

## John G. Compton

Candidate for Mayor, 1-year term

### About me

In 1991, Sheila and I moved to 202 Ridge Rd, where we raised our two girls. I have played an active role in the Washington Grove community, including 3 years as Town Councilor (1996-1999), then 9 years as Mayor (2000-2008), and again serving as Town Councilor (2017-2018) and as Mayor (since 2018).



### Mayor's "platform":

I ask for your continued support. As your Mayor, I will continue to successfully manage Washington Grove's affairs, overseeing the excellent financial and operational status of the Grove, promoting and sustaining the existing spirit of cooperation and accomplishment among elected and appointed officials, and of equal importance, facilitating and encouraging our many volunteers (the Town's unpaid "staff") whose time and effort remains essential to sustaining the Town's amenities and the quality of life associated with our natural beauty and community activities.

### Some of my ambitions for the coming year:

- Complete renovation and upgrade of our stormwater management infrastructure intended to mitigate damage and problems in part of residential Washington Grove and in the West Woods.
- Promote Planning Board approval, MCDOT final engineering, and the start of construction of the Washington Grove Connector Shared Use Pathway in FY26.
- Develop an agreement with our Commercial Corner property owner for renovation as envisioned by the Comprehensive Plan, including new uses and an easement for a shared use pathway between Brown Street and WG Lane.
- Continuation of the Renewable Energy Conversion Incentive Pilot Program.
- Approval of a "Playground Master Plan" as a framework for maintenance and upgrades.

### Of note over the last 12 months, accomplished in cooperation with many town residents, the PC, the HPC and the Town Council:

- In connection with the controversial proposal to restore the Meadow Conservation Park, organized a Special meeting of the Town Council that provided historical context, heard residents present alternative views, and led to consensus on the restoration project.
- Bid and awarded a new *Bulk Leaf Collection* contract.
- Bid and managed the \$80K Comprehensive Road Work 2024 contract and project.
- Concluded a 2-year effort, I signed a \$570,000 contract with SMI Environmental Services to renovate and upgrade stormwater collection west of Grove Avenue to reduce stormwater runoff onto private property, and also to better manage drainage into the West Woods.
  - ☞ Developed the *Stormwater Infrastructure Maintenance RFP* approved by the TC.
  - ☞ Engaged in site-visits and responded to questions from 10 potential bidders.
  - ☞ Interviewed and evaluated 2 vendor proposals with the SWIM group and TC.

☞ Finalized the contract with SMI, obligating at year-end our pandemic recovery (ARPA) funds as required by the federal government.

- Instituted hybrid Town Council meetings and the first in-person TC meetings since 2020.
- Worked towards a hybrid 2025 Annual Town Meeting (with Montgomery Municipal Cable).
- Promoted planning for renovation of the Commercial Corner, to be linked to new allowed uses.
- Worked to insure County funding continued into FY26 for construction of the Washington Grove Connector Shared Use Pathway, when construction should begin.
- Worked with Pepco to finalize reasonable requirements for possible Town purchase of our streetlights at nominal cost.

## **John Porter**

Candidate for Town Council, 3-year term

My wife and I have called Washington Grove home for many years. We raised our family here, and have participated in countless town events and activities.

I am a graduate of VCU, with a BFA in Communication Arts and Design. I retired in 2022 after a 42 year design career, with stints as a freelance illustrator, corporate art director, and user Interface designer.

As a town councilor, I look forward to being able to contribute to the town in whatever way I can. Though this will be my first foray into town governance, I bring years of experience working with large and small teams to find solutions for specific problems. I think I can put those skills to use for the town. But first and foremost I bring the perspective of a long-time resident, with a love and respect for this town, its traditions, and the volunteers that keep it running. I hope to give back a small portion of what my family has received over the years and help keep it for the next generation.



## **Mary Warfield**

Candidate for Town Council, 3-year term

For those of you who do not know me, I have lived in Washington Grove since 2011. John and I share our home with our 4 dogs. When I moved here as a 45-year resident of Washington DC, I could not believe my good fortune in finding this community. I often remarked to friends that I met more people in my first 2 months here than I did in 15 years on a DC street. The beauty and serenity of our town and the amazing community spirit continue to enrich my life.

I have been a practicing physician for over 40 year, but like many, the pandemic led me to an earlier than expected retirement. Since then I have



been involved in various volunteer activities including with Montgomery Hospice, Red Cross, a local food bank, and Gentle Giant Draft Horse Rescue. When I decided to join the Council for the first time I did so knowing that I had the time, the energy and the enthusiasm to serve.

Prior to holding office, I had served on many town committees, including Lake, Emergency Preparedness, Border, and Dog Park. It was my bright idea to envision a dog park for the town, and I worked diligently to see this accomplished. I also helped to bring pickleball to the Grove. I am AED coordinator for the town.

My experience being on the Council for the last two years has been informative and rewarding. It took some time to adjust to this new role, but I feel that I have learned much. At the onset of my term, I set my goal to address the vacant housing issue that has plagued our community for decades. With the help of a small committee that included Councilperson Kriss Grisham, Kathy Lehman and Bob Booher, this was achieved. The Council unanimously passed the ordinance. Another council term will allow me to assist in its implementation.

I believe that our town government should represent all of us. I would hope to continue to be available to hear residents' views and to effectively reflect these in council business.

When we first moved to the Grove, my three grown boys came to visit. As they walked around town one of them remarked, "I wish we had grown up here!" I would hope that the future of our unique town would have many saying, "I'm so lucky to have grown up here!"