



Meeting of the Town Council
Tuesday, April 16, 2024; 7:30 p.m.
Online by Zoom Videoconference
[Join via Internet](#) or dial-in to 301-715-8592
Meeting ID: 297 850 640, Password 074385

Agenda

[All documents marked with an asterisk \(*\) may be obtained until at least September 1, 2024 here.](#)

1. **Call to Order** 7:30 pm
2. **Approval of the Agenda*** 5 min.
3. **Public Appearances** - Please note the time allowed to speak will be limited to five minutes. ?? min.

Also note: Written statements submitted as part of a public appearance will be noted in the minutes and will be available from the Town Office and on the Town website after the meeting.
4. **Treasurer's Report** 5 min.
Review of the March Treasurer's Report*
5. **Mayor's Report** 10 min.
 - a. *Kudos:* Steve Werts
 - b. Gaithersburg Old Town Shared Use Path* – Letter provided supporting grant application.
 - c. Annual Lake Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday April 20th.
 - d. Annual Woods Spring Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday April 27th, celebrating Arbor Day.
 - e. Dog Park Cleanup scheduled for Saturday April 27th.
 - f. RASEC and the Emory Grove community are co-sponsoring a joint community event in Emory Grove on April 21st at which participants may share stories from their lived experience on racial issues.
 - g. In celebration of Earth Day and Arbor Day, Master Gardener Janet Hostetler will be giving a talk entitled "Using Locally Native Plants to Solve Common Landscape Challenges in Washington Grove" at the Hall on Sunday April 28. Sponsored by the Forestry and Beautification, Sustainability and Woods Committees.
6. **Administrative Matters** 20 min.
 - a. Format for the Annual Town Meeting – Approve as virtual or in-person in McCathran Hall.
 - b. Review procedures for the Town Election.
 - c. Schedule May Town Council meeting.

- d. Leaf Collection Contract* – Review of bids and award of contract.
- e. Tennis court security – Discussion
- f. Historic Preservation Commission Appointments
 - i. Commissioner – Reappointment of Robert Booher for the three-year term June 1, 2024 – May 31, 2026.
 - ii. Commissioner – Reappointment of David Stopak for the three -year term June 1, 2024 – May 31, 2026.
 - iii. Alternate Commissioner – Appointment of Samantha Suzich as the three -year term June 1, 2024 – May 31, 2026.*

7. RASEC recommendations for furthering the goals of Resolution 2023-01, “Acknowledging Washington Grove’s Racially Exclusionary Past and Committing to an Equitable and Inclusive Future”* 40 min.

Discussion:

- a. Recommendation to Collaborate with Neighboring Communities Regarding the Shared Use Path.
- b. Recommendation to Create a Town Website Protocol.
- c. Recommendation to Establish a Communication System Between the Town of Washington Grove and Heritage Emory Grove.
- d. Recommendation to Hire a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Specialist.

8. Proposed FY2024 Tax rate, Dwelling Tax and Budget for the Town Meeting* 15 min.
Discussion and approval.

9. Ordinance 2024-01, Adopting the Town Budget and Tax Rates for FY24* Introduction. 5 min.

10. Stormwater Infrastructure Maintenance RFP* 30 min.
Review and possible approval.

New Business

Other Regular Business

- 11. Town Council Reports*** – Of note (see the Reports for details!) 20 min.
- a. *Maintenance (Nagrod)* – Extensive list of maintenance projects underway around town.
 - b. *Maintenance (Nagrod)* – Plans for identity fencing at McCathran Hall.
 - c. *Recreation Committee (Patrone)* – The Committee is soliciting resident opinions about Fourth of July and Labor Day events. Residents may [complete the survey here](#).
 - d. *Recreation Committee (Patrone)* – Summer in the Parks this year will be held July 8, 2024 to August 1, 2024.
 - e. *Woodward Park (Patrone)* – Addition or removal of playground equipment is being deferred until next year due to time constraints for reviewing the many responses to the Playground Survey. In the coming months will see a variety of safety concerns, handicap access, renovations and other improvements addressed.

- f. *Forestry & Beautification (Raimondo)* – Twelve trees to be planted in April and early May.
- g. *Sustainability (Warfield)* – Following the success of last year’s Meatless Potluck meal, another has been scheduled for 6:00 pm on Sunday, April 28, in McCathran Hall. Consider that meat accounts for over 40% of the greenhouse gases from food consumption.

12. Approval of February 27, 2024 Town Council meeting minutes* 5 min.

13. Next meetings

- a. Annual Town Meeting Saturday May 11th at 8:00 pm
- b. Regular Town Council and Organizational meeting: May meeting date to be determined.

14. Adjournment ~10:15 pm

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