

Martin's Edition

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

January 2022

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From the Chair

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy New Year!

I hope you were able to enjoy safe and peaceful days with loved ones this holiday season.

As we look ahead to the challenges and opportunities in the coming year, I very much look forward to your engagement with the Council and our continued dialogue and civil debate on issues we all care deeply about. As I've said before, we can't do it without you and depend on the vast resources and talent of our community.

As always, I am eager to hear from you and look forward to our ongoing conversations.

With much respect and gratitude,

Andrew Kauders

Upcoming Events

Jan. 8 - Bulk Trash Pick-up ([Click here for details](#))

Jan. 17 - Office Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan. 20 - Monthly VMA Council Meeting, 7:30 pm

Jan. 25 - Ethics Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm

Feb. 2 - Mid-Winter Event at La Ferme

January 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Spotlight: Disposal of Christmas Trees

Christmas trees will be collected along with yard waste/debris on **Monday, January 3**, and on **Monday, January 10**. Trees will be collected from your normal point of collection on trash days.



Agenda for Council Meeting Thursday, Jan. 20, 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

7:36 PM Opportunity for Council to Hear Residents' Comments: Kauders

7:46 PM Committee Updates: Kauders

7:51 PM Public Hearing and Possible Adoption of a Traffic Order to Install a Temporary Speed Bump on Thornapple Street.

8:06 PM Update on Committee Guidelines

8:16 PM Financial Matters, including Treasurer's Report: Alexander

8:21 PM Manager's Report: Anderegg

8:26 PM Opportunity for Council to Hear Residents' Comments: Kauders

*Please note: Listed times are approximate.

Notes from the Village Office

Village Council Meeting Highlights 12/16/2021

- The Village Council received the Building Administrator's report on ongoing building projects in the Village.
- The Council heard updates from the Ethics Committee regarding their December 14th meeting and their plans to conduct Ethics training; and from the Community Engagement Committee about their activities, including planning for its next event. The mid-winter event is tentatively scheduled for February 2, 2022.
- The Village Council received a presentation from the Village's auditor regarding the FY21 audit. The Village had another clean audit and is overall in a strong financial position. ([For the full audit, click here.](#))
- The Village Council had a discussion with the Election Committee on the 2022 election rules and procedures.
- The Council agreed to hold a meeting with residents from both the Village and Section 5 regarding the temporary speed bump on Thornapple Street.
- The Council also received a presentation regarding the annual survey responses and reviewed historical trends related to the survey.
- The Council discussed the draft Committee Guidelines and asked for resident feedback. ([The draft guidelines can be found here.](#))
- The Village Council received a report from the Treasurer on financial matters.
- The Village Council received the Village Manager's report on Village operations. The Council agreed to move forward with Rolling Acres as the Village's snowplow and street cleaning contractor and with A. B. Veirs as the street maintenance and repair contractor. In addition, the Village is also moving forward with a bid from A.B. Veirs and the Traffic Group to conduct traffic calming design and implementation work for the Village. The Village is also requesting a proposal from an engineer to conduct an analysis of Taylor Street for potential drainage improvements on Brookville Road.

*For more details on any of these items, please click on the link to the audio recording below. Full minutes of this meeting will be shared with the community after they have been approved by the Village Council.

<https://youtu.be/xdoHA4pNhAg>



TO: The Council at the Village of Martin's Additions
FROM: Doug Lohmeyer
DATE OF MEMO: December 13, 2021
SUBJECT: Building Administrator's Report

3506 Bradley Lane

Demolition and building permit applications were submitted to the Village office. A resident information meeting was held on Nov. 3rd. The Village issued the building permit on Dec. 9, 2021. The demolition of the existing house has not begun.

7200 Chestnut St.

The applicant applied for a Village building permit to construct an addition to the west side of the existing house. The County issued their building permit on Sept. 3, 2020. The Village building permit was issued on Oct. 9, 2020. The MCDPS closed their building permit on Oct. 7, 2021. The new residents have moved in. The house appears to be complete, but the contractor still needs to install the new driveway. Once that is installed, the Village can close its building permit.

7200 Delfield St.

The property owners have applied for a Village demolition and building permit for a new house. The County issued their building permit on Oct. 23, 2020. The Village issued the building permit on Jan. 4, 2021. The MCDPS closed their building permit on Nov. 2nd. The Village has closed the building permit.

7220 Delfield St.

The applicants have submitted an application to remove the existing house and build a new house. The Village information meeting was held on Dec. 14th. The County issued the building permit on April 20, 2021. The Village demo and building permits were issued on May 17, 2021. The house has been removed. The new house construction is ongoing.

120 Quincy St.

The homeowner has 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. The staff has reviewed the plans and we are waiting for the County to issue their permits.

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. Work is ongoing.

163 Quincy St.

The homeowner has submitted a plan to add a parking pad on the east side of the existing driveway. The Village has issued the permit. The new parking pad appears to be complete and the Village has closed the permit.

3515 Raymond St.

The applicant has submitted plans to remove the existing house and to construct a new house. MCDPS issued the building permit on Feb. 2, 2021, and the Village issued its building permit on Feb. 9, 2021. The old house has been removed and the new house is under construction. On July 13, 2021, the Council approved the variance to construct an office at the rear of the new house. The County closed its building permit on Dec. 9th and the staff is scheduling a final site visit.

3521 Raymond St.

The homeowner has submitted a concept plan to remove a portion of the existing circular driveway, replace that portion of the driveway with grass and plants, and resurface a portion of the existing driveway. The Village has closed the permit.

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 applicants have not submitted to MCDPS or the Village. The Village variance has been extended for an additional 12 months.

3404 Turner St.

The applicants have 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.

3502 Turner St.

The homeowners are investigating the possibility of adding a new parking pad in front of their lot since they do not have a driveway. A portion of the pad will be in the Village right of way.

3507 Turner St.

The homeowner submitted a concept plan to construct an addition at the right rear of the existing house. The Village reviewed the concept plans and sent comments to the homeowner.

Miscellaneous Items

The staff is presently working with the following properties:

1. The MSHA has responded to the Village's letter regarding water ponding at the Village street intersections along Brookville Rd. The MSHA staff stated they are working with WSSC and MCDOT and will get back to us soon. The Village sent a letter to the State requesting an updated progress report on the

outstanding pedestrian safety issues. The State responded and said they will be looking into adding additional pedestrian walkway safety measures at Bradley and at Taylor. Section 5 has prepared a concept plan to build a new MSHA storm drain system along the west side of Brookville Rd. from Bradley La. to Shepherd St.

Heard on the Sidewalk

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.

Upcoming Events Open to the Community

Navigating Life's Journey: Independent Living Options

Friday, January 7, 2022, 1:00 PM until 2:30 PM

Registration is required No Fee

This will be the second event of our new "Navigating Life's Journey" series, in which you will learn how to navigate your options for each stage of aging. In this session, representatives from local independent living facilities will discuss the different models of independent living and how to choose the place that is right for you. Hosted by Chevy Chase at Home in partnership with Charles E. Smith Life Communities and Ingleside.

Arts of the Islamic World

Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM

Registration is required - No Fee

The arts of the Islamic world encompass a great diversity of traditions far ranging in geography and historical period—from North Africa to India and since the advent of Islam in the late seventh century. Explore selections from the museum's more than 2,200 Islamic art objects in an interactive online tour with one of the docents from the Smithsonian National Museum of Asian Art. Hosted by Chevy Chase at Home.

CC@H Guest Speaker: Peter Ross Range, Author of "The Unfathomable Ascent: How Hitler Came to Power"

Friday, January 28, 2022, 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM

Registration is required - No Fee

CC@H member Peter Ross Range will speak on his book, "The Unfathomable Ascent: How Hitler Came to Power." Range is a journalist who has covered war, politics, and international affairs. A specialist in Germany, he has written for Time, the New York Times, National Geographic, the London Sunday Times Magazine, Playboy, and U.S. News & World Report, where he was a White House correspondent.

For more information on events, go

to https://www.chevyCHASEathome.org/content.aspx?page_id=4001&club_id=559

Local Volunteers Needed for Errands for Seniors

Chevy Chase At Home seeks local volunteers to complete an occasional errand for a local senior. As a volunteer, you will get to choose when you volunteer and

which errands you complete. A commitment of just one hour a month can make a difference. Sign up today at www.chevyCHASEathome.org.

Do You Need a Helping Hand Around the House?

Chevy Chase At Home's dedicated volunteers are here to support our members. If you need assistance with changing a light bulb, setting up a new television, bringing your trash cans to the curb, or other things around the house, membership may be right for you. Please contact us to discuss how we can help at 301.657.3115.

Weather

Here are some weather terms you hear and what they mean.

Clear- cloud-free sky to 3/10 covered.

Sunny- the sun shines 70-100% of the day.

Cloudy or overcast- the sky is 8/10th covered to fully covered with clouds during the forecast period.

Partly sunny and partly cloudy- there is no difference between these terms. Partly cloudy means the sky is 4/10 to 7/10 covered by clouds. We use *partly sunny* during the day, *partly cloudy* at night.

Snow- precipitation of ice crystals in the form of six-pointed designs. No two snowflakes have ever been found that are identical.

Heavy snow- snowfall of four inches or more in the next 12 hours.

Snow flurries- intermittent snowfall that may reduce visibility at times, but results in very little accumulation.

Sleet- pellets of ice that form when rain or melting snowflakes freeze while falling, occurs in cold weather. Hail occurs in thunderstorms in warmer weather.

Freezing rain- rain that turns to ice on impact with the surface.

Rain- an extended period of precipitation for 1 - 24 hours associated with large storm systems rather than single clouds or thunderstorms.

Showers- a brief (10-30 minutes) interval of rain that does not affect a large area. Rain does fall in a shower but only for a short time.

Squall- a fast-moving thunderstorm or line of thunderstorms that often produce damaging winds, hail, and even tornadoes.

Get ready for January, our coldest month. Average high temperatures are low to mid-40s, average low-temperatures, upper 20s, average rain 2 1/2 inches, average snow 5 inches. The mild dry weather of December should continue. This December has been the warmest December on record (since 1871) for the DC area. It is considerably warmer than the previous warmest December of 1984.

Happy holidays everyone from Keith, Riley, and David

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-the-minute updates.

Manna Food Center

Food Drive Ends 2021 on a High Note

Our ongoing Village food drive ended the year in good fashion, delivering close to 350 pounds of canned/boxed items to Manna Food Center in December (172 pounds on 12/6) and another 175 on 12/23). That boosted our YTD total to about 3,370 pounds – not close to the 5,000-plus we were donating in pre-pandemic times but still a robust effort during what have been some challenging months. So thank you to all who continue to contribute.

Through 19 distribution centers throughout Montgomery County and other deliveries, Manna annually provides 5.3 million pounds of food to an estimated 45,210 residents. It reports that one in nine people in our County experiences “food insecurity” – that is, not knowing where their next meal will come from, and that 20 percent of seniors live below the self-sufficiency standard. Its “Smart Snacks” program also hands out close to 188,000 bags of food annually to students in need of nutritious supplements.

So... let’s keep going into 2022! The Village Food Drive began in the summer of 2008 and thanks to the generosity of so many wonderful neighbors, it’s still going strong! You may leave your donations in the boxes (soon to be refurbished!) at the Market or stairs to the Village Office or on the front porch at 3406 Turner Lane. We promise to deliver them to Manna as quickly as we are able.

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

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

[A Wider Circle](#)

[Chevy Chase at Home](#)

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

[Live and Learn Bethesda](#)

[Manna Food Center](#)

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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 [webform](#). 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 architecturalphoto@mac.com

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