

Town Council News

Next meeting: Monday » 09.11.06 @ 7:30 p.m. in Council Room.
The public is invited to attend.

Actions at the August Council meeting included:

Adoption of ZTA2005-07. The amendment will clarify fence requirements, create a new temporary use permit requirement for portable containers/construction dumpsters, place expiration limits on building permits and add two new definitions (accessory building & primary residence) to the ordinances.

Adoption of Resolution No. 2006-05. This resolution extends the time period for the delivery of notices of pre-existing ordinance violations to February 9, 2007. This resolution was requested by the Town Council and the Planning Commission for the purpose of accuracy and correctness.

Notice of Board of Zoning Appeals Hearing

September 30, 2006

10:30 a.m.; Council Room, McCathran Hall

Pursuant to Article VII, Section 12.2 of the Washington Grove Zoning Ordinance, a public hearing will be held to determine if a setback variance should be granted to allow the construction of a shed on the lot at 419 4th Avenue.

Notice of Public Hearing

September 18, 2006

7:30 p.m.; Council Room, McCathran Hall

The Washington Grove Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 18, 2006, 7:30 p.m., in McCathran Hall, 300 Grove Avenue, Washington Grove, Maryland. This hearing is to take public comment regarding Zoning Text Amendment 2006-03 which creates an optional method of development for subdivisions in the residential zones of the Town and regarding proposed Ordinance No. 2006-04 which amends the Subdivision Ordinance to set standards for the new method of development.

Speed Humps Coming

In spite of our 15 mph speed limit, the Town Council has received numerous complaints of cars traveling at speeds unsafe for pedestrians, and of cars failing to stop at posted stop signs. Resident petitions have also been received requesting speed humps in several areas of Town. The Town Council placed notices in the Bulletin over the last 6 months asking for comments on the use of speed humps to improve safety and received a lot of pro and con input. Authorization for expenditures on speed humps was approved at the Town Meeting in June as part of the Town budget. The Town Council has identified locations for four (4) new speed humps:

on Maple Rd. at Oak Street

on the north end of Grove Rd. after the turn from McCauley St.,

on Chestnut Rd. at the stop sign at Acorn Lane, and

on Chestnut Rd. at the stop sign at Oak St.

These locations will be marked with spray paint during the last week of August. Please note and consider the proposed locations. Feedback can be made to the Town Office 301-926-2256 or to Georgette Cole

Volunteers Needed

The Mayor and Council are seeking volunteers to fill positions on the Board of Zoning Appeals (alternate), the Planning Commission (alternate), and a Fire Board representative. Interested parties should call Mayor John Compton at 301-330-8264.
Council Meeting Change

Because of multiple scheduling conflicts, the October meeting of the Town Council will be held on October 16, 2006. Please make note of the change.
Planning Commission News

Next meeting: Wednesday » 09.06.06 @ 7:30 p.m. in 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:
111 Maple Ave. » Porch Addition
127 W.G. Lane » Gazebo
Historic Preservation News

Next meeting: Tuesday » 09.19.05 @ 7:30 p.m. in Council Room.
The public is invited to attend.

Applicants from 305 1st Ave., 315 Grove Ave., and 125 Chestnut Ave. came to the HPC for early consultation about their projects.
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
Recreation Committee News

Next meeting: Wednesday » 09.27.06 @ 7:30 p.m. in Council Room.
The public is invited to attend.
Ballroom Dancing for the Younger Set

The Recreation Committee will sponsor ballroom dancing for young people at McCathran Hall in September. The dates are Sept. 8, 15, 29 & Oct. 6 from 7:30 - 9:00p.m.. The instructor is our own David Rapkivian. A dance party and/or dance instruction for adults is also under consideration. For more information call Meredith Horan at 301-926-1054.
Labor Day Weekend 2006

Craig English has offered to organize/run this event again this year.
Please see all the details and have a great time!
Get caught in the trap!

The Mousetrap Concert Series starts its 8th season on October 1, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. Brochures with detailed information are in the mail. Brochures contain 2 errors. Please note the following changes:
Concert #3 is on March 25, 2007
Concert #4 is on April 22, 2007
Woman's Club News

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE & TIME

Next meeting: Friday » 09.15.06 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

POTLUCK DINNER

Please join us for our annual potluck dinner and bring a dish to share. This is a great time to catch up with your neighbors, find out what everyone did over the summer, and enjoy some great food and an interesting presentation. Our guest speaker will be Marc Fisher from the Washington Post. His talk is entitled: "The State of the News Media and the Impact of New Technologies on How Americans Think About the News."
Clerk's Corner

Bulletin Deadline is the 12th of the month!
When's trash day? THURSDAY!!