



Town Bulletin

May 18, 2001

Council Notes - Next meeting: **Monday, July 9**, 7:30 p.m., McCathran Hall.

The public is invited to attend. May Council actions included:

- Modified vote to remove problem speed hump at 125 Washington Grove Lane to say that removal must be accompanied by concurrent measures to retain traffic calming

Council Recommends FY 2002 Budget

The Town's anticipated income and recommended expenditures for the coming fiscal year (July 1, 2001-June 30, 2002) are included on the attached Town budget summary. **No increase in the real property tax rate or the dwelling tax is recommended. The FY 2002 budget is a major focus for the June 9 Town Meeting.** Questions, explanations and discussion of budget items by the Town are important to set the course for the coming year. If you have questions about this budget before the Town Meeting or would like a copy of the budget detail, call the Mayor, a Council member, or leave a message on the Town answering machine (301-926-2256).

Historic Preservation Study Completed

Six months of painstaking research by the Historic Preservation Study Group has culminated in the submission to the Mayor of a comprehensive report on possible approaches to historic preservation in Washington Grove. The study group gathered reference materials, conducted interviews, explored tax credits and other incentives for preservation, and collected guidelines from other jurisdictions. The group also researched what kind of Historic Preservation Ordinance or Historic Preservation Commission might serve the preservation goals of Washington Grove with minimal intrusion. The Study Group will present their report at the Annual Town Meeting. Copies of the report will be available on loan from the Town Office beginning June 1.

Deadline for Next Bulletin - Monday, June 18

Town Elections - 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

Town Meeting -- The annual Town Meeting will be held on **Saturday, June 9**, at 8 p.m. in McCathran Hall. Annual Council reports highlighting activities of the past year and plans for next year will be available at the polls prior to Town Meeting.

Party On! -- Following the Annual Town Meeting on **Saturday, June 9**, join your friends and neighbors in toasting outgoing Town officials and meeting new ones. Party on after the meeting!

Deer Damage Control Workshop -- Montgomery County Cooperative Extension Service and The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission jointly sponsor Deer Damage Control Workshops. Workshops include topics such as fencing, vegetation management, deer repellents, etc. Also included are measures homeowners can take to prevent damage to their gardens and landscapes. Rob Gibbs, wildlife ecologist, will hold a Deer Damage Control Workshop on **Thursday, May 24**, at 7:30 p.m. in McCathran Hall.

Town Office Closed -- The office will be closed beginning **Monday, May 21 through Tuesday, May 29**. For urgent matters, call Mayor John Compton at 301-330-8264 or the appropriate Councilor. See the first page of the Woman's Club Town Directory for Council areas of responsibility.

Special Trash Collection -- Saturday, June 30 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.**

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

Claimed He Was a Poor Man But He Was Rich

Our Town Tennis legend up and died.
His legacy left with pride
 He'd roll the courts and snip the weeds
 And see to a hundred other deeds.
 Never asked for praise or fame -
 Probably couldn't remember your name -

So everyone who came to play
 would get a new name day by day.
When he found a name that stuck
 He called you that and changed your luck.

Somewhere I'm sure he had a book
So if he forgot he'd take a look:
"Sea nettle," "Ding Dong" and "Sal Hepatica,"
"Egghead," "Flatsy," "Assault" and "Battery."
Once anointed, dead or alive,
When he named you, you HAD arrived.
He knew everyone who played the game -
If only by **his** given name.

His serve, his lobs, his drops were many,
He played a game "...More fun than tennis."
His forte was to play all day,
"Til all his foes exhausted lay.
And at the end, when play was done,
You'd hear his shout, "STAY FOR ONE!"

He always wore the proper gear,
As he played all through the year.
And always wore his mismatched socks
Whether playing the game or picking up rocks.
Smooth soled shoes, the rule of the day
You had to wear 'em if you wanted to play.

He tried for years to win the prize,
His fantasy goal to realize.
At last one year - when no one came -
The trophy finally bore his name.

From this day forth, when the thunder roars
It's probably Richmond calling the score!

"Coach" Phil Adams

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.

Rev. Carolyn Swift Receives New Appointment

Carolyn is leaving! In commemoration of her 12 years in the Grove, there will be two events bidding her a fond adieu.

Sunday, June 3, Carolyn's last service at Washington Grove United Methodist Church will be Sunday, June 3, at 11 a.m. There will be a reception in her honor in the church's Fellowship Hall at noon.

Saturday, June 16, Farewell Party for Carolyn Swift, 3-5 p.m. at McCathran Hall.
RSVP Clare Cavicchi 301-869-1827 or rcvej@bellatlantic.net.

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. Great position for a responsible young adult.

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.

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.

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!!

**A JEWELLED SPRING
OUR DIAMOND
ANNIVERSARY**

Woman's Club Flower Show 2001

Sunday, May 20
The Woman's Club
Chestnut Road and Miller Drive
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

free admission, door prize, refreshments

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.

Maple Lake News - The lake will be open for swimming on the three-day Memorial

Day weekend starting Saturday, May 26. However, there will not be a lifeguard available on Memorial Day itself, May 28. The lake will be open for swimming each weekend in June until schools are out, and then daily through Labor Day weekend. Our swim instructor, Erin Dunston, will be returning again this summer. Lessons will begin July 2 and continue through July 27, with the exception, as usual, of the 4th of July. Please fill out and return the attached registration form to Sharon Hurst (301-948-2424).

Parties at Maple Lake -- A lake party permit is required and must be obtained from Paula Puglisi (301-963-8555). Alcohol consumption is not permitted except with prior written permission from the Mayor. The alcohol permit may be picked up from Mary Challstrom at the Town office.

Website Happenings! - Have you checked out pages of the Town website lately? Do you know that the Town received an email letter from a woman in Alberta, Canada comparing her life with plants and animals (and pacer cars!) with life in the Grove! Her impressions of the Grove came from our website. Her letter can be read on the Washington Grove e-group list. A Town website is only a real "town website" if built by its residents. Isn't there a part of "Our Town" that you would like to see added? If you have content, photos, and coding skills to offer, e-mail website20880@yahoo.com.

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.

Casey Fields Update -- On May 3, County Legacy Open Space planners spent several hours surveying the Casey Farm property to determine its eligibility for the program.

Special Council Meeting Monday, June 18 7:30 p.m., McCathran Hall, to swear in new Councilors, authorize year-end financial transfers, and finalize Council assignments.

Planning Commission News -- Next meeting will be **Tuesday, June 5**, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

Planning Commission Members Sought -- If you would like to be considered to serve on the Town's Planning Commission call Mayor John Compton at 301-330-8264 or send an e-mail to jcomp@capu.net.

Town Information

Office/Clerk-Treasurer

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Website Coordinator: 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

Electric Spinnet Organ For Sale -- by Town of Washington Grove (best offer):

Beautiful wood Hammond electric spinnet organ (M-3 series, circa 1965) is a self-contained console, with two keyboards of 44 keys each, a 13 note pedal keyboard, and a swell pedal for controlling volume. There are adjustable drawbars, preset and other tabs. The organ has a matching wooden bench. An additional speaker in wood cabinet is available. Please call the Town office (301-926-2256) for more information, or to make an offer.

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. **NOTE EXCEPTION: JUNE 13 MEETING WILL BE HELD TUESDAY JUNE 12.** Please wear comfortable clothing and bring padding or mats for the wood floor. Classes are \$10/session. Checks payable to Town of Washington Grove.

DON'T MISS...

**Annual Woman's Club Yard/Bake Sale
Saturday, June 2
7 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

The Clubhouse, Chestnut Road and Miller
Drive

Come and enjoy one of the Grove's biggest social events! Delicious baked goods and innumerable treasures! Volunteers will be at the Clubhouse to accept items from May 29 through June 1 from 6-8 p.m. If you have time to help with the sale which benefits Woman's Club projects, please call Kitty Vogan at 301-840-9416. **WE LOVE YOUR PETS, BUT PLEASE DO NOT BRING PETS TO THE YARD SALE!!**

ATTENTION ALL TENNIS PLAYERS

Tennis lessons will be offered again this year for both juniors and adults. The instructor

will be Grove resident Linda Baim. Classes for juniors will be scheduled around swim lessons on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings beginning July 2. Adult Tennis Camp will begin on June 21 and will consist of 10 2-hour sessions from 6-8 p.m. Call Linda Baim at 301-926-8767 for schedule. The lesson series for both juniors and adults will be \$35 per person. To register, call Barb Leng at 301-670-9443 or sign up during the Baroque Breakfast on June 17.

MUSIC WEEKEND

Friday, June 15 - McCathran Hall, 8:00 p.m.

GROVE SINGERS PLUS

. . . a variety of vocal and instrumental performances

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Saturday, June 16 - McCathran Hall, 7-10 p.m.

STANDARD DEVIATIONS

Join the string band "Standard Deviations" with dance caller Bob Mathis for an evening of live old-timey music and contra-dancing. No experience needed, except walking - so bring the young folks as well. Contra-dancing has a lot in common with square dancing, but it really is different. After showing you a few simple sequences (not complicated dance steps!) Bob will walk you through each dance before it starts. We can even do a waltz or two at the end of each hour. It should be a lot of fun! See ya!

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Sunday, June 17 -- Gazebo, 10:30 a.m.

BAROQUE BREAKFAST

Bring a **generous** amount of breakfast food to share. Breakfast meats, pastries, fruit salad, hot dishes, breads, ethnic foods! Let's make this a hearty welcome for all new Grove residents! Beverages and table service provided. Held in McCathran Hall if it rains.

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The Muskrat Band Needs You! -- Do you play a marching band instrument and would you join the Muskrat Band to play in the Washington Grove Fourth of July parade? Call Eric Selby at 301-963-7073.

"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.

Woman's Club Meeting -- Thursday, June 21

Gemologist Roy Garrison, Club House, 7:30 p.m.

Watering Help Asked for Trees and Plants

Drought conditions have been very hard on young trees and plants in Town. If you live

near some of the new plants, please water them! Thank you!

Planning Commission Requests Your Input on Master Plan Revision -- The Commission is appealing to Townsfolk for help with revising the Town's Master Plan. Are there items which you would like to see included in the plan which might have been overlooked in year's past? As the surrounding area is becoming more developed we must continue to reevaluate how best to preserve the Grove's distinctive character. Copies of the current Master Plan (1995) are available at the Town Office.

Note on Real Property Tax Rate -- The Maryland General Assembly has passed a law requiring real property tax rates to be based on 100% of assessed property value instead of the 40% of assessed property value used previously. The purpose of this legislation is to simplify the real property tax calculation. To collect the same tax using 100% of assessed value, the tax rate must be reduced. Thus, for last year (tax levy year 2000), the Town's tax rate was \$0.60 per \$100 applied to 40% of property valuation, but would have raised the same revenue if the rate had been \$0.235 per \$100 applied to 100% of property valuation (40% of \$0.60). The Town Council has proposed that the tax rate for tax levy year 2001 be the same as it was for year 2000, so as to collect revenue at the same effective rate as last year. The proposed tax rate is therefore \$0.235 per \$100 of 100% of property valuation.

Used Dress Shirts Needed! -- Let's get messy! If you can donate some used dress shirts to Summer in the Parks, please drop them off with Karen Kelly or bring to the Town Office in June. Any color!

Planning Commission Chair Jim Leng Resigns -- After fourteen years of dedicated service on the Town's Planning Commission, Jim Leng announced his resignation at the May meeting. Those who served with him will miss his warm demeanor and cooperative spirit.