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Town Council News

Next meeting: Monday, July 11, 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 June Town Council Meeting

- Approval of Mayor's appointments of Wendy Harris, Mimi Styles, and Marilynn Frey to the Historic Preservation Commission.
 - Approval of language changes to the Comprehensive Plan.
 - Approval of Edible Garden proposal to be installed in the hard-court tennis area for an 18-month trial.
 - Awarded asphalt road work contact to AB Veirs.
 - Mayor's Kudos:
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- To Forestry & Beautification Committee volunteers for the very successful workday May 27th
- To Steve Werts for his heroic efforts power washing the hard courts and readying the “clay” tennis courts.
- To Emily Cavey and the Recreation Committee volunteers for another great Music Weekend. The tradition lives on!

FY23 Deer Management Bow Hunting Session Proposed to Include the Conservation Meadow

As part of efforts to restore the Town’s woods, an archery deer management program has been in place for the past few years. A Resolution was introduced at the Town Council meeting in June to authorize the FY23 archery managed deer hunting program in the East and West Woods. In addition, this year’s program is proposed to be expanded to include the Washington Grove Conservation Meadow Park and Piedmont Crossing Local Park (in cooperation with Montgomery County Parks).

The Montgomery County Parks Department has provided the following description of how the archery deer management program will be conducted.

“To address localized, public safety, ecological, and social impacts of white-tailed deer, Montgomery Parks plans to expand existing archery managed deer hunting programming, already in place within the forested open space of the Washington Grove community, to include Washington Grove (Meadow) Conservation Park/Piedmont Crossing Local Park.

Beginning in September 2022 (September – January, annually), a pre-selected, insured Archery Managed Deer Hunting Group will conduct archery hunting in this park location within strict, clear regulations and qualifications.

Note: During this time, the park will remain open to the public as usual. Hunting will occur safely and discretely and will exceed the County’s archery hunting discharge legal requirements for distance from occupied buildings. Montgomery Parks and Washington Grove archery managed hunting programs have been safe, successful, and very low impact to park use and the surrounding community. Hunting will be permitted Mondays – Saturdays but **not** necessarily occurring daily.

Please visit www.parksdeermanagement.org for further details and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) regarding Montgomery Parks deer population management.”

Action on the Resolution is expected in July.



2022 PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

7 am – 8 pm

McCathran Hall

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News from Grove Boards and Commissions

Historic Preservation Commission News

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 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.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 344 019 9688

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Planning Commission News

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 6, 2022, 7:30 pm. The public is invited to attend this virtual meeting via ZOOM. Residents and the public may access these meetings by Zoom videoconference at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88137135118> (Meeting ID: 881 3713 5118).

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 June

- None

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

- None

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News from Grove Committees

Border Committee News

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 14, 2022, 7:30 pm.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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Emergency Preparedness and Safety Committee News

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 28, 2022, 7:30 pm.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

By Phone: 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 838 6620 3758

Passcode: 072603

Summer Heat Safety Guidance

During extremely hot and humid weather, it is important to know the symptoms of excessive heat exposure and the appropriate responses. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides a list of warning signs and symptoms of heat illness and recommended first aid steps. [View more information on all of these heat related illnesses.](#) The EPA, NOAA, CDC, and DHS also have collaborated to provide guidance on excessive heat safety. [Read guidance here.](#)

It is also never safe to leave a toddler, disabled person or pet locked in a car. The National Safety Council (NSC) offers a 10-minute online training module "[Children in Hot Cars](#)" which has a wealth of valuable information. The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and ASPCA

have guidance to protect pets and other animals safe from excess heat. See these resources from the [Humane Society](#) and [ASPCA](#) for more information.

Fireworks – Know the Law!

In Montgomery County, ALL fireworks are illegal to possess or discharge, including gold label sparklers. Snap-and-pop noise makers, snakes and party poppers are the only exception to this law. [Learn more here.](#)

Fire Safety Training Event Planned

The EPSC and Recreation Committee are coordinating with the Washington Grove/Gaithersburg Fire Department to conduct a fire safety training for adults and kids in mid-July. This will include the kids' mobile safety house demonstration during SITP. The date will be announced soon – stay tuned!

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, July 13, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

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Lake Committee News

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 21, 2022, 7:30 pm

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

New members welcome and encouraged! Call John Hutchinson or Tom Land if you have any questions or suggestions.

Lifeguards

Lifeguards are still needed for Maple Lake this summer. Hours are from 12-6pm, seven days a week (includes ½ hour break). Lifeguards must be certified in Lifesaving, CPR, and First Aid.

Pay is **\$17.00 per hour**. (We can help you pay for the training.) Call Tom Land or John Hutchinson for details.

Lake Guards

Lake guards are needed for Maple Lake this summer. Hours are the same as for lifeguards. The Lake guards' job will be to assist the lifeguards. Pay is **\$15.00 per hour**. Call Tom Land or John Hutchinson for details.

Swim Lessons

- Lainey Selby is returning as our swim instructor.
- Lessons are for children ages 8 months - 13 years.
- Twice a week on Mondays and Fridays for six weeks, from June 27 to August 5 (No lessons on July 4).
- A new offering this year is a "parent and me" class for ages 8 months - 2 years.
- [Sign up here](#).

Swim at Your Own Risk

We are fortunate to have some lifeguards at the Lake but are unable to staff as sufficiently as we have in the past. Therefore, we are not planning to have a diving board. Parents are responsible for their children and should always watch them when they are in the water.

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Lighting Committee News

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 7:30 pm

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 961 798 0177

There will be an important streetlight tariff proposal submitted by Pepco that will be reviewed on July 13th by the Maryland Public Service Commission. At our July 20th meeting, we will review the impacts and possible outcome of this proposal.

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

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Racial and Social Equity Committee

Next meeting: Sunday, July 10, 2022, 2:00 pm.

All are welcome! Folks who would like to attend should use the following information:

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 962 3092 1829

Passcode: 688852

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Recreation Committee News

Next meeting: contact Emily Cavey for information.

The 4th of July in Washington Grove!

Grovers - Yes! You read that right. We are doing our Grove 4th of July... in person!



Date: July 4 – Sunday

Time: 11:00am

Place: The ballfield

Schedule

- 11:00 am -12:00 pm - Judging of your July 4th attire, costume, crazy outfit, whatever you choose
- Noon – Flag-raising, musketry and parade on original route.
- Meet outside Town Hall where Mayor John Compton will give the traditional address.
- Award ceremony and bell ringing to follow.

We still need help with sound system set up! Thank you! Need more information? Contact Emily Cavey (240-838-1840).

Softball Game

We encourage participation from all ages and abilities and hope for lots of spectators and cheering! If you'd like to help with the event, or take on any of the roles as scorer, umpire or team captain, please contact Larry French or Tom Land. Water and treats will be provided. Bring your glove and come out and play!



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Sustainability Committee

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 5, 2022, and Tuesday, August 2, 7:30 pm.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 344 019 9688

Switching to Heat Pumps

One of the highest priorities of the Sustainability Committee is to encourage town residents to switch to heat pumps for heating and cooling their homes. We are working to provide the information needed to help you make the change. The first in our series of articles on this topic was published in the May 2022 Town Bulletin, “An Introduction to Heat Pumps,” as an overview on the subject.

On the Town’s website, you will find [“Switching Your Home from Oil or Propane Furnace to Heat Pumps.”](#) which covers 12 Q&A’s about replacing an oil or propane furnace with a heat pump system. In future Bulletins, we plan to look at switching from boilers/radiators to heat pumps and also geothermal systems.

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Woods Committee News

Next meeting: Friday, July 1, 2022, 7:30 pm.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

By Phone: 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 821 9944 0030

Passcode: 927730

Watering

The Woods Committee would like to thank Mary and Charlie Challstrom and Virginia Quesada for helping to water and care for the newly planted native trees in the East Woods. ***We could use additional help.*** Please contact Joan Mahaffey to coordinate watering schedules.

Controlling Non-Natives

In late June and early July, IPC will work 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.

Stormwater Management

The Woods Committee and Mayor will be meeting with representatives of Montgomery County Department of Environment (DEP) and Department of Transportation to evaluate stormwater damage in the West Woods and potential mitigation efforts. We also will be searching for a professional environmental engineering contractor to assist with West Woods stormwater management. We welcome assistance in developing the 'request for proposals' (RFP) from Town residents with any stormwater management experience.

Please continue to enjoy our enchanting forest preserves!

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News from Other Grove Organizations

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 964 361 1456.

At our July 3, 2022 service, we will be welcoming our new minister, Margie Matthews. Minister Margie, as she likes to be called, is a lifelong member of the *Hopkins United Methodist Church* in Highland, Maryland. She is led by her current *Pastor Terry McCain*, where she serves the congregation as Lay Leader and the first Certified Lay Minister of the church.



Raised in Howard County MD, she grew up in Clarksville and attended Howard County Public Schools. She has served in nearly every capacity of the church from hospitality ministry to the pulpit when she first began lay speaking in the late 1980's. She is a constant student of the word of God and all the training she can muster up to be proficient in church leadership. She strongly believes that a good leader is a good listener who will walk alongside others for the common good of transforming the world.

All are invited to join us in person or over Zoom at 11:00 AM to welcome her to our community



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Woman's Club News

Upcoming Events

Auction Off Your Treasurers and Talents

Our Club's Auction Team is excited to be ramping up for a unique *Fall Auction and Raffle!* We've been busy imagining our "Favorite Things" for people to donate, so here are a couple of verses to get you in the spirit of donating:



**Antiques and rare books and artworks and jewelry,
Gift cards for dinners and movies and breweries.
Grove memorabilia and handcrafted things
These are what make our dear Grove bidders sing!**

**House sitting, hole digging, baking a strudel,
Tech help and childcare and walking your poodle,
Toys and cosmetics and funny wingdings
These are a few of the Grove's favorite things.**

**When the plague bites,
When the gas hikes,
When you need a grin,
Remember the auction and donate your best,
Then let the bidding begin!**

Contact Wendy Weisbard or Arlene McCrehan for more info. They'll be collecting items at their houses beginning in July.

Outreach Programs

Report on the Birthday Coffee and Donuts Event

In June, the Birthday-themed Coffee and Donuts event brought in donations and toys valued at \$500 for the children at the homes we support. "This was a HUGE success in every way possible. People were generous, we helped the kids, and the people attending had a nice time socializing," said Outreach Chair Wendy Weisbard. THANK YOU to all who volunteered, participated and donated. We look forward to hosting more Saturday morning events in the fall.

Monthly Meals for Priscilla's House on the First Wednesday of Every Month

One of our most popular programs this year has been providing meals for the nine residents and staff of Priscilla's House on the first Wednesday of every month, including one resident who is pescatarian (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 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](#).

Life for the Archways Kids and Their Families

Summer for the kids living in the Archways program can be a challenge. They aren't getting school meals, they aren't seeing their friends, and in some cases, they're living in communities that don't have any kind of playgrounds or summer programs for the kids. With your help, this summer we are trying to provide things like peanut butter, boxes of mac and cheese, similar shelf-stable foods, and assorted snacks. Kids' books and board games would also be greatly appreciated.

Life can be hard for these families as they struggle with the everyday problems we all face, but without most of our resources. They are often trying to get to a doctor appointment, pick up prescriptions, even get to and from grocery stores without easy transportation. They not only have to try to make appointments, but then they must try to find rides and hope those rides show up on time. The stress level must be so high for them.

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 Heart.

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. Checks can be dropped off with Cynthia Werts at 410 Oak Street or mailed to Cynthia at PO Box 354.

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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Coming Events Calendar

July 1	Woods Committee	7:30 pm	ZOOM
July 4	Costume Judging	11:00 am	Ballfield
July 4	Flag Raising and Parade	NOON	Ballfield
July 4	Softball Game	2:00 pm	Ballfield
July 5	Sustainability Committee	7:30 pm	ZOOM
July 6	Planning Commission	7:30 pm	ZOOM
July 7	Swing Time Big Band	7:00 pm	Town Hall
	Recreation Committee	7:00 pm	ZOOM
July 10	Racial and Social Equity Committee	2:00 pm	ZOOM
July 11	Town Council	7:30 pm	ZOOM
July 13	Forestry & Beautification	7:30 pm	ZOOM
July 13	BUILDING PERMIT SUBMISSION DEADLINE		
July 14	Border Committee	7:30 pm	ZOOM
July 19	Historic Preservation Commission	7:30 pm	ZOOM
July 19	Maryland Primary Elections	All Day	Town Hall
July 21	Swing Time Big Band	7:00 pm	Town Hall
July 21	Lake Committee	7:30 pm	ZOOM
July 27	Lighting Committee	7:30 pm	ZOOM
July 28	Emergency Prep. & Safety Comm.	7:30 pm	ZOOM

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