



November 23, 2001

## Town Council Notes

The next regular meeting will be Monday, December 10, 7:00 p.m., McCathran Hall. The public is invited to attend. November Council actions included:

- approved appointment of Christine Dibble to Town Board of Zoning Appeals
- approved appointments of Bob Booher, Clare Cavicchi, Larry French, Chris Kirtz, and David Neumann to the Town Historic Preservation Commission
- awarded contract for Maple Lake dock replacement
- awarded contract for refinishing Town Hall floor

## State Representatives Invited to Address Council

State Senator Hogan and State Delegates Barkley, Carlson, and Stern have been invited to address the Town Council at 7:00 p.m. prior to the December 10 Council meeting. The public is encouraged to attend to learn about priorities for the upcoming legislative session.

## Unique Holiday Gift

### Mousetrap Concert Tickets

A few tickets remain for Mousetrap's two spring concerts. The Lumina String Quartet on Sunday, March 17 and Juliette Kang, violin and Thomas Kraines, cello on Sunday, April 14. The perfect gift for the music lover on your list! Call Alice Negin at 301-926-2858 or Ann Briggs at 301-926-6347 for info and tickets.

## New on the Web!

Web Coordinator Diana Talbert announces that you may now download forms to reserve McCathran Hall or Woodward Park fields from the Town's website. A free download is available from Adobe if you do not have the necessary Adobe Acrobat Reader on your computer. Also several pages of handy information for residents have been added. Please contact Diana at [website20880@yahoo.com](mailto:website20880@yahoo.com) or call her at 301-926-5283 if you have suggestions, comments, or contributions. We strive to make this website a useful tool and a wonderful reflection of life in Washington Grove. [www.washgrov.sailorsite.net](http://www.washgrov.sailorsite.net).

## Ridge Road Transfer to Town Complete

Thanks to the perseverance of Town Attorney Bill Roberts, an agreement confirming the transfer of jurisdiction over Ridge Road from Montgomery County to the Town was executed on October 1.

## Washington Grove Film Society Presents

A FREE film for the whole family . . .

**Charlie Chaplin's *City Lights***  
Sunday, December 2, McCathran Hall, 7:00 p.m.

1931, USA, b/w, silent with music, 87 minutes

"All the different notes of his genius . . . the slapstick, the pathos, the pantomime, the effortless physical coordination, the melodrama, the bawdiness, the grace, and, of course, the Little Tramp." – Roger Ebert

## Leaf Pickup Continues through December

Leaves raked or blown into windrows within 6 feet of any walkway or roadway, excluding Railroad Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and Boundary Street will be collected by the Town's contractor through December. Please place your windrows with an eye towards traffic visibility and flow, don't conceal fire hydrants and don't include brush or limbs that foul the vacuum.

Call Nick Suzich at 301-869-9638 or, preferably, e-mail at [nicksuzich@aol.com](mailto:nicksuzich@aol.com) with questions or concerns about leaf pickup. Happy raking!

## Children's Chorus for Holiday Concert

All Grove kids (older kids especially welcome!) are invited to sing at the Holiday Concert on Saturday, December 15. Rehearsals have been scheduled at McCathran Hall on Saturdays December 1, 8 and 15 beginning at 10 a.m. Please call Director Rose McCathran at 301-869-5358 if you have questions.

## Oxbridge Development Files Revised Subdivision Plan for Casey Fields

The revised plan proposes 125 single family detached dwellings and 67 townhouses featuring a wide swath of active recreation area along Ridge Road. The recreation area shows both a regulation soccer field and a junior soccer field, a basketball court, tennis court and tot lot. Amity Drive follows a direct path through the 65-acre site. The plan has been submitted to the County's Development Review division for their comments. The Town continues to maintain that all development plans be reviewed as a whole. Many aspects of the plans for both Casey residential and industrial tracts will be scrutinized by the Town and its consultants. Copies of the plans may be viewed at the Town Office.

## Application Filed for Special Exception to Build Productivity Housing on Casey Industrial Tract

Shady Grove Village LLC has filed an application with the County Board of Zoning Appeals for a special exception to build 904 housing units on a tract of land bounded by Crabbs Branch Way, Shady Grove Road, the railroad tracks and the back of Roberts' Oxygen. The County will require that 35% of these units be affordable to families with incomes below the County median income of \$85,600. A combination of apartments, townhouses and multi-family dwellings is planned. The application will likely go before a hearing examiner early next year.

## **Yard Waste Collection Contract to End for Season**

November 28 will be the last collection date for brown bags or containers of recyclable yard waste for the season. Collection of recyclable yard waste, which drops dramatically over the winter, will resume on March 1. Town maintenance staff will pick up Christmas trees from the curb in late December.

## **Gift Ideas from the Heritage Committee**

- Notecards featuring historic Grove photographs (6 notes, 3 views) (\$5)
- Washington Grove 1873-1937: A History of the Washington Grove Camp Meeting Association, a book by Grove Historian Phil Edwards (\$12)
- Washington Grove 1937-1977: The First Forty Years (\$20) by Phil Edwards
- Two-volume Grove History set (\$27)
- Washington Grove: Town Within a Forest, 1989 videotape documentary (\$15)

## **Woman's Club Gift Ideas**

- History of the Woman's Club of Washington Grove by Sylvia Tate Horan, (\$20) Available from Ann Briggs 301-926-6347 or Town Office.
- Woman's Club Cookbook "Second Helping", 1995 edition of Grove recipes (\$10) Available from Kitty Vogan 301-840-9416 or Town Office.
- Baseball Caps Forest green with Gable logo and WASHINGTON GROVE (\$8) Available from Kitty Vogan.
- Grove Gatherings – softcover book by Rosalie Hardy Shantz (\$5) Available from Kitty Vogan.
- Tee Shirts with Grove Cottage Peaks, in light blue, pink, white or tan. Adult (\$15) Child (\$10) Available from Mary Kay DuBois 301-926-8941 or Brenda Gumula 301-869-5118.

## **Holiday Concert**

**Saturday, December 15, 7:30 p.m., McCathran Hall**  
Please join the Grove Singers and the Children's Chorus for this celebration of the holiday season. The children will also dance in the "Trepak" scene from the Nutcracker Suite. Come early to get a seat!

## **Yoga Classes Continue**

Come relax your body and center your spirit with yoga classes led by Integral Yoga instructor Terry Strother. Classes are held at McCathran Hall from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday except December 12. Bring a mat and towel or blanket and \$10 in cash or check made out to Town of Washington Grove.

## **Planning Commission News**

Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 4, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

## **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**

Brinkworth/Johnson, 204 Ridge Road, shed  
Bush/Barr, 415 Center Street, shed  
Kirtz, 102 Center Street, addition, fence

## **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!!

## **Mom's Club—Come Sing Along!**

The Mom's Club of Great Seneca will host music time for children at McCathran Hall on Wednesday, December 12 at 10:30 a.m. Mark your calendars! All Grove children are invited to participate. Please call Lawren Selby at 301-963-7073 for more information or if you plan to attend.

## **Kudos**

To **Susan van Nostrand** and **JoAnn Suzich** for organizing the kid's Halloween parade and party

To **Mary Kay DuBois** and **Birgit Henninger** for patching all the little divots in the tennis court  
To **Don Henninger** for assembling the new tennis bench

## **Burning Leaves and Waste in the Grove Prohibited**

Please note that burning leaves and other waste is not permitted in Washington Grove.

## **No Brush on Mulch Alley**

Please do not put brush along Mulch Alley near the Maintenance Shop. This practice was discontinued a number of years ago in an effort to clean up the Center Street walkway. Town maintenance staff regularly collects brush put along the road in front of houses. If we've missed you in the last couple of passes, please call 301-963-5850.

## **New Spanish Textbook Found**

At intersection of Grove Road and Center Street. Call Town Office at 301-926-2256 to claim.

## **Washington Grove Lane Clean Up**

On October 27, Charlie Challstrom, John and Betsy Klinger, Ken and Joli McCathran, Ann Philips and Joel Shapiro, Amy Porter, Jean Potmesil, Ken and Tom Stricklett and Lawren Selby braved the cold weather and speeding traffic to clean up trash along Washington Grove Lane. 1,480 lbs of trash was collected from along the road and from the woods behind the Towne Crest apartments. Jim Fletcher and Britt Garoni took several mountains of trash bags to the Transfer Station. Many thanks to these energetic volunteers. A joint pickup with Towne Crest is being considered for the spring.

## **Help Us Preserve Hard Tennis Court**

Please help us lengthen the life of the Grove's hard court by seeing that the court is used only for tennis and not for bicycles, roller blades, scooters or any other activity that might damage the surface. When the surface is broken allowing water to penetrate, deterioration speeds up. In the fall of 1998, the Town paid over \$15,000 to have the court resurfaced. With proper care, the court may last many years. If you don't feel comfortable stopping an inappropriate activity yourself, please call someone who will be able to. Thanks!

## **Washington Grove Tennis or Whatever it is**

By Phil "Coach Adams Apple" Adams

If you would like a copy of the wonderful humorous history of tennis in Washington Grove written by Phil Adams, please stop by the Town Office.

## **Telephone Books Available**

Need a new phone book? Montgomery County white pages and yellow pages are available at the Town Office. Old or unneeded phone books may be put out for mixed paper recycling on Wednesdays. Please remove plastic wrap or bags.

## **Planning Commissioner Irene Carrato Resigns**

The Town is truly indebted to Irene Carrato who not only served on the Planning Commission since May 1989, but also was the Commissioner responsible for reviewing and approving building permits for much of her tenure. Irene's civil engineering background was invaluable to the Commission and very helpful in interacting with Montgomery County. Thank you Irene for giving so generously to your Town. The Planning Commission vacancy will remain unfilled for now as the Town Council is considering adoption of an ordinance changing the composition of the Planning Commission from seven members to five members plus an alternate to improve the opportunities for a quorum.

## **Clare Cavicchi Authors Book on Historic Sites and Districts in Montgomery County**

The Germantown Historical Society and the Germantown Community Library are sponsoring a book signing and lecture by Clare Lise Cavicchi, author of *Places from the Past: The Tradition of Gardez Bien in Montgomery County*. The long-awaited book includes historic sites and districts in Montgomery County with more than 730 archival and current photographs, maps, and floor plans. The book also features artwork by Grove artist Joseph Craig English. Clare, who lives in Washington Grove, has been a historic preservation planner for the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission for twelve years. The book signing and lecture will be on Tuesday, December 4, 7:30 p.m. at the Upcounty Regional Services Center, 12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown. On Wednesday, December 5, all are cordially invited to attend a wine and cheese reception at Strathmore Hall in Rockville at 5 p.m. Copies of the book will be available at the Montgomery County office of The Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission, 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, or over the web at [www.mc-mncppc.org/historic](http://www.mc-mncppc.org/historic), or by calling 301-495-4610.

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*Dec 1*    **Children's Chorus**, Town Hall, 10a.m.  
*Dec 2*    **Chaplin's "City Lights"**, Town Hall, 7 p.m.  
*Dec 2*    **Hazardous Materials Disposal**, 10am-2pm  
*Dec 4*    **Planning Commission**, 7:30 p.m.  
*Dec 4*    **Cavicchi Book Signing & Lecture**, 7:30 p.m.

*Dec 5*    **Cavicchi Book Signing & Reception**, 5 p.m.  
*Dec 10*   **Town Council**, 7:00 p.m.  
*Dec 10*   **Deadline for Next Bulletin**  
*Dec 12*   **Moms Club**, Town Hall, 10:30 a.m.  
*Dec 15*   **Holiday Concert**, 7:30 p.m.

a stray in Silver Spring, and given to Linda to bring home for the weekend. (He remained here for over thirteen years.) When he first arrived, he appeared to be about 4 years old, and had some mix of longhaired Chihuahua or Pomeranian.

Jim participated in more Grove activities than most of us, and contributed his sweet smile and cocked head to many gatherings. He liked to roam the neighborhood despite our efforts to fence him in, feed him well, and provide him with a good home. He would go out at all hours of the day or night in search of his previous home, adventure, food, or who knows what? (but he always managed to return home.) His scariest adventure was an extended night out in December 1999 when he separated from the Christmas tree hunters in the Franz Tree Farm near Damascus.

Jim often marched in the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade, and sometimes received write-in votes for the Mayor of Washington Grove. His favorite activities were Town gatherings where he would find a strategic, though unassuming position near the food. When confronted with the leash law, Jim pretended to be a cat, not because he loved cats so much, but because he envied their freedom. (He managed to escape the law to the end.)

As Jim grew to be a senior citizen, his gait slowed a little, although he could still hold his own in the short dashes. His hearing vanished (selectively), and he wandered less far from home. For the last year, Jim found a warm second home at the Negins, where he would sit for hours sharing their living room, and staring into outer space.

Jim died peacefully in his sleep on November 12, 2001. His ashes will be scattered around the Grove in memory of what it provided for him. Jim found the Grove to be a wonderful home - larger than any one family could provide. The Grove also very much loved Jim.

### **Montgomery County Commission for Women Counseling and Career Center**

Information packets available at Town Office.

[www.co.mo.md.us/cfw](http://www.co.mo.md.us/cfw)

### **Hazardous Materials Disposal**

Sunday, December 2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Shady Grove Transfer Station