



# Washington Grove Town Bulletin

January 15, 1999

## Council Notes

The next meeting will be Monday, February 8, 7:30 p.m., M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall. The public is invited to attend. January Council actions included:

- authorized formation of a committee to survey the Town, studying the feasibility of extending gas service in the Grove
- approved creation of Washington Grove Nature Trail in east woods
- accepted Allan Janus' offer to act as Town webmaster; web site will contain Town government information, photos, bulletin, calendar, history, local links
- authorized Lake Committee to hire second lifeguard for Maple Lake

## Planning Commission

Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 2, 7:30 pm, Town Hall.

Building Permits -- If you are going to erect a building or structure (including fences), make structural alterations to, or move any existing building or other structure, you must first obtain a building permit from the Washington Grove Planning Commission. The Town zoning ordinance governs setbacks, lot coverage, and height. Applications are available at the Town Office at 301-926-2256. Please allow at least 10 days for review by the Commission. Call John M<sup>c</sup>Clelland at 301-963-3328 if you have questions about zoning code requirements. Interior renovations which involve electrical, plumbing, or load-bearing changes generally require a County permit. All applications for County-required building permits must first be signed off by the Town.

## Memorial Gathering for Carl Franck

A gathering to remember and celebrate the life of Carl Franck will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 17 in M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall. Carl's cheerful willingness to help those in need was legendary and his many friends are cordially invited to attend.

## Income Tax Reminder

Remember to fill in "Washington Grove" under "City, Town or Taxing Area" on your Maryland tax return. This does not increase your taxes, but does help ensure that the Town receives its proper share of local income tax revenue.

## Spring Leaf Collection

The fall leaf collection is completed. U.S. LAWNS will make two service visits during the last two weeks of March, with pick up completed by April 1, weather permitting.

## **Moms Club**

Friday, January 22 -- The moms are planning a musical activity for children at 10 a.m. at M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall. Please call Martha Crews at 301-527-8273 to sign up.

## **WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION**

Thursday, January 21, 7:30 p.m. Home of Sharon Hurst, 409 Chestnut Avenue Woman's Club members should bring an unwrapped gift that they have received in duplicate or do not need. These items will be auctioned off with proceeds going to the Woman's Club. Donations are also sought for the Stepping Stones family shelter.

## **Woman's Club Meeting**

Thursday, February 18

### **THE NUTRITIONAL NEEDS OF WOMEN**

Speaker: Patricia Apergif, nutritionist

7:30 pm, Peggy Ebner Debelius' home, 410 Brown St

## **Hazardous Materials Disposal**

No collection in January or February.

## **Starpower Comes to Montgomery County**

Pepco's contractors have been working extensively in the Grove preparing Pepco poles to receive a fiber-optic cable. Starpower Communications, a joint venture between Pepco (the Town's electric supplier) and RCN Telecom Services, has been given permission by the FCC to operate an open video system. Initially offering local and long distance telephone and Internet services, Starpower will also offer cable television service. Smaller County municipalities are negotiating jointly with Starpower and agreement should be reached soon.

## **Recycle Cardboard/White Office Paper**

Looking for a place to recycle white office paper or cardboard? Office Paper Systems, 7650 Airpark Road, will meet your need. They have a bin available for drop-off recycling. The County will add these items to the collection in the near future but meanwhile ...

## **Moms Club Valentines Party**

Tues., February 9 10 a.m., M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall. Call Martha Crews to sign up at 301-527-8273.

In these spare shortened

Days of winter

Bare limbs against an  
    Anxious unpredictable sky  
Jackets and coats pulled close  
The Mayor  
Gold shovel poised and waiting  
We prepare to expand  
Break new ground  
Dig into this cold damp winter soil  
To begin this magnificent edifice to be  
Conceived out of need  
Designed by Bob  
Altered by committee  
Oft thought ere to be  
And  
Come come says the Mayor  
Will he never be done  
The shovel twitches  
In my mittened hand  
And seeks its destiny  
In frozen ground  
Or poets heart  
And  
We gather to toast the addition  
Turn the earth  
Acknowledge the preparation  
And signify our willingness  
In this New Year  
To prepare our town  
In one more way  
For years, and citizens, and workers  
Of the future.

Ground breaking Ceremony - January 3, 1999

Maintenance Shop Addition

## **Mayor and Council to Flip for Newcomers**

Please save Saturday, March 20, to attend a pot luck breakfast welcoming the Grove's new residents. The event will be held in M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall beginning at 8:30 a.m. More details next month.

## **AUCTION ACTION**

Saturday, March 27, M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall at 7:30 p.m. Everybody loves an auction. This one will raise money for children's charities including Washington Grove Elementary School. Mark your calendar and get ready for a good time. Sponsored by the Woman's Club.

## **Apples for the Students Plus**

Just clip and save the bottom portion of your Giant Food receipt tapes. Receipts collected by Washington Grove Elementary School will be exchanged for computers, books, microscopes and other educational tools. Receipts may be brought to the Town Office or taken directly to the school. Program ends March 1, 1999.

## **Vehicle Break-in**

In spite of the recent bad weather, a car has been broken into. Just a reminder to leave valuables out of sight and your vehicle locked.

## **Old House Journal Available for Reference**

The Town's Heritage Committee subscribes to *Old House Journal*. Copies of this restoration magazine are available for loan.

## **Some Enchanted Evening**

Saturday, February 13 M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall 8:00 p.m.

An ensemble of professional singers will present a program of romantic music with selections from opera, operetta, musical theater, Italian and Spanish folk songs and American standards. The hour-long program features tenor Donato Soranno, soprano Ilona Dulaski and Michael Consoli, bass, accompanied by pianist Jeff Jefferson. Snacks and cups/glasses will be provided but please bring your own beverage. Donations to the Children's National Medical Center at Shady Grove will be gratefully accepted. Sponsored by the Recreation Committee.

## **Bumpy Railroad Crossing**

Several residents have inquired about the poor repair of the CSX railroad crossing near Washington Grove. If you would like to write CSX, please address your comments to:

K.L. Johnson

CSX Transportation

4724 Hollins Ferry Road

Baltimore, MD 21227

Crossing No: 1405055

Milepost No: BA2050