

Town Council Notes

Next meeting: Monday, March 10, 2003 7:30 p.m., in the Council Room.
The public is invited to attend.

Casey Field Update.

The M-NCPPC removed the Oxbridge Development plan from the February 3rd agenda. Therefore, this part of the approval process has been delayed until a March 17th meeting. The Mayor and Council have drafted a letter to the Montgomery County Planning Board to voice an opinion about the decision to remove the 1985 Master Plan requirement for a school reserve in this area and urge the MCPS to comprehensively address their options for keeping present schools from further over-crowding.

As before, once the Planning Board session is imminent, Town residents will be encouraged to write and attend in support of the Town's interests!

Shady Grove Sector Master Plan Update.

The March meeting has been cancelled.

Next meeting: April 9, 2003 at the 16641 Crabbs Branch Way location.
More information can be found at: www.mcparkandplanning.org

Washington Grove - 1612

A reminder to Washington Grove residents. Please fill in Washington Grove - 1612 in the appropriate box on your State income tax form. If someone else prepares your tax forms, include this notice with your tax information and if you file electronically, be sure to select Washington Grove under City, Town or Taxing Area. This does not increase your taxes, but does help ensure that the Town receives its proper share of local income tax revenue. Thanks for your help!

Planning Commission News

Next meeting: March 4, 7:30 p.m. Council Room.
The public is invited to attend.

Permits were approved for the following:

207 Grove Ave. porch enclosed

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 review most permits as well.

Historic Preservation News

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Next meeting: February 25, 7:30 p.m. Council Room.
The March meeting is scheduled for the 18th. As always, the public is invited to attend.

Recreation Committee News

Next meeting: March 5, 2003, 7:30 p.m. Council Room.
The public is invited to attend. Please make sure to mark your calendars for the next Recreation Committee sponsored activities.

Hesperus Early Music Consort
February 23, 2003 at 3:00 p.m.

Peace Corps Slide Show & Talk
February 28, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

Get Ready for Spring Soccer Lessons!

The Recreation Committee will sponsor soccer lessons again in the early spring. The lessons will be given by resident Saeed Hassan. Saeed has been coaching soccer for many years. He is currently a coach with the Montgomery Sports Association. Saeed loves soccer and working with children. Living at 111 Grove Avenue, he especially loves the commute! See the attached flyer for dates, times and contact information.

Woman's Club News

Next meeting: Thursday, March 13, 7:30 p.m. at the Kirtz home, 102 Center Street.

"Mother Herb", a farmer who focuses on women's health issues and healing with herbs will be the presenter. Come listen & learn!

Don't forget the Annual Chili Supper/Fundraiser will be held on February 21, 2003 at McCathran Hall from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m..

General Information.

Snow! Snow! Snow!

THANK YOU to Ed Mroccka for his donation of a snow blower to the Town.
Great timing, Ed!!

Speaking of snow, the Mayor and Council would like to remind you to clear the fire hydrants close to your homes.

Let's Talk Trash.

* Recyclable yard waste pick up will resume on March 5, 2003. Get out those big brown bags!!

* The next Hazardous Waste Collection will be on March 2, 2003 at the Shady Grove Transfer Station. The transfer station at the corner of Shady Grove Road and Route 355 allows for such disposal at no cost to County residents.

* Two special Bulk Trash pick ups will be scheduled for the spring. One will be at the end of March and the other at the end of April. The March Bulletin will have the exact dates. Questions should be directed to Nick Suzich at nsuzich@erols.com or (301)869-9638.

Put On Your Thinking Caps!

Town elections will be upon us in a very short time. Persons may be nominated for elective office in the Town by filing a certificate of nomination on or before the second Monday in April with the chairman of the Supervisors of Elections, Mary Kay DuBois, 119 Maple Avenue, 301-926-8941. The certificate of nomination must be in writing and signed by at least two qualified voters of the Town. No person may file for nomination to more than one elective Town public office. All nominees must be qualified voters of the Town. Councilors must have resided in the Town for at least one year immediately preceding the election. The Mayor must have resided in the Town for at least two years immediately preceding the election. The following terms expire in June: Mayor - 1 year term, Town Councilor - 3 year term, Town Councilor - 3 year term.

Planning a Career in Government or Public Service?

Scholarships available. Montgomery Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League is offering two \$1,500 college scholarships to students involved in community service and who plan a career in government or public service. Must have good scholastic standing (at least average grades) and be a resident of Montgomery County. Deadline for application is April 10, 2003. For information or application call the Town Office at 301-926-2256.

You Can't Get There From Here.

Some residents have noted that cars have been seen entering Washington Grove by way of the "Emergency Entrances" along Washington Grove Lane at Oak Street and Center Street. If you notice this, please report it to the Town Office 301-926-2256 or David Stopak 301-330-6446.

Get ready!

Until the snow melts, parking will be a problem for those attending events at McCathran hall.

Residents are urged to walk (if possible) ! Overflow parking for the mousetrap concert on 2/23/03 will be available at the Washington grove united Methodist church.

Clerk's Corner

Ponder this. If people who used the Town as a cut-through encountered residents who drove slowly and stopped at the stop signs, maybe they would quit cutting through. If the cut-through route actually took longer, why would "they" continue to do it? Could this work? Let's try it!