



# Washington Grove Town Bulletin

April 19, 2000

## Council Notes

The next meeting will be Monday, May 8, 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 Ralph Hurst to the Board of Zoning Appeals
- deferred action on application to rezone WSSC property (Parcel 360) from RR-3 to RR-1 with conditions (see attachments). Will accept written comments on the application until May 8
- enacted ordinance to add low-density RR-4 residential zone
- introduced resolution to annex lots in Washington Grove Hills subdivision and two adjacent parcels along with Ridge Road right of way (see map and notice of public hearing 5/30/00)
- introduced ordinance to put annexed Washington Grove Hills area in new RR-4 zone (18,000 square foot minimum lot size)

## Town Budget Work Session

Wednesday, April 26 7:30 p.m. Council Room. Come, learn, and participate as the Town Council balances competing priorities putting together a budget for the Town's approval in June.

## Public Hearing on Commercial Corner Uses

The April 4 public hearing on a Planning Commission proposal to clarify and expand uses in the Town's commercial zone was well attended. **The Town Council voted to keep the record open for written comments for 60 days.** Comments for the record may be sent to P.O. Box 216 or dropped off at the Town Office.

## Town Elections

Nominations for Mayor and Council have closed. Town elections will be held on Saturday, June 10, from 4-7 p.m. at M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall. The nominees are:

- Mayor (1-year term): John Compton
- Council (3-year term): Darrell Anderson
- Council (3-year term): Nick Suzich

## **Planning Commission**

The Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 2, 7:30 p.m., M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall.

## **Building Permits Issued**

- none to report

## **Special Trash Collection**

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.

## **Application to Rezone WSSC Parcel from RR-3 to RR-1 with Conditions**

**The public record on this application will be held open for comment until the May 8 Council meeting. Please let your elected representatives, the Town Council, know if you have an opinion on this matter before them. Send written comments to P.O. Box 216 or drop them off at the Town Office.** In 1992, the Grove expanded its border across Ridge Road to annex property being held in reserve by the WSSC. This 1½-acre parcel is located on the corner where Ridge Road bends to the east (see diagram). In February 2000, a developer filed an application to rezone this property from RR-3 (20,000 sq ft minimum lot size) to RR-1 (11,250 sq ft minimum lot size). The effect of this request would permit the developer to build five houses rather than three on this parcel. Prior to filing the application, the Town Planning Commission worked with the developer to create a list of conditions including prior Planning Commission approval of the design, size, configuration and placement of all buildings to be erected on the property (including front facades of the houses). The Town Zoning Ordinance governs only setbacks, lot coverage and height. However, the Zoning Ordinance has been recently changed to permit the Town Council to attach conditions to a development in the case of a rezoning or zoning (WSSC parcel). Though the Town Council will make a decision on the application, the proposed conditions resulted from Planning Commission discussions.

## **State to Spray for Gypsy Moths**

State agriculture officials will control gypsy moth caterpillars in Town by spraying with B.t. (*Bacillus thuringiensis*) sometime between April 27 and May 10. Spraying by helicopter will begin at dawn when weather conditions are optimum. Signs will be posted at major intersections and the web site updated the day before.

## **Leaf Collection Completed**

U.S. LAWNS made the final leaf collection on March 31. Put leaves in brown paper bags or reusable containers marked yard trim, and the leaves will be picked up on Wednesdays with recyclable yard waste.

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED ANNEXATION**

Date: Tuesday, May 30  
Place: M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall  
Time: 7:30 p.m.

The Town Council will take public comment on Resolution 2000-06, proposing annexation of approximately 13.55 acres of land including the Washington Grove Hills subdivision, Parcel 238, Parcel 303, and the Ridge Road right of way extending approximately 1,444 feet from its end at Bounding Bend Court to Washington Grove corporate limit. Resolution No. 2000-06 provides that the Town extend its services to the annexed properties beginning on the first day of the month following the date the annexation becomes effective, that any use or structure within the annexed property lawfully existing pursuant to the provisions of the Montgomery County Code at the effective date of the annexation which may not comply with the requirements of the zone assigned to the annexed property by the Town Council may continue as a lawful non-conforming use or non-complying structure pursuant to the provisions of Section 5, Article VII of the Code of Ordinances of the Town, and that the annexed properties will be subject to the Town of Washington Grove municipal taxes and annual dwelling fee for fiscal year 2000-2001, prorated from the date annexation becomes effective. The proposed annexation would include Ordinance 2000-07 classifying the property in the Town's RR-4 Zone (residential, one family, minimum lot size 18,000 square feet).

### **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.

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

This relaxed program of creative projects, sports, nature activities, and fun at the lake for children ages 4 through 11, meets at M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall 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, send the enrollment form 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. Call Karen Kelly at 301-987-9529 for more information. Extra enrollment forms are available at the Town Office, as well as program guidelines.

### **Grove Singers 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!

## **Your Lake Needs You**

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.

## **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

County Animal Control 301-279-1066

## **New Grove Tee Shirts Debut at May Flower Show**

Beautiful new tee shirts will be available at the Woman's Club Flower Show on May 21. Adult shirts are \$15; Children's shirts are \$10.

## **Attention Young Artists and Writers**

This spring, The Washington Post will begin publishing a page in the paper for kids from ages 9 to 13. KidsPost will appear in the paper every day, Monday through Friday, right next to the Comics in the Style Section. We'll publish articles about sports, animals, kids who do interesting things, life at school and many other subjects. There will be contests and games and puzzles, stuff that will help you with your schoolwork and stuff that will just make you laugh. And we need your help. Send us your ideas for stories. What do you want to read about? What do you want to know? We also need your art. Every day, we will tell our readers what the weather will be like that day. Next to the description of the weather, we want to publish an illustration of the day's weather drawn by one of our readers. The artist will have his or her name in the paper, and thousands of people will see the picture. Interested? The pictures must be in color. Markers, paints and other brightly colored tools work best. We need pictures that illustrate these weather conditions: Sunny, Cloudy, Rain, Sleet or Freezing Rain, Hot, Mostly Sunny, Showers, Flurries, Partly Sunny with Thunder Storms, Cold, Partly Sunny, Thunder Storms, Snow, Ice. Try some, or all. And please tell any interested friends you have about this project: We need lots of good art. We hope you're interested in participating, and we look

forward to seeing the really cool stuff you make. When you're done with your pictures, mail them to:

John Kelly  
The Washington Post  
1150 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Washington, DC 20071

## **Lake Committee Meeting**

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

## **Arbor Day Success!**

Many thanks to all who came and helped plant trees on Arbor Day, April 8. The planting went so quickly that the volunteers were back before the sandwich makers were ready. Jim Fletcher's preparation -- digging holes and putting trees and mulch out -- was what made it possible. An added attraction was the kid's mural.

## **Forestry Committee**

Tuesday, May 16, 7:30 p.m. M<sup>c</sup>Cathran Hall. New members welcome!!

## **Hazardous Materials Disposal**

Sunday, May 7  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Shady Grove Transfer Station

## **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.

## **"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.

## **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!!

## **Concert**

The Washington Balalaika Society Spring Concert

"Balalaika Serenade"

featuring The WBS Russian Folk Orchestra and Soloists with a Balalaika Solo by David Rapkivian

Saturday, May 13, 2000 - 7:30 p.m.  
Northern Virginia Community College  
Ernst Cultural Center Auditorium  
8333 Little River Turnpike (Rt. 236), Annandale

Admission: \$18 (\$15 Seniors and Students)  
Tickets: Fairfax County Arts Council/703-278-8655  
or in Washington Grove/301-519-2021

Visit the WBS Web Site at <http://www.balalaika.org>

## **WMAL-AM Joins Campaign Against Domestic Violence**

Tim Brant and Andy Parks, morning drivetime team for WMAL-AM, have announced that they will be collecting used wireless phones to be donated to victims of domestic violence through the national Donate a Phone campaign. Created through a partnership between the Wireless Foundation and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, with funding from Motorola, the program's goal is to collect one million used wireless phones from the public. If you would like to donate a used wireless phone, please drop it off at 411 Oak Street. There will be a box on the porch.

## **Two Very Shady Gardenplots Available**

Call Tom Land at 301-869-4334 if you are interested.

## **Fourth of July Hot Dog Picnic**

For several years, the Recreation Committee has put on a hot dog picnic right after the parade instead of an evening potluck supper. Committee members feel that there has been a lot of enthusiasm for the picnic but they are hot dogged-out. If this is an event that you would like to see continue and you would like to help put on the picnic, please call Leila Keese at 301-926-4318. We are looking for 6 helpers.

## **Fire Board Rep Sought**

The Town is seeking a representative to serve on the local Fire Board of the Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Fire Department. The Board meets monthly and is important to the financial management of the Department. If you are interested in serving on the Fire Board please call Mayor John Compton at 301-330-8264.

## **Recreation Committee**

Thursday, May 4. Town Council Room, 7:30 p.m. Come to help finalize plans for a fabulous Music Weekend and Fourth of July celebration as well as to brainstorm about plans for next year. More brains the better!

## **Ordinance Passed to Add Low Density RR-4 Residential Zone**

The Town Council adopted an ordinance initiated by the Town Planning Commission to amend Sections 2 and 9 of the Town Zoning Ordinance to add a low density RR-4 residential zone appropriate for areas to be annexed. The minimum lot size of 18,000 square feet will help to meet forest conservation requirements.