



# Washington Grove Town Bulletin

March 22, 2000

## Council Notes

The next meeting will be Monday, April 10, 7:30 p.m., M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall. The public is invited to attend. March Council actions included:

- approved Mayor's appointment of Peggy Odick to the Planning Commission
- adopted ordinance permitting Town to place conditions on the zoning or rezoning of land
- introduced application for rezoning of WSSC property from RR-3 to RR-1 with conditions (Public Hearing 4/10)
- enacted ordinance authorizing transfer of a non-exclusive cable television franchise
- deferred action on ordinance to add low-density RR-4 residential zone
- introduced ordinance to clarify and expand uses with Town commercial zone (Public Hearing 4/4)

## Planning Commission

The Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 4, 7:30 p.m., M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall.

## Building Permits Issued

- Adams, 413 Washington Grove Lane, sheds
- Herold, 106 Pine Avenue, covered porch

## Spring Leaf Collection

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

**Ordinance to  
Clarify and Expand Uses  
Within Town Commercial Zone**

**Date: Tuesday, April 4  
Place: M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall Council Room  
Time: 7:30 p.m.**

The Town Council will take public comment on a proposed zoning text

amendment initiated by the Town's Planning Commission to clarify and expand permitted uses, either by right or special exception, within the commercial zone. This amendment would allow businesses of minimal adverse impact to be conducted within the commercial zone. Copies of the proposed amendment are available at the Town Office.

## **Think Spring! Two Special Collections Planned**

- Wednesday, March 29
- Wednesday, April 26

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.

## **Income Tax Reminder**

Remember to fill in "Washington Grove #1612" 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.

## **Enroll Now for Summer-in-the-Parks!!**

As summer approaches, Grove kids eagerly await this relaxed program of creative projects, sports, nature activities, and fun at the lake. Meeting at M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall, the program runs from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for four weeks beginning Monday, July 3. To ensure a place for your child and to determine staffing needs, please fill out the enrollment form in this Bulletin and send it, along with the registration fee, to

Nancy M<sup>c</sup>Cullough  
P.O. Box 102

by April 29. Please make out checks to "Town of Washington Grove". Resident fees are \$80 for the first child, \$65 for a second, and \$50 for a third child in the same family. Please enroll now! The program is for children aged 4-11 (4 by 7/31/2000). Call Karen Kelly at 301-987-9529 for more information. Extra enrollment forms are available at the Town Office, as well as program guidelines.

## **Moms Club Musical Activity**

Thurs., March 23 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.

## **Spring Luncheon, Craft and Bake Sale**

Saturday, March 25 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Washington Grove United Methodist Church, Chestnut Road. Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adults - \$7.00, children - \$3.00, carry out .50 extra. Ham, chicken salad, and all the trimmings!

## **Town Information**

Office/Clerk-Treasurer

Phone: 301-926-2256

Fax: 301-926-0111

Email: [washgrove@erols.com](mailto:washgrove@erols.com)

Web: [www.washgrove.sailorsite.net](http://www.washgrove.sailorsite.net)

Mail: P.O. Box 216  
Washington Grove, MD 20880-0216

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

## **M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall Transformed into Ellis Island**

On March 31<sup>st</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes of Washington Grove Elementary School will become immigrants and report to a mock Ellis Island to go through the immigration process that was in effect in 1924. They will have to pass through 6 different stations before being allowed to enter the United States. Students as well as adults will role play the immigration process by answering questions, having passports checked, undergo a health exam, exchanging the money they brought for U.S. currency, passing a Literacy test, conduct a baggage check, and state their reason and intent. This experience will be followed by an International Luncheon. Anyone who would like to volunteer their time is asked to call Ellen McInnes Price at 301-527-9654 or Mrs. Walker at 301-840-7120 (Washington Grove Elementary School).

## **Grove to Celebrate Arbor Day on April 8**

The orange spots you will see around town are not signs of some new disease attacking our area. They indicate planting sites for new oak trees to be planted on Arbor Day. If you have questions, call Jim Fletcher (301-963-5850) or Carol Uhlendorf (301-926-1933). We have arranged for 25 white oak trees, which we will plant on Arbor Day. We ask for volunteers to help. We plan to use 6 groups of 4 volunteers each. Each group will be given a map showing where to plant and given planting instructions. At each site, we will place a tree, mulch, and holes will be predrilled.

**CALLING ALL KIDS! FUN ARBOR DAY ACTIVITIES ARE PLANNED FOR YOU!**

## **Hazardous Materials Disposal**

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

## **Voter Registration**

To vote in Town elections, you must be currently registered to vote with Montgomery County at an address in Washington Grove. To verify your registration with the County, please call County Voter Registration Information at 240-777-8683. If you need to register, please call

them soon so you will be eligible to vote at Town elections and at Town Meeting on Saturday, June 10.

## **Town Elections**

Persons may be nominated for elective office in the Town by filing a certificate of nomination on or before the second Monday in April with the:

chairman of the Supervisors of Elections

Mary Kay DuBois

119 Maple Avenue

301-926-8941.

The certificate of nomination must be in writing and signed by at least two qualified voters of the Town. No person may file for nomination to more than one elective Town public office. All nominees must be qualified voters of the Town. Councilors must have resided in the Town for at least one year immediately preceding the election. The Mayor must have resided in the Town for at least two years immediately preceding the election. The following terms expire in June:

- Mayor -- 1-year term
- Town Councilor -- 3-year term
- Town Councilor -- 3-year term

## **Scheduler for M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall**

The Town needs to hire a person to work about 4 hours a week (for \$) as a Scheduler for the rental of our M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall. Responsibilities include: handling all inquiries regarding the availability of the hall; showing potential renters the hall; maintaining the calendar for hall rental and handling rental agreements, deposits and rental payments. Initially, this position will also involve working with volunteers who will assist in opening and closing the hall after each rental. Please contact Kathie Evans at 301-869-7816.

## **Ordinance Passed Authorizing Transfer of Non-Exclusive Cable Television Franchise**

At their March meeting, the Town Council voted to authorize the transfer of the current cable franchise operated by Prime Communications-Potomac, LLC, to Comcast Cable of Maryland. The Council authorized the Mayor to sign the agreement after all municipal and Montgomery County concerns have been satisfied. Open access and customer service guarantees are the major issues awaiting resolution.

## **Ordinance Passed Permitting Town to Place Conditions on Zoning or Rezoning of Property**

At their March meeting, the Town Council voted to grant the Town Council authority to attach conditions to a request for rezoning of property. For example, this ordinance would permit the Town to require visual variety in a new housing development as a condition of zoning or rezoning.

## Photoclub

Grove photographers: bring your favorite color print photos and help the group select "Grove images" for the town web site. George is looking for visual variety. (He thinks his cats are getting overexposed.) This is an ongoing photo club opportunity. Bring your best to 111 Chestnut Road, Wednesday, March 29, 8 p.m. RSVP Diana 301-926-5283. Anyone interested in photography, sharing with and learning from others is welcome. We can discuss interests in photography, and, if there is common ground, plan some activities.

## Grove Singers to Begin Rehearsals -- Calling all singers!

Rehearsals will begin for the Music Weekend Concert on June 16. Come to M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall on Wednesday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. for the first rehearsal. If you have questions or would like to sign up call Director Doris Gordon at 301-926-8603. All voices are needed and encouraged to join the fun!

## Maple Lake Cleanup

The annual lake cleanup will be on Saturday, April 29 at 10 a.m. Please join in and bring your rake, a trash bag and a wheelbarrow if you have one. There will be drinks and snacks for all. Rain date is Sunday, April 30. Call Dodie Tippens at 301-869-1682 if you have questions.

## 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<sup>c</sup>Clelland 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.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**Application for Rezoning of  
WSSC Property on Ridge Road  
From RR-3 to RR-1 with Conditions**

**Date: Monday, April 10, 2000  
Place: M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall Council Room  
Time: 7:30 p.m.**

The Town Council will take public comment on the application of Bailey-Thompson, contract purchaser of the WSSC property, to rezone the property from RR-3 to RR-1 with conditions.

Conditions to be considered if rezoning was granted include:

- compliance with all existing state, county and municipal laws

- and regulations;
- correction and improvement of storm water management serving the property;
  - a minimum of 15% of the property dedicated to public use as part of a Town-approved forest conservation plan;
  - the posting of a performance bond for post-construction repair to Ridge Road;
  - the installation of all utilities underground;
  - the installation of street lighting if required;
  - prior approval of the design, size, configuration and placement of all improvements to be erected on the property, including the approval of elevation drawings, and the requirement for the construction of detached garages on certain of the residential lots; and
  - the requirement for the recordation of a Declaration of Covenants in favor of the Town encumbering the subject property which shall be binding upon the property owner and all successors in title.

## **Mousetrap Concert to Feature Cellist**

The final concert in the Mousetrap Concert Series will be held on Sunday, April 2, at 3:00 p.m. in M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall. The featured artist is cellist Igor Gavrysh who has come from Moscow to perform. Jessica Krash will accompany him on the piano in a program featuring Bach, Beethoven and Schumann. Call Alice Negin (301-926-2858) or Ann Briggs (301-926-6347) for ticket availability.

## **Forestry Committee**

Tuesday, April 4, 7:30 p.m. M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall (Octagon). New members welcome!!

## **Lake Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, April 25 M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall Council Room, 7:30 p.m. New members welcome!!

## **Come Sign!**

Beginner American Sign Language classes will be offered by Barbara Raimondo at her home on Center Street. Classes will be held April 9, 16, and 30, May 21 and 28, and June 4, 11, and 18 from 3:00 to 5:00. Children in the fourth grade and up are welcome on their own. Children in kindergarten through third grade are welcome to join the first 10-15 minutes of the class, which will be less structured and more appropriate to their attention span. Both children and adults are welcome. We will be using the book, "A Basic Course in American Sign Language" by Humphries, Padden, and O'Rourke. Barbara will be assisted by her children Meira and Asher Kirschbaum. For more information or to register, please call Barbara at 301-990-2847 v/tty or e-mail her at [barbr500@aol.com](mailto:barbr500@aol.com).

## "Spring Cleaning?" - Woman's Club Yard Sale

Remember the annual yard sale to benefit the Woman's Club when you do your "spring cleaning". The sale will be held on Saturday, June 3. If you have items to part with now (no clothing please), call Mary Kay DuBois at 301-926-8941 or Kitty Vogan at 301-840-9416.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15, 10:30 a.m. (Raindate: Saturday, April 22, 10:30 a.m.)

All Grove Kids: Bring your Easter baskets and join the Easter bunny at the Gazebo for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Fun and refreshments to follow at M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall (or, if postponed to April 22 due to rain, meet at the Gazebo and then party to follow at the Woman's Club). All Parents: Please help us by filling one dozen Easter eggs with age appropriate toys for each child you plan to bring. Pick up empty plastic eggs on the porch of Sharon Hurst, 409 Chestnut Avenue; return filled eggs to the same location by April 6. The empty eggs are already in bags by the dozen; when you return your filled eggs, please label the bag with the child's age. Sponsored by The Woman's Club. If any questions, call Kathleen M<sup>c</sup>Cann at 301-926-9020.

## Rent the Woman's Clubhouse!

Planning a surprise birthday bash, family reunion, graduation gala, wedding reception, planning session or 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. Heat and air conditioning!!

### Hawk Talk

Sunday, April 16

Woodward Park

11 a.m.

Steve Agricola and his goshawk

Ed Gravlin and his Harris Hawk

Rain location: M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall

Whole Family Entertainment

One hawk will fly free

## Adopt-a-Barrel!

**If you know about a Town barrel that has gone unplanted and would be willing to plant and care for it, please contact the [Town Office](#) at 301-926-2256. Beautification funds are available for plants! Thanks!**

## Woman's Club Meeting

**Thursday, April 20 At the Woman's Clubhouse, 7:30 p.m.  
Chestnut Road and Miller Drive  
PLANT AUCTION**

**Joan O'Rourke, Master Gardener, will act as auctioneer.  
Please bring rooted cuttings in pots, plant divisions, bulbs,  
garden accessories, or any other garden-related material  
that can be auctioned. Guests are welcome!**

You are invited  
to your Montgomery County Council's

**Town Hall Meeting**

Wednesday, April 12  
Reception: 7:30 p.m.  
Meeting: 8:00 p.m.  
Gaithersburg Middle School

Have your say and get your questions answered on the budget and taxes, class size and school renovations, road improvements and mass transit, Olde Towne Gaithersburg redevelopment, a new Rockville library, the Strathmore Hall performing arts center and much more . . .

**Deadline for Next Town Bulletin**

**April 10**