



TOWN BULLETIN

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TOWN COUNCIL NEWS...

Next meeting: Monday, October 11, 2021; 7:30p.m.

The public is invited to attend this virtual meeting via ZOOM at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/297850640?pwd=czh3ODBEEdEpTeXdkRTc5bDFmLzN2UT09>

Or Dial-in to 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 297 850 640

Password: 074385

Actions at the September Meeting:

- Awarded “Welcome to Washington Grove” sign contract, in the amount of \$10,539.00 to Sign City.
- Adopted Resolution 2021-12; Sustainable Maryland Municipal Certification.
- Approved contracting with ICELI (Local Governments for Sustainability) for a 4-year period.
- Put on hold, Resolution 2021-11; Establishing Rules of the Uses of the East and West Woods.

Maintenance Supervisor Steve Werts to Retire ☹️

Sadly for Washington Grove, after more than 10 years of service, Steve Werts has indicated he plans to turn in his keys and retire as Town Maintenance Supervisor as of December 1, 2021. Most of us have not looked forward to this day. But I know all of us are grateful for all of Steve’s innumerable contributions to the Town and will wish Steve the very best transition to a well-deserved retirement.

Town Maintenance Supervisor Needed!!

- Anyone know someone who may be interested?
- Are you interested in changing gears and taking on an important and challenging job, mostly outdoors, and filled with varied activities and responsibilities?

Please contact Town Clerk Kathy Lehman or Mayor John Compton for more particulars and with potential persons.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

The Mayor and Town Council are looking for volunteers for a short-term commitment to investigate the use of audio and/or video recordings of Town Council meetings. Interested persons should contact Mayor Compton (240-432-5700) or the Town Office (301-926-2256).

Shared Use Bike Path Connection Task Force

The 9-member Task Force appointed by the Mayor and Town Council have met in weekly Monday Zoom meetings since July. *They have been very energetically assembling information in 10 criteria areas for presentation and evaluation in their report to the Town Council to be delivered at the November 8th Town Council meeting.* On September 1st, the Task Force heard input from residents in public appearances. Last month they hand-distributed a flyer to most residences with notification of a second public appearance session held September 30th, as well as how residents can electronically access a large number of Task Force documents including reference, factual, and historical materials, meeting Minutes, Agendas, and other information.

The Task Force will continue to meet Monday evenings in October. Look for agendas and reminders to be distributed via Grove Alert.

Planning Commission News...

Next meeting: Wed., October 6, 2021; 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend this virtual meeting via ZOOM. As part of the Town’s response to the COVID-19 crisis, this Planning Commission Meeting will be conducted online, rather than in person.

Residents and the public may access these meetings by:

Zoom videoconference: <https://zoom.us/j/781347688>, Dialing in to 301-715-8592, meeting ID: 781 347 688 and following the audio instructions.

Please make sure your name is associated with your zoom device in order to be admitted from the Waiting Room.

Building Permit Submission Deadline

The deadline to submit a building permit application for approval by the Planning Commission and review by the Historic Preservation Commission is *the 2nd Wednesday of the month* prior to the PC meeting at which the permit will be reviewed (this will be in the following month). This timing ensures the HPC will be able to complete a formal review before the PC meeting as this review is required for the PC to approve the permit in a timely fashion. If you are considering any renovation or building project at your house, be sure to get a copy of the procedures to apply for a Town Building Permit which will help you through the Town's process.

Building Permits Approved in September: None

Public Ways & Property Permits (PW&PP) Approved in September:

- 315 Grove Ave. Brick Walk

2021 Comprehensive Plan

The Planning Commission has received comments from the Maryland Department of Planning and other state agencies on the 2021 DRAFT Washington Grove Comprehensive Plan (CP). These are being reviewed for integration into the plan where appropriate. A Public Hearing on the plan in November may be scheduled.

The 2021 DRAFT Comprehensive Plan is available on our Town website at: <https://washingtongrovermd.org/government/government-overview/comprehensive-plan/comprehensive-plan-2019-21/>

Residents are encouraged to review the plan and send written comments to the Planning Commission if you have feedback.

The next CP work session will be October 20 at 7:30 p.m. REMOTE ACCESS ONLY

As part of the Town's response to the COVID-19 crisis, these Comprehensive Plan Work Sessions will be conducted online, rather than in person. The agenda will be posted at the Town office and on the Town web site the week before the meeting.

Work Session Access:

Residents and the public may access using Meeting ID: 781 347 688

By dialing in to: 301-715-8592 and following the audio instructions.

OR by joining the Zoom videoconference at: <https://zoom.us/j/781347688>

Please make sure your name is associated with your zoom device in order to be admitted from the Waiting Room.

Historic Preservation Commission News...

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 19, 2021; 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend this virtual meeting via ZOOM. For a copy of the Agenda, email Chairman Bob Booher (booherfamily@comcast.net).

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3440199688>

Meeting ID: 344 019 9688

Summary of Joint Meeting of TC, PC & HPC

The Town Council, Planning Commission, and Historic Preservation Commission hosted the President of the Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions, Fred Stachura, and the Chair of the Prince Georges County Historic Preservation Commission, John Peter Thompson, for a presentation and discussion of measures to help protect the Town from unneeded demolition of structures that contribute to the character of our National Historic District.

Fred led off with the comment that the Grove so far has been lucky to remain intact but that it will not be lucky forever. He then provided a general description of the context for most demolition management regulations as part of broader historic preservation ordinances. This provides the framework for decisions and actions based on accepted preservation law but allows each community to tailor efforts around their individual needs. Protective actions that conserve the integrity of the historic district are more successfully defended in court.

John Peter pointed out that PG County could be a model for the Grove, as we have limited municipal resources and means of enforcement. The basis for preservation measures starts with the desire of the residents to retain and protect their valued history.

It was felt that this was a good starting point for further study. Fred offered to assist us in developing appropriate protective measures suited to our largely volunteer government. A first step may be becoming a Certified Local Government which opens up state assistance. The PC and HPC will develop a team that can focus on the best approach.

Racial Equity Committee...

Next meeting: Sunday, October 10, 2021; 2:00 p.m.
All are welcome! There will NOT be meeting in September. Please join us when we resume on October 10th at 2:00 p.m. Folks who would like to attend should email racialequitywg@gmail.com to get the Zoom link.

Recreation Committee News...

Next meeting: Wed, October 14, 2021; 7:30 p.m.
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82051482150?pwd=YnRwZUJmLlZENXNPNVZPYlloZGRkUT09>
Meeting ID: 820 5148 2150
Passcode: 137695



Many Thanks to Joey Fones, Ali Faupel and ALL who helped bring back our Labor Day traditions!!



**TRICK OR TREAT IN
WASHINGTON
GROVE**

OCTOBER 31, 2021

6:00 – 9:00 P.M.

We ask that kids and adults wear masks during trick or treating.

SAVE THE DATE -- HOLIDAY SHOW DECEMBER 11!

We now have confirmation from Montgomery Municipal Cable that they will work with us again to tape and broadcast this year's **Holiday Show**. Hooray! Now all we need are cast members, musical acts, and backstage help!

If you would like to be involved, please contact Judy Mroczka at banditmroczka@msn.com or Marilyn

Frey at marilynfnf@comcast.net. We are in search of musicians, actors, artists, as well as people with videography and media skills, technical skills, and organizational skills. We will not be having the usual series of in-person rehearsals, so do not worry. And whether or not you will be helping with the show, do mark your calendars for **December 11th** so you can watch with us!

Tai Chi Sessions in McCathran Hall



Attention All Grovers! Tai chi practice helps reduce stress, increase balance and focus, and can increase strength,

flexibility, and aerobic conditioning. Join leader Claire Rosser and your neighbors for free gentle tai chi sessions in the Hall Wednesday mornings from 10:30 to 12 noon. Note that the lessons involve a minimum of instruction; participants follow along with Claire. Wear comfortable clothing. **MASKS REQUIRED.** Contact Christine Dibble for more information. christinedibble@outlook.com or 240-702-6719.

Lake Committee News...

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 21, 2021, 7:30 pm
Please join us for an end-of-season wrap up and a discussion of the meeting with the Racial and Social Equity Committee.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3601159376>

Meeting ID: 360 115 9376

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+13017158592,,3601159376# US (Washington DC)

John Hutchinson- hutchjm@gmail.com, Cell 240-997-5820

Woods Committee News...

Next meeting: Monday, October 4, 2021; 7:30 p.m.
The November meeting will be on the 1st. The WC meetings will be held by remote access via Zoom Video Conference.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89802681336?pwd=cm8yMEYyU3g5SDDd4bERnNjNXcnk2UT09>

By Phone: 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 898 0268 1336
Passcode: 110091

The WC is working with the Mayor and Town Council to gather comments from Town residents on clarifying existing rules for the uses of our Woods Preserves. This will assist us in posting trail signs at the East Woods trail entrances to better identify trail names and trail etiquette with markers such as ‘no bicycles’ and ‘dogs on leash’ to maintain trail and public safety. We would appreciate if you copy the WC co-chairs on any comments submitted to the Mayor and Town Council. A reminder to please stay on the walking trails to protect understory native plant vegetation and avoid tick exposure to you and your pets.

Our volunteer Bow Hunter Fire Fighters of Maryland (BHFFMD) began bow hunting in our Woods after September 10th. One doe was harvested in the East Woods in September. Members of BHFFMD are EMTs and firefighters who are vigilant about public safety, and therefore, there is no reason to curtail our use of the Woods. They will bow hunt at sunrise and sunset. The archery season extends through January 31, 2022. Please contact Joan Mahaffey or Pat Klein if you have any questions.

Stay healthy and safe and enjoy the autumnal beauty of nature in our East and West Woods Preserves.

Film Society News...

Film Society News: *Oliver Sacks: His Own Life*-- Discussion on October 17

Watch “Oliver Sacks: His Own Life,” streaming free, and then join our discussion on Sunday, October 17, at 7:30 p.m. *The Zoom link for the discussion is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85866917374?pwd=UWhGM0lZNHJGTkpvL2tuaHlvOEp3UT09>*

Shortly after receiving a terminal cancer diagnosis, Oliver Sacks brought friends and colleagues together to help him make a documentary. Rich with interviews filmed in his apartment, this most personal history describes Sacks’s convoluted, sometimes tortured path to becoming a beloved doctor, author, and paradigm-changing neurologist. Sacks’s deeply empathic connection with each patient gives him truly rare insight and is beautifully displayed in this film. His exuberance, not only for science but for all of life, makes it joyful. *Directed by Ric Burns, 2020, USA, 1 hour, 51 minutes, English.*

Stream “Oliver Sacks: His Own Life” on [Kanopy](#), a streaming service offering independent features, foreign and classic films, and documentaries. Kanopy is provided by Montgomery County Public Libraries to its cardholders, who can view up to 10 films per month free. Any Internet-connected device will work, including computers, tablets, and televisions with streaming capability or streaming sticks. If you don’t have a library card, you can [get a “digital” MCPL card free online](#). Mimi Bolotin, 301-977-7331, will happily help anyone get a card or use Kanopy.

WG United Methodist Church News...

Please join us at 11:00 AM Sundays

Starting Sunday, October 11th, we resume meeting Sunday mornings at **11:00 AM**. We’ll be socially distancing and following the current COVID recommendations in effect each week. Masks will be required. If you prefer, you can still join us over Zoom. Please just contact Pastor Andrew Peck-McClain at rev.apeckmclain@gmail.com to be included.

We continue to collect non-perishable food donations to support the St. Martin’s food bank. Your contributions can be dropped off on the screened-in porch at Peggy Hansen’s house, 201 Chestnut Avenue, in Washington Grove, or bring them when you join us on Sunday morning.

Washington Grove United Methodist Church is a Reconciling Congregation, which means we believe that each person is a precious creation of God and is of sacred worth. We welcome and celebrate persons of every gender identity, racial or ethnic background, sexual orientation, and physical or mental ability into full participation in the life of this faith community. We celebrate the gift of love and affirm all loving relations and marriages.

Our mission is;
To follow Jesus, worship God, and provide loving service to our community and the world.

Woman’s Club News...

Many Thanks for Our Town’s Generosity!



We are often called ***The Little Town with the Big Heart*** for our willingness to help alleviate so much of the suffering around us. The Woman’s Club is so grateful for the responses we get to our frequent calls for help for specific projects and needs. This newsletter highlights many but by no means all our ongoing Outreach programs and projects. Our hope is

that each of you will see some need that catches your heart.

All donations can be dropped off in the boxes on the Clubhouse porch on Wendy Weisbard's porch at 119 Grove Road. Monetary donations are always appreciated. The checks should be made-out to the Woman's Club with a notation in the Memo field if you want them to go to a specific project

Halloween Candy Now and Halloween Candy Later

With your help, the Woman's Club is collecting candy before Halloween to make Trick or Treat bags for the Seneca Heights family shelter, and if we collect enough, we'll make bags for places like Priscilla's and Becky's Houses and the Men's Shelter. We will be putting together the bags ahead of time so they can be delivered that day, so please have those candy donations to us by October 16th.

As in the past, we're also collecting leftover candy from your Trick or Treaters, to be shared with the various shelters so they can have occasional sweets. We'll take those candy donations at any time!

Please Think about the Men of Our Local Shelters Who Always Need Socks



As the brutal cold of winter approaches, please think about how hard it is on the homeless if they have no socks! This fall and winter, we will continue to collect new white socks. These are always the most requested items at homeless shelters.

Washington Grove Elementary School Needs Our Help!

Bringing Music to the Students



Our Club is again seeking donations to help support the instrumental music program for the fourth and fifth grade students at Washington Grove Elementary. Both L&L Music in Walnut Hill Shopping Center and Lashoff Violins on East Diamond Avenue work closely with Ms. Moraca, the music teacher. You can purchase needed items from them or give a check to the Woman's Club for us to make the purchases.

- Instruction books
- Reeds for the woodwind instruments
- Resin and violin bows

The Teachers' Supply Closet Needs Restocking!

We are still focusing on one of our Club's Outreach programs to keep the Teachers Supply Closet well stocked. Without community support, the teachers end up buying needed supplies for the less fortunate children out of their own pockets! These are some of the things always needed:



- Glue sticks
- Hand sanitizers
- Paper
- Pencils
- Pencil sharpeners
- Tissues



Winter Coats, Hats, Scarves and Gloves

As part of the Teacher's Supply Closet, we are still collecting hats, coats, gloves, scarves and other winterwear for the needy children of Washington Grove and the surrounding schools. Our local schools work together to try to ensure that no students go through the winter without adequate winter wear. They are in contact with each other, and trade around as needed to secure the right sizes. So, as you sort your closets this fall, please consider donating any outgrown or out-loved winterwear.



Helping Archway's Kids and Their Families

The 6 Archway families are in need of all of the non-SNAP necessities, plus things like towels and wash clothes.

We're also asking for treats for the kids. There are 13 children in the program, ranging in ages from 2 to 18 years old and an 11-month old baby. Their social worker likes to bring them something when she does her visits. Our goal is to provide at least one treat and one non-SNAP item a month for each family. The next Archway pickup will be in early October.



We're Helping Out Where SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Leaves Off

As the needs of those around us continue, our Club is collecting some of the much-needed items that SNAP (formerly Food Stamps) doesn't pay for. We are collecting these items for the apartment residents of the Archway program and those who depend on the help of the Interfaith Food Hub.



- Deodorant

- Diapers – sizes 3 and up
- Diaper wipes
- Feminine hygiene products
- Hand sanitizer
- Laundry detergent
- Paper towels
- Pedialyte – any flavor
- Similac – especially the blue boxes of powder
- Toilet paper

Where to Drop Off Your Donations

Monetary donation checks should be made out to the Woman’s Club with a notation in the Memo field if you want them to go towards a specific project, such as:

- Archway or Shelter Projects
- Music program
- School Supplies
- SNAP Plus
- White Socks

All donations can be dropped off either on the Clubhouse porch or in the painted can on Wendy Weisbard’s porch at 119 Grove Road.

Lighting Committee News...

Next Meeting: Wed., October 27, 2021; 7:30 p.m. via ZOOM Video Conferencing. We will continue to meet on the 4th Wednesday of every month. All are welcome to attend!

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89962020052?pwd=LzhpSUlleFg2eFdaYzJlNDVQOVZlZQT09>

Meeting ID: 899 6202 0052

Passcode: 063079

The Town Council approved our recommendation to do a trial installation of three bollard, low voltage lights along the pathways by McCathran Hall. These bollard lights have been installed by Steve Werts. We hope that TWG residents will go by one evening and check them out. We would like to hear feedback about these light fixtures.

Questions, ideas or concerns please contact Virginia Quesada at:

301 706-7933 cell. vq@qmediainc.com Or Robert N. Johnson rnj@elecdev.com

Border Committee News...

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 14, 2021; 7:30 p.m. Via ZOOM Videoconference. This Committee meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Contact Peter

Nagrod (pnagrod@msn.com) for information on how to join the meeting.

Forestry & Beautification News...

The next meeting will be Wednesday October 13 to plan for fall tree planting. If you have a suggestion for where a new tree is needed, please contact one of the F&B Co-Chairs Georgette Cole (georgettewg@gmail.com) or Audrey Maskery (trees.beautification@gmail.com) or our Council Liaison Barbara Raimondo (baraimondo@me.com).

Feeling that Fall tang in the air yet? it’s a GREAT time to plant a tree in your own yard too. Keep in mind that Montgomery County has a **FREE TREE PLANTING PROGRAM.** Tree



Montgomery will plant and help maintain a shade tree in your yard. You can find the information at <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/green/trees/tree-montgomery.html>. The new tree will be a nice substantial one and they have tools to help you choose the right tree for your space. Many Grovers have already taken advantage of this great program and you can too!

Climate Action News...Sustainability Group

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 7:30 p.m. Via ZOOM Videoconference

Join ZOOM Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3440199688>

Meeting ID: 344 019 9688

Town Joins “Sustainable Maryland”

The Town Council has passed a resolution to join our neighboring communities in Sustainable Maryland, a collaborative effort among nearly 90 organizations, including the Maryland Municipal League and several research centers at the University of Maryland. Its mission is to “enhance livability for all Marylanders by helping municipalities choose a direction for their sustainability efforts, improve access to resources needed to implement action, measure their progress, and gain recognition for their accomplishments.” It certifies municipalities as they “go green.” Our Town’s current efforts put us well on our way to certification.

Town Establishes Voluntary Inventory of Electric Yard Tools

Fall is upon us...and so is an opportunity to reduce our carbon footprint in outdoor activities. This is an

excellent time to begin to retire gas-driven equipment and switch to electric-powered ones, especially if your electricity is coming from renewable sources. These include battery or corded equipment for mowing, trimming, edging, pruning, mulching, and leaf blowing. Chainsaws also can be electricity driven. If you use a yard work service, why not make your electric tools available to them when they work in your yard?

The Sustainability Group has established an inventory of electric yard tools. Now you can learn about fossil-fuel-free yard tools that are owned by your Grove neighbors. Ask questions and see them in action. Add to the list yourself and join the discussion. Let's share what we know about electric yard tools at [Yard Tools for a Greener Grove](#).

Switching to electric equipment has many benefits. The most important one is reducing fossil fuels that are worsening the climate crisis. Noise reduction is another big improvement that we will appreciate when the old ear-shattering equipment is gone. Another benefit is getting rid of messy, smelly gasoline cans that are a worry to have around our homes and garages. And, finally, many users of electric equipment report that the new tools are lighter weight, easier to use, and require much less maintenance than gas-driven versions.

The Sustainability Group thanks you for moving, step by step, as expeditiously as we can to reduce our carbon footprint.

Washington Grove Cares News...

Do you need a ride somewhere, an errand run, a walking partner, a homemade cookie, or a strong arm for a small task? We live in a caring community. Remember that Washington Grove Cares can marshal help when you need it. Please reach out to us with your ideas for keeping us all connected. Call 301-944-2962 or email washingtongrovecares@gmail.com; our website is washingtongrovecares.org.

Emergency Preparedness Committee News...

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82123991201?pwd=TFRsYU5zWU4zeGJiaVlzckhISE5YZz09>

By Phone: 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 821 2399 1201

Passcode: 609269

**DRIVE 15
ENJOY
THE SCENE!!**

COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

October 2	BluestoberFest		
October 4	Woods Committee	7:30 pm	ZOOM
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October 6	Planning Commission	7:30 pm	ZOOM
October 11	Town Council	7:30 pm	ZOOM
October 13	Forestry & Beautification	7:30 pm	ZOOM
October 13	BUILDING PERMIT SUBMISSION DEADLINE		
October 14	Border Committee	7:30 pm	ZOOM
October 17	Racial Equity Committee	7:30 pm	ZOOM
October 19	Historic Preservation Commission	7:30 pm	ZOOM
October 21	Lake Committee	7:30 pm	ZOOM
October 24	Holiday Show Filming	All Day	Town Hall
October 27	Lighting Committee	7:30 pm	ZOOM
October 28	Emergency Preparedness & Safety	7:30 pm	ZOOM

Trees and Weeds in the Grove

Lindens

Tilia (linden) is a genus of about 30 species of trees and bushes, native throughout most of the temperate Northern Hemisphere. Two species of lindens are familiar to Maryland landscapes: *Tilia cordata* (little-leaf) and *Tilia americana* (American basswood). Linden is a plural German word for *Tilia cordata*. It was this name that stuck in the U.S., while in England, the tree is commonly known as lime tree (no relation to the citrus tree). Linden is a familiar place name in Europe. Unter den Linden is an historic avenue in Berlin, ending at the Brandenburg gate. The Unterlinden museum in the city of Colmar in Alsace is one of the most important French museums outside of Paris.

Linden is one of the softest woods, similar in hardness to white pine, making it easy to carve. The cut surface has minimal grain and a buttery appearance. The first photo shows a block of little-leaf wood that was later carved by town resident Joe Clark from an historic tree originally brought to an estate in Yarmouth Maine from England by Frederick Law Olmsted in the late 19th century (Photo #1). It is a popular wood for model building and for intricate carving. The finest works of the great British sculptor Grinling Gibbons (1648–1721) were carved from limewood. Neither little-leaf linden nor basswood is used commonly in construction.

A distinctive feature of linden leaves is a single bract that holds the flower in the spring and the fruit through the summer (Photos #2 and #3). Leaves are alternate, simple, and have serrated margins. Fall color is yellow. They tend to sucker from the base but have few other problems.

The little-leaf linden leaf is heart-shaped, 2”-3” long with an uneven base, growing to 40’ to 55’ tall and 20’ to 35’ wide. Because it is more tolerant of heat and compacted soils than the native basswood, it is a more valuable shade and specimen tree, often pruned as a hedge or pollarded as in Europe. They make good street trees and are now used as replacement trees for ashes killed by the emerald ash borer. A row of young little-leaf lindens can be seen in the Piedmont Crossing neighborhood along the side of Picea View Ct between it and Ridge Rd.

American Basswood is native to Montgomery County, though somewhat uncommon. Leaves are 2”-8” long and almost as wide and are more coarsely toothed than those of the little-leaf linden. It is also a more majestic tree, growing 40’ to 80’ tall, 40’ to 70’ wide. The inner bark has historically been used in making rope, mats, baskets, and fishing nets.

A few lindens can be found along Washington Grove streets. Of interest, both varieties are on the Methodist Church property on Chestnut Road. Adjacent to the church building facing the road is a mature basswood (Photo #4). The little-leaf linden is at the corner of Chestnut and Center (Photo #5). True to their descriptions, the basswood is considerably larger than the little-leaf linden.

Photo #1 Block of wood from Little-Leaf Linder Tree





Photo #2. Little-leaf linden leaf in early summer.

Photo #3. American basswood on Chestnut Rd.







Photo #5. Little-leaf linden on Chestnut Road.

Hairy Crabweed

The highly invasive hairy crabweed (*Fatoua villosa*) will grow rapidly in a landscape that has been recently disturbed (Photo #6). It is also known as mulberry weed because the leaves can resemble those of a mulberry tree seedling. The plant arrived in the United States in the latter half of the 20th century from Eastern Asia. It is an annual plant spread by seeds, which are produced when the plants are only a few inches tall ... by the three-leaf stage! Mature plants can shoot seeds explosively up to 4 feet away. Seeds germinate from early spring through late fall, resulting in many generations per year.

The plant is easily removed, but because it has a brittle stem it is best to grasp the plant close to the soil to pull it out. Another means of control is to apply 2-3" mulch on your flower beds prior to emergence in early in spring. Photo #6 Hairy Crabweed)

