



September 2020

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FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Residents,

As August draws to a close and many new residents have moved into our Village, it seems an appropriate time to familiarize all residents with our longstanding municipal governance practices and procedures. These procedures provide openness, transparency, and opportunities for resident engagement prior to any official action.

When a policy matter is initially identified as an area requiring Council action, in general, it will be placed on the agenda for the upcoming meeting. If the Council determines that the issue merits further consideration requiring, for example, adoption of an ordinance, our Village Attorney will draft a relevant document for introduction and discussion. The draft ordinance will be placed on the agenda for the next month's meeting. The draft ordinance does not represent a recommendation for action by the Council but is presented for discussion and can be amended by the Council. The agenda is then circulated to residents via Constant Contact several times prior to the meeting at which the ordinance is introduced. The proposed ordinance will then be discussed and voted on at the Council meeting held at least 30 days from the date of introduction.

Residents may readily access the agenda and all materials provided to Council members for the upcoming meeting (listed as "packet"), as well as minutes for the previous meeting on the website at https://www.martinsadditions.org/governance/council_meeting_agendas_and_minutes/index.php. In response to resident feedback, Manager Niles Anderegg is working on facilitating access to specific items in the agenda packet.

We welcome resident input, and offer several ways for residents to voice their opinions on VMA topics. Every Council meeting offers residents two opportunities to comment on the record: at the outset of the meeting and prior to adjournment. Should residents wish to submit comments but are

unable to attend the meeting, comments may be forwarded to the Manager for inclusion in the record.

While Council members may be constrained by the Open Meetings Act provisions from responding to group emails, we are able to respond to individual emails and to phone calls. Each Council member's email address and phone number is published on our website at https://www.martinsadditions.org/about/council_and_staff.php.

We look forward to hearing from you!

For the Council,

Susan Fattig

Council Chair

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UPCOMING EVENTS



- **Sept 8:** Walkability Task Force Meeting at 7:00 PM via Zoom
- **Sept. 12:** Bulk trash pick-up
- **Sept 17:** Monthly Village Council meeting at 7:30 PM via Zoom

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SPOTLIGHT

Bulk Trash Pick-up

The next regularly scheduled bulk trash pick-up will be Saturday, **September 12, 2020**. Bulk trash is picked up on the second Saturday of every other month (Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov). Items should be at the curb by 7:00 AM.

What is bulk trash?

Bulk items include furniture, toys, and common household "junk."

Items NOT accepted include automotive tires, batteries, building materials, dirt, hazardous materials, large tree stumps, liquids, recyclables, rocks, and sand. Paint will be picked up if the cans are dried out or filled with absorbent material such as kitty litter or sand and allowed to dry completely.

Appliances (such as refrigerators) must have the freon removed and a tag from a certified plumber that this has been accomplished. **The Village Office must be notified in advance** of any appliances and scrap metal because hauling them away requires a special truck for pick-up.

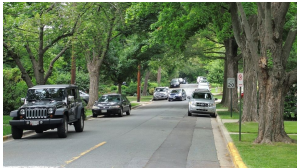
Special Instructions:

- **Recyclable materials should not be disposed of in bulk trash.** Recyclable materials are collected once per week at the curb on Tuesdays.
- Rugs must be cut up in sections that are rolled up and tied and are no more than 4 feet tall or wide or they will not be taken.
- If you have a lot of items for bulk trash, please notify us a week ahead of time so that we can contact the contractor.
- The last bulk trash pick-up for 2020 is **Saturday, November 14.**

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NOTES FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE

Right-of-Way Reminder



The Village wants to remind residents of the Village's policy on [Objects in the Public Rights-of-Way](#). Objects such as basketball hoops and other play equipment are not allowed in the public rights-of-way in order to protect the community, especially children, who might play in areas where cars are likely to go. Residents are also reminded to:

- **Bring your recycling bins all the way to the curb** so as not to interfere with pedestrians who are using the sidewalk and **promptly remove your recycling bins from the curb** the same day the recycling has been collected by Waste Management.
- Please **park your cars fully in the driveway** so as not to block the sidewalk and to free up parking spaces for those who don't have driveways. Please ask any contractors who might be using your driveway for their commercial vehicles to follow the same practice.

In addition, with spring and summer finally here, we want to remind residents that it is **your responsibility** to mow the grass between the sidewalk and the street. If you have not done so already, please check your yard for bushes and branches that are obstructing the sidewalk and right-of-way. It is **also your responsibility** to keep the right-of-way clear of bushes and branches for pedestrians and drivers in the Village, especially on corner lots where the view can easily become obstructed.

Census

Respond Your Way to the 2020 Census

Starting on March 12, 2020, every home began to receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You have three options for responding. All of them are easy!

Please visit [2020CENSUS.GOV](https://2020census.gov) for more information about the three ways you can respond to the 2020 Census.

The 2020 Census marks the first time we are invited to respond online-even on our

mobile device. The online form is available in many different languages.



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AGENDA FOR THE 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

Thursday, September 17, 2020
7:30 PM

The Village Council may entertain a motion during the open meeting to close a portion of the meeting, 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: Approval of Questions for the 2020 Annual Survey: Hill

8:05 PM Building Administrator's Report: Lohmeyer

8:15 PM Financial Matters, including Treasurer's Report: Alexander

8:20 PM Manager's Report: Anderegg

8:25 PM Opportunity for Council to hear residents' comments: Fattig

8:31 PM Adjournment: Fattig

*Please Note: Listed times are approximate.

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BUILDING BLOCKS



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

FROM: Doug Lohmeyer

DATE OF MEMO: August 17,2020

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. Work is anticipated to begin in Sept.

7210 Chestnut St.

The Village issued their building permit on Oct. 11, 2018. The County has closed their building permit but their sediment control permit is still open. Once they close that permit, we will do a final inspection and if everything is acceptable, the Village Building Permit can be closed.

7200 Delfield St.

The property owners (a partnership) has applied for a Village demolition and building permit for a new house. The MCDPS is reviewing their application. The Village staff has completed the initial review of the application and submitted their comments of the applicant. A resident information meeting has not been scheduled.

7220 Delfield St.

The applicants have submitted an application to demolition the existing house and rebuild a new house. The project is on hold as they are planning to make revisions to the submitted plans.

113 Quincy St.

The applicants have submitted an application to build a detached garage at the left rear of the house. The staff has reviewed the plans and are waiting for MCDPS to issue their permit.

163 Quincy St.

The homeowner is proposing to add additional parking along the side of the existing driveway. The parking area will be different material than the driveway and the preliminary non-vegetative

analysis indicates the non-vegetative area will not exceed 30% of the front yard. They have not filed for a Village permit.

3515 Raymond St.

The applicant has submitted plans to remove the existing house and to construct a new house. The County is reviewing their plans. The applicants have revised their plans to address the "Wall Plane Length" condition. The informational meeting with the neighbors has not been scheduled. Waiting for the County to approve the plans.

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.

3412 Taylor St.

The Village original building permit was issued on Feb. 4, 2019 and extended. The house construction has been completed. The MCDPS building permit and sediment control permit has been finalized. The contractor has repaired the damage to Village trash can and removed the tree protection in the R/W. The Village has closed the building permit and refunded the performance bond.

3414 Taylor St.

The homeowner has submitted an application to install a yard inlet on the lot at 3414 and connect that pipe into the existing MCDOT in front to the lot. They have submitted a right of way agreement for the section of pipe within the Village right of way.

3407 Thornapple St.

The Village issued their building permit on May 30, 2019. Work is continuing on the new house construction. The applicant has submitted a "Wall Check", which indicated the new house is in conformance with the approved site plan and the Village Code. On May 29th, the building permit was extended and work is proceeding. 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.

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. They plan on making improvements to the intersections at Bradley, Quincy, and Cummings this summer. An email was recently sent to MSHA requesting a status report on their improvements.
2. The staff has spoken to several homeowners about proposed improvements to their property.

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HEARD ON THE SIDEWALK

Many MC Families Still Need Food Assistance - So Please Give to Manna

On August 24th, we delivered another 120 pounds of shelf-stable items to Manna Food Center, our County's major food bank. That put total donations for the year at just over 2,000 pounds. In past years, the Village food drive, which began in the summer of 2008, averaged 400 pounds of donations per month, or more than 3,000 pounds by the end of August - but because of the pandemic, we're behind our usual goal. Still, we know that many residents have written checks to Manna directly - a hearty "thank you" to those of you who've done so.

Also, a special thanks to Monty Boland on Turner Lane, who started a Go-Fund-Me effort and recently sent a check for \$1,990 to Manna!! Thank you to Monty and all of those who contributed to the cause, including many Martin's Additions residents and other friends and associates.

We hope to continue making monthly trips to Manna with in-kind donations so if you buy items on your next trip to the grocery store, leave them in the box by the stairs to the Village Office (or at the Market if the door to the Office is locked) or on the front porch at 3406 Turner or 3404 Taylor. Because of the virus, the warehouse is closed to outsiders but we're able to put things in outside bins, then to be sorted by Manna staff.

With many County residents still out of work or able to work only part time and with unemployment benefits reduced, families' need for food assistance continues so please give in whatever way you're able. Thanks in advance for your ongoing generosity!

Linda Kirschten

Weather Outlook:

We've had a hot and very humid summer. And all you have to do is look around to see how green the vegetation is. Usually come late August everything is brown. From August 8 to Sept 30, 2005 we officially had only a trace of rain and Sept. 2005 was the driest September on record. But that was followed by lots of rain in October, which made October 2005 the wettest on record here. A weather phenomenon we've experienced this summer is hail. Hail is formed in thunderstorms from strong, rising currents of air, called updrafts, which carry water droplets to a height where they freeze. These ice particles grow in size, becoming too heavy to be supported by the updraft, and fall to the ground. Hail is larger than sleet, and forms only in thunderstorms. Large hailstones fall at speeds faster than 100 mph! The largest hailstone ever recorded in the U.S. was a 7-inch chunk of ice that landed in Aurora, Nebraska in June 2003. An accurate weight could not be determined for this hailstone. A 1970 Coffeyville, Kansas hailstone weighing 1.67 pounds with a 5.7-inch diameter remains the heaviest hailstone weighed and verified in the U.S. Next month we'll talk about hurricanes, since September is normally the busiest for tropical storms. Please stay safe, weather wise and otherwise!

-Keith Allen (Turner Lane)

[Keith Allen, a long time 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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