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Town Council News

Next meeting: Monday, October 10, 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 September Town Council Meeting

- None

Mayor's Kudos

- To the Recreation Committee volunteers for sponsoring and organizing the fun-filled Labor Day weekend of activities.

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News from Grove Boards and Commissions

Historic Preservation Commission News

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 18, 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

Historic Context Report

Over the next several months, a series of excerpts from Robinson & Associates, Inc., 2019 *Historic Context Report, Town of Washington Grove*, will be linked to from the Bulletin. This month, we start at the beginning, with the [establishment of the Washington Grove Camp Meeting Association \(PDF\)](#).

The entire report may be accessed at [Historic Context Report Town of Washington Grove \(PDF\)](#). *Next month: The first camp meetings in Washington Grove.*

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Planning Commission News

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 5, 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.

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

Building Permit Submission Deadline

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

Building Permits Approved in September

- 352 Ridge Road - Shed

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

- None

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News from Grove Committees

Emergency Preparedness and Safety Committee News

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 27, 2022, 7:30 pm.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

By Phone: 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 828 8444 9756

Passcode: 588353

Ready.gov Resources to Prepare

While September is considered the **National Preparedness Month**, we continue the goal in October to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for emergencies that could occur at any time. Please take a few minutes to visit www.ready.gov for information on how to [make a plan](#), [build a kit](#), and [protect your family and property](#). These few simple steps will not only make your families more resilient to deal with emergencies at home but also give you peace of mind if you are traveling off to help others deal with their emergencies.

988 Lifeline

Please also consider the **9-8-8 Program** to enhance your personal safety and wellbeing. The 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is a United States-based suicide prevention network of over 200+ crisis centers that provides 24/7 service via a toll-free hotline with the number 9-8-8. It is available to anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress. It's part of a larger initiative to build out a behavioral health infrastructure for people in distress to have someone to call, someone to come and somewhere to go. "9-8-8" calls, texts, and chat are answered by trained, compassionate behavioral health professionals who know community mental health and substance use resources. They will listen, offer support and work together with the caller to develop a plan for safety and recovery.

When should I call 988?

- Worried about your safety or someone you know.
- Having a hard time managing strong emotions.
- Feeling hopeless, confused or angry.
- Worried about alcohol or drug use (substance use).
- Need information or referrals for local community services.
- Have something on your mind that you want to talk over with someone outside of current situation.
- Service member or veteran and their families.

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, October 12, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

The fall tree planting, to date, will be reviewed. The meeting will take place on ZOOM at 7:30pm at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2289422486>. If you have a suggestion for where a new tree is needed, please contact one of the F&B Co-Chairs Georgette Cole (georgettewg@gmail.com) or Audrey Maskery (trees.beautification@gmail.com) or our Council Liaison Barbara Raimondo (baraimondo@me.com).

Why are our oak trees dying?

We've been asked about the current sudden decline of our beautiful oak trees. This is NOT due to any specific disease or pest. It is largely due to old age exacerbated by pollution and changing weather patterns which have stressed the trees. Remember that the Camp Meeting Association bought the land for Washington Grove in 1873 because it included "old woods, reputed to be virgin forest" (P. Edwards A History of Washington Grove). The oaks were already at least 50 years old at that time, possibly older.

Now they are 200 years and upward, which is an advanced age for trees in an increasingly urbanized environment. The Town is doing its best to preserve the remaining trees, especially by selective pruning which removes dangerous limbs and also thins the crowns to reduce wind-shear in stormy weather. If you are interested in more information, you can read an excellent

article by the University of Maryland Extension called [Browning and Defoliation of White Oaks](#).

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Gateway Committee News

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 13, 2022, 7:30 pm.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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Lighting Committee News

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 7:30 pm

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 961 798 0177

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

Bollard Lights

We have gotten permission from the Maryland Historical Trust and the TWG Town Council to purchase and install two more low voltage bollard lights around McCathran hall. They should be installed in the next week or so.

Streetlights

Due to advocacy on the part of some Maryland municipalities including the Town of Washington Grove, the Maryland Public Service Commission (MD-PSC) rejected Pepco's new streetlight tariff and directed them to meet with Maryland municipalities concerning options on streetlight ownership.

Pepco announced a series of four meetings on September 14, 21, and 28 and October 6 - each three hours long - to discuss "The Pepco and Municipality Streetlight Purchase Process".

Town Councilor Dave Cosson and the Streetlight Committee chair Virginia Quesada have attended the first three meetings and will be attending the last. Additionally, we will be attending a fourth meeting in Baltimore on October 12th where Pepco and the municipalities will be discussing their progress on the process of streetlight ownership to the MD PSC.

This is a surprisingly complex issue and though it is far from a resolution at this point, in general, these discussions have been positive in terms of trying to forge some sort of reasonable compromise between the different entities.

The Lighting Committee was formed to deal with our municipal streetlights.

Dark Skies

There seems to be continued interest in dark sky compliance and we would like to suggest that we follow the lead of other communities who have successfully formed a separate Dark Sky Compliance Committee. We would encourage the formation of a new committee to head this up. TWG Lighting Committee does need to focus on the complex issues now surrounding municipal streetlights but we do support dark sky compliance and we would like to repeat our recommendations from earlier this year.

Why should our residential lighting try to be dark sky-compliant?

There isn't much we can do about glare from our streetlights until we purchase them from Pepco, but we can make important, incremental changes to residential lighting to improve our health and that of the wildlife we depend on. At the same time, we may reduce energy consumption. By directing light down to walkways, paths and driveways we protect the dark night sky and the myriad creatures who need it for finding food, navigating, mating and migration. Our own circadian rhythm would not be disrupted by glare, giving a better night's sleep and associated health benefits. Remember, dark skies do not mean darker walkways! Directing light down instead of up can help rather than hinder safety.

International Dark Skies (IDS) estimates that 30% of light is "wasted" and a whopping 15 million tons of CO₂ is emitted to power residential lighting!

This is what you can do around your property:

- 1) Assess your external lights. Are they all necessary? Does the light fall only when and where it is needed?
- 2) LED bulbs can be more energy efficient than incandescent bulbs. For warmer light use LED bulbs that are rated 3000 Kelvin or less.
- 3) Improve your lights by replacing fixtures with those that are [dark sky-compliant](#).

Dark Sky – denoting or located in a place where the darkness of the night sky is relatively free of interference of artificial light.

If you're handy, some lights can be retrofitted with a simple shield to prevent light traveling up into the sky.

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

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

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Racial and Social Equity Committee

Next meeting: Sunday, October 9, 2022, 2:00 pm.

[Join us on Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 874 1892 4038

Passcode: 228324

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's)

The second informational program in a series of three about accessory dwelling units (ADU's) will take place on Wednesday, October 26 at 7:30 via Zoom.

[Join us on Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 854 1546 5840

Passcode: 841322

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Recreation Committee News

Next meeting: TBD

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 838 5854 5352

The 14th Annual Washington Grove "BLUESTOBER FEST!"

Saturday, October 1, 2022, 6:00 – 10:00 PM

Please come out and enjoy a fun musical gathering with family and friends as we celebrate the autumn season with acoustic sounds from 6-7pm and then enjoy the high-energy funky blues from **The Billy Thompson Band** from 7:30-10pm. This event will be held at the Gazebo (McCathran Hall if it rains). This event will be BYO Picnic and BYOB! We also hope to have the Town popcorn machine and snow cone machines working!

For more information on the event, please contact Lawren Selby at [\(703\) 203-1643](tel:7032031643) or Eric Selby at [\(703\) 203-8100](tel:7032038100). We can sure use your help with set-up and clean up so please e-mail or call us if you are willing to help or have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you as we gear up for the 14th Annual Washington Grove "Bluestober Fest!" And, of course, "Lederhosen Optional."

Haunted East Woods

Join us if you dare for a **spooktacular** walk through the East Woods on **Sunday, October 30, from 5-7pm**. No telling what you'll find! Ghouls? Goblins? Unauthorized bicycles? Muh-hah-hah... The haunted trail begins and ends at the Gazebo. Kids and adults are invited to stay and enjoy the fire pit, s'mores, apple cider, and tales from the old timers about trick-or-treating uphill both ways in the snow back in their day.



Trick-or-Treating

Trick or treating will take place on Monday, October 31 from 6-8pm.

Our 2022 Holiday Show will be Hybrid!

The organizational meeting for this year's Holiday Show has changed from Sunday October 9th to Sunday October 2nd from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at McCathran Hall. If you can't be there but you want to be part of this year's show, let Judy Mroccka (mrascal107@gmail.com) or Marilyn Frey (marilynnf@comcast.net) know.



As always, we need actors, musical performers, and backstage help! We could especially use a technical director and a musical director. If any of these of these appeal to you, we'd love to have you on board!

We're also hoping to get some singles or groups to do some musical numbers that we can include in the show. If this interests you, let us know.

Stay tuned for more information to come in the November bulletin.

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Sustainability Committee

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 7:30 pm. *There will not be a meeting on Tuesday, October 4, 2022.*

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 344 019 9688

Induction Cooking: Cooktops, Ranges, and Portable Units

If it's time to replace your cooktop or range, it's a good idea to consider induction models. Induction models first appeared in stores in the 1980's and are now the preferred option for many people because of their energy efficiency. They resemble smooth glass-top traditional electric models in appearance but there's a big difference in how they work. Induction cooking does not radiate heat on its own; it creates an electromagnetic field that interacts with compatible cookware. It causes the cookware itself to heat up, which leads to several advantages.

Advantages. The biggest advantage is the gain in energy efficiency. With induction cooking, as much as 90% of the energy consumed goes into cooking the food. Sources vary widely on the efficiency advantage of induction over conventional electricity; the government's Energy Star program claims the technology is 5-to-10% more efficient, while others report it as much higher. Compared with natural gas or propane cooking, induction may be as high as three times more energy efficient, because no heat is lost to the area around the pot or pan as it is with an open flame.

Induction cooking is fast; you can boil water in less than half the time it takes with other forms of cooking, and it's very responsive to temperature adjustment. Because the cooktop itself stays relatively cool, induction tops reduce the risk of burns. The cooktop cleans up easily because spills cannot bake on and cause charring. And, compared with natural gas or propane, induction cooking is much better for indoor air quality.

Disadvantages. Induction cooking works only with ferrous cookware, which includes cast iron and stainless steel. Aluminum or copper pots and pans without an iron core won't work unless you place an iron or steel plate between the cookware and the burner. If a magnet sticks to the cookware, the cookware will work with induction. Induction doesn't work well with small-bottomed cookware, such as a wok; it's best to use flat-bottomed cookware to ensure even heating. Fan noise (a fan is built in to keep the electronics cool) and an occasional ringing noise (metal pot lids can "sing") annoy some people. Finally, there are concerns that induction could interfere with certain models of cardiac pacemakers.

Features. Cooktops vary in the number of burners and the number of power levels offered for temperature control. Some have a boil function for going to maximum power fast. Other features are a bridge setting to heat a large skillet; a warming ring; and even cooktops on which you can place the pot anywhere...the unit recognizes the placement of the pot and reacts accordingly. Magic! Ovens in ranges are conventional electric, conventional electric with an optional convection setting, or even double ovens.

Costs. A full cooktop or range with induction cooking can cost from about \$1,000 to \$6,000, depending on the features included. If you are replacing a conventional electric stove, you likely have the electrical circuitry in place, and an induction unit will go in place without any added expenses for an electrician. But, if you are converting from natural gas or propane and don't have the proper circuitry for an electric range, you could have a significant additional electrical cost to install the wiring required for an induction range. Be sure to investigate that possibility before investing in an induction cooktop or range.

Household Electrification Incentives. Good news! The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, which was signed into law on August 16, 2022, authorizes many valuable discounts, tax credits, and rebates. Once the incentive programs are up and running through the states, you may qualify for up to \$840 toward the purchase of an induction range or cooktop and up to an additional \$500 to defray your outlay for converting from propane or natural gas to electric, and you may be able to get a tax credit of up to \$4,000 if you are required to upgrade your home electrical panel in order to accommodate an electric appliance. [Check out this calculator to see what incentives you may qualify for.](#)

Portable Units. Portable induction cooktops offer another choice in induction cooking. You can buy single or double burner portable units that typically work with a 120-volt, 15-amp circuit, that is, any standard outlet. They usually cost between \$50 and \$250. Higher-end professional models can accept more weight; lower-end models have reduced features, such as fewer power levels.

Notes on Induction Cooking from Your Neighbors

Sung Chang: Samantha and I were remodeling our circa 1940's kitchen. We weren't happy with the existing conventional (radiant heat) electric range, and it was impractical to consider natural gas or propane. We looked into induction and are glad we did. We needed to upgrade the electric anyway, so that cost was not an issue. We love how easy it is to clean compared to the old unit.

Bruce Daggy: Our kitchen has a propane cooktop. Anne and I didn't like the impact that has on indoor air quality, but we weren't sure about spending thousands of dollars for the unit and rewiring when we had never tried induction. So, for about \$120 we bought a portable induction

cooktop. We typically need only one burner at a time; induction has reduced our use of the propane cooktop by more than 90%. The portable unit is much better for air quality and is a breeze to clean up. We use it every day.

Kitty Seiferlein: Mark and I are enthusiastic users of this technology. We learned about the technology years ago at the annual international energy efficient home competition on the national mall where energy efficiency was a top feature of the model homes. Every single model home had an induction stove; a must to be competitive. So, we bought our first induction stove then, and when it finally wore out, bought our second. In addition, some time ago, Mark bought a one-burner portable version for emergencies. We've used the portable successfully a couple of times.

If you have questions, feel free to reach out to these folks to learn more.

News from the Garden

Recently you may have noticed some unusual activity inside the tennis court fence. In mid-June, the Town Council approved an 18-month pilot for a community garden. The Historic Preservation Committee favorably reviewed the garden proposal (as reported in the August 2022 Town Bulletin), and now the Planning Commission has done so as well. The volunteers who formed the "Edible Garden Group" (EGG) are sponsored by the Grove's Sustainability Committee.

There are many reasons to make an edible garden today when food supplies are threatened globally. We want to be part of a movement that restores our historic ability to grow produce locally. We want to reawaken our knowledge and share the bounty with those that are food insecure. We want to build resilience for this community, now and in the future.

The tennis court location is an ideal starter space. The fence keeps out deer, the garden receives over six hours per day of sunlight, water is available nearby, we have use of part of the shed to store tools, and the centrally located site is easily accessed.

The plan is to grow the soil this year with cover crops, mulch, etc. using no-dig methods to prepare it for planting in the spring. However, one small section of the long bed was tilled, amended with aged horse manure and fertilizers, and planted with sweet potatoes, which will be given to local food pantries if they grow well. A soil test revealed the soil to be deficient in phosphorus and potassium and these deficiencies were corrected. Pathways of woodchip over cardboard have been laid in between the beds. A summer cover crop of buckwheat has been planted in the long bed. This is an effective natural method of keeping weeds down and feeding the soil biomass and bio-available phosphorus. After the buckwheat is cut down in the fall, we

expect to plant garlic in this bed. The short beds will be planted with a fall cover crop, crimson clover.

If you want to know more about this garden project, would like to volunteer, or have any questions about your own garden plot, please feel free to talk with us anytime you see us at the garden, or contact Anne Vincent, ravincent49@gmail.com, or Bruce Daggy, bruce.daggy@gmail.com.

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Woods Committee News

Next meetings: Friday, October 3, 2022, 7:30 pm and Monday, November 7, 2022, 7:30 pm.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

By Phone: 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 854 3079 9267

Deer Management

We are continuing the Town of Washington Grove's Deer Management Program in the East and West Woods with our volunteer Bow Hunter Fire Fighters of Maryland (BHFFMD) this Fall-Winter deer hunting season as regulated by the Maryland DNR. The season began on Friday, September 9, 2022 and will run until Tuesday, January 31, 2022. The BHFFMD are skilled archers and certified EMTs. ***Safety First! This is the focus for BHFFMD and the Woods Committee!*** Bow hunting will occur only at sunrise and sunset, and the Woods Preserves will remain open during archery season. The Woods Committee has posted 'Deer Hunting by Permit of TWG' signs at the East and West Woods trail entrances. Please contact Joan Mahaffey, Patty Klein, or Mayor Compton if you have any questions or concerns.

Stormwater Mitigation

The Woods Committee is working with other Town committees and several Town Councilors to develop a 'request for proposals' (RFP) on storm water mitigation in the West Woods and the residential areas of Town using a holistic approach for near-term and long-term improvements through incremental, affordable steps. In September, the Woods Committee met with a professional civil and environmental engineering firm for advice on developing a strategic mitigation plan. We will be presenting some of our findings at the next Town Council meeting. Enjoy the Fall season and all the changing colors in our Woods Preserves.

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News from Other Grove Organizations

WG United Methodist Church News



Please join Minister Margie Matthews and our congregation in person or over Zoom Sunday mornings at 11:00 am.

WGUMC is a reconciling congregation. We believe that each person is a precious creation of God and is of sacred worth. We welcome 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 relationships and marriages.

[Join our Zoom Meetings](#)

Meeting ID: 964 361 1456

Password if requested is Church

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Woman's Club News

Upcoming Events

Auction and Raffle – Saturday, October 22, 2022

Last Call for Donations – The deadline for donating items for the auction is October 8th. Contact Auction Co-Chairs Wendy Weisbard, wwg26@hotmail.com, or Arlene McCrehan, mccrehans@gmail.com, to arrange for a donation drop-off.



Join us at the Woman's Clubhouse -- Come early, come late, or stay for an entire afternoon and evening of fun!

We realize now that trying to do 3 auctions in one day was overly ambitious ...

(4-5 pm Penny Raffle & 4-7 pm Silent Auction are cancelled). Instead, we'll be doing a live auction on Saturday, October 22nd at McCathran Hall. The doors will open at 6:30 PM and the auction will run from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. This promises to be one of our best and most fun auctions yet!

7-9 pm. Live Auction -- Grab a cocktail and some nibbles, mingle with neighbors, and get ready for some wild and crazy bidding! We have original artworks, valuable vintage furniture, one-of-a-

kind original items and more! The bidding will begin immediately after the Silent Auction winners are announced.

New WCWG Logo – At the Auction, you'll get a first glimpse of the beautiful new WCWG logo and branding platform, developed for the Club by Yasmine Bouchlaghem of Washington Grove. Be one of the first to purchase a beautiful mug with the updated look!

Donations and Volunteers Still Needed - Wanting to donate to the Auction, or volunteer to help with food or at the event? Contact Auction Co-Chairs Wendy Weisbard, wvg26@hotmail.com, or Arlene McCrehan, mccrehans@gmail.com.

Outreach Programs

Contribute Your Leftover Halloween Candy to Our Club!

Every year we collect leftover Halloween candy to share with the various shelters in our area, so please share your leftovers 😊. You can leave them on Wendy Weisbard's porch at 119 Grove Road or on our Clubhouse porch. They will be collected daily so the neighborhood squirrels don't help themselves to the candy bars with nuts.

As Winter Approaches

Our Club is still collecting coats, hats, gloves, and other outerwear for the Washington Grove Elementary School.

We are also collecting school supplies to help fill the Teacher's Closet. Without this help, teachers end up buying supplies out of their own pockets.

Monthly Meals for Priscilla's House Next Year

For 2023, we are continuing the very popular **Meals for Priscilla's House** program. The information to sign up for January through March will be available in the December Bulletin. This year, 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. We hope that will continue next year.

Donation for the Archways Kids and Their Families

Throughout the year, the Woman's Club collects food and supplies to put together in monthly care packages for the Archways families. Lately though, donations have slowed up and our cupboards are beginning to look bare. We need things like

- peanut butter;
- white rice;
- individual bags of cookies, packs of pudding and other treats;
- individually wrapped rolls of paper towels and toilet paper;

- sanitary pads;
- men's and women's deodorant;
- toothpaste;
- liquid hand soap; and
- laundry detergent.

With the end of the pandemic, the amount of food stamps that families receive has been reduced, making their struggle against inflation even harder! They need our help more than ever now. Without our help, the holidays will be even more grim. For the holidays, we are including packets of hot chocolate and marshmallows, but we would really like to include packages of cookies!

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, and such things.

Where to Drop Off Your Donations

Please drop off your donations 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.

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

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

Bulk Trash Collection

The Town has scheduled a bulk trash collection for **Saturday, October 15, 2022**. 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.

Bulk Leaf Collection Begins October 31, 2022

New and long-time residents alike are reminded of the Town contract for bulk leaf removal each autumn. The contractor, Green Earth, Inc., will make regular but unscheduled pickups of leaves raked or blown into windrows within six feet of any roadway or walkway, excluding Railroad Street, 2nd Ave., 3rd Ave., 4th Ave., 5th Ave., and Boundary Street. This service begins October 31, 2022 and ends January 5, 2023, or as soon thereafter as we agree the work is complete. This is the only time to have leaves removed without bagging for recycling.

The contractor will time pickups based on the availability of full truckloads for vacuuming. One or two spectacular fall weekends in November or early December usually have most of us raking at the same time. If you rake when most others are raking, the windrows will probably disappear relatively quickly.

Please place your windrows within six feet of the road or walkway (keeping in mind vehicle and pedestrian traffic).

Green Earth will collect leaves by working from one end of the Town to the other, typically starting with Ridge Road working their way across the community, first removing piles along roads for safety reasons. After making one pass along roads, they will focus on walkways. If roads become obstructed before walkways are completed, roads will be cleared until they are safe. Then collection will resume along walkways. Weather may affect this process. Rain can restrict movement of large trucks on the avenues and accumulated snow, or freezing rain may make piles too heavy to vacuum. **The contractor will not remove leaf piles that contain branches, brush, pruned limbs, and cut ornamental grasses. Please do not add these to leaf piles. They foul the vacuum and Green Earth will not collect piles containing this material.**

If a particular leaf pile has lingered for an inordinate amount of time, please call Kathy Lehman at the Town Office, 301-926-2256, or by e-mail washgrove@comcast.net.

Happy raking! It's the rite of autumn, particularly in a town graced by so many beautiful deciduous trees.

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Coming Events Calendar

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October 2	Holiday Show Org. Meeting	2:00 pm	Town Hall
October 3	Woods Committee	7:30 pm	ZOOM
October 5	Planning Commission	7:30 pm	ZOOM
October 6	Swing Time Big Band	7:00 pm	Town Hall
October 9	Racial and Social Equity Committee	2:00 pm	ZOOM
October 9	Holiday Show Org. Meeting	2:00 pm	ZOOM
October 10	Town Council	7:30 pm	ZOOM
October 12	Forestry & Beautification	7:30 pm	ZOOM
October 13	Gateway Committee	7:30 pm	ZOOM
October 14	BUILDING PERMIT SUBMISSION DEADLINE		
October 15	BULK TRASH COLLECTION – TOWN-WIDE		
October 18	Historic Preservation Commission	7:30 pm	ZOOM
October 20	Swing Time Big Band	7:00 pm	Town Hall
October 22	Woman’s Club Auction	2:00 pm	Town Hall
October 23	Private Hall Rental	9:00 am	Town Hall
October 26	Lighting Committee	7:30 pm	ZOOM
October 26	Accessory Dwelling Units	7:30 pm	ZOOM
October 27	Emergency Prep. & Safety Comm.	7:30 pm	ZOOM
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