

COUNCIL REPORTS

November 2011

RECREATION COMMITTEE – Alice Negin

Missy Yachup/Eve Zibart Chairpersons

Next Meeting will be December 21, 2011 7:30 pm in the Council Room.

Holiday Concert Saturday, December 17th.

MCCATHRAN HALL – Alice Negin

An exterminator was called and came and treated the hall for an ant problem. Kathy will call him again if needed.

The list of maintenance chores was sent to Steve and Joe. Steve is researching cords for restringing the blinds.

The committee is studying arrangements and locations for the mayoral pictures.

Kathy has scheduled Hawkins Floors to refinish the hall floors, steps, and Council Room floor for the week between Christmas and New Years. The hall will be closed for that week.

WEBSITE – Alice Negin

Nothing to Report

MAINTENANCE – Joe Clark

The final days of cutting grass fell in November this year and the lion's share of collecting leaves on the Town's public lands was accomplished in this month. A great deal of time was spent on clearing the public places of leaves, a process that was repeated throughout the month.

Minor repairs were done on Town Hall as well as maintenance chores. The gutters were cleaned, toilets repaired, doors were adjusted, alarms checked and the kitchen water line had to be cleaned and cleared of an obstruction. The replacement of the cords on the blinds in McCathran Hall was begun.

In the parks the gator bags were collected for the winter, some low spots were filled in as needed and miscellaneous litter and debris was removed from the playground area. A fuel tank which was found in the woods behind the Miller property was cut up and taken to the scrap yard.

Several trees which were dead or dying were cut and the wood removed.

Flags were put up for Veterans Day and later taken down. A memorial bench was installed near the tennis courts in memory of Mary Kay Du Bois.

The lawn machines were serviced and repaired as needed. The men's toilet in the park building was rebuilt. The drainage ditches were checked and cleared as needed in both the parks and along Cherry, Maple and Brown.

On the Town streets, several areas were marked for sealing and the work should be done this fall.

Three tables were made for the Town's holiday show.

In addition, various meetings on Town business took place and several trips to the transfer station were made to get rid of brush and trash items.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Joe Clark

At its meeting on November 2, 2011, the Commission approved the following:

- Temporary permit for a shed at 108 Ridge Road
- a fence replacement at 510 Washington Grove Lane

The Commission continued a lengthy discussion with representatives from the Historic Preservation Commission (Booher and Stopak) regarding the early submission of proposed work to the HPC well prior to a review for a building permit issued by the Planning Commission. No decision was made for the proposal and it was tabled until the December meeting.

There was some discussion about the proposed expansion of the Towne Crest Apartment. This will likely occupy considerable attention from the Commission and the Council.

HPC – Joli A. McCathran

The HPC met on November 15, 2011. They reviewed the proposed addition to 201 Cherry Avenue. The report will be sent to the Planning Commission.

Detailed minutes were not submitted from the HPC at the time this report was prepared.

PARKS and PLAYGROUNDS – Joli A. McCathran

Nothing to report.

WASHINGTON GROVE CONSERVATION MEADOW PARK – Joli A. McCathran

Committee Chair Ernie Kawasaki has a meeting scheduled with Brenda Sandberg, M-NCPPC at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011. The Council will be updated at the next meeting.

ROADS AND WALKWAYS – Bill Robertson

As mentioned at our last meeting, we will be sealing joints in the asphalt to prevent damage due to heaving. Areas to be sealed were identified with marking paint and we are waiting on the contractor.

CONTRACTS – Bill Robertson

Nothing to report

INTERGOVERNMENTAL – Bill Robertson

Nothing to Report

FORESTRY AND BEAUTIFICATION – Audrey Maskery

Asplundh has finished picking up all of the large logs left over from their removal of trees. This should complete this phase of tree pruning/removal for the foreseeable future.

A formal request was made by F&B to the Maryland Historical Trust on 27 October, for the removal of two oak trees; one located on the corner of Center Street and Chestnut Road, the other located on the south east side of the McCathran Hall. Both trees have been in steady decline for a number of years and it was felt if we had a severe storm both could do considerable damage to the Hall. A second request was made to rework the drainage swale on the corner of Chestnut Road. The existing drainage pipes would be connected to the main drain that runs under Chestnut Road; the swale would be filled with soil and seeded with grass; work to be undertaken by Town Maintenance. The removal of the swale will eliminate a current danger to pedestrians and vehicles. We have received a letter of agreement from the Maryland Historical Trust for the work to be carried out.

A request from Mr. James Robertson, 7 Daylily Lane, has resulted in a request to Towne Crest management for removal of a large oak that is apparently dead. The oak is three quarters on Towne Crest side of the fence that separates the West Woods from the Towne Crest complex. We are currently waiting for the results of our request.

The final cost of trees purchased from Stadler Nurseries is \$2,450.00. We were able to deduct \$1,200.00 from the original invoice of \$3,650.00 by using coupons issued by Pepco for removal of trees from Town property.

MEMORIALS – Audrey Maskery

After the last Council meeting Kathy Lehman went through the files and found the Memorials Policy written in 1997. Based on the parameters therein the Mayor has assembled a Memorials Committee to respond to the memorials request submitted last month.

MAPLE LAKE – Sylvie Favret

Nothing to report

SAFETY – Sylvie Favret

Nothing to report