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# Martin's Edition

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

#### **Letter From the Chair**

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope you're enjoying a safe and restful summer -- hard to believe it's already August.

And while folks may have been on travel, I did want to express my gratitude to those residents who have put their names forward to volunteer on a VMA committee or as tree supervisor. As you all know, the Council and our committees are made up of resident volunteers. We appreciate your willingness to serve during your free time to make our beautiful village an even better place to live and raise a family.

Having said that, I also wanted to let you know about some of the new roles among your Council Members for the upcoming year:

# August 2022

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Katie Filipczyk Howard, Vice Chair Susan Fattig, Secretary Jeff Blander, At-Large Arthur Alexander, Treasurer

I look forward to serving another year as Chair and hope to hear from you on any given issue or concern.

With gratitude,

Andrew

#### Calendar of Events

• **Thursday, August 18** - No VMA Council meeting this month (summer recess)



### Martin's Matters Spotlight: Video of Independence Day Celebration

On the 3rd of July, the Village of Martin's Additions residents celebrated together with good food and snowballs from Swizzler's food truck! Not to mention had good fun with giant water slides, a dunk tank, face painters, music, and balloon artists. Watch the good times with good neighbors here: <a href="https://youtu.be/zRuJ4mF7VC8">https://youtu.be/zRuJ4mF7VC8</a>

Connect with MMCTV online via their newsletter: <a href="https://conta.cc/3SaziEc">https://conta.cc/3SaziEc</a> or website: <a href="https://www.mmctv.org/">https://www.mmctv.org/</a>



# Notes from the Village Office

# Village Council Meeting Highlights

• The Village Council received the Building Administrator's



- report about ongoing building projects in the Village.
- The Village Council received a report from the Treasurer on the FY22 financial situation. Through June, actual income was double the original projections when a budget was first compiled 15 months ago; expenditures in total were about 15% less.
- The Village Council received the Village Manager's report, which updated Village operations and walkability improvements. The Village is waiting to hear from the State on the Brookville Road sidewalk project and will be marking the location for speed bumps on Cummings, Shepherd, Summit, and Thornapple for their installation this month.

\*For more details on any of these items, please click on the link to the audio recording <a href="here">here</a>. The full minutes of this meeting will be shared with the community after being approved by the Village Council.

The next meeting of the Village Council will be held on Thursday, September 15, at 7:30 PM.

# **Telling Our Stories**

About the new VMA Oral History Project

By Naomi Naierman

Having lived here in the Village of Martin's Additions (VMA) for 37 years, I have always been fascinated by its long history and interesting residents. Among our



neighbors are people who can tell us about our history and those who have led fascinating lives. I want to learn about them and their accomplishments.

Hoping that other VMA residents are equally curious, I initiated the Oral History Project to document our stories and post them in our newsletter. Aside from informing us about our Village and its residents, this project also provides a wonderful opportunity for our kids to engage in our community. They can conduct the interviews and publish their stories in the VMA newsletter. And they can take advantage of mentoring support from experienced residents. In the process, they can

develop essential communication skills and get community service credits from the VMA office.

If you are aware of any young folks who might wish to participate in this project, or if you would like to serve as a mentor or suggest yourself or a neighbor with interesting stories to share, please contact Naomi Naierman at: <a href="mailto:Nnaierman22@gmail.com">Nnaierman22@gmail.com</a>.

# **Building Blocks**

**TO**: The Council at the Village of Martin's Additions

FROM: Doug Lohmeyer

**DATE OF MEMO**: July 18, 2022

**SUBJECT**: Building Administrator's Report



#### 3506 Bradley Lane

Demolition and building permit applications were submitted to the Village office. The Village issued the building permit on Dec. 9, 2021. The Wall Check indicates the walls comply with the approved Site Plan and Village Code. Work is progressing.

#### 3419 Cummings Lane

The engineer has submitted a concept plan to remove the existing house and to construct two new houses. The property is two lots, 6 and 7, recorded in 1919. The staff has sent the engineer the Village's comments.

#### 7200 Delfield Street

The new homeowners propose to add a porch, with steps and a patio on the eastern side of the new house. The staff has met with the homeowner and their designers. The homeowners have submitted plans to the Village. The staff has reviewed the non-vegetative analysis and the proposed plans. The contractor is addressing the Village's comments. They have also installed new plants along Delfield and Taylor St. and added an arbor along Delfield. A right-of-way license agreement is being processed.

### 120 Quincy Street

The homeowner submitted plans to the County and the Village for review. The application proposes to construct several additions at the side and rear of the existing house. MCDPS issued its building permit on Jan. 5, 2022. The Village issued its permits on Feb. 6, 2022. Exterior work has begun.

# 151 Quincy Street

It is the staff's understanding that the property is for sale and is vacant. No plans have been submitted to the Village.

# 3500 Raymond Street

The homeowners are considering several additions to the existing house. They have applied to the MCDPS and to the Village.

# 3504 Shepherd Street

The homeowner plans on constructing an addition at the rear of the existing house. They have not submitted an application to the MCDPS or the Village.

#### 7200 Summit Ave.

The homeowners submitted a Variance Application for additions to the existing house. The variance was approved by the Council on July 16, 2020. The MCDPS issued their permit on April 12th. The Village issued its building permit on April 26, 2022. Work has not begun yet.

#### 3404 Turner Lane

The applicants submitted an application for a variance of the Village's minimum side yard setbacks, so they can add a second floor to the existing, non-conforming house. The Village Council approved the variance on Sept. 23, 2021. The MCDPS issued its building permit on April 17, 2021. The Village has issued the building permit on Nov. 19, 2021.

#### 3507 Turner Lane

The homeowner plans to build a new addition at the rear of the existing house. The existing house is exempt from the Village Code. However, the addition must comply with the Code's minimum side yard setback. The Village approved the variance for the side yard setback on April 6, 2022. The applicant has not applied for a permit from the County or the Village.

#### Heard on the Sidewalk



# <u>Chevy Chase At Home Brings</u> <u>Neighbors Together</u>

CC@H is a member organization providing social and educational programs to neighbors of all ages and support services to seniors. You can learn more at <a href="https://www.chevychaseathome.org">www.chevychaseathome.org</a>.

#### You're Invited: Weekday Lunch

Are you interested in meeting new people – active mature adults - in your community? Chevy Chase At Home, a member organization providing social and educational programs, might be a fit for you! Join us at our next get-together, on Tuesday, August 16 at The Parkway Deli, when members gather to enjoy an outdoor lunch. You will have a chance to meet members and get to know us. Please RSVP to



# **Weather**

Hope everyone is having a fun summer. It seems like it's gone so fast. It's already more than half over. July was close to normal for temperature, but was over 3" above normal for rain with over 6" officially measured. July's average rain is 4". Although we will get more 90°-plus-days in August and in early September, we were not really visited by the prolonged high heat that was and is still the rule in other parts of the country. Heading into August expect hot and humid conditions, but not excessively so. Actually, August is our wettest



# Mid-Year Update on the Manna Food Drive

Our Village food drive remains on a good pace.

<u>info@chevychaseathome.org</u> for the details.

# **Local Volunteers Needed For Driving Seniors**

Chevy Chase At Home seeks local volunteers to give an occasional ride to a local senior. As a volunteer, you will get to choose when you volunteer, and which rides you provide. Giving even just one roundtrip ride a month can make a difference. Contact us today at <a href="mailto:info@chevychaseathome.org">info@chevychaseathome.org</a> to learn more.

month and that may surprise you. It's because the atmosphere will take on more tropical characteristics and the remnants of tropical storms can impact us here in the Mid-Atlantic. In 1955 Hurricane Connie which had been downgraded to a tropical storm, crossed over into Maryland near Annapolis to Westminster leaving rain fall amounts up to 10" causing extensive flooding and crop damage. If you're going to enjoy the outdoors, make sure you keep a smart phone or weather radio handy and seek shelter if you see a storm approaching. If you hear it's going to be a weather alert day, be prepared to take evasive action. Keep the sunscreen ready and stay safe.

Keith Allen, a longtime 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-theminute updates.

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

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

<u>A Wider Circle</u>

<u>Chevy Chase at Home</u>

<u>Friends of the Library, Chevy Chase Chapter</u>

<u>Live and Learn Bethesda</u>

Manna Food Center

To receive e-notifications from the Village Council, the committees, and the Office (i.e., any official communication from your Village government), please fill out the Village Contact <u>webform</u>. This is the best way to receive information on Village business (e.g., Council and Committee meetings), services (e.g., waste pickup and

snow removal), and events (e.g., the 4th of July Celebration or the Movie Night in the Park).

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 <a href="mailto:architecturalphoto@mac.com">architecturalphoto@mac.com</a>

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