

COUNCIL REPORTS

April 2014

FORESTRY – Audrey Maskery

Forestry and Beautification:

Under the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Tree-Mendous Spring order, Forestry & Beautification and Woods Group obtained twenty four free trees.

Work now completed in Wade Park (Political Hill site). Order placed with Stadler Nursery for four trees to be planted next month.

Trees pruned around children's play area in Woodward Park. This work will continue throughout the year.

Woods Group:

Next Woods Group meetings: May 5 and June 2, 2014 at 7:30 pm in Council Room.

Chair: Ann Briggs

Fifteen trees obtained from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources were planted in East woods by volunteers. All trees were given extra protection from the ravages of the deer.

MEMORIALS – Audrey Maskery

Nothing to report.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION – Joli A. McCathran

Nothing to report.

PARKS and PLAYGROUNDS – Joli A. McCathran

Political Hill: The Maintenance Staff and Forestry and Beautification have completed the restoration of the Political Hill area in Wade Park. Congratulations on a job well done!

WASHINGTON GROVE CONSERVATION MEADOW PARK – Joli A. McCathran

Nothing to report.

MAPLE LAKE - Carolyn Rapkievian

Clean-up day went very well with 20+ helpers cleaning up around the shore, trimming bushes, and planting 60-80 water irises. David Hartman arranged for 4 full-time life guards, and 2 part-time guards. Tom Land worked on finding a swim instructor for lessons in July.

SAFETY – Carolyn Rapkievian

Keith Gillis conferred with Officer Zimmerman to schedule a safety briefing for town residents sometime this summer.

WEBSITE – Carolyn Rapkievian

The survey about the town website was sent to town residents in April with a closing date of May 15. There was a good response rate in April and additional responses are expected in May.

ROADS AND WALKWAYS – Bill Robertson

MAINTENANCE – Bill Robertson

CONTRACTS – Greg Silber

Potomac Disposal made a scheduled bulk trash pick-up on Thursday 15 May.

RECREATION COMMITTEE – Greg Silber

The Recreation Committee will meet again on Wednesday 16 July at 7:30 p.m.

The Committee organized an animal petting day, May Pole celebration, and other activities at the playground on 4 May. Planning and sign-ups for Summer in the Parks is underway, as is planning for Music Weekend (13-15 June), and other activities.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL – Greg Silber

Washington Grove will host the Maryland Municipal League's monthly meeting in McCathran Hall on Thursday, 15 May.

MCCATHRAN HALL – David Young

Nothing to report

PLANNING COMMISSION – David Young

Reconstruction of buildings constructed in part on land owned by the Town of Washington Grove: At their April 2 meeting, the Commission discussed draft four of an ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF PERMANENT EASEMENTS FOR MAIN BUILDINGS INITIALLY CONSTRUCTED IN PART ON LAND OWNED BY THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON GROVE

This ordinance would permit any of the owners of eight properties with long-standing history of part of their main building originally constructed on Town land to apply for a permanent easement for their property. This is intended to officially ensure that such structures can be rebuilt as long as it is done in a way that protects the interests of the Town in exchange for the "use" of Town land. This ordinance will be transferred from the Planning Commission to the Town Council at the Council meeting on May 19. It will be recommended that the Ordinance be introduced and a public hearing set for June 16 before the next Council meeting.