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Town Council Notes

Next meeting: Monday, November 11, 2002 7:30 p.m., in the Council Room. The public is invited to attend. November's agenda items will include Roads Safety Study, Program Open Space, and the Deer Park Bridge.

October Council actions included:

Approval to continue the Town survey. The next section will be Blocks 12 & 14.

Reviewed Ordinance revisions proposed by the Planning Commission. These revisions include changes in building height, floor/area ratio and clear definitions of "Commercial Vehicles" & parking restrictions for these vehicles.

Casey Field Update.

Review of the development plan for this area by Park & Planning is being extended while the developer responds to road, storm water management, and wetlands issues raised at the Development Review meeting on September 23, 2002. A revised plan can be seen in the Town Office. The mailing to residents that was mentioned in our last Bulletin will take place when any changes to the submitted plan are completed and when the schedule for the next review has been clarified.

Planning Commission News

Next meeting: November 5, 7:30 p.m. Council Room.

The public is invited to attend.

Proposed Ordinance revisions will continue to be on the agenda of the Planning Commission.

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. The permit fee is \$10.00, payable to the Town of Washington Grove. 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. The Historic Preservation Commission will also review ALL permits.

Building Permits Issued:

Elgin 12 Center St. Front Portico

Ellis Group 217 Ridge Rd. House

Segovia W.G. Lane Ext. Stairway & larger basement window

Historic Preservation News

Next meeting: October 22, 7:30 p.m. Council Room.

The public is invited to attend.

Building permit applications were reviewed and comments forwarded to the applicants for: a covered stairway to a basement entrance for 201 Washington Grove Lane, a new house & garage at 215 Ridge Rd. and an entrance porch for 12 Center St. The HPC continues to work on its policies & procedures and will soon provide a list of contributing structures for

review and comment.

Recreation Committee News

Next meeting: November 6, 7:30 p.m. Council Room

Apparently no one was "well enough" to take on the Wellness Fair initiative. Look for this idea at another time. The idea of 2 Holiday Concerts in December was proposed to the Recreation Committee. This year there will be an evening concert on Saturday, Dec. 14th at 7:30 p.m. (including The Washington Grove Singers, other performers and a sing-a-long) and a matinee concert on Sunday, Dec. 15th at 3:00 p.m. (including a children's choir, Nutcracker dancers and a sing-a-long).

The Nutcracker at the Holiday Concert

Please call Carolyn Rapkivian at 301-519-2021 by October 31st, if your child is interested in performing.

Children's Holiday Choir

Rehearsals for the children's choir are scheduled for December 7th & 14th at 10:00 a.m.. If you have questions, please call Clare Cavicchi, 301-869-1827 or Rose McCathran 301-869-5358.

Halloween Parade/Party

When: Saturday, October 26th, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Where: McCathran Hall

Contact: JoAnn Suzich

301-869-9638

Contact: Susan van Nostrand

301-216-1385

Autumn Leaves Do Fall... Pickup Begins

New and long-time residents alike are reminded that the Town contracts for the removal of leaves in bulk each autumn. U.S. Lawns will make regular but unscheduled pickups of leaves raked or blown into windrows within six (6) feet of any walkway or roadway, excluding Railroad Street, 2nd Avenue, 3rd Avenue, 4th Avenue, 5th Avenue, and Boundary Street. This service begins November 1st and ends January 1, 2003, or as soon thereafter as we agree that the work is complete. This is your opportunity to have leaves removed without the additional work and expense of bagging. Weather frequently affects this process, as rain can restrict movement of large trucks on the avenues. Also, one or two spectacular fall weekends in November or early December usually see most of us raking at the same time. As the contractor will time pickups based on the availability of full truckloads for vacuuming, if you rake when most other people rake the windrows will probably disappear relatively quickly. If you feel that a particular pile has been ignored for an inordinate amount of time, please call Nick Suzich at 301-869-9638 or, preferably, e-mail at nsuzich@erols.com. Please place your windrows with an eye towards traffic visibility and flow, and don't include brush or limbs that foul the vacuum. Happy raking!

It's a rite of autumn, particularly in a town graced by so many beautiful deciduous trees.

Open House : 402 4th Avenue

The renovation work on Hearthstone is almost complete! Please join us for a housewarming open house on Saturday, November 9th between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.. Hope to see you there, Maureen & David Neumann

Website Happenings!

Check out our Town website www.washgrove.sailorsite.net for lots of Town information, including the Mousetrap Concert Series.

South Mountain Creamery Delivers!

South Mountain Creamery is expanding its delivery service to Montgomery County. If you are interested, please email the Town Clerk washgrove@comcast.net or call 301-926-2256. We only need 15 participants!

Calling All Singers!

Although the Washington Grove Singers have started, it's not too late. We especially need basses! For more information call Kathy Lehman, 301-926-1253.

Music Free For All

This event is scheduled for the first Friday of the month and is open to all town musicians (serious and incidental). For further information contact: Don Henninger, 301-670-0146 or Ken Stricklett, 301-947-2744.

Kudos!

To all those who participated in the clean up of the grounds at McCathran Hall.

Mousetrap Concert Tickets

Tickets are still available for these great concerts! For more info call 301-926-6347 or 301-926-2858.

Clerk's Corner

The following house number signs need to be picked up; 206 Grove & 419 Oak Making a right turn from McCauley St. on to Washington Grove Lane and/or a left from W.G. Lane on to McCauley is against the law for ALL.

Shady Grove Sector Plan Charrette

Wed. Nov. 6, 2002 @ 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
16641 Crabbs Branch Way

Please join M-NCPPC in a design charrette that will identify needed land use, transportation, recreation, and streetscape improvements for the Shady Grove Metro Station area. The focus of the charrette will be on the metro station, MD 355, Redland Road and community access needs in this area. The goal of the charrette will be to develop a shared vision and development principles for the area around the Metro Station. If you have any questions, please call Claudia Kousoulas, Montgomery County Park and Planning at 301-495-4558 or email her at kousoulas@mncppc-mc.org. Thanks,

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hope to see you at the Charrette.

To get to the Park and Planning Training Center at 16641 Crabbs Branch Way from Oakmont: Left on Shady Grove Road, right on Crabbs Branch. It will be on your left -- keep an eye out for the brown County sign at the driveway, it sneaks up on you! -- it is before you get to Redland Road.

The next meeting of this type will be held December 11th at the same time and location.

Fall Collection of Artistry
Saturday November 9th, 2002 @ 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

In the Garden at Judy Banachowski's and featuring works by local artists.
Park at the church. Call 301-330-5165

YOUR INVITED !!!
November 9, 2002 in McCathran Hall from 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
To a celebration for MARY CHALLSTROM !!! ... "Treats, tributes and tango"
for 20 years of hard labor! For more information call the town office
301-926-2256.