

# Martin's Edition

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

March 2018

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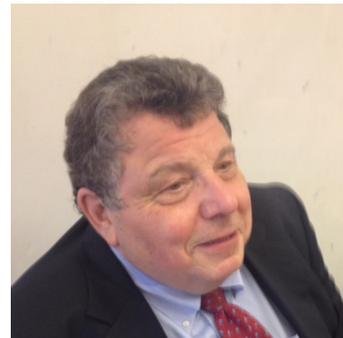
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## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Neighbors,

Our thanks to the Community Engagement Committee for putting together a wonderful wine-tasting and "cookie exchange" at La Ferme leading up to Valentine's Day. It was great to see so many of our residents, young and old, mingling and enjoying the various delicious wine, hors d'oeuvres, and homemade cookies. Stay tuned for the next event - an Arbor Day celebration which will be held in April. The exact date is still TBD, but I have no doubt that our volunteers will help put together another lovely get-together.



This is Village budget season for Fiscal Year 2019. The Village's Fiscal Year begins in July; the Village Charter requires that we pass the new budget at the Annual Meeting May 10th. We will present a draft budget at the March 15th Council Meeting where residents have an opportunity to comment on the budget as presented as well as what they would like to see added or deleted from the current list of activities the Village supports.

This is also the beginning of election season in Martin's Additions. Three seats are open for nominations from now until April 10th. If you would like to run, or have any

questions about the election procedures, please email the Election Committee at [VMAElections@gmail.com](mailto:VMAElections@gmail.com), or call the Committee Chair, Marty Langelan, at 301-654-0176. We always need candidates who are interested in representing their neighbors and making a difference in their community.

Aside from Village-wide elections, there are also County elections this year. Martin's Additions has joined other local municipalities in co-hosting the Montgomery County Council District 1 Candidate Forum. The event will have all nine candidates for the office in attendance, and will be held at the National 4-H Conference Center auditorium at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 14th. As a co-sponsor, VMA residents can submit questions to be asked at the forum. Please contact the Village Office for more information, or if you would like to submit a question.

Finally, I've noticed a number of overflowing recycling bins throughout the Village. If you are finding yourself running out of space and need a second recycling bin, or would like to "upgrade" to a larger recycling bin, please contact the Village office. The rolling recycling Toters come in 36 gallon and 48 gallon sizes, and there are smaller recycling bins available as well.

- Richard Krajeck, Council Chair

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS



<b>March 5</b>	<b>Community Engagement Committee Meeting, 8:00pm</b>
<b>March 9</b>	<b>A Wider Circle pick up</b>
<b>March 10</b>	<b>Bulk trash pick up</b>
<b>March 12</b>	<b>Election Committee Meeting, 8:00pm</b>
<b>March 14</b>	<b>County Council District 1 Candidate Forum (4-H Conference Center auditorium), 7:00pm</b>
<b>March 15</b>	<b>Village Council Meeting, 7:30pm</b>

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## SPOTLIGHT

Dear Neighbors,

Nominations for the Martin's Additions Village Council are now open! There are five seats on the Village Council, and three are up for election this year. Run for office! Work with nice neighbors! Get things done! We can't promise you fame or fortune - just the satisfaction of doing things well, getting more connected with your neighborhood, handling some interesting issues, and having some fun while you're at it. Now's the time to step up and put your name on the ballot!

Our Council Members serve a two-year term and spend about four hours a week taking care of Village business, mainly through email discussions and in the regular monthly Council meetings. No prior experience is required. If you're a resident of Martin's Additions and 18 years of age or over, you are eligible to serve on the Council.

The nomination process is very open and easy: If you'd like to run, or have any questions about the election procedures, please email the Election Committee at [VMAelections@gmail.com](mailto:VMAelections@gmail.com) or call the Committee Chair at 301-654-0176. If you're nominating a neighbor, please include your name, the nominee's name, a one-line signed consent statement or email from the nominee, and her/his email address. No anonymous nominations, please. You may also drop off your nomination in the Election Committee box in the Village Office, or mail nominations to the VMA Election Committee, P.O. Box 15978, Chevy Chase, MD 20825.

All nominees will receive a copy of VMA's Election Rules and Procedures. Candidates are asked to (a) provide a one-page written statement to give voters some information about your background, discuss the community issues you'd like to address, and present your position on those issues, and (b) fill out a short, standard form from the Ethics Committee. The candidate statements and ethics forms are due by 5:00 pm on Tuesday April 10.

The Election Committee will send an official election packet to each Martin's Additions household with the voting information and all the candidates' statements. All candidates will be invited to participate in the Candidates Community Forum for Village residents at 7 pm on May 3.

Want to give back to your community? Serve on the Village Council. Good local government matters.

Here's the 2018 election timetable:

Tuesday, April 10: Last day for nominations - candidates' statements and ethics forms due.

Thursday, May 3: Candidates Community Forum, 7pm at the Village Office.

Thursday, May 10: ELECTION DAY! Vote 5pm to 8pm at the Village Celebration!

Warmest regards from your Village Election Committee: Marty Langelan (chair), Lauren Shweder Biel, Diane Everts, Susan Post, and Jesse Tampio

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## NOTES FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE

### **Resident Directory 2018:**

The Village Office is putting together the 2018 Village of Martin's Additions Resident Directory. The directory will follow the same format as in previous years, with residents' names, addresses and phone numbers listed. In addition, we working on a digital version that will be accessible to Village residents on the website. We are also asking for your email addresses to ensure that our office records are up-to-date, and we have everyone in our communications system. Emails will not be published in the directory.

A link to the the Resident Information Form is below, and hard copies will go out to those of you who receive this newsletter via postal mail. Please return it to the Village office in person, by postal mail, or via email to the Village Office at [avm@martinsadditions.org](mailto:avm@martinsadditions.org) as soon as possible. We are requesting everyone submit a completed form, even if your information has not changed. We will publish the 2018 directory as soon as our records have been updated.

**\*\*\*RESIDENT DIRECTORY FORM\*\*\***

### **Committees:**

The Village relies on committee membership to help with various functions and events. The following is a list of our committees and their members. If you're interested in serving on a committee, please contact the Chair:

FY 2018 Election Committee Members:

- Marty Langelan (Chestnut Street) (Chair)
- Lauren Biel (Delfield Street)
- Diane Everts (Raymond Street)
- Susan Post (Turner Lane)
- Jesse Tampio (Summit Avenue)

FY 2018 Community Engagement Committee Members:

- Lauren Biel (Delfield Street) (Chair)
- Elissa Bean (Turner Lane)
- Kristi Tampio (Summit Avenue)

Street Captains:

- Betsy Argintar (Cummings Lane)
- Elissa Bean (Turner Lane)
- Noel Bingham (Taylor Street)
- Lauren Bramlette (Summit Avenue)
- Nayyera Haq (Shepherd Street)
- Barbara Mozdierz (Delfield Street)
- Barbara Sacks-Singer (Thornapple Street)
- Lisa Single (Raymond Street)
- John Symons (Bradley Lane)
- Lynn Welle (Oxford Street + Quincy Street)
- Rachel Yavinsky (Chestnut Street)

FY 2018 Village Ethics Committee Members:

- Marc Efron (Raymond St.), Chair
- Todd Mann (Raymond St.)
- Halie Soifer (Turner Ln.)

**Waiting on WSSC:**

On January 31st, WSSC held a community outreach meeting to go over their sewer rehabilitation plans, which affect the few streets in Martin's Additions that were not repaved last year. Although they have *still* not selected a contractor, they are aiming to begin work in spring 2018. In total, the work will take about 100 days to complete, and will encompass Quincy Street, Raymond Street, Chestnut Street, Thornapple Street, and a small portion of Taylor Street. Village staff has met with WSSC officials and entered into a memorandum of understanding, which sets forth some parameters on work conditions, etc. One of the main criteria included is that once work begins in Martin's Additions, they must finish through to completion.

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 need to be patched up.

- 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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**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 March 15, 2018**

7:30PM*	Call to Order: Krajeck
7:31 PM	Resident Comments: Krajeck
7:45 PM	Committee Updates
7:55 PM	Action on Council Meeting Minutes of February 15: Krajeck
7:57 PM	Building Administrator's Report
8:05 PM	Treasurer's Report: Alexander
8:10 PM	Discussion and Introduction of FY19 Budget and Tax Rates
8:55 PM	Manager's Report: Trollinger
9:05 PM	Opportunity for Council to Hear Residents' Comments: Krajeck
9:15 PM	Adjournment: Krajeck

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Audio recordings and written minutes for Council meetings up through January are available on the Village website.

\*PLEASE NOTE: the times listed on agendas are merely placeholders, and a rough approximation of how much time will be spent. All agenda items may be subject to lasting more or less time than is indicated, depending on the discussions that take place.

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## BUILDING BLOCKS

### **Streets & Sidewalks:**

- The Village is in the midst of a Village-wide sign inventory.
- The cold weather has prevented us from putting in any signs, but we expect to complete installation by the end of March.
- Traffic studies will be on-going over the next couple of weeks on the follow streets to assess traffic patterns, and try to get an idea of the volume of cut-through traffic and vehicle speeds:
  - Quincy Street
  - Shepherd Street
  - Thornapple Street
- State Highway originally planned construction work to incorporate redesign plans for the Brookville/Taylor intersection this fall. Village staff has met with representatives with State Highway, along with staff from Section 3. However, the project has been delayed in order to incorporate into their plans a fix for ponding issues. Work is now scheduled for spring of 2018. The redesign will move the stop signs closer to each other, reduce the distance pedestrians will have to cross the street, and increase visibility in all directions.

Doug Lohmeyer - Building Adminsator'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. The applicant recently amended the MCDPS permit for additional interior improvements.

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.

3501 Shepherd St.

The applicant has submitted a building permit application to make several improvements to the existing house. The County issued their building permit and the Village held a pre-construction meeting with the builder and residents on Thursday February 22. The Village issued its building permit on February 27th.

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 appears to be completed. 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 release their 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. 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 staff has meet 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 a 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 Feb. 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 received three proposals and were reviewed by the staff. The Village has opted to contract with CNA Engineering for the project.

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## HEARD ON THE SIDEWALK

### **MANNA UPDATE:**

#### February Was Another Good Manna Month

Helped by cash collected at January's MLK Day of Service event, the Village's February contribution to Manna Food Center added up to 398 pounds and boosted the YTD total to just under 1,000 pounds (976). That puts us within 3,100 pounds of reaching 50,000 since the project launched in July 2008 - a great goal to aim for in the months ahead.

We thank all residents who've given regularly and so generously over the years and invite those new to Martin's Additions to consider joining in. Manna, which started operations in 1983 and serves all of Montgomery County, helps an estimated 32,000 qualified individuals annually, provides backpacks of food to students who might otherwise go hungry over weekends and supplies goods to soup kitchens, food pantries and emergency shelters. Despite being one of the most affluent areas in the country, our county has many thousands of residents beneath what Manna terms "the visible surface," including seniors, those fleeing domestic crises and people with intellectual and physical disabilities, along with working poor families balancing the need for healthy meals with rent and other household payments.

With Congress contemplating steep cuts in SNAP - the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program better known as food stamps - it's imperative that we show our support for those in need by continuing our efforts to keep Manna's shelves stocked with nutritious canned and boxed foods. As always, you may leave donations in the box at the stairs to the Village Office or on the front porch at 3406 Turner Lane (the Kirschtens) or 3404 Taylor Street (the Browns) and we'll deliver them promptly. Thank you!

## **CHEVY CHASE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

## March 18 Lecture Montgomery Modern: The Spirit of Post-War Architecture

Chevy Chase is known for the wide variety of architectural styles reflected in its homes. The CCHS 2017 Fall Lecture explored the rich history of "kit houses" in our community. We will continue to explore local architecture at our 2018 Spring Lecture with an illustrated lecture on "Montgomery Modern: The Spirit of Post-War Architecture". The program, presented by architectural historian and author Clare Lise Kelly, is at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 18, at the Chevy Chase Village Hall, 5906 Connecticut Ave.

Following World War II, Montgomery County experienced a great post-war building boom, benefiting from access to federal jobs and an alluring natural landscape. A bold, forward-looking architectural design transformed the county. Kelly will discuss how such modern design in our county's built environment is a testimony of the optimistic spirit of the mid-20th century.

Kelly has been researching and writing about the architecture of Montgomery County for over 20 years, and has been instrumental in the protection of scores of historic resources through historic designation locally and on the National Register. From 1990 to 2017, she was a preservation planner and architectural historian with the Montgomery County Planning Department, part of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

No reservations are necessary, and signature CCHS refreshments will be served. For more information, visit [chevychasehistory.org](http://chevychasehistory.org) or call 301/656-6141.

### **FROM CHEVY CHASE AT HOME:**

#### **NEW CC@H CLASS OFFERING & ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION**

In March CC@H, with support from a grant from Suburban Hospital, will offer a new weekly exercise class, Dance and Song For Seniors. Based on a program developed by the Mark Morris Dance Group and the Brooklyn Parkinson's Group, it's an easy and creative way for anyone - no matter what mobility challenges - to increase coordination, flexibility, freedom of movement, and strength. A free demonstration class will be held on Wed., March 7, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall. The 7-week session will begin on Wednesday, March 14, at the same time. Register at [www.chevychaseathome.org](http://www.chevychaseathome.org) or call the office at 301-657-3115.

A highlight of CC@H's March calendar is our annual St. Patrick's Day party, and this year we have a special treat in store - a lively performance by a troupe from the Culkin School of Traditional Irish Dance. You won't want to miss these remarkable young people who compete internationally. And we'll have delicious Emerald Isle refreshments to add to the ambiance. All this on Tuesday, March 13, 2 to 4 p.m., at the CC Village Hall.

The monthly Brunch Bunch at the Olympia Cafe on Brookville Road will be on Thursday, March 8. You're all invited to drop by anytime from 10 to 11:30 a.m. - just buy a cup of coffee and pull up a chair at the CC@H table. It's always fun and a great chance to chat with neighbors.

## WEATHER OUTLOOK:

The winter of 2017 - 2018 was above normal in temperatures and below normal in rain fall. Snowfall is well below normal, but we still have March left. With the exception of the bitter cold of early January, most of January was mild, with 8 days in the 60's. Going forward, we will have a warmer and wetter than normal spring. That's good news given our well below rainfall. March itself will be warmer than normal overall, but we could still get a heavy snowfall in March. Last year, our heaviest snow fell in March. It's now time for spring cleaning and a good time to put down grass seed and fertilizer.

Happy spring!!

- 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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[Chevy Chase at Home](#)  
[Friends of the Library, Chevy Chase Chapter](#)  
[Live and Learn Bethesda](#)  
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