

Martin's Edition

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

October 2020

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FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Residents,

Autumn has officially arrived, and some residents' thoughts are turning naturally to leaf collection. In that vein, the Village will again offer a leaf vacuuming service as well as leaf bags. Village staff will be emailing a poll to each household in the next few weeks so check your leaf bag inventory now. Leaf vacuuming information will also be forthcoming.

We encourage residents to attend the Community Forum via Zoom on Thursday, October 1 at 7:30 PM. Council members are looking forward to hearing your comments and concerns.

The VMA Annual Survey was emailed over the weekend. Please complete and return by October 11 at 11:59 PM so that your input can be factored into the Council's priority-setting and assessment of services.

A Walkability Task Force Forum will be held in the latter half of October or early November to share results of the walkability survey and discuss considerations and recommendations.

Enjoy these gorgeous fall days!

Susan Fattig,
Council Chair

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UPCOMING EVENTS



- **Oct 1:** Community Listening Forum 7:30 via Zoom
- **Oct 11:** Annual Survey closes at 11:59 PM
- **Oct 15:** Monthly Village Council meeting at 7:30 PM via Zoom

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SPOTLIGHT

Community Listening Forum-- Thursday, October 1st, 7:30 PM

The Village Council invites you to join them this Thursday, October 1st, at 7:30 PM, for a community listening forum where you can share your thoughts and questions with the Village Council directly. This meeting will be held via Zoom; the Zoom information for this meeting will be sent out later this week.

This forum is the result of your feedback to strengthen the Council's engagement with the community. This may be one of several types of formats we test out in the future in the Council's commitment to strengthen meaningful engagement.

This forum will be an official meeting of the Village Council under the Open Meetings Act with a quorum of its members attending and notes taken to highlight the discussion. The forum's focus will be to hear from residents their perspectives, new ideas, and concerns. If you would like to participate in the forum, please try to keep your questions or comments to no more than two minutes, so that everyone who wants to gets an opportunity to speak.

If you have comments or questions you'd like to share with the Council in advance of the forum, please email the Village Office directly (manager@martinsadditions.org).

You are also encouraged to share any questions sent directly to the Village Office with members of the Council: Susan Fattig, Chair (susan.fattig@gmail.com), Todd Mann, Vice-Chair (toddsmann@gmail.com), Arthur Alexander, Treasurer (arthur.alexander@att.net), Katya Hill, Secretary (ka2shaz@gmail.com), and Jeffrey Blander, Member-at-large (BlanderVMACouncil@gmail.com).

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NOTES FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE

Annual Survey

The 2020 Annual Survey is now open. Please take a moment to fill out the survey. It takes about 10 minutes to complete. The survey is very important to the Council as part of its decision-making and priority-setting process for the coming year. Please note that we ask that residents fill out only one survey per household. The survey will be open until Sunday, October 11, 2020, at 11:59 PM. Survey results will be shared on Thursday, October 15, 2020, at the VMA Council meeting. If you have not filled out the survey yet, you can do so by clicking on the link below.

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07ehbpl22qkfigs62j/start>

Tree Canopy Program

This fall, the Village will be ordering trees for both the right-of-way and as part of the Native Tree Canopy Program. Under this program, the Village of Martin's Additions plants native and ornamental trees on private property. When a resident requests a tree, the Arborist evaluates whether there is an appropriate location on the property for a canopy tree. The Village then purchases the tree, pays for installation, and provides a water bag to assist residents with the care the tree needs in the critical first year after planting. Residents are responsible for the tree's long-term care, including watering. Please note that the Village no longer charges residents \$100 to participate in this program. If you are interested in taking part, please [click here](#) for more information.

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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, October 15, 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: Discussion and possible introduction of amendments to ethics ordinance

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: September 14, 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. The County has not issued their building permit.

7210 Chestnut St.

The Village issued their building permit on Oct. 11, 2018. The County has closed their permits. Once the applicants finish the front yard improvements and we do a final inspection, 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 was issued on Sept. 3rd. 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 demolish 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 applicant's have submitted an application to build a detached garage at the left rear of the house. The staff has reviewed the plans. The MCDPS permit was issued on Aug. 10th. The Village permit is in process.

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 applicant's have revised their plans to address the "Wall Plane Length" condition. The informational meeting with the neighbors has not been scheduled. Waiting to 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.

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

Weather Outlook:

It has been a very active hurricane season as everyone well knows. For the time being though it has quieted down in both the Atlantic and the Caribbean. Let's hope it stays that way as the tropical storm season winds down. The last hurricane that did a lot of damage here was Isabelle in September of 2003. Sandy did some damage in October of 2012, but the strongest hurricane to hit here was Hazel in October 1954. Winds were sustained at 98 MPH and Hazel knocked out the entire power grid. It was also the first hurricane season to name hurricanes after women. Prior to 1954 they were given numbers. Hazel, ironically, was the first named hurricane to do catastrophic damage. It was poorly forecasted when it affected our region. Consequently so much damage was not predicted. Something like that would never happen today! Incidentally that 98 MPH wind was the highest wind speed ever officially recorded for Washington, DC with a wind gust recorded at 110 mph at Virginia Weather Station. Meanwhile, no more 90° days and hot humid days. It'll feel more like late October for the first 10 days of the month as much cooler air moves in. Our peak tree colors won't be here until close to Halloween and it looks like a great fall for color in our area. Get out and enjoy.

-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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