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Town Council News

Next meeting: Monday, August 8, 2005; 7:30 p.m., in the Council Room.
The public is invited to attend.

Actions at the July Council meeting include:

Peggy Ebner re-appointed to the Planning Commission.
Marc Hansen re-appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals.
Awarded contract for this years' road work to AB Viers.

Special Work Session Scheduled

The Mayor and Council will hold a work session on Monday, July 25th at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss minor adjustments to:

The Fees Ordinance; contemplating addition of a lower fee option for certain Board of Zoning Appeals.
The Charitable, Religious, Educational uses in a Residential Zone Ordinance; refining specific traffic impact (vehicle trips) and road access conditions specified in the ordinance.

Volunteers Needed...

The Mayor and Council are seeking a volunteer to fill an open position on the Historic Preservation Commission. If you would like to know what it involves, please call Bob Booher 301-963-3935. To volunteer, call John Compton at 301-330-8264.

The Mayor and Council are also seeking a second volunteer to serve on the GWG Fire Board. The minimum commitment is one meeting per month (usually 30 minutes long) every 3rd Thursday at 4:00 p.m. If you wish to volunteer for this please call John Compton 301-330-8264 or the Town Office 301-926-2256.

Planning Commission News

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 3, 2005; 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:

103 Brown St. Demolish/Add
415 Center St. Fence

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Historic Preservation News

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 19, 2005; 7:30 p.m. Council Room.
The public is invited to attend.

Contemplating a Renovation?

What if you had a knowledgeable design team with a real willingness to help you early in your planning process at no cost? Guess what? You do----it's the Historic Preservation Commission! The HPC is an excellent resource to help you with your plans. For more information call Bob Booher at 301-963-3935. The HPC meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Come early, come often!!

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

Keith Gillis/Leigh Partington: 301-208-1437

Incident Report:

July 8: Indecent Exposure - Center Street (gravel part) and Grove Road. A man stepped out of his navy blue van, totally naked, as a female teen resident ran by. He spoke to her, got back in the navy blue van and drove off toward McCauley Street. He was a Caucasian man and slightly overweight.

Late June: Hit & Run - A dog was hit by a car in the 100 block of Chestnut Rd. Dog sustained multiple cuts and received many stitches. The driver didn't stop. :o(

Lake Crossing Caution

Parents, Au pairs and other guilty parties, please use caution when crossing Washington Grove Lane on foot to get to Maple Lake.

Plan your trip. Bring only what you need. Don't cross with an unreasonable load of beach chairs, toys, food, etc.. If you have a large load try making more than one trip or deliver large loads by car.

Be patient. Wait until the road is clear or until cars have stopped for pedestrians before starting across.

Watch the little ones. One adult should cross with no more than two young children in hand.

Cross in groups of two or three. Allow the next group to cross when the previous group has reached the other side.

Recreation Committee News

Next meeting: July 27, 2005; 7:30 p.m. Council Room.

The public is invited to attend.

July 4th Kudos!

Thanks to all who helped with our wonderful 4th of July celebrations! What a crowd! Special thanks to the Washington Grove United Methodist Church for the popsi es.

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Maple Lake News

Next meeting: July 21, 2005; 7:30 p.m. Council Room. New members are always welcome! Please come help us decide how we can improve the Lake this summer, and for the next season or off-season (skating!). Any questions, please call John Hutchinson ("Hutch") at 301-926-8767.

Woman's Club News

Next meeting: July 21st; 7:30 p.m. Clubhouse

Brunch at Clyde's at Tower Oaks Saturday, August 20, 2005 11:30 a.m. Come wish Bev Freeman well as she starts anew at Asbury. RSVP to Ann London 301-590-1012 or ann.miriam@verizon.net by August 13th. Let's take over the restaurant with Grovers!

Lawn Service Reminder

If you use a lawn service to cut your yard, please remind them that dumping the grass in our woods or parks is not allowed. All grass & brush should be removed by the company doing the work or placed in brown yard waste bags or containers for pick up by Waste Management. Mulch Alley was recently "blessed" with a large stack of rotten railroad ties. Are they from your house? Any information about how they got there would be greatly appreciated. Please call Jim Fletcher 301-963-5850.

E-mail Updates Needed

If you have changed your e-mail address in the last year or so, chances are that you may have missed some important correspondence from the Town Office. Please send updated e-mail addresses to: washgrove@comcast.net or try it the old-fashioned way; 301-926-2256.

Trash Talk...

The procedure for reporting a trash, yard waste or recycling miss is to call or e-mail Tom Land at Land.Tom@epamail.epa.gov or 301-869-4334 by 9:30 p.m. on Wed. eves or 10:00 a.m. Thurs. morning at the latest. Then he can call in all the misses together and get taken care of in one trip. Thanks for your cooperation.