

I have been a resident in Washington Grove for almost 50 years. Over the years, I have been on the town council and served on various town committees. My late husband, Bob Evans, was also a Town Councilor, a Mayor and a longtime Chairman of the Planning Commission.

There have been many controversies in our town since we moved here in 1975. Some were very contentious but in my opinion none as contentious as the resolution to rename McCathran Hall.

I'm opposed to renaming our town hall.

Having read all the letters from townspeople regarding this issue, (as well as Phil Edwards' history of the town) I have learned much and feel that nothing constructive can result from such a name change. I know this suggestion of a name change brings heartbreak to a family that has served our town so well over the many years. Thanks to three McCathran mayors, we have flourished.

I think the dialogue which the RASEC committee hoped for is now happening. We all will be able to continue this dialogue in our letters and let our representational democracy work as outlined in a letter written by Dennis Kirschbaum.

We've done our *mea culpas* and hopefully realize the importance of working on better relations with all of our neighbors, including Emory Grove. Many important suggestions on how to improve these relations have been made already in letters from townspeople.

Although we are a very homogeneous town regarding race, I believe we are very diverse in our backgrounds and beliefs. We are very capable of learning from our mistakes and using what we've learned to better our community and our nation.

My hope for all of us is that we as a town will continue to work together harmoniously ... with care and concern for all our neighbors within and outside of our boundaries.

Respectfully,

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