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Town Council News

Next meeting: Monday » 06.25.07 @ 7:30 p.m. & Monday » 07.09.07 @ 7:30 p.m. in Council Room. The public is invited to attend.

Actions at the June 11th Council meeting included:
appointment of John McClelland to the Planning Commission for a 5-year term.
appointment of David Neumann and Ed Mroczka to the Historic Preservation Commission for 3-year terms.
Council Goes to Two (2) Meetings/Month

In order to better serve the public on Town issues, the Mayor and Council have decided to have two (2) regular (but shorter) meetings per month. The meetings will be held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. There will be no public appearances on the agenda of the meeting that occurs on the 4th Monday.

Piedmont Crossing Phase I Site Plan

Mayor Compton and Bob Booher took public comments to a recent meeting with the developers design team (Dewberry & Davis). The concerns voiced and brought to their attention are; a provision for the possible loss of well water along Lower Ridge Rd., the actual Town border along Lower Ridge Rd., wetlands re-charge, density, storm water management, and trees.
LOS Condemnation

Mayor Compton recently had a meeting with M-NCPPC chairman, Royce Hansen in an effort to define the Town interest in the Legacy Open Space field along Ridge Road.

Planning Commission News

Next meeting: Wednesday » 07.11.07 @ 7:30 p.m. in Council Room.
BECAUSE OF THE JULY 4TH HOLIDAY, THE JULY MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION WILL BE ON JULY 11TH. 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: Tuesday » 07.17.07 @ 7:30 p.m. in Council Room.
The public is invited to attend. The HPC encourages residents to come for an early consultation when planning a renovation.

Neighborhood Watch News

Report Crimes & Suspicious Activity!
Mont. Co. Police non-emergency: 301-279-8000
Town Office: 301-926-2256

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David Stopak: 301-330-6446
Betsy Klinger: 301-977-3517
Keith Gillis/Leigh Partington: 301-208-1437

Theft from cars

As the weather gets warmer, people tend to spend more time outdoors including at night. Residents are reminded to lock their cars and not to leave valuables in their cars overnight.

Incident Report:

May 11: Reckless Driving. 300 block Washington Grove Lane - Residents leaving the Maple Lake parking area spotted a vehicle speeding westbound on WG Lane and sharply cut through a driveway to Hickory Rd, followed shortly by a flat-bed truck in pursuit. The truck entered the Grove, drove around several streets, and finally left from Grove Rd.

May 18: Trespassing & Illegal Parking. Maple Lake - Complaint of kids parking after school at the gate entrance and along WG Lane to visit the lake.

May 31: Vandalism. 300 block Hickory Rd - Late night visitors to the lake have been parking at the end of Hickory Rd for several days. A car belonging to a resident on Hickory was vandalized.

June 9: Abandoned Vehicle. Intersection Grove Rd and Brown St - Abandoned maroon Ford Windstar without tags. Police ticketed vehicle and marked it for towing.

Recreation Committee News

Next meeting: Wednesday » 07.25.07 @ 7:30 p.m. in Council Room.
The public is invited to attend. New members always welcome!
Summer TENNIS in the Grove...2007
Sign up by e-mail... lbaim@comcast.net or phone...301-926-8767

Tune up for Summer with Adult Tennis Camp... \$35

Sunday June 24th, 9 - 11am

Monday June 25th, 6:30 - 8:30pm

Tuesday June 26th, 6:30 - 8:30pm

Wednesday June 27th, 6:30 - 8:30pm

Thursday June 28th, 6:30 - 8:30pm (potluck dinner)

You Can...

Review and upgrade the basic strokes

Learn singles and doubles tactics

Participate in group competitions

HAVE FUN!!

Juni or Tennis... \$25

Tennis Times:

8:20 - 8:50am ages 5-7

8:55 - 9:25am ages 8-9

9:30 - 10:10am ages 10 - 11

10:15 - 10:55am ages 12 - 14

11:00 - 11:45am ages 15+

Tuesdays » June 26, July 3, July 17

Thursdays » June 28, July 12, July 19

New July 4th Festivities

The Recreation Committee has decided to try something a little different for July 4th this year.

Instead of the picnic in the evening, there will be a potluck brunch (similar to the Baroque Breakfast) at the Hall in the morning from 9am-12.

The costume judging will take place at 11am at the Hall and at 12 everyone will head over to the park to have the flag raising and start the parade. The Mayor's address and prize distribution will follow the parade as usual.

We are looking for some new costume judges this year. Judging is a great way to meet all the kids in town and their parents. It actually does not involve judging at all, just coming up with fun names for the kids based on their costumes. If you are interested, please call Missy Yachup at 301-947-4159.

Toot Your Own Horn

If you play or have ever played a band instrument, you are invited to join the Muskrat Band for the July 4th parade.

Come march with us, it's really fun.
Young and old, we get it done.
We aren't the pros, and we don't care.
'cause we've got heart, and enthusiasm to spare.

Contact Eric Selby 301-963-7073 or el selby@comcast.net
Lake Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 28, 2007; 7:30 PM; Council Room.

New members are always welcome! The agenda will include Lake security, stronger fencing, lifeguard administrative items, swim lessons, restrooms at the lake, and a suggestion to open the Lake to the surrounding communities for "community swim hours".
Woman's Club News

Next meeting: Thursday » 07.19.07 @ 7:30 p.m. in Clubhouse. A certified hypnotist will join us to talk about the practical applications of his craft in the modern world.

Town Directory

We are back on track for the directory. We are still accepting questionnaires, ads and entries for the front and back cover. Contact Devon at 301-963-2894 or devon@gartenhaus.com.

Thank You!

A special thank you to Georgette Cole and Joli McCathran for a wonderful Flower Show and to Devon Cohen for a great Yard Sale. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make these two events happen.
WGUMC News...

WGUMC will host a "games night" with ping-pong and other indoor and (weather permitting) outdoor games at 7:30 on Wednesday, June 27th, and a movie night at 7 pm on July 20th, featuring "The Pride of the Yankees" or another classic. Other games and movie nights to follow--check our newly updated website for movie titles and more details www.washingtongroveumc.org

It's A Virtual Blessing

Send favorite pet photos to George Paine and join us, on July 8th at 10 am, for a virtual Blessing of the Animals Service. George will put together a video of your photos so pets can be blessed--without being stressed! Our worship services move to 10:00 am on Sundays for the summer. Check the website to confirm dates on all of the above--and have a wonderful summer in the Grove!
GO GREEN!

We have already had two ozone alert days this year, and it is only June. What is an ozone alert or "action" day and what can you do about it ... other than avoid breathing outside? An Ozone Action Day may be called by your State or local air quality agency when ozone levels are forecast to reach unhealthy levels, and the "Air Quality Index" or AQI is above 100 (higher AQIs mean worse air quality). The action levels are Orange (AQI 101-150), Red (AQI 151-200), and Purple (AQI 201-300). At the higher levels, everyone should limit outdoor exertion. At lower levels, the ozone is mainly a danger to children and people with respiratory diseases such as asthma.

Ozone can increase the susceptibility of the lungs to infections, allergens, and other air pollutants. Medical studies have shown that ozone damages lung tissue and complete recovery may take several days after exposure has ended. To help improve the air on Ozone Action Days, follow these tips:

Conserve electricity and set your air conditioner at a higher temperature. Choose a cleaner commute--share a ride to work or use public transportation. The Ride-On buses are free on Code Red days. Lobby your local officials to make Ride-On free on Code Orange days as well. They are in Virginia. Defer use of gasoline-powered lawn and garden equipment. Don't mow your lawn. Refuel cars and trucks after dusk. Combine errands and reduce trips. Limit engine idling. Again, no idling at soccer practice and no drive-throughs. Use household, workshop, and garden chemicals in ways that keep evaporation to a minimum, or don't use them at all when poor air quality is forecast. Source: <http://www.epa.gov/airnow/aqguide.pdf>
Lyme Disease is Here

Lyme disease is a rapidly emerging bacterial infection that is spread to people by the bite of infected ticks. Lyme disease can cause a rash, flu-like symptoms, and aching joints. There is treatment available. Lyme disease can be treated with antibiotics. Without treatment, it can cause serious, long-term health problems. Here are a few prevention tips: Protect yourself from tick bites - wear long pants when walking in heavily wooded areas or areas with long grass. Check yourself and your animal when returning from walks in these areas. Remove attached ticks at once. Get an early diagnosis and treatment.
Clerk's Corner

Bulletin Deadline is the 12th of the month!

Reminder...

Power mowers, chain saws, or other power equipment may not be used on Sundays until after 12:00 Noon. Be kind to your neighbors. Thanks!