



# Town Bulletin

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## Town Council News

**Next meeting: Monday, April 11, 2022, 7:30 pm.** The public is invited to [attend this virtual meeting via Zoom here](#) (or dial in to 301-715-8592 using meeting ID: 297 850 640 and password 074385).

### **Actions at the March 14 Town Council Meeting**

- Opened and reviewed four bids in response to Landscape and Maintenance RFP. Deferred evaluation to March 22 meeting.
- Withdrew Request for Proposal for Facilities Maintenance and Repair.
- Approved license to PEPCO to install electric vehicle charging stations.
- Approved installation of new No Parking signs on Miller Drive.

### **Actions at the March 22 Town Council Meeting**

- Reviewed Mayor's draft FY2023 budget.

- Approved discussion with Potomac Disposal by John Compton and Dave Cosson to address their request for a price increase for the current contract.
- Evaluated bids for Landscape and Maintenance and awarded contract to RJ Landscape Contractors.

### **Looking For a Historic Preservation Commission Alternate**

The Town Council and Historic Preservation Commission are looking for a volunteer to serve as the alternate member. If you have an interest in historic preservation in Washington Grove, or would like to become more knowledgeable, and are ready to get more involved and help your Town, please contact the Town Office or one of the current HPC members. As the alternate member, you participate in HPC meetings (3rd Tuesday of the month) and vote when a full member is absent.

### **Annual Town Meeting**

The 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Washington Grove Town Meeting will be held in-person at McCathran Hall on Saturday May 14, 2022.

### **Town Elections**

Annual Town elections will be held Saturday, May 14. We plan on our first in-person voting since 2019, with voting hours 4:00-7:00 at McCathran Hall. However, anyone is welcome to vote by absentee ballot as we have for the last two years. Ballots will be available the week after nominations close on Monday, April 11. There will be a current ballot request form on the Town website and the procedure will remain the same, requiring you to first request a ballot and then return it to the Town Office in person or via US Mail.

To vote in any Town election you must be registered to vote in Montgomery County at a Town address. [You can check your current registration here.](#)

**Nominations.** Open this year will be two seats on the Town Council (three-year terms) and the office of Mayor (one-year term). Candidates for Council and Mayor must be qualified voters of the Town. Council nominees must have resided in Town for at least one year immediately preceding the election, nominees for Mayor at least two years. Nominations must be submitted in writing to the Board of Supervisors of Elections and require the signature of two qualified voters as nominators, as well as an acceptance by the nominee. As noted above the deadline for nominations is Monday, April 11. Nominations may be left with Kathy at the Town Office. Questions can be directed to [nicholassuzich@gmail.com](mailto:nicholassuzich@gmail.com).

*Nominees so far:* For Mayor, John Compton; for Council, Eva Patrone and Darrell Anderson. Nominations may be left with Kathy at the Town Office. Questions can be directed to [nicholassuzich@gmail.com](mailto:nicholassuzich@gmail.com).

## Maryland State Income Tax

Be sure to enter **Subdivision Code 1612** and **Washington Grove**.



Every year the Town of Washington Grove receives a portion of the Maryland State income tax paid by Town residents. Because most residents do not have mail delivered to street addresses, this presents a challenge for the State Comptroller's office when attributing the taxes collected to Washington Grove. It is **critical** that **all** Washington Grove residents (including renters) designate **"1612"** and **"Washington Grove"** on the tax form. For those filing electronically or using software, there should be a drop-down menu to select Washington Grove. Please share this information with your renters and your tax preparer if appropriate. This DOES NOT increase your taxes but DOES help ensure the Town receives its proper share of income tax revenue. Thanks for your help! Questions, call Treasurer Jean Moyer at 301-775-1168.

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## News from Grove Boards and Commissions

### Historic Preservation Commission News

**Next meeting: Tuesday, April 19, 2022; 7:30 pm** The public is invited to attend this virtual meeting via ZOOM. For a copy of the agenda, email Chair Bob Booher at [booherfamily@comcast.net](mailto:booherfamily@comcast.net).

[Join the Zoom Meeting here](#)

Meeting ID: 344 019 9688

### Looking For a Historic Preservation Commission Alternate

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## Asking for Residents' Help

A few homeowners have called to HPC's attention that there may be inaccuracies in the description of their home as listed in the December 2019 Architectural Survey for the Town of Washington Grove, prepared by consultants Robinson & Associates, Inc. For example, in one instance, a home's exterior siding material was incorrectly described.

Here's where you can help. Please take a look at the narrative description of your home in the Architectural Survey and let us know if you identify any errors. The table of contents on the first page of the Survey will help you find your home. Each house is listed by "street" address, starting with Acorn Lane through Washington Grove Lane. [Here's the link](#). Please report any inaccuracy to [mimistyles6464@yahoo.com](mailto:mimistyles6464@yahoo.com) so that corrections to the Architectural Survey may be prepared. Thank you!

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## Planning Commission News

**Next meeting: Wed., April 6, 2022; 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 here](#), or dial in to 301-715-8592, meeting ID: 228 942 2486 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 March

- 208 WG Lane - Screen Porch
- 342 Ridge Road - Addition

## Public Ways & Property Permits (PW&PP) Approved in March

- None

## The 2022 Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Washington Grove

The Comprehensive Plan process has taken over three years. The concentrated effort of the Planning Commission with invaluable assistance from the Historic Preservation Commission and a large number of Town committees, workgroups, and individual residents should be applauded. This process is now complete and on Wednesday, March 30 the Planning Commission passed Resolution 2022-02 approving the 2022 Comprehensive Plan (033022). It will be available on the [Comprehensive Plan page on the Town website](#) after it is signed by the Planning Commission Chair and made into a PDF document.

The Comprehensive Plan will now be sent to the Town Council for their review and approval. It will be addressed at the Town Council Meeting on 11 April 2022.

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## News from Grove Committees

### Border Committee News

Next Meeting: April 14, 2022 at 7:30p.m.

[Join the Zoom Meeting here](#)

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### Dog Park News

Dogs (and their people) continue to gather at the Dog Spot for play dates and fun. Judy Mroczka has agreed to be the contact person for those with medium to large size dogs who might like setting up specific dates for play with their similar-sized dogs. Want to know more? Contact Judy at [mrascal107@gmail.com](mailto:mrascal107@gmail.com).

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### Emergency Preparedness and Safety Committee News

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

### [Join the Zoom Meeting here](#)

By Phone: 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 893 3775 4668

Passcode: 968898

### **Receive Emergency Alerts from Montgomery County**

The Alert Montgomery System provides accurate and immediate emergency notifications from Montgomery County to your cell, work, or home phones via text, email, or voice message. Receive notifications about emergencies that may affect your home, workplace, child's school, or any other locations within the county. [You can register here.](#)

### **Tick Season Returning with Warmer Weather**

For comprehensive information on preventing tick bites to people and pets, and on symptoms of tickborne illness, [please visit the CDC website.](#) Get the tips. Stop the ticks.

### **We are Actively Seeking New Committee Members**

One committee goal is to promote a shared sense of preparedness, vigilance, and resilience to help strengthen our community. We welcome your input and ideas on how to achieve this and any other goals related to preparedness and safety. Please join us at our next meeting.

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## **Forestry & Beautification News**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 11, 2022; 7:30 p.m. Via ZOOM Videoconference.**

F&B has an unusually busy schedule this spring which involves considerable meeting outdoors to select tree planting sites, then monitoring installation. Our next regular (Zoom) meeting will therefore be Wednesday May 11 to review how the work has gone. This includes the eagerly awaited bitternut hickory trees which are so hard to transplant. The flowering trees planted last fall on Grove Avenue will be a great addition to our colorful understory and we're adding more this spring. Stay tuned!

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](mailto:georgettewg@gmail.com)) or Audrey Maskery ([trees.beautification@gmail.com](mailto:trees.beautification@gmail.com)) or our Council Liaison Barbara Raimondo ([baraimondo@me.com](mailto:baraimondo@me.com)).

## Trees in the Grove – Fall 2021 Plantings

We had a busy fall 2021, installing numerous canopy trees that included maples, sweetgums, oaks, and a black tupelo. We also began to replenish flowering trees along Grove Ave that had been lost over the years. You will see them blooming in April and May. Following are the location and description of three cultivars of native trees of special interest.

One **‘Rising Sun’ redbud** (*Cercis canadensis*) at the corner of Brown St and Grove Ave. The standard, native redbud is found throughout Washington Grove. The distinctive pink-red flowers that erupt in March and April directly from the limbs and stems are attractive to bees and early butterflies. Seed pods, which are distinctive and can be somewhat messy in the fall, identify redbud as a legume.

“Rising Sun” is a small variety, growing up to 12 feet high and wide. First discovered in 2006 at a wholesale Tennessee nursery (The owners say that this plant saved the business after a severe winter killed most of their plant stock), it has become popular for its heart-shaped foliage that emerges deep golden orange and matures through shades of gold and yellow to a speckled lime green. Seasonal interest is maintained by new leaves that emerge through the summer.

Three **“Rosy Ridge” Carolina Silverbell** (*Halesia carolina*) in front of 117 Grove Ave, in Chapel Park across from 207 Grove Ave, and next to 2 the Circle. Not commonly planted, silverbell’s striking and profuse flowering compare favorably to the more readily recognized flowering dogwood and redbud. These are possibly the three best native trees for spring flowering. Silverbell does best in sun to partial shade, where it thrives as a woodland, understory tree.

In April and May flowers form on naked branches or as leaves appear. The profuse flowers are mostly white, pendulous, and bell-shaped, hence the common name. Flowering lasts 10 to 14 days. In the fall, the fruit is contained in a hanging four-winged seed pod that transitions from green to yellow to brown and can persist into winter. At other times, the tree is best identified by a stringy thread-like bark on stems that are two or more years old. In good growing conditions (fertile, moist, acidic soil), silverbell will grow up to 30 feet tall and about as wide. The Rosy Ridge cultivar’s pale pink flowers, unusual for a silverbell, are a particular attraction.

Two **“Calloway” crabapples** (*Malus*) between 105 and 107 Grove Ave and across from 313 Grove Ave. Crabapple and apple trees belong the same genus of *Malus* (in the rose family), differing only in the size of the fruit. Crabapples are selected more often for their flowers than their fruit, which is more attractive to birds than to humans. In selecting a crabapple to plant, resistance to blight is critical. Crabapples grow in medium moisture, well-drained, acidic

loams in full sun. They adapt to a wide range of soils and have moderate drought tolerance once established.

'Callaway' typically matures to 15-25' tall. It is noted for its rounded shape, white flowers, large red fruit, and excellent disease resistance. The pink buds open in April to white flowers (1.5" diameter), followed by large, bright red crabapples (to 1.5" diameter) that mature in fall and may persist into winter. This cultivar is a good selection for gardens in southeastern states because it has excellent resistance to fungal diseases and does not require especially cold temperature to set flowers.

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## Lake Committee News

**Next Meeting: April 21, 2022, 7:30 pm**

[Join the Zoom Meeting here](#)

### Maple Lake Cleanup

The annual cleanup will be on **Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** at 10 am. Please join and bring your leaf rake, shovel, and wheelbarrow if you have one. Rain date is Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at noon. Call John Hutchinson at 240-997-5820 for details or questions.

### Geese

We are using the Humane Society's protocol again to humanely prevent eggs from hatching this spring. In the past several years a pair of geese has nested in an area easily accessible to our egg-oiling team. They drive away the other geese during nesting season and then leave when their eggs do not hatch. Please do not feed or harass the nesting pair or disturb the nest. If you see a nest built, please call John Hutchinson. We encourage visitors to the lake to take along a plastic bag and scoop droppings. THANKS!

### Lake Committee Meetings

**Third Thursday** starting February 17<sup>th</sup> at **7:30 via Zoom** until we can meet at the Town Hall. We need to plan for swim lessons, lifeguards, and making the lake even better for this summer. New members welcome and encouraged! Call John Hutchinson or Tom Land if you have any questions or suggestions.

## Lifeguards

Lifeguards needed for Maple Lake this Summer. We need lifeguards for the summer. Hours are from 12noon-6pm seven days a week (includes ½ hour break). Lifeguards must be certified in Lifesaving, CPR, and First Aid. **Pay is \$17.00/hour.** (We can help you pay for the trainings.) Call Tom Land or John Hutchinson for details.

## Swim Instructor

Swim instructor needed for Maple Lake for the month of July in the afternoons. Pay is **\$20.00/hour.** Call Sung Chang or John Hutchinson for details.

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## Lighting Committee News

**Next Meeting: Wed. April 27, 2022 at 7:30 pm Via ZOOM Videoconference**

[Join the Zoom Meeting here](#)

Meeting ID: 867 0904 1303

Passcode: 298717

One tap mobile - +13017158592 and follow directions

Questions, ideas or concerns? Please contact Virginia Quesada at 301 706-7933 (cell) or [vq@qmediainc.com](mailto:vq@qmediainc.com), or Robert N. Johnson at [rnj@elecdev.com](mailto:rnj@elecdev.com).

We meet the fourth Wednesday of every month. All are welcome to attend!

Most people don't think about streetlights – they are just there. Yet, for most municipalities their highest utility cost is their streetlights. The lighting we use on our walkways and streets also impacts energy use, sustainability, aesthetics and the environment.

**Most of us don't think about it but street lighting affects insects and wildlife.**

## Insect Apocalypse

You may have noticed that there are yellow led porch lights or “bug lights” that do not attract insects at night. What you may not know is that conventional outdoor lighting, including streetlights, has a huge detrimental effect on the nocturnal insect population, driving the insect apocalypse. Things we can do:

- Leave outdoor lights off or restrict on time using motion sensors or timers.
- Replace conventional outdoor lights with yellow spectrum LED bulbs.
- Read:

- [“Light pollution is key 'bringer of insect apocalypse'”](#) from *The Guardian*.
- [“A plea for a worldwide development of dark infrastructure for biodiversity – Practical examples and ways to go forward”](#) – this article covers effects of artificial light at night on species beyond insects.

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## Racial and Social Equity Committee

**Next meeting: Sunday, April 10, 2022; 2:00 p.m.**

All are welcome! Folks who would like to attend should email [racialequitywg@gmail.com](mailto:racialequitywg@gmail.com) to get the Zoom link.

### Racial and Social Equity Committee to Launch Town-Wide Survey

On April 4, 2022, residents will receive an email invitation from the Town of Washington Grove to participate in our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Survey. It is unique in that it is centered around what our community believes about the concepts of justness and fairness, belonging, and having a voice in civic affairs, and then how we live that out in practice and participation. This survey also asks a few important demographic questions, such as your race/ethnicity, gender, and age. It’s just 20 questions and should take no more than 15 minutes to complete.

The survey is conducted on the reputable Survey Monkey platform, and the questions have been reviewed for clarity, meaning and relevance by professionals in data collection. Participants may choose to participate anonymously or provide your name and address.

If the online survey is not a preferred option, English and Spanish print versions will be available at the Town Hall on April 4. Call before picking up a survey to be sure the office is open. The survey closes on April 25.

We strongly encourage everyone to participate. With a high participation rate, our Town can confidently take actions that continue to foster an inclusive environment in Washington Grove, where people of diverse backgrounds can thrive.

### Community Talk: “Digging A New Well”

**by Reverend Timothy Warner, Pastor of Emory Grove Methodist Church**

Washington Grove and its neighboring community Emory Grove, which was founded by former slaves, have a shared and inextricable history. While they both emerged as part of the

Great Methodist Camp Meeting Movement, the Emory Grove Camp Meeting continued for forty years after the Washington Grove Camp ended.

Largely because the camp meetings and the towns that emerged were born in the sin of Methodist racism, Washington Grove grew to become a robust and independent community, while Emory Grove was eventually decimated by urban renewal which razed the town and displaced its residents.

Reverend Timothy Warner, Pastor of Emory Grove Methodist Church and Co-Founder of the Montgomery County Racial Justice Coalition, will present a talk entitled, "Digging A New Well," describing:

- the relationship between Washington Grove and Emory Grove,
- the destruction of the Emory Grove historical sites,
- plans to redevelop the Emory Grove community, and
- ongoing community and church conversations about connecting the communities in the future.

A time for questions, answers and dialogue will follow.

Please join Pastor Warner and area community residents for this virtual event on Thursday, April 28 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

[Join the Zoom Meeting here](#)

Meeting ID: 819 2554 4525

Passcode: 539394

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## **Recreation Committee News**

**Next meeting: April 20, 2022; 7:30 p.m.**

[Join the Zoom Meeting here](#)

Meeting ID: 539 231 5882

## **Recreation Committee SignUp Genius**

Hi everyone!

We need everyone to consider [signing up here to help out with just one event](#). In order to keep our Town events alive we need people willing to work as a team to bring our beloved Town events to life.

We are hoping if everyone just picks one event to help out with, no one will be over taxed and

newer families can learn and participate in our Town events.

If you would like to add an event to the list please contact Em Cavey via text at 240-838-1840. Thank you so much!

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## **Sustainability Committee**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 5, 2022.**

[Join the ZOOM Meeting here](#)

Meeting ID: 344 019 9688

### **Washington Grove Earth Day: Electric Vehicles & Yard Tools Up Close Saturday, April 23, 10:00 AM-Noon**

#### **Rain Date: Sunday, April 24**

According to the Earth Day Network, one billion people participate in Earth Day festivities each year in 192 countries. This year, Washington Grove's Earth Day celebration offers you the opportunity to participate by viewing electric vehicles (EVs) and electric yard tools up close.

EVs owned by town residents will be on display at the Woodward Park. Come and have a look, chat with the owners, and learn about purchasing and operating an electric vehicle. Stroll over to the basketball court and check out some of the many electric yard tools now in use by town residents. You'll be able to take an up-close look at electric mowers, trimmers, leaf blowers, mulchers, and more. Owners will be on hand to answer your questions about their tools and help you decide which ones may be right for you to replace your gas-powered ones.

Also on hand may be a representative or two from companies that are offering ways to purchase your electricity from Maryland solar farms that will reduce your use of fossil-fuel dependent electricity and, in some cases, lower your electricity bill, too.

#### **Why Switch to an Electric Vehicle**

Did you know that the first passenger cars were powered by batteries in the late 1880s, and that Henry Ford considered manufacturing electric-powered Model T's? But Ford settled on gasoline engines, and here we are today.

Transportation accounts for 40 percent of all greenhouse gas emissions in Montgomery County. We can reduce that level dramatically by replacing our gasoline vehicles with EVs and

by purchasing electricity created from renewable resources to power them. The price of new EVs is now approaching gas-powered cars. EVs cost less to maintain, and over the life of the car save in fuel costs as well.

A major deterrent to switching to an EV is “mileage anxiety.” How far can I drive before I have to recharge the battery? Where will I find a charger away from home? Many of the latest EVs have a range of 250 to 300 miles, and technology continually improves that number. There are already about 116,000 charging stations or ports in the United States, and more are coming on every day, including some right here in Washington Grove.

For most drivers, a full charge will easily cover a typical day’s travel up to 40 miles. Charging times vary from overnight with a Level 1 charging station to less than an hour with a Level 3 charger.

Finally, over the lifetime of your EV you will be producing ZERO emissions instead of spewing tons of noxious greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Just as Henry Ford’s decision on Model T design set the course for the 20<sup>th</sup> century, your decision to drive an EV can help set a new course for the 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Savings Programs**

There are numerous government programs that provide financial incentives and other benefits to purchasers of EVs and EV home charging equipment. Legislation is pending, that, if passed, will offer even more help. Examples of current programs are listed below along with links to more information about each one. **These programs are likely to change with some expiring and others coming into existence, so it is wise to check frequently to see which incentives are available.**

### **Purchase of Electric Vehicles**

- **Electric Vehicle Federal Tax Credit up to \$7,500** for purchase of a qualifying EV credit amount based on vehicle's battery capacity and gross vehicle weight rating. Credit begins to phase out for each vehicle manufacturer once they have sold 200,000 eligible EVs in the U.S. since January 1, 2010. (Ford and Toyota may reach that limit this year and follow GM and Tesla off the credit.)
- **Montgomery County EV Purchasing Cooperative Pilot Program.** Montgomery County is challenging residents and businesses to pledge to buy EVs to help demonstrate demand for them. First program phase runs from January through May 2022. Coop members and partners will educate residents and businesses and negotiate favorable pricing for EV purchases and leases on behalf of those who have taken the pledge.

## Purchase of EV Home Charging Equipment

- **Maryland Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) Rebate Program.** Maryland residents can apply for a state rebate to buy or install an EV charging station (40% of purchase and installation price up to \$700). Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) issues the rebates on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **EV Charging Equipment Federal Tax Credit up to \$1,000.** Consumers who purchased qualified residential charging equipment before December 31, 2021, may receive a tax credit of 30% of the cost, up to \$1,000. While this credit was for 2021 purchases, watch for a possible extension or similar credit for new purchases.

## HOV Use

- **Maryland High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Permit for Plug-in Electric Vehicles.** Drivers of plug-in electric vehicles, titled/registered in Maryland, will be allowed to use the HOV lanes in Maryland regardless of number of passengers, providing they display an HOV permit on the vehicle. Permit valid from October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2022.

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## Woods Committee News

**Next meeting: Monday, April 4, 2022, 7:30 pm.**

[Join the Zoom Meeting here.](#)

By Phone: 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 849 9870 7283

Passcode: 333473

The May meeting will be held on Monday, May 2, 2022. Zoom link information will be forthcoming.

The Woods Committee is planning a **West Woods Preserve workday** on Saturday, April 30th from 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM in honor of Arbor Day (April 29<sup>th</sup>). We will meet in the Lake parking lot. We need volunteers to remove non-native garlic mustard, pick up trash, and clear Japanese barberry along the trails. Please wear water resistant work boots and work gloves. Bring insect repellent. Bottled water and trash bags will be provided. RSVP to Joan ([joanmmahaffey@hotmail.com](mailto:joanmmahaffey@hotmail.com)) and Patty ([patriceklein@hotmail.com](mailto:patriceklein@hotmail.com)).

Please watch for the **new Town of Washington Grove Welcome sign** to be installed at the corner of Daylily Lane and Washington Grove Lane thanks to the Border Committee. The Woods Committee will be planting several native understory trees to frame the sign.

We will be developing a **stormwater management plan** for the West Woods Preserve and welcome volunteer participation and ideas for discussion at our monthly meetings.

A reminder that in the Spring, the **East Woods Preserve trails** can remain very wet and soggy especially in the wetland areas. Please do not use those sections of trails that are too wet and muddy to avoid rutting, soil erosion, and damage to emerging native plants. This will protect the trails and understory native vegetation. We hope these precautions allow you to experience our Woods Preserves in a safer and more enjoyable way.

To help identify native plants emerging in the springtime, you can download the “Picture This” app, which is an online plant encyclopedia and plant identifier, at [www.picturethisai.com](http://www.picturethisai.com). There is a small subscription fee for this app.

Stay healthy and stay happy!

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### Film Society News

No news this month!

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### Washington Grove Cares News

#### Can You Offer a Hand to a Neighbor?

Are you willing to help out a Grove neighbor in need of occasional assistance? Could you climb a ladder, troubleshoot a %@\$&! computer, help shovel snow, or give a ride or a meal? Washington Grove Cares wants to know who can be called upon to provide various sorts of help. When we get a request in a category for which you sign up, you may hear from us. If it's not a good time for you, we'll call someone else.

Please fill out the Volunteer Form at [bit.ly/wgcares-signup](https://bit.ly/wgcares-signup). You can also find a link to it on the [Washington Grove Cares page of the Town website](#).

### Looking Forward -- Mark Your Calendar

As life normalizes, we're thinking Grovers are ready to gather. Washington Grove Cares will sponsor the **Great Grove Get Together outdoors on Sunday, May 22, at 3:00 p.m.** Join us for an opportunity to get to know new neighbors and spend time with long-time friends. There will be refreshments, games for young and old, and maybe even a prize.

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## WG United Methodist Church News



**Washington Grove United Methodist Church...Please join us at 11:00 AM Sundays**

For those who want to worship in person, we are meeting at the church, and we hope you will join us at **11:00 AM** Sunday mornings. For those who are not yet comfortable with in-person, please feel free to join us over Zoom, on Sunday mornings at 11:00 AM [using this link](#) or meeting ID 435 313 7794.

Our Easter Sunday sunrise service will be at 6:30 AM, Sunday April 17th, in the Ridge Road field.

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.**

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## Woman's Club News

Thursday, April 7 at 7:00 pm at McCathran Hall

### Take a Peek Behind Closed Doors at the White House



Former White House butler Alan DeValerio is coming to Washington Grove! He's going to give you the inside details about all the preparations involved in White House entertaining. Not only will he relate his first-hand experiences with history, but he will pass on the stories from those people that he worked with, like Eugene Allen on whom the movie *The Butler* was based, and who have taken care of our First Families from Franklin Roosevelt to the Bush families.

Alan will also display many of the White House artifacts (menus, programs, Christmas cards, personal photos, etc.) that he has collected over the years. And after the program his book *A History of Entertainment in the Modern White House* will be available for purchase (\$20) and signing at a nearby location. This is a presentation that you won't want to miss!

### The Woman's Club Needs Volunteers!

The Club is planning an ambitious schedule for this year, but much of it depends on having volunteers to plan the events, to provide refreshments, to setup and cleanup. Volunteering is easy, and you don't have to be a member to help us out (though we'd love for you to join). You can [sign up online to help](#), or call Arlene McCrehan at 240-447-6875, or Caitlin Bethupu at 414-208-8661.

Students who are willing to help with our events can earn SSL Hours (Student Service Learning Hours).

If you'd like to join the Woman's Club, our annual dues are a bargain at \$15. Just send a check made out to the Woman's Club (WCWG), PO Box 354, or drop them off with Cynthia Werts at 410 Oak Street. Please include our email address so we can add you to our mailing list. Oh, by the way, despite our name, we have several men in our Club.

### Upcoming Events

#### Get a Free Donut for Trying Something New

Saturday, April 2 starting at 10:30 AM at the Clubhouse

It's not National Donut Day, but on Saturday, April 2, from 8-10 am, we're celebrating **SPRING** with free donuts and coffee on the porch of the Clubhouse. Stop by and catch up with neighbors you might not have seen in ages. Everyone's welcome.

If you can, please bring bags of small, wrapped candies, and if you've got a few extra minutes, help us stuff eggs for the annual egg hunt and hardly any candy snitching is allowed 😊.

### **Children's Spring Fling and Egg Hunt**

**Saturday, April 9 from 8:00 to 10:00 AM at the Clubhouse**

Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends and join the Woman's Club and the Recreation Committee for this year's Egg Hunt. As a special treat, the Town Recreation Committee has arranged to host Singer/Songwriter/Teacher Tara Middleton and her sister for a creative program your kids won't want to miss!

Volunteers are needed that morning about 9:00 AM to help hide the egg, help the little ones find them and clean up afterwards. Remember, high school students can get SSL for helping with our Egg Hunt!

### **Help Fill Spa Bags for our Annual Mother's Day Bagel Breakfast and Spa Bag Gifts for the Women of our Local Shelters**

**Thursday, April 21 at 7:00 PM at the Clubhouse**

We will be putting together the spa bags as part of our monthly Woman's Club meeting, and we'd love to have your helping hands.

These bags will be delivered, along with our annual Mother's Day bagel breakfasts, to the women of Priscilla's House, Becky's House and other local women's shelters. Donations to help support this tradition would be greatly appreciated.

### **June Ice Cream Graduation Party at Seneca Heights Family Shelter**

We will again provide ice cream for the residents of Seneca Heights Family Shelter to throw an end-of-school party for the kids living there. We will also provide gifts for the kids graduating from kindergarten, elementary school, middle school and high school.

## **Outreach Programs**

### **Helping Archways Kids and Their Families**

The seven Archways families need non-SNAP necessities, plus things like towels and wash clothes.

We're also asking for treats for the kids. There are 15 children in the program, ranging in age from one to 17. Their social workers like to bring them something when they visit. Every month our boxes for the families have at least one treat and one non snap item in addition to the other needed donations.

### **Our Club Helps 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.

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

### **Where to Drop Off Your Donations**

All donations can be dropped off either in the box on the Clubhouse porch or on Wendy Weisbard's porch at 119 Grove Road. Monetary donation checks should be made-out-to the Woman's Club (WCWG) with a notation in the Memo if you want the money to go towards a specific project, such as:

- Bagels and Spa Bags
- June ice cream graduation party for the family shelter
- Snap Plus
- Archway or Shelter Projects

Follow The Woman's Club of Washington Grove:

- [on FaceBook](#),
- on Instagram at [@wgomansclub](#),
- and on [the Town's website](#) to learn about our special events.

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## Other Notices

### Final Leaf Collection

The final leaf collection by Green Earth was completed on March 30, 2022. If you put leaves out in time for collection and were missed, please call the Town Office 301-926-2256.

### Bulk Trash Collection Scheduled

Our refuse and recycling contractor Potomac Disposal will do a bulk trash collection on **Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**. Materials may include furniture, appliances (nothing with freon like air conditioning units), rugs, large toys, small auto parts, etc. Material may NOT include construction by-products from your renovation projects, large automotive parts, or tires. Items should not contain gasoline or motor oil. Please keep your metal separate from the rest of your trash. Items must be curbside by 7:00 AM.

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## Coming Events Calendar

April 2	McCathran Hall Rental	6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	
April 4	Woods Committee	7:30 pm	ZOOM
April 5	Sustainability Committee	7:30 pm	ZOOM
April 6	Planning Commission	7:30 pm	ZOOM
April 7	Swing Time Big Band	7:00 pm	Town Hall
April 7	Woman’s Club	7:00 pm	Town Hall
April 10	Racial Equity Committee	2:00 pm	ZOOM
April 11	Town Council	7:30 pm	ZOOM
<b>April 13</b>	<b>Building Permit Submission Deadline</b>		
April 14	Border Committee	7:30 pm	ZOOM
April 19	Historic Preservation Commission	7:30 pm	ZOOM
April 21	Lake Committee	7:30 pm	ZOOM
April 21	Swing Time Big Band	7:00 pm	Town Hall
April 23	Sustainability/Electric Vehicles & Tools	10:00 am	Woodward Park
April 27	Lighting Committee	7:30 pm	ZOOM
April 28	Emergency Prep. & Safety Comm.	7:30 pm	ZOOM
April 28	RASEC talk “Digging a New Well”	7:00 pm	ZOOM
April 30	McCathran Hall Rental	Noon – 9:00 pm	

