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# Martin's Edition

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

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## ENSURING LONGEVITY FOR THE VILLAGE OF MARTIN'S ADDITIONS *Notes from the First Chairman*

*As we approach the official date of municipal incorporation of the Village of Martin's Additions, Chartered almost 100 years ago and established 30 years ago, we turned to its first Chairman, Paul Weller at 3411 Raymond Street for his reflections. Paul still resides at the same address.*

The early 1980's was a watershed period for the seven-decade old Village of Martin's Additions. Elected council members each gave up their \$40/month stipend to hire a Village manager, renewed efforts were being made to protect the valued tree cover, and street and sidewalk improvements were made into a special priority.

At the same time, there was increasing concern that the bucolic self-control could not last. As a special taxing district, the Village could become a takeover victim of an aggressive county government in a fast-growing population center. Neighboring Sections Three, Four, and Five had already made the move to full incorporation, which made them entities with permanence like Rockville and Baltimore. Their leaders provided invaluable counsel to the Village.

The Village council took up the challenge. We had a unique ace-in-the-hole on Brookville Road: long-time resident Neal Potter, who was a veteran member of the County Council, soon to become County Executive. We sought his advice and support, and he readily gave it. We also had two valuable legal resources: council member Mike Zielinski and outside legal counsel Roger Titus, now a federal judge. They assisted the Council in drafting a new Village charter to replace the original 1916 document.

Council members went into action mode, first appointing a three-member Committee on  
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FEBRUARY/MARCH 2015

### ◆ SEE YOU AT OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!



... on Sunday, March 15 from 1- 3 PM, YES?! La Ferme Restaurant will be the location of the St. Patty's-Themed celebration of our community's 30 years of incorporation . Great food, great community, music, dignitaries, great fun for adults and children. Compliments of the Village. Great entertainment for the kids, with kid-friendly food, and more! See **more info** on the back page of this newsletter.



### ◆ VILLAGE COUNCIL NOMINATIONS OPEN MARCH 2nd

Three positions on the Village Council will be filled in the May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Council Election. The nomination period opens March 2nd. Look for the enclosed nomination form on page 4 to nominate yourself or a neighbor as a candidate.

### ◆ GOT PROGRAM OR SERVICE IDEAS?



Time once again to start thinking about new or additional services you'd like to see in FY 2016. Be sure to attend the March, April and May Council Meetings to share your thoughts!

### ◆ IMPORTANT TAX FILING INFO FOR RESIDENTS OF VMA

The Village receives a share of the income taxes you pay to Maryland. Write "Martin's Additions" in the box marked "City, town or taxing area" on Form 502. See page 2 for more info!

Verizon Weatherline: THE WEATHER SOURCE:  
202-589-1212



### VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. Village Office Please note the April Meeting, which will include the Candidates Forum and Discussion of the Budget and Tax Rate for FY 16, has been advanced one week from the usual schedule and is now set for **Thursday April 23rd.**

Incorporation, then preparing a referendum to determine depth of support from the Village’s nearly 1,000 residents. Village volunteers stepped up to go door-to-door with petitions. Following overwhelming approval of the idea of incorporation, the Village’s Neal Potter went to his fellow County Council members, as well as to State Delegate Don Robertson, a resident of Section Three to obtain the necessary approval of both the County Council and State Legislature. With approval from both legislative bodies, it came back to Village voters to make the final vote of approval.

The Village of Martin’s Additions was officially incorporated on March 19, 1985. It really took a “village” to accomplish the nearly five-year process. Assistance was required from both residents and non-residents. In later years, support for local incorporation waned from elected officials, as adjacent Rollingwood found when it was recently rejected for its own incorporation petition. Martin’s Additions is most fortunate.

*Paul Weller, First Chairman of the Incorporated Village of Martin’s Additions, 1985*

**ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE RECAP**

**Monday March 2nd, 2015**—Nomination period opens—Elections and Ethics Committee will begin accepting nominations for candidates for the two open Village Council seats.

**Thursday April 2, 2015**—Deadline for nominations.

**Monday, April 9th, 2015**—Candidate Statements and bios due to Village Office.

**Thursday, April 23rd, 2015**—Candidates’ Forum at the April Village Council meeting. Candidate information will be published following that Council meeting.

**Thursday, May 14th, 2015**—Village Election and Annual Meeting. Polls will open from 5-7:30 PM during the annual Celebration on the Sidewalk. The Village Annual Meeting will begin at 7:30.

**2015 VILLAGE ELECTION PROCESS KICKED OFF**



Beginning Monday March 2nd nominations for the Village Council will be accepted by the Village Elections Committee. This year, three seats are open for election to the Village Council. Each seat is for a two-year term. Terms for Josh Bowers, Bill Lebovich and Jon Fleming expire June 30, 2015. Please see the enclosed nomination form for your use, should you wish to nominate yourself or a neighbor to be a candidate for the Village Council.

**Would you like to serve as a Council Member?** Martin’s Additions is a self-governing, incorporated municipality in the State of Maryland. As such, the Village is responsible for providing trash collection, recycling, road and sidewalk repair, snow plowing, construction permitting and other municipal services. The smooth function of government and delivery of services have depended on the ability and willingness of interested residents to serve on the governing body—the Village Council. Would YOU like to be involved? Consider becoming a candidate.

**Who can be nominated?** Any resident of Martin’s Additions who is a qualified voter (18 years old as of Election Day, May 14) may nominate another qualified resident or him - or herself.

**How do you nominate a candidate?** Nominations must be made in writing and sent to the Election and Ethics Committee, c/o Village of Martin’s Additions, 7013B Brookville Road, Chevy Chase, MD 20815. Nominations open on Monday March 2nd and close on April 2, 2015. A nomination form can be found on the next page.

**What do I have to do if I am a nominee?** If you have been nominated you will need to accept or turn down that nomination to the Election Committee by April 2, 2015. Final Candidate Statements and bios are due to Village Office Thursday, April 9th. Candidates will be welcomed to a Candidates’ Forum at the April 23rd Council Meeting where they will be able to give brief statements and answer questions.

**When is the election?** Thursday, May 14th along with our annual Celebration on the Sidewalk and prior to our Annual Village Meeting.



## ELECTION AND ETHICS COMMITTEE PLANNING

### 2015 Election

**Council Service : July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017**



The Election 2015 Plan presented below reflects a consultation with the Charter requirements, a cooperative holiday schedule this spring and agreement of the Election and Ethics Committee. The recommended schedule for Village Elections and Annual Meeting, 2015, is as follows:

- **Monday March 2, 2015—Nomination period opens**—Elections and Ethics committee will begin accepting nominations for candidates for the three open Village Council seats. Terms expiring for: Josh Bowers, Jon Fleming, Bill Lebovich. Notice published; announced on website.
- **Sunday March 15, 2015 - VMA Incorporation Celebration.** Opportunity to announce the opening of the nomination period. Elections and Ethics Committee will include a “Community Civic Engagement” component of this event for all residents to generate interest and community involvement and inspire some folks to serve on the Village Council.
- **Thursday April 2, 2015—Nominations close.**
- **Thursday April 9, 2015—Final Candidate Statements and bios due to Village Office.**
- **Thursday April 23rd, 2014—Candidates’ Forum** at the April Village Council meeting.
- **Public Notice by mid-April [by May 1<sup>st</sup> at the very latest]** Martin’s Edition Newsletter containing slate of candidates and their bios and statements and election information will be published mid-April to arrive in residents’ mailboxes no later than May 1st, as required by the Village Charter (no later than 2 weeks before the election); names of candidates, proposed budget and notice of proposed tax rate must be included in that notice/newsletter along with notice of polling place and time.
- **Thursday, May 14th, 2015—Village election and annual meeting** (Charter requires election to take place between March 1st and May 15th each year). Time of Election: 5-7:30 PM

### INCOME TAX TIME... DON'T FORGET WHERE YOU LIVE



As a municipality in the State of Maryland, the major source of revenues for the Village of Martin’s Additions is our share of income taxes which every resident pays to the state. In order for us to receive this revenue sharing, you must write “*Martin’s Additions*” in the box marked “City, town or taxing area” on your Maryland Income Tax Form 502. This assures that a portion of your tax dollars comes back to the Village (as provided for in State law) to deliver services. This money helps support our municipal budget for trash collection, recycling, leaf collection, street cleaning, snow removal, tree care, and the many other municipal services that are

administered by the Village of Martin’s Additions. Don’t give those revenues away! You have much more control over how these tax dollars are spent right here in your Village and for your direct benefit.

FORM 502		MARYLAND RESIDENT INCOME TAX RETURN	
SOCIAL SECURITY #		OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING	
Your First Name		Initial	Last Name
Spouse's First Name		Initial	Last Name
PRESENT ADDRESS (No. and street)			
City or Town		State	Zip Code
Name of county and incorporated city, town or special taxing area in which you were a resident on the last day of the taxable period. (See Instruction 6)		Maryland county	City, town or taxing area <i>Martin's Additions</i>

**NOMINATION FORM for  
Village Council Members Election 2015  
Village of Martin's Additions**

Deadline for Submission: Thursday April 2, 2015 2015

I hereby nominate the following person(s) to be candidates for the Council of the Village of Martin's Additions at the election to be held Thursday, May 14, 2015.

1. NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ TEL. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

2. NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ TEL. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

3. NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ TEL. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

4. NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ TEL. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Two Year Terms to begin July 1, 2015 and Expire June 30, 2017

SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TEL. NO. \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE DELIVER OR MAIL THIS FORM TO:

Elections & Ethics Committee

c/o Village of Martin's Additions

7013 B Brookville Road, Chevy Chase, MD 20815

◆ Phone 301-656-4112 ◆ Fax 301-656-0030 ◆ Email: [martinsadditions@verizon.net](mailto:martinsadditions@verizon.net)

## HEAVY TRASH PICK UP MARCH 14 VMA WILL AGAIN TEAM UP WITH “A WIDER CIRCLE”

Our next **Heavy Trash Pickup, is Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>**. The day before, on **Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**, we will continue our usual partnership with “*A Wider Circle*” and offer an opportunity to donate good used furniture, clothing, household goods, toys, bedding and the like for needy families and individuals. This month’s theme is “*The Thousand Bed Challenge*”. VMA has had a great showing in the past few pickups, so help save some items in good condition from the dump! [www.awidercircle.org](http://www.awidercircle.org)

Here’s what you do:

(1). **CALL A Wider Circle at 301-608-3504** or email them at [furnish@awidercircle.org](mailto:furnish@awidercircle.org) to register your items and identify your address, give them the code “VMA”

(2). **Also EMAIL** the Village Office at [martinsadditions@verizon.net](mailto:martinsadditions@verizon.net) with the same information

(3). Place your items for donation **on your porch** or **at the front of your house** (close to your home), with **clearly marked signs** on each item that says “**A WIDER CIRCLE**” by **8AM FRIDAY, March 13<sup>th</sup>**.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There has been a change in where the items to be picked up should be placed: please keep your items on your porch or near the front of your house, with signs. You are no longer expected to place items at the curb.



### CC@ H MARCH OFFERINGS — FROM BAGPIPES TO PORTRAITURE

◆ The **annual St. Patrick’s Day Party for Chevy Chase@Home** is always a **highlight of March**, and this year it will be celebrated with the music of award-winning Great Highland Piper Andrew Donlon. Andrew has played with a number of pipe bands and currently plays with the New York Metro Pipe Band, and is the Pipe Major of the MacMillan Pipe Band of Rockville. Andrew will present a recital of music from the Irish and Scottish traditions, along with some modern pieces for pipes, and will talk about the history and music of the Great Highland Bagpipes. There will also be delicious Irish treats to nibble on while you enjoy the program, so please join us for this entertaining and informative afternoon at the Chevy Chase Village Hall on **Tuesday, March 17, from 2 to 4 p.m.**

◆ On **Saturday, March 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, art historian and director emeritus of the National Portrait

Gallery Alan Fern will present an illustrated program on “The Many Faces of Portraiture.” A Chevy Chase resident, Mr. Fern headed the National Portrait Gallery from 1982 until his retirement in 2002. This promises to be a fascinating and enlightening presentation by an expert in his field. At the Chevy Chase Village Hall.

◆ **A Guitar Master Class with Berta Rojas** will be held at the CC Village Hall on **Sunday, March 22, from 1 to 4 p.m.** Renowned for her flawless technique and innate musicality, Berta Rojas ranks among today’s foremost classical guitarists.

◆ **Brunch Bunch**, a regular monthly get-together, will be held at the **Olympia Cafe** on Brookville Road on **Thursday, March 12, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.** Everyone is invited to drop by — just buy a cup of coffee or even a complete breakfast and join the CC@ H table for some lively neighborly conversation. There’s plenty of free parking, and a good time is always had by all!

◆ **New volunteers are always welcome!** Our next volunteer training session will be held on **March 19 from 10 a.m. to noon** at the Town of Chevy Chase Town Hall. For more information about becoming a Volunteer, Member or Friend of CC@ H please go to [www.chevychaseathome.org](http://www.chevychaseathome.org) or call 301-657-3115.

### “WINE, CHOCOLATE, AND CHEESE” COMMUNITY EVENT



Join the B-CC HS Educational Foundation’s annual fundraising event on **Thursday, March 12, from 7 to 9 pm**, at the Woman’s Club of Chevy Chase, 7931 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase.

Hear directly from students how Foundation-funded programs make a difference in their lives. Enjoy an evening with friends and neighbors. Heavy hors d’oeuvres will be served.

Please purchase your ticket and/or make a donation today at [www.bccedfoundation.org](http://www.bccedfoundation.org).  
[bcchsedfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:bcchsedfoundation@gmail.com)

## AT THE CHEVY CHASE LIBRARY



On **Saturday, March 7, starting at 10:30 a.m.**, the *Chinese Youth Club of Washington, DC* will perform the always-colorful Lion Dance in commemoration of the Chinese New Year. It's a program that people of all ages should enjoy.

Also on **Saturday, March 7, starting at 2 p.m.**, the Library's foreign film series will continue with a showing of **The Counterfeiters**. This 2007 movie, produced in Austria, is the story of the largest counterfeiting operation in history, set up by the Nazis.

On **Wednesday, March 11, starting at 2:00 p.m.**, the Non-Fiction Book Group will discuss **The Crisis of Islam: Holy War and Unholy Terror** by Bernard Lewis. Copies of the book should be available at the Library on the "hold" shelves. Additional copies are available elsewhere in the Montgomery County Public Libraries system.

Also on **Wednesday, March 11, starting at 7:30 p.m.**, the Great Books Discussion Group will meet to discuss **Brilliant Blunders: From Darwin to Einstein - Colossal Mistakes by Great Scientists That Changed Our Understanding of Life and the Universe** by Mario Livio.

On **Saturday, March 14, starting at 10:30 a.m.**, *MyReptileGuys* will present "Explorer Plus," a program for families featuring 12 reptiles including a Burmese python, a bearded dragon and giant tegu lizard. There will be a petting and photo op session at the end.

On **Friday, March 20, starting at 10:30 a.m.**, the Jefferson Café will meet to discuss two articles – "The Evolution of Diet" by Ann Gibbons and "The Next Green Revolution" by Tim Folger. Copies of the articles are available free of charge at the Library's Information Desk.

On **Saturday, March 21, starting at 2 p.m.**, the *Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project* will present a program of two documentary films about

Korea and reenactment of a Korean traditional wedding. **Registration is required for this event.** To register, go to the Montgomery County Public Libraries web site (<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>), find the program in the calendar of events and click on the event. The registration form will appear.

And on **Wednesday, March 25, starting at 2:00 p.m.**, the Fiction, Memoir and Biography Book Group will discuss To The Lighthouse by Virginia Woolf. Copies of the book should be available at the Library on the "hold" shelves. Additional copies are available elsewhere in the Montgomery County Public Libraries system.

In the past few months, the Library has added a new children's program to its regular schedule. **Learn and Build with Legos** is a program is for elementary age children (accompanied by an adult) that takes place on **Fridays from 3:30 to 5:30 PM**. The Library supplies the Legos – please leave yours at home – as well as books on building with Legos.

## FY 2016 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT UNDERWAY GOT IDEAS?



Development of the Village's FY 2016 Budget gets underway with a call to all residents to let the Council and the Village Office know if you have any ideas for new or enhanced services in the Village that should be considered and debated in the process of building our budget.

Don't miss the chance to get your ideas out onto the table.

## REMEMBER TO SHOVEL YOUR SIDEWALK



Sidewalks must be shoveled according to both County and Village Code!

## DON'T BLOCK THE SIDEWALK!

Be sure not to block the sidewalk with your car. We want to be sure pedestrians have a safe path to walk and are not forced into the street.



**MLK DAY BOUNTY GETS THE VILLAGE FOOD DRIVE OFF TO A FANTASTIC START!**

It may have been chilly on this year’s Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service but the response to the Martin’s Additions-Manna Food Drive was heart-warming! Villagers and Brookville Road shoppers filled five large boxes with nonperishable items, and in Section 5, kids going door-to-door collected at least that much – all of it delivered to our Village and then driven the next day to the Manna Food Center’s main facility in Gaithersburg. The load weighed in at 392 pounds; combined with after-holiday donations, our January total reached 626 pounds – a great start to the year! In addition, MLK Day cash donations were \$284, which will be spent this month on even more food to fill warehouse shelves.

Special thanks go to our intrepid troop of volunteers: Devin and Ethan Cohen and their mom Laurie on Turner Lane, along with friends Lola and Tyler Nordlinger and their dad Dean, a bit down Brookville Road on Curtis Street; Nayerra Haq on Shepherd Street; and Pamela Sacks, also on Turner Lane. Thanks also to Marilyn and Tim Hanlon, who organized the Section 5 kids and then delivered the vanload of donations.

Of course, our food drive continues throughout the year to help Manna meet its goal of “fighting hunger and feeding hope” in Montgomery County. Monthly, Manna supplies some 3,300 County families certified as being in need with 70 pounds of emergency and supplemental food. In addition, it provides Friday backpacks to elementary school kids who might otherwise go hungry on weekends and also helps low-income senior, disabled and homeless residents.

So please drop your donations at any time in the box at the foot of the stairs to the Village Office, 7013-B Brookville Road, or on the front porch at 3406 Turner Lane. And many, many thanks to all of you who continue to give so generously.

**VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Council meetings are held every **third Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm** in the Village Office located at 7013 B Brookville Road. The Meeting Agenda is posted on the Village Bulletin Board outside the Brookville Supermarket prior to the meeting and on the Village website [www.martinsadditions.org](http://www.martinsadditions.org) on the Friday before the meeting. Contact the Village Office if you wish to have an item considered for placement on the meeting agenda at least two weeks in advance of the meeting. A complete copy of meeting minutes is available in the Village Office, posted on the bulletin board and available on our website. **PLEASE NOTE:** The April meeting date has been changed to **April 23rd**, in order to accommodate the Candidate’s Forum.

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA**  
**March 19, 2015**  
**Village of Martin’s Additions Council Meeting**  
**Call to Order 7:30 PM**  
**Residents’ Comments and Contributions**  
**Public Comment: Resolution 1-22-15 An Ordinance to amend motor vehicle and traffic laws in VMA.**  
**Election Committee Report & Updates**  
**Tree Committee Update**  
**FY 2016 Budget Development**  
**Building Administrator’s Report**  
**Action on Minutes of February 19th Meeting**  
**Financial Report & Action**  
**Manager’s Report**  
**9:00 PM Adjournment**

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See You at the Celebration of  
30 years of Incorporation of the  
VILLAGE OF MARTIN'S ADDITIONS  
SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2015  
FROM 1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM...



Food & Beverages, Entertainment and  
Music for Residents of All Ages

LA FERME RESTAURANT  
7101 BROOKVILLE ROAD  
CHEVY CHASE, MD



RSVP 301-656-4112



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