

McCathran Hall name

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Cc: Kathy Lehman <washgrove@comcast.net>

Hi again, John and Barbara- Thank you for considering my thoughts on this matter. You have my permission to share it with the full WG Town Council. -Margo

On Feb 14, 2024, at 11:12 AM, Margaret Cavenagh <mcavenagh@icloud.com> wrote:

Dear Mayor Compton and Councilmember Raimondo-

I feel compelled to weigh in on the proposal to remove the McCathran name from Town Hall. I hope we as a Town will recognize it as a move toward erasing our history, a history of which we are deservedly proud. Please reject the proposal.

As most of us know, and the historical record documents, Roy McCathran and his many descendants played a pivotal role in founding Washington Grove and continuing to maintain it as the gem of a community it is. It is more than appropriate that the town hall carry that name.

Not one of us is proud of everything we have ever done. That doesn't negate every good thing we have accomplished. As Michael Gerson wrote: "People are baser than their highest ideals. They are also nobler than their worst moments." Let us accept our own humanity as well as that of others.

Sincerely,
Margaret Cavenagh