

Martin's Edition

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

January 2019

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Happy New Year, I hope you had wonderful holidays. It isn't so easy to get back into the routine (says one who is retired).

The start of the New Year triggers a number of things for the Village: while we are only 6 months into FY 2018-2019, we evaluate what was projected for spending and income compared to the actual numbers to see if we need to adjust the current budget; additionally, we begin making projections for the FY 2019-2020 budget year.



The Elections Committee will be meeting to finalize their proposal to the Council on the Election procedures. There will be two Council vacancies this year so it is time for you to consider volunteering for your Village.

The Community Engagement Committee is planning activities before the Fiscal Year's end that includes the May Sidewalk and Election event.

We have begun putting out feelers to engineers on what procedure(s) they would use to identify areas where sidewalks could be installed, and expect to shortly be issuing an RFP (request for proposals). This will likely be a two-four year process using a process similar to the one we established for building codes: there will be resident hearings as well as information sent to the residents at each step.

There are always opportunities for you to be involved in our Village-please let the Village staff or any Council member know if you are interested!

- Richard Krajeck, Council Chair

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UPCOMING EVENTS



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| 1/11/19 | A Wider Circle pick up |
| 1/12/19 | Bulk trash pick up |
| 1/17/19 | January Council meeting, 7:30pm |
| 1/21/19 | Village office closed in observance of MLK Jr. Day |
| 1/22/19 | 3521 Cummings Variance Hearing (Date is tentative, any change or confirmation will be communicated to residents) |

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SPOTLIGHT

A WIDER CIRCLE:

A Wider Circle provides basic need items to individuals and families transitioning out of homelessness, fleeing domestic abuse, or otherwise living without the essentials of life. For many, they are the only resource for turning empty spaces into stable and dignified homes.

Every other month, A Wider Circle picks up donated items from Martin's Additions. The next pick up is on Friday, January 11.

To be a part of the pickup, A Wider Circle requires each donor to contact them by the Monday prior to the pickup by email (furnish@awidercircle.org) or phone (301-608-3504) with a complete list of items they wish to donate. To participate in the pickup on January 11, you would need to contact A Wider Circle by Monday, January 7. Residents should place the items outside by 9:00am on January 11.

Depending on the number of residents who reach out to A Wider Circle, they might be able to go into 1 or 2 homes. Getting the items outside is what enables them to schedule a lot of pickups in a neighborhood during community-wide pickups.

A Wider Circle is always happy to schedule additional pickups outside of the community-wide pickup. As part of their regular pickup service, they do go into homes. These pickups are quite popular and often need to be scheduled several months in advance.

For more information on the services A Wider Circle provides, please refer to this link:

[A Wider Circle](#)

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Financials

FY2020 Budget Preparations

In the weeks and months ahead, the Village will begin preparations for the FY2020 budget. In the past, a draft budget has been presented at, discussed, and introduced at the March Council Meeting, for adoption at the Annual Meeting, which will be held this year on Thursday May 9th. FY 2020 begins July 1, 2020.

FY2018 Audit Results

The Village of Martin's Additions by law is required to undergo an independent audit every year. The FY2018 audit findings were presented at the December 6 Council meeting by the firm Linton, Shafer, Warfield & Garrett. The Village "passed" the audit,

and no irregularities were found. The entire audit results can be found on the Village website, along with past audits, at:

https://www.martinsadditions.org/governance/audit_reports/index.php

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NOTES FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE

Village Holiday Fund:

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Village Holiday Fund on behalf of our workers at Waste Management. This year Village residents contributed a total of \$10,396, which is the highest-ever raised for the hard-working waste, recycling, and yard waste pickup men in the Village. The crews asked the office to extend their thanks, and to let you all know how much your generosity means to them. Thank you for your collective kindness and giving spirit over the holiday season.

Leaf vacuuming:

Leaf vacuuming has been completed for the season. While we had a bit of a challenge this year due to the amount of rain, the office switched contractors halfway through, and Rolling Acres was able to provide a thorough clean up on their final run.

The Village will soon be posting a Request for Proposals for Landscaping and Leaf Vacuuming services. If you know of a contractor who would be a good fit for either (or both), please feel free to pass along to the office.

WSSC Update:

WSSC has finished updating the sewer lines on Thornapple Street, and is finishing up with clean up and repairs. The crew has moved onto Chestnut Street, and has begun digging out to start repairs to the sewer main on the street. Once the main has been replaced, WSSC will begin individual house connections. Altogether, they expect the work to last six to eight weeks, which would have them finishing out by mid- to late-February (weather permitting).

WSSC is also planning to do repairs on a section of Brookville Rd. at the intersection of Cummings Lane. Although this is not technically Martin's Additions, Village

residents may be affected by the work. Work is also going in Rollingwood beyond Cummings Ln., and is scheduled to continue through this year.

On behalf of our office and WSSC, thank you to residents for your continued patience. Although the work is slow-going and disruptive, it is important work to maintain the infrastructure in the long-run.

Street Repairs:

Once repairs are complete on Thornapple, the Village will be able to complete the rest of the streets that have not yet been repaved. We hope to begin street repairs in March once asphalt plants re-open and the weather is warm enough that the asphalt and concrete will be able to stabilize. The scheduled plan is to begin on Quincy and Raymond Streets, and then to move up to Thornapple and Chestnut Streets. At that point, all the streets in Martin's Additions will have been re-paved and repaired, this years-long project will finally come to a close.

Residents who wish to have their driveways re-done during street repairs can contact the Village office, which is able to secure pricing through A.B. Veirs to piggy-back off of the Village's bulk pricing and reduce some of the costs.

After street repairs are complete, the Village will plan to put out a request for proposals for continued maintenance on the streets should any potholes or other hazards develop.

Small Cell Tower Legislation:

In conjunction with the other "down-County" municipalities in the greater Chevy Chase area, the Village of Martin's Additions has been working to create uniform small cell tower legislation to maintain some local control over placement of such devices. There is also legislation at the County and State level that is in the works. The FCC has issued a ruling that limits the ability of local governments to regulate small cell towers, and all local legislation must work within the parameters of the ruling. An update on draft legislation will be given by the Village's attorney at the January Council meeting, and the Council may discuss any changes that they wish before possible introduction if they so choose.

Code Amendments:

At the Council meeting on September 20, the Council introduced an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances to correct typographical errors in diagrams relating to building height; amend the definition of wall plane height; clarify the required additional side setback; define "maintain" and "repair" with respect to developmental nonconformities; and otherwise clarify the Code. The proposed ordinance was open for public comment, and adopted on December 6, 2018. Both the changes and the complete updated Code of Ordinances can be found on the Village website at: https://martinsadditions.org/governance/code_of_ordinances/index.php

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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
January 17, 2019

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: Krajeck
7:31 PM	Opportunity for Council to hear residents' comments: Krajeck
7:40 PM	Committee Updates
7:50 PM	Action on Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2018: Krajeck
7:55 PM	Building Administrator's Report: Lohmeyer
8:00 PM	Financial Matters: Alexander
8:05 PM	Small Cell Tower Legislation: Bolt
8:20 PM	Discussion and possible introduction of Small Cell Legislation: Krajeck
8:40 PM	Manager's Report: Trollinger
8:55 PM	Opportunity for Council to hear residents' comments: Krajeck
9:10 PM	Adjournment: Krajeck

BUILDING BLOCKS

Building Administrator Report:

TO: The Council at the Village of Martin's Additions
FROM: Doug Lohmeyer
DATE OF MEMO: December 6, 2018
SUBJECT: Building Administrator's Report

3520 Bradley La.

The applicant has submitted a building permit to the County and the Village. The neighborhood information meeting has been held and the County and Village building permits have been issued. The handicapped ramp on the west side of the house was not included in the Village permit. A variance or special hardship exemption for the ramp may be applied for later.

7204 Chestnut St.

The applicant has submitted at building permit package to the County and the Village. The application is undergoing the initial Village review. The Village is waiting for more information from the applicant's engineer. The applicant has applied for a variance, which is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 20th.
(NOTE: the variance hearing was held as scheduled on December 20th. A written summary of the decision is being finalized by the Village's attorney.)

7210 Chestnut St.

The Village has received an application for a new house to be built on the vacant lot. The information meeting with the residents was held on Monday Sept. 17th. The County issued their building permit on Oct. 1, 2018 and the Village issued their building permit on Oct. 11, 2018. Work begun at the site on Oct. 11th.

3521 Cummings Ln.

The applicant has submitted a building permit to the County and the Village. The staff has completed the initial review. The applicant may apply for a variance for the EBL setback along Cummings La. for the house addition and the detached garage.

They may also apply for a variance of the 30% non-vegetative surface, so they can install a circular driveway.

(NOTE: the applicant is applying for a variance, and confirmation of the date will be sent to residents as soon as it is finalized.)

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. A Village building permit is pending for enclosing the existing screened porch.

7213 Delfield St.

The property owners have submitted a permit to replace with ex. driveway. The existing concrete driveway apron will remain. The Village permit is being processed.

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 has issued building permits and the work is proceeding.

3508 Shepherd St.

The applicants have submitted at building permit package to the County and the Village. The neighborhood information meeting was held on Nov. 7th and the Village permit has been issued. The applicant is preparing the documents abandoning the existing shared driveway and creating an easement for the neighbor.

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 Village building permit has been issued. The contractor stated work will begin soon.

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 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 and the staff recommends releasing the Village's 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 removed the stockpiled material at the rear of the lot but has not re-graded the lot to comply with the County approved sediment control plans. 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 has submitted a building permit application to the County and the Village. The plans have received the initial Village review and a neighborhood information meeting will be scheduled.

(NOTE: A pre-construction meeting will likely be held in January. Once a definitive date is selected, confirmation will be sent out to residents.)

Miscellaneous Items

The staff is presently working with the following properties:

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

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

MSHA Brookville Rd. and Quincy intersection ponding rainwater

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HEARD ON THE SIDEWALK

Manna Update:

Another Great Year for the Food Drive

It wasn't our best year ever, but the Village drive benefiting Manna - Montgomery County's central food bank - had a very productive year nonetheless. Thanks to two deliveries in December, our contribution of nonperishable items for the month totaled 556 pounds (240 on the 2nd and 316 on the 27th), boosting our 2018 donations to Manna to an impressive 4,871 pounds. The bulk of the items were from shoppers at Brookville Market - the box at the stairs to the Village Office remained fairly bare BUT it will be awaiting more gifts when the New Year begins. For the record, total donations since the drive began in the summer of 2008 reached an amazing 50,723 pounds, so thanks to all you good folks who've opened your wallets and hearts and kept the project going.

For those of you unfamiliar with Manna Food Center, here are a few statistics: last year, its Food for Families program served the equivalent of 1,251,350 meals to some 28,516 County residents facing hunger; and its Smart Sacks program, which aims to ensure that children don't go hungry over weekends when school meals aren't available, served 2,800 elementary schools, distributing some 100,000 bags through the 40-week school year. Finally, Manna has launched a Mobile Kitchen, which will teach healthy eating and cooking skills to school kids, low-income families and seniors with transportation issues.

If all goes well, we hope to continue the drive in 2019. Please leave donations in the aforementioned box by the Village Office or on the Browns' porch (3404 Taylor) or the Kirschtens' porch (3406 Turner). Weather permitting, we'll also hold the annual MLK Day of Service event in front of the Market in January. Details to follow via the listserv. Once again, thanks to everyone in the Village who's helped make the project a success.

From Chevy Chase At Home:

As CC@H heads into its 10th year of serving our Chevy Chase neighbors we have lots going on. Winter exercise classes begin on Monday, January 7, with Gentle Pilates/Balance from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. The Wednesday morning Gentle Pilates class meets at 10:30 a.m. on January 9, and on Thursday, January 10, a new Pilates Mat class will start at 2:30 p.m. All are held at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church on Connecticut Avenue. Zumba Gold meets Wednesdays,

starting January 9, at 11:30 a.m., and Music & Movement (formerly Dance & Song) also begins on January 9 at 2:30 p.m. Both of these are held at the Chevy Chase Village Hall. Registration and fees for all classes are available online at www.chevyCHASEathome.org, or you may call the office at 301-657-3115.

On Tuesday, January 15, a Mindfulness Relaxation Session will be offered by Lylie Fisher, the facilitator of Montgomery County Maryland's Caregiver Support Program. She will also provide information regarding county services and respite benefits for caregivers. Although the program is caregiver-focused, anyone may attend. 2 to 4 p.m. at the CC Village Hall.

A New Volunteer Training session will be held on Thursday, January 17, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at the Town of Chevy Chase Town Hall. Registration, required by January 14, may be done online, or you may call us directly at 301-657-3115. Start your New Year off right by becoming a CC@H Volunteer!

Take the AARP Smart Driver Course on Tuesday, January 29, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (with a 1 hour lunch break) and you could save money on your car insurance (not all insurance companies offer this benefit). Registration is required, and there is a fee of \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members, payable by check at the door. At the Chevy Chase Village Hall.

Chevy Chase Library:

Please refer to the link below for information on the library:

[Chevy Chase Library](#)

Weather Outlook:

December was over 2 degrees above normal in temperatures and well above normal for rain. We averaged over 65 inches of rain for 2018, which smashed the previous all-time annual rainfall. Weather records in Washington, DC date back to 1871. There was no snow in December.

We are going to start the New Year on the mild side and competitively dryer than average. Snow is coming however, as we head further into January and February. At this time a year ago, we had gone into a deep freeze that lasted for a couple of weeks, but the winter of last year was unusually mild overall with way below average snowfall. Two winters ago was also very mild with only around 4 inches of snow for the entire winter. So make sure you keep the snow shovels and sled handy - Jim Johnson Field at Shepherd Street Park (actually known as Chevy Chase Park) will be seeing lots of activity.

Meanwhile, keep updated on the changing weather by dialing 202-589-1212, and that's doing it the old fashioned way.

Happy New Year everyone!!!

- 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.

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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[Live and Learn Bethesda](#)

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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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