



## Town Bulletin

DECEMBER 2001

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### Town Council Notes

Next meeting: Monday, January 14, 7:30 p.m., McCathran Hall.

The public is invited to attend. December Council actions included

- Adoption of Resolution No. 2001-06 Directing the Historic Preservation Commission to Undertake Comprehensive Review of Code of Ordinances;
  - Acceptance of proposal of Snider & Associates to survey and plat Block 17 "Washington Grove."
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### Special Town Meeting

**Saturday, January 5, 1:00 p.m., Town Hall Town Council Seeks Your Opinion on the 904-Unit Residential Development Proposed for the Casey Industrial Parcel behind Brown Street Extending to the Grove Giant**

The Annual Town Meeting in June approved funds for legal and planning services to advocate for Washington Grove with respect to the residential development proposed for the Casey fields along Ridge Road. Since then, a second large residential development has been proposed for the adjacent portion of the Casey tract that is zoned industrial. Additional expenditures will likely be needed to adequately protect the Town's interests during review of this second, high impact proposal.

In early August, Town representatives met with the potential owner/developer, KSI Services Inc., and were briefed on their concept plan. KSI filed a petition for a Special Exception with the County Board of Appeals on November 1, and a public hearing before the Hearing Examiner has been scheduled for February 4 and 5, 2002. This development option requires that 35% of the units must be affordable to families with an income below the median County income of \$85,600. Key elements of the plan are its density, traffic and school impact, recreation issues and the proximity to the Town.

In connection with the Oxbridge plan, the Town has engaged the services of a community land planner, traffic consultant, and a historic preservation consultant. ***The Town Council would like to hear your thoughts on the proposed development, and is seeking guidance on utilizing and funding expert services to defend the Town's interests. If you are unable to attend the Special Town Meeting, written comments may be submitted in advance or soon after the meeting.***

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### 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!

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## Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

The newly appointed Historic Preservation Commission will meet on Tuesday, January 15 at 7:30 p.m. This organizational meeting will take place in the Town Hall Council Chamber.

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## Heritage Committee News

On Sunday, January 27, at 5 p.m., Clare Cavicchi will present a slide talk in the Town Hall about historic sites and communities in Montgomery County. Copies of her book *Places from the Past* will be available. Refreshments!

The Heritage Committee will meet on Monday, January 7 at 7:30 p.m. to plan this and other events, and discuss ongoing and planned projects.

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## Washington Grove Film Society Presents

Sunday, January 6, McCathran Hall, 7:00 p.m.

### *AFTER LIFE*

If you could take just a single memory with you into eternity, what would it be? Koreeda Hirokazu's fantasy introduces some of the recently departed as well as the celestial bureaucrats assigned to recreate each person's joyous memory on film so it can be savored forever. Hirokazu explores the meaning of life and death with gentle thoughtfulness and an immense heart. 1998, Japan, color, subtitled, 118 minutes.

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## Leaf Pickup Continues through December

Leaves raked or blown into windrows within 6 feet of any walkway or roadway, excluding Railroad Street, 2nd Avenue, 3rd Avenue, 4th Avenue, 5th 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 him at [nicksuzich@aol.com](mailto:nicksuzich@aol.com) with questions or concerns about leaf pickup. Happy raking!

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## Holiday Schedule for Trash and Recycling Pickups

Regular trash will be picked up along with recycling on Wednesday, December 26 and Wednesday, January 2.

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## Christmas Tree Disposal

Beginning in late December, Christmas trees will be picked up roadside by Town Maintenance staff. When you put your tree out for collection, please remove all tinsel, ornaments, the stand, and any other metals.

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## 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.

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## 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)
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## 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, Kitty Vogan 301-840-9416 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.
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## Relax Your Body and Center Your Spirit: 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 for December 12 and 26. Bring a mat and towel or blanket and \$10 in cash or check made out to Town of Washington Grove.

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## White Elephant Auction

**Woman's Club Meeting, Thursday, January 17, 7:30 p.m.,** at the home of Kathi Higdon, 103 Brown Street

Bring a new, little-used or antique item for auction. Proceeds to benefit The Woman's Club. The Club will also be collecting items for the Stepping Stones Shelter in Rockville. Stepping Stones provides emergency housing to men, women, and children. Donations of paper products, toiletries of all kinds, disposable diapers, cleaning supplies, blankets and children's clothing in

good condition are needed. Please bring donations (or financial contributions!) to the January Woman's Club meeting. Thanks!

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## **Recreation Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 2, 7:30 p.m., Council Room**

Bring your ideas for an exciting 2002!

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## **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.

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## **Planning Commission News**

Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 8, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Council Room. The public is invited.

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## **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!!

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## **Zoning Code Typo Noted**

A typographical error has been found on page 11 of Article VII - Zoning in the Town Code of Ordinances. The definition for **Story, half** should read as follows: "A story under a gable, hip or gambrel roof, the wall plates of which on at least two opposite exterior walls are not more than two (2) feet above the floor of such story." Changes frequently occur to the Code of Ordinances. For a copy of the most up-to-date code, contact the Town Office.

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## **Town Office Open on Limited Basis**

The Town Office will be open on a limited basis from Wednesday, December 12 through Wednesday, December 19. Missy Yachup will be in the office from 10 to 11:45 a.m. on December 13, 14 and 18. For urgent matters call Mayor John Compton at 301-330-8264.

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## **December Comments of Mayor John Compton on Casey Fields Activity**

can be seen on the website's [Fields Development](#) page.

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### **Town Information**

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

**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