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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,



Wishing you a Happy Halloween and crossing my fingers that the rain steers clear of our area during tonight's trick-or-treating! Most importantly, I hope the kids – and the adult chaperones – have a fun and *somewhat* sugar-filled adventure roaming the VMA and beyond! As every year, a candy tax shall be levied on all the loot arriving at our home. And, as every year, my three boys will do their very best to hide my favorite treats (Twix Bars and those little Haribo gummy bear packets).

And speaking of Halloween, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the Community Engagement Committee for all its hard work in putting together yesterday's spectacular Halloween Party – the great weather, fantastic Roaming Rooster food truck and ice cream truck

November 2022

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(staying after-hours to accommodate the long line), DJ, face painter and balloon artist as well as the many games provided resulted in record attendance.

Special shout-outs go to Keith Allen and his *deputy*, Riley Markham, for the logistical, beverage and set-up support; Phil Hurst for his help in securing all the vendors and creating the flyer; and Paul McGowan for his overall help, especially his willingness to fire up the 1973 Cadillac Eldorado convertible to help lead the parade. Additionally, Keith delivered the biggest surprise of the day with the arrival of Bethesda Fire Chief Victor Esch and the Bethesda Fire Department's crowd-favorite 1926 American LaFrance pumper truck, which participated in the parade up Turner Lane.

Also, a big *thank you* to Council Member Katie Filipczyk Howard for organizing and securing all the games, including the 100 pumpkins, and for providing the design elements and set-up at the cul-de-sac and park. A special *thank you* as well to Council Member Susan Fattig, who helped contribute to the party's success.

Finally, I want to express my sincerest appreciation for VMA's own version of Tom Brady: erstwhile retired Assistant Manager Martha Fessenden, who was lured out of retirement to serve as Interim Assistant Manager (and as my part-time office mate), and who has been indispensable during this time of transition. Martha will continue to help out at the Village Office as we look forward to the arrival of our new Village Manager on November 14.

With gratitude,

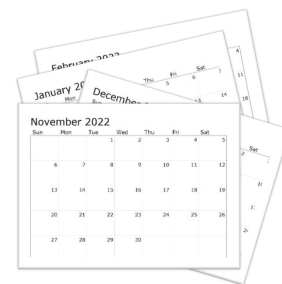
Andrew





Calendar of Events

- **Oct 31 - Nov 2** - Leaf vacuuming of all streets
- **Nov 6** - Daylight saving ends; set clocks back one hour
- **Nov 11** - Veteran's Day - VMA office closed
- **Nov 12** - Bulk trash pick-up
- **Nov 14 - 16** - Leaf vacuuming continues
- **Nov 17** - Council meeting 7:30 pm
- **Nov 24** - Thanksgiving Day
- **Nov 28 - 30** - Leaf vacuuming continues



Martin's Matters Spotlight

Leaf vacuuming of Village streets has begun and will continue every other week, with an estimated completion date of the end of December. **Please have your leaves ready to be vacuumed by 7 AM on Monday, Nov. 14, 2022, Monday, Nov. 28, and Monday, Dec. 12. This schedule is subject to change depending on weather, staffing, and mechanical issues.**



Each time, Rolling Acres will work their way through the Village from south to north, starting at Quincy Street, until all fourteen Village streets have been vacuumed.

Please keep your vehicles off the street as much as possible, and refrain from double parking. Those residents with driveways are asked to use them to allow those without driveways to utilize the streets most effectively on leaf vacuuming and street cleaning days.

Office -- New Village Manager Hired

As reported over the weekend, we are excited to announce that Michael Silliman will join the VMA as the new Village Manager on November 14.

Michael has worked in local and county government-related fields, including in his current job at the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), has worked as a consultant to the Town of Garrett Park, MD, and has spent time with the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA). He has a Master's in Public Administration and has studied Peace and Conflict Resolution abroad. And while we expect things to remain peaceful and calm here in the VMA, it can never hurt to have that added background!

We hope you will join us in welcoming Michael in the coming weeks. The VMA Council plans to host an event for Michael in the near future.



Village of Martin's Additions Agenda for Council Meeting Thursday, November 17, 2022, 7:30 PM

The Council may entertain a motion in open session to enter into a closed session, in accordance with Section 3-305(b) of the Open Meetings Act (Maryland Code, General Provisions Article).

7:30 PM Call to Order: Kauders

7:31 PM Building Administrator's Report: Lohmeyer

7:35 PM Opportunity for Council to Hear residents' comments: Kauders

8:26 PM Financial Matters, including Treasurer's Report: Alexander

8:31 PM Manager's Report

8:36 PM Opportunity for Council to Hear Residents' Comments: Kauders

8:46 PM Adjournment: Kauders

*Please note: Listed times are approximate.

Building Blocks

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

FROM: Doug Lohmeyer

DATE OF MEMO: October 13, 2022

SUBJECT: Building Administrator's Report



3506 Bradley Ln.

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.

3508 Bradley Ln.

The property owner has submitted a building permit application to add a two story addition at the rear of the ex. house. The staff has completed the initial review and sent comments to the architect.

3419 Cummings Ln.

The staff has had discussions with the applicant's engineer about removing the existing house and constructing two new houses. The property is two lots, 6 and 7, recorded in 1919. The staff has sent some basic comments to the engineer. Staff has requested an update on the project.

7200 Delfield St.

The new homeowners propose to add a porch, with steps and a patio on the eastern side of the new house. The staff has reviewed the non-vegetative analysis and the proposed plans. They have also installed new plants along Delfield and Taylor St. and added an arbor along Delfield. A right of way licenses agreement is being prepared. The homeowner has been contacted.

120 Quincy St.

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 their building permit on Jan. 5, 2022. The Village issued their permits on Feb. 6, 2022. Work is ongoing.

151 Quincy St.

The property owner submitted a building permit application to remove the ex. house and to construct a new house. The County and the Village staff are reviewing the plans. A zoom residents information meeting is schedule for Tues. Oct. 25th at 7:00.

159 Quincy St.

The homeowners submitted an application to build a new deck at the rear of the existing house. The Village building permit was issued. The project appears to be nearing completion and MCDPS has not closed their building permit.

162 Quincy St.

The new homeowner is making interior improvements to the existing house and has said the existing house footprint will not increase. The homeowner is building an 8 inch high retaining wall along the front of the property on Quincy, next to the public sidewalk. A Village right of way license is required.

3500 Raymond St.

The homeowners are considering several additions to the existing house. They have applied to the MCDPS and to the Village. The staff has completed the initial review of the application and sent comments to the applicant.

3504 Shepherd St.

The homeowner plans to construct an addition at the rear of the ex. house. They submitted a building permit application to MCDPS on Oct. 7th, but not to the Village. The staff has left a message with the owner about submitting plans to 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 their building permit on April 26, 2022. Work has begun.

3404 Turner St.

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 their building permit on April 17, 2021. The Village has issued the building permit on Nov. 19, 2021. The construction has been completed and the Village is closing the building permit.

Heard on the Sidewalk



Weather

November is a transitional month going from fall into winter. The average high temperature for the first week of November is in the lower 60s. Average low temperatures are in the lower 40s. At month's end the average high temperature is in the lower 50s. The average low is mid 30s. Temperatures in the mid 80s have occurred in Nov. The latest 80° temperature was in 1921. Average rainfall for the month is 3". Average snow 8/10". On Nov. 11 (Veterans Day) 1987 a foot of snow fell quickly, stranding many. On Thanksgiving Day, 1989 3" of snow was

Hunger is Urgent – You Can Help

Rising prices for basic needs – especially groceries and gas – are taking a bigger bite out of family budgets. But we can do our part to help our neighbors in need by continuing to support the long-standing Village food assistance program that benefits the Manna Food Center, our county's major supplier of essentials to families and individuals facing what's called "food insecurity," or not knowing from where/whether their next meal will come.

In October, we made two trips to Manna's Gaithersburg warehouse, delivering 438 pounds of nonperishable items (108 and 330). That puts our YTD total at 2,786 pounds, slightly more

Chevy Chase At Home Brings Neighbors Together

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 www.chevychaseathome.org.

Join Us for Our Online Events Open to the Community

The Dying Constitution with David K. Shieler

Conservatives deride liberals for believing in a "living Constitution" that can be applied to contemporary issues with little regard for the Framers' intentions. But conservatives, it is argued, are subjecting the document to such pinched interpretations as to starve the Constitution of its vitality in a modern world of

heightened sensitivity to the transcendent principles of civil liberties. Add the campaign to undermine elections, and we have a nation at the crossroads where constitutional democracy meets the impulses of authoritarianism.

David K. Shipler is a Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author and Former Foreign Correspondent of The New York Times. He writes online at The Shipler Report (<http://shiplerreport.blogspot.com>) and is the co-host of the podcast, Two Reporters (<http://www.tworeporters.org/>). His books include A Country of Strangers: Blacks and Whites in America, The Working Poor: Invisible in America, The Rights of the People: How Our Search for Safety Invades Our Liberties, Rights at Risk: The Limits of Liberty in Modern America and his latest book, Freedom of Speech: Mightier Than the Sword. Presented by Chevy Chase At Home.

Tuesday, November 15, 2022,
1:00 PM until 2:00 PM
Register today
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**Eat and Celebrate with the
Freer and Sackler, the
Smithsonian's National
Museum of Asian Art**

Food is an important part of holiday celebrations throughout the world. We will join a Freer and Sackler docent to investigate works of art across Asia to discover how people in the past and the

than this time last year. With the holiday season coming up, your help is more vital than ever. So please, drop off a few items in the box at the Market or at the steps to the Village Office or on the front porch at 3406 Turner Lane. Thanks to all who continue to contribute and welcome to new Villagers who'd like to join in our effort. We will make sure to get everything to Manna in a timely manner.

on the ground and even with sunny skies our highest temperature that day was only in the lower 30s. In contrast our high temperature Thanksgiving Day 1979 was in the middle 70s. Get ready for a colder and snowier winter than we have seen for awhile. Get out and enjoy the colorful fall foliage. Peak color is here for awhile and this fall is an especially vivid year due to everything falling into place. The past three years peak color didn't come until between the 10th and 15th of November in our area. Mother nature is showing us her amazing handiwork right here in our own backyards.



**Child Care Counts
Fundraiser**

Child Care Counts is holding its sixth annual **Big Hearts = Great Starts fundraiser at La Ferme on Wednesday, Nov. 2 from 6-8 pm.** There is no admission for this

present celebrated through food and rituals. What foods were important and how they were grown or made? How and when were certain foods eaten? What special meaning did some foods have and why? What rituals and foods are still part of cultural traditions that people observe today? Explore food culture and celebrations through art. Presented by Chevy Chase At Home.

Tuesday, November 8, 2022,
1:00 PM until 2:00 PM
Register today
at [www.chevychaseathome.org/
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Local Volunteers Needed to Drive Seniors

Chevy Chase At Home seeks 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 info@chevychaseathome.org to learn more.

event and community members are encouraged to attend, however, you need to purchase tickets for beverages, prior to the event. Light fare will be provided free of charge. All profit from this event will go towards child care scholarships for working, low-income families in DC and the surrounding counties (including Montgomery.) There will be a silent auction and you will see many familiar faces there! Come out and support area families who struggle to pay for safe, nurturing child care! For more info, and to purchase drink tickets:

[https://www.dcchild
carecounts.org/high
arts.html](https://www.dcchildcarecounts.org/higharts.html)

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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[Friends of the Library, Chevy Chase Chapter](#)

[Live and Learn Bethesda](#)

[Manna Food Center](#)

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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 architecturalphoto@mac.com

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