



# Martin's Edition

A Newsletter from  
the Village of Martin's Additions

## The Annual Report Edition - Fiscal Year 2024

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**July &  
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## Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Report

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### Calendar of Events

**July 4** - VMA Office closed for  
Independence Day

**July 13** - Bulk Trash collection

**July 16** - Antisemitism Webinar,  
7:00 PM

**July 18** - Village Council Meeting,  
7:30 PM

**August 4** - Summer Movie Night #1

This newsletter is a deviation from our standard *Martin's Edition* format that gives us an opportunity to reflect on Fiscal Year 2024.

Below you will find end-of-the-year reports from the following Committees, Task Forces, and the Village Office:

- Community Engagement Committee
- Ethics Committee
- Election Committee
- Antisemitism Awareness and Education Task Force
- Stormwater and Groundwater Task Force
- Building Administrator

The Village Council and the Village Office, in full transparency and in accordance with the Maryland Public Information Act and the Open Meetings Act, has published the [annual budget](#), [annual survey results](#), [audit reports](#), and changes to the [Charter](#) and [Code of Ordinances](#) on the Village Website.

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# Community Engagement Committee Annual Report

Here is a list of events hosted by the Community Engagement Committee in FY24:

- 2023 4th of July
- Celebration Two Movie
- Nights Halloween
- Community Brunch
- Celebration on the
- Sidewalk 2024 4th of July Celebration

Additionally, the Village held an Arbor Day walk, a shredding event, and a volunteer appreciation reception. Please join the Community Engagement Committee at their events in FY25.

## Ethics Committee 2023/2024 Annual Report

### Overview

The Ethics Committee convened twice during the 2023/2024 term. All meetings complied with the MD Open Meeting Act, with agendas published before each meeting in the Village Weekly Wrap-up and posted on the Village calendar. Detailed minutes for each meeting are available for review on the Ethics page of the VMA website.

This report is organized into four categories, reflecting the Committee's fundamental responsibilities:

### Ethics Complaints

- The Committee did not receive any ethics complaints.

### Review of Conflict Interest Questionnaires and Oaths of Office

- Consistent with the Village Ethics Code, the Committee reviewed COI questionnaires and Oath of Office forms from all members of the Council, Election Committee, Ethics Committee, the Village Tree Supervisor, and all Village employees.
- During the review process, the Committee identified several oaths that had not been properly administered. Village policy requires a Council member, the Village manager, or the Village attorney to administer the oaths. The Village manager was informed of the discrepancy and consulted with the

Village attorney to address the issue. Based on the attorney's advice, the Village manager told the Committee that the non-conforming forms could be accepted as legally binding due to the lack of clarity on the form. The Committee voted to accept the forms. The Village manager agreed to work with the Village attorney to revise the form.

- One potential conflict of interest was self-reported by a Village Official. The Committee reported the potential conflict to the Council chair.

### **Advisory Opinions**

- The Committee issued one advisory opinion in response to a request from a Village Official.

### **Review the Existing Ethics Ordinance and Committee Policies and Make Recommendations to the Village Council to Ensure Adherence to Best Practices.**

- In line with a recommendation from the 2022/2023 Ethics Committee, the Council voted to reintroduce an amendment to expand the definition of a Village Official. The amendment was subsequently adopted at the February 2024 Council meeting, by a majority vote.

### **Conclusion**

This year-end summary of Committee actions aims to reinforce public confidence in the unbiased execution of official duties by Village Officials and Village staff, thereby maintaining transparency, impartiality, and the absence of conflicts of interest.

## **FY2024 Report: VMA Election Committee**

**Committee Members:** Marty Langelan (Chair), Paul Weller (Vice-Chair), Jen Bergeron (Secretary), Naomi Naierman, and John Sharrow. **Council Liaison:** Katie Howard.

This report summarizes the 2024 Election Committee's work and presents our recommendations for the next steps. For more detailed information, see the Committee's monthly written reports to the Council, posted in the Council meeting packets.

### **SUMMARY:**

The Council and the Election Committee standardized the Village election process in 2024. The FY2024 Committee consolidated the existing election regulations, provided a thorough independent audit to verify the voter roll, and conducted a fair, open Council

election. Each element of the 2024 election was successfully completed on time. There were no logistical problems. No eligible voters were disqualified. Every ballot received was counted.

The voter turn-out rate was 33% this year (213 of VMA's 638 qualified voters), which is substantial for an uncontested Village election. The three incumbents were re-elected. The Village residents also cast 67 write-in votes, naming 22 different people. The election results are posted on the VMA website.

**Principal election components:**

**ELECTION PROCEDURES:** Per the Council's instructions, the 2024 Committee used the election rules the Council approved in 2023 as the basis for the 2024 regulations, and updated the VMA election provisions to apply the new definition of "qualified voters" that the Council adopted last summer. There were five different sets of Council-approved procedures in 2023, which the 2024 Committee organized into a single clear, efficient document for Council approval this year. The 2024 regulations worked well and can now be used as the basis for conducting the annual elections, going forward.

**TRANSPARENCY AND COMMUNITY INPUT:** The 2024 Committee made all of the VMA election procedures public, held 14 open public meetings, and re-established the traditional practice of providing written public Election Committee Reports for each monthly Council meeting. To produce the consolidated election rules, the Committee posted detailed meeting packets and minutes, provided multiple public drafts and red-line mark-ups, welcomed residents' comments on each of the provisions, invited input from the Council and Village Manager, and obtained two rounds of legal review by the Village attorney before presenting the 2024 document to the Council in December.

**PUBLIC VOTING INFORMATION:** In addition to the official election notices, the Committee published more than 25 short announcements, articles, and community updates in the VMA newsletters and weekly wrap-ups. The official VMA Election Information Packet was accurate and complete, and was mailed to all the VMA households on schedule; copies were available in the Village Office and online as well. The Election Forum was fair and impartial, went smoothly, and the recording was posted on the Village website to provide easy community access.

**VOTER ROLL VERIFICATION:** The verification contractor, Julian Lamphear, did a thorough job of auditing the Village voter list. VMA had 638 qualified voters as of Election Day 2024. The Committee wrote the RFP for the project, supervised the verification process, sent out the voter notifications, and established useful procedures to update the Village voter roll in the future. Working from the 2023 VMA voter list as the starting point, and cross-checking against other data sources, the contractor's audit showed that VMA should remove the names of 122 people who had died or moved away. The contractor also confirmed more than a dozen new voters. The Committee

reviewed the data, revised the list of qualified voters per the VMA regulations, and directed VMA's mail-vote contractor, Electec, to issue the ballots. Significant improvement: As a result of the verification and the 2024 election procedures, the Committee received no reports that any eligible voter failed to receive a ballot, and no complaints or concerns about ballots being sent to people who were not eligible to vote. The verification project put VMA's elections on a sound, reliable footing, and will also assist the County Board of Elections to update the state and county voter registration list.

**BALLOT HANDLING:** The Committee clarified the ballot format and the voting instructions this year. Electec improved the materials as directed and mailed the ballot packets to the Village voters on time. There were no ballot security issues or voting problems.

- **Ballot return envelopes:** Electec complied with the VMA regulations to provide both the postage-paid envelopes and the postal tracking on the return envelopes this year.
- **Voter services:** On the Committee's written instructions, Electec mailed early ballots to the voters who requested them, and sent timely replacement ballots to the voters who needed those.
- **Election drop-box:** One-third of the residents who voted (72 of the 213 voters) used the secure drop-box on May 7; the Committee supervised the drop-box and safely delivered those sealed ballot envelopes to Electec the same evening. The VMA staff and Community Engagement Committee did an excellent job of organizing the Election Day Sidewalk Celebration.
- **Ballot curing:** The ballot curing provision the Council approved in the 2024 Regulations worked efficiently. There was only one ballot return envelope that lacked a signature this year. Electec held the envelope, unopened, while the Committee contacted the voter. The resident corrected the problem by signing an affidavit within five days; the Committee then duly instructed Electec to open that voter's sealed envelope and add those votes to the final count, so no voters or ballots were disqualified.
- **Vote counting:** The vote counting session on May 21 was public and straightforward; there were no problems or objections. There were no late or excluded ballots; all the ballots were received in time to be counted and were included in the count this year. The Committee promptly posted the election results.

#### **ELECTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. The Committee unanimously approved the consolidated 2024 election procedures in December 2023. We continue to recommend that the Council adopt these election regulations as a long-term standard ordinance. See the December 2023 and January 2024 Committee Reports to the Council.
2. In February 2024, in response to a request from the Council Chair, the

Committee compiled a list of nine specific items for future Council action, to address some issues that arose during the Council's review of the 2024 regulations. That list is included here as Attachment A.

3. In light of the contractor's findings this year, it may also be important to consider an independent audit of the voter roll on a regular basis, every few years, to assure accuracy and election integrity.

We appreciate the work the Council did in 2023 and 2024 to improve the Village elections. In response to VMA citizens' concerns, the Council took action to affirm the three core election principles that VMA was traditionally known for: fair, independent election management; transparency and open public input; and diligent respect for voting rights to make sure that no VMA voters will be needlessly disenfranchised.

To safeguard this progress and maintain fair and open elections in 2025 and beyond, we recommend that the Council use the Committee's 2024 regulations as the template for future elections. It would be helpful to try to provide some continuity on the Election Committee as well. A mix of new volunteers and experienced election officials who share a commitment to these core principles would help to build electoral expertise and sustain the work the Council has done.

The 2024 Committee extends its thanks to the VMA voters and the candidates; to the Council for its support for the 2024 voter roll verification project, the postal tracking, and the other improved election procedures the Committee implemented this year; to the Council Vice-Chair, Katie Howard, for her outstanding support as the 2024 Committee liaison; and to Michael Silliman, the Village Manager, for his first-rate technical assistance.

*Respectfully submitted for inclusion in the June 20 meeting packet and attachment to the Council meeting minutes, by the 2024 VMA Election Committee: Marty Langelan (Chair), Paul Weller (Vice-chair), Jen Bergeron (Secretary), Naomi Naierman, and John Sharrow.*

## **FY24 Report: VMA Antisemitism Awareness and Education Task Force**

**Task Force Members:** Naomi Naierman (Chair), Leah Craft, Jessica Carbino, Nathaniel Edelstein, Dara Freling, and Marty Langelan (Secretary).

**Council Liaisons:** Jeff Blander and Andrew Kauders

This report summarizes the VMA Task Force's accomplishments and presents recommendations for next steps, including an extension of the Task Force into FY2025 in light of its successful outcomes this year and the continuing community need.

## **A. Mission**

On March 16, 2023, in open meeting, the VMA Council voted unanimously to sign onto a resolution prepared by the Town of Chevy Chase to condemn antisemitic acts and follow up on a Montgomery County Council resolution to create an Antisemitism Awareness and Education Task Force [*Developing an “Antisemitism Awareness” Public Education Program: An Initiative of Montgomery County Municipalities*]. A number of other nearby town governments adopted similar resolutions. Both the County and the municipal governments were responding to a sharp increase in antisemitic incidents in local schools, neighborhoods, and universities.

In accordance with the resolution, the VMA Council established a temporary Antisemitism Awareness and Education Task Force (TF), issued a call for volunteers, and appointed five resident-volunteers (a sixth member was added later). This TF was charged with implementing a community awareness and education campaign in support of the resolution.

The Task Force held its first meeting on September 27, 2023. The TF developed its **Scope of Work**, which the VMA Council approved, and then began to plan and implement ways to build resources and programs for VMA community members. The Scope of Work is on the Task Force page of the VMA website.

The TF held nine open public meetings in FY2024, by Zoom. A number of other VMA residents also attended some of the meetings, and the TF welcomed their input. The meeting minutes are posted for review on the TF page of the website.

## **B. Accomplishments - based on the goals identified in the Task Force’s Scope of Work.**

**Goal #1:** Host at least one event to provide educational opportunities for concerned and interested residents about the definitions and prevalence of antisemitism, and effective coping responses in various settings.

*Accomplishment:* A zoom webinar was conducted by professionals from the American Jewish Committee (AJC), an organization that helped to develop the National Strategy to Combat Antisemitism launched by the Biden Administration in May 2023. (<https://www.ajc.org/call-to-action/local-state-government>). The webinar was attended by about 120 people on about 100 screens.

VMA residents comprised 25 % of the total, with the rest coming from a variety of neighboring municipalities (see below, under in Goal #3).

**Goal #2:** Conduct an assessment to determine what residents want to learn about antisemitism.

*Accomplishments:* Before its webinar, the AJC conducted a survey to assess what registrants wanted to learn and then shaped the webinar accordingly. A survey conducted after the webinar revealed that the participants still wanted information regarding how to talk about antisemitism with children and teens. To meet this need, the Task Force is planning a zoom webinar in mid-July, after the school year ends.

Please note that within the recommendations section below, the TF strongly encourages that the TF be allowed to contribute several assessment questions to the FY2025 VMA resident survey to help with future programming based upon resident preferences.

**Goal #3:** Conduct outreach to neighborhood municipalities to invite them to VMA events and identify their resources and programs.

*Accomplishments:* The Task Force and Council Liaisons contacted leaders in neighboring communities to learn about their own activities and identify resources to share with VMA residents. From this outreach, Council Liaison, Andrew Kauders, and Task Force Chair, Naomi Naierman, learned that VMA is a leader on these efforts. While other municipalities signed the resolution condemning antisemitism, at the time of this report they have not implemented community education activities within their own municipalities or set up stand-alone resource pages on their municipal websites. These municipal leaders have continued to say that they are interested in learning more about our webinars, resources, and would support distributing publicity through their listservs and other channels. VMA has played a valuable role as a thought-leader among other nearby municipalities, and has had an important impact in addressing antisemitism.

As an example of the impact of our programming and coordination with other municipalities, the January VMA webinar was attended by residents from the Town of CC, Sections 3, Section 5, Somerset, Gaithersburg, Potomac, CC Village, North CC, Kensington, Friendship Heights, Rockville, and Rollingwood.

**Goal #4:** Offer relevant resources to VMA residents.

*Accomplishments:* Throughout its tenure, the Task Force has been posting updates and resources on the [Antisemitism Awareness and Education Task Force page](#) of the VMA website.

Planning toward Jewish American Heritage Month (JAHM) in May, the TF Chair worked with AJC, organizing leaders from neighboring communities to lobby nearby public libraries to exhibit books celebrating the contributions of Jewish Americans to science, literature, the arts and US history as well as sharing resources and other publications addressing the history of antisemitism and written testimonials from



Holocaust survivors.

As a result, books commemorating JAHM were exhibited by libraries throughout our area, including close-by CC Library, Connie Morella in Bethesda, Kensington, Chevy Chase DC, Georgetown, Little Falls, Milton Jewish Day, and West End.

**Goal #5:** Assess the feasibility of hosting a keynote speaker event to feature renowned luminaries and other persons of interest.

*Accomplishments:* The TF did not host a large keynote event in FY2024. However, there is potential to schedule one in coordination with other nearby municipalities. Some suggestions for keynote speakers include holocaust survivors living within Montgomery County, speakers available through The U.S. Holocaust Museum, and notable luminaries and elected officials from Chevy Chase.

**Goal #6:** Invite non-Jewish neighbors to Friday night Sabbath dinners, Jewish holidays, and/or tours of the Jewish Museum in DC.

*Accomplishment:* These invitations were posted in the VMA newsletter. However, these invitations did not have RSVPs. The TF should review ways of offering these options to determine whether this is something our VMA neighbors want to see as part of the antisemitism awareness training and education mission, as well as explore other possible communication channels to publicize these types of opportunities.

### **C. Recommendations**

The purpose of the Task Force has been to help our community residents address and reduce antisemitism, not just when they are within VMA, but to support them at work, at school locally, and when in college and first "leaving the nest." To continue to provide that support, ***the Task Force recommends that the Council approve a 1-year extension for FY2025*** for the following reasons:

- Antisemitic incidents are still rising in Montgomery county, in local Chevy Chase catchment-area schools, and across the country.  
See: <https://www.adl.org/resources/press-release/us-antisemitic-incidents-skyrocketed-360-aftermath-attack-israel-according>
- As referenced above, the County's school system and nearby private alternative schools are being challenged to address this problem more effectively: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/jewish-students-say-they-wanted-more-from-mcps-at-antisemitism-hearing/ar-BB1m7IjD>
- Given the turbulence and antisemitic incidents on nearby college campuses, including GW, AU, UofM, there is an increasing need for readily available information and resources for all of those affected to be able to counter antisemitism and cope with feelings of stress, anxiety, and depression.

***The Task Force also recommends:***

- Council approval and funding for the planned July 2024 webinar about how to talk with children and teens about antisemitism.
- Inclusion of several TF questions in the upcoming FY2025 VMA Resident Survey to determine the extent that antisemitism is an issue for them as well as which specific types of programming or educational resources are most useful to provide.
- Continuing coordination with nearby municipalities, to share information and encourage joint programs.

*Respectfully submitted by Naomi Naierman, Chair, VMA Antisemitism Awareness and Education Task Force, FY2024*

## **Stormwater and Groundwater Task Force**

Status Report and Request for Extension of Existing Member Terms and Appointment of VMA Council Meeting, June 20, 2024

The VMA Council created the “Stormwater and Ground Water Task Force” (hereinafter, “Stormwater Task Force” or “Water Task Force”) and appointed its members in the fall of 2023. Members include Camile Wahl, Joel Kliksberg, Phillip Hurst, Jean Sperling as Vice Chair and Mark Shaffer as Chair.

### **Education and Research**

The Task Force spend a few months studying stormwater concepts, issues, and methodology.

We collected VMA related information and documents. We spoke with other local villages and towns working on the same issues to determine what they were doing, how they were doing it, and what they intended to or have accomplished. We requested and received their principal documents, surveys, and reports.

The Stormwater Task Force Members needed training to understand the work required of us. We requested, and the VMA Council authorized the Stormwater Task Force to secure a stormwater engineer to present and discuss the basic principles terms, and methods of stormwater management and investigation. The presentation was made by Jason Azar, an engineer experienced in stormwater management, employed by 8 or 9 local villages and towns to do stormwater management investigation and analysis work, and also retained by VMA to supervise construction related to failed stormwater drains and sewers on Thornapple and Quincy.

The presentation was very helpful. Mr. Azar explained concepts, defined terms, and guided us and participating Council members towards an understanding of stormwater problems that occur, why they occur, how they can be remediated; who generally undertakes the remediation effort; remediation options, costs, and funding resources; and the need for collaboration. The presentation was recorded. We are told that the recording is accessible for download and streaming on the Water Task Force website. Anyone who has trouble accessing it, should call the VMA management team.

The Stormwater Task Force reviewed the VMA 2010 Stormwater Task Force Report and the VMA Council's conclusion that it did not provide a significant need for remedial action. We analyzed why the 2010 Task Force identified the clearly growing stormwater problem but did not provide the VMA Council with sufficient proof of widespread harm justifying remediation intervention.

The Stormwater Task Force Chair served on the 2008-9 VMA Building Code Task Force which revised the Code to, among other things, limit impermeable surface area to reduce water discharge onto residential and public land. Our Stormwater Task Force has started and continues to identify and assess shortcomings in the VMA Building Code and VMA and County enforcement that have failed to mitigate construction, lot clearing, and mature tree clear cutting which tend to increase stormwater discharges onto both public and private property. We expect that upon evaluation by the proposed engineer, our continued work, survey, and investigation may lead to recommendation for specific Code and enforcement changes

One natural cause for increases stormwater management problems is that the climate has changed since 2009. The Stormwater Task Force has been advised by engineer Jason Azar that in recent years, rain patterns have changed in our region from steady showers over time to more frequent downpours releasing much greater volumes of water over a much shorter period of time, i.e., 10 minutes. These downpours can overwhelm public and private stormwater management infrastructures. Our investigation will study and document the facts about regional rainfall.

The Stormwater Task Force has acquired the MCDOT StormNet Map, which shows that VMA does not have many stormwater drains and sewers and none on most streets. We have been told that the current area stormwater sewer system was designed and installed around 1940 when VMA neighborhoods consisted of a smaller population, smaller residences, and more trees and open green space facilitating natural stormwater absorption into the water table and underground springs. The 2020 US Census found that VMA now consists of 946 residents, 342 households, 202 families, and has a population density of 6,757.1 people per square mile. Our investigation must study and document the facts about current stormwater management system capability and the role of the VMA more crowded and somewhat hilly topography.

In recent years, VMA small farmhouses and mid-century homes have been either expanded with additions or demolished and replaced by substantially larger houses. This has decreased percolating surfaces to absorb stormwater and water and thereby increased stormwater discharge onto public and private land.

The Montgomery County Code prohibits construction which increases water discharges. The County Permit Office enforces this code. The public data shows that the Permit Office has granted every one of the 4,000 plus builder requests for exemption from the discharge prohibition. This leaves the problem of prohibiting construction increases in water discharges to the cities, to VMA.

We expect that with the guidance of an engineer, the Stormwater Task Force report will recommend VMA building code and enforcement changes. To do this, our investigation must study the record of VMA construction permitting to identify factors which may have increased water discharge onto private and public land, and any efforts by builders to control stormwater discharges, and identify building code ordinance provisions which can prevent construction increases in stormwater discharges.

The Stormwater Task Force also has been learning about investigation and remediation funding options. Our first major task was to prepare a proposal for MDNR – federal funding for an engineer. We learned a lot about the funding and grant process and what is important to the funding sources. MDNR did not fund our project. It suggested that we place more emphasis on securing County and State support. We will do this. At the invitation of Council Chair Alexander, we have submitted to proposal to the Council for VMA funding of the cost of a supporting engineer.

### **The Work Completed and Work Remaining to Be Done**

Based upon lessons learned from the 2010 VMA Stormwater Task Force, training by a stormwater management engineer, and review of the work of other local towns and villages, the Stormwater Task Force began its investigation by collecting information which we believe it would need to review with the support of an experienced engineer.

We have collected and read stormwater management reports produced by other local jurisdictions related VMA governmental and historical documents; maps of the VMA topography, area sewers and drains, and known areas of flooding; Montgomery County codes pertaining to stormwater management and residential construction water discharge limits, and County Permitting Office's public acknowledgement of its intentional circumvention of code enforcement by granting waivers of non-compliance for over 4,000 home constructions.

The Stormwater Task Force has studied the stormwater management related activities of other local towns and villages and is collecting information about their current

status, successes, and challenges. We have been advised by local villages and engineer Azar that the next step in Water Task Force work is to draft and transmit a survey of VMA residents which seeks information necessary to focus and prioritize our investigation to identify and document the flooding and water discharge facts, causations, stakeholders, and remediation options.

The Stormwater Task Force survey was transmitted to VMA residents on June 5. It was created with after studying the surveys issued by the other villages and towns. It was reviewed and edited by Mr. Azar. We expect data shortly and will share it with the retained engineer.

We are told that, assuming qualified bidders, the process to issue and RFP, hire an engineer, and execute a contract can take two months. During this time, the Stormwater Task Force will communicate with the other local villages and towns to learn about the status of their studies, planning, and remediation implementation. We will try to determine challenges, successes, failures, and how to do better.

During this time the Stormwater Task Force also will start to sort and mine its survey data to identify actual problems, locations, and knowledge and experienced residents. Our plan is work with the engineer to interview these people, inspect the homes and residential and public land where problems have been reported and/or remediation attempted.

During this time, the Stormwater Task Force also will explore VMA records and data and County records and data for use full information. The Task Force also will explore County and Federal funding opportunities for remediation projects.

Once the interviews and inspections are complete, the Stormwater Task Force will work with the engineer to determine what, if any, additional work must be done, do that work, and prepare our final report for presentation to the VMA Council and residents.

## **Building Administrator's Annual Report**

### **By Doug Lohmeyer**

The following report discusses the active Village permits from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

#### **3506 Bradley La.**

The property owner submitted plans to remove the existing house and to add a new house. The work has been completed. The Village has closed that permit.

**3508 Bradley La.**

The property owner submitted plans to add an addition at the rear of the existing house. The Village has closed that permit.

**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 has obtained an MSHA driveway access permit. MCDPS is reviewing the retaining wall permit. VMA issued a driveway permit.

**3415 Cummings La.**

The property owner submitted an application to remove the existing house and to construct a new house. The MCDPS 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 resident's information meeting was held on Tuesday, Mar. 14, 2023. The work on 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 resident's information meeting was held on Tuesday, Mar. 14, 2023. The work is ongoing.

**3517 Cummings La.**

The homeowner submitted plans to construct a shed at the rear of the house. The Village has closed that permit.

**7219 Delfield St.**

The homeowner has submitted plans to construct a new deck at the rear of the existing house. The Village has closed that permit.

**7306 Delfield St.**

The property owner has received a permit to remove and replace a shed at the left rear of the backyard. Work is ongoing.

**7309 Delfield St.**

The staff has discussed with the architect the proposed additions to the existing house.

**6709 Melville Pl.**

The Village issued a permit to add an addition to the eastern side of the existing house. The Village has closed that permit.

**203 Oxford St.**

The Village issued a building permit to add an addition at the rear of the existing house. The Village has closed that permit.

**204 Oxford St.**

The property owner submitted an application to remove the existing house and construct a new home. The MCDPS and the Village staff are reviewing the plans. A resident's information meeting will be scheduled soon.

**120 Quincy St.**

The property owner submitted plans to add several additions at the rear of the existing house. The Village has closed that permit.

**151 Quincy St.**

The Village issued a building permit to remove the existing house and to build a new house. The Village has closed that building permit.

**153 Quincy St.**

The Village issued a driveway apron permit in order to make improvements to the existing driveway and apron. The Village has closed that permit.

**160 Quincy St.**

The Village widened the existing pavement at the end of Quincy St., to allow access to the properties at the end of the street, when cars are parked on the north side of Quincy.

**3500 Raymond St.**

The Village issued a building permit to add an addition at the rear of the existing house. The Village has closed that permit.

**3504 Shepherd St.**

The homeowner has submitted an application to build an addition at the rear of the existing house. The Village has closed that permit.

**3518 Shepherd St.**

A plan to add a 2-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. The Village issued the building permit on May 20, 2024. Work is ongoing.

**3412 Taylor St.**

The Village issued a permit to remove and to rebuild the driveway. The Village has closed that permit.

**3502 Taylor St.**

The Village issued a building permit to add an addition at the rear of the existing house. The Village has closed that permit.

**3409 Thornapple St.**

The Village issued a permit to build a deck at the rear of the existing house. The Village has closed that permit.

**3511 Turner St.**

The Village issued a permit to remove and rebuild a deck at the rear of the existing house. The Village has closed that permit.

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**HOW TO TALK WITH KIDS  
ABOUT ANTISEMITISM  
A Free Zoom Webinar  
Tuesday, July 16, 2024  
7:00 - 8:00 pm**



The Village of Martin's Additions Antisemitism Awareness and Education Task Force, in collaboration with American Jewish Committee (AJC), invites you to a free zoom webinar: "How to Talk with Kids about Antisemitism" on Tuesday, July 16 at 7:00 pm.

Understanding how to engage with the school community about antisemitism is one thing, but it's another challenge to talk with children and teens in ways that are effective, supportive, and empowering.

As antisemitism on social media and in educational spaces continues to increase, many caregivers (parents + grandparents) of Jewish children don't feel equipped to speak in ways that are constructive – whether with their child, or their child's school. Additionally, many caregivers of non-Jewish students want to learn how to teach their kids to be helpful allies of their Jewish friends.

Join us on July 16 at 7pm for a webinar featuring Lindsey Mintz, AJC's Director of Training and Education, who will provide an overview of what's behind today's current



manifestations of antisemitism and share strategies for constructive ways to support and talk with kids as they navigate this complex and challenging moment.

To register, click [here](#). For questions, email Alexis Schwartz, *Assistant Director, AJC Washington, D.C.*: [schwartz@ajc.org](mailto:schwartz@ajc.org)

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## Village Weather Report from Keith Allen

Our local temperature officially reached 100 degrees on June 22 for the first time since August 2016! Don't be surprised to see more 100-degree days this summer along with drought conditions, which could lead to water restrictions. Moisture from tropical storms this summer might alleviate the drought or, hopefully, scattered showers and thundershowers will help.

July temperatures will remain uniform the entire month with normal high temperatures around 90 degrees and lows at night in the low 70's. The highest temperature ever recorded in Washington, DC was 106 degrees back in 1930. The entire decade of the 30's was very dry and was referred to as the Dust Bowl Decade. I don't imagine that climate change was talked about much then.

The notable, hottest summers here in Martin's Additions were 1980 and 1988, but the more recent hot summers in this century were 2010, 2011, and 2012, three years in a row. In 2010, we had an earthquake; in 2011, we had an earthquake and a hurricane within a few days of each other; in 2012, the famous Derecho caused power loss for so many people. The day the Derecho hit the high temperature was 104 degrees.

Because of the heat, expect electrical storms with intense lightning, which is extremely dangerous. Have a safe rest of the summer and stay cool.



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# Village Directory Updates

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

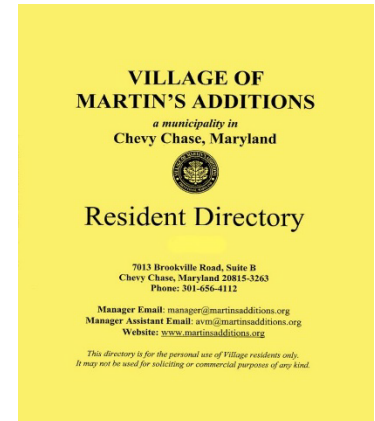
Welcome new residents:

Nick Moon to 3411 Taylor St.  
Jenny Vince and Evan Pietras to 7213 Chestnut St.  
Sarah Fink and Adam Mendelson to 151 Quincy St.

Send best wishes to departing residents:

Dennis and Tricia Tolivar from 6702 Melville Pl.  
Nick and Rosemarie Watson from 3515 Bradley La.

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.



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## Friends of the Village

### We Can't Beat the Heat, but We Can Help Neighbors in Need

On June 4, we delivered another 296 pounds of nonperishable items to Manna Food Center's warehouse, boosting our YTD total to 1,166 pounds. Many thanks go to the Brookville Market, which regularly donates items that will soon have to be pulled from the shelves. Also, thanks to our regular donors and welcome to any new ones.



It's been an awfully hot mid-June with more on the way in July, but we hope that won't discourage you from continuing to support the Village's food drive, now more than a decade in operation. When you shop for (or order) your monthly meals, please add a few items for many Montgomery County residents, who are having a hard time putting food on the table for their families. While inflation has slowed somewhat, groceries are still out of reach for far too many of our neighbors!

Please drop your donations in the box at the Market, the steps to the Village Office, or leave them on the porch at 3406 Turner Lane. We'll do our best to make the drive out to Manna at least once a month. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

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