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Town Council News

Next meeting: Monday, Nov. 8, 2004; 7:30 p.m., in the Council Room.
The public is invited to attend.

Casey Field:

At a meeting in October, Park & Planning made a few adjustments to the Oxbridge Development plan. These changes include the dedication of the Legacy Open Space field & the reservation of the elementary school site in Phase 1 rather than Phase 2 of the project. Park & Planning also requires a re-forestation plan for this development as well. The revised Oxbridge plan could be reviewed in December.

Shady Grove Master Plan:

Mayor Compton has signed up to express Town concerns about the Shady Grove Master Plan at a hearing on November 4, 2004. The hearing will begin at 6:30p.m. at 100 Maryland Ave., 3rd floor, in Rockville. A large turnout will show the Council that we care about what happens around us and our neighbors!

Planning Commission News

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAS BEEN CHANGED TO THE 1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Next meeting: Nov. 3, 2004; 7:30 p.m. Council Room. Please note the change to Wednesday. 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.

Historic Preservation News

Next meeting: Nov. 16, 2004, 7:30 p.m. Council Room. Meetings are open to the public. The HPC wrote reviews for a renovation at 350 Ridge Road and an addition/renovation at 103 Brown Street.

Recreation Committee News

Next meeting: Nov. 17, 2004, 7:30 p.m. Council Room.
The public is invited to attend.

Film Society's 5th Season Goes Digital !

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It's not too late to buy your subscription for this year's exciting series. The season will open on October 24 at 7:00 p.m. in McCathran Hall with The Manchurian Candidate (original version). In this riveting movie, a combat veteran's haunting memories of Communist brainwashing and his growing suspicion of a political plot lure him into the vortex of international intrigue. Purchase your subscription today by sending a check for \$20, payable to the Town of Washington Grove, to Birgit Henninger at PO Box 355. Our 5th series movies are;

November 14th : Enlightenment Guaranteed
December 5th : Red River
January 9th : Spellbound (This year's free film)
February 13th : Millennium Actress
March 13th : The Station Agent

The Art Show is Coming!

The Recreation Committee is sponsoring a Town event: An Exhibit of Celebrated Grove Artists, on Saturday, Nov. 20th from 2 - 5:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. All residents are invited to come talk with the artists, see what lovely work they do, and let it expand their horizons. This is a chance to become acquainted with artists and craftspeople who live in Washington Grove, and get a glimpse of their work. Mark your calendars and don't miss this event!!

It's Time To Yoga!

Yoga classes have resumed this fall. The sessions are in McCathran Hall on Wednesdays from 7 - 8:30 p.m.. Wear comfortable clothes, bring a mat, blanket and \$10.00 and prepare to relax! For more information call Terry Strother at 240-631-2759 or just come to the next class.

Annual Halloween Parade/Party
Saturday, October 30th, 3:00 p.m.

Meet in Woodward Park at 3p.m. for a parade to McCathran Hall. For more information call JoAnn Suzich at 301-869-9638 or Susan van Nostrand at 301-216-1385.

Trick-or-Treating will take place on
Sunday, October 31st from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m..

UP Dancers Change in Time

The Universal Dancers for Peace will now meet from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month in McCathran Hall.

Mousetrap Concert Series Begins

The first concert of the 2004-2005 Mousetrap Concert Series is Sunday, November 7th at 3:00 p.m.. Tanya Anisimova and her cello are a passionate couple and promise an enticing menu of classics, originals and improvisations. Seating is limited to 125. For ticket information, please call 301-926-6347 or 301-926-2858.

Holiday Program is Set

Mark your calendars. The Annual Holiday Concert will take place on Saturday, Dec. 11th in McCathran Hall. To date, we have no volunteers to organize a children's part in this event. Does anyone have any bright ideas? If so, please contact Missy Yachup 301-947-4159 or Mary Kay DuBois 301-926-8941 or, better yet, come to the next Recreation Committee meeting on Nov. 17th , 7:30 p.m., in the Council Room.

Woman's Club News

Next meeting: Nov. 11; 7:30 p.m.; Clubhouse. The program is undecided at this time.

Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!

The Woman's Club would like to thank everyone involved in our "Raising the Roof" auction on October 2nd. As a result of the tremendous support from the Town the evening grossed a grand total of \$13,921.00. With your help, we raised enough to make the planned capital improvements to the clubhouse and to support the Washington Grove Elementary School. A special thanks to our wonderful auctioneers, John McClelland and Christine Dibble, who entertained us for hours. Seventy four bidder numbers were purchased and forty nine different bidders purchased items.

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

The Neighborhood Watch program in the Grove was organized more than a year ago because of a sense among many in Town that there was a need for such a program. The program is now in need of a chair or co-chairs. It would require very little work, but it does require someone to accept a very modest amount of responsibility just to keep the program active. The communication last week about the resident of a nearby community who has been wandering around Town and often behaving strangely was an instance in which the NW program was useful in keeping the residents informed and aware of a situation that was a concern. If you feel that it is important to keep the NW program active, please call Betsy Klinger or Chris Kirtz (301-990-7935). We need to gauge the current level of interest in the program.

Celebrate Phyllis!!

As many of you know, Phyllis Strite will retire from the Post Office at the end of this month. Come show your appreciation for her many years of kind, friendly service on Sunday, October 24th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in McCathran Hall. Cake and other refreshments will be served. For more information or to volunteer to help with this event please call Tami Williams at 301-869-8541.

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Mark this Date.

Postmaster Victor Apostolico would like to invite people to come say good-bye and good luck to Phyllis on October 29th, her last day of work.

Bulk Trash Pickup Scheduled!

A bulk trash pickup is scheduled for Oct. 30, 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. .

Here Come the Leaves!

Fall leaf collection will begin on November 1st. New and long-time residents alike are reminded that the Town contracts for the removal of leaves in bulk each autumn. US Lawns will make regular but unscheduled pickups of leaves raked or blown into windrows within six feet of any walkway or roadway, excluding Railroad St., 2nd Ave., 3rd Ave., 4th Ave., 5th Ave. and Boundary Street. This service runs through January 1, 2005, or as soon thereafter as we agree that the work is complete. The contractor will time pickups based on the availability of full truckloads for vacuuming. If your pile/windrow is missed, please contact Tom Land at 301-869-4334 or at Land.Tom@epamail.epa.gov Please place your windrows with an eye towards traffic visibility and flow and please don't include brush, vines, or limbs that foul the vacuum. Happy raking! It's the rite of autumn, particularly in a town graced by so many beautiful deciduous trees.

Brush Pickup Reminder

November 30th will be the last collection date for brown bags or containers of recyclable yard waste for the season. This service will resume in early March. Town Maintenance will continue to collect your reasonably-sized brush piles.

Hit the Road, Jack!

John Tomlin is your Councilor in charge of roads and walkways. In an on-going effort to keep our roads in good shape, John would like your help. If you know of specific road repairs that are critical, please contact John at 301-869-5854 or tomlinj@toad.net . Please note that repairs at Pine Road and Brown Street are at the top of the list.

Church Fall Luncheon, Craft & Bake Sale

The Washington Grove United Methodist Church will hold its annual luncheon and sale on Saturday, Nov. 6th, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at 305 Chestnut Road. Come for a delicious lunch, scrumptious baked goods and beautifully designed crafts for the holidays.

Clerk's Corner

Did you know that of the 9.8 million tons of textiles produced in 2001, only 14.6% were recycled? For more information on clothing and textile recycling call the County Transfer Station at 301-840-2370 or the Recycling Volunteer Program at 240-777-6445. You can even find out where to recycle pantyhose!

William Swyter

Long-time Grove resident Bill Swyter lost his battle with cancer on September 21, 2004. Bill was a professor at Montgomery College until his retirement in 1983. He continued to teach on a part-time basis for some years beyond 1983. A private service took place at Arlington National Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Washington Grove United Methodist Church.