

**BRING YOUR TALENTS AND ENERGY TO THE VILLAGE!
COUNCIL NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN**

March 12, 2016

Dear Neighbors,

The Martin's Additions Election Committee invites you to run for office!

Three VMA Council seats will be up for election on May 12. If you want to try something new, want to be more involved, or want to give back to the community, **we'd like to see your name on the ballot!**

We welcome one and all -- long-time residents and new neighbors, homeowners and renters, those who live north of the Brookville Market, those who live south of the Market, dog-walkers, cat-lovers, folks with young families, wise elders, and good neighbors of every kind. No prior experience is required. If you are a resident of Martin's Additions and are 18 years of age or over, then you are a fine candidate.

Council members serve a two-year term and spend about four hours a week taking care of Village governance, primarily through e-mail communications and in the regular monthly Council meetings. You may nominate yourself or another Village resident.

Nominations Process: Please email a short statement describing your interest and background to the Committee at VMAelections@gmail.com (or drop off your nomination at the Village Office) by **5:00 pm on Tuesday April 12**. In your statement, please respond to the following questions: (1) What diverse skills or background would you bring to the Council? (2) Why do you want to serve? (3) What are the most important issues the Village needs to address? Feel free to include anything else you'd like to share with Village voters.

All candidates will receive a copy of VMA's Election Rules and Procedures, will be asked to sign a standard conflict-of-interest disclosure statement, and will be invited to participate in a community forum for Village residents on Thursday April 28. The Committee will send an official election notice to all residents with the voting information and the candidates' statements.

Here's the 2016 VMA election timetable:

Sat March 12: Opening day for nominations.

Tues April 12: Last day for nominations.

Thur April 28: Candidates' Public Forum, 7 p.m. at the Village Office.

Thur May 12: **ELECTION DAY!** Voting 5 to 8 pm at the Village celebration in front of the shops.

This is a great opportunity to get involved.

We want to hear from you!

Warmest regards from your Village Election Committee:

Lee Ann Anderson (Chair) , Steve Trowern, Marty Langelan, Naomi Naierman, and Natalie Straus Welle