

# Martin's Edition

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

**November 2021**

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## **From the Chair**

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Hard to believe that we are only six nights out from trick-or-treaters roving our neighborhood streets, boosted by the immediate consumption of sugary snacks amassed during their excursions! If you're anything like us, there will be a close accounting of the loot at the end of the night and possible requisitioning of the goods so that a responsible parent can distribute them fairly over time to avoid any sugar overload (or so that I can pinch a treat or two – let's just call it a candy tax...). It's a win-win!

A big "thank you" goes to the outgoing Community Engagement Committee and the current members for organizing this year's Halloween Party and Parade, which will give your little ones a kick-start this coming Sunday afternoon from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. in the Turner Lane cul-de-sac (at Chevy Chase Local Park). Looking forward to seeing the little ones in their costumes and, possibly, a Council Member or two in disguise as well.

And with Thanksgiving a month away, we hope that you and your loved ones will be reunited, once again – there is plenty of catching up to do this year. Finally, please look out for the annual holiday fund solicitation at the end of November benefiting our Waste Management crew.

Stay healthy and safe!

With gratitude,

## Upcoming Events

Nov. 1 - Ethics Committee Meeting, 7 pm  
Nov. 11- Veteran's Day - Village Office Closed  
Nov. 18 - VMA Monthly Council Meeting, 7:30 pm  
Nov. 25 - 26 - Thanksgiving - Village Office Closed



## Spotlight on Halloween

The VMA neighborhood

# Halloween

**party is coming up!**

**When:** Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup>, 3:00 –5:30pm

**Where:** Turner Lane cul-de-sac & Chevy  
Chase Park/Jim Johnson field

VMA will provide some festive music, pizza and  
beverages for all ages!

Parents bring your children dressed in costumes,  
and join us for a fun and festive Halloween costume  
parade.



For more information: contact the VMA manager at  
[manager@martinsadditions.org](mailto:manager@martinsadditions.org)



## Notes from the Village Office

### Highlights from the October VMA Monthly Council Meeting

- The Village Council received the Building Administrator's report on ongoing building projects in the Village.
- The Council reviewed other municipalities' newsletters and discussed a redesign of the Village's newsletter. The Council plans on releasing an updated newsletter in January 2022.
- The Council heard updates on the Community Engagement Committee's plans for the Halloween event and on the Public Safety Task Force's preliminary report to the Council, which can be found here: [Public Safety Task Force Preliminary Report](#)

- The Council heard a proposal to restructure the Community Engagement Committee as well as other potential activity groups. The Council also encouraged resident feedback on this idea.
- The Council held a discussion regarding proposed committee guidelines for committee members. The Council encouraged residents to provide feedback on this item as well.
- The Village Council received a report from the Treasurer on financial matters.
- The Village Council received the Village Manager's report on Village operations. Included in the Manager's report was an update on the American Rescue plan funds as well as a discussion of the next steps in implementing recommendations from the Walkability Task Force report. A new RFP will be issued by the Village that will solicit designs for improvements.

\*For more details on any of these items, please click on the link to the audio recording <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=63b2lvhhqGI>. Full minutes of this meeting will be shared with the community after being approved by the Village Council.

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**Village of Martin's Additions  
Draft Agenda for Council Meeting  
Thursday, November 18, 2021, 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 Opportunity for Council to Hear Residents' Comments: Kauders

7:41 PM Committee Updates: Kauders

7:51 PM Building Administrator's Report: Lohmeyer

8:01 PM Presentation of The Public Safety Task Force on their Report

8:11 PM Discussion of The Results of the 2021 VMA Annual Survey

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

8:26 PM Manager's Report: Anderegg

8:31 PM Opportunity for Council to Hear Residents' Comments: Kauders

8:41 PM Adjournment: Kauders

\*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:** October 19, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Building Administrator's Report

### **3506 Bradley Lane**

Demolition and building permit applications were submitted to the Village office. Waiting for MCDPS approval. A new residents information meeting will be scheduled. The plans are under review by the staff.

### **6701 Brookville Rd.**

The homeowner has submitted a concept plan to construct a new driveway on Bradley La. and possibly remove the existing driveway on Brookville Rd. The staff is reviewing the concept.

### **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 its building permit on Sept. 3, 2020. The Village building permit was issued on Oct. 9, 2020. The MCDPS closed its building permit on Oct. 7, 2021, and the staff is in the process of closing the Village building permit.

### **7200 Delfield St.**

The property owners have applied for a Village demolition and building permit for a new house. The County issued its building permit on Oct. 23, 2020. The Village issued the demo and dumpster permits on Dec. 14, 2020, 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 remove the existing house and build a new house. The Village information meeting was held on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### **7221 Delfield St.**

The homeowner has submitted an application to remove a portion of the existing deck and build a new section of deck and steps. The staff is reviewing the application.

### **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 is reviewing the plans.

### **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.

### **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 their building permit on Feb. 9, 2021. The existing 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.

### **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 issued the permit and the work is underway.

### **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 staff is working on issuing 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.

### **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.

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## Heard on the Sidewalk

### Chevy Chase at Home

#### Navigating Life's Journey: Building a Life Plan to Age in Place

Friday, November 5, 2021, 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM

This will be the first of our new interactive "Navigating Life's Journey" series, in which you will learn how to navigate your options for each stage of aging. We will discuss how to plan for aging in place. Panelists: Rebecca Bianco, Business Development Manager at Family & Nursing Care; Allyson Butler, Director of Business Development at Smithlife Home Care; Alison Carelli, LCSW-C, Care Manager and Psychotherapist at Aging Network Services; Susy Elder Murphy, BA, CMC, Owner of Debra Levy Eldercare Associates; Debbie Hedges, LCSW-C, Director of Senior Services at the Jewish Social Service Agency; Kathleen McGuinness, CDP, EOL, Director of Community Relations at Smithlife Home Care; and Jihan Starr, Owner of Davenport Senior Connections, LLC Eldercare Consulting and Care. Co-hosted with Charles E. Smith Life Communities and Ingleside. This is a zoom event.

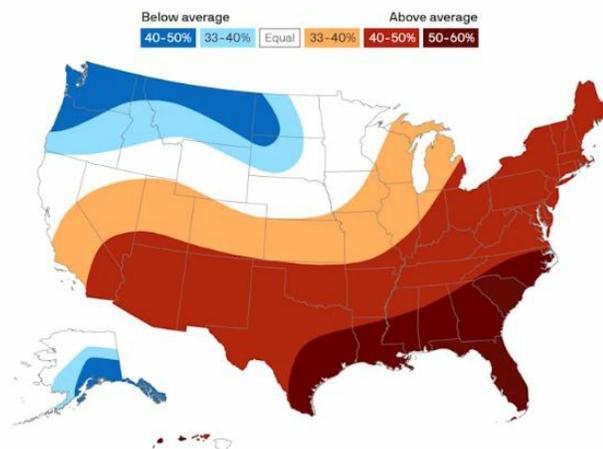
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You may also call the Chevy Chase at Home office at 301-657-3115 for more information.

### Weather Outlook

October is a beautiful month to be outdoors to enjoy the autumn glory of a nice breeze and falling leaves. Normal temperatures in late October into early November are in the low to mid-60s for daytime highs and mid-40s for nighttime lows. In November 1979, there was a 12-day stretch of temperatures in the 60s and 70s. On Thanksgiving Day in 1971, downtown Washington had 1 1/2 inches of snow while the north and west suburbs had 6 – 7 inches. That pretty much was the most snow for that winter of 1971-1972. Looking ahead to the upcoming winter, expect above normal temperatures and below normal rain and snow. Our normal average snowfall for Washington, D.C. is 15". This is a La Niña year and that does not bode well for those who like cold, snowy

Percentage chance that winter 2021 temperatures will be above or below average



winters. Precipitation should average below normal for the winter, which would include snowfall. Cold Novembers do not necessarily mean cold winters. Some of our mildest winters have followed cold Novembers. Average snow for November is less than one inch, and the average rain is 3 inches. The most snow on the ground on Thanksgiving Day was in 1989, with 4 inches officially and a high temperature of only 32°. In the meantime, enjoy autumn foliage, which won't peak around here until the first week of November. Happy Halloween.

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.

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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](mailto:architecturalphoto@mac.com)

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