



# Washington Grove Town Bulletin

August 18, 1999

## Council Notes

The next meeting will be Monday, September 13, 7:30 p.m., M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall. The public is invited to attend. August Council actions included:

- approved following (re)appointments:
  - Irene Carrato to Planning Commission
  - Marc Hansen to Board of Zoning Appeals
  - Charlie Hawk to local Fire Board
- voted to hold public record on Pammel annexation open for additional comment
- enacted Ordinance No. 99-06 amending the definition of Accessory Building in the Town's zoning ordinance

## Definition of Accessory Building Clarified

The Town Council enacted Ordinance No. 99-06 clarifying the definition of an accessory building and its relationship to a main building.

## Washington Grove 1937-1977 a history of the first forty years

Phil Edwards' sequel to his book on the Washington Grove Camp Meeting Association will be published soon. A discount will be offered for advance sales. Stay tuned.

## Discussion Forum

### Tree Preservation Ordinance

### Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, September 7

M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall

7:30 p.m.

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. A draft ordinance is included with this Bulletin. Call the Town Office at 301-926-2256 if you would like to review samples of tree preservation materials from other jurisdictions.

## **Appeals Board Hears Request for Variance**

Following an August 11 public hearing, the Board of Zoning Appeals considered the request of Jaime and Ana Julia Poblete to construct a covered porch on the front of their residence at 415 Center Street. The proposed porch violated the setback requirements of [Article VII, Section 9](#). The Board determined that by averaging setbacks of nearby homes, a smaller porch could be constructed.

## **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.

## **Building Permit Issued**

- Norton/Ruley, 409 Brown Street, deck

## **Hazardous Materials**

Sunday, September 12  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Shady Grove Transfer Station.

## **Woman's Club Meeting**

Thursday, August 19  
GAMES NIGHT & ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
7:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse, Chestnut Road and Miller Drive. Join us in air-conditioned comfort. Bring your favorite board game to share.

## **Lake Committee**

The August Lake Committee meeting has been canceled. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 8, Maple Lake, 7:30 p.m. Refreshments!!

## **Town Bulletin Deadline**

September 14

## **Grove Directory**

Please return completed directory information form EVEN IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES. If you have misplaced the form from the June Bulletin, please come by the Town Office or call Mary Kay DuBois (301-926-8941) or Kitty Vogan (301-840-9416) for another form. Thanks!

## **Note About Town Tax Bills**

If your taxes are held in escrow by your lender, please forward the white copy of the tax bill to your lender as soon as possible.

## **Special Trash Collection**

Wed., September 29 Collection may include furniture, appliances (but not those with freon), rugs, large toys, small auto parts, etc. Materials may not include construction by-products, large automotive parts or tires. Items must be placed curbside.

## **To Report a Street Light That is Not Working**

Dial (202)833-7500. As soon as you hear the words, "Thank you for calling PEPCO," dial 113. This will connect you to a representative who handles street light repairs. PEPCO will need the following information to find the street light you are reporting:

- The light is on a wooden pole in the Town of Washington Grove, in Montgomery County.
- The location of the pole. Give the address of the nearest house, and whether the pole is at the front or rear of the building. The names of the intersecting roads or avenues are helpful when the light is located at a corner.
- The pole number. On every utility pole is a number imprinted on a silver metal strip.
- Your last name and phone number.

Sometimes the Pepco answering system doesn't work, and your call won't go through. Try dialing the Pepco switchboard directly (202) 872-2000. Tell them you tried the 7500 number. Then say you need to report a street light out. The operator will connect you to customer service.

## **Want to Help Beautify Your End of Town?**

The Mayor and Town Council encourage the formation of Neighborhood Improvement Teams to suggest ways of enhancing landscaping or facilities in their area of the Grove. You may wish to get together with interested neighbors and generate ideas for improvement. The Town will gladly facilitate such volunteer efforts.

## **Forestry & Beautification**

Wed., September 8

## **New Year's Eve in Washington Grove**

Adult New Year's Eve Party at M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dinner Dance with live band. Black tie is optional. BYOB. Non-alcoholic punch offered. Complimentary bottle of champagne per table provided at midnight. \$35/person, two tickets/household maximum due to limited space. Tickets go on sale in September. Check Bulletin for details. First come, first served.

\* Gaithersburg is holding its premiere First Night for families on New Year's Eve.

## **Woman's Clubhouse Available in All Seasons!!**

Planning a surprise birthday bash, family reunion, holiday gathering, graduation party, wedding reception, business meeting . . .consider the charming wooded setting, spacious main room, screened porch, kitchen and restroom facilities of the Woman's Club House. For information or reservations call Kitty Vogan at 301-840-9416 or Brenda Gumula at 301-869-5118. Heat and air conditioning!!

## **Notes from the Mayor**

Just a few housekeeping reminders:

- If you hire a contractor to do yard work which generates a lot of waste, please have the contractor haul it away; the Town is not equipped to haul large amounts of debris.
- Town maintenance does not pick up leaves; leaves may be put in paper bags and put at the curb for collection of recyclable yard waste on Wednesdays, or they may be taken to Mulch Alley. Mulch Alley runs perpendicular to Center Street near the Maintenance Shop.
- Though tree planting on public property is encouraged, approval must be obtained first. The Forestry Committee is about to undertake a multi-year tree planting program and consideration will be given to placement, species and maintenance requirements. Call Forestry Councilor Carol Uhlendorf at 301-926-1933 or Mayor John Compton at 301-330-8264 if you have a specific idea in mind.

## **Summer in the Parks Parent Volunteers are Tops!!**

This year's Town summer program for kids with a record enrollment of 37 children had a preponderance of kids in the young age group. Volunteer coordinator Joli M<sup>c</sup>Cathran and her assistants Karen Kelly and Kathleen M<sup>c</sup>Cann did an outstanding job and many other parents pitched in on a multitude of tasks. Thanks especially to grill master Nick Suzich. The kids had a wonderful time!

## **Moms Club Musical Activity**

Wed., September 1

Come join the Moms for music, refreshments and fun! M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall at 10:00 a.m. Please call Martha Crews at 301-527-8273 to sign up.

## **Diving Board Removed -- Low Water Level**

This summer's drought has caused the water level to drop in Maple Lake. The Town Council decided that the diving board should be removed until the water level has risen sufficiently.

# Woman's Club Meeting

Thursday, September 16

ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER

6:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse, Chestnut Road and Miller Drive. Please come enjoy an evening of music. Chairmen: Cynthia Werts and Mary Kay DuBois.

## MANDATORY STATEWIDE WATER RESTRICTIONS ARE IN EFFECT

<b>Not Allowed</b>	<b>Allowed</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lawn watering</li><li>• Homeowner car washing</li><li>• Filling or topping off private pools</li><li>• washing paved surfaces</li><li>• operating ornamental fountains, artificial waterfalls, and reflecting pools</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Watering gardens with watering can, bucket, or handheld hose</li><li>• commercial carwashing with 80% water recycling</li><li>• Filling or topping off public, health care facility and residential pools serving 25 or more units</li><li>• Agricultural irrigation</li></ul>

## Help Wanted

Someone to help water trees in Railroad Park. Please call Carol Uhlendorf at 301-926-1933.