



# Town Bulletin

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## Town Council News

The new email address [mayorandcouncil@washingtongrovemd.org](mailto:mayorandcouncil@washingtongrovemd.org) can now be used to communicate directly with the Mayor and all Town Councilors.

**Next meeting: Monday, August 12, 2024, 7:30 pm.**

[Join Zoom meeting](#) (or dial in to 301-715-8592 using meeting ID: 297 850 640 and password 074385).

***In addition, a Special Town Council meeting will take place August 13, 2024, 7:30 p.m.***

The main order of business will to meet with SMI Environmental Services to discuss their response to the Stormwater Infrastructure Maintenance RFP, which will take place by closing the meeting.

### **Actions at the July 8, 2024 Town Council Meeting**

- Amended and adopted Resolution 2024-02, "Guidelines to Provide for Proper Governance of Washington Grove Committees".
  - Approved Resolution 2024-03; "Authorizing Deer Management Bow Hunting Sessions in East and West Woods".
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- Approved Resolution 2024-04; “Authorizing Joint Town of Washington Grove and Montgomery County Parks Deer Management Bow Hunting Sessions in Conservation Meadow and Piedmont Crossing Local Park”.
- Formed a Council sub-committee to recommend actions and draft policy and procedures to address the maintenance of unoccupied properties in town.
- Discussed the DEI Education alternatives proposed by RASEC and Leadership Montgomery and deferred a decision on which to offer residents to allow final RASEC evaluation and resident comments.

## Mayor’s Kudos

- To the Rec Committee organizers of *Music Weekend* and to all volunteers who made possible the Children’s Recital (talented residents are many!), the Band Night at the Gazebo, and the Jazz Brunch events enjoyed by many residents.
- To Rec Committee organizers; to Kathy Lehman and her Muskrat musicians; to Allan Janus, Charlie Challstrom, Rob Gilmore; and to all other patriotic Grove volunteers who contributed to the successful *2024 Washington Grove on the Fourth of July* celebration. The day actually was 95° in the shade (!), which didn’t stop the enthusiastic turnout for the event!
- To Steve Werts, who made it possible for the mayor to have another opportunity to embarrass himself on the Town tractor.

## Public Comments Sought

At its August 12 meeting, the Town Council expects to select one or more DEI education programs to offer residents. It will decide among proposals from RASEC and from Leadership Montgomery. *Resident input on this issue is welcome.* [Proposals may be viewed here.](#) Comments should be emailed to [mayorandcouncil@washingtongrovermd.org](mailto:mayorandcouncil@washingtongrovermd.org)

## July 30, 2024 Special Town Council Meeting

The main order of business took place in closed session to meet with Biohabitats to discuss their response to the Stormwater Infrastructure Maintenance RFP.

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## News from Grove Boards and Commissions

### Historic Preservation Commission News

**Next meeting: Tuesday, August 20, 2024, 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

[boohfamily@comcast.net](mailto:boohfamily@comcast.net).

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 344 019 9688

## Memories of the Fireplace, which is Losing the Battle with Time

*Big thanks to Marilyn Frey for researching, canvassing Grove kids of half a century ago, and assembling this month's memory.*

### From Rosalie Shantz

During the 1930s the Grove Athletic Club produced some excellent shows. Everett Milans directed and performed in most of them. "The Ghost Bird," a mystery, was presented Friday, August 25, 1938. Some of the players' names you'll recognize: Doris Hershey, Bill Reber, Bill and Alfred Christie, Ruth Griffith, Mason Deland. Alfred Christie, father of the former mayor, is listed as the electrician.



Every Friday night during the winter the Athletic Club met at a member's home in the city and Everett Milans taught bridge instead of directing plays. The group raised the money for materials and built the fireplace at the Athletic Field. Bill Teepe secured plans and Carl Becker and others provided labor.

### From Marilyn Frey

As a baby boomer growing up in Washington Grove, I have fond memories of evenings that started around the stone fireplace and ended around the baseball diamond (now a soccer field). In those days, every town had a ball field and local teams traveled around them, but many evenings we had enough people to just have our own games.

I don't know when the fireplace was built, but it was here when we moved to the Grove in 1948. That was long before the days of Weber grills! My memory is that whoever got home first started the coals, and one by one, families in the mood for a cookout brought over their meat and of course, corn on the cob, to throw on the grill. It was large enough to accommodate a couple of families at a time, and the fire was always hot enough to cook things quickly.

By the end of the game, the grill was cool, the remnants of the dinners packed up and the crickets and fireflies were reclaiming the field. No one really cared who won because everyone just had fun.

Much like the auditorium in winter, the fireplace in summer was a center for gathering in Washington Grove. I'm delighted that there are hopes and plans to repair and renew it.

### From Jean Moyer's Mother, Maxine Winter-Moyer

The fireplace was a gift from the Men's Athletic Club, but the now-lost-to-time inscription may have been from a group of teenagers who formed a social club. Despite much searching, no one so far has been able to confirm what the inscription said, but the lower left-hand corner seems to have the beginning of the name "Max". This picture is all that remains of the inscription.

### **From Kathy Lehman**

In later years (probably the 1960s) summer potluck suppers around the fireplace were popular, followed by evenings of music (no doubt Hootenannies). The more adventurous kids tried to scale the back of the fireplace and sit on the "shoulders", facing the auditorium.

### **From former resident Joanne Brewer Demoll**

There were four Grove Girls who stabled their horses nearby and often rode them around the fireplace and through town.

### **From Nancy Haskett**

I remember climbing up the back right (as one faces the back) edge and actually sitting on the "shoulders" facing the auditorium. Couldn't do that now of course.

### **From Marilyn Frey**

I remember riding one of the horses bareback down Chestnut Avenue, and as I leaned over, the horse dropped its head to munch some grass, and I did a somersault down its neck, onto the ground. Both the horse and I were surprised, but fine.

Many kids growing up in Washington Grove have fond memories of playing on the aging fireplace by the ball field, but who better than Phil Edwards to put those memories into words.

### **From former resident Phil Edwards**

Lots of memories. The early ones there are of picnics in the early 50s with maybe three families (like us, the Hundleys and the Healys). I remember distinctly the first time I was able to climb from the front up to the shoulder on the right, thence up to the top where I could stand with one foot each side of the chimney. For some reason the left shoulder was harder to get to, so you had to get to the top and then descend to the left (auditorium side) shoulder. Later we learned to scale it from the back using handholds and footholds. In those years we had all memorized the Athletic Association inscription above the grate. I hope there's a picture of it somewhere.

Phyllis Hundley and my sister Steffi used to ride their horses on the avenues, but for sanitary reasons that was halted by official action. Later they'd ride down Brown Street from the Mill's farm on Ridge Road extended, thence onto Pine Road into the parks, past the fireplace and into the east woods. I remember Steffi's horse being in town only once. She had tied it to one of the posts on the back porch and gone inside, but it shied and pulled the post free. Luckily, she didn't go far, and luckily the other posts held.

In my teen years the fireplace became a nighttime gathering place where beer could be had. I remember going on beer runs to Gaithersburg with Norman Cator, who had a car and could drive. We would park in the Thomas and Company parking lot and go stand outside the liquor store (then at 226 E. Diamond Avenue) and ask each arriving customer if he'd get us a six-pack. Mostly they said no but once in a while someone would agree to do it (for a small fee). As we got driver's licenses some of us would drive across the field from Grove Road and park there under

the trees, car radios blasting. It could get raucous; once we were all chased out by Mr. Rogers. The mayor and council finally passed a rule against cars (a good idea).

In the 60s someone stole the heavy grating (I think to sell as scrap metal) but you could still have a fire and cook if you brought the rack from your oven. When I was Mayor, I found a replacement grate that was very similar to the original and some of us did the brickwork necessary to support it (probably using the wrong kind of cement). There are some pictures of the fireplace in use during the softball games on Fourth of July evenings.



I found a similar fireplace on an abandoned piece of roadway here in PA. I think it was one of many built by the CCC in the 1930s. I guess the one at the Hardy/Shantz house (102 Chestnut Avenue) is gone by now. But of course, there's still one in Meredith Horan's yard.

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## Planning Commission News

**Next meeting: Wednesday, August 7, 2024, 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.

## 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 November 2024

- 122 Chestnut Avenue - Fence

## Public Ways & Property Permits (PW&PP) Approved in November 2024

- None



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## News from Grove Committees

### Forestry & Beautification News

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 14, 2024, 7:30 p.m.**

The agenda and zoom link will be posted by Sunday August 11 on the F&B Google Drive. We'll be discussing new trees for fall planting. Please remember that the F&B Committee keeps a list of resident requests for town trees.

If you have a suggestion for where a new tree is 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)).

**PLEASE NOTE: *our trees are stressed by the current drought and heat.*** F&B now has permission to increase the new tree watering to twice a week. If you also have new trees in your yard, please consider upping the watering frequency. Nobody wants to lose an investment like that. F&B has added some other trees which are not new but were obviously suffering from the current weather. If you notice a town tree in distress, please email one of the three contacts below with the tree location. Thanks!

The next Forestry and Beautification Committee meeting will be on Wednesday August 14 at 7:30 PM. The agenda and zoom link will be posted by Sunday August 11 on the F&B Google Drive. We'll be discussing new trees for fall planting. Please remember that the F&B Committee keeps a list of resident requests for town trees. If you have a suggestion for where a new tree is 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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### Lake Committee News

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 13, 2024, 7:30 pm**

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

### Lake Committee Meetings

The Lake Committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 13th, 2024, at 7:30pm. The Lake Committee holds hybrid meetings -- in-person in the old Council Room and by Zoom. Please join us. New members are welcome and encouraged! Call Tom Land if you have any questions or suggestions.

## Swim at Your Own Risk

We are fortunate to have lifeguards for *most* days. When and if we are unable to staff sufficiently, the diving board will be closed. We ask that parents be responsible for their children and should always watch them when they are in the water.

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## Lighting Committee News

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 7:30 pm

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 961 798 0177

The Lighting Committee is working with other Maryland municipalities to allow the option of municipal streetlight ownership.

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).

We meet the fourth Wednesday of every month. All are welcome to attend!

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## ad hoc Meadow Committee News

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 7:30 pm

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service lists **four reasons** why meadow restoration is important:

- 1) Meadows serve as a natural reservoir for water. Our Conservation Park is part of the headwaters of Rock Creek. A healthy meadow controls stormwater and removes impurities.
- 2) Meadows capture and store carbon. Many meadow plants have deep roots that carry carbon deep into the soil and leave it there when the plant dies. The meadow also helps purify the air -- a good thing given the nearby traffic.
- 3) Meadows help maintain the diversity of our ecosystems. Meadow flora host their own distinctive fauna, including meadow voles, foxes, monarch butterflies and meadowlarks, among other species.
- 4) Meadows provide great recreation. Our meadow is a popular spot to walk, birdwatch, and generally commune with nature.

So, while the Grove is proudly known as a “town within a forest”, our meadow is an increasingly rare and valuable resource in need of protection. That’s why maintaining the Conservation Park as a meadow is the stated goal in both the Operation & Use Plan for the park and in the current Comprehensive Plan (see pg. 67) for the Town.

## Weed Warrior Event

On July 13 volunteers met at the Conservation Park once again for a work party supervised by Silvia Nuñez, a Natural Resources Specialist with the Montgomery Parks Weed Warrior program. We removed bittersweet, wineberry, multiflora rose, Japanese honeysuckle vines and mile-a-minute – thanks to all who participated. The next event will likely be scheduled in the fall. You do not need to be a weed warrior to participate, but if you are interested in the training, please contact Bruce Daggy to find out what is involved.

## Maintenance Request

On July 9 Montgomery Parks Customer Service created a work request for two maintenance actions: 1) replacement of missing and damaged bollards at the edge of the park along Ridge Rd; and 2) updating signage including information about the restoration efforts once the work is further along.

## Restoration Plan for the Conservation Park

The Meadows Committee continues to work with Ryan Colliton, Principal Natural Resources Specialist with MoCo Parks, to develop a plan to restore the meadow by decreasing the number of red cedars, removing non-native invasive plants (including Bradford pears), and planting native species. No trees will be removed before the town has an opportunity to review and approve the action plan. The work would either be done by Parks staff or by a contractor funded by an Environmental Stewardship grant from Sustainable Maryland.

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## Racial and Social Equity Committee News

**Next meeting: Sunday, August 11, 2024, 2:00 – 3:30 pm.**

RASEC General Meeting

All are welcome to RASEC meetings.

[Join ZOOM Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 874 1892 4038

Passcode: 228324

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## Recreation Committee News

**Next meeting: Wednesday, August 7, 2024, 7:30 pm.**

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

## Labor Day Events

- Friday, August 30
  - 6 pm: Croquet in the Woodward Park field.



- Saturday, August 31
  - 10 am: Field Games and Children's Bike/Scooter/Trike race. Woodward Park.
  - 3 pm: 3K Foot Race, starting at McCathran Hall and ending at Maple Lake
- Sunday, Sept. 1
  - 9 am: Tennis
  - 11 am: Casual family soccer game at Woodward Park field
  - 6 pm: Potluck Dinner and Labor Day Awards Ceremony at McCathran Hall
- Monday, Sept. 2
  - 9 am: Pickleball

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## Sustainability Committee News

**Next Meetings: Tuesday, August 6, 2024, 7:30 pm and Tuesday, September 3, 2024.**

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 344 019 9688

### Moving Away from Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers and Vacuums

On July 1, a county ban on the sale of gas-powered backpacks, handheld, and walk-behind leaf blowers and vacuums went into effect. On July 1 next year, operation of the gas equipment will be illegal in the county, with a fine of \$500 per violation. The purpose of the new law is to reduce noise, harmful air emissions, and reliance on fossil fuels, and to lessen health impacts that contribute to hearing loss, cardiovascular and respiratory diseases, and other health issues.

The law applies to private property, commercial property, local government, and Montgomery County Government. The law does not apply to Montgomery County Public Schools and Montgomery Parks, which are managed by the State of Maryland.

Rebates in the form of vouchers toward the purchase of electric leaf blowers will be available this summer from the county. Rebates will not be given for equipment purchased prior to obtaining a voucher. Residents can apply one time for a voucher worth up to \$100 toward the purchase of qualifying equipment; commercial operators can apply for a rebate of up to \$1,500. The rebate program opens August 1st for applications.

If you employ a landscaper, please ensure that they are aware of the change in the law and the option to apply for a voucher toward purchase of replacement equipment.

### Green Team Offers to Assist Town Residents in Establishing Leaf Compost Piles on Their Property

The Washington Grove Green Team, a small group of volunteers within the Sustainability Committee, would like to help you get started composting the leaves on your property.

For anyone interested, we will pick up a bin from the county (they're free!) and, at a time convenient for you, help you select a good spot for it in your yard. We'll set it up and help you

load it up with leaves from your yard and used coffee grounds, which we are collecting from Starbucks, to get the right mix of materials to promote composting. During the year, we'll be available to answer questions about leaf composting, check the temperature of the pile (we have a couple of really LONG thermometers to do that), and "turn the pile" (that is, stir it up a bit to get some oxygen into it). The objectives of this project are to reduce the number of leaves hauled out of town by the vacuum truck, expand the number of residents who know how to compost their leaves, and produce valuable compost that you can use to nourish the plants, bushes, and trees on your property and to preserve critical ground moisture.

Please contact Monica Maher of the Green Team at [monicam.maher@gmail.com](mailto:monicam.maher@gmail.com) if we can help you get started composting your leaves this fall.

### **New Efficient Heat Pumps Replace Old Ones**

Replacing oil and gas furnaces with electric heat pumps for heating and cooling is expanding in the Grove, and older heat pumps are being upgraded. Here are two cases of old heat pumps that were recently replaced with more efficient ones:

A new four-ton Lennox heat pump replaced a 13-year-old one at **416 Center Street**. Homeowners Mark Frederiksen and Kitty Seiferlein, had the replacement done now so as not to risk a shutdown during winter. The old pump provided heat until the outside temperature fell below about 37° F. Under that temperature, the back-up oil furnace kicked in, which did not happen often. The new unit will provide heat until the outside temperature drops to about 17° F. The back-up oil furnace and oil tank were removed; the house will rely on electrical resistant heat on the coldest days. This choice eliminates the need to maintain and service both the heat pump and an oil furnace. All work was done by Elysian Energy. Kitty said, "Elysian Energy patiently answered everything we could think of to ask. They were straightforward about the choices we had to make and led us through the process of getting the new heat pump. Removal of the oil furnace and installation of the new heat pump took two days, and the old oil tank in the basement was gone in an hour and twenty minutes, and the electrical and mechanical permitting inspection took less than 10 minutes."

At **201 Maple Road**, Jim Snyder replaced an 18-year-old Goodman heat pump with an upgraded one. The old heat pump and air handler were working well, and Jim hated to part with them, but they didn't measure up to today's efficiency standards and who knows how many more years they would last. Jim had a 2-ton model installed from the same manufacturer and a 2.5-ton air handler. Jim paid to have a HEPA-sized filter included in the air handler for more complete air filtration. The installation was completed in just three hours by Lumeco Energy under the supervision of energy auditor Energy Efficiency Experts (EEE). EEE had performed an energy audit previously that resulted in additional insulation in the attic and basement and the heat pump replacement. Pepco installed a new smart thermostat free. Jim receives online weekly estimates from Pepco of his monthly bill and a monthly usage breakdown into categories like space heating and cooling, water heating, lighting, appliances, and electronics.

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## Woods Committee News

**Next meeting: Monday, August 5, 2024, 7:30 pm.**

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

By Phone: 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 865 0465 9639

Passcode: 735660

Our September meeting date will be determined to accommodate the Labor Day holiday. We are always looking for new members to help protect our East and West Woods Forest Preserves. Please consider attending a Woods Committee meeting to learn about our projects and join us!

We thank the following volunteers:

- Dave Cosson for weed whacking stilt grass along the trails in the East Woods.
- Mike Voigt for spreading wood chips along trails in the East Woods.
- Larry French and Meredith Beckhardt for watering fragile trees in the East Woods which were wilting in the heat and dryness.

The Mayor and Town Council are reviewing bids received on Storm Water Infrastructure Maintenance. The Town's goal is to control stormwater drainage in the residential part of Town and ultimately to reduce runoff into the West Woods. The Town Council expects to approve one of the bids at the August TC meeting.

The Bow Hunter Firefighters of Maryland (BHFFMD) were approved by the mayor and Town Council to volunteer again for our deer management program in the East and West Woods, and the Conservation Meadow. The Maryland DNR 2024-2025 deer hunting season is from September 6, 2024 to January 31, 2025.

The Woods Committee is planning a fall tree-planting project. We are open to suggestions of planting sites in the East Woods where the canopy is open to sunlight. If you have suggestions for planting areas, please attend our July meeting or contact Co-chair, Joan Mahaffey.

Please stay on the trails to protect newly recovered native plants as you enjoy walking in our forest preserves. A friendly reminder to please pick up after your dog when walking in the woods and take the bag with you for proper disposal.

A final note of caution! Several town residents have reported ground-nesting yellowjackets are present along the stone path leading down to Whetstone Spring in the West Woods. While yellowjackets are beneficial to help to control the population of pest insects like mosquitoes, the Woods Committee is assessing the situation to plan the appropriate action for public safety. Please do not attempt to spray or remove the yellow jackets; best to avoid them. Their nests are underground and likely will require professional help to remove them at the proper time. [Learn more here.](#)

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## News from Other Grove Organizations

### Film Society News

Look for changes in the Film Society's upcoming Fall/Winter schedule of five films. For a couple of decades, our films have screened on Sunday evenings. This season we'll show some of them on Friday or Saturday nights, in hopes that more people will be able to attend. We're planning for a couple of classic foreign films, a couple of heart-warming and beautiful documentaries, and a dark comedy with unexpected twists. More information will appear in next month's Bulletin. See you at the movies!

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### Washington Grove Cares News

#### Can you offer a hand to a neighbor?

Are you willing to help out a Grove neighbor in need of assistance? Could you climb a ladder, move something heavy, troubleshoot a %@\$&! computer, or run an errand? Could you provide a ride or a meal?

If you can be called upon for help, please fill out the Washington Grove Cares volunteer form at [bit.ly/wgcares-signup](http://bit.ly/wgcares-signup). (You can also find a link to volunteer on the Washington Grove Cares page of the town website.) When we get a request in a category for which you sign up, you may hear from us. If it's not a good time for you, we'll just call someone else on the list.

#### Do you need a hand from a neighbor?

Call Washington Grove Cares at 301-944-2962 or email [washingtongrovecares@gmail.com](mailto:washingtongrovecares@gmail.com).

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### WG United Methodist Church News



Please join Minister Margie Matthews and our congregation on Sunday mornings at 11:00 AM at 303 Chestnut Road, Washington Grove, MD

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

First Saturday Coffee and Donuts will be taking a vacation in August. Hope to see you in September!



### August Outreach Programs

We have enough jars of pasta sauce for our eight Archways families for the next four months, but we do not have enough boxes of pasta to accompany them. So, we're asking for pasta, pasta, pasta! Spaghetti, Penne, Bow Ties, whatever you can give will help our families.

This July we were able to purchase and give to Seneca Heights art supplies for the kids to help them through an otherwise long and boring summer. There is a volunteer to teach them various projects, but without our help, there would have been no supplies for the projects. Seneca is all too often the forgotten shelter.

Speaking of shelters, the devastating fire at the then newly refurbished women's shelter left 35 women displaced into temporary living quarters. This temporary shelter has no cooking facilities and no forms of entertainment. Our club has joined with the Washington Grove church, and thanks to the generosity of our big-hearted Town, we've been able to meet many of their needs. Those needs, however, will continue until their shelter is again repaired and made livable, so please, continue to donate.

With the annual return to school just weeks away, we are again collecting coats, hats, scarves and mittens for the children of Washington Grove Elementary School. Another longstanding school project for us, that fell by the wayside during covid, is keeping the teachers' closet stocked with supplies that teachers would otherwise buy and pay for out of their own pockets. We hope this school year to start up that project again. Right now, school supplies are often on sale, so please, think about the teachers when you see these bargains!

### The Easiest Ways to Donate

Your donations are always needed! Just drop them off either in the box on the Clubhouse porch or on Wendy Weisbard's porch at 119 Grove Road. And of course, monetary donations are always appreciated. Checks should be made-out-to the Woman's Club (WCWG) with a notation in the Memo if you want the money to go towards something specific. Checks can be dropped off with Cynthia Werts at 410 Oak Street or mailed to Cynthia at PO Box 354.

### Gold Elephant Auction Set for Saturday, October 19, 6:30 pm

What are you thinking about donating? Antiques, collectibles, artwork, mid-century furniture? Or how about something that reflects your special talents -- are you a woodworker, potter, painter, dog whisperer, babysitter extraordinaire, artist, photographer, personal shopper, green thumb, or wine, beer or whisky connoisseur?

We are a town of creative and innovative geniuses, right? Offer up your skills to benefit this event that supports our work in the community. To donate, contact Auction Chairs Arlene McCrehan or Peggy Booher. We are accepting donations NOW!

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## Coming Events Calendar

August 1	Swing Time Big Band	7:00 PM	Town Hall
August 5	Woods Committee Meeting	7:30 pm	ZOOM
August 6	Yoga	6:00 pm	Town Hall
August 6	Sustainability	7:30 pm	ZOOM
August 7	Tai Chi	11:00 am	Town Hall
August 8	Recreation Committee Meeting	7:30 pm	ZOOM
August 8	Gateway Committee Meeting	7:30 pm	ZOOM
August 11	RASEC	2:30 pm	ZOOM

### August 14 Building Permit Submission Deadline

August 12	Town Council Meeting	7:30 pm	ZOOM
August 13	Yoga	6:00 pm	Town Hall
August 13	Lake Committee	7:30 pm	Town Hall
August 13	Special Town Council Meeting	7:30 pm	ZOOM
August 14	Forestry & Beautification	7:30 pm	ZOOM
August 14	Tai Chi	11:00 am	Town Hall
August 14	Unoccupied Homes Work Group	7:30 pm	Town Hall
August 15	Swing Time Big Band	7:00 pm	Town Hall
August 20	Yoga	6:00 pm	Town Hall
August 21	Tai Chi	11:00 am	Town Hall
August 27	Yoga	6:00 pm	Town Hall
August 28	Tai Chi	11:00 am	Town Hall
August 28	Lighting Committee	7:30 pm	ZOOM

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