



# Washington Grove Town Bulletin

November 30, 1999

## Council Notes

Next meeting: Monday, December 13, 7:30 p.m., M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall. Tentative agenda items include a review of commercial corner uses prepared by the Planning Commission and further discussion of Washington Grove Hills annexation. The public is invited to attend.

November Council actions included:

- Awarded contract to dredge diving well at Lake
- Awarded road repair contract: Ridge Rd/Center St
- Endorsed consolidated tax billing with County

## Planning Commission

Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 7, 7:30 p.m., M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall. Tentative agenda items include:

- proposed uses in commercial zone
- proposed development plan for former WSSC property on Ridge Road
- proposed satellite dish for Post Office
- Cator property on Railroad Street at Ridge Road -discuss advantages of annexation

## Snooze - You Lose!!

Only 36 tickets left for the New Year's Eve Gala. LAST SALE DATE IS DECEMBER 15. The Town Hall will be a swingin' place. Don't miss out on the biggest celebration of 1999. Call 301-926-8941 for tickets.

## Holiday Open House Sunday, December 5

Woman's Clubhouse, 2-4 p.m.

Cookies, Eggnog, Cider!

All are welcome to celebrate the spirit of the season with your Grove neighbors

Admission: one tree ornament

## Councilor Uhlendorf Receives Award

Maryland Municipal League President Jack Gullo presented Carol Uhlendorf with a MML President's Merit Award on November 8. Carol, a former Grove Mayor and long-time member

of the Town Council, was honored for her dedicated service on the MML Board of Directors, Convention Planning Committee and Communications Committee.

## **Leaf Pickup Continues**

The Town's fall leaf collection contract runs through December 31. Rake leaves to a roadway or walkway for pickup. Brush and debris should not be part of leaf windrows. No pickup will occur on Railroad Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Town Maintenance staff does not pick up leaves. The following tips will help ensure efficient collection:

- leaves must be piled within 6 feet of the edge of the road or walkway to be removed; consolidate piles when possible; large piles are great!
- twigs larger than 1/4-inch diameter should not be in leaf piles; large branches may damage equipment and repairs delay pickup
- don't conceal fire hydrants or block walkway access with leaf piles
- if you hire someone to rake your leaves, be sure to tell them about these tips

Call Councilor Nick Suzich at 301-869-9638 if you have questions about leaf collection.

## **Santa Claus is Comin' to Town Saturday, December 11**

Santa will arrive at 2 p.m. on a fire engine operated by the Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Fire Department and spend two hours driving around the Grove spreading good cheer.

## **Town Information**

### Office/Clerk-Treasurer

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Town Hall: Center Street & Chestnut Road  
Washington Grove

Office Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Closed Wednesday mornings

Maintenance 301-963-5850

## **Delegate Stern Presents Maryland Flag**

State Delegate Joan Stern presented the Town with a new state flag, which has flown over the State House in Annapolis.

## **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 Permits Issued**

- Murphy, 203 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, room/addition/chimney

## **Woman's Club Gift Ideas**

The following items are available from Brenda Gumula at 301-869-5118, Alice Mahaffey at 301-869-1779, or Kitty Vogan at 301-840-9416.

- Grove AFGHAN -- 100% cotton, green & natural, depicting Grove scenes (\$50)
- Woman's Club Cookbook "Second Helping" 1995 edition of Grove recipes (\$10) - (also available at Town Office)
- "Baseball Caps" -- Forest green with "gable" logo and WASHINGTON GROVE. (\$8)
- Grove Gatherings -- Soft-cover book by Rosalie Hardy Shantz. (\$5)
- Children's Tee Shirt, Size 16, navy with white "gable" logo (\$8)

## **Assistant State's Attorney to Address Council**

On December 13 at 7 p.m., Assistant State's Attorney Alex Foster will address the Town Council, introducing the new *Community Prosecution* program. This program allows for direct interaction between prosecuting attorneys and members of the community. Citizens and community leaders are encouraged to contact prosecutors directly with concerns and/or legal questions that they may have which may affect their communities.

## **First Night Montgomery 2000**

Celebrate the new millennium with your family, neighbors and friends. Come to First Night Montgomery, the fifth annual New Year's eve festival of the arts, to be held this year at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in Gaithersburg. Bring the kids at 3 p.m. to enjoy a free, 3-hour children's program. At 6 p.m. enjoy a family fireworks display. Come back at 7 p.m. and delight in over twenty indoor performances, including music, comedy, theater, Vaudeville and magic. (Free admission for children under 11 years of age!) This year's entertainment will include LITTLE FEAT ('70s Rock 'N Roll), THE SELDOM SCENE (Country, Bluegrass), DAVINCI'S NOTEBOOK (A Cappella), ESMERALDA (Salsa), THE MOONLIGHTERS (Blues), and MUCH more! The performances are all indoors, in heated facilities, with ample seating. Conveniently located on Perry Parkway, near downtown Gaithersburg just off Route 355. Watch for the signs. Admission buttons have been reduced from last year to only \$5.00 beginning the first week of December. Available at Giant Food stores, or any Montgomery County library, regional services center, community recreation center, senior center or aquatics center. Call Montgomery County "Special Events Hotline" at 240-777-6821 for more information.

## **Children's Chorus for Holiday Concert**

All Grove kids and their friends are invited to sing at the Holiday Concert on Saturday, December 11. The following rehearsal times have been scheduled at M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall:

- Friday, December 10, 6:45 p.m.
- Saturday, December 11, 10 a.m.

Call Director Rose M<sup>c</sup>Cathran at 301-869-5358 if you need more information.

## **Town Bulletin Deadline**

Next: December 14<sup>th</sup>

## **Gift Ideas from the Heritage Committee**

- Notecards featuring historic Grove photographs (6 notes, 3 views) (\$5)
- Washington Grove 1873-1937: A History of the Washington Grove Camp Meeting Association, a book by Grove Historian Phil Edwards (\$12)
- Washington Grove 1937-1977: The First Forty Years (\$20)
- Two-Volume Edwards History (\$27)
- Washington Grove: Town Within A Forest 1989 videotape documentary (\$15)

Available at the Town Office, 301-926-2256.

## **Holiday Concert**

The Washington Grove Holiday Concert will be held on Saturday, December 11, at 7:30 p.m. in M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall. Please join the Grove Singers and the Children's Chorus for this celebration of the holiday season. Come early to get a seat!

## **Book Signing Party-Goers Greet Grove Author**

A warm reception for Grove historian Phil Edwards was held on October 24 as he graciously signed copies of his new history book on Washington Grove. This second volume covers the first forty years of the Town from its incorporation in 1937 until the end of Phil's term as Mayor in 1977. Compiled from the Town's archives, contemporary publications, and the collected papers and recollections of past and present town residents, Edwards lived much of the history he has written about. Copies are available at Town Office for \$20.

## **Forestry Meeting**

Tuesday, December 7

Lower Chamber/Town Hall -- 7:30 p.m.

Please join in to help plan and execute reforestation, tree maintenance, landscaping and beautification projects. Call Councilor Carol Uhlendorf at 301-926-1933 for details.

## **Hazardous Materials**

Sunday, December 5  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Shady Grove Transfer Station.

## **KUDOS**

Every day Grove residents enrich the lives of their fellow citizens. Many of these acts, large and small, go unseen and but never unappreciated - just to mention a few --

- **Christine Dibble** and **Glenn Perry** assembled a beautiful bench for the MARC train shelter (directions were not included!)
- **David Neumann** and **Michael Post** resuscitated the Town computer after the hard drive failed
- **Calvina Reznik** assembled Welcome Packets for new Town residents
- **Kathie Evans** recorded and prepared Town Council meeting minutes in the absence of the Clerk
- **George Paine** helped put the Woman's Club Directory to bed
- **Sally Mansfield** donated a corkscrew to the Town Hall kitchen
- **Tanya Anisimova, Ann Briggs & Alice Negin** orchestrated the Town's outstanding Mousetrap Concert Series
- **Gail Littlefield** undertook sales and distribution of Phil Edward's new Grove history
- **Trish Knox and family** are serving as Hall Coordinators for November/December
- **Phil Edwards** donated two large flat files to the Town Archive s