

# Martin's Edition

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

**October 2019**

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## **FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

Dear Residents,

As the seasons change, we are seeing change here in VMA.

Our Charter calls for a 5-member Council and we are down one. Please see the detailed information in this newsletter from the Elections Committee regarding next steps, and please consider whether you are called to serve our community in this leadership position.

Thank You

We owe our Election Committee members thanks for their work to diligently carry out the requirements of the Charter in filling our current vacancy as well as making a recommendation to help ensure we stay on solid footing for the years to come. Thank you Marty Langelan, Jessie Tampio, Lauren Biel, Lorie Mitchell, and Haile Soifer!

- Movie Night in the park was a great success! Thank you to Kristi Tampio, Sallie

Van Tassel, Katherine Hample, Barbara Sacks-Singer, Keith Allen, and the staff for making sure it was a fun event for all! There were about 130 people in attendance and we plan to do it again next year.

We want you to please...

- Check out more detailed information here on the Code amendments September's monthly Village Council meeting. Several proposals were discussed.
- Volunteer to be on the VMA walkability study committee. If you are interested in the Council considering you for an appointment to the ad hoc committee, please send an email with a brief statement of interest and any relevant qualifications to James Gaston, our Village Manager, at [manager@martinsadditions.org](mailto:manager@martinsadditions.org) by the end of the month.
- Respond to the Annual Survey. The Village will soon be conducting its annual survey and we would love it if we could increase participation this year. The Council considers resident responses when making decisions about Village priorities and services.
- Party it up! Halloween Celebration and Parade details are below. This year, it will be on Halloween night, the 31st (in response to resident feedback, the committee has decided to alternate between a day-of event and holding the event the weekend before) from 5:30-7:00 PM in the Turner Lane cul-de-sac. The parade starts at 6:30 PM.
- Water, water, water the Village trees. Please don't forget them when you're watering. It has been a long, hot summer for them too.

Lastly, please keep an eye out for pedestrians of all ages as you're traveling in and out of the Village, keeping in mind with the change in seasons, it will be staying darker longer. We need everyone to stay safe.

On behalf of the Council,  
Tiffany Cissna  
Vice Chair

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



October 14, 2019	Columbus Day - Village Office will be closed
October 17, 2019	Village Council Meeting, 7:30 PM
October 31, 2019	VMA Halloween Parade & Festival hosted by the Community Engagement Committee
November 8, 2019	A Wider Circle pick up
November 9, 2019	Bulk Trash pick up

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## SPOTLIGHT

### ***VMA Halloween Celebration & Parade of Costumes***

The Village of Martin's Additions and the Community Engagement Committee will host a Halloween Celebration and Parade of Costumes at the Turner Lane Cul-de-sac and Chevy Chase Park at Jim Johnson Field, Thursday, October 31, 2019, 5:30 PM - 7 PM.

## The VMA neighborhood

# Halloween

**party is coming up!**

**When:** Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup>, 5:30–7:00pm

**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, which will begin promptly at 6:30 PM.

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



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## NOTES FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE

### Village of Martin's Additions 2019 Annual Survey

The Village's Annual Survey will be available very soon. All residents are encouraged to participate (please limit to one per resident). The survey will be short and should take no longer than 10 -15 minutes to complete, but is very helpful for the Village Council to set priorities in the year ahead, and for staff and Council to get feedback on operations.

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### Reminder - No Blocking of VMA Streets

Keep in mind that if you are planning to block any VMA street for an extended period time for any reason, (Moving in or Moving out and construction jobs), please complete the form at this link,

<https://www.martinsadditions.org/Request-for-no-parking-signs-1.pdf>

No Parking signs for residential moves or construction jobs are available to Martin's

Additions residents. To obtain these signs, please fill out the No Parking Sign Request Form and email to the Village staff at [manager@martinsadditions.org](mailto:manager@martinsadditions.org) or [avm@martinsadditions.org](mailto:avm@martinsadditions.org); or bring it in person to the office. Posted No Parking signs will limit parking between the hours of 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM, and will be put up the evening before by Village staff. We ask that requests for signs be requested five business days ahead of the move.

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## **The Police Beat**

### **Tips from Montgomery County Police**

Halloween is an exciting time, especially for young people. To guarantee everyone has a safe and fun Halloween night, we would like to pass along the following tips:

Trick-or-Treating: Do so in your neighborhood and in areas that are familiar. We encourage adults to be present during trick-or-treating, to stay close and to watch the kids as they approach unfamiliar houses. Instruct children not to eat any candy until returning at the end of the night, and not to enter strangers houses.

1. Costumes: Wear reflective clothing and carry a flashlight in order to be seen by motorists. In the same vein, drivers operating vehicles should be wary of children. Wear costumes that allow for visibility to kids can clearly see around them.
2. Candy: Accept only wrapped candy unless its coming from a family member or a well-known neighbor. Adults, make sure to examine the candy collected beforehand.
3. Families: Homeowners, be sure the outside of your property is well-lit, all outside lights are turned on and any animals are secured.
4. Transportation: If you're operating a car or another kind of vehicle on Halloween night, be wary of kids going door to door. Be sure to enter and exit driveways carefully. As the night progresses and it starts to get darker, drivers, pay special attention to kids dressed in dark clothing.

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## **AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING**

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

## Draft Agenda for Council Meeting

October 17, 2019

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: Cissna
- 7:31 PM      Opportunity for Council to hear residents' comments
- 7:35 PM      Committee Reports
- 7:40 PM      Building Administrator's Report: Lohmeyer
- 7:45 PM      Action on Meeting Minutes of September 19: Cissna
- 7:50 PM      Introduction of Charter Amendment No. 2019-1 regarding Council vacancies
- 7:55 PM      Introduction of Resolution No. 2019-10-1 to Amend Permit Fee Schedule
- 8:00 PM      Introduction of Resolution No. 2019-10-2 Oath and Conflicts of Interest Disclosure Policy
- 8:05 PM      Discussion and Possible Introduction of Ordinance No. 2019-9-1, Amendments to Code Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units
- 8:10 PM      Approval of Memorandum of Understanding - Montgomery County Debris Management Plan
- 8:15 PM      Financial Matters: Alexander
- 8:20 PM      Manager's Report: Gaston
- 8:25 PM      Opportunity for Council to hear residents' comments
- 8:30 PM      Adjournment

### BUILDING BLOCKS

#### **Building Administrator Report:**

TO:                      The Council at the Village of Martin's Additions  
FROM:                  Doug Lohmeyer  
DATE OF MEMO:      September 14, 2019  
SUBJECT:              Building Administrator's Report

### 3520 Bradley La.

The applicant has submitted a building permit to the County and the Village. The neighborhood information meeting has been held and the County and Village building permits have been issued. The Village has approved a variance to allow a temporary handicap ramp and porch to be constructed on the right side of the house. The variance requires the ramp and porch be removed as soon as the structure is no longer needed by the current owners.

### 7204 Chestnut St.

The applicant has submitted at building permit package to the County and the Village. The applicant has applied for a variance, which was held on Thursday, Dec. 20, 2018. A second variance hearing was held on Jan. 30, 2019. The Village issued the building permit on April 2nd. The staff has requested a "Wall Check" to insure the new additions do not encroach into the setbacks.

### 7210 Chestnut St.

The Village has received an application for a new house to be built on the vacant lot. The County issued their building permit on Oct. 1, 2018 and the Village issued their building permit on Oct. 11, 2018. Work begun at the site on Oct. 11th. If the work is not completed and the County has not closed their building permit by Oct. 11th, the applicant will need to apply for a Village permit extension.

### 3521 Cummings La.

The applicant has submitted a building permit to the County and the Village. The variance hearing was held on Feb. 6, 2019. The County issued their building permit on April 2nd and the Village issued their building permit on April 8th. The applicant has provided a "Wall Check" and a "Height Survey", which indicate the new construction is in conformance with the approved site plans and the Village Code.

The property owner has requested permission from the Village to construct a screening fence along a portion of the Cummings Lane frontage, within the Village right of way. If the Village approve the proposed fence, a right of way license will be required.

### 3508 Shepherd St.

The applicants have submitted at building permit package to the County and the Village. The work related to the house improvements has been completed, but some

exterior work is still in progress. The property has been sold and the new owners have moved in. When the exterior work is completed, the existing building permit will be closed and the applicant's bond will be returned. The current homeowner has stated they will be applying for a building permit to install a screened porch at the rear of the house. A right of way license is in process for the driveway pavers, which were installed within the Village right of way.

3412 Taylor St.

An application for a County and Village building permit has been submitted. A resident's information meeting was held on Tuesday, June 19th. The Village building permit has been issued. The house construction has begun. The applicant has raised the elevation of the house because of a high ground water condition. A revised MCDPS building permit may be required. The applicant will provide a "Height Survey" as soon as the roof and shingles are in place.

3512 Taylor Street

The staff noticed that when the retaining wall was re-built, the contractor left a 2-inch-wide depressed area between the existing Village sidewalk and the base of the new wall, which may cause a pedestrian to trip and fall. The staff is attempting to contact the homeowner to correct the situation.

3407 Thornapple St.

The applicant has submitted a building permit application to the County and the Village. The neighborhood information meeting was held on Monday, Jan.14, 2019. The County issued the sediment control permit on Feb. 22nd and their building permit on April 9, 2019. The pre-construction meeting has been held and the Village building permit has been issued. Work has begun 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.

Miscellaneous Items

The staff is presently working with the following properties:

1. MSHA Brookville Rd. and Quincy intersection ponding rainwater.
2. The Village building permit conditions and the Village Performance Bond has been revised to clarify that the property owner is responsible for any damage to the Village right of way, which may be caused by the public utility contractor's work relating to the applicant's project.



1. The Village is assessing the Accessory Dwelling Unit impact.

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## HEARD ON THE SIDEWALK

### HOMES FOR SALE IN VMA:

6609 Brookville Road  
3521 Cummings Lane  
7219 Delfield Street  
7301 Delfield Street  
7314 Delfield Street  
3409 Thornapple Street

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Chevy Chase Village extends an invitation for VMA residents to participate in our annual Flu Vaccine Clinic at the Chevy Chase Village, Village Hall. The clinic will be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, from 4 PM-6 PM. **Registration is required** to ensure that the visiting nurses bring a sufficient supply of vaccines. Additionally, once we reach a certain registration threshold, an additional nurse will be required.

Below is a flier that we ask you to provide to your residents, which includes information regarding registration. We are hope your residents will take advantage of this opportunity to obtain their families' flu vaccines within walking distance of home!

# Flu Clinic

Chevy Chase Village Hall  
5906 Connecticut Avenue  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

**Tuesday, October 8, 2019**

**4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**



**Flu Vaccine \$30.00**

**Preservative-Free Flu Vaccine \$32.00**

**High-Dose Flu Vaccine \$47.00**

**Egg-Free Flu Vaccine \$57.00**

**Please call the Village Hall to register:**

**(301) 654-7300 or [ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov)**

*\*\*Prices are based on at least 30 participants\*\**

*All vaccinations are available for children  
9 years of age and older with parental consent.*

## **Manna Update:**

There is no Manna update this month due to the warehouse being closed for renovations during August and September. We will have an update in the November newsletter.

## **CHEVY CHASE FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE:**

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Saturday, October 12, 2019

10 am to 3 pm

8001 Connecticut Avenue

Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Fire Engine Rides

Balloons

Fire Engine Slide

Firefighting Demo

Temporary Tattoos

Fire Apparatus Displays

Refreshments: Hot Dogs, Beverages

## **Montgomery Municipal Cable Inside Scoop:**

Learn more about your local TV station on our [website](#).

## **From Chevy Chase At Home:**

Chevy Chase At Home October Offerings

Please join us for an evening of Relaxation & Meditation led by Christy Sharshel, assistant to Tara Brach, internationally known psychologist, author and teacher of meditation, emotional healing and spiritual awakening. While the program is especially aimed toward caregivers, everyone is invited to benefit from this unique opportunity on Tuesday evening, Oct. 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Chevy Chase Village Hall. Register online at [www.chevychaseathome.org](http://www.chevychaseathome.org) or call 301-657-3115.

On Tuesday, October 22, 2 to 4 p.m., Sherill Mason, an experienced consultant on federal health care policy, will discuss What You Need to Know About Medicare Now. Her talk will focus on known and possible changes to Medicare after which she will welcome questions. CVC Hall.

And don't forget to drop by Brunch Bunch, Thursday, October 10, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Olympia Cafe on Brookville Road for some coffee and conversation with neighbors.

Join our great Volunteer team! C@H will hold New Volunteer Training on Thursday, October 17, at the Town of Chevy Chase Town Hall from 10 a.m. till 12 noon. Registration is required before Monday, October 14. For more info, please contact us at 301-657-3115 or [info@chevychaseathome.org](mailto:info@chevychaseathome.org).

### **Chevy Chase Library:**

Please refer to the link below for information on the library:

[Chevy Chase Library](#)

### **Dog Walkers:**

Reminder all dog walkers are expected to clean up after their animal the Village has numerous poop bag pickup spots scattered throughout the Village. According to the Animal Defecation ("pooper scooper" law) (Montgomery County Code, Sec. 5-203(a)(2)) -

An owner must not allow an animal to damage or defecate on property outside of the owner's property. An animal may defecate on public property or the common area of property in which the owner shares an interest if the owner immediately removes and disposes of the feces by a sanitary method approved by the Director. Feces may be picked up in a plastic bag. If this bag is placed inside another plastic bag, it may be put out for disposal in your normal household trash. (\$100 fine)

While residents are generally expected to provide their own plastic bags for pickup, the Village also has various poop bag dispensers scattered throughout. Residents are free to use those, and we encourage you to let our office know if any dispensers are empty. Please note that disposal of bags are still the dog walker's responsibility.

The following link has further information on laws related to animal cruelty, and other public nuisances:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/animalservices/asd/laws.html>

Thank you, and we wish you and your four-legged friends a great day!

### **Weather Outlook:**

September has been warm and dry. In fact, it will be in the top 3 driest and warmest Septembers on record. We have had nearly 60 ninety degree days from June through September. The record is 67 ninety degree days in 1980 and 2010. At this time last year, we were experiencing one of our wettest Septembers. The warmer than normal temperatures will continue into October, but by mid month, expect the drought to end with plentiful rainfall returning. The lack of rain can also cause the color of the changing leaves to be muted resulting in duller colors. To get more radiant foliage, sunny days and cool nights are needed. In 2005, we had a very dry August and

September and that was followed by the wettest October on record. Regardless, we have had many beautiful days thus far in September to get out and enjoy. So look forward to the colorful leaves and the fine Fall weather to come. Mother Nature will not disappoint.

*[Keith Allen, 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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**Notes:**

To receive Constant Contact notifications from the Village Council, the committees, and the office (i.e., any official communication from your Village government), please contact the Village office. This is the best way to receive information on waste pickup, snow removal, and Council and committee meetings.

To receive a paper copy of Martin's Edition in the mail, please contact the Village office.

**Please note -**

The Village office does not administer the neighborhood listserv. To receive listserv emails, please contact Bill Lebovich at [architecturalphoto@mac.com](mailto:architecturalphoto@mac.com)

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