

Martin's Edition

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

October 2018

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Richard Krajeck is on vacation, and Council Vice Chair Tiffany Cissna is writing on behalf of the Council:

Dear Fellow Residents,

I hope you have all thrived this soggy, soggy, September! I, for one, am enjoying this recent more crisp, traditionally fall weather and hope October will soon greet us with more of the same. Keith Allen (our very own weatherman on Turner Lane), what say you?

While we await good news on the weather front, I'd like to briefly update you on a few things here. While our chairman is out of town (Richard, we hope you're enjoying vacation!), the rest of the Council and staff are keeping busy.

To start, a few reminders.

1. Please respond to the Village's annual survey. You should have received a link to participate in the survey on Saturday, September 22nd, via email. If not,

please contact the Village Office as soon as possible at manager@martinsadditions.org or (301) 656-4112. The survey closes on October 7th. Your responses provide feedback for the Council to consider for future Village activities.

1. Please plan to attend the Village's Halloween Celebration. It will be held on Sunday, October 28th, from 3:00-5:30 pm at the Turner Lane cul-de-sac. This event is fun for all ages, and includes pumpkin painting, balloon art, and pizza. It will be a great way to kick off Halloween week. Thanks very much to the Community Engagement Committee, especially Kristi Tampio and Lacie Holway, for making this happen!

Please review the current pending amendments ([p. 12-16](#)) to our building code. While some are technical in nature, some are substantive. They were introduced at the last meeting and, pursuant to our Code, the Council is taking public comment at this time.

In other news...

1. The intersection of Brookville Road and Taylor Street has finally received its long-overdue safety make-over. The foundation for this project was laid years ago by Village Councils and staff and a recent high-level meeting with State staff seems to have been what helped us finally get over the line. While sight lines are definitely improved, the Village continues to look for additional ways to keep residents safe while crossing here. Please continue to use caution!
2. The Council approved the added expense of increased targeted police patrols and strategically scheduled such patrols for the start of the new school year to help curb speeding and stop-sign running in and around the Village. Lieutenant Nicholas Picerno briefed the Council at our September meeting on what the officers are observing during this extra time on Village streets. A brief summary follows:

Officers targeted the following streets and intersections over the past four weeks for heightened enforcement: Brookville/Taylor, Thornapple/Chestnut, and Thornapple/Delfield. Of note, the vast majority of traffic stops executed were due to failure to stop at a stop sign, not speeding. Of the stops executed, the majority were made at the Brookville/Taylor intersection. While officers observed there has been a slight downward trend in

violations, the numbers remain high enough to warrant further policing. As a result, the Council will continue the targeted patrols at this time.

Please continue reading on for other important Village news and updates. As always, there is a lot going on in Martin's Additions, and we look forward to hearing from you and/or seeing you soon!

Tiffany Cissna
Vice Chair, Village Council

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UPCOMING EVENTS



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| 10/1 | Community Engagement Committee Meeting, 8:00pm |
| 10/8 | Columbus Day - Village Office Closed
(Recycling/Trash Pickups delayed by one day all week due to holiday) |
| 10/18 | October Council Meeting, 7:30pm |
| 10/28 | Halloween Party at Turner Lane cul-de-sac/Shepherd Park |

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SPOTLIGHT

MONARCH BUTTERFLIES:

Before our young neighbors moved away, we used to have "science Saturdays" down at the dead end of Bradley Lane. Native plants in front yards attracted a variety of insects that crawled and flew in to munch on leaves and sip nectar from flowers. The

bugs not only brought in a variety of songbirds, from hummingbirds to nesting goldfinches, the 6-legged wonders drew in curious neighborhood kids with lots of questions. How did the caterpillars get there? What kind of bug is this? Over the years, the faces have changed and yet the plants and insects endured. So has the natural curiosity of a new generation of kids on Bradley Lane.

For the past few weeks, we've been checking native milkweed plants from top to bottom for the eggs and caterpillars of the Monarch butterfly. Milkweeds are their sole host plant. Monarch caterpillar habitat has been severely reduced by physical destruction of milkweed growing areas and the use of pesticides along roadsides and expanses of farmland. Residential use of pesticides hasn't helped either. Without milkweed, Monarchs cannot reproduce. They simply don't lay eggs and hatch caterpillars on any other plants except milkweed species.

To buck this disheartening trend, we check the milkweed in our front yard daily for eggs and caterpillars. We collect eggs and caterpillars and house them in our screened back porch to keep them safe from predatory and parasitic wasps. They enjoy fresh milkweed we pick from the garden and quickly grow. When they reach their maximum size, caterpillars change into jade green chrysalises where they metamorphose in to their final stage of life, a butterfly. We quickly free emerged Monarchs outside to lap up nectar from flowers in bloom.

When you see a Monarch butterfly flying through the neighborhood in the next few weeks, please wish it well. If you find a Monarch guest on a flower, don't disturb it. Just marvel at it. It's fueling up for the journey of a lifetime. This butterfly and its Monarch friends and relatives are on a thousand-plus mile journey to wintering grounds in mountain forests of northern Mexico. There they will spend the winter in cool moist stands of oyamel trees, waiting to head north in February/March to start the next generation of Monarchs that will bless our gardens again next year. Hopefully, the kids will want to return to our gardens too!

The first picture below is of a caterpillar. The second is of chrysalises and the third picture is a newly emerged Monarch butterfly.







Paula Goldberg
Tree Supervisor

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NOTES FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE

Leaf Vacuuming:

The Village will again provide leaf vacuuming service this fall, beginning later this month or early November - depending on the weather (an update will be sent out when it is finalized).

Leaf Bags:

VMA will also be providing leaf bags again this fall. Deliveries are expected in October, however, we don't have a firm date yet. Once we receive more details from our distributors, we will let you know.

WSSC Update:

WSSC has returned to VMA for a sewer main replacement project. Raymond Street has been completed, and Village staff met with A.B. Veirs on Wednesday, September 19 to begin marking concrete to replace - you may have noticed little pink dots on Raymond and Quincy Street.

Quincy Street is also underway - WSSC began sewer replacement work, but came to find a misplaced County storm pipe sitting atop the sewer main for a chunk of the street. WSSC and the County worked out an agreement to move the pipe. They have now finished that piece of the project and have continued with the sewer replacement. WSSC estimates that they are roughly two-thirds done on Quincy. We are still hopeful to be able to repave Quincy before the winter, and have expressed that important goal to WSSC. The current plan is to begin concrete replacement on Raymond the last week of October, and to begin that work on Quincy immediately following. Concrete work on Quincy may dovetail with WSSC finishing up their repairs. After concrete is replaced, AB Veirs will repave Quincy and Raymond so that the roads are (finally) done before the winter.

Additional streets also have upcoming WSSC sewer replacement work: Chestnut, Taylor, and Thornapple, along with a section of Brookville Road near Cummings Lane.

All the streets should be completed by mid-May 2019, and we will finish with repaving those streets at that point as well.

Brookville/Taylor Intersection:

Maryland State Highway has completed the redesign and reconstruction of the Brookville/Taylor intersection. The project is currently awaiting inspection to finish off the job. State Highway would not sign off on an ADA parking sign because it could not accommodate the necessary size; however, the Village is planning to install a reserved parking spot near the marketplace once State Highway's inspection is completed. In addition, the Village may make some improvements to signage, as recommended by the Village traffic engineer.

Tree Planting:

In the next week or so, the Village will survey right-of-way space to plant new trees in the fall. As per usual, the Village will send out a proposed list to residents before planting takes place.

We would also encourage any residents who are interested to take part in the Village Native Canopy Tree planting program, in which the Village provides consultation and tree care to residents to plant native canopy trees on their private property. More information on the program can be found on the Village's website at:

https://www.martinsadditions.org/services/tree_care/tree_subsidy_program.php

Please do not hesitate to contact the Village office via phone or email if you wish to participate, or have any questions related to the program.

Code Amendments:

As a reminder, the Village Council introduced various Code Amendments at the September Council meeting. The introduced amendments are included in the [PDF "packet" on the Village website](#), and are open for public comment. The Council will vote on adoption of the amendments at the November Council meeting.

Village Survey:

Another reminder for residents to please take the Village survey - it is very quick, but an invaluable tool for the Council and staff in setting Village priorities, and improving Village administration. Residents can take the survey by following the following link:

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07efpo6f1gjmcb5her/start>

(Please limit one survey per resident.)

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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
October 18, 2018

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
7:45 PM	Action on Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2018: Krajeck
7:50 PM	Building Administrator's Report: Lohmeyer
8:00 PM	Financial Matters: Alexander
8:40 PM	Manager's Report: Trollinger
8:45 PM	Opportunity for Council to hear residents' comments: Krajeck
9:00 PM	Adjournment: Krajeck

BUILDING BLOCKS

Building Administrator Report:

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TO: The Council at the Village of Martin's Additions
FROM: Doug Lohmeyer
DATE OF MEMO: September 19, 2018
SUBJECT: Building Administrator's Report

7210 Chestnut St.

The Village has received an application for a new house to be built on the vacant lot.

The plans are being reviewed by staff. The information meeting with the residents was held on Monday Sept. 17th. As soon as MCDPS issues their building permit, the Village's permit will be ready.

The Village contacted the County Housing and Community Dev. Office in order to have the land owner mow the high grass on the lot. It appears the applicant is cutting the tall grass.

3405 Cummings La.

The approved addition to the rear of the existing house has been completed. The MCDPS building permit and the Village building permit have been closed.

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.

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.

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 required for this connect, since the proposed 6" pipe will pass through the Village right of way. The Village building permit has been issued, but the applicant has not picked up the permit and work has not begun,

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 release 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 placed some materials on-site and covered it with a tarp but has not begun the re-grading of the lot. 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's engineer says the owner is looking at different architectural options and plans. The Village contacted the County Housing and Community Dev. Office in order to have the land owner mow the high grass on the lot. The lot was mowed last week.

Miscellaneous Items

The staff is presently working with the following properties:

3520 Bradley La. - concept plan for an addition at the rear of the ex. house

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

3521 Cummings Lane - concept plan for improvements to house and lot

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

Quincy St. storm drain relocation

120 Quincy St. - water leaking from behind the curb

3508 Shepherd St. - drainage issues and pending building permit application

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HEARD ON THE SIDEWALK

Manna Update:

Food Donations Are Down Again -
County Week of Service Coming Up

As in August, donations to the Village food drive dropped in September - just 142 pounds delivered to Manna Food Center as month's end neared, which is well below our goal of at least 400 pounds per month. There may be enough already collected to make a second, small delivery before October arrives - but we're counting on a more robust response in the final quarter of the year in order to meet our yearly goal of 5,000 pounds.

The Montgomery County Community Service Week is set to run from October 21st through the 28th and as always, there will be a donation table outside Brookville Market, this year on Saturday, the 27th from around 10 AM through the afternoon (provided, of course, that heavy rains stay away.). So there's your easy opportunity to help neighbors in need, either by dropping off shelf-stable food items or cash with which to purchase more such items. Welcome to any volunteers who'd be willing to share an hour of their time to staff the table.

And of course, you can make your contribution on any day of any month by leaving items in the box by the steps to the Village Office or on the front porch of the Browns (3404 Taylor St.) or the Kirschtens (3406 Turner Lane). With school back in session, Manna - which serves the entirety of our County - would welcome items for its "Smart Sacks" program, which provides kids at 30-plus elementary schools who may go hungry over weekends when school lunches aren't available with nutritious snack items (juice boxes, fruit cups, peanut butter/cheese crackers, mac and cheese bowls, cereal, are just a few suggestions).

Thanks to all of our "regulars" and welcome to any Martin's Additions newcomers who'd like to take part in this decade-long project! Village support has been invaluable and be assured that it's most appreciated by Manna's staff and its

thousands of clients who worry about where their next meal will come from. Our motto from the get-go has been, Hunger Knows No Season!

From Chevy Chase At Home:

AN AFTERNOON WITH MARVIN KALB

You are cordially invited to join us on Thursday, October 25, at 1:30 p.m. at the Town of Chevy Chase Town Hall for a talk by Marvin Kalb about his new book, *Enemy of the People: Trump's War on the Press, the New McCarthyism and the Threat to American Democracy*. CC@H is co-hosting this event with the Fossils, a local non-profit membership organization for retired men, which presents a speakers program monthly and conducts weekly discussions of foreign affairs, politics and economic issues, and book reviews.

To be published on September 25, the book is a searing indictment of the Trump administration's attack on journalists in particular and the American press in general. Mr. Kalb argues that this policy is a threat to freedom of the press, an essential bulwark to the preservation of democracy at home and abroad.

Mr. Kalb, a long-time resident of Chevy Chase and an early supporter of CC@H, is one of America's most experienced and admired journalists. He was the founding director of the Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy. Earlier in his career, he spent years as a reporter for CBS and NBC.

There is limited seating at the TOCC Town Hall, so reservations are required; priority will be given to CC@H and Fossils members until 9.15.18. We urge those interested in what surely will be a stimulating talk to register now via email (info@chevychaseathome.org) or call 301-657-3115. Copies of *Enemy of the People* will be available for purchase at the event or may be pre-purchased online through Politics and Prose. After the talk Mr. Kalb will be pleased to sign copies of his book.

Chevy Chase Library:

Please refer to the link below for the October calendar of events.

[Chevy Chase Library](#)

Community Farmer's Market:

The Village of Martin's Additions Community Engagement Committee has worked with Chevy Chase Section 3 to put up a Farmer's Market at Taylor and Georgia Streets (just across Brookville on Taylor)! The market will be open rain or shine from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Saturday.

Although the Farmer's Market is a private endeavor in a financial sense, the Village supports the continued enthusiasm and engagement that the Community Engagement Committee is promoting in our community.

We do ask that residents walk rather than drive whenever possible to alleviate congestion.

If you want to get an advance peek at what may be available tomorrow, go to New Morning Farm and you'll see how fortunate we are to get this farmer to come to us. This same farmer has stands at Dupont Circle and at the Sheridan School.

Weather Outlook:

As everyone knows by now, it's been a very wet summer and very humid. October and November look to be wetter and warmer than normal and this trend will continue through the winter months of December, January and February. Snowfall will be below normal, which is good news unless you're a contractor in the snow shoveling business, or own a nearby ski resort. But all we need is a little cold air and a good nor'easter to set up right, and that could mean a big snowstorm. If you can remember 3 years ago, the winter of 2015-16 was very mild, but on January 22, we had a blockbuster 2 foot storm that crippled the region. Luckily, it fell on a weekend. I'm forecasting around 12 inches of total snow for the season. Hopefully, that doesn't fall all at once. Meanwhile, enjoy the pleasant October days.

- 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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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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