



Washington Grove Town Bulletin

January 19, 2000

Council Notes

Please note a change in the regular meeting schedule. The next meeting will be Monday, February 7, 7:30 p.m., M^cCathran Hall. Agenda will include a discussion of annexation of Washington Grove Hills. The public is invited to attend. January Council actions included:

- introduced Ord. No. 2000-01 amending the Town [Zoning Ordinance](#) to improve ability to place conditions on zoning or rezoning of property

Planning Commission

Please note a change in the regular meeting schedule. The Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 2, 7:30 p.m., M^cCathran Hall. Tentative agenda includes:

- further study of commercial corner uses including continuance of catering
- finalize conditions attached to rezoning request for WSSC property on Ridge Road

New Town Telephone Directory Available

A new Washington Grove telephone directory, produced and published by the Woman's Club, is available from the Town Office for \$4. Additional copies for a household may be purchased for \$3. This 2000 edition includes fax numbers and e-mail addresses.

Summer in the Parks 2000

The Town's summer program for children ages 4-11 will begin July 3 and run through July 28. This relaxed program of creative projects, sports, nature activities, and fun at the lake meets at M^cCathran Hall. The program runs from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. More information to follow.

Income Tax Reminder

Remember to fill in "Washington Grove" under "City, Town or Taxing Area" on your Maryland tax return. This does not increase your taxes, but does help ensure that the Town receives its proper share of local income tax revenue.

Spring Leaf Collection

The fall leaf collection is completed. U.S. LAWNS will make a service visit during the last week of March, with pick up completed by April 1, weather permitting.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Zoning Text Amendment to Permit
Placing Conditions on Zoning or Rezoning

Date: Monday, February 7, 2000
Place: M^cCathran Hall Council Room
Time: 7:30 p.m.

The Town Council will take public comment regarding a proposal initiated by the Town's Planning Commission to amend [Section 13 of the Washington Grove Zoning Ordinance](#) to afford the Town Council, upon the zoning or rezoning of property, the opportunity to adopt such additional restrictions, conditions or limitations deemed appropriate to preserve, improve or protect the general character of the Town. For example, this ordinance would permit the Town to require visual variety in a new housing development as a condition of zoning or rezoning. Copies of the proposed amendment are available at the Town Office.

WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION

Thursday, January 20, 7:30 p.m.
Woman's Clubhouse, Chestnut Road & Miller Drive

The return of the much beloved (and often rowdy) White Elephant Auction where each person brings an unwrapped gift they received at the holidays (or whenever) with which they are willing to part.

Woman's Club Meeting

Thursday, February 17
TIME MANAGEMENT: A NEW PERSPECTIVE
Speaker: Stephanie Speisman
7:30 p.m., Clubhouse

Vicki Erhart Appointed Street Light Czar

Vicki Erhart has agreed to accept this job done so long and ably by Don Gallagher. Though we encourage residents to report burnt-out street lights directly to PEPCO (instructions are on the first page of new directory), the Town Council feels that public safety considerations demand more diligence in keeping our streets lighted. Vicki will report burnt-out lights for the Town.

Mousetrap Concert Series Sold Out

The demand for tickets has exceeded those available. If you find that you are unable to use your tickets, call Alice Negin or Ann Briggs. We won't be able to refund the ticket cost but we might be able to suggest someone who is interested in a ticket(s).

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

- none to report

Apples for the Students PLUS

Just clip and save the bottom portion of your Giant Food receipt tapes. Receipts collected by [Washington Grove Elementary School](#) will be exchanged for computers, books, microscopes and other educational tools. Receipts may be brought to the Town Office or taken directly to the school.

Woman's Club to Help Stepping Stones Shelter

Barbara Leng is coordinating this effort to help Stepping Stones provide shelter, food, clothing and case management services to families in need. Call Barb at 301-670-9443 to find out how you can help.

County Historical Society Presents

Lectures and Book Signing

Sunday, February 20

At the Beall-Dawson House in Rockville beginning at 4:00 p.m., Phil Edwards has been asked to speak about Washington Grove and Tom Canby will speak about Sandy Spring. Historical Society members - \$2, non-members - \$5. Questions please call 301-762-1492.

Planning a Career in Government or Public Service?

Scholarships available.

Montgomery Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League is offering two \$1,500 college scholarships to students involved in community service and who plan a career in government or public service. Must have good scholastic standing (at least average grades). Deadline for application is April 22, 2000. For information or application call the Town Office at 301-926-2256.

Hazardous Materials Disposal

No collection in January or February. Next collection is March 5.

Call 'N' Ride

Montgomery County sponsors this transportation service for elderly and disabled persons with limited income. Those who are eligible may purchase taxicab and wheelchair van transportation for a portion of the normal cost. The transportation is a curb-to-curb service, and trips may be made for any purpose. For a copy of the application and for program information, please call 301-948-5409.

Movie Enthusiasts Wanted!!

Would you like to be able to see movies that you can't find in the local Cineplex? Are you interested in independent movies? Foreign films? Movies for the whole family? If you'd like to help organize a Washington Grove Film Series in M^cCathran Hall, call Freda Temple at 301-926-3066.

Deadline for Next Town Bulletin - February 7

Kudos

The Town is extremely grateful to

- The many volunteers who organized and put on the millennium celebration especially Mary Kay DuBois, Kathi Carey Fletcher, Cookie Glass and Alice Negin
- The Woman's Club for their monumental effort in producing the Town telephone directory in turn of the century mode, especially Christine Dibble, Mary Kay DuBois, George Paine and Kitty Vogan

Moms Club

Friday, February 4

Come join the Moms for activities, refreshments and fun! Town Hall at 10 a.m. Call Martha Crews at 301-527-8273 to sign up.

Swing Time Big Band Comes to the Grove!!

Time to twinkle those toes! Sat, February 26, the Swing Time Big Band will be coming to M^cCathran Hall for your dancing pleasure. The band will play from 8 to 11 p.m. Water and snacks will be provided. Alcoholic beverages will be permitted but not provided. Admission: Adults \$5 at the door. Family maximum \$10.

FOUND

St. Christopher Medal. Call [Town Office](#) at 301-926-2256.

Brown Paper Yard Waste Bags Available

A limited number of large paper bags are available at no cost from Town maintenance, call 301-963-5850.