



Washington Grove Town Bulletin

June 30, 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:

- elected Chris Pacchione Mayor Pro Tempore
- authorized year-end budget transfers
- approved appointment of J. Allen Winter to serve as Council liaison to the Planning Commission
- agreed to joint survey with Washington Gas on condition that all information collected be shared

Planning Commission

Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 6, 7:30 p.m., M^cCathran Hall.

Town Meeting

At the annual Town Meeting the FY 2000 budget was adopted setting the tax rate at \$.60/\$100 assessed valuation and the dwelling tax at \$115/dwelling. John Compton was elected Mayor and Dave Gumula and Dodie Tippens were elected to serve on the Town Council.

Special Trash Collection

Wed., 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.

Grove Web Site

Soon to be added: minutes of the Planning Commission; Town Charter, Code of Ordinances, Master Plan

Professional Offices Sought for Commercial Corner

At his request, the Mayor and Council met on June 7 with Mr. Steve Beck, representing the owner of the commercial building, to talk about possible business uses in the Town's commercial zone. With the closing of the meat market, the catering business is no longer a

permitted use. Our Town ordinances currently provide for the following uses: Post Office; professional, business, or government offices; retail sale of antiques; barber and beauty shops; dry cleaning and laundry pick up stations; shoe repair shops; tailoring.

The principal intent is that these or alternative businesses in the commercial zone should have traffic, noise and impact that is compatible with the adjacent residential zone. If you or someone you know runs a business that is compatible, and would find this location convenient, please call [the Town](#) at 301-926-2256 or Steve Beck at 301-963-4747.

Schedule for Fourth of July Festivities

Woodward Park

Costume Judging 11 a.m.
Flag Raising/Parade Begins 12 noon

M^cCathran Hall

Fourth of July Ceremony 12:30 p.m.
Costume Awards

Chapel Park

Picnic for Residents & Guests 1:30 p.m.
Picnic Area Clean Up 3 p.m.

Draft Tree Ordinance a Topic at Town Meeting

The Town's Planning Commission has been wrestling with ways to insure preservation of the forest canopy throughout the Town. To encourage thoughtful consideration of alternatives before trees of substantial size are cut down or cut back on private property, an ordinance creating a permit process has been drafted. After a lengthy discussion at Town Meeting, it was decided that residents would have an opportunity to comment on the draft ordinance at the September Planning Commission meeting, allowing time for all concerned to study the draft language. Details in July.

Energy Use Information Meeting

On June 16 in McCathran Hall, informative presentations were given by Joan Stern, State delegate in District 39; Ron Talbert, HVAC heating and air conditioning contractor; Ken Fisher, president, Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Volunteer Fire Department; and Tara Huston and Andrew Hickey, sales representatives of Washington Gas. A broad range of issues were discussed including the recent deregulation of some public utilities, details of converting home appliances to use natural gas, general home safety with particular focus on flue/chimney maintenance and aging oil tanks, and the requirements of Washington Gas for installation of residential gas distribution lines within the Grove. The Washington Gas representatives indicated that it may be possible for select areas within the Grove to be supplied with gas service, with much of the expense for installation being assumed by gas subscribers. In the near future,

Washington Gas and the Town of Washington Grove will be sending out a joint survey to assess the level of interest of all Grove homeowners and to determine costs. This survey will form the basis of any negotiation for gas services between the Town and Washington Gas. Residents are encouraged to return the survey and to speak with other residents about gas use.

Board of Zoning Appeals Grants Special Exception

Following a public hearing on May 26, the Town's Board of Zoning Appeals unanimously voted to grant a special exception to permit the retail sale of incidental items at a beauty shop to be operated at 113 Hickory Road. The Board determined that granting the special exception would not significantly burden the Town with increased noise, litter, or pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

Muskrat Band Needs You!

If you play a band instrument and would like to march with the Muskrat Band in the Washington Grove July 4 parade call Eric Selby at 301-963-7073.

COMING JULY 5 -- SUMMER IN THE PARKS!

Bring your children to M^cCathran Hall at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, July 5. There you will find sign-up posters for daily SNACK, LAKE DUTY (we need one adult for every four children in the water), and LATE MOM OR DAD (to stay a few minutes til the last child is picked up.) Parent Involvement guarantees a great ram! Our teachers this year are Michelle Gray and Kara Mahoney.

On the last day of the program, Friday, July 30, there will be NO afternoon camp. The unforgettable finale CAMPOUT at M^cCathran Hall-- dinner, games, tenting overnight, and morning donuts, will begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 8:30 a.m. on July 31. Parents who can help do a quick clean up Saturday morning after the campout will be greatly appreciated.

Summer Tennis Lessons

Adult lessons will be held 6-8 p.m., Monday-Thursday from July 5-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. The cost will be \$30 for adults and \$25 for children. Call Barb Leng at 301-670-9443 to register. Checks should be made payable to Town of Washington Grove.

Board of Zoning Appeals

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE

Date: Wednesday, August 11, 1999

Place: M^cCathran Hall

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Pursuant to Article VII, Sections 12.32 and 11.31 of the Washington Grove Code of Ordinances, a public hearing will be held to determine if a variance should be granted to allow the construction of a porch on the front of the Poblete residence at 415 Center Street.

The construction of a porch violates the setback requirements of Article VII, Section 9. Schedule of Standards.

The Board may grant a variance if the Board finds on the basis of preponderance of evidence that the seven conditions as presented in Article VII, Section 12.2(a) exist.

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.

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.

Hazardous Materials Disposal

Sunday, July 11 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Shady Grove Transfer Station.

Building Permits Issued

- Buel, 405 Chestnut Avenue, room/addition
- Hurst, 409 Chestnut Avenue, fence
- Moyer, 301 Ridge Road, alter/garage
- Nagem, 105 Maple Road, fence
- Suzich, 122 Chestnut Avenue, door/overhang
- Fletcher, 112 Ridge Road, deck
- Helme, 108 Grove Avenue, addition
- Hilpert, 507 Brown Street, deck

Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Annexation

The Town Council will conduct a hearing on Monday, July 12 at 7:30 p.m. prior to the regular monthly Council meeting, 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).

Nature by E-mail

Nature by E-mail is a free e-mail newsletter for Washington Grove nature lovers! Sign on to receive postings about wildflowers, insects, weeds, birds, and such that you can find in the Grove and where to find it. The articles are written with children in mind but should be interesting to any nature-watcher. To sign on, call Betsy Klinger at 301-977-3517 or send a message by e-mail to btsyklinger@aol.com. Anyone who wishes to contribute an article or information that can be made into an article will receive a homemade apple pie!

Watch Found

In Center Street parking area across from Town Hall. Call [Town Office](tel:301-926-2256) at 301-926-2256.

Grove Photo Club

Wednesday, July 21, 7:30 p.m. At Ritchie Jacocks, 102 Grove Avenue. Plans call for a visit to the Hirshhorn Museum sculpture garden.

Woman's Club Meeting

Thursday, July 15

OPRAH BOOK CLUB

7:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse, Chestnut Road and Miller Drive. Join us in air-conditioned comfort. The Reader by B. Schlink; Barb Leng and Sheila Compton, moderators.

Barking Dogs

As a courtesy to your neighbors, please try to control your dogs to keep barking to a minimum.

Post Office Lobby Off Limits to Dogs

Perhaps your dogs are barking because they are not allowed in the Post Office lobby for reasons of public safety. The cooperation of dog-owners will be greatly appreciated.

Shady Grove Road Cleanup

Wednesday, July 7 The Greater Shady Grove Civic Alliance has organized a cleanup project to remove litter from along the shoulders and median of Shady Grove Road from Route 355 to Mid-County Highway. This effort is undertaken as part of the County's Adopt-a-Road Program. Meet in the M^cDonald's parking lot (Grove Shopping Center) at 4:30 p.m. The County supplies free safety vests, gloves, and trash bags. Wear long pants. It's a great way to get exercise, have an immediate positive effect and increase the beauty of our community. Questions? Call Chris Suzich at 301-417-9522.

Lake Committee

Lake Committee will meet on Wednesday, July 21 at Maple Lake, 7:30 p.m. Refreshments!!

Washington Grove United Methodist Church Seeks Paid 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. Call Rev. Carolyn Swift at 301-948-5438 for information.

Swimming Classes Start July 5/End July 30

If you do not see your child's name on the list below it is because a registration form was not submitted as of 25 June. Please turn in your form as soon as possible. For safety reasons we ask that all swimming students be accompanied by an adult. There is no lifeguard on duty during lessons. Lessons are free to Grove residents and you may sign your child up even if you will be away part of the month. Registration forms: call [Town Office](#) at 301-926-2256 or Sharon Hurst at 301-948-2424.

9:00	R. Streker, V. Hayward, C. Boynton
9:30	J. Streker, S. Hurst, G. Gomez, D. Hodges
10:00	M. Brasunas, E. Vitek, C. Kelly
10:30	E. Stopak, N. Lembesis, V. Opfermann, E. Kelly, M. Hodges
11:00	G. Yachup, C. Morgan, M. Bent, H. Herold

Yard Sale Thank You

Chair Kitty Vogan and the Woman's Club members would like to thank you for your continued support of the annual yard sale. Thanks to all those people who worked and to those who donated items to be sold. A special thanks goes to non-Grove members Mary Fealy, Joyce Mullineaux and Toodle Shipley. Thanks to Allen Winter and John McClelland for the use of their trucks to transport the sale items from Mary Kay DuBois' garage and to Leila Keese vehicle to transport leftover items back to garage to be picked up by Purple Heart. The movers included Allen Winter, John McClelland, Ted Yachup, Leila Keese, Mary Kay DuBois and yours truly. The new signs were designed and installed by Sylvia and Charles Horan. Ed Roberts was nice enough to remove items that Purple Heart refused to take. Thanks to the following for all their help during yard sale week: Peggy and Bob Booher, Ann Briggs, Marion Brown, Mary and Charlie Challstrom, Mary Kay DuBois, Bev Freeman, Brenda and Dave Gumula, Birgit and Don Henninger, Sylvia Horan, Leila Keese, Betty Knight, Trish Knox, Pete Kollasch, Gail Littlefield, Alice Mahaffey, Jean McCathran, George Paine, Kristin Perry, Ann Philips, Rebecca Richters, Cal Reznek, Carol Uhlendorf, Ann Walsh, Cynthia Werts and Missy Yachup. The Club owes a debt of gratitude to Mary Kay DuBois for the yearlong use of her garage to store all the sale items. The Yard Sale was a huge success. It involves a lot of work to make it all happen but with such great workers it all comes together. Thanks!

Montgomery County History Day

Sunday, July 11 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free. 27 sites of interest. For info call 301-762-1492 or check www.montgomeryhistory.org

Recreation Committee to Meet

Save Thursday, July 1, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of M^cCathran Hall for a meeting of the Recreation Committee. If you enjoyed Music Weekend and would like to help to bring other entertaining events to your friends and neighbors, this Committee is for you!

Washington Grove on the Fourth of July

words and music by Fred Tippens

Washington Grove on the fourth of July
See the Muskrat Band marching by
What if it's ninety-five in the shade _
Everybody join the parade _

Come to the picnic, get into the game _
Let's let freedom ring
And when I hear the band down at the
gazebo, I'm so happy I could fly

In Washington Grove, on the fourth of July.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED -- THIS MEANS YOU!!!

The Lake Committee and the Recreation Committee are looking for new members to join in, contribute ideas and actively participate. We all know that the Grove couldn't function without all the many people who have always volunteered so much energy for the good of the Town. To sign up and/or to get information call:

Lake	Sharon Hurst	301-948-2424
	Dodie Tippens	301-869-1682
Recreation	Alice Negin	301-926-2858

Bake Sale Thank You

Chair Charlene M^cClelland and the Woman's Club thank following contributors to the bake sale: Vicki Andrews, Marion Brown, Mary Kay DuBois, Kathi Fletcher, Brenda Gumula, Birgit Henninger, Sylvia Horan, Cindy Houston, Leila Keese, Helen Kilgallen, Betty Knight, Gail Littlefield, Jenny Long, Alice Mahaffey, Jean McCathran, Joli McCathran, Charlene McClelland, Robin Menge, Amy Porter, Ellen Price, Calvin Reznek, Ginny Stolz, Kitty Vogan, Tami Williams and Missy Yachup.

Town Bulletin Deadline

The morning after each monthly Council meeting is the deadline for submitting items for the Town Bulletin. Next deadline: July 13

THE GAME

Grove Stadium, 3 July 1999 at 5 PM Rule 1: No matter what rules are being followed, the game does not continue till the ball is found.

"The Game" will be played at Grove Stadium on 3 July at 5 p.m. Players will come for organization and rules at 4 p.m. Two teams will play, the "Red Grovers" and the "Green Grovers". (Everyone wanted to be a "Grover".) The Game will use a soft baseball-sized ball.

Baseball rules for the Town of Washington Grove from 1873 will apply and be rigidly enforced by the officiating authorities. Reference is the Encyclopedia Britannica, 1873 version (available at the game).

1. Players and fans will be genteel and mannerly at all times.
2. There will be ten players per side playing seven innings, three outs per side per inning and the side with the most runs wins the game. Any resident 14 or older can participate. (The extra player is the right side shortstop and must be an outstanding individual of great coolness who serves as the general in the field.)
3. Players will be required to use period banter (*e.g.*, red hot, what the blazes) and are suggested to have period nicknames (*e.g.*, Squid, Dutch, Pigtail, The Man, Rev, Live Wire, Blue Streak).
4. Hats (maroon or forest green) will be provided to players and officiating authorities; wood bats are required (please bring one); gloves are recommended and spikes are not permitted.
5. Strikers (batters) will inform the umpire either "high" or "low" when asked "What is your pleasure, sir/madam?" The pitcher will respond with a high pitch (waist to shoulder) or low pitch (waist to one foot above the ground). The striker will have four fair pitches to achieve a hit or five unfair pitches to achieve a walk. The striker attempts any unfair pitch at their own risk. Three consecutive unfair pitches will allow the striker to proceed to first base. "Hand down" results in the striker being out as this is a "bound game".
6. In delivering the ball pitchers will not place either foot outside of the 6'x6' pitcher's box, must not raise their hand higher than the hip, must deliver the ball over the plate at the requested height and must not "balk". Pitches not placed as requested are ruled unfair. Three balks in an inning results in the offending side forfeiting the game. Catchers play behind the striker and must be within 50' of them.
7. Runners will stay in the marked base line (3' wide) at all times when proceeding around the bases. Runners will not be obstructed.
8. Other, more voluminous rules apply.