



# Town Bulletin

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## Town Council News

**Next meeting: Monday, October 9, 2023, 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 2023 Town Council Meeting

- Assigned Liz Gillanders as Town representative for the renewable energy incentive pilot program.
- Voted to allow the Town Council to take all the legal action in its power, including filing suit, to remedy the problems at 402 5<sup>th</sup> and 17 The Circle.
- Discussed the Stormwater Management Assessment Report received from Soltesz and agreed to move forward with preparation of an RFP to design/build the recommended improvements to culverts and swales, including installing bioswales and possibly also a submerged gravel wetland. [View the report here \(PDF\)](#).

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## News from Grove Boards and Commissions

### Historic Preservation Commission News

**Next meeting: Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 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

### Recognition of the Town's Anniversary

The Town received many thoughtful statements of congratulation and recognition from federal, state, county and local officials on the occasion of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Washington Grove Camp Meeting Association. A summary can be found at the end of the bulletin.

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### Planning Commission News

**Next meeting: Wednesday, October 4, 2023, 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.

### Attention All Residents: What do you think of allowing Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in Washington Grove?

The Planning Commission will be discussing possible changes to our ordinances which would allow a resident to add one such unit to their property. Before we send our wording to the Town Council, we would like to get public input on what we are proposing. Your opinions are important and will influence the ordinance language we submit to the Council. [Learn more here](#). Thanks in advance for adding your input to this process.

### 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 September 2023

- 102 Center – Roofing work
- 409 Brown - Fence

## Public Ways & Property Permits (PW&PP) Approved in September 2023

- 102 Center – Pepco pole relocation

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## News from Grove Committees

### Dog Park News

Join us for the **Washington Grove Yappy Hour** on Friday, October 6 at 5:30 pm at the Dog Park in the West Woods. We'll have drinks, dog treats, and light snacks, but welcome refreshments to share! Dogs can register on-site or in advance by [downloading and completing this form \(PDF\)](#). Dogs and well-behaved humans are welcome! In the event of bad weather, we will send a cancellation notice on the listserv. For more information, reach out to Liz Gillanders or Ali Faupel.



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## Emergency Preparedness and Safety Committee News

**Next Meeting: Thursday, October 26, 2023, 7:30 pm.**

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

By Phone: 301 715 8592 US

Meeting ID: 889 6028 4583

Passcode: 373401

## Home and Personal Safety Tips from Montgomery County Police

If you've been the victim of a crime, call 911 (if in a life threatening or emergency situation) or 301-279-8000 (for routine, non-emergency help).

- **What do burglars want and how can I keep them out?** Most burglars want easy to carry items (cash and small electronics for example), may not carry a weapon and do NOT want a confrontation. Many will start by knocking on the front door to assess if anybody is home. If you are home, make your presence known! Most burglars enter the property from the rear of the home where it's more isolated. Ensure your doors and windows are made of solid material and locked. Consider keeping your trees and shrubs well-trimmed so that a burglar does not have a hiding place and consider installing motion-activated lights.

- **If you are going to be out of town**, consider asking a trusted neighbor or friend to retrieve your mail and/or newspapers. Put lights on timers. Stopping your mail/newspapers can be effective but also notifies others that you will be gone.
- **Personal safety tips.** Always be aware of your surroundings. Walk in pairs or groups if possible. Avoid using your phone when in crowded, public spaces. Park in well-lit areas and remember where you park. Either avoid or hide any valuables that remain in your car. Lock your car doors even when driving. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Keep purses close to your body and in easy sight. Keep wallets in an inside coat or front pants pocket. Remove unnecessary items from your purse or wallet.

### Halloween Safety Tips from Montgomery County Police

- Try to trick or treat when it is still light out or carry a flashlight to light your way.
- Have your children wear a light-colored costume or one with reflective tape.
- Make sure their costume does not drag on the ground to avoid tripping.
- Trick or treat with a group and carry a charged cellphone.
- Remember to cross at corners not in between vehicles or mid-block.
- Stay on sidewalks whenever possible.
- Always use the front door and never the back door. Don't go into the house.
- Visit the houses that have lights on.
- Remember to inspect all of the candy before eating it.
- Remember to lock your vehicle doors as well as your homes and remove valuables from your vehicle. (Just a reminder)
- Report suspicious activity to the police immediately!

**Keeping Pets Safe During Halloween.** According to PetMD, no matter how much they beg, your dog should not get treats out of the Halloween candy bowl. Generally, it isn't a good idea to share any candy with your pet for several reasons. Some types of candy (such as dark chocolate and those containing xylitol) can make your dog very ill and can even be fatal. Others are likely to cause an upset stomach. Sweets are not good for dogs and can contribute to many health problems, including obesity. If you believe your dog has eaten some candy, call your veterinarian immediately.

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## Forestry & Beautification News

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 7:30 p.m.**

[Join ZOOM Meeting](#)

All are welcome to attend our October meeting! Our agenda will appear off of [bit.ly/WG-FBCmteDocs](https://bit.ly/WG-FBCmteDocs) by Monday October 9. We will be discussing new trees being planted this fall. If you have a suggestion for where a new tree/s are 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 ([councilorbarb@gmail.com](mailto:councilorbarb@gmail.com)).

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## Gateway Committee News

**Next Meeting: Thursday, October 12, 2023, 7:30 pm.**

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

The Gateway Committee is tackling the ongoing issue of litter along our outer roads by enlisting volunteers to help clean up once a month. August's cleanup was very successful, with over 44 pounds of trash collected with help from 8+ wonderful volunteers. Also, through the Adopt-a-Road program, Washington Grove was able to adopt Washington Grove Lane, which extended the cleanup down to Midcounty Highway.

If you're interested in volunteering to keep the roads clean, whether with our group (about one hour a month) or on your own, please contact Jonathan Dail ([jd.inthegrove@gmail.com](mailto:jd.inthegrove@gmail.com)) for more information. By this edition's printing, September's meet-up will have taken place as well (September 30th), but for future reference, we try to meet the last Saturday or Sunday of the month and the date will be published on the listserv in advance.

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## Lake Committee News

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 7:30 pm**

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

The last 2023 meeting of the Lake Committee will be on **Tuesday, October 10, 2023**. The Lake Committee is having hybrid meetings -- in-person in the Council Room and by [Zoom](#). New members are welcome and encouraged! Call Tom Land or John Hutchinson if you have any questions or suggestions.

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## Lighting Committee News

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 7:30 pm**

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 961 798 0177

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).

The Lighting Committee is working with other Maryland municipalities to work out a process to allow the option of municipal streetlight ownership. We have made remarkable progress and it looks like we are close to a deal that will make municipal streetlight ownership in Maryland a reality!!

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## Racial and Social Equity Committee News

Next meeting: **Sunday, October 15, 2023, 2:00 pm.**

[Join ZOOM Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 874 1892 4038

Passcode: 228324

RASEC welcomes all to our meetings. Find out about upcoming plans and the revitalization of our education subcommittee.

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## Recreation Committee News

Next meeting: **Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 7:30 pm.**

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 841 8808 4053

Passcode: 419003

### Halloween

#### Halloween Spooktacular!

Join us if you dare for a spooktacular walk through the East Woods on **Sunday, October 29, from 4-7pm.** The haunted trail begins and ends at the Gazebo. Earlier times will be little kid- and family-friendly. Toward dark it will get a bit scarier! We will also have pumpkin carving and decorating; families should provide their own knives and adult supervision. Everyone is 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!



#### Trick or Treating

Trick or treating will take place on **Tuesday, October 31, 6:00 – 8:00 pm**

### Yoga

Yoga at McCathran Hall with Grove Resident Rachel Schwartz continues in September. At press time, we're still meeting on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm, but please keep an eye out on the listserv, as the day of the week may change. Please continue to RSVP to Rachel ([soferrs@gmail.com](mailto:soferrs@gmail.com)) by noon on class day. Classes remain free, with cash donations greatly appreciated. All levels, just bring a mat.



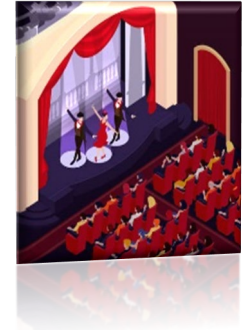
### Invitation to an Irish Ceili on Saturday, October 28

What is a ceili? Come and find out at McCathran Hall from 7 – 10:30 pm on Saturday, October 28. There will be live music by Joe DeZarn, Tina Eck and Mark Glickman. Easy dances come first with plenty of

instruction. Don't want to dance? Just come and enjoy the music. A potluck supper is served about halfway through so don't forget to bring a dish to share. Free to Grove residents though contributions to pay the musicians are always welcome. Sponsored by the Blackthorn Ceili Dancers and the Washington Grove Recreation Committee.

## 2023 Holiday Show

Plans are afoot for a holiday show (live!) at the Town Hall on Saturday, December 9, but to make it happen, we need YOU! Do you play an instrument, or do you have a musical group that can perform? Can you sing (either solo or in a group)? Are you willing to be just a wee bit silly and take part in a skit? Can you help with costumes, props, decorations? With sound or lighting? Even if you think you have no particular expertise, but you just want to be part of this wonderful town experience, let us know and we will find a place for you! The more kids the merrier! And the more new people the merrier!



Contact Judy Mroczka at 301 785-3491 or [mrascal107@gmail.com](mailto:mrascal107@gmail.com) or Marilyn Frey at 301 351-4784 or [marilynnf@comcast.net](mailto:marilynnf@comcast.net).

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## Sustainability Committee News

**Next Meetings: Tuesday, October 3, 2023, 7:30 pm and Tuesday, November 7, 2023.**

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 344 019 9688

## Heat Pumps, EVs, & Community Solar: Get Expert Advice and Learn about WG's New Cash Incentives

**Saturday, October 28, 10:00 a.m. in McCathran Hall**

Coffee and donuts will be available beginning at 9:45 a.m.

Come hear from experts and your neighbors about heat pumps, electric vehicles (EVs), community solar electricity, and relevant financial incentives. Ask questions of those who have already made the switch and learn how the Town and the Sustainability Committee can help you do the same. You may send questions in advance to [bruce.daggy@gmail.com](mailto:bruce.daggy@gmail.com).

The Town of Washington Grove recently decided to offer cash incentives to residents who replace their fossil-fuel-based heating systems and vehicles as follows:

- For houses that use oil, natural gas and/or propane as primary heating, the Town will provide a rebate of \$1500 after the following requirements are met:
  - Installation of an Energy Star or "CEE High Tier" heat pump system (including geothermal) with electric backup; AND

- Residential electricity, supplied by a Community Solar Energy provider or another provider, of at least 90% renewable electricity.
- For houses with one or more heat pumps and an existing stationary combustion backup system, the Town will provide a rebate of \$1000 after the following requirements are met:
  - Conversion of the existing backup system to electric resistance heat OR a heat pump upgrade that eliminates the fossil fuel backup system; AND
  - Residential electricity, supplied by a Community Solar Energy provider or another provider, of at least 90% renewable electricity.
- Any resident is eligible for a \$1,500 rebate for purchase of a 100% electric EV or a plug-in hybrid EV with a battery that meets the minimum size for a state rebate (4 kWh), if residential electricity is supplied by a Community Solar Energy provider or another provider of at least 90% renewable electricity. Leasing an EV for a minimum of three years is equivalent to purchase for the purposes of this rebate.

The Town's incentives cover purchases as of July 1, 2023, and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Grovers' renewable-energy purchases may also be eligible for federal and state incentives, including Maryland's historic district tax credits, which cover most of our houses. Application forms for the Town's incentives will be available at this meeting as well as on the Town website and in the Town office. Sustainability Committee members can provide advice on the pros and cons of various heat pump systems and electric vehicles as well as help you complete the forms and required documentation. Read more about [Washington Grove's Renewable Energy Incentives Pilot Program](#).

Please join us at the event on October 28!

### **Smart Ways to Handle the Leaves in Your Yard This Fall**

The Washington Grove Sustainability Committee encourages residents to minimize leaf removal by vacuum trucks this fall by letting leaves remain on your property wherever possible. It's not necessary to remove all the leaves in your yard; in fact, the leaves will promote healthier soil and provide natural nourishment when left under bushes and trees.

Mulching the leaves facilitates their decomposition and reabsorption into the soil. Burying coffee grounds, rinsed eggshells, and chopped up greens in the pile of mulched leaves works well, too, and—over time—creates nutrient rich compost that you can use around plants, bushes, and trees.

Learn more about managing and composting leaves here:

- [Managing your leaves](#)
- [Composting](#)

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## Woods Committee News

Next meeting: Monday, October 2, 2023, 7:30 pm.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

By Phone: 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 875 1282 4573

Passcode: 046918

### Deer Management

Our volunteer Bow Hunter Fire Fighters of Maryland (BHFFMD) began deer bow hunting in our Woods on September 8th. Three does were harvested in the lower meadow in September. Members of BHFFMD are EMTs and firefighters who are vigilant about public safety, and therefore, there is no reason to curtail our use of the Woods. They will bow hunt at sunrise and sunset. The deer bow hunting season extends through January 31, 2024. Please contact Joan Mahaffey or Pat Klein if you have any questions.

### Stormwater Management

Soltesz, our contracted environmental engineering company, submitted to the Mayor their assessment report of stormwater management (SWM) for areas west of Grove Avenue and into the West Woods. The Town Council reviewed and accepted the report, and the Mayor will make the report available to town residents. The Woods Committee is working on a new Request for Proposals to “design to build” the recommended SWM projects in this report to control volume and velocity of water in Town during storms and soil erosion of stream banks in the West Woods. More information will be available in the coming months.

### Fallen Trees

If you notice trees fallen, blocking, or leaning dangerously over the woods preserves walking trails, please call Joan Mahaffey or Pat Klein. The woods preserves are natural spaces, so please take caution before entering the woods on windy days. Stay healthy and safe and enjoy the autumnal beauty of nature in our East and West Woods Preserves.

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## News from Other Grove Organizations

### Film Society News

To express our joy at being together with you once again, watching and talking about films in McCathran Hall, we chose the beloved confection Moonstruck to be first up this season.

#### Moonstruck

**Sunday, October 22, at 7:00 pm**

*Directed by Norman Jewison, 1987, US, English, shown with English subtitles, 102 minutes.*



Reflecting on love, family, and opera, this delightful comedy is guaranteed to leave you smiling. Cher and Olympia Dukakis won acting Oscars and are joined by Nicolas Cage, Vincent Gardenia, and Danny Aiello. Too many classic lines to count!

Come for the fun of it! Tickets are \$7 at the door. Or for \$25, purchase five tickets for admission to any of the five films this season.

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## Washington Grove Cares News

Do you need a ride somewhere, an errand run, a walking partner, a homemade cookie, a solution to a math or a knitting problem, or a strong arm for a quick task? We live in a caring community. Remember that Washington Grove Cares can marshal help when you need it. Please reach out to us for help or to volunteer or with your ideas for keeping us all connected. Call 301-944-2962 or email [washingtongrovecares@gmail.com](mailto:washingtongrovecares@gmail.com).

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## WG United Methodist Church News



**Washington Grove United Methodist Church...Please join Minister Margie Matthews and our congregation at 11:00 AM Sundays**

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.

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## Woman's Club News

**Post-Halloween "Sugar Rush Social" Saturday, November 4**

We expect there will be *lots* of trick-or-treaters in the Grove again this year. It's always hard to predict the amount of treats to buy, but we're suggesting that you *overdo* it a bit. Then, join us on **Saturday, November 4 at 9:30 am for a Coffee and Donuts Social** at the Clubhouse.



Bring your tempting leftover treats and we'll donate them to one of our many community outreach efforts, various shelters and active-duty-deployed soldiers.

## Community Outreach Programs

You can drop off all donations at the clubhouse or on the porch at 119 Grove Road.

### **It's Going to Be a Long, Cold Winter for Kids without Coats and the Homeless without Socks!**

The frigid cold of winter is brutal when you don't have a coat, hat, scarf or other outerwear, and far too many of our local children go to school without them. The Woman's Club does what it can to fill this critical need by collecting gently used or new children's coats and outerwear. In the past, our Town's generosity has helped keep the kids at Washington Grove Elementary School warm.

Now that a new men's shelter has opened near us, we will again be collecting new white socks for residents. If you ask a homeless person if they have a choice between food or socks, they will always choose socks because they might be able to find food in other places, but winter without socks is unbearable.

### **The Needs are Great**

With the increasing number of people becoming homeless every day and the money for SNAP (food stamps) severely cut, the need to help them is also growing at a frightening rate. We can't end the poverty and homelessness around us, but our Town, through your generous contributions and donations, goes a long way towards making life a little easier for these people, especially the children.

The Woman's Club maintains a storehouse of your donations, which we use every month to put together boxes for each of the seven Archways families we support. While we can't feed them every day, we can make sure they have some daily treats. We collect fruit cups, individually wrapped bags of cookies, crackers, and other snacks. Imagine what you enjoy snacking on and donate these for the kids in the Archways program! Also always needed are pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter and grape jelly.

In addition to food, there's a critical need for non-SNAP necessities. Each month we're going to highlight the most critical non-snap needs, although many of the items are needed every month.

For October, we're emphasizing the need for **Toilet Paper, All Purpose Cleaner or Kitchen Wipes, Shower Gel, Clothing Detergent, Liquid Dish Detergent and Paper Towels.**

### **Clothing Partnership with Emory Grove United Methodist Church**

We continue to have a great response to our partnership with Emory Grove Church to collect used clothing, in good condition, to give to people in the community on the third weekend of each month. The church will pick up and distribute clothes. Because of their limited storage space, please try to donate seasonal clothing, so, winter clothing at this time of year.

### Would You Prefer to Donate Financially?

If you prefer to contribute financially to these efforts, send your check to WCWG, c/o Cynthia Werts, 410 Oak Street, PO Box 354. Be sure to designate in the memo section the outreach effort of your choice or leave it blank to allow us to determine the area of greatest need at the time.

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## Other Notices

### Bulk Leaf Collection Begins October 31

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, 2023 and ends January 5, 2024, 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 car 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](mailto:washgrove@comcast.net).

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## Coming Events Calendar

October 2	Woods Committee	7:30 pm	ZOOM
October 3	Sustainability Committee	7:30 pm	ZOOM
October 3	Yoga	6:00 pm	Town Hall
October 4	Planning Commission	7:30 pm	ZOOM
October 4	Tai Chi	11:00 am	Town Hall
October 5	Swing Time Big Band	6:30 pm	Town Hall
October 6	Yappy Hour	5:30 pm	The Dog Spot
October 8	RASEC Meeting	2:00 pm	ZOOM
October 9	Town Council Meeting	7:30 pm	ZOOM
October 10	Lake Committee	7:30 pm	ZOOM
October 10	Yoga	6:00 pm	Town Hall
October 11	Tai Chi	11:00 am	Town Hall
October 11	Forest & Beautification	7:30 pm	ZOOM
<b>October 11</b>	<b>Building Permit Submission Deadline</b>		
October 12	Gateway Committee	7:30 pm	ZOOM
October 15	RASEC Meeting	1:00 pm	ZOOM
October 16	Increasing Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion	7:00 pm	ZOOM
October 17	Yoga	6:00 pm	Town Hall
October 17	Historic Preservation Commission	7:30 pm	ZOOM
October 18	Recreation Committee	7:30 pm	ZOOM
October 18	Tai Chi	11:00 am	Town Hall
October 19	Swing Time Big Band	6:30 pm	Town Hall
October 19	RASEC Cmty Stories, Musical Memories	7:00 pm	Town Hall
October 21	RASEC Deconstructing Karen	9:00 am	Town Hall
October 21	Private Rental	All Day	Town Hall
October 22	Private Rental	All Day	Town Hall
October 23	Private Rental All Day Town Hall	All Day	Town Hall
October 23	Yoga	6:00 pm	Town Hall
October 25	Lighting Committee	7:30 pm	ZOOM
October 25	Tai Chi	11:00 am	Town Hall
October 26	Emergency Preparedness Committee	7:30 pm	ZOOM
October 28	Ceili Dance	7:30 pm	ZOOM
October 28	Heat Pumps, EVs, & Community Solar	9:00 am	Town Hall
October 30	RASEC Belonging, Discrim., and Bias	7:00 pm	ZOOM

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*The Town of Washington Grove  
in Honor of its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
August 13, 2023*

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***U.S. House of Representatives***

*Certificate of Special  
Congressional Recognition  
Presented to  
The Town of Washington Grove  
In recognition of  
The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of your founding in 1873. Congratulations and best wishes!*

*Jamie Raskin  
Member of Congress  
8<sup>th</sup> District, Maryland*

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***Senate of Maryland***

*... in recognition of the first gathering of the Washington Grove Methodist Camp Meeting  
Association in 1873 and celebrating 150 years as  
A Town Within a Forest.*

*The entire membership extends its best wishes on this memorable occasion and directs this  
resolution (Senate Resolution No. 664) be presented on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023.*

*Bill Ferguson, President  
Senator Nancy J. King, Sponsor*

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***Maryland General Assembly***

*... in recognition of 150 years of preserving the serenity of "a town within a forest"  
exemplifying the power of community with a vision of unity and sustainability that will serve  
future generations for years to come.*

*Gabriel Acevero, Delegate  
Montgomery County – Legislative District 39*

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## **Montgomery County, Maryland**

*Let it hereby be declared that today is “Washington Grove” Day in the  
Third District of Montgomery County  
Declared on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023  
In honor and celebration of your 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*

*Sidney Katz  
Councilmember  
District 3*

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## **City of Gaithersburg, Maryland**

*Proclamation from the Mayor and City Council of Gaithersburg  
Designating August 13, 2023  
“Town of Washington Grove Day”  
In the City of Gaithersburg  
In honor and celebration of your  
150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

*and in recognition of a long and storied history that has enriched the Gaithersburg community.  
Thank you for your legacy of service and continuing involvement in the lives of our residents.  
Congratulations on this momentous occasion!*

*Jud Ashman  
Mayor*

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## **Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions**

*... warmest congratulations on the occasion of the Town of Washington Grove’s 150<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary. In 2018, we were pleased to collaborate with you on a walking tour of your  
beautiful town in conjunction with a lecture and reception in the Town Hall. Since then, we  
have been pleased to consult with you on efforts to protect the unique cultural and natural  
heritage of your area ...*

*Leslie L. Gottert, M.A.  
Executive Director*