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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 would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Susan Fattig, Arthur Alexander, and Jeff Blander on their re-election to the VMA Council. The Village will continue to benefit from their combined institutional knowledge and the diversity of opinion they bring to the table. I would also like to thank Marty Langelan and Ben Dunford for their willingness to serve, running a positive campaign, and bringing great ideas and proposals to the campaign trail. The Village hopes to benefit from their continued engagement and insights, especially during Council and Committee meetings. Finally, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to Niles Anderegg, our Village Manager, and the VMA Election Committee: George McAleese (Chair), Leah Michal Craft, Paul Weller, Eric Shaw, and Naomi Naierman, for their tireless work



## June 2022

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throughout the election season, including addressing – with great urgency – the issue of the missing postage on the ballot return envelopes. And as I reflect on the enthusiasm and power of the democratic process here in the VMA, I do hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Memorial Day weekend – a time when we unite as a country to remember the men and women in uniform who gave their lives to defend the freedoms we so enjoy. With gratitude,  
Andrew

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## Calendar of Events

**June 6-** Ethics Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM  
**June 23** - VMA Council Meeting, 7:30 PM  
**July 3-** Independence Day celebration, 2 - 5 pm



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## Martin's Matters Spotlight: Election 2022

The Election Committee is pleased to announce the results of the 2022 Village of Martin's Additions Council election. Of the 627 qualified voters on the Village of Martin's Additions qualified voter roll, 329 ballot return envelopes were returned and deemed valid by the Committee, representing a 52 percent qualified voter participation rate in this year's election. This included 9 ballots that were mailed without postage were delivered to the vendor and were included in the counting. The Committee appreciates the participation and work from members of the Village and the Village Staff in addressing and working through the postage issue that arose during the Election this year.

All 329 ballot return envelopes were deemed conforming by the Committee. 328 ballots were deemed conforming, with one ballot being deemed as "Spoiled" due to an overvote, as it included votes for 3 named candidates and 2 write-in candidates (one of which was a duplication of a vote for a named candidate). That ballot was not counted.

Six ballots were hand-counted due to concerns that they might not be read by the counting machines or if they were unable to be read by the counting machines.

There are 3 spots on the Council up for election this year, meaning each ballot could cast up to 3 votes.

Candidate Totals	
Name	Votes
Arthur Alexander	200
Jeff Blander	199
Susan Fattig	161
Marty Langelan	147
Ben Dunford	123

Additionally, there were a total of 65 write-in votes cast, with 63 write-in votes marking the “Write-In” box on the ballot and two write-in votes where a name was filled out on the appropriate line without the corresponding box filled in. Three write-in votes were ultimately deemed invalid, as they were not cast for a valid candidate, including votes for fictional characters.

Write-In Totals	
Name	Votes
Tiffany Cissna	43
Laurie Mitchell	5
Monty Boland	4
Keith Allen	2
Paul Bishop	1
Bernice Duvall	1
Steve Howard	1
Andrew Kauders	1
Laurie Matthews	1
Jean Sperling	1
Marcella Trowen	1
Liz Vorasi	1

We appreciate all the candidates’ interest in being elected to serve at this time on our municipal government’s 5-member Council. Congratulations to Arthur, Jeff, and Susan! Their terms will begin on July 1, 2022, in accordance with the Charter.

We also thank Niles Anderegg, our Village Manager, for the staff’s support of this

Respectfully Submitted,  
2022 Village of Martin's Additions Election Committee  
Leah Craft, George McAleese (Chair), Naomi Naierman, Eric Shaw, Paul Weller  
[VMAElections@martinsadditions.org](mailto:VMAElections@martinsadditions.org)

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## 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 heard an update from the Ethics Committee on their work on the conflict of interest forms, including changes to the form to make it easier to complete.

The Council heard an update from the Elections Committee regarding their recent work on the 2022 election. The Council approved the Committee's vote-counting procedures. The procedures can be found [here](#).

The Council also heard an update from the Community Engagement Committee on its meeting with the street captains regarding their role in the Village.

The Village Council received a report from the Treasurer on financial matters, held a public hearing on the FY23 budget, and approved the FY23 budget. The approved budget can be found [here](#).

The Village Council received the Village Manager's report, which provided updates on Village operations, including the traffic



### Agenda for Council Meeting Thurs. June 23, 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 Ordinance 2022-4-1 To Create Staggered Terms for Ethics Committee Members

8:06 PM Discussion and Possible Approval of Committee Guidelines

8:21 Financial Matters, including Treasurer's Report: Alexander

8:26 PM Manager's Report:

improvements and utility work taking place in the Village. The Village is undergoing a review of the Brookville Road sidewalk in preparation for presenting a concept to the state to improve the sidewalk on Brookville Road while WSSC is doing their water main replacement project.

\*For more details on any of these items, the Audio from the May 12 VMA Council Meeting can be found [here](#). The full minutes of this meeting will be shared with the community after being approved by the Village Council.

Anderegg

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

8:41 PM Adjournment: Kauders

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## Telling Our Stories

### RECOLLECTIONS OF PAUL WELLER

By Naomi Naierman



I grew up on a dairy farm near Hagerstown, Maryland. It instilled in me a life-long love of the country and agriculture, so it was only to be expected that I would earn a degree in agriculture from the state's Land Grant University and become an "aggie."

My entire professional career has been in agriculture, from writing for farm magazines upon graduation, to serving in advertising and public relations agencies in Chicago, to managing nearly a dozen agricultural associations over the years. I'm still at it – serving on the board of the King Barn Dairy MOOseum in Germantown, where we tell the historic story of Montgomery County's 500-plus dairy farms.

After five bone-chilling winters in Chicago, I gathered up Margaret and returned to the Washington, D.C. area in 1969, where I once worked. My aunt lived in Chevy Chase Village. She said: "I'll help you find a house here." It happened to be a tiny house in the town of Section Four.

One day on a plane back from Topeka, Kansas with the state's U.S. Senator James Pearson, we talked about Chevy Chase. He said: "My AA lives in Chevy Chase, in an old house on an acre of land, but it's for sale." My ears perked up. I went to the open house.

It was on a dead-end street (Raymond Street) and it was a wreck. Margaret said: "I'll never live there" After buying it in 1974, we rebuilt it and moved in. The Village's sewage plant used to be in its front yard before they hooked up to WSSC. We've been there for 48 years. It was the closest I'll probably ever get to being back in the country.

After a few years, a neighbor Wallace Jensen up the street, who had served on the Village's Citizens' Committee, suggested that I run for the Committee. He nominated me. I lost the first time around, but he did it again a bit later in 1981. I won.



There were five of us. We were offered \$45.00 a month to serve. But in 1981 there was too much work for volunteers. Case in point was street signs. Melville Place had no sign at all. An elderly neighbor lady who tried to get a cab failed because the driver couldn't find her street. I ordered a sign and crawled up on my car to mount it.

We decided to combine the five \$45.00 stipends and hire a part-time village manager. We heard about a local resident who had an advanced degree in civic affairs. We hired Jean Sperling of Shepherd Street, and the reorganization began, including incorporation papers, an array of village ordinances, and finally getting local resident Neal Potter to use his political connections to help us incorporate the Village of Martin's Additions before the state General Assembly shut the door on small incorporated jurisdictions. I served two terms on the Village Council, including as chairman. It was a busy time, but a delightful way to meet people and be of service.

We are all fortunate to have the row of commercial ventures on Brookville Road that were grandfathered in despite being in a strictly residential area. They serve us well. Some more than others. A gas station served for many years on the corner where the Village office is today. The manager knew everyone. During the early 1970's when it was nearly impossible to get gas, "Doc" would have us line our cars up on Brookville Road at night with our keys under the floor mat. The next morning, we went down to drive away with a full tank of gas.

Martin's Additions is still changing. Harry Martin would love it. The small bungalows of his era are being replaced with large, attractive "McMansions," eight on our two-block street so far. People seeking a nice place to live and raise a family seek it out. We are all proud of our village and the many personal services that it offers.

Enjoy.

*Do you have an interesting story to share? Are you a student seeking a unique way of earning SSL hours while contributing to your community? Contact resident Naomi Naierman ([nnaierman22@gmail.com](mailto:nnaierman22@gmail.com)) to learn more and participate in the VMA Legacy Project. Journalism mentoring is provided by veteran reporter and resident Nancy Ferris.*

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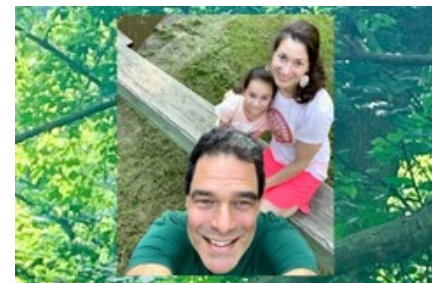
## Council Corner

A Life In Public Service - Why Kindness and Caring Matter. An interview with Dr. Jeff Blander

**About Jeff:** Currently serves as Vice-Chair of the VMA Council. Other current volunteer and work positions include: Chief Investment Officer for the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator and Health Diplomacy, U.S. Department of State. Vice President-Elect for the Chevy Chase Elementary School PTA. Elected Board Member for the Wharton Club of the Nation's Capital Region.

**Education:** Received his Bachelor's of Science in Economics from the Wharton School as well as Doctorate and two Master's Degrees in public health from Harvard. Jeff has lived with his family in VMA since 2013, a proud Cheetah (CCES) Dad. You can often find him carpooling his daughter to school or taking out the recycling on Tuesdays.

**Something your neighbors might not know:** I lived in Tanzania East Africa for



almost 10 years, during that time started a private foundation to help eradicate Rheumatic Heart Disease among children. Has written several books and published a number of scientific papers, included edited a textbook on microfluidic technologies with Dr. Robert Langer, one of the co-founders of Moderna and pioneers in mRNA vaccine technology.

***Some favorites:***

- Color: Rainbow
- Book: Maisha and the Rainbow Tree (written with my daughter and her friends, inspired by their attempt to save a tree from being taken down by a developer in Rollingwood).
- Food: Fresh Mango and Fat-Free Greek Yogurt with Roasted Peanuts.
- Places to visit: Paje Beach, Zanzibar
- Quote: “I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.” — Mother Teresa
- Hobbies: Distance walker. I compete annually in a 50-mile walk from Angler Inn, Potomac Maryland to Harper’s Ferry West Virginia.

**Why did you move to VMA?** I’ve lived in VMA with my wife Michelle Levine and daughter Rosie since 2013. We greatly cherish our community and neighborhood, and we’re truly grateful to have so many caring, kind, and thoughtful neighbors. I was raised by my grandparents and grew up in a small close-knit beach community in the suburbs of New York City. My childhood memories include learning to ride a bike with neighbors cheering me on, digging for hidden treasures at the local park, and a town business center whose owners would greet customers on a first name basis. These same qualities of a caring, engaged, and close-knit community are what make VMA so special to my family.

**What have you learned from serving on the VMA Council?** It has been almost two years since joining the VMA council. It has truly been an honor and great privilege to serve this wonderful community during this truly difficult time. Where for over a year a pandemic had stolen from us, much of what we love and held dear. At times some of the simple joys of being with friends, family and our children going to school or on playgrounds. While not always aligned with my fellow council members, I have served as an independent voice, to highlight new ideas to strengthen resident engagement impacting our entire community. But in general, a philosophy to work together as a council and the community to have more open discussion and recognize that questioning ‘business as usual’ and innovation is welcomed and encouraged. Because I strongly believe all voices and opinions matter.

**What does public service mean to you?** My grandparents, who raised me, believed that kindness is the most important virtue to make the world a better place. They taught me, “What you do matters.” Like a stone tossed into a lake, your actions have ripples that carry far and wide. I have been so incredibly honored to work and serve with truly the most remarkable, determined, and dedicated team at the State Department fighting against multiple pandemics of HIV and COVID across over 50 countries. The tireless commitment, sacrifice, resiliency, and determination of our entire global family, often much of which occurs behind the scenes or under the radar, is awe-inspiring and breathtaking. It is something I will always be proud of.

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## **Building Blocks**

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

**FROM:** Doug Lohmeyer

**DATE OF MEMO:** May 9, 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.

**7200 Delfield St.**

The new homeowners propose to add a porch, with steps and a patio on the eastern side of the new house. They have not submitted an application to the MCDPS or the Village.

**7220 Delfield St.**

The applicants submitted an application to remove the existing house and build a new house. A final site visit was conducted on April 27th. The new house appears to comply with the approved site plan. The Village is closing their Building Permit and refunding the applicant's bond. The new owners said they may be moving in this week.

**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. Exterior work has begun.

**162 Quincy St.**

The owners have submitted a building permit application to MCDPS on May 2nd. The contractor says they are only doing interior improvements and no exterior work is planned.

**3500 Raymond St.**

The homeowners are considering several additions to the existing house. They have not applied to the MCDPS or to the Village.

**3504 Shepherd St.**

The homeowner plans on constructing an addition at the rear of the ex. 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 their building permit on April 26, 2022. Work has not begun yet.

**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.

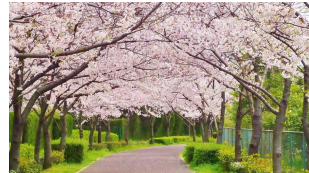


### **3507 Turner St.**

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.

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## **Heard on the Sidewalk**



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### **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](http://www.chevychaseathome.org).

### **Informative Event Recording Available to the Community**

Earlier this year, Chevy Chase At Home arranged for a presentation by Febe Huevo (MCPL Outreach Services) on free digital resources available through the Montgomery County Library, including a detailed demo on how you can use Washington Consumers' Checkbook with your library card to find local contractors. Watch the recording of this presentation and demo on the Chevy Chase YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/ywjLXH43xko>

### **Walking Groups for Mature Adults**

Chevy Chase At Home welcomes new members to participate in one or both of our two weekly walking groups. Get a chance to meet new people and get some exercise. Call us at 301.657.3115 to learn more.

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### **Weather**

June starts off with high temps in the low 80s and lows in the mid-60s, to highs in the upper 80s with lows near 70 and increasing humidity throughout the month. Average rain is 3 1/2 inches but in 1972 there was over a foot of rain mostly from tropical storm Agnes on June 20-23. What was interesting about that was that June-August of 1972 turned out to be one of the driest summers on record for D. C. June is an active thunderstorm month with lots of deadly lightning. If outdoors, seek shelter before the storm strikes. Stay indoors and away from windows and plumbing until the storm passes. Get out of the water and off small boats. Never—"NEVER" stand under trees. Get off open spaces like golf courses and hilltops. Stay in your car, which offers excellent lightning

## **Local Volunteers Needed to Help Seniors**

Chevy Chase At Home seeks local volunteers to assist seniors with lifting and moving heavier items. Whether it is moving a bag of mulch, a trash can, or setting a new mixer on the counter, a few minutes of your time can have a big impact for a local senior looking to maintain their independence. Learn more: [www.chevyCHASEathome.org](http://www.chevyCHASEathome.org).

protection. Many people suffer neurological issues from lightning exposure that occurred months or even years earlier. We can't stress these safety rules. Enjoy summer, but exercise caution when it comes to the weather. If anyone has any questions pertaining to the weather, call me at 301-654-0123 or 202-251-9900.

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.

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](#)

[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](mailto:architecturalphoto@mac.com)

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