

To the Mayor and Town Council



IN DEFENCE OF OUR TOWN

RASEC is doing everything they can to punish our Town for things that may or may not have happened a hundred years ago. They are trying to make us all apologize for things we had no control over because they happened before we were born.

RASEC has been using their time, energy and resources in drafting resolutions aimed at trying to make everyone feel bad about living in a community that is run by people who care enough to volunteer to keep this a friendly and caring place to live and raise families. They criticize the taxpayers of our Town for paying for our own amenities out of our own tax dollars, without taking money from any of our neighboring towns.

We are surrounded by poverty and homelessness, and when the all too frequent calls go out to help local shelters, to help the homeless and the cold and hungry around us, the residents of Washington Grove go above and beyond to help meet those needs. Every year, we donate warm coats for the children of our local school; socks for men in the shelters; underwear for children who have none; every month we donate food and non-snap items for families in need; we donate Christmas, birthday and graduation gifts for kids who would otherwise have none. When Emory Grove Church started their clothes drive, our Town donated and continues to donate so many clothes that Emory Grove has now had to get additional storage space. We provide a monthly meal to the women of a local shelter. Every spring we donate ice cream to a local shelter so that they can throw their kids an end-of-school-year party. The shelter told us that these days, we are the only ones who still help them. It was heartbreaking.

Here at home, neighbors drive neighbors to appointments, pick up groceries and prescriptions for them, make meals for them when needed, sit with them through long, lonely nights and offer any help they can give.

The lists go on and on, but my challenge to RASEC is what could you do to help our Town go forward instead of looking back? Homeless people don't want apologies, they want food and shelter. Children living in poverty don't want apologies, they want a warm blanket, clean diapers, food and sometimes a toy to play with.

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