



Martin's Edition

A Newsletter from the Village of Martin's Additions

June 2024

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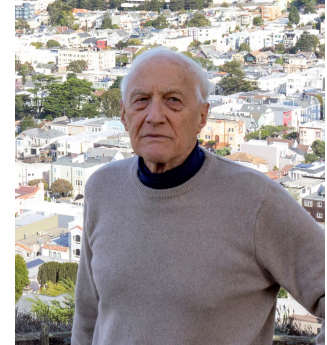
June 10 - Election Committee
Meeting, 7:45 PM

June 19 - VMA Office closed for
Juneteenth

June 20 - Village Council Meeting,
7:30 PM

June 30 - 4th of July Celebration,
2:00 - 5:00 PM, Chevy Chase Local
Park

Council Corner by Arthur Alexander, Council Chair



If 1985 seems just like yesterday, then you might be surprised to be reminded that next year marks the fortieth anniversary of the Village of Martin's Additions. For those doubting the passage of time, they might consult Resolution No. 10-1164 by the Montgomery County Council effective February 14, 1985.

As stated: The residents of Martin's Additions to the Village of Chevy Chase, Montgomery County, Maryland, hereby legally establish and adopt this Charter for the purpose of establishing a municipal corporation by the name of The Village of Martin's Additions (hereinafter Martin's Additions or Village) with all the privileges of a body corporate, by that name to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded in any court, to have and use a common seal and to have perpetual succession.

All of which implies that next year is party time. A time to plead and be impleaded to celebrate. Toward that end, unless our corporate existence is legally abrogated, we will be calling upon the Community Engagement Committee to organize, plan, implement, and otherwise have an event suitable to a forty-year-old body corporate.

In the annual call for committee volunteers in the new municipal year beginning July 1, please consider volunteering for the Community Engagement Committee with the intent to make the fortieth anniversary event a key activity for the year.

Martin's Additions has successfully completed its 2024 Village Council election. Congratulations to the three incumbent candidates who were re-elected – Arthur Alexander, Jeff Blander, and Susan Fattig. They will begin their new two-year terms on the Council on July 1.



The Election Committee posted the *Official Notice of Election Results* on May 29, and provided the *Supplemental 2024 Election Report* to list all of the write-in names and the individual write-in vote counts. You can review both of those reports on the Election Committee page on the VMA website [here](#).

A total of 213 residents voted this year. It was a pleasure to greet the 72 voters who brought their sealed ballot return envelopes to the Election Committee drop-box at the Celebration on the Sidewalk on May 7. Many thanks to the Community Engagement Committee and the Village staff, Michael Silliman and Erin Byrnes, for organizing the fun, well attended Sidewalk Celebration on Election Day.

The election ran smoothly. Every ballot received was counted, and no eligible voters were disqualified. There were no logistical or procedural problems. The mail-vote contractor, Electec, mailed the ballots to the Village voters on time. The Committee was able to have Electec send early ballots to the voters who requested them, and send replacement ballots to the voters who needed those. The vote-counting process ran like clockwork. Electec also put postal tracking codes on the return envelopes this year, so the Election Committee could make sure there were no postal delays on the VMA ballots.

The 2024 voter roll verification project also went well. The verification contractor, Julian Lamphear, did a meticulous job of auditing the Village voter list. VMA had 638 qualified voters as of Election Day 2024. The Committee extends a warm welcome to the new voters, and a big thank you to the verification contractor, to all the residents who responded to the Election Committee's online voter survey, notices, and phone calls, and to the Street Captains who helped the Committee to update the list of residents. We'd also like to thank the Council Vice-Chair, Katie Howard, for her support as the Committee's liaison, and Michael, the Village Manager, for his first-rate technical assistance.

You're welcome to email the Election Committee at VMAelections@martinsadditions.org if you have any questions about the Village election. Thanks for being a VMA voter!

If you might like to serve on the Election Committee next year, please get in touch. The Village Council usually makes the Committee appointments in July or August. VMA elections are voter-friendly, and we would be happy to answer your questions about what it's like to conduct a small-town election, to support grassroots democracy for Martin's Additions.

With best wishes,
Your 2024 VMA Election Committee,
Jen Bergeron, Marty Langelan, Naomi Naierman, John Sharrow, and Paul Weller

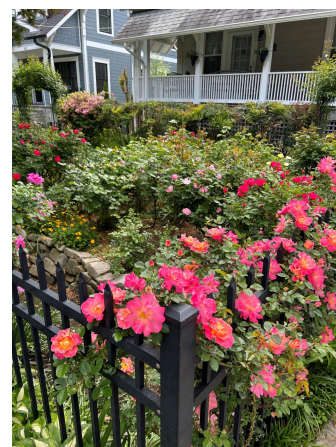
The Community Engagement Committee cordially invites you to the Village of Martin's Additions annual 4th of July Celebration on Sunday, June 30, 2024 from 2:00 - 5:00 PM in Chevy Chase Local Park, accessible from Turner Lane.

Please join us for wonderful food, entertainment, and community fun at this special Village tradition.



Village Weather Report from Keith Allen

June is bursting all over Martin's Additions with honeysuckle, wild roses, and magnolia blossoms. June can feature some pleasant weather, but can also bring heat and humidity. Temperatures will start off in the low 80's for average highs at the beginning of the month, climbing to the upper 80's by month's end. Temperatures can reach 100 degrees and higher. Back on June 29, 2012 the temperature reached 104 degrees; that night, we had a windstorm move through the area that brought 80 mph winds. Many homes lost power for days.



In some years, June can be the hottest month of the summer. On average, it can also be the stormiest summer month. Meteorological summer begins June 1 and astronomical summer begins three weeks later. The hurricane season also officially starts on June 1st. On June 20, 21, and 22 of 1972, Tropical Storm Agnes dumped record rains and brought flooding to the region. That was followed by a record dry summer. So, you never know what Mother Nature has in store. Whatever the weather, have a great, but safe summer!

Notes from the Tree Supervisor, Paula Goldberg

As we are making our summer plans to take some time off from school, work, and other routines, I have been recently reminded by a colleague that trees never take a vacation! In fact, trees work very hard in the summer. They keep us cool and help moderate all-too-common heat events. Trees, especially older native trees like oaks and tulip trees, sequester tens of thousands of gallons of rainwater and mitigate stormwater runoff. Trees provide food for beneficial insects that feed the hundreds of nesting birds that feed their babies in our neighborhood. Our job is, not only to appreciate them for the beauty and the many benefits they provide, but also to care for them.



Thanks to guidance from DC's Casey Trees, here are some useful tree watering tips for upcoming summer months:

When should I water my trees?

Water trees from early spring through late fall (April 1 – October 31). The best time of day to water is early morning or late evening. Watering during the day results in losing

much of the water to evaporation. Trees that have lost their leaves and gone dormant in winter months do not require watering. Evergreen trees do not need water during the winter months either, though they keep their leaves. You may stop watering your trees at the start of winter and resume when temperatures are regularly above 75 degrees.

How much water do my trees need?

Trees need approximately 10 gallons of water per inch of base trunk diameter, per week. Casey Trees often plants trees that are at least 1.50" in caliper (i.e. the trunk's diameter is at least 1.5 inches), and thus require 15 gallons, up to 25 gallons of water (approximately 1.5 inches of rainfall), per week.

How should I water my trees?

The easiest way to water trees is to simply soak the roots with a garden hose for approximately 5 minutes a few times a week, when they need water. Directly water to the roots and base of the tree, not the leaves. You can also fill a five-gallon bucket and apply water to the base of the tree.

In Memoriam

[Sharon Hadary Coyle](#) passed away in Potomac, Maryland on April 28, 2024 at age 82 after a long illness. A 40-year resident of the Village, Sharon served as Village Council Chair from 1989-1992, on the Election and Ethics Committee, and contributed to the quality of life in the community in myriad ways. Prior to her move from the Village in 2010, the VMA Council celebrated Sharon for being the longest-serving Council Chair in Village history at that time and proclaimed December 3, 2010 as Sharon Hadary Coyle Day in the Village of Martin's Additions.



Village Directory Updates

The Village Office attempts to keep track of residents who move out of and into the Village.

Welcome new residents:

Layna Connolly at 7201 Summit Avenue

Send best wishes to departing residents:

Ben Dunford and Noel Bingham at 3411 Taylor Street

**VILLAGE OF
MARTIN'S ADDITIONS**
a municipality in
Chevy Chase, Maryland



Resident Directory

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Website: www.martinsadditions.org

This directory is for the personal use of Village residents only.
It may not be used for soliciting or commercial purposes of any kind.

If you know of a home for sale or are planning to move out of the Village, please let the VMA Office know at manager@martinsadditions.org or 301-656-4112.

Congratulations to the 2024 Graduates!

In recent weeks, many Village residents have graduated from high school or college and others have been

promoted from elementary and middle school. We send hearty congratulations to the following graduates, whose names were shared with us:



Anya Capoor from Sidwell Friends School

Meryl Docking from St. John's College High School

Luca Docking from Roanoke College

Atticus Khaira promoted from middle school, St. Andrew's Episcopal School

Sofia Parodi from Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School

We wish all of the Village graduates a wonderful summer and the very best in their future endeavors!

Notes from the Village Manager, Michael Silliman

Administration:

- The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding report was completed before the deadline of April 30th.
- We will do a current fiscal year budget adjustment at the June 20 Council Meeting.
- We will schedule a CPR and First Aid class to be held in the Village Office. We will have limited spots available and still need to select a date.
- I will prepare an annual report to close out FY24 by the end of June. I am asking all Committee chairs to provide a one-page report about all that they accomplished this year.
- A volunteer appreciation event will be held on June 22nd for all committee and task force members and street captains who served the Village in FY24.

Maintenance:

- Rolling Acres completed the single, Spring street cleaning as planned.
- We have had a few right-of-way tree issues, including a large limb falling on Bradley Lane. Arborist, Ed Mulheron, was quick to respond. We receive a lot of complaints about trees leaning on wires. PEPCO clears the power lines of tree branches every few years, so the Village does not do the same.

Project Updates:

- I have asked Traffic Engineer, Joe Cutro, to draft recommendations on how to make the entrance and exit to the Brookville Market parking lot safer. Note that we cannot restrict access to a private parking lot, but we can take some measures to ensure safer entry and exit.
- The Brookville sidewalk design process is moving forward. Arthur, Doug, and I have met with residents of all six properties we think may be impacted. All seem agreeable to the design solutions we proposed. I am hiring another surveyor to review these six properties so that the engineer can finalize the plans. I will also reach out to the other ten properties along this stretch of sidewalk to address any concerns they might have.
- We will be updating the Village Resident Directory this fall.

Buildings:

- I have attached the Building Administrator, Doug Lohmeyer's, monthly report.
- A variance has been granted to 3518 Shepherd Street. Permits for the addition

- have been issued.
 - We are still expecting a construction project at 204 Oxford.
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Building Blocks From Doug Lohmeyer May 2024 Building Administrators Report

6701 Brookville Rd.

The property owner submitted an application to construct a circular driveway with a second driveway apron on Brookville Rd. The staff has reviewed the plan. The applicant needs to obtain a MSHA driveway access permit before the VMA will issue the driveway permit.

3415 Cummings La.

A plan to remove the existing house and to construct a new house has been submitted to the Village for review. The MCPDS issued their building permit on Mar. 14, 2024. The resident's information meeting was held on April 4, 2024. The Village permits were issued on April 9, 2024. The pre-construction meeting took place on Monday, April 15th. The old house has been removed and work is progressing.

3417 Cummings La.

The owner submitted an application to demolish the existing house and to construct a new home on Nov. 22, 2022. The property is two lots, 6 and 7, recorded in 1919. The resident information meeting was held on Tuesday, Mar. 14, 2023. The MCDPS issued their permit, and the Village permit was issued on May 30, 2023. The work is ongoing.

3419 Cummings La.

The owner submitted an application to demolish the existing house and to construct a new home on Nov. 22, 2022. The property is two lots, 6 and 7, recorded in 1919. The resident information meeting was held on Tuesday, Mar. 14, 2023. The Village issued their permits on May 11, 2023. The work is ongoing.

204 Oxford St.

The new property owner submitted a concept plan for the VMA staff to review. They plan on removing the existing house and constructing a new home. The staff reviewed the plans and sent the initial review comments to the applicant.

3518 Shepherd St.

A plan to add a two-story addition on the southern end of the existing house and for improvements to the existing house has been submitted to the Village. The EBL analysis indicated that a variance is required to construct the addition. The Council approved the variance on May 2nd.

3412 Taylor St.

The replacement driveway has been completed. The MCDPS closed their building permit on May 5th. The Village is closing their building permit.

3511 Turner St.

An application has been submitted to enlarge the existing deck at the rear of the house. The MCDPS issued their building permit on Jan. 30th. The Village issued the building permit on Feb. 15, 2024. The MCDPS closed their building permit on May 2nd. The

Friends of the Village

Chevy Chase At Home Brings Neighbors Together



CC@H is a member organization providing social and educational programs to neighbors of all ages and support services to seniors. You can learn more at www.chevychaseathome.org.

Among the offerings from Chevy Chase at Home are:

- Zumba classes
- music and movement classes
- walking groups
- book club
- men's poker group
- coffee and conversation group
- downsizing group
- knitting and needlework group
- weekly happy hours

Chevy Chase at Home invites you to explore their programs and events.

Village Food Drive Needs a Boost



Our last delivery to the Manna Food Center warehouse was on April 30 – 196 pounds, boosting our YTD total to 870. We're still hoping to make a late May excursion, with another 100 or so pounds.

But donations have fallen over the levels reached at this point over the last several years. Even the election event earlier in May fell short of expectations (or perhaps just hopes!), We collected only a few in-kind contributions and a meager \$37 in cash. Everyone had left their wallets at home, or so it seemed.

There are still many Montgomery County residents who are in need of food assistance, so please add a couple of extra cans/boxes to your next grocery shop/delivery. Hunger remains a major problem, but with your help, Manna can put a dent in hunger here at home. Leave your grocery items in the boxes by the Village Office, Brookville Market, or on the porch at 3406 Turner Lane. Thanks in advance!

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