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Town Council News

Next meeting: Monday, July 12, 2004; 7:30 p.m., in the Council Room.

The following actions were taken at the Organizational Meeting of the Mayor and Town Council on June 21st;

Councilor Elizabeth Klinger took the oath of office.

Approved final budget transfers for FY 2004.

Assigned Council areas of responsibility

Town Meeting at a Glance

At the 68th Annual Town Meeting the FY2005 budget was adopted by unanimous vote. The property tax rate will remain the same as last year at \$0.217/\$100 assessed valuation. This will produce approximately \$10,000 in additional revenue over last year due to the rise in assessed valuation. The Mayor and Council determined that this additional revenue is necessary because of dramatic shortfalls in other income sources compounded by the effect of inflation over the last ten years. The dwelling unit charge is proposed to remain the same as last year at \$125/dwelling. This charge is directly tied to the cost of refuse and recycling collection.

Planning Commission News

Next meeting: July 6, 2004; 7:30 p.m. Council Room.

The public is invited 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. 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. A shed requires a County permit as well. The Town must first sign off all applications for County-required building permits. The Historic Preservation Commission will review most permits as well.

Building Permits were issued for the following:

410 Oak St. Porch rebuild

Historic Preservation News

Next meeting: July 20, 2004, 7:30 p.m. Council Room.

The public is invited to attend.

Recreation Committee News

Next meeting: July 28, 2004, 7:30 p.m. Council Room.

The public is invited to attend. The July meeting will be the start of new leadership for the Recreation Committee. Mary Kay Dubois and Missy Yachup are taking the reins.

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A Tradition Returns.

Instead of the Hot Dog Picnic, this year's 4th of July celebration will include a potluck supper at the fireplace in Woodward Park. It will begin at 6:00PM. Please bring a dish to share, lawn chairs, blankets, guitars and your beverage of choice. The Town will supply the paper products and utensils.

Rain date for the July 4th Picnic: NONE

JULY 4TH SCHEDULE

Woodward Park:

11:00 a.m.: Costume Judging

Noon Flag Raising; Parade\*

McCathran Hall:

12:30 p.m.: Ceremony & Awards

Woodward Park (Fireplace Area)

6:00 p.m.: Potluck Supper

\* In the event of rain, the parade will be held in McCathran Hall.

Muskrat Band Rocks...or not...

but they sure have a lot of fun! Dust off your horns, get ready to play, you've all been warned, July 4th is the day!!! Interested players should call Eric Selby at 301-963-7073. Thanks to Elly Briggs, we have NEW MUSIC!

Summer In The Parks 2004

We have: kids, teachers, aides, volunteers and a great program!

We need: residents to save and donate toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls, egg cartons, cereal boxes, yogurt containers, twist off bottle caps, buttons, large cardboard boxes for scenery, scraps of wood and old sheets. Carpenters to cut small wooden blocks. Call Terry Strother 240-631-2759. Parent volunteers for a variety of activities including sewing and bread baking. Sign up sheet will be available on the 1st day of camp.

We need to borrow: bean bag chairs & wooden blocks.

Extended Program Available

This year we will offer an after camp program. The program is limited to the 1st 10 children that are signed up. The cost will be up to \$75.00 per child for the full four weeks. To sign up your child call or e-mail Tami Williams; 301-869-8541 or joseph.hodges@verizon.net

Meeting Scheduled

Sunday, June 27th, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.; Town Hall.

This meeting is for aides and volunteers. Pizza and drinks will be served.

Summer Tennis In The Grove

Sign up by e-mail; lbaim@comcast.net or by phone 301-926-8767.

"Brenda's Adult Beginner Class". Why?

Because you always meant to get started.

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It's social and sporty.

You don't have to be on the court with Birgit, Mary and the "big kids"!!

Thursday, June 24th; 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, June 25th; 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 26th; 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 27th; 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Morning Doubles Kick-Off

In honor of Richmond Clapperton

Sunday, June 27th; 9:30 - 11:30AM ish

Tune up for Summer Tennis Camp. \$30.00

Monday, June 28th - Friday, July 2nd ; 6-8PM

Review basic strokes

Singles and doubles tactics

Group competitions

Fun!!

Junior Tennis Camp. \$35.00

Begins July 12th with times to be determined depending on the swimming schedules.

Woman's Club News

Next meeting: Thursday, July 15th, 7:30 p.m.;

Canvas floor cloth painting with Doris Bryant; The Clubhouse.

Woman's Club. Raising the Roof!

On Saturday, October 2, 2004 the Woman's Club will be holding an auction to raise funds for capital improvements to the clubhouse and to help support the Washington Grove Elementary School, as well. You will be receiving a call from a member of the committee soliciting your donations and support. Leila Keese, 301-926-4318, is the person to contact for more information about donations.

Neighborhood Watch News

Report Crimes & Suspicious Activity!

Mont. Co. Police non-emergency: 301-279-8000

Town Office: 301-926-2256

Betsy Klinger: 301-977-3517

Tip of the Month: Unlocked/unattended bicycles, lawnmowers and the like make great targets for crimes of opportunity. Don't make it easier to commit these crimes. ckirtz@hotmail.com

Incident Report:

On May 28th a lawnmower was stolen from an unlocked shed on Chestnut.

Maple Lake News

Maple Lake is now open for daily use through Labor Day weekend. Lifeguards will be on duty from noon until 6:00 p.m.. Permits are required. Residents may pick up lake permits at the Town Office during regular office hours.

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Lake users - We would like to improve the access to the lake for town residents, and communication about the lake with regard to the combination lock.

When the combination is changed, we will notify the committee members via e-mail with the new number, and post a note on the yahoo group that the number has been changed (but not the number itself.) Call a committee member (or the town clerk - Kathy Lehman 301 926 2256) to get the new number.

It is very important to keep the lock closed and tumblers turned, and a chain has been attached to keep the lock from wandering off. A new lock has been provided with a longer neck, so it is easier to use.

Here is a list of Lake Committee members and others to call if you have questions:

John Hutchinson hutchjm@us.ibm.com, Chair Person  
Tom Land land.tom@epa.gov, Town Councilor for the lake  
Eric Selby elselby@comcast.net

#### Bulk Trash Pickup Scheduled

A bulk trash pickup is scheduled for July 24, 2004. Collection may include furniture, appliances (not those with freon), rugs, large toys, small auto parts etc. Materials MAY NOT include construction by-products, large auto parts, or tires. Please place items "curbside" by 7:00 a.m..

#### Arts & Crafts Show Interest Sought

It's no secret that this Town is full of artists and craftspeople. Some folks are interested in asking the Recreation Committee for sponsorship of a show (NOT A SALE) in McCathran Hall. To express your interest, please call Doris Gordon at 301-926-8603.

#### Recycling Reminder

Our Post Office does not recycle any of that pesky junk mail that you never asked for and, therefore, throw in their trash cans. If you care about recycling, please take your personal junk mail home and let Waste Management take it away. Just a reminder; newspapers, magazines, catalogs, phone books, office & computer paper, newspaper inserts, unwanted mail and paperback books are ALL recyclable.

#### Brush Pickup Reminder

As a courtesy to Town residents, the Town maintenance staff has always picked up brush piles, reasonable in size, when placed "curbside". So, what's reasonable in size mean? Piles that are the size of a small pickup truck would be considered unreasonable in size. Do you get our point? Recyclable yard waste is a service that we pay for in our Waste Management contract. There are a few "conditions";

Put waste in a big, brown paper yard waste bag or a trash can with a "YARD WASTE" label.

Bundle brush trimmings, not to exceed 4 inches in diameter or 4 feet in length, and tie it securely. Bundles may not be larger than 30 inches in

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diameter.

If you use a lawn service or landscape contractor, please make sure that they understand that removal of large amounts of yard waste is their responsibility.

#### McCathran Hall Scheduler Wanted

Eight days and counting for, Jenny Long, our current McCathran Hall scheduler. The Town is looking for someone to fill this paying position. Responsibilities include: handling inquiries about availability; showing the facility to potential renters; maintaining the calendar for hall rental and handling rental agreements, deposits and payments. Interested persons should call the Town Office at 301-926-2256.

#### Clerk's Corner

Someone once asked me how in the heck we navigated the narrow roads in this Town. I answered, "slowly, with care and with courtesy".

#### Council Areas of Responsibility [ Officials ]

Darrell Anderson: Planning Commission, Forestry & Beautification  
301-977-3517  
Kilgore.trout3@verizon.net

Linda Baim: Playgrounds, Website, Memorials  
301-926-8767  
lbaim@comcast.net

Betsy Klinger: Recreation, Safety, Town Hall  
301-977-3517  
BetsyKlinger@aol.com

Tom Land: Contracts & Maple Lake  
301-869-4334  
Land.Tom@epamail.epa.gov

David Stopak: Maintenance, HPC, Heritage  
301-330-6446  
dstopak@horizons-ultd.com

John Tomlin: Roads & Walkways, Intergovernmental  
301-869-5854  
tomlinj@toad.net