



# Town Bulletin

April 26, 2001

## Residential Development Proposed For Ridge Road Fields

See [Resolutions](#) Adopted at Special Town Meeting  
[Mayor's letter concerning impact of development](#)

### Actions:

Retained services of land use attorney Bill Chen Formed groups to study Environmental/Open Space, Financial, and Planning issues

### Resources:

Check [Greater Shady Grove Civic Alliance letter to Park & Planning and concept plan](#). Copies of both are available at the Town Office.

**Special Trash Collection -- Saturday, April 28** 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 put at the curb by 7:00 a.m.**

## *The Magic of Barry Taylor*

Saturday, April 28, 2001  
McCathran Hall, 2:00 p.m.

Barry Taylor has over 20 years of experience performing magic for private parties, tradeshow, public theatre, corporate functions and his own theater, Psychic Ghost Theatre. His relaxed and friendly personality makes his magic shows fun for the entire family to enjoy.

**Volunteer Traffic Geek Sought** -- For committee working to improve Railroad Street/East Diamond intersection and Washington Grove Lane traffic. Please call Mayor or Town Office at 301-926-2256.

**Council Notes** - Please note a change in the regular meeting schedule. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, May 8**, 7:30 p.m., McCathran Hall. The public is cordially invited. April Council actions included:

- voted to remove [speed hump](#) in front of 125 Washington Grove Lane.

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**Town Elections** - Nominations for Mayor and Council have closed. Town elections will be held on Saturday, June 9, from 4-7 p.m. at McCathran Hall. The nominees are:

Mayor (1-year term)     John Compton

Council (two 3-year terms)     Tricia Knox; Bud O'Connor; Peggy Odick

**ARBOR DAY in the Grove**

Saturday, April 28  
McCathran Hall, 10:00 a.m.

Tree City U.S.A. presentation, activities for children, bulbs, annuals and perennials will be planted around the hall. Refreshments!

**Open House at 102 Center Street** - On **Sunday, April 29**, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Terry Shoemaker and Chris Kirtz cordially invite you to view "The Hardy House" circa 1890/1906 "as is". Their plan is to lovingly restore it and be good new Grove neighbors. Pictures, history of house, stories about it, and your ideas welcomed!

**Enroll Now for Summer-in-the-Parks!** - Send enrollment forms along with the registration fee to Kathleen McCann, P.O. Box 920, by April 28. 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. Children aged 4-11 are eligible (4 by 7/31/2001) Enrollment forms are available at the Town Office. Questions, call Karen Kelly at 301-987-9529.

**WOMAN'S CLUB NEWS**

**Annual Flower Show**- Washington Grove Woman's Club cordially invites its members and all Town residents to the Flower Show, **Sunday, May 20** at the Woman's Club House. We are celebrating Spring and the 75th Jubilee of the Woman's Club. We invite you all to enter a beautiful floral specimen or arrangement - OR just come to view the exhibits. Entries 8-10:30 a.m.; Judging 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Exhibition 1-4 p.m.; Awards 3 p.m. A flyer/program will be arriving at your door in the coming weeks. Contact Joli McCathran with any questions at 301-869-5358.

**Clean-up Day at the Woman's Club House** - Saturday, May 5, from 9 a.m. until ?? - please bring your leaf rakes, garden gloves, pruners, and paper/recycle leaf bags. All volunteers are warmly received and much appreciated. The more, the merrier, and the sooner "until ??" comes around. Contact Kitty Vogan at 301-840-9416 with any questions. Thank you!

**COMING SOON!**

An illustrated history of the Woman's Club of Washington Grove written by Sylvia Tate Horan. To reserve your copy call Kitty Vogan at 301-840-9416.

**Rent the Woman's Club House!** - 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!!

**"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 2. 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.

**WANTED - Part-time Child Care Provider** 2 ½ hours each Sunday morning for our nursery program (infants through age 5) Good Pay. Washington Grove United Methodist Church. Fax resumes to: (301) 421-4380 or mail to: WGUMC, P.O. Box 115, Washington Grove, MD 20880. For more information contact C. Swift at 301-948-5438 or Mariana Uhrlaub at 301-926-4718.

**Grove Tennis**,br> Juniors begins July 1, Mon/Tues/Wed  
Adult Tennis Camp begins June 21

Levels: Beginner/Intermediate and More Advanced (New this Year!!) Call Linda Baim at 301-926-8767 (lbaim@attglobal.net) or Barb Leng at 301-670-9443.

**Heritage Open House** - See the recent video on Montgomery County camp meetings featuring Washington Grove. Historic photos and files, tax incentive applications and info, refreshments. Stop by on the way to/from the Flower Show! At McCathran Hall on **Sunday, May 20**, 2-3 p.m.

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Washington Balalaika Society  
presents a Mother's Day concert

"Balalaika!"

Sunday, May 13  
8:00 p.m.

Parilla Performing Arts Center  
Montgomery College  
51 Mannakee Street, Rockville  
Admission: \$18 (\$15 Seniors and Students)

For information and group sales, call 703-931-6486 or website: [www.balalaika.org](http://www.balalaika.org)

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**Tree City USA** - Washington Grove has been named a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation. It is the fourth year Washington Grove has received this national recognition.

Town volunteer Kristin Perry compiled the necessary information for the application. To become a Tree City USA, a community must meet four standards: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance. This award demonstrates the Town's commitment to ongoing improvement and renewal in managing the Grove's trees.

**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 9.

**Absentee Ballots** - Qualified voters requesting absentee ballots, must certify in writing that they will not be able to be present to vote during the time designated for the polls to be open. For an absentee ballot, contact Mary Kay DuBois at 301-926-8941.

**Grove Students!** Community Service Opportunity!

Volunteer positions are available on the Town maintenance staff this summer. If you enjoy outdoor work and would like to earn some community service hours, please inquire at the Town Office.

**Leaf Collection Completed April 1** - Remaining leaf piles may be put in brown paper bags or reusable containers marked yard trim and put at the curb on Wednesdays to be picked up as recyclable yard waste. Also, you may dump leaves along the alley that runs perpendicular to Center Street near the Maintenance Shop. Please, no brush dumping near the garage.

**Relax and Recharge! Drop-In Yoga Classes** Beginning Wednesday, May 9, and continuing through June 27, drop-in yoga classes will be held in McCathran Hall from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring padding or mats for the wood floor. Classes are \$10/session. Checks payable to Town of Washington Grove.

**Town Budget Work Session -- Monday, April 30** 7:30 p.m. Council Room. Come, learn, and participate as the Town Council balances competing priorities putting together a budget for the Town Meeting approval in June.

**Recreation Committee - Wednesday, May 2** Town Council Room, 7:30 p.m. Come help plan a fun-filled summer!

**Senator P.J. Hogan to Address Council on May 8** Senator Hogan will speak beginning at 7 p.m. in the Council Room about the activities of the legislative session just ended. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and listen.

**Planning Commission News** - Next meeting will be **Tuesday, May 1**, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend. April actions included:

- will require \$18,000 bond for Washington Grove Park subdivision (WSSC) for Ridge Road repairs
- discussed proposed residential development of the Cator property and annexation by the Town
- agreed to concept of renumbering upper Ridge Road addresses for safety reasons

**Town Hires Forester** - The Town has hired a Town Forester part-time consultant, Dan Landry, at the recommendation of the Town of Washington Grove Tree Advisory Committee. The committee reported to the Town at the June 2000 Town Meeting as part of their charge from Mayor Compton to make recommendations regarding maintaining and improving Town trees and the tree canopy. Dan works full-time for PEPCO as a Community and Urban Forester, and has a degree in Forestry and Wildlife Resources from Virginia Tech. He is certified as a Maryland Licensed Professional Forester, is a Certified Arborist of the International Society of Arboriculture, and has earned numerous certifications from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

Dan will be working in the Grove this spring to assess the current state of our tree canopy and make recommendations on immediate steps that should be taken to keep our current tree canopy healthy. Among the areas of focus will be checking for immediate hazards, diseases, and overall health and determine a plan of treatment or removal when needed. Initial findings will be reported at the June 2001 Town Meeting. The next steps will include working with the town Forestry and Beautification Committee to complete a tree inventory as part of an assessment of actions the Town may consider to maintain or replace the Town tree canopy over a 20-50 year time frame.

Other duties of the Town Forester will be to provide guidance for development of tree educational materials to be distributed to Town residents and to participate in next year's Arbor Day activities. Upon the recommendation of the Town of Washington Grove Tree Advisory committee, Dan will be available to consult with town residents on health and maintenance issues for trees on their property. A schedule for private consultation will be determined by the June Town Meeting and will be included in the July Town Bulletin.

**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. The Town must first sign off all applications for County-required building permits.

**Building Permits Issued** Linscheid, 413 Center Street, porch

**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.

**Hazardous Materials Disposal - Sunday, May 6**  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Shady Grove Transfer Station

### **Town Information**

**Office/Clerk-Treasurer**

Phone: 301-926-2256

Fax: 301-926-0111

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

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

Web Coordinator: [website20880@yahoo.com](mailto:website20880@yahoo.com)

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

**Town Hall:** Center Street & Chestnut Road, Washington Grove  
Office Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Closed Wednesday mornings

**Hall Scheduler** Jenny Long 301-869-3824

**Maintenance:** Jim Fletcher 301-963-5850

**Street Light Out:** Vicki Erhart 301-208-9442

**Building Permits:** John McClelland 301-963-3328

**County Animal Control:** 301-279-1066

**County Police Non-Emergency:** 301-279-8000

### **Deadline for Next Bulletin - Friday, May 11**

**Maple Lake News** - The annual Maple Lake clean-up took place last weekend in preparation for the coming swimming season. Approximately 22 more tons of sand have been delivered and will be spread on the beach and in the shallow area by the beach. Maple Lake will be open for swimming on Memorial Day weekend and each weekend in June until the schools are out, and then daily through Labor Day weekend. We are fortunate that Jim and Summer Leng will be lifeguarding again this summer. However, the Lake Committee is searching for a swimming instructor with lifeguard certification for the month of July (weekdays only), and for lifeguards for the first two weeks of August. Call Dodie Tippens at 301-869-1682, or Sharon Hurst at 301-948-2424 if you or anyone you know is interested. Thanks are due once again to Don Gallagher for his tireless efforts in keeping the drainage ditch by the lake clear of trees, branches and other debris.

**Website Happenings!** - A private emailing list for residents of the Town of Washington Grove, Maryland has been created for communication on topics of their choice. Their families and former residents may also subscribe. The list moderator will verify the eligibility of everyone who asks to subscribe. To get on the list, send an email to the list moderator Michael Shipway (3 Ridge Road) at mshipway@speakeasy.net Tell him who you are so he can verify you are a resident. Email sent to the group address - washingtongrove@yahoogroups.com will be forwarded automatically to everyone on the subscriber list. We encourage you to stick to subjects of local interest. These might include recent or upcoming activities, sightings of flora or fauna, or the fields development.

### **Good \$\$\$ News for Historic Rehabilitation Work!**

- Starting July 1, 2001, certified rehabilitation work to historic structures would be eligible for a rebate of the amount not applicable to a taxpayer's State income tax liability.
- June 1, 2001, is the drop-dead date to apply for credit for previously completed rehabilitation work to historic structures.
- Virginia and Maryland have a reciprocal agreement

Questions may be addressed to Scott Whipple at the Maryland Historical Trust  
whipple@dhcd.state.md.us or call 410-514-7635.

**Mystery of Disappearing Trash Solved!** -- The Town's trash contractor, Waste Management, has been collecting some regular trash on Mondays because they have room in the truck. Though they sometimes have to walk farther to get it, it helps them by relieving some of the heavier burden on Tuesdays. Waste Management will return to collect any trash you put out for the regular collection on Tuesday.

**Wake for Richmond Clapperton** - Thursday, April 26 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at McCathran Hall. Services will be held on Friday, April 27 at 10 a.m. at Washington Grove United Methodist Church.

**Council Votes to Remove Problem Speed Hump** At their April 16 meeting, the Town Council voted unanimously to ask the County to remove the speed hump in front of 125 Washington Grove Lane. For over two years, heavy trucks going over the speed hump have shaken the Gallagher residence. The Council had previously asked to have the hump modified, but neither modification nor removal can be done until the summer when contracts are signed. Other Town suggestions for retaining effective traffic calming were rejected by the County because of the road's geometrics. The Gallaghers maintain that only removal will solve the problem. A group is forming to address traffic issues in this corridor. The Town Council is interested in hearing from those who have concerns about removal of the speed hump.

### **Kudos**

- to Mary Kay DuBois and Missy Yachup for cleaning out the infamous Recreation Closet into which all things are put!
- to Mayor John Compton (of the wee hour e-mails) for admirably shouldering an enormous load
- to Chris Brown for designing an informative and attractive "press kit" for Washington Grove
- to Bob DeFilippis for representing the Town on the Fire Board of the Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Fire Department.

**Fields Development Committees** -- If you would like to help in this effort on the Environmental/Open Space, Finance, or Planning Committees, please call the Town Office at 301-926-2256.