

Martin's Edition

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

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

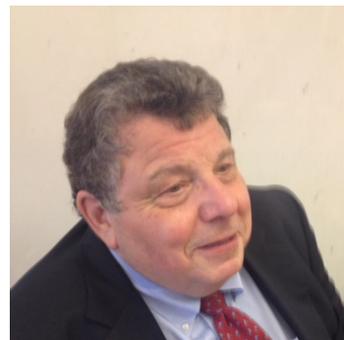
Dear Fellow Residents,

Since we've got a lot going on, I'm going to run through a high-level list here. Please be sure to read the rest of the newsletter for many other important updates!

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Street Repaving Update

I am happy to report that the Village has received four proposals for repaving Village streets and repairing sidewalks and curbs. Timing of the street repairs and repaving (laying asphalt) and the repairs of sidewalks and curbs (concrete work) will likely be done in two phases. Concerns were raised by the bidders of paving in the fall when leaves are falling. We will keep you posted as soon as we have a better idea of what the schedule will be. We are grateful that WSSC has finally finished their work at the south end of the village and have removed all of their equipment.



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Street Light Replacement Project Update

At the last Council meeting, the Council instructed the manager to "go, go, go" with PepCo and the lights that have been selected. As you may know this will be a large project with all new lights and some new poles. So, please look for info to come out via email as it is available.

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Call for Volunteer Village Tree Supervisor

As you may know, Dan Gardner has decided to vacate the volunteer position of Tree Supervisor. We thank Dan for his many years of service and hope that a successor may be found soon. Interested parties should not fear! The volunteer supervisor works with our contract arborist and the Village Manager on caring for our trees. The Council will appoint a new Tree Supervisor, per the Code of Ordinances Section 9-103. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, let the Village office know.

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The Village Right-of-Way (ROW)

At the September Council meeting, a discussion on the ROW license agreement requirement took place. The Village Code (Sec. 7-209) states that the owner of private property adjoining a public right-of-way shall maintain that portion of the right-of-way located between the private property line and the edge of the paved street in a safe and sanitary condition. An owner shall not permit grass or weeds to grow within the right-of-way to a height in excess of 12 inches. The Village Code also states that a property owner shall not place any structure, wall, fence, hedge, shrubbery, within the right-of-way without a license to use the right-of-way. Furthermore, such structures and plantings must be maintained so that a clear and unobstructed view is available to pedestrians and vehicular traffic. If you wish to place a structure such as fence, walkway, or irrigation system in the public ROW, you must obtain a ROW License Agreement from the Village. The license agreement will be filed with your deed. A ROW license agreement grants permission for use of the public ROW for a private purpose, and makes clear that the license is revocable by the Village. The purpose is to make clear that the Village may at any time move or remove any items you have placed in the ROW. There is a \$100 charge for a ROW license agreement to help defray the legal fees involved for the Village. The Council discussed revising the Code to address exceptions to the need to acquire a license agreement. This revision will be discussed at the October 20 Council meeting.

On a related note, a resident attending the September Council meeting suggested the Council look into the feasibility of adding sidewalks in the north end of the Village, specifically at Thornapple Street. The Council agreed to have a survey conducted along Thornapple for this purpose. The proposal to possibly add a sidewalk on Thornapple Street because of safety concerns and possibly other sidewalks on the north end of the village will be discussed at the October Council meeting. Obviously, the ROW will be a part of this discussion as well.

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Halloween Party

The Halloween party and parade will take place on Sunday, October 30. Volunteers are needed to help with set up, assisting with crafts and activities, and clean up. There will be music, pizza, ice cream, crafts, and a costume parade.

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The Village's Annual Survey

The Annual Survey will open this fall and responses are due by October 3rd. An email invitation to complete the survey will arrive in your email in-box. If you do not receive the invitation let the Village office know. The survey is helpful to the Village Council in determining some priorities for the remainder of the year.

Happy Autumn!
Richard

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UPCOMING EVENTS



- **10/20/2016:**
Council Meeting 7:30pm in the Village Office
- **10/30/2016: Village Halloween Party 3-5pm at the Turner Lane Cul-de-Sac**
- **11/12/2016: Bulk Trash Pickup**

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HOT TOPICS

Police and Safety

Going back to school is an exciting time but it can also be stressful for parents, students and motorists. Tolerance, awareness and defensive driving will always ensure that everyone gets to their destinations safely. Buses have now been flowing through our community and it is extremely important to understand that driving a bus can be a very stressful ordeal, especially if the bus is packed with noisy children. Please respect buses as they travel in our community. Drivers, yield when buses are attempting to

merge and always maintain proper distances behind them. For those with children taking a bus to school, make sure your children know to never step off the curb until the bus has fully stopped. When disembarking, ensure that your children understand that they must always stay in view of the driver and always cross the street in front of the bus. Finally, just to reiterate the importance of pedestrian safety while walking in our community, all residents should obey crosswalk laws and when possible wear bright colored clothing while walking in adverse conditions. Together we can make this school year a safe and enjoyable one.

Update:

Over the past several weeks, many residents have heard that a small portion of our own community and larger portions of our surrounding communities in Bethesda and Chevy Chase have been adversely effected by a plethora of [stolen vehicles and thefts from vehicles](#) all during overnight hours. Multiple arrests have been made by the Montgomery County Police in the Bethesda District in reference to those crimes. It is the police department's hope that those arrests will end the current trend, however, there is no certainty to that. In the event that you are an unfortunate victim of any crime, please ensure that you contact the Montgomery County Police non-emergency number 301-279-8000 to report it appropriately. Remember that reports help pinpoint crime trends and allow the police department to allocate resources appropriately.

-- Mike Pratt, Community Police Officer

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COMMITTEE UPDATES

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

The final update of the Centennial Celebration Committee was presented by chairwoman Naomi Naierman to the Council at its August meeting. The total cost of the Celebration including the development of two videos came to \$20,432, just over the allotted \$20,000 budget.

Residents are [invited to view the interview video](#) "Reflections on the Village of Martin's Additions on the Occasion of Its Centennial" on the Village website. A plaque has been ordered to commemorate the Centennial and will be mounted on a rock near the Centennial Tree at the dead end of Turner Lane.

- The Centennial Celebration Committee

Naomi Naierman (chair), Richard Krajeck, Susan Fattig, and Michelle Malloy

ELECTION COMMITTEE

The Election Committee reminds Village residents [to vote in the US General Elections on November 8!](#)

Dates and Deadlines to Remember:

Voter Registration Ends October 18

Early Voting/In Person Absentee Voting Starts October 27

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline (by mail) November 1

Early Voting/In Person Absentee Voting Ends November 3

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline (Electronic) November 4

Absentee Ballot Request Deadline (in person) November 8

Your Election Committee,
Marty Langelan
Naomi Naierman
Steve Trowern
Natalie Welle

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SPOTLIGHT

TREES STILL AVAILABLE IN VILLAGE PROGRAM

Autumn is the best time to plant trees and there are still a few more available in the Village's new tree program that pays for most of the cost of acquiring and planting a tree on your property.

You might consider the American beech, red maple, sweetgum, white oak, or the magnificent American elm. These are just some of the species of native, canopy trees chosen for the program. The Village will cover all of the costs except for \$100 that you will pay. The average cost to buy, transport, and plant the species in the program is \$500-\$600. What a deal! Your main responsibility will be to water the new tree by periodically filling the bag supplied by the Village.



These trees are not the newly sprouted specimens in an egg carton that you may have planted as a Girl Scout or Boy Scout. The Village's selections are about 10 feet tall and several inches diameter.

Before planting any tree in this program, the Village will schedule a site visit for you to discuss tree species and location with the Village arborist. If the arborist determines that the property has a suitable location for a tree, the Village will schedule the tree planting. Before planting, the exact location will be marked with a flag, and you will receive a letter confirming the tree species.

For program details, click [here for links](#) to tree descriptions and application forms.

--Arthur Alexander
Council Treasurer

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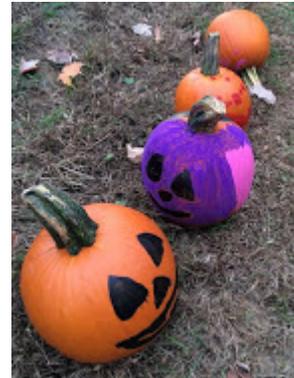
NOTES FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE

2016 Resident Directory

: The Village has published and mailed a new resident directory. Extra copies are available in the Village office.

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Village Halloween Party: The annual Halloween party and costume parade will take place October 30 from 3-5 PM at the dead-end of Turner Lane by Shepherd Park. Come in costume and enjoy food, drinks, music, and crafts. The Village office is also seeking volunteers to assist with set up, crafts & activities, and clean up.



Request for Proposals: Code Enforcement and Municipal Operations Support

An [RFP has been posted](#) on the Village website seeking proposals for the position of Code Enforcement and Municipal Operations Support. Proposals are due by Friday, September 30.

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Street lights: The Village is moving ahead with its plan to replace the streetlights throughout Martin's Additions! PEPCO will be installing seven new poles, mostly on the North end of the Village. to reduce unsafe dark spots, and to more evenly distribute light. Additionally, the rest of the Village's streetlights will be replaced with 55 watt 3000 Kelvin (temperature) lights. A sample of this product can be found at 3525 Bradley Lane.

In total, the project should cost the Village in the vicinity of \$300,000, which is well under the \$500,000 budgeted for the project. The large custom order will take PEPCO

a little while to fill, but we anticipate the new fixtures and poles to be installed before Winter rears its ugly head.

The WSSC water main relocation and replacements have been completed and Village staff has walked through the sites at the south end of the Village. The contractors are fixing areas in the right of way that were affected by the work.

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:

3407 Thornapple - Chimney Removal and Portable Toilets

3404 Taylor - Portable Toilet

116 Quincy - Deck

3504 Bradley - Extension of Second Floor Bedroom

Moving? Residents of VMA 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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Street Repairs

After an open bidding process that lasted about two months, the Village received four strong proposals for the upcoming street repair and repaving project. After reviewing the proposals, checking on references, and meeting with prospective contractors, the Village has decided to go ahead and award the contract to A.B. Veirs.

A.B. Veirs is a local, family-owned, well-respected full service paving company that has been working in the Washington Metro area since 1947. You may recognize the name from Maryland Rte. 586, also known as Veirs Mill Road, which was named after the family. A.B. Veirs has also worked with Chevy Chase Village and handled repaving there for the past few years, as well as other local projects, including Montgomery Village (Northgate HOA), and Shady Grove Hospital, just to name a few.

A.B. Veirs provided a thorough, well thought-out, and detailed plan for repaving our streets, as well as to repair some of the concrete throughout the Martin's Additions (i.e. sidewalks, curb & gutter, etc.). We will be doing a walkthrough with A.B. Veirs to identify problem areas in the near future.

Excitedly, we anticipate the totality of the project to come under the \$750,000 that has been set aside for streets and sidewalks in the budget. However, more importantly, we want to make sure the job is done in such a way that the end product is long-lasting. If the need arises, we have enough money in reserves to nip any issues in the bud, and come out on the other side with safer and smoother roads and sidewalks that will last the Village for years to come.

An exact timeline is still being worked out - unfortunately, parts of Martin's Additions will be having sewer line repairs and replacement done in the next year (parts of Quincy, Raymond, Chestnut, and Thornapple Streets). Just to be clear, though, we are absolutely committed to repairing and repaving ALL of Martin's Additions, so we are trying to work out the best plan so that we don't have to go back and redo the work and be wasteful by paying for the work twice. Where necessary, we will do patching in the areas that need it to ensure that the roads are drive-able and safe, particularly through the winter.

We are excited about the prospect of repaving the streets, and we hope you are too! We anticipate working with A.B. Veirs will be a pleasant experience, as they are experienced in working with small communities such as Martin's Additions. As ever, we will try to be as communicative as possible throughout the project.

--Matt Trollinger, Village Manager

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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 October 20, 2016

7:30 PM	Call to Order: Krajeck
	Opportunity for Council to Hear Residents' Comments: Krajeck
	Action on Council Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2016: Krajeck
	Results of Annual Survey: Hill
	Sidewalks in the North End of the Village: Krajeck
	Financial Matters, including Treasurer's Report: Alexander
	Manager's Report, including: streetlights; street repaving; RFPs and contracts: Trollinger
	Opportunity for Council to Hear Residents' Comments: Krajeck
9:30 PM	Adjournment: Krajeck

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



Be Careful Where You Park...

Parking violations create hazardous conditions for pedestrians and vehicles alike. It is particularly important to be aware of these rules as our children head back to school. The following list represents some of the violations seen in the Village. Among other parking prohibitions, do not park: In violation of an official sign; within five feet of a driveway opening; within 30 feet of a stop sign or other traffic device; within 35 feet of an intersection; within 15 feet of a fire hydrant; within two feet of another vehicle.

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HEARD ON THE SIDEWALK



Happy Autumn!

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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