

Town Bulletin

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Town Council News

The new email address <u>mayorandcouncil@washingtongrovemd.org</u> can now be used to communicate directly with the Mayor and all Town Councilors.

Next meeting: Monday, October 14, 2024, 7:30 pm.

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

Actions at the September 2024 Town Council Meeting

- The Mayor and Council reviewed the two vendor proposals received for the stormwater infrastructure maintenance contract. Award of the contract was deferred until October.
- The proposal for a modified Municipal Leaf Compost Pilot program through FY25 was approved.
- A "Restoration Plan for the Conservation Meadow", proposed by the Montgomery County Parks Department and the Meadow Committee, was introduced and discussed. Action was deferred until October to allow for public input.

Mayor's Kudos

- To Recreation Committee volunteers for the Labor Day weekend events and the new "Terry Cox Fun Run". Special shout-outs to Peggy Booher for her enthusiasm, Peter Nagrod for pulling off the fun-run, Sara Parent for making the awards, Renee Moloznik, Arlene McCrehan, Lisa Bielen, Kristina Kough, and everyone else who helped or took part.
- To all the dedicated, reliable, and amazing volunteers who make this Town run.

An Education Opportunity for Residents: "Introduction to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging"

Offered to all residents, this three-hour educational training will be led by Leadership Montgomery. Participants will be introduced to key concepts related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging (DEIB) that will enhance their ability to create an atmosphere where all community members can thrive regardless of their backgrounds and identities. Participants will leave with practical takeaways to implement now.

The session will be held in McCathran Hall on November 16, 9 am - 12:00 noon.

Note that registration will be required. Details for registering will be forthcoming this month.

Emergency Preparedness and Safety

Are you eager to see our community thrive with greater safety, resilience, and readiness for emergencies? Join the Town's Emergency Preparedness and Safety Committee (EPSC). Become a vital part to continue their significant achievements—such as securing an emergency generator at the Town Hall to protect it during winter power outages, getting a crosswalk light installed at the Marc Station, and tackling the ongoing, pressing issue of speeding on our town roads. The committee also engages with various county entities, along with fire and police, to advocate for Town interests and exchange information. Your participation can help build on these achievements and can propel even further improvements! Current plans are for the EPSC to meet quarterly and if you are interested, please contact Kriss Grisham, EPSC Councilor Liaison at councilorkriss@gmail.com, or 202-365-0399.

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News from Grove Boards and Commissions Historic Preservation Commission News

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 15, 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 booherfamily@comcast.net.

Ioin Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 344 019 9688

Other Camp Meetings and Chautauquas in Montgomery County and Across Maryland

Over the next several months, we will look at a few communities sharing commonalities with Washington Grove. The first community is not Emory Grove, our neighbor in Montgomery County -- but rather Emory Grove in Baltimore County, Maryland. The overview starts with information compiled from the Maryland Historical Trust's entry for the Glyndon Historic District, which encompasses Emory Grove.

Emory Grove, Baltimore County, Maryland

Glyndon began in 1868 when a group of Methodists established a campground close to the Western Maryland Railroad tracks. The group, called the Emory Grove Camp Meeting Association, began evangelical meetings under a large tent. People flocked to the summer services, remaining for extended periods and living in tents. By 1887 the popularity of the meeting had encouraged the Association to construct the 40-room Emory Grove Hotel. Gradually the tents were replaced with wooden cottages and in 1900 an open market house moved from Hanover, Pennsylvania, replaced the canvas tabernacle.

By the 1920s, Emory Grove had proved enormously successful. Evangelists like Billy Sunday drew large crowds from Baltimore in addition to the summer residents. The campground encouraged the development of Glyndon as a summer resort--several devotees of Emory Grove erected their own more substantial summerhouses adjacent to the campground.

Temperance Park, across Butler Road, is another example of the spirit of Methodism in Glyndon. Founded in 1887, it was the first temperance park in Maryland. Thirteen frame cottages line the south side of a green open space, originally the site of meetings devoted to prohibition. An annual service is held in Temperance Park which preserves the open space.

The railroad and the camp meetings at Emory Grove opened the area to development. Local property owners began laying out lots and streets, and constructing a hotel, town hall, and general store. Railroad and streetcar service to Glyndon coincided with the most concentrated period of the Town's growth.

The Emory Grove Campground on Glyndon's northern boundary is occupied in the summer. Temperance Park in the northeastern section was a second religious summer community which is now occupied by full-time residents.

A visit to the <u>website of the Emory Grove Association of Baltimore, Inc.</u>, offers additional information and includes current and historical photographs of the campground.

This past August, Emory Grove hosted tours of 20 cottages built in the early 20th century, their historic Hotel, Tabernacle, and Temple.

The religious tradition in Emory Grove continues, although it is no longer limited to Methodism. Each summer, various local churches come to Emory Grove to lead worship surrounded by

nature. In addition to regular worship services and "hymn sings", each summer season sees the return of lecture and concert series.

(Note: Unfortunately, readers who attempt to access The Baltimore Sun articles that are linked in the Emory Grove website may encounter a paywall...)

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Planning Commission News

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 2, 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 2nd 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 September 2024

- 407 5th Ave. Addition
- 328 Ridge Rd New Construction

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

328 Ridge Rd - Driveway

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News from Grove Committees Forestry & Beautification News

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 9, 2024, 7:30 p.m.

Trees in Distress

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!

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Lake Committee News

Many thanks to everyone for supporting a fantastic summer at Maple Lake!!! We encourage you to continue enjoying the tranquil beauty of the lake and its surrounding area during the rest of the year. If swimming, please do so safely.

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Lighting Committee News

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 24, 2024 at 7:30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 893 1602 0615

Passcode: 194354

Questions, ideas or concerns? Please contact Virginia Quesada at 301 706-7933 (cell) or

vq@qmediainc.com, or Robert N. Johnson at rnj@elecdev.com.

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

We are currently meeting with Pepco, Verizon and the Maryland Public Service commission to discuss the options and issues concerning municipal streetlight ownership.

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ad hoc Meadow Committee News

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 24, 2024 at 7:30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

Restoration plan for the Conservation Park: The Meadows Committee has recommended to Town Council that we proceed with Phase 1 of the proposal prepared by Montgomery Parks to reduce the number of red cedars and remove any non-native invasive trees in the meadow. This recommendation has been the subject of spirited discussion and debate. We urge all interested residents to review the background story of the Conservation Park meadow and the restoration proposal. If you have questions, please feel free to contact a member of the Meadows Committee. **Return to the top of the document**

Recreation Committee News

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 9, 2024, 7:30 pm.

Ioin Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 841 8808 4053

Passcode: 419003

Yoga in the Grove

Certified yoga and fitness instructor Ingeborg McCright offers an all-levels yoga class on Tuesdays from 6 – 7 pm in McCathran Hall. Ingeborg has been teaching yoga and exercise classes for many years and is able to give modifications for those who want to take it slow and those looking for extra challenge.

Please bring your own mat and feel free to bring blocks if you use them. The class ends on our backs with a cooling relaxation, so consider dressing in layers. If this is your first Grove Yoga class, be sure to print out and complete this <u>waiver form (PDF)</u> and bring it to class. Yoga is free for Washington Grove residents with a suggested \$5-10 donation. Non-residents may attend for \$10 a class. Ingeborg accepts cash or check.

Irish Ceili

What is a Ceili? Come and find out at McCathran Hall from 7 – 10:30 on Saturday, October 26. Try out Irish dance steps while listening to live music by Joe DeZarn and Tina Eck. Don't want to dance? Just come and enjoy the music. A potluck supper is served about halfway through so don't forget to bring a dish to share. Free to Grove residents though contributions to pay the musicians are always welcome.



Sponsored by the Blackthorn Ceili Dancers and the Washington Grove Recreation Committee.

Washington Grove Haunted Woods

Have a spooktacular time at the Washington Grove Haunted Woods, starting at 4 pm on Saturday, October 26 at the Gazebo (rain date October 27). The woods will start out as a magical forest, appropriate for young ones, and grow scarier for the older crowd as day turns to night. Also enjoy pumpkin decorating and tasty treats!

If you would like to help plan the Haunted Woods or participate, perhaps in costume, please reach out to Rec Committee co-chairs Lisa Bielen https://linear.com and Kristina Kough KKoughWG@gmail.com and consider attending the next Rec Committee meeting on October 9 at 7:30pm. Here's the Zoom link for the meeting.

Trick-or-Treating

Halloween trick-or-treating in the Grove will be on October 31 from 6pm to 8pm.

Calling All Hands for the Holiday Show!!

It's not yet Halloween but it's still time to start planning for the Holiday Show! This year it will again be live at McCathran Hall on Saturday, December 14. We hope to feature many of the 50 kids (50 kids!) who live in the Grove. A skit! A dance! A chorus!

But it's not just a kids' show. Do you play an instrument or have a musical group that would love to perform? Can you sing, either solo or in a group? Are you willing to be just a wee bit silly and take part in a skit? No prior experience necessary! Admit it -- if you saw the show last year, weren't you wishing **you** had been a member of the precision croquet drill team? NEW THIS YEAR: We are looking for someone with an interest in directing or being an assistant director.

Can you help with costumes, props, decorations? With sound or lighting? Even if you think you have no real expertise, but you want to be part of this wonderful Town experience, let us know and we will find a place for you!

If you are new to Town, the Holiday Show is a great way to meet people and to get involved. Contact Judy Mroczka at 301 785-3491 or mrascal107@gmail.com or Marilynn Frey at 301 351-4784 or marilynnf@comcast.net.

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Sustainability Committee News

Next Meetings: Tuesday, October 1, 2024, 7:30 pm and Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 344 019 9688

Sustainable Maryland Representatives to Tour the Grove

On October 3, the Sustainability Committee will host representatives from Sustainable Maryland, an organization that supports municipalities in developing sustainability programs, on a walking tour of our town. Highlights of the tour will include McCathran Hall, the electric vehicle chargers, the town woods, the community garden, the town compost pilot, Acorn Library, and the meadow. Representatives from Sustainable Maryland and other Maryland municipalities will learn about sustainable work underway in the Grove and share ideas with other communities that may benefit from our experiences.

Delegate Acevero's "State of the District" Event at McCathran Hall, October 19, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Washington Grove welcomes Delegate Gabriel Acevero, one of three delegates to the Maryland General Assemble for District 39, on Saturday, October 19, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, for his annual "State of the District" event. This year's theme is "Sustainability and Climate Justice for All". Officials from State and County government plus organizations involved in sustainability work are expected to participate.

Planned updates include the status of environmental legislation in Maryland, Habitat for Humanity's Emory Grove project, and Sustainable Maryland's environmental projects. The Sustainability Committee table will offer information about signing up for clean energy and the Grove's heat pump and electric vehicle incentive program. In addition, there will be a table for voter registration and information about how to cast your ballot.

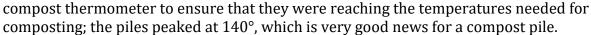
We look forward to seeing you at this informative event.

Town Leaf Composting Pilot Year 2 is Approved by Town Council

On September 9, the Town Council approved a proposal from the Sustainability Committee (SC) to proceed with the town leaf composting pilot project for a second year. The first year of the pilot project is considered a success. Free bins from the county were set up as a test site near the

town maintenance building and filled with leaves and grass clippings that had been collected, shredded, and delivered by the town landscaper.

During the year, SC volunteers added leaves, stirred in coffee grounds for the necessary nitrogen, watered the piles when dry, and turned the piles to introduce adequate oxygen to the decomposing leaves. We regularly tested the piles with a



At the end of a year, roughly 2,500 pounds of shredded leaves and 400 pounds of used coffee grounds (mostly donated by King Farm Safeway Starbucks) went into the piles, producing about four cubic yards of compost. The first year's compost was applied to the community garden and to the beds around the Town Hall and will be used to nourish and protect trees and shrubs in town, including several new ones this fall.

In the upcoming year, the SC will continue to maintain the two bins created in the first year and will introduce two new tests. In the first new approach, we will set up four or more private-public tests: that is, we will establish compost bins on volunteers' private property and fill them with leaves from public lands.

In the second new test, we will create a niche in the bamboo forest by the maintenance building and test out a compost pile in that somewhat shady area.

In pilot year 2, we expect to produce much more compost and make it available to town residents, and we hope to expand our knowledge of what works and doesn't work in composting town leaves as we try to divert more leaves every year from the collection truck until, eventually, we have developed ways to retain all Grove leaves right here in Town to benefit our own town soil and plant life with rich, nourishing compost.

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Woods Committee News

Next meetings: Monday, October 7, 2024, 7:30 pm and Monday, November 4, 7:30 pm.

Join Zoom Meeting
By Phone: 301 715 8592
Meeting ID: 857 3970 2580

Passcode: 296330

Our volunteer Bow Hunter Fire Fighters of Maryland (BHFFMD) began bow hunting in our Woods on September 6th. One doe was harvested in the West Woods in September. Members of BHFFMD are EMTs and firefighters who are vigilant about public safety, and therefore, there is no reason to curtail our use of the Woods. They will bow hunt at sunrise and sunset. The archery season extends through January 31, 2025. Please contact Joan Mahaffey or Pat Klein if you have any questions.

At our October meeting, the Woods Committee will discuss fall tree planting and begin planning for a fall workday in the Forest Preserves. In particular we are looking for volunteers who have good upper body strength who can remove and reposition stakes and small exclosures to protect newly planted trees. Please call Joan Mahaffey if you are able to help.

At their meeting on October 14, the Town Council will consider the two companies bidding on the Storm Water Management Project for areas west of Grove Avenue which drain into the West Woods. Proposals include the upgrading of culverts and swales and the design and construction of bioswales a gravel wetland to control erosion of soil and volume and velocity of water during storms.

If you notice trees falling and blocking Woods trails or hanging dangerously over the trails, please call Joan Mahaffey or Pat Klein. Also please notify us if you discover bees, wasps, or yellow jacket underground nests near the trails. Please do not dump yard or tree clipping in our woods. The Woods Preserves are wild spaces, so please take caution before entering the Woods on windy days. Stay healthy and safe and enjoy the autumnal beauty of nature in our East and West Woods Preserves.

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News from Other Grove Organizations Film Society News

Rolling out our 2024-2025 season, the Washington Grove Film Society welcomes you to McCathran Hall to watch and talk about a charming documentary that cultivates hope. Think about bringing your tweens and teens; the movie will end around 8:30 pm.

Come one; come all! Invite your family and friends! This season's 5 films will be shown free of charge, no tickets needed.

Sunday, October 6, 7:00 pm: The Biggest Little Farm

Directed by John Chester, 2019, US, in English, shown with English subtitles, 91 minutes.

With a lot of help, a California couple makes their dream of creating a sustainable farm come true. This documentary chronicles eight years of hard work, setbacks, perseverance, and the glories of a well-balanced ecosystem. Its gorgeous cinematography makes stars of all the farm's creatures and of nature itself.

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Washington Grove Cares News

Do you need a ride somewhere, an errand run, a walking partner, a homemade cookie, some cooperation from a #**%+&! balky electronic device, a solution to a math or knitting problem, or a strong arm for a small task? Washington Grove Cares has volunteers to help you. To request assistance or to add your name to the ranks of our volunteers, go to our web page. Alternatively, call us at 301-944-2962 or email washingtongrovecares@gmail.com.

In addition, our web page hosts the frequently-referred-to list of professionals and tradespeople recommended by Grovers, thanks to the devoted work of Betsy Klinger.

We live in a caring community. Please reach out to us with your ideas for keeping us all supported and connected.

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WG United Methodist Church News

Washington Grove United Methodist Church...Please join us at 11:00 AM Sundays

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 people 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

October Outreach Programs

For Washington Grove Elementary School (WGES)



Although our Club is no longer routinely collecting used clothing, the exception is for the needs of the children of WGES! With winter fast approaching for the first time, we have fallen behind in collecting gently used or new winter coats, hats, scarves and mittens for the kids. It's going to be a long, bitterly cold winter for underprivileged kids who will have no way to stay

warm.

A longstanding WGES project for our Club 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 continue the project again this school year. When you see school supplies on sale, please think about the teachers.





As a new outreach program this year, the WGES nurse has asked us for donations of gently used children's clothes in sizes 5 to 12. Sometimes kids have accidents at school, perhaps they might fall in a puddle on the playground or any of those other unfortunate events that sometime happen. When these do happen, they go to the school nurse to help them with a change of clothes.

For the Archways Families

We have enough jars of pasta sauce for our eight Archways families for the next few months, but we don't have enough boxes of pasta to go with them. So, we're asking for pasta, pasta, pasta! Spaghetti, penne, bow ties, whatever you can give will help our families.



Halloween Candy!

Once again this year, we will be collecting leftover Halloween candy to distribute among our local shelters and needy families. You can drop off your leftover candy on the Clubhouse porch or on Wendy Weisbard's porch at 119 Grove Road. It's a wonderful way to share with those who have so little.



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.

Our outreach work can only happen with the continued support of our Little Town with the Big Hearts. We always need shelf-stable foods and non-snap items because those needs never stop!

Coffee and Donuts

Come Gab and Grab at October 5 First Saturday Coffee and Donuts

Join us for a little gab and grab a donut and coffee at the WCWG clubhouse (316 Grove Avenue) from 9-10:30 am. It's just a social meetup -- no strings attached. BUT, if you'd like to support our

community outreach effort benefitting Washington Grove Elementary School this month, consider bringing along:

- New or gently used clothing sizes 5-12 for the nurse's office
- Size 5-12 winter coats
- Scarves, gloves and hats
- Supplies for the teacher's closet so teachers don't have to buy things. Think about things that get used up like glue sticks, pencils, crayons, erasers, tissues, hand sanitizer...

Gold Elephant Auction

The 2024 WCWG Auction Lineup Is AWESOME!

Join in the bidding and join in the fun at the Gold Elephant Auction on Saturday, October 19, 6:30 pm at McCathran Hall. (See the flyer at the end of this newsletter)

What's new this year? Unique experiences for young parents (Date Night), intrepid travelers (Italy!), beer connoisseurs (brewery tour), and so much more.



Hoping to snag a new painting or sculpture? We've got it! Holiday shopping? Forget the mall. You'll find those "perfect" gifts and stunning decor at the Grove's own hyper-local auction.

AND, NEW THIS YEAR -- you'll be able to use your credit card for auction purchases. We will be piloting this option and look forward to streamlining the checkout process for buyers that prefer it (points!). Of course, we'll also continue to accept personal checks and cash. We'll also be accepting credit card payments for WCWG membership dues at this event.

The Auction Catalog will be available about two weeks prior to the event. Watch your email, view the items, and plan your bidding strategy ahead of time!

This popular Washington Grove event supports the annual operating expenses of the WCWG and is our only major fundraiser.

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Other Notices Bulk Trash Collection

This collection will be Saturday, November 23.

Coming Events Calendar

October 1	Sustainability Committee	7:30 pm	ZOOM	ZOOM	
October 1	Yoga	6:00 pm	Town Hall		
October 2	Planning Commission	7:30 pm	ZOOM	ZOOM	
October 2	Art Night	7:00 pm	Town	Town Hall	
October 3	Sustainability Event	3:00 pm	Town	Town Hall	
October 3	Swing Time Big Band	6:30 pm	Town	Town Hall	
October 5	BluestoberFest	7:00 pm	Gazeb	Gazebo	
October 6	Film Society	7:00 pm	Town	Town Hall	
October 7	Woods Committee	7:30 pm	Town	Town Hall	
October 8	Yoga	6:00 pm	Town	Town Hall	
October 9	Forestry & Beautification	7:30 pm	ZOOM	ZOOM	
October 10	Gateway Committee	7:30 pm	pm ZOOM		
October 12	Private McCathran Hall Rental	All Day			
October 13	Parliamentary Procedure Training	7:30 pm	ZOOM	ZOOM	
October 14	Town Council Meeting	6:30 pm	Town Hall		
October 15	HPC Meeting	7:30 pm	ZOOM		
October 15	Yoga	6:00 pm	Town	Town Hall	
October 16	Art Night	7:00 pm	Town	Town Hall	
October 17	Swing Time Big Band	6:30 pm	Town	Town Hall	
October 19	State of the District – Gabriel Acevero	11:00 am	Town	Town Hall	
October 19	Woman's Club Auction	4:00 pm	Town	Hall	
October 22	Yoga	6:00 pm		Town Hall	
October 23	Lighting Committee	7:3	0 pm	ZOOM	
October 26	Haunted Woods	4:0	0 pm	East Woods	
October 26	Ceili Dance	6:0	0 pm	Town Hall	
October 29	Yoga	6:0	0 pm	Town Hall	

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AUCTION SCHEDULE

- 6:30 Silent Auction and Browsing
- 7:15 Live Auction
- 8:00 Silent Auction Ends

Appetizers, sweets and beverages EVERYONE included!
WELCOME Credit Cards Will Be Accepted!