



# Town Bulletin

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## Town Council News

**Next meeting: Monday, June 13, 2022, 7:30 pm.**

**[Join Zoom meeting](#)** (or dial in to 301-715-8592 using meeting ID: 297 850 640 and password 074385).

### **Actions at the May 9 and 24 Town Council Meetings**

- Mayor's kudos to:
    - The Board of Supervisors of Elections for a smoothly run Town Election.
    - Presenters and participating residents for making the virtual 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Meeting informative and efficient.
    - The energetic Arbor Day volunteer efforts in the West Woods.
  - Adopted Budget Ordinance 2022-03
  - Elected to have the Annual Town Meeting via ZOOM videoconference
  - Approved a Set of Proposed Additional Actions Regarding Restrictive Covenants
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- Recognized Patrice Klein for her six years of service to the Grove as Town Councilor (2016 – 2022)
- Elected Darrell Anderson as Mayor Pro Tempore
- Confirmed Mayor’s appointment of Christine Dibble to the Planning Commission for the one-year term June 2022 - May 2023.
- Confirmed Mayor’s appointment of Robert Johnson to the Planning Commission for the five-year term June 2022 - May 2027.
- Opened and discussed responses to road work request for proposals

## **Town Council Enacts Ordinance Adopting the Town Budget and Tax Rates for FY 2023**

Maryland law requires municipal budgets to be adopted by ordinance. On May 24, the Town Council affirmed the action taken by the May 14 Town Meeting and enacted Ordinance 2022-03 adopting the identical budget and tax rates.

## **Council Responsibilities assigned for 2022-2023**

Please see the “Mayor and Town Council; Areas of Responsibility” drop-down menu on the [TWG website home page](#) for a detailed list of Council contacts and responsibilities through May 2023.

## **Town Meeting News**

**Preservation Award:** to Amy Greenberg for her thoughtful renovations at 303 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

## **Town Election Results**

Annual Town elections were held Saturday, May 14, with our first in-person voting since 2019. Thanks to all who ran and served, and to those who voted. 180 ballots were cast. John Compton, running unopposed, was reelected as Mayor with 140 votes. Elected to three-year Council terms were Eva Patrone, 133 votes and Darrell Anderson, 122 votes. Patrice Klein received 65 votes.

## **Town Meeting Adopts FY 2023 Budget and Tax Rate**

The property tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1 will be the constant yield rate of \$0.239 per each \$100 of assessed valuation. The dwelling unit charge, tied to the cost of trash and recycling collection, will be \$204 per dwelling per year. Copies of the adopted budget detail are attached and are posted on the Town website at [washingtongrovesmd.org](http://washingtongrovesmd.org). If you have questions, please contact Treasurer Jean Moyer at [mary.m.challstrom@gmail.com](mailto:mary.m.challstrom@gmail.com) (301-926-4498) or Mayor John Compton at [johncompton@me.com](mailto:johncompton@me.com) (301-330-8264).

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# News from Grove Boards and Commissions

## Historic Preservation Commission News

**Next meeting: Tuesday, June 21, 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 Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 344 019 9688

## Washington Grove's Ties to the Metropolitan Branch of the B&O Railroad

The Metropolitan Branch of the B&O Railroad, which commenced passenger and freight operations on May 25, 1873, stretched at its completion from the northwest corner of Washington, D.C., to the mouth of the Monocacy River and revolutionized transportation and trade in Montgomery County. Washington Grove had a dedicated stop along the Metropolitan Branch, which carried excursionists and residents to the camp meeting's annual gatherings. In 1873, the railroad built a train depot (no longer extant) at the Washington Grove station. It was a large, frame structure that sheltered an open waiting area.

The Metropolitan Branch was integral to the development of Washington Grove. Indeed, the founders of the camp meeting deliberately selected a site that was located along the route of the railroad, and the popularity of its trains (as many as twenty Sunday excursion trains a day during camp meetings) contributed to 12,000 people attending on a Sunday in 1882. The freight carried on the trains, delivered to Washington Grove's freight yard, brought camp supplies and the building materials used to construct the camp meeting cottages and later era structures.

Following completion of double-tracking between Washington and Gaithersburg by 1893, the railroad expanded its facilities at Washington Grove in 1906 when it built a station house on the opposite side of the tracks from the depot. The station house had a ticket office and separate men's and women's waiting rooms.

The railroad was instrumental in the transition of Washington Grove from a seasonal resort to a thriving suburban enclave. In 1919, there were nine trains stopping at Washington Grove per day, enabling residents to commute to work. With the emergence of the automobile, use of the train declined. The station house was closed in 1954 and torn down soon after. The railroad also fostered the development of Oakmont, the late nineteenth-century subdivision across the tracks from Washington Grove, and the growth of Emory Grove, a nearby Methodist camp meeting established by African Americans.

*(Note: The Metropolitan Branch of the B&O is listed on the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties and was determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places in 2000 due to its significance in the areas of architecture, community planning, economics, engineering, exploration/settlement, industry, transportation, and local history.)*

Today a segment of the 66-foot-wide railroad corridor extends along the southern municipal boundary of Washington Grove and the northern edge of the rail corridor forms part of the boundary of the historic district. Views in both directions along Railroad Street of the railroad corridor and Washington Grove station, views from Railroad Street of the Humpback Bridge and its approaches, and views north from Railroad Street along Grove Avenue and Grove Road were important to the experience of arriving at or departing from Washington Grove, and these views continue to contribute to the setting of the historic district.

### **Humpback Bridge**

In the 1870s, the B&O Railroad built a timber, pony truss bridge about 600 feet northwest of the Washington Grove station. Called the Humpback Bridge after its distinctive shape, the structure greatly facilitated local travel, trade, and communication by providing a safe above-grade crossing at a blind curve in the tracks. By 1945, the bridge had become dilapidated, and, in response to complaints from Washington Grove residents, the railroad replaced the nineteenth-century structure with a new bridge in the same location. The new bridge was a three span, timber bridge with a humpback shape.

In 1986, CSX Transportation took over ownership and authority of the B&O line, and two years later carried out a major rehabilitation that replaced the timber beams with steel I-beams. Additional changes occurred in 2001, when the bridge was re-decked and the railings were replaced, and in 2009, when the timber bents supporting the bridge superstructure were replaced in kind. The most recent rehabilitation occurred in 2014. At that time, the bridge superstructure was disconnected from the approaches and substructure and demolished. The cap timbers of the bents were replaced with new cap timbers to raise the height of the bridge and support five new curved, steel I-beams. New wood decking cut to the original 22-inch width and new laminated guardrails were also installed. The rehabilitation preserved or replaced in-kind the character-defining elements of the structure related to its dimensions, details, profile, approaches, and landscape, and did not impact its eligibility for the National Register.

*(Note: In 2009, the **Humpback Bridge** was determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places due to its significance in the areas of transportation and community planning. As one of only two bridges built by the B&O over the Metropolitan Branch, the Humpback Bridge is also significant as a scarce historic resource. The other, the 1918 Talbot Avenue bridge, a steel*

*girder bridge near Silver Spring, in the way of construction of the Purple Line light rail project; was demolished in 2019.)*

### **Railroad Park**

Railroad Park, a small parcel of land on the south side of Railroad Street between Washington Grove Lane and Hickory Road, is owned by the town and comprised of land that was part of the original tract acquired by the Washington Grove Camp Meeting Association in 1873. It consists of a turf lawn informally planted with small trees and shrubs, and sits in the shadow of the silos and former feed mill at 671-681 East Diamond in adjacent Gaithersburg. Salvaged railroad ties are used as retaining walls in the park. Dedicated in 2003, the park commemorates Washington Grove's historic ties to the B&O Railroad.

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

The Historic Preservation Commission is also looking for a volunteer to serve as the Alternate. 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 Alternate you participate in HPC meetings (3rd Tuesday of the month) and vote when a full member is absent.

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## **Planning Commission News**

**Next meeting: Wednesday, June 1, 2022, 7:30 pm.** 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](#), or dial in to 301-715-8592, meeting ID: 881 3713 5118 and following the audio instructions.

In addition to the regular meeting on June 1, the PC will also have a **SECOND meeting on Wed. June 15 at 7:30 pm.** The Zoom URL will be the same as above. This will be a joint meeting with the Historic Preservation Commission. We plan to discuss ordinance revision needed to make the process more flexible for homeowners on very small lots. Our goal is to enable home modifications that make houses more livable. These modifications can be difficult to implement under our current ordinances.

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 June

- None

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

- None

## Looking For a Planning Commission Alternate

Interested in getting more involved in Town affairs? The Planning Commission needs a volunteer to serve as the Alternate. The Alternate participates in the PC meetings (1st Wednesday of the month) and votes when a full member is absent. To explore volunteering, please contact the Town Office or one of the current PC members.

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## News from Grove Committees

### Border Committee News

**Next Meeting: Thursday, June 9, 2022, 7:30 pm.**

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

The Border Committee will be updating its name soon with the "Gateway Committee" being the leading contender. Other suggestions are welcome (send to [pnagrod@msn.com](mailto:pnagrod@msn.com)). With one Welcome Sign gracing the Daylily/WGL entrance to Town, the BC will soon be planting the remaining two signs at the Robert's Oxygen and Commercial Corner entrances. Remember, the goal is to remind drivers that they are driving "through" a town and not on a highspeed bypass.

Present projects include improving the safety and appearance of the passage from the RR Street Marc Station crosswalk to Grove Avenue; reclaiming the WGL entrance to Grove Avenue by opening the walkway to pedestrians; placing identity fencing along sections of the West Woods;

working on various safety issues at the Commercial Corner; and organizing the design and implementation of a beautification plan for the entrances to Oak and Center Street at WGL.

Please note that all these projects are an integrated effort by relevant committees such as HPC, F&B, Woods, Safety, RASEC and Council members.

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## Dog Park News

No news this month!

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## Emergency Preparedness and Safety Committee News

**Next Meeting: Thursday, June 23, 2022, 7:30 pm.**

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

By Phone: 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 836 7651 1637

Passcode: 886855

### Hurricane Season Has Begun

**Above normal hurricane activity predicted for 2022:** NOAA forecasters are predicting above-average hurricane activity this year — which would make it the seventh consecutive above-average hurricane season. NOAA's outlook for the 2022 Atlantic hurricane season, which extends from June 1 to November 30, predicts a 65% chance of an above-normal season, a 25% chance of a near-normal season and a 10% chance of a below-normal season. Please see the [NOAA.gov website](https://www.noaa.gov) for more information.

**The best time to prepare for a hurricane or severe storm is before hurricane season begins on June 1:** It is vital to understand your home's vulnerability to flooding and wind. You can view a [checklist of things to do BEFORE hurricane seasons begins at Weather.gov](#).

**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, August 10, 2022, 7:30 p.m.**

The spring planting has gone well with an additional eleven trees planted along Grove Avenue and in the Circle environs. We also planted eleven hickory saplings distributed throughout the Town. The Woods Committee added four hickories in the East Woods.

The Forestry and Beautification Committee takes a break over the summer. Our next regular (Zoom) meeting will be Wednesday August 10 to start planning for the fall season tree planting. We hope you'll be able to join us!

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)).

Our Trees in the Grove series (by Jay Everhart, FnB member and Master Gardener) focuses this month on "Living Fossil Trees". Not sure what those are? [Read about them here!](#)

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## **Lake Committee News**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, June 16, 2022, 7:30 pm**

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

The Lake Committee meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 7:30 via Zoom, until we can meet at the Town Hall. We are planning 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 are needed for Maple Lake this summer. Pay is \$17.00 per hour. Lifeguard hours are from 12noon - 6pm, seven days a week (includes ½ hour break). Lifeguards must be certified in Lifesaving, CPR, and First Aid (we can help you pay for the training). Call Tom Land or John Hutchinson for details.

## Swim Instructor

A swim instructor is needed for Maple Lake (weekday afternoons). Pay is \$20/hour. Call Sung Chang or John Hutchinson for details.

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## Lighting Committee News

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 7:30 pm (There will be no meeting in June.)**

The Lighting Committee has been exploring dark sky options and would like to share with residents an [excellent short video](#) about another small historic town and their work with streetlights and their dark sky initiative.

**All are welcome to join in!**

We have set up our Zoom link to be a recurring meeting so that the Zoom link will remain consistent.

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9617980177>

Meeting ID: 961 798 0177

One tap mobile and follow directions.

+13017158592

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).

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## Racial and Social Equity Committee

**Next meeting: Sunday, June 12, 2022, 2:00 pm.**

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

We all grieve the loss of life in any act of violence, most recently in Uvalde and Buffalo. The motivating ideas for the shootings run deep in American culture, and especially since the murder of George Floyd, communities across the country have sought ways to address or work against those ideas. In Washington Grove, community members formed a committee named the “Racial and Social Equity Committee” (RASEC) to see what might be done to promote racial and social justice and equity. At the same time church members from the Washington Grove and Emory Grove United Methodist churches began similar work through the Racial Justice Coalition.

We’d like to share with you a coming event that has sprung out of these groups. We are sponsoring a community walk from Emory Grove to Washington Grove, with stops at important historical sites along the way, followed by a community meal at McCathran Hall. A brochure will provide brief historical summaries about the sites, some of which include information about the role race has played. The acknowledgment and telling of the full story can be a way to bring about trust and better relationships with our neighbors. This is particularly timely, given that a new Emory Grove community is being planned and built!

Please join us on Sunday, June 5 at 2pm meeting at Johnson's Park (18000 Washington Grove Ln) to start the walk of about 1.2 miles and enjoy a light meal with provided by our Emory Grove neighbors at McCathran Hall at 3:30 pm. A map is provided so that people can do a self-guided tour either walking or driving. Feel free to participate in any part of the event. Please register at <https://rebrand.ly/q65avq9>.

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## Recreation Committee News

**Next meeting: Wednesday, June 3, 2022, 7:30 pm.**

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 838 5854 5352

**Music Weekend is Back!**

**Music Weekend Schedule June 24, 25, 26**

## Friday June 24

**Time: 7:30-9 pm**

**Location: Maple Lake**

**Contact: Em Cavey 240-838-1840 via text or call**

Bring friends, voices, instruments, cell phones for lyrics, and lawn chairs to an outdoor tune-full evening with neighbors to launch the 2022 Music Weekend!



## Saturday June 25

**Youth Recital**

**Time: 10 am -11:30 am**

**Location: McCathran Hall**

**Contact: Renee Moloznik**

**Email: [rlmoloznik@gmail.com](mailto:rlmoloznik@gmail.com)**

### Calling all Young Musicians, Singers, and other Artistic Performers for Music Weekend!

Washington Grove's Annual Youth Recital and Reception will be on Saturday, June 25th from 10:00 -11:30 am at the McCathran Hall.

All are encouraged to perform, by playing an instrument, singing, reciting poetry, dancing or any other musical or performance related activity. College age participants are encouraged to perform as well, as are inter-generational family acts!

If you would like to participate, please send Renee Moloznik, [rmoloz@hotmail.com](mailto:rmoloz@hotmail.com), the following information:

- Name of performer
- Instrument(s) (if any)
- Name of composer and piece (or, if not music, name of performance)
- Approximate amount of time performance will take
- Name of accompanist (if any)

We need to have this information by Sunday, June 19, to prepare the program. If you are in need of an accompanist, please make your own arrangements.

## Saturday June 25th

**Band and Dancing Event**

**Time: 6-9:00pm**

**Location: Gazebo**

**Contact: Peter Nagrod**

**Email: [pnagrod@msn.com](mailto:pnagrod@msn.com)**



Please join us at the Gazebo for music and dancing Saturday, June 25th at 6pm! BYO dinner, drinks, lawn chairs for your family (This is not a potluck). We will celebrate the kickoff to summer with music, dancing and fun! Look forward to seeing everyone!

## **Sunday June 26**

### **Jazz Breakfast**

**Time: 10:30 am - Noon**

**Location: Gazebo**

**Contact: David Harmon**

**email: [davidharmon77@gmail.com](mailto:davidharmon77@gmail.com)**

**Carol Samour**

**email: [carolsamour@gmail.com](mailto:carolsamour@gmail.com)**

Good News! The Jazz Breakfast will return after a two-year absence to finish off Music Weekend in Washington Grove. It will take place from 10:30 am to 12 pm on Sunday June 26. We will have the same group of young jazz musicians who have played for us in the past. In lieu of potluck, we will be providing bagels, doughnuts, juice and coffee.

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## **Sustainability Committee**

**Next Meetings: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 and Tuesday, July 5, 2022, 7:30 pm via ZOOM Videoconference.**

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 344 019 9688

### **“Electric Earth Day” a Success!**

On April 23, Washington Grove celebrated “Electric Earth Day” where town residents displayed their electric vehicles and a wide variety of electric yard equipment in Woodward Park. About 80 people, including at least 16 children, came to learn from their neighbors about the cars and tools.

Nine cars—plug-in hybrids and all-battery operated—drew a lot of attention and gave prospective drivers of electric cars an opportunity to ask questions, check out the cars, and think about what their next car might look like. Battery-operated and corded electric mowers, mulchers, trimmers, and leaf blowers were on display to examine and compare. Kids created a giant tree, enjoyed art projects, and checked out environmental books to take home.

Also, visiting Washington Grove were representatives from Utility Adviser to facilitate signing up for solar-generated electricity from Maryland solar farms; Groundswell, a non-profit organization that fosters clean energy programs with an emphasis on equity; and A.I.R. Natural, Organic Lawn Care, a company that uses only battery-operated equipment for lawn maintenance, including an intriguing robot that quietly cuts your lawn day or night.

The Sustainability Committee is grateful to all who loaned their cars and yard equipment for this event and invested their time to help others in town learn about the options available to shift away from cars and tools that depend on gasoline.

### **Maryland's New Law: "The Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022"**

A new law, "Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022" went into effect in Maryland on June 1, setting aggressive targets for our State that will require significant alterations in energy usage in our vehicles and homes and at worksites, farms, and power plants.

Maryland's prior goal to lower the State's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 40 percent by 2030 (compared to 2006) is reset to a 60-percent reduction by 2031. A target is set to achieve net-zero GHG emissions in Maryland's economy by 2045. The goals are among the most ambitious in the country at this time.

The law requires big change in the construction and maintenance of buildings. Beginning in 2025, emissions resulting from heating buildings over 35,000 square feet must be measured and reported annually. With certain exemptions, by 2030, building emissions will have to be lowered by 20 percent below the 2025 level and be net-zero in carbon emissions by 2040.

By 2027, electric utility programs to promote energy conservation will have to achieve a rate of 2.5 percent reduction in electricity sales per year. By 2030, at least 75 percent of electricity purchased for use at State facilities will be required to come from no- or low-carbon sources.

The Maryland Commission on Climate Change will establish four new working groups:

- 1. Just Transition Employment and Retraining** to study the number of jobs created; the projected inventory of jobs, skills, and training required; and the workforce disruption expected due to the transition to a low-carbon economy.
- 2. Energy Industry Revitalization** to focus on small businesses and the impacts of their transitioning to renewable energy.
- 3. Energy Resilience and Efficiency** to address infrastructure improvements, transmission efficiency, and battery backup viability.

**4. Solar Photovoltaic Systems Recovery, Reuse and Recycling** to focus on recycling, disposal, and decommissioning of the systems.

Many other climate concerns are covered by this substantial law, including shifting to zero-emission school buses; converting the state-owned passenger car fleet to 100 percent zero-emissions by 2031 and the entire light-duty fleet by 2036; assisting communities with high poverty, high non-white population or low English proficiency; expanding of the mission of the Chesapeake Conservation Corps; supporting the continued operation of the Calvert Cliffs nuclear power plant; and developing biofuels alternatives.

*We invite you to visit the [Sustainability Committee web page](#) (Town of Washington Grove home page/Community/Sustainability) for information on how to cut your carbon emissions.*

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## **Woods Committee News**

**Next meeting: Monday, June 6, 2022, 7:30 pm.**

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

By Phone: 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 859 5888 1618

Passcode: 575827

The Woods Committee planted new native trees in May in the East Woods and needs volunteers to help water them. Four hickories were planted along the Center Street and Grove Road borders of the East Woods. Two dogwoods and five holly trees were planted along the Dogwood and Frankland Trails off Ridge Road. Please contact Joan Mahaffey to coordinate watering schedules.

This month, we will be working with IPC on targeted non-native invasive plant control in the East and West Woods to include wisteria, mile-a-minute, and wavy leaf basket grass. Stilt grass will be treated along the edges of walking trails to reduce tick exposures for people and pets. Signs will be posted in areas where IPC is working.

A walk on the trails in the woods is exhilarating. Native plants and trees continue to decorate the understory with beautiful colors and views. Please stay on the hiking trails to protect these reforestation areas. Enjoy this exuberant season in our forest preserves!

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## News from Other Grove Organizations

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### WG United Methodist Church News



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

Please join us on Sunday morning, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM, as we bid Farewell to Pastor Andy Peck-McClain as he moves onto a new church.



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 <https://zoom.us/j/4353137794> or meeting ID 435 313 7794.

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

## Upcoming Events

### Coffee and Donuts on the Porch

**Saturday June 4, 2022 from 9:30 to 12:00**

For this last of our Spring series of Saturday morning Coffee and Donuts, we're asking you to GET a donut, and GIVE a child a birthday gift! (The 'give' is optional.)

The parents of the seven families the WCWG supports in Montgomery County Housing Coalition's permanent housing program need our help to be able to give birthday presents to their children. It means so much to the parents to know that their children have birthday presents!

Please consider bring an unwrapped gift to support this effort. There are 15 children in all: Girls – ages 2, 5, 7, 9, 14, 15 (2) & 17; and Boys – ages 3, 6, 10, 14, 16 & 18 (2). We suggest toys or clothes for the younger children, clothes and gift cards for teenagers, and games and books for all ages. If you'd rather donate funds, we'll direct them specifically to this purpose and do the shopping for you!

If you can't join us on Saturday, you can also drop off your gifts at Wendy Weisbard's porch at 119 Grove Road.

## Outreach Programs

### June Ice Cream Graduation Party for Seneca Heights Apartments

**To be Delivered to Seneca Heights Family Shelter on Friday June 17th**

This year we will continue our tradition of providing ice cream so that all the residents of the Seneca Heights Apartments can throw an end-of-school party for the kids living there.

These kids have worked hard while overcoming challenges, so we like to provide gifts for those graduating from kindergarten, elementary school, middle school, and high school. Although we don't stay to join in the party, the residents are always waiting for our arrival 😊.

### Monthly Meals for Priscilla's House

**The First Wednesdays of the Month**

One of our most popular programs this year has been providing meals for the 9 residents and staff of Priscilla's House on the first Wednesday of every month, including one resident who is a vegetarian, but eats fish. We still need volunteers for **October, November, and December**.



We've had individuals, families and groups of friends, volunteer to make a main course, a side dish, a dessert and to deliver the meals. [If you would like to take part in this program and provide a meal for these women, you can sign up here.](#)

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

The seven Archways families always need non-Snap necessities and now, with school ending for the summer, their school lunches won't be provided, so there's a greater need for things like peanut butter, boxes of mac and cheese and similar shelf-stable foods. Also, snacks would be very welcomed during the summer months.

Thanks to your generous contributions, every month we've been able to provide these families boxes of food, non-snap items, and other supplies.

We also make sure that the parents have birthday gifts to give their children, so please try to support our **GET a Donut and GIVE a Gift** drive on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. We can't provide birthday cakes, so we purchase things like birthday cake flavored peeps, candy kisses, Oreos, and even birthday cake marshmallows to go with the presents. Anything birthday flavored is great.

It means so much to the parents to know that their children have birthday presents! These gifts come out of our limited funds, so any contributions towards them would be especially appreciated.

### **Our Club Helps 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. SNAP does not pay for things like Similac, Pedialyte, diapers and diaper wipes, laundry detergent, toilet paper, deodorant, feminine hygiene products and hand sanitizer, to name a few things.

**Our Outreach Programs can only happen with the continued support of our Little Town with the Big Hearts.**

### **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:

- *Ice Cream Graduation Party*
  - *Snap Plus*
  - *Archways or other Shelter Projects*
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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

### Memorial Service to Celebrate the Life of Cathy Winter Staneck

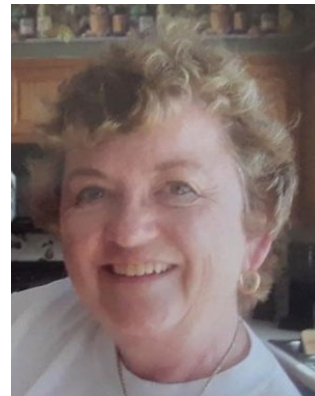
June 11, 2022, 4:00 pm

Washington Grove Methodist Church

Reception immediately following  
McCathran Hall

**All are welcome.**

[View Cathy's obituary.](#)



### Memorial Celebration of Sarah Margaret Workman Steel

(June 13, 1933–January 10, 2020)

Sunday, June 12 at McCathran Hall

The children, grandchildren, and family of Sarah Steel, Washington Grove resident for 49 years, warmly invite any and all to join us for a gathering to remember and celebrate her life.

After 1:00, folks may drop by McCathran Hall for informal conversation, coffee, lemonade, and snacks. Also, at 1:00, Lisa/Maggie is planning a procession from our old house to McCathran Hall prior to the formal program, which she invites any who would like to join.

There will be an informal “formal” part of the event from 2:00–3:00. From 3:00–6:00, there will be even less formal time to visit and share stories, over more coffee and snacks. Please feel free to come for any part of the day.

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## Coming Events Calendar

|               |  |          |            |
|---------------|--|----------|------------|
| June 1        | Planning Commission                        | 7:30 pm  | ZOOM       |
| June 2        | Swing Time Big Band                        | 7:00 pm  | Town Hall  |
| June 3        | Recreation Committee                       | 7:00 pm  | ZOOM       |
| June 4        | McCathran Hall Rental                      | 7:30 pm  | ZOOM       |
| June 5        | Community Walk                             | 2:00 pm  | Town Hall  |
| June 6        | Woods Committee                            | 7:30 pm  | ZOOM       |
| June 7        | Sustainability Committee                   | 7:30 pm  | ZOOM       |
| June 8        | Forestry & Beautification                  | 7:30 pm  | ZOOM       |
| <b>June 8</b> | <b>BUILDING PERMIT SUBMISSION DEADLINE</b> |          |            |
| June 9        | Border Committee                           | 7:30 pm  | ZOOM       |
| June 11       | McCathran Hall Rental                      | 4:00 pm  | Town Hall  |
| June 12       | McCathran Hall Rental                      | 1:00 pm  | Town Hall  |
| June 12       | Racial and Social Equity Committee         | 2:00 pm  | ZOOM       |
| June 13       | Town Council                               | 7:30 pm  | ZOOM       |
| June 16       | Lake Committee                             | 7:30 pm  | ZOOM       |
| June 16       | Swing Time Big Band                        | 7:00 pm  | Town Hall  |
| June 21       | Historic Preservation Commission           | 7:30 pm  | ZOOM       |
| June 22       | Lighting Committee                         | 7:30 pm  | ZOOM       |
| June 23       | Emergency Prep. & Safety Comm.             | 7:30 pm  | ZOOM       |
| June 24       | Music Weekend (1 <sup>st</sup> Event)      | 7:30 pm  | Maple Lake |
| June 25       | Youth Recital                              | 10:00 am | Town Hall  |
| June 25       | Band & Dance Event                         | 6:00 pm  | Gazebo     |
| June 26       | Jazz Breakfast                             | 10:30 am | Gazebo     |
| June 28       | Summer in the Parks Begins                 | 9:00 am  | Town Hall  |

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