



Washington Grove Town Bulletin

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Council Notes

Next meeting: Monday, October 11, 7:30 p.m., M^cCathran Hall. The public is invited to attend. August Council actions included:

- adopted Resolution No. 99-03 authorizing annexation of property at 3 Ridge Road
- enacted Ordinance No. 99-04 establishing RR-1 zoning for 3 Ridge Road

Planning Commission

Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 5, 7:30 p.m., M^cCathran Hall. Tentative agenda items include:

- proposed uses in commercial zone
- proposed development plan for former WSSC property on Ridge Road
- adult/child day care in Wash[ington] Grove

Special 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.

Pammel Property at 3 Ridge Road Annexed

The Town Council has voted to annex approximately .42 acres at 3 Ridge Road and to classify this property as being within the Town's RR-1 zone (residential, one-family, minimum lot size 11,250 sq. ft.). A property tax credit will be issued to the owners for a period of five (5) years. On October 28, 1999, if no petition for referendum is received, the annexation will be effective after registration.

Planning Commission Work Session

Proposed Uses at Commercial Corner
Tuesday, September 28, 1999
M^cCathran Hall Council Room, 7:30 p.m.

The Commission has received a list of potential uses for the rental space at the Washington Grove Shopping Center from a representative of the owner. This work session will give Commission members an opportunity to examine and discuss each use in detail. Votes taken are consensus only and are not binding at subsequent meetings. The public is welcome as observers but may not participate unless called upon as resource persons. No formal action will be taken nor written report generated from this work session. The Commission has invited the Town Council to attend as participants. According to the State [Open Meetings Law](#), the Commission may elect to hold part of the meeting in closed session. The public is invited to comment on this or any subject as part of the regular October 5 Planning Commission meeting. The meeting agenda will include a brief history of the commercial corner and the Town's zoning code and Master Plan regarding the commercial zone. If you would like to review a copy of the proposal under discussion, call the Town Office at 301-926-2256.

Town Office Closed

October 4 through 12. For urgent matters call Mayor John Compton at 301-330-8264 or a Town Council member.

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^cClelland 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 Permits Issued

- Glass, 121 Maple Road, spa
- Nagem, 104 Maple Road, room/addition
- Poblete, 415 Center Street, porch

Hazardous Materials

Sunday, October 3
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Shady Grove Transfer Station.

Forestry Meeting

Tuesday, October 12, M^cCathran Hall Council Room -- 7:30 p.m. The Forestry Committee is planning to begin a reforestation project next Spring. If you are aware of major holes in the tree canopy on Town property, please notify Ted Yachup at Tyachup@marriott.com or snail mail at General Delivery.

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!

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 help your volunteer group carry out appropriate projects.

Moms Club

Monday, October 4

Come join the Moms for activities, refreshments and fun! M^cCathran Hall at 10:00 a.m. Please call Martha Crews at 301-527-8273.

Woman's Club of Washington Grove

Potluck Dinner -- Thursday, September 30

At the Clubhouse, 6:30 p.m.

Elke Baker will provide Scottish Fiddle Music

Woman's Club Meeting -- Thursday, October 21

At the Clubhouse, 7:30 p.m.

Dress Up Party! Fancy, ethnic or costume dress.

Chili Dinner Fundraiser -- Friday, November 5

At the Clubhouse, 6-8 p.m.

Major Clubhouse improvements have taken a toll on the Woman's Club treasury. Please support this gracious facility and enjoy delicious chili with cornbread and coleslaw. Adults - \$6.00, children under 12 - \$4.00, children under 2 - free!

Holiday Open House -- Sunday, December 5

At the Clubhouse, 2-4 p.m.

Holiday Tree Trimming Social. Requested admission: one ornament! Refreshments!

Congratulations to Acorn Trail Readers!!

The Town has some special young citizens! Eight of the children who started out on The Acorn Trail, the summer reading program at Acorn Library, managed to do the reading and complete an oak tree chart.

For each book a reader finished he added one leaf to his tree. Most of the participants also earned acorns to add to their trees by doing certain activities. Katie Andrews, for instance, tried soap carving, enjoyed a nature hike and learned to identify a new tree. Dylan and Marie Hodges both earned acorns for star-gazing, taking a nature walk, and for writing or dictating comments on their favorite books.

By the end of the six weeks, every one of the readers had built such a healthy, leafy tree that it was necessary to award the potted oak seedling prizes to all eight!

The only person to complete the challenge in the "oak" age group (8 and older) was Violet Cavicchi. She read 18 books this summer including some wonderful ones like *Matilda*, *The Borrowers* and *Little House on the Prairie*.

Three younger readers or "saplings" completed the program. Dylan Hodges read 22 books, almost twice the required number for the age group. Maddie Brasunas and Elise Cavicchi also did extra reading. To be saplings, these three had to do most or all of the reading themselves.

We are proud of our four "seedling" readers as well! "Seedlings" have most of their books read to them. Julia Cavicchi, Katie Andrews, Marie Hodges and Matt Andrews read a grand total of 128 books!

Congratulations to all of the Acorn Trail winners!

Playground Equipment Input Sought

The ad hoc Recreation Facilities Committee is planning an addition to our playground equipment. If you have comments on what you think is needed, or any specific requests, please e-mail or buttonhole Councilor Nick Suzich (nsuzich@erols.com). Thanks.

Clerk's Watch Collection

A growing number of watches have made their way to the Town clerk's desk, all beeping at various times throughout the day. The latest addition is a man's watch with a silver band found at the lake. Please call 301-926-2256 if you think it might belong to you.

Please Help to Keep Fire Hydrants Visible

If you are aware of a fire hydrant near your home that has become overgrown or hidden in some way, please help to keep it clear in case of emergency. Thanks!

Reminders

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.

Recycling Tip

Everything that comes in the newspaper bags may be recycled along with the newspaper including glossy inserts.

Special Trash

The Town contracts for four special trash collections a year. Please limit your weekly pickup to trash from ordinary household activities.

Mousetrap Concert Series

M^cCathran Hall
Sundays, 3:00 p.m.

October 17, 1999
MEDEA NAMORADZE, soprano

November 21, 1999
YURI & DANA MAZURKEVICH, violins

March 5, 2000
TAMARA VOLSKAYA, domra

April 2, 2000
IGOR GAVRYSH, cello

Adult tickets:	4 Concert Series @\$50 single concert @\$15
Children (under 12):	4 Concert Series @\$40 single concert @\$12.50

Programs recommended for children only 7 and older. Call Alice Negin (301-926-2858) or Ann Briggs (301-926-6347). [Tickets are going fast!](#) Seating is limited.

Maintenance Shop Painting Workday

If your hectic schedule keeps you from volunteering on a regular basis but you'd love to help out on a one-shot project, come to help paint the Maintenance Shop on Saturday, October 2 (raindate, Saturday, October 9) We'll be working from 9 a.m. til 3 p.m. and would appreciate your help. Call Allen Winter at 301-977-4770 if you have questions.

Town Organ Looking for a Long-Term Home

The Town is seeking a good long-term home for the Town organ which has not been used in a number of years. If you would like to enjoy the use of this organ in exchange for storing it please call the Town Office at 301-926-2256.

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!!

Public Safety Work Session

Thurs., September 30

Come to the Town Council Room at 7:30 p.m. to work on ideas for improving public safety in Town. A variety of issues will be discussed including access, street signs and lighting.

Washington Grove United Methodist Church

sponsors

Informational Meeting on Breast Cancer

Sunday, November 7, 3:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall, Lower Level

Cynthia Taylor from Special Touch will talk about techniques for proper breast self-examination.

Jean Beeman from Reach to Recovery will talk about the support available to women with breast cancer especially after a mastectomy.

Rainy Labor Day Kudos

In spite of incessant rain (a first in the 16-year career of Field (Day) Marshal Craig English), the Labor Day Weekend sporting events enjoyed the largest participation ever. Many thanks to all the volunteers who braved the weather to put on a fun weekend for the young and young at heart! Special congratulations to

MATT MILLER

at seven years old, the youngest person ever to win the SUPER GROVE honor!

Help Wanted

Occasional housecleaning for Woman's Clubhouse. For details and pay rate, please call Brenda Gumula at 301-869-5118 or Kitty Vogan at 301-840-9416.

Proposed Tree Ordinance Meeting Well Attended

The Planning Commission forum for discussion of the proposed tree preservation ordinance was well attended. Though most speakers objected to the proposed regulation, many positive suggestions were made for improving tree maintenance and awareness.

Community Policing in the New Sixth District

Delegates Stern, Carlson and Barkley (D-39) will host a Town Meeting focusing on Community Policing and Prosecution in the new sixth police district which will include Gaithersburg, Montgomery Village and Washington Grove. Chief of Police Charles Moose, States Attorney Doug Gansler and Captain Robert Fitzpatrick of the Germantown Station will be featured speakers. The Delegates will also present a preview of the coming legislative session. The meeting is open to the public and will be held at the Gaithersburg Library on Monday, October 18, at 7:30 p.m. Please call 1-800-492-7122x3037 for info.

Washington Grove Artists Exhibit in Gaithersburg

The City of Gaithersburg Council for the Arts is presenting an invitational exhibit featuring works by Jim Fletcher, Doris Gordon, Alice Mahaffey and Jean Potmesil in the Council Chambers Gallery at City Hall. The exhibit will run through November 22. Call 301-258-6310 for viewing hours.