

Martin's Edition

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

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Fellow Residents:

I want to thank everyone who participated in the Sidewalk Celebration, including but not limited to the following:

- the Elections Committee for running an efficient voting process and for quickly reporting the voting results;
- the merchants who stayed open later than their "regular" business hours and offered specials to our residents;
- the 3 Council candidates who openly ran for Council and will continue to make substantial contributions to the Village management;
- our staff, Matt and Beth, and Wayne, our municipal operations support contractor, who set up and took down the tables, chairs, etc.;



- the artists and authors who so willingly shared their talents with those who were privileged to stop by;
- Manna and Chevy Chase @ Home who were part of the celebration; and
- all the residents who voted - whether in person or by absentee ballot - for a very high participation rate.

It is wonderful to see so many active, participating residents. A big thank you to all!

On another note, I keep being asked what is the difference between the "list" the Village uses to send out information to residents and a privately-moderated "Martin's Additions" Googlegroup or List-Serv. These are two completely distinct channels of communication. Although we've talked about this matter several times during our monthly meetings, perhaps this note can help clear up any remaining confusion.

1) Village of Martin's Additions Official Emails

The Village of Martin's Additions' Council, Staff, and Committee Chairs use Constant Contact to communicate official business (e.g., newsletters, meeting notices, service information, surveys, etc.) with residents. The Village staff has made the painstaking effort to ensure that every street address in the Village has corresponding resident email(s), unless residents have specifically opted out of receiving such emails, to ensure the most effective distribution of Village news. Of note, if you have any questions about an email you receive via Constant Contact, you may reply to the email and your response will go only to the sender (e.g., the Council or the staff or a committee), not all the email's recipients, unless you add others to your reply.

We hope that you're already receiving such emails (if you're receiving this newsletter, you are...) However, if you're concerned that your neighbor or another member of your household might not be receiving official communications from the Village government, we encourage you to (1) verify that they're already signed up for, or (2) sign up for such official Village communications. If their email is not already in the Village's subscription to Constant Contact, please [visit the home page](#) and sign up on the left-hand side. You may also contact the Village Office directly (email: martinsadditions@gmail.com or tele. 301-656-4112) and request to be added to the distribution list.

2) Privately-Moderated "Martin's Additions" Googlegroup or List-Serv

Bill Lebovich, a resident of the Village of Martin's Additions, moderates a separate (and unaffiliated with the Village Government) "Googlegroup" or "listserv." Should you have any questions about who is a member of this group, how to post a message, or the criteria for posting, you must contact Bill directly at 301-654-3519.

Lastly, June 30th is the end of the Village fiscal year. July 1 starts the new 2017 fiscal year that includes the budget that was just passed at the Village Annual Meeting. I am ever hopeful that this will finally be the year of new street lights, newly paved streets, and a long-term solution for the turning issues at the corner of Oxford and Quincy.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any of the other members of the Council or staff ([contact info here](#)) with any questions.

Sincerely,
Richard

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UPCOMING EVENTS



- **5/30/2016:** Memorial Day Holiday - Village Office Closed; no trash pickup
- **5/31/2016:** Election Committee Meeting 8:00pm
- **6/4/2016:** Shred-It Event from 10am - 1pm in the Brookville Market area
- **6/16/2016:** Monthly Council Meeting 7:30pm
- **7/4/2016:** Independence Day Holiday - Village Office Closed
- **7/21/2016** Monthly Council Meeting 7:30pm

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HOT TOPICS

PROCEDURES FOR FILING A BUILDING PERMIT IN VMA

Village Permits are required for several categories of construction, including:

new home construction; demolition; additions; porches; decks; accessory buildings; dumpsters; temporary storage units; and working in or impacting the right-of-way.

[Building permit applications](#) are available on the Village website or in the Village Office. Village [building regulations and codes](#) are also available on the website.

Prior to finalizing your project, it is a good idea to set up a meeting with the Village Building Administrator for a preliminary review to ensure that you won't need to go back to the drawing board to be in compliance with Village Code.

After the Building Administrator's review, a letter will be prepared by the Village office for Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (MCDPS) noting that their office may proceed with the issuance of any necessary county permits and that local building regulations related to permitting will be handled by this municipality. The permittee may proceed with the application to Montgomery County.

Within three business days of filing a Building Permit Application with MCDPS, the applicant should file a Permit Application with the Village, including a copy of the MCDPS application with all plans and data.

The Village Building Administrator will provide a cursory review of the Permit Application to determine if the submitted application is complete, the necessary plans and data have been included, and the appropriate fees and performance bond have been paid.

The Village Manager will notify the applicant that either the application is complete and ready for Code review or that additional information is required. Once the application is complete, the Village Manager will notify the applicant, the Council, and the adjacent and adjoining property owners of the filing of the Permit Application. The Village Manager will post a notice in the next issue of *Martin's Edition*.

The Building Administrator will provide a detailed review of the Permit Application for compliance with Village Code and regulations. If necessary, the Building Administrator will contact the applicant to discuss any issues or conflicts with the Code. The Village may require a revised set of plans.

Within three days of MCDPS issuing a permit, the applicant should provide a copy of the MCDPS permit, a copy of the MCDPS approved and stamped building plans, a copy of the approved MCDPS Sediment Control/SWM plans (if applicable), and an electronic copy of all plans and data.

The Building Administrator will verify that the information on the approved County plans agrees with the plans previously filed with the Village. If approved by the Building Administrator, the Village Manager will issue the Village Permit a minimum of seven days after the Village receives the MCDPS Permit.

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COMMITTEE UPDATES

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Of the 200 people who registered for the Centennial Celebration about 150 attended, including 125 adults and 25 children. Total expenses reached \$16,535, including expenses such as food, children's entertainment, videography, AV equipment and the production of the event video. Wine and beer were donated as was the centennial tree and the labor required for its planting. We are awaiting an estimate for a second video of the interviews held before and during the event, and we expect that the final cost of the event will not exceed the \$20,000 budget.

The two videos will be available on You Tube and will be announced when production is complete next month. We are looking into a dedication plaque for the white oak tree planted to commemorate the centennial and will soon announce a dedication ceremony open to all residents.

--Naomi Naierman, Chair of the Centennial Committee.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

The VMA Election Committee is pleased to report the results of the May 12, 2016, Council Election for the Village of Martin's Additions:

Total ballots cast: 228

207 ballots were cast at the polling table.

34 absentee ballots were requested and sent out; 21 completed absentee ballots came in before voting opened at the polling table.

Almost all of the absentee voters used the new election procedures allowing residents to request and receive their absentee ballots by email.

Results:

Tiffany Cissna	179 votes
Susan Fattig	169 votes
Arthur Alexander	168 votes

Various write-in candidates received a total of 33 votes, as follows:

Jean Sperling	16 votes
Katie Howard	6 votes
Kathy Bishop	2 votes
Ben Dunford	2 votes

Paul Bishop, Bill Catherwood, Frank Correl, Dan Gardner, Andrew Kauders, Bill Lebovich, and Halie Soifer each received one vote.

In addition, there was one vote for Hillary Clinton and one for Angela Merkel, which the Election Committee disqualified on grounds that they are not residents or property owners in the Village of Martin's Additions. There was one ballot on which the voter wrote in unknown nicknames, which the Election Committee disqualified because it could not identify the candidates, and there were two ballots on which voters wrote in Larry, Moe, and Curly, which the Election Committee disqualified on grounds that they are deceased.



The Election Committee thanks the residents of Martins Additions for the excellent voter turn-out.

The tally of 228 voters, while below the record set in 2015, was more than twice the level in preceding years. We extend our warmest congratulations to the winning candidates.

We thank the VMA staff for their very helpful assistance with the election mailing, postings, and Election Day logistics.

We'd also like to thank the VMA staff for setting up the outstanding Celebration on the Sidewalk this year, all the artists, participants, and community organizations who added to the festivities, and the shops for contributing such generous support with their participation on Election Day.

The VMA Election Committee will hold an open meeting at 8:00PM on Tuesday, May 31, at the Village Office. Residents are invited to attend and



share your comments about how the new election procedures worked. Was it helpful to keep the polling table open longer this year, until 8PM? Was it easy for you to vote? Was it helpful to be able to request and receive an absentee ballot by email? Did you have any problems or concerns about voting this year? We'd like to hear from you!

Your Election Committee,
Lee Ann Anderson (Chair)
Marty Langelan
Naomi Naierman
Steve Trowern
Natalie Welle

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SPOTLIGHT

Police and Safety

One concern that has been brought up to the Village community policing officers has to do with vehicle security. Since the police started working in the Village, we have tried to repeatedly stress the importance of locking your car doors. One piece of feedback that we have heard is a belief that locking a car door is useless, since most of the people who commit thefts from cars use devices that can remotely unlock your car door. Certainly, these types of devices exist, and while I can't guarantee they have never been used in a petty theft in this area, I can assure everyone that neither of us have ever seen or heard of one being used. A vast majority of the thefts from cars are opportunistic in nature. While the groups that sponsor these kinds of thefts are surprisingly organized, they are also generally unsophisticated. Locking your car door is THE single most proactive thing that you can do to prevent being a victim of a theft from your car. Now that the weather is improving, we can expect to see an increase in these types of crimes. Please don't forget to lock your doors, and don't leave valuables (bicycles especially) unsecured on your porch in plain view.



--Nick Picerno, Village Police Officer

Montgomery County police have set a goal of passing out 10,000 flyers on theft from auto/auto theft prevention on June 20th. The Village is coordinating with Montgomery County Police Department to pass out these fliers on the night of June 20; if you want to participate, please call the Village Office.

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NOTES FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE

Shredding Event June 4 Once again the Village will join Section 3 and Section 5 to provide a shredding service to residents. It will take place from 10 AM -1PM and the location will be at the intersection of Brookville Road & Taylor Street. Limit of 5 boxes or bags per family. Acceptable items include any documents you no longer need/want including those with staples or paper clips. Please do not bring:

- Three ring binders
- Spiral Notebooks
- Heavy metal clips
- Metal clasps or Clamps
- CD's or DVD's
- Floppy Disks

Waste Not Picked Up? Please notify the Village office if your trash, yard waste, or recycling is not picked up. The office works with Waste Management to address these issues.

Directory Update: The Village will publish and distribute the 2016 directory early this summer.

The WSSC water main relocation and replacements continues in the southern end of the Village. The project on Bradley Lane and Melville Place is complete except for a couple houses that need to be tied in to the new main. They have started hooking up houses on Raymond Street. On Quincy Streets the new main has begun being

installed and temporary water pipes are in use. There will be periodic water shut-offs scheduled; the Village office and WSSC will notify you before these occur. If you have any questions about this work, please do not hesitate to ask to speak with a WSSC project manager on site, or to contact the Village Office with your concerns.

Permitting: A reminder to contact the Village office before beginning any work to verify permitting requirements. Work performed on your property may require permits from the Village as well as from Montgomery County.

New Building Permit Requests:

3505 Raymond: Porch

3504 Turner: Right-of-Way License

Moving? Residents of the Village are encouraged to contact the office to have temporary No Parking signs posted in front of their home when moving out of the Village or when expecting a large truck delivery.

Other items:

- Elizabeth (Beth) Boa is a Notary Public in Maryland. Please call ahead if you need notary services (301-656-4112).
- To receive Constant Contact notifications from the Village Council, the committees, and the office (i.e., any official communication from your Village government), please [sign up on our website](#) This is the best way to receive information on waste pickup, snow removal, and Council and committee meetings.

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BUDGET CORNER

Budget Ordinance and Tax Resolution

At the Annual Meeting on May 12, the Council held a public hearing on the FY2017 budget and tax rate. No change from the FY 2016 tax rate was proposed. The

Council adopted the budget ordinance and tax resolution which go into effect July 1, 2016 for the 2017 Fiscal Year. [Here is a link to the budget documents.](#)

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DRAFT AGENDA FOR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

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

Draft Agenda for June 16, 2016

7:45 PM	Call to Order: Krajeck
	Opportunity for Council to Hear Residents' Comments: Krajeck
	Update from the Election Committee: Naierman
	Update from the Centennial Celebration Committee: Naierman
	Update from the Ethics Committe: Efron
	Site Visit: Review the Taylor-Brookville intersection and proposed State Highway Plans:Krajeck
	Action on Annual Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2016: Krajeck
	Financial Matters, including Treasurer's Report and Budget Amendments: Hill
	Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 4-16-1 to amend Chapter 7 of the Village Code and adding a counsel for Ethics Committee reference in Code: Krajeck
	Introduction of Renewal of the RCN Cable TV Franchise Agreement: Krajeck

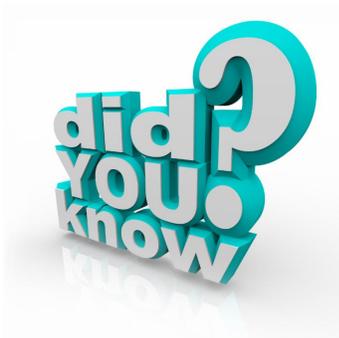
	Manager's Report, including updates on office lease, WSSC water main replacement project, repaving, street lights, RFPs and contracts: Trollinger
	Opportunity for Council to Hear Residents' Comments: Krajeck
9:30 PM	Adjournment: Krajeck

Prior to the Council meeting, there will be a reception in honor of all the resident-volunteer Committee members who have served this fiscal year. All are encouraged to attend from 7:00-7:45 pm. The Council meeting will commence after the reception.

Click [here](#) to see last month's Council Meeting minutes and [here](#) to listen to a recording of the meeting.

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LITTLE KNOWN FACT



Reporting Street Light Outages

If you notice a street light is out on your street, you can report it directly to Pepco [using this link](#). You can enter the pole number and street address using their form.

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HEARD ON THE SIDEWALK



Holiday Schedule

The Village Office Will be Closed on Memorial Day, Monday May 30

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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