

Martin's Edition

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

May 2021

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From the Chair

Dear Residents,

With the sporadically warmer weather over the past month, more neighbors are out in their yards playing baseball and soccer with their kids or gardening. It's been rejuvenating to have a chance to chat at length with neighbors, and every encounter has been enlightening. As Council members, we value hearing diverse opinions and take them into account in formulating decisions.

The 2021 VMA Election is underway, and we have a strong field of six candidates for two open seats. Ballots should have arrived in most homes by now; additional information regarding this year's mail-in election can be found below. Please make sure to vote!

This month's Council meeting will be held on May 13, 2021, pursuant to the VMA Charter provision requiring that the Annual Meeting must be held between March 1 and May 15. [The Fiscal Year 2022 budget ordinance](#), which is substantially the same as last year's budget, and the [tax rate resolution](#), which is unchanged and among the lowest rates in the State, will be voted on at the May meeting.

Be sure to get out and enjoy this beautiful community we all share!

Susan Fattig
Council Chair

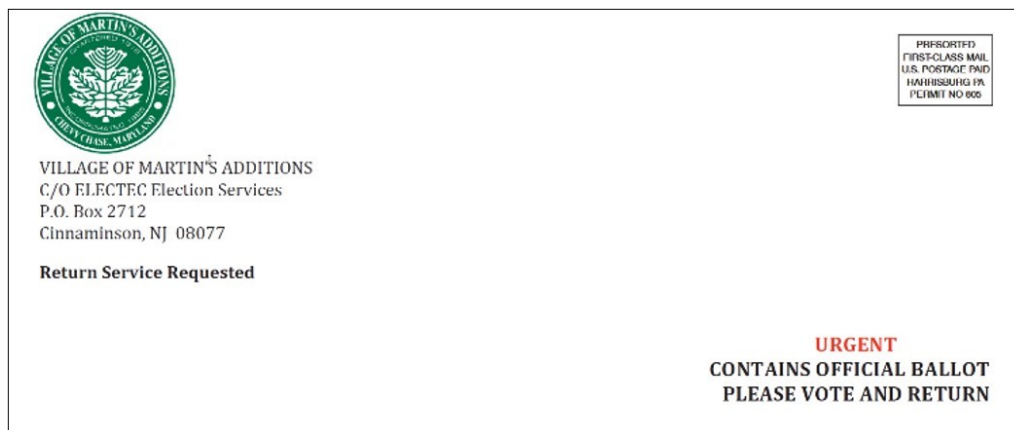
Upcoming Events

- **May 2:** Candidate Forum
- **May 6:** Last day to request a ballot
- **May 8:** Bulk trash pick-up ([details](#))
- **May 13:** Village Council meeting, 7:30 PM
- **May 13:** Ballot "postmarked by" date
- **May 20:** Ballot "received by" date
- **May 31:** Office closed in observance of Memorial Day. Waste Management pick-ups will be delayed one day: Tuesday (lawn and household waste); Wednesday (recycling); Friday (household waste)



Spotlight on 2021 Election

IF YOU'RE A QUALIFIED VOTER IN VMA, HAVE YOU RECEIVED THIS ENVELOPE IN THE MAIL???



As a reminder, if you or anyone else in your household is a qualified voter and has not yet received your ballot, please contact the Village Manager, Niles Anderegg, as soon as possible at manager@martinsadditions.org or 301-656-4112. **Qualified voters must be on the VMA qualified voter roll by 5 PM May 6, 2021 to receive a ballot.**

In case you missed the Candidate Forum on April 20, 2021, the Village's six candidates for Council will be participating in **another Candidate Forum on Sunday, May 2nd, at 4:30 PM**, due to the Village's recording device having only captured the first minute of an almost two-hour event. While Election Committee is deeply sorry that this happened and shares in the disappointment of many – candidates and qualified voters – that a recording of the April 20th event is not available, we are pleased that we were able to solicit

candidate and vote in an open forum on April 21, 2021 to provide an additional opportunity for qualified voters in Martin's Additions to hear from the candidates. Audio from the Committee's open meeting is available on the website [here](#).

If you're still looking for additional election-related information like the **Official Election Notice and the candidate statements**, they were emailed to all qualified voters on the VMA voter roll on March 26, 2021, mailed to those who receive *Martin's Edition* in the mail, resent to all in the April 2021 newsletter (electronic and hardcopy, per resident stated preference to receive newsletters), and may be found on the Village's [Council Elections webpage](#). The [Election Committee webpage](#) is where you may find policies and procedures adopted by the Council that, in accordance with the Charter, govern Committee operations. Briefly here...

There are six (6) candidates running for two (2) open seats. They appear below in alphabetical order. Their Candidate Statements are provided as submitted to the Committee via link (**click their names**) and enclosed for those who have chosen to receive *Martin's Edition*, the Village's monthly newsletter, by mail.

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[Marty Langelan \(Chestnut Street\)](#); mjlangelan@gmail.com; 301-654-0176

[Brian Oliver \(Delfield Street\)](#); brianscottoliver@gmail.com; 202-716-6070

[Larry Wasson \(Delfield Street\)](#); office@affiliatedinspectors.com; 301-652-5122

Next, the Committee will be holding another open meeting on Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 7:30 PM to discuss, among other things, vote counting procedures. We anticipate them being similar to last year's procedures considering the Committee is operating under very similar Council-approved rules and procedures and working with the same vendor.

Lastly, don't forget that **ballots must be postmarked by May 13, 2021 and/or received by the vote-by-mail vendor by 5:00 PM on May 20, 2021.**

Thank you,
The VMA Elections Committee
Tiffany Cissna, George McAleese, and Anna Meenan
VMAElections@martinsadditions.org

Notes from the Village Office

Village Council Meeting Highlights 4/15/2021

- The Village Council heard a report from the Community Engagement Committee chair about their recent meeting where the potential return of in-person events, as well as the role of street captains and other community activities, were discussed.
- The Village Council heard a report from the Election Committee chair regarding the status of the work for the 2021 election and answered questions regarding the election process.
- The Village Council heard an update about the Public Safety Task Force which has held an administrative meeting at which time a chair and vice-chair were named. The Public Safety Task Force will host its first public meeting on April 26.
- The Village Council received the Building Administrator's report on ongoing building projects in the Village.
- The Village Council discussed and voted to introduce an ordinance to clarify the language of the "garage door width requirement" in the Village's building code.
- The Village Council received a report from the Village Treasurer on financial matters.
- The Village Council received the Village Manager's report which updated them on Village operations, including the Office's work related to the 2021 Village elections, as well as tree and landscaping work taking place in the Village and updates on the waste and recycling and street maintenance RFPs.

*For more details on any of these items, please [click here](#) to listen to the audio recording of this meeting. Full minutes of this meeting will be shared with the community after the Village Council has approved them.

Agenda for Council Meeting(s)



----Draft Agenda for the Monthly Council Meeting----

Village of Martin's Additions
7013 Brookville Road (Suite B, 2nd floor)
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-3263
Via Zoom

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: Fattig

7:31 PM Opportunity for Council to Hear Residents' Comments: Fattig

7:41 PM Committee Updates: Fattig

7:51 PM Building Administrator's Report: Lohmeyer

8:00 PM Discussion and Next Steps on an Ordinance to Amend the Village Tree Ordinance

8:15 PM Financial Matters, including Treasurer's Report and including a Public Hearing on and Possible Adoption of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Budget Ordinance and Tax Rates Resolution: Alexander

8:25 PM Manager's Report: Anderegg

8:30 PM Opportunity for Council to Hear Residents' Comments: Fattig

8:35 PM Adjournment: Fattig

*Please note: Listed times are approximate.

Building Blocks



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

FROM: Doug Lohmeyer

DATE OF MEMO: April 15, 2021

SUBJECT: Building Administrator's Report

3506 Bradley Lane.

Demolition and building permit applications were submitted to the Village office. The staff has initially reviewed the information. Waiting for MCDPS approval. The resident's information meeting was held on Wed. June 17th. The County has not issued their building permit and the project is on hold until spring.

6609 Brookville Rd.

The applicants have submitted an application to remove the existing porch and add an addition to the existing house. The County issued their building permit on Nov. 18th. The Village building permit was issued on Dec. 7th. Work has begun on the addition.

7200 Chestnut

The applicants 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. 3rd. The Village building permit was issued on Oct. 9, 2020. The construction has begun.

7210 Chestnut

The construction of the new house and front yard landscaping has been completed. As soon as the Right of Way Agreement is recorded, the Village building permit can be closed.

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. 23rd. The Village issued the demo and dumpster permits on Dec. 14th and the building permit on Jan. 4, 2021. The old house has been removed and the new house is under construction.

7220 Delfield St.

The applicants have submitted an application to demolish the existing house and rebuild a new house. The plans have been revised and are waiting for County approval. The Village information meeting was held on Dec. 14th.

113 Quincy St.

The applicants have submitted an application to build a detached garage at the left rear of the house. The MCDPS permit was issued on Aug. 10th. The Village permit was issued on Oct. 13, 2020. The construction is underway.

120 Quincy

The homeowners have submitted concept plans for the Village's review. The plans propose to construct several additions to the existing house. They have not applied to MCDPS.

3505 Raymond St.

The new homeowners have applied for a variance to relocate the existing HVAC units from the rear of the house to the right side of the house. The Village Code does not allow HVAC units to project into the minimum side yard setback, so a variance is required. The Variance Hearing on Oct. 29th was suspended and a continuation meeting has not been scheduled.

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. 2nd and the Village issued their building permit on Feb. 9, 2021. The ex. house is being removed and the new house is under construction.

3514 Shepherd St.

The homeowner has submitted an application to remove the ex. deck at the rear of the house and to build a new, larger deck in its place. The Village has issued a permit, but the work has not begun.

3517 Shepherd St.

The applicant has submitted an application to add an addition to the right front side of the existing house. The County issued their building permit on Nov. 10th. The Village issued the building permit on Nov. 24. Work on the addition has begun.

7200 Summit Ave.

On April 28, 2020, the homeowners submitted a Variance Application for the front and rear setbacks in order to construct a new porch and bay window at the front of the existing house and an addition on the north (right) side of the house. The Variance was approved by the Council on July 16, 2020. The applicants have not submitted to MCDPS or the Village.

7203 Summit

The homeowners have submitted plans for re-build the existing detached garage at the rear of the existing house. The plans were approved by MCDPS on Jan. 19th and the Village issued the building permit on Feb. 9, 2021. Work has begun on the garage.

3407 Thornapple St.

On May 29th, the building permit was extended and work on the house appears to be complete. The Applicant revised the plans to show a two-car detached garage at the rear of the lot. The MCDPS and the Village has issued their revised building permits. According to the builder, the new homeowners may not construct the detached garage. The Village will contact the new residents to verify this information, so the Village can close out the building permit.

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 staff has been in contact MSHA to get a progress report.

Heard on the Sidewalk

Chevy Chase At Home

Tuesday, May 4, 1-2:30 p.m. The Bias Meter: The Battle for Your Brain

Join us on Zoom for this interactive class taught by an educator from the Freedom Forum (formerly the Newseum) to help you assess how objective or biased content in the media really is. Tune up your “fairness meter” - win the battle for your brain!

Friday, May 21, 1-2 p.m. CC@H Guest Speaker: Ambassador Mark Pekela on “Eastern Europe and Russia: Past and Present

Ambassador Mark Pekela will present a brief look at Russia over the last 30 years and what to expect from the Biden-Putin relationship, from his point of view as a former U.S. Ambassador to Latvia (2012-2014) who has worked with President Biden - and worked on Vladimir Putin - since 1999. The Ambassador retired in October 2020 after serving 30 years in the U.S. Department of State, where his long career included postings in Paris, Tallinn, Brussels, Warsaw, and Baku, Azerbaijan. In Washington he was on the Russia desk, and he served as Senior Director for Russian Affairs on the National Security Council staff. Ambassador Pekela is a resident of the Town of Chevy Chase.

Please register at www.chevychaseathome.org (events) to receive Zoom link.

Weather Outlook

April finished out half a degree above normal for temps even though we had some cold nights below freezing. The last few days of the month were in the 80s, which is unseasonably warm for April. Looking ahead to May, we can expect temps and rainfall to be normal for May with nothing excessive. Temps start off, on average, around 70 degrees on May 1 and wind up in the low eighties on May 31. May can also be an active month for thunderstorms with hail, since the upper air is still quite cold. Lightning is the worst killer in thunderstorms, but if a few elementary precautions are taken, the chances of being hit become minimal. We'll discuss thunderstorms and lightning safety rules in next month's newsletter to kick off the summer season. May is possibly the most beautiful month of the year around here. Days are warm without the summer humidity and nights are pleasant; nature is simply at its best around here in May. It's a month to be enjoyed!

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":

[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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