



Washington Grove Town Bulletin

May 20, 1999

Council Notes

The next meeting will be Monday, July 12, 7:30 p.m., M^cCathran Hall. The public is invited to attend. May Council actions included:

- enacted Ordinance No. 99-02 modifying Regulations for the Use of Woodward Park and Sports Facilities
- introduced Res. No. 99-03 authorizing the annexation of approximately .42 acres located at 3 Ridge Road
- introduced Ord. No. 99-04 establishing zoning of approximately .42 acres located at 3 Ridge Road in the Town's RR-1 zone.
- recommended the attached FY2000 budget for adoption at Town Meeting

Special Council Meeting

Monday, June 7 7:45 p.m., M^cCathran Hall, for the purpose of meeting with Steve Beck. Mr. Beck represents the owner of Washington Grove's commercial corner and has requested a meeting with the Mayor and Council to talk about business uses in the Town's commercial zone.

Special Council Meeting

Monday, June 21 7:30 p.m., M^cCathran Hall, to swear in new Councilors, authorize year-end financial transfers, and finalize Council assignments.

Planning Commission

Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 1, 7:30 p.m., M^cCathran Hall.

Kudos to the Karens!

Karen Kelly and Karen Herold planted the post office barrels and they are blooming up a storm. Thanks also to junior gardeners Caitlyn and Emily Kelly.

Town Elections

Town elections will be held on Saturday, June 12, from 4-7 p.m. at M^cCathran Hall. The nominees are:

Mayor (1-year term)

- John G. Compton

Council (two 3-year terms)

- J. David Gumula
- Dorothy G. Tippens

Town Meeting

The annual Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 12, at 8:00 p.m. in M^cCathran Hall. Party to follow.

Council Recommends FY2000 Budget

The Town's anticipated income and recommended expenditures for the coming fiscal year (July 1, 1999-June 30, 2000) are included on the attached Town Budget summary. No increase in the real property tax rate or the dwelling tax is recommended. Recommended total expenditures for municipal building projects are considerably lower than those budgeted for the current year, while anticipated increases in expenditures are recommended for activities related to our roads, parks and trees, and recreation facilities and events. Also recommended is a special grant to allow publication of the second volume of Phil Edward's history of the Grove. The FY2000 budget is a major focus for the June 12 Town Meeting. Questions, explanations and discussion of budget items by the Town is important to set the course for the coming year. If you have questions about this budget before the Town Meeting or would like a copy of the budget detail, call the Mayor, a Council member, or leave a message on the Town answering machine (301-926-2256).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Annexation

Date: Monday, July 12, 1999
Place: M^cCathran Hall Council Room
Time: 7:30 p.m.

The Town Council will conduct a hearing to take public comment regarding Annexation Resolution No. 99-03, proposing annexation of approximately 0.42 acres located at 3 Ridge Road, the same property as described in Liber 6319 at Folio 683 among the Land Records for Montgomery County, Maryland. Resolution No. 99-03 provides that the Town issue a property tax credit to the owners of 3 Ridge Road each year for a period of five (5) years in an amount equal to the total property taxes imposed for 3 Ridge Road by the Town. The proposed annexation would include Ordinance No. 99-04 classifying the property in the Town's RR-1 Zone (residential, one family, minimum lot size 11,250 square feet).

Board of Zoning Appeals

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION

Date: May 26, 1999

Place: M^cCathran Hall

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Pursuant to Section 8.2B of the Washington Grove Code of Ordinances, a public hearing will be held to determine if a beauty shop operating at 113 Hickory Road (back of Washington Grove Center) could be granted a special exception for retail sale of incidental items. The Board can grant such a special exception outright, or with "such conditions, restrictions, or limitations as the Board may deem appropriate to . . . protect the general residential nature of the Town . . ." The Board will take written and oral testimony from the applicant, residents or other interested parties in advance of, or at the public hearing. The Board will render its decision as soon thereafter as practical.

Special Trash Collection

Wednesday, June 30 Collection may include furniture, rugs, appliances (but not those with Freon), large toys, small auto parts, etc. Materials may not include tires, construction by-products, or large auto parts. Items must be put curbside.

PARTY! PARTY!! PARTY!!

After Town Meeting on Saturday, June 12, join Town friends and neighbors in toasting outgoing Town officials and meeting new ones. Stay on and party after the meeting!

Woodward Park Regulations Modified

On May 10, the Town Council enacted Ordinance 99-02 which modified the Woodward Park regulations to retain three days per week for recreational activities that do not require group use permits. However, the days of the week are not specifically named. This change will permit greater flexibility in scheduling Town facilities while continuing to limit group permits.

Energy Uses in the Grove

Information Meeting

Wednesday, June 16

M^cCathran Hall

7:30 p.m. Concerned about the "smell of gas" at the intersection of Brown Street and Chestnut Avenue while walking to the Post Office? The smell of your neighbor's woodstove? Interested in knowing the differences in cost, efficiency, maintenance, and safety of gas and oil fuels for heating and appliances? Curious about the costs of conversion to natural gas? All residents are encouraged to attend an information meeting on energy uses in the Grove. Hear representatives from [Washington Gas](#) Company, a heating and air conditioning contractor, the [Fire Department](#), the environment, the State and County. Pick up information handouts. Presentations will be followed by a question and answer session. Be informed on energy use in the 1990's.

Town Office Closed for Vacation

The Town Office will be closed from Thursday, May 27 through Friday, June 4. In case of emergency, call Mayor Ann Briggs at 301-926-6347 or the appropriate Councilor. See the first page of the Woman's Club Town Directory for Council areas of responsibility.

Watch Found

Near nature trail in east woods. Call Town Office to describe - (301) 926-2256.

Memorial Gathering for Tom M^cCathran

There will be a memorial gathering in M^cCathran Hall on Saturday, May 29, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. for family and friends to meet and share remembrances of Tom.

Moms Club

Tuesday, June 8 - 10:00 a.m. at M^cCathran Hall. A musical activity for children. Please call Martha Crews at 301-527-8273 to sign up.

Voter Registration

To vote in Town elections, you must be currently registered to vote with Montgomery County at an address in Washington Grove. To verify your registration with the County, please call County Voter Registration Information at 217-8683. If you need to register, please call them soon so you will be eligible to vote at Town elections and at Town Meeting on Saturday, June 12.

Swimming Lessons

Lessons will begin Monday, July 5 and end Friday, July 30. Please fill out the registration form attached to this bulletin and return it to Sharon Hurst, P.O. Box 336. You may sign your children up even if you will be away part of the month. Lessons are free to Grove residents.

Maple Lake News

Maple Lake will open for swimming on Saturday, May 29 and will be open weekends through Sunday, June 13, with a lifeguard present from noon to 5:00 p.m. Beginning Thursday, June 17, the lake will be open daily through Labor Day with a lifeguard present from noon to 5:00 p.m. Many thanks to all the volunteers who turned out for the annual lake cleanup in April and did such a great job.

The next Lake Committee meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26, in the Council room at M^cCathran Hall.

Photo Club

Wednesday, June 2 -- 111 Chestnut Avenue at 7:30 p.m.. To discuss/critique close up photography and brainstorm future topics of interest. Call 301-926-5283. New members welcome. Go capture those wildflowers!

Hazardous Materials Disposal

Sunday, June 6. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Shady Grove Transfer Station.

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 McClelland 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.

2nd Annual Washington Grove Kid's Yard Sale

Bring your old toys, books or anything else to the park on June 6th for the yard sale. The yard sale will be by the picnic tables and you can sell your items to other Washington Grove kids. You don't even have to bring stuff to sell, you can just bring some money and buy anything that interests you. All of the proceeds will be given to the children of Kosovo. Please bring your own tables or you could bring blankets to set your stuff up at on the grass. You can price your own items, or we can price them for you (if you want us to price the items, please come one hour in advance). Then, when people buy the items, they can bring them up to the cash register and pay for them there. Please don't bring disheveled items (dolls or stuffed animals that are falling apart, books with lots of tears or missing pages, etc.) Please come and support our cause. Remember that the date is Sunday, June 6, 1999 from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. The Kid's Yard Sale is being organized by Merida Anderson, so you can call 301-963-8555 for more information.

SUNDAY MORNING IS A TIME OF QUIET

....a time when many residents have a chance to sleep late, chill out, wander around their yards contemplating whatever. Please observe our Town ordinance that prohibits the use of all outdoor power tools before noon on Sundays. Mowers, whackers, trimmers, blowers, power saws, etc. are fine as soon as noon strikes.

Summer Tennis Lessons

Tennis season is once again upon us and we welcome back Phil Adams and Lou Dobies as our instructors. Adult lessons will be held 6-8 p.m., Monday through Thursday from July 5 through July 15, plus Monday, July 19 and Tuesday, July 20. Children's lessons will be held in the mornings beginning July 5, and will be coordinated with swim lessons. You will receive a copy of the final schedule. The cost will be \$30 for adults and \$25 for children. You may register for classes during the Baroque Breakfast on June 20, or by calling Barb Leng at 301-670-9443. Checks should be made payable to Town of Washington Grove.

Fourth of July Festivities

This year's observance will feature an old-time baseball game! Watch the June Bulletin for details.

MUSIC WEEKEND

Friday, June 18 -- M^cCathran Hall, 8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY NIGHT MUSIC

Sing-a-long! Soloists! Children's Choir!

Saturday, June 19 -- Gazebo, 7-10 p.m.

THE JAMES MABRY BAND

Blues, jazz

Bring a picnic to enjoy before the concert!

(If rain, held at M^cCathran Hall)

Sunday, June 20 -- Gazebo, 10:30 a.m.

BAROQUE BREAKFAST

TRIO

Bring a breakfast goodie to share. Beverages and table service provided. Dedication ceremony for Maintenance Shop Addition! (If rain, held at M^cCathran Hall)

Sunday, June 20 -- M^cCathran Hall, 3:30-5 p.m.

FAMILY DANCE Contra dancing for the whole family. Sponsored by the [Folklore Society of Greater Washington](#).

Adults - \$5, Children over 5 - \$4, Under 5 - free

Maximum: \$15 per family

Children Needed for Music Weekend Choir!

Please bring your children to the following three rehearsals for the Children's Choir to be directed by Rose M^cCathran for performance on Friday, June 18, at 8:00 p.m. Rehearsals, which will be about 40 minutes long, will be held at M^cCathran Hall on:

- Saturday, June 12, 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, June 15, 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 18, 10:30 a.m.

Annual Woman's Club Yard/Bake Sale

Saturday, June 12

7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Clubhouse, Chestnut Road and Miller Drive

Come and enjoy one of the Grove's biggest social events! Delicious baked goods and innumerable treasures! Donated items may be left on the Clubhouse porch or a volunteer will be at the Clubhouse to accept items June 7 through 11 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. If you have time to help with the sale which benefits Woman's Club projects, please call Kitty Vogan at 301-840-9416.

LAKE RULES ABBREVIATED

- I. LAKE USE
 - a. The use of Maple Lake and the surrounding area shall be at the individual's own risk at all times.
 - b. Use is restricted to Washington Grove residents, property owners and their guests.
 - c. Normal Hours are during daylight.
- II. RESTRICTIONS
 - a. Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 18 years.
 - b. No ducking, running, pushing on the dock, dangerous water games, and other such activities.
 - c. No glass containers or littering.
 - d. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited except with prior written permission from the Mayor.
 - e. The lake and surrounding area must be evacuated when lightning or storms threaten safety.
- III. FISHING
 - Fishing must be in accordance with all State laws and regulations.
- IV. PARTIES
 - A Lake Party Permit is required and may be obtained from the Lake Committee chairperson or other designated member.

Eastern Tent Caterpillar

Webs of the eastern tent caterpillar are a common sight in spring wherever wild cherry trees are abundant. The unsightly webs in the forks of trees are an early sign of this insects presence. The caterpillars hide in the webs at night and feed among the leaves during the day. During the dormant season twigs with egg masses can be pruned out and destroyed. If chemical control is essential, use B.t. as soon as the silk tents are observed in early spring.

Planning Commission Recommends 4-Way Stop at Ridge Road and Brown Street

With increased cross traffic from the newly developed 500 block of Brown Street, the Planning Commission has recommended the installation of stop signs to make this intersection a 4-way stop. If you would like to comment on this proposed action, please send the Town a postcard at P.O. Box 216. Thank you.

Washington Grove United Methodist Church Seeks Part-time Organist/Choir Director

To begin second week of August. Forty-seven Sundays a year with occasional mid-week service. Will direct Adult Choir with rehearsals one night a week. Send resume to
P.O. Box 115
Washington Grove, MD 20880-0115.
Call Rev. Carolyn Swift at 301-948-5438 for more information.

STOP at Stop Signs

The Grove has a number of new drivers (and a few experienced ones) some of whom speed through stop signs. This combined with an enormous crop of young children is an accident waiting to happen. Parents, please caution your new drivers to stop at stop signs in Town and out. The police will be called about repeat offenders. Thanks.

Crimes of Opportunity

With the advent of warm weather, the Town has experienced an upswing in crimes of opportunity. Please do not leave valuables in your car or bicycles and tools in view of passersby.