busy year in Martin's Additions - from infrastructure improvements, to a renewed emphasis on community engagement; from hiring new staff, to mobilizing against increased traffic. In that light, I would like to take this opportunity to give an overview of some of the big items that we have taken on this past year, and some of the things that we anticipate tackling in 2018.



Perhaps the biggest and most noticeable projects that were undertaken this year involve our infrastructure improvement. After years of WSSC and Washington Gas tearing up the streets and putting in new water lines, sewer lines, and gas lines, we were finally able to hire a contractor to take on the task of repaving our streets and repairing our sidewalks. After soliciting multiple bids we selected A.B. Veirs, a local family-owned company out of Gaithersburg (for whom Veirs Mill Road is named.) We have been exceedingly pleased with the quality of their work and the

professionalism with which they undertook the job. Similarly, thank you to all for your patience throughout the project - it is no fun to be told you can't park on your own street, but your cooperation made the project go much more smoothly. For residents on streets that have not been repaved yet, we see you, we hear you, and we share your frustration with the slow pace, you have been stuck with poor road conditions for too long. We expect WSSC to start very shortly with an outreach meeting sometime in January. Once they've finished, you too will be able to enjoy a smooth ride on your streets.

The second exciting infrastructure project we completed was the street light replacement throughout the Village. I am proud to say as well that we were able to complete the project under-budget!

Speaking of the budget, the Village passed its fiscal year 2017 audit with no surprises. The Village is in strong shape financially, which is why the Council voted against property tax increases this past year. Looking ahead, we expect to lower property taxes for the upcoming fiscal year.

Other changes: we have a new Assistant Manager, Tina Lurie, who has been a welcome addition. If you have not had a chance to say hello, please do. We also began offering a new service in the Village - leaf vacuuming. It is something we have been planning to try for a few years and is offered in many neighboring municipalities. We hired Lee's Tree Service, which also serves Section 5. We welcome feedback on residents' perspective as we consider whether or not to extend the service next fall and beyond.

Other developments to increase community involvement: we have a policy to allow community groups and organizations to post in the newsletter and we have established a Community Engagement Committee, headed by Lauren Biel, which has assisted in planning community events, and nominated block captains to help welcome new neighbors. If you have a new neighbors, let the office know and the block captains will put together a welcome gift basket for them. I want to thank all of our volunteers on all the committees.

Also, we have re-instituted an ordinance to require pre-construction meetings prior to significant building projects, ensuring that neighbors are well-informed of plans, and can raise potential issues that might arise.

Looking forward to next year, we plan to renew our Tree City USA certification, oversee the redesign of the Brookville/Taylor intersection (see the Spotlight section below), replace street signs, update language in the Charter, lower the property taxes, rebid a few contracts and of course finish the streets!

Last, but not least on behalf of myself and the entire Council and staff, it is a pleasure to serve this community. You, the residents, are what make this a truly special place to live. I wish you all a happy New Year.

- Richard Krajeck, Council Chair

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UPCOMING EVENTS



January 13	Bulk Trash Pick up
January 18	Village Council Meeting, 7:30pm
January 25	Public Hearing Draft of the Bicycle Master Plan (see details under Notes From The Village Office)

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SPOTLIGHT

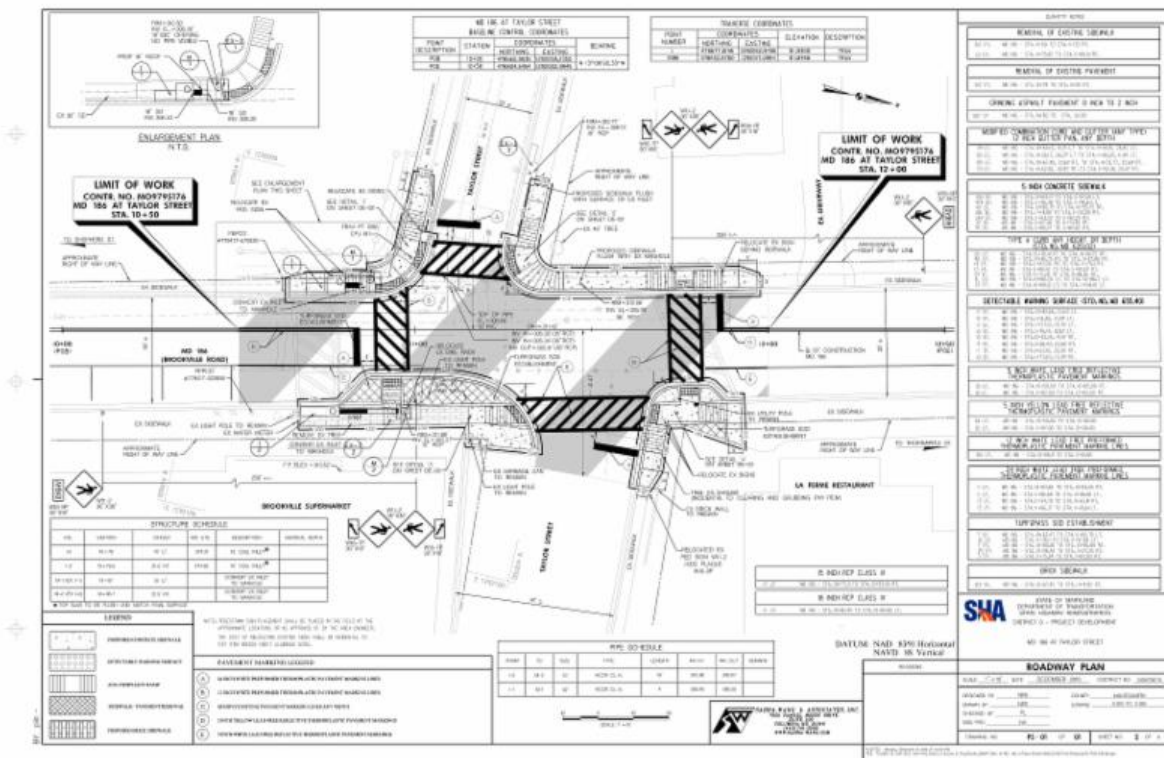
Brookville/Taylor Intersection Redesign

See the below plans from State Highway Administration to finally complete its improvement of the Brookville/Taylor intersection. For too long, vehicles have sped through the intersection without stopping, which has created some danger for pedestrians and other drivers. This is in large part due to poor design. With the help of Section 3, our office has been working with State Highway to redesign the intersection to create less space between the four intersections, and reduce the length of the crosswalks. In addition, this plan will eliminate the handicap parking spot that is beyond the stop sign in front of Brookville Market, which reduces visibility for north-bound drivers approaching the intersection.

The intersection improvement plans were initially released to the contractor in September to begin their preliminary construction activities. However, once the issue of ponding was observed on Taylor Street the profile had to be realigned so all safety concerns are addressed with this project. This included having the design consultant perform additional surveys and design activities to provide a way to minimize/eliminate the water from ponding on the roadway. The additional design work is now complete and was provided to the contractor in November. The contractor anticipates construction activities to begin this spring when temperatures are more ideal for the concrete and paving activities.

Our office recognizes that this is a long time coming, and we thank you for your patience throughout the process. We also understand that the below image is not easily legible. Please let the office know, and we will be happy to email you a copy of the plans that you can look at more thoroughly.

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NOTES FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE

Holiday Fund:

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Holiday Fund for the contractors at Waste Management. We appreciate your generosity in recognizing the hard work these men do, regardless of the weather.

Public Hearing Draft of the Bicycle Master Plan:

The Montgomery County Planning Board has put together a Bicycle Master Plan, which can be viewed at: www.montgomeryplanning.org/bikeplan. This plan will supersede the 1978 Master Plan. The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed new Bicycle Master Plan on Thursday, January 25 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm in the auditorium at 8787 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD.

Beginning on January 15, the public can sign up to testify at <http://montgomeryplanningboard.org/meetings/signup-to-testify/>. The public can also submit comments about the Bicycle Master Plan via email to

Waiting on WSSC:

A few streets in Martin's Additions were not repaved as part of the large job that was done this past year. We are hoping WSSC will complete this work in spring 2018. Before any work begins, WSSC and their selected contractor will have a public outreach meeting to go over plans and what to expect. We will make sure to keep you informed of any developments. Village staff has met with WSSC officials to go over conditions for a memorandum of understanding, which will set forth some parameters on work conditions, etc. One of the main criteria we have included is that once work begins, they do not deviate and leave; they must finish through to completion once it is started.

Thank you for your patience while we wait for WSSC to finish their work. In the meantime, please let the office know if there are potholes that we can patch up.

Noise and Construction Hours:

A reminder that the Village follows Montgomery County's Noise Law, which allows for 65 dBA (decibels) during the daytime, and 55 dBA at nighttime. An example that may violate that section of the law might include lawn-mowing at night, for example. [This sheet](#) might also give you an idea of what those numbers roughly translate to. Typically the Village suggests contacting the County if there is a noise disturbance because they have the equipment to assess decibel levels and the resources to issue citations. If you wish to report a noise violation, you can contact Montgomery County 3-1-1 during regular business hours, or the non-emergency police line at 301-279-8000 during non-business hours. There is also a two-party complaint form found online on the [Montgomery County website](#).

The rules for construction are slightly different, and are handled a little differently too. Construction in the Village shall not commence prior to 7:00 am on Monday through Friday, and 9:00 am on Saturday and Sunday; and must end no later than 9:00 pm Monday through Thursday, and 7:00 pm Friday through Sunday, and on federal holidays. Between 7:00 am and 5:00 pm on weekdays, construction work is allowed to get up to 75 dBA, and up to 85 dBA if there is a Montgomery-County approved noise suppression plan for the project. Again, if you would like to report a violation you can contact the County. You can also inform the Village office, which can also issue citations for working beyond permitted construction work hours.

2016 Resident Directory:

Extra copies are available in the Village office. The directory is published every two years, so the next update will be available in 2018. The Village is beginning to compile contact info for the 2018 directory. We would like to get information from everyone this year to make sure we are up-to-date. Please stay tuned for more information.

As mentioned above, the new Village website has the capability of allowing residents access to an online version of the directory; only accessible to residents of Martin's Additions.

Permitting:

Please remember to contact the Village office before beginning any work to verify permitting requirements. Work performed on your property may require permits from the Village as well as from Montgomery County. See the "Building Blocks" section of the newsletter for the latest!

Moving?

Residents of VMA are encouraged to contact the office to have temporary No Parking signs posted in front of their home when moving out of the Village or when expecting a large truck delivery. We have implemented a new system whereby residents fill out a form that can be submitted via email or in person (available on the Village website), so that there is no confusion about moving dates/times.

Other items:

- 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.

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DRAFT AGENDA FOR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

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

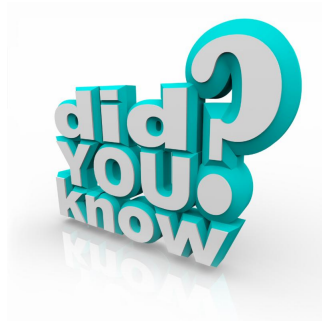
Draft Agenda for January 18, 2018

7:30pm	Discussion on mail delivery issues with Postmaster Aldana and Congressman Jamie Raskin's office
7:50pm	Resident Comments
7:55pm	Committee Updates
8:00pm	Action on Council Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2017: Krajeck
8:05pm	Building Administrator's Report
8:10pm	Treasurer's Report: Alexander
8:15pm	Discussion on Small Cell Tower Legislation
8:30pm	Discussion on Charter Amendment Recommendations
8:55pm	Manager's Report: Trollinger
9:05pm	Opportunity for Council to Hear Residents' Comments: Krajeck
9:10pm	Adjournment: Krajeck

Audio recording and written minutes for the November meeting will be posted online very shortly.

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LITTLE KNOWN FACT



The Village's new website allows the Village to use its domain name for email addresses. As such, **starting January 1st, Village staff will have two new email addresses:**

Please email the Village Manager, Matthew Trollinger at the new address of **manager@martinsadditions.org**. The Assistant Manager, Tina Lurie, can be reached at **avm@martinsadditions.org**.

Staff will forward messages from the old email to the new one in the meantime, but if you could please update your address books that would be most appreciated!

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BUILDING BLOCKS

BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

6701 Brookville Rd.

The applicant has submitted a building permit application to add an addition at the rear of the existing house. The staff has completed a preliminary review of the application and is waiting for the MCDPS building permit approval.

7210 Chestnut St.

The Village has issued a demolition permit for the removal of the ex. house. The demolition has been completed. The applicant is working with the architect to finalize the architectural plans for the new house. Nothing has been submitted to MCDPS or the Village.

7219 Chestnut St.

The homeowner placed stones tiles over the top of the existing concrete lead sidewalk. A right of way license agreement was prepared for that portion of the sidewalk in the Village right of way. We are waiting for the homeowner to return the executed and notarized agreement, which will be recorded in the land records at Montgomery County.

3405 Cummings La.

The applicant has submitted for a building permit from MCDPS and the Village. The Village issued a building permit on 9/11/17 and construction is on-going.

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.

7210 Delfield St.

The homeowner has planted rose bushes and other plants, outside the new fence at the front of the property and within the Village right of way. A right of way license agreement was prepared for the plantings in the Village right of way. We are waiting for the homeowner to return the executed and notarized agreement, which will be recorded in the land records at Montgomery County.

6702 Melville St.

The Village has issued a building permit to enclose the breezeway between the existing house and garage. On Dec. 19th, MCDPS finalized their building permit, so the Village can release their permit and refund the performance bond.

3404 Shepherd St.

An application has been submitted to add a second floor, a covered front porch, and a covered patio to the existing house. The application has been reviewed. The staff has issued a Village building permit and the work is proceeding. The applicant has submitted a certified height survey, which indicates the addition is in accordance with the Village Code.

7200 Summit Ave.

The construction of the new bay window has been completed and the Village will sign-off as soon as the County signs-off. The County permit is still open.

3510 Taylor Street

The staff has noticed that the existing brick retaining wall within the Village right of way is collapsing, is a safety hazard, and is in need of immediate repair. The staff is attempting to contact the homeowner. A right of way license will be required.

3512 Taylor Street

The staff noticed that when the retaining wall was re-built, the contractor left a 2-inch-wide depressed area between the existing Village sidewalk and the base of the new wall, which may cause a pedestrian to trip and fall. The staff is attempting to contact the homeowner to correct the situation.

3405 Thornapple St.

The staff issued a building permit to relocate the existing house from the adjacent lot and add improvements to the old structure. The improvements include a new curb cut and driveway. The work has begun and the existing house has been moved to the adjacent lot. The applicant has poured a new driveway and apron and replaced a section of damaged curb. However, several sections of ex. curb have chips and cracks and I recommend they also be replaced. MCDPS has released their permit and the staff will be scheduling a final site visit.

3407 Thornapple St.

The staff met with the owner's attorney and engineer regarding the siting of a new house on the lot. The owner's attorney feels the Village Code is in conflict with the County Code regarding building setbacks and that the County Code should be followed. The staff and Village attorney feel the Village Code is more restrictive, but not in conflict. The applicant is re-working their plan and should soon re-submit it to the Village.

MCDOT - North Delfield St.

The staff has contacted the MCDOT maintenance department about repairing the existing storm drain inlet at the north end of North Delfield St. MCDOT is not sure who owns the damaged inlet and they are still investigating the situation.

MSHA - Brookville Road

MSHA maintenance staff is investigating the water ponding at the northeast corner of Brookville Rd. and Bradley La. MSHA was recently contacted and they are still looking into a solution for the ponding water. MSHA has stated that sometime in Jan. 2018, they will make the adjustments to the curb, sidewalk ramp, and paving in order to improve the ponding situation. They will call as soon as the contract is awarded and a start date is set.

AMT GIS Update

AMT last updated the Village GIS computer data in 2014. In the spring, a RFP was sent out. The Village has received three proposals and they are being reviewed by the staff.

--Doug Lohmeyer, Building Administrator

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HEARD ON THE SIDEWALK

MANNA UPDATE:

We Did It Again! Thanks to All for Giving.

Thanks to the generosity of so many Martin's Additions residents, our Village Food Drive once again generated more than 5,000 pounds of nonperishable items for Manna, Montgomery County's central food distribution center. December alone produced 480 pounds, putting the 2017 total at 5,056. This makes the 4th year in a row (and 6th overall since the food drive started in August 2008) that we've topped the 5,000-pound mark and puts the grand total of food delivered over the last nine-plus years at an amazing 45,052 pounds - a small percentage of what Manna distributes annually to individuals and families in need of assistance but a terrific sum coming from our small community.

We'll make another delivery in early in January and then hope to see many of you on Monday, January 15th for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Community Service. If the weather cooperates, we'll once again set up a donation table in front of the Brookville Market starting in late morning into the afternoon and will accept both cash and in-kind contributions. Stay tuned for an update (and call for volunteers) as we watch the weather forecasts. Again, thank you to all who have participated

in the worthy cause of trying to help the many families in Montgomery County who are struggling to pay bills and have enough cash left to put food on the table. They and Manna staff are most grateful for the ongoing support. Sending wishes for a happy, healthy New Year to all of our Village neighbors.

WEATHER OUTLOOK:

Just in time for the New Year, expect colder than average weather. Going into mid January, some days will be downright frigid. The good news is any snow we get would more than likely be light. Temperatures are expected to be the coldest we've seen in three winters. After mid January, it will become mild again, at least until February when it will be turning colder. At that point we can expect more significant snowfall. The winter overall will turn out milder and dryer than normal. The average daily temperature for January is in the low 40's. It's been as warm as 80 degrees in January and as cold as -15 degrees. The most snow ever recorded in a single storm in January was 28" in January of 1922, which is the all-time record snowfall for a single storm in Washington, DC. This is also known as the famous Knickerbocker storm which collapsed the Knickerbocker Theater in Adams Morgan and killed over 100 people.

- 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.

HAPPY 2018 FROM CHEVY CHASE AT HOME:

CC@ H begins the New Year with an informative question and answer session with Ken Hartman, the director of Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center. Come to the Chevy Chase Village Hall on Tuesday, January 9, 2 to 4 p.m., and learn what's happening in our area now, as well as plans for the future, especially regarding construction projects, transportation and services.

New 9-week sessions of our popular exercise programs, Gentle Seated Pilates/Balance begin on Wednesday, Jan. 10 (10:30 - 11:30 a.m.) and Thursday, Jan. 11 (2:30 - 3:30 p.m.). Zumba Gold also starts on Wednesday, Jan. 10 (11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.). Call the office at 301-657-3115 or go to www.chevychaseathome.com for details and to register.

Come to Brunch Bunch at the Olympia Cafe on Brookville Road on Thursday, Jan. 11, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Just drop in, buy a cup of coffee, and join neighbors at the CC@ H table for convivial conversation! Open to all.

New CC@ H Volunteers are always welcome. Please consider becoming part of our wonderful team in 2018. New Volunteer Training will be held on Thursday, Jan. 18, 10 a.m. - 12 noon, at the Town of Chevy Chase Town Hall. Registration is required by Thursday, Jan. 11, online or by calling the office at 301-657-3115.

CHEVY CHASE HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

The Chevy Chase Historical Society Archive and Research Center is moving from the lower level of the Chevy Chase Library to 8401 Connecticut Ave. The move may have already taken place by the time you receive this newsletter. This new location is larger and will provide a better environment to help preserve the archives. Due to the costs associated with the move, CCHS is requesting donations to help offset expenses. You can learn more about the move and how to contribute by going to chevychasehistory.org.

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

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

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