July 2026 Town Bulletin

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Town Council News

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

The next Regular Town Council meeting is **Monday, July 13, 2026, 7:30 pm**. This will be a hybrid meeting at McCathran Hall and on Zoom. The public is invited to attend in person or by Zoom.

Join the video meeting via Zoom, (or for audio only, dial 301-715-8592. Meeting ID: 297 850 640, Password 074385).

Actions at the June 8th Council Meeting

(View the pertinent documents)

- Deferred discussion and action on Resolution 2026-05 "Driveway Access to McCauley Avenue for Block 18, Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6" to July 13th, pending ongoing negotiations.
- Passed Resolution 2026-07 "Budget Transfers for Fiscal Year 2026".
- Requested the Mayor ask the Town Attorney to provide a written statement on liability coverage for town volunteers.
- Awarded the basketball court resurfacing contract to Mid-Atlantic Asphalt (~$25,000) pending response to questions.
- Introduced Ordinance 2026-06 "203 Second Avenue Sale of Town Land" (PDFs) and scheduled a public hearing for July 13th.
- Directed the Playground Committee to revise the draft RFP for playground renovation.

Mayor's Kudos

- **To Paula Puglisi, Patty Klein and Barbara Raimondo**, for spearheading and organizing the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Workshop May 30, attended by about 40 interested residents, who learned how to better foster inclusion, diversity, and participation by town residents in town activities. A workgroup is being formed to examine next steps in meeting the Town's commitments, including review of DEIB in the Comprehensive Plan.
- **To CircleFest organizers and volunteers** for pivoting the event to using McCathran Hall due to rain and carrying-off the festive event attended by more than 300 persons.

Did You Miss the Safety and Security Presentation?

On June 25, Officer Melanie Romano, Community Services Officer with the Montgomery County Police Department, made a Zoom presentation to town residents on the recent auto vandalism, theft, and related incidents in Washington Grove. This was followed by a question and answer session.

A summary of the Safety and Security information provided by Officer Romano

may be found in the *Emergency Preparedness and Safety Committee* news below.
Access a recording of the presentation.
View slides from the safety presentation.

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Public Notices

Notice of July 13 Public Hearing

Ordinance 2026-06 "AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LAND OCCUPIED BY A PORCH AT 203 2nd AVENUE CONSTRUCTED IN PART ON LAND OWNED BY THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON GROVE"

Read Ordinance 2026-06.

The Mayor and Town Council will hold a hybrid public hearing on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 7:30 pm (prior to the Town Council meeting) to hear public comment on Ordinance 2026-06. The Ordinance is in response to a request from the property owner to purchase town land occupied by a porch, land for which the Town previously provided an easement for rebuilding the porch.

Summary of Ordinance 2026-06

- The Council declares the Town-Owned Land under the porch at 203 2nd Avenue as abandoned and eligible for sale to Owner as stipulated in Article XVII.
- The Mayor is authorized to execute an appropriate Deed conveying a fee simple interest in the Town-Owned Land to the Owner of the Property.
- Certain conditions are attached to use of the transferred Property.

Join the Public Hearing via ZOOM with video
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/297850640?pwd=czh3ODBEdEpTeXdkRTc5bDFmLzN2UT09
Or Dial-in 301-715-8592, Meeting ID: 297 850 640, Password: 074385

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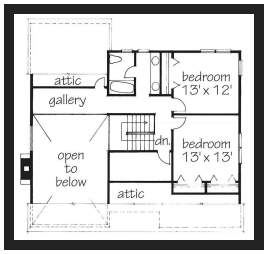
News from Grove Boards and Commissions

Historic Preservation Commission News

Next meeting: Tuesday,July 21, 7:30 pm.

The public is invited to attend this virtual meeting via Zoom. For a copy of the agenda or to get the Zoom address, email Chair Bob Booher at booherfamily@comcast.net.

HPC Can Assist As You Develop Ideas for Remodeling



Are you starting to think about a change to your home? Please consider coming to a monthly meeting of the HPC for an informal discussion of your thoughts and goals. Sketches, photos or written descriptions are welcome and helpful, but not necessary. Just contact HPC Chair Bob Booher (booherfamily@comcast.net) or Town Administrator Anna Burke (admin@washingtongrovemd.gov) to be added to the agenda for the next meeting. An early consultation may help in the preparation of formal architectural drawings. Ideas or suggestions at this state may enhance compatibility as well as save time and money in developing your architectural drawings.

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Planning Commission News

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 1, 7:30 pm.

The public is invited to attend this virtual meeting by Zoom videoconference. The agenda will be posted on the Town website one week prior to our meeting. Please make sure your name is associated with your Zoom device in order to be admitted from the Waiting Room. Residents and the public may access the meeting at:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88137135118
Dial by your location 1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)
Meeting ID: 881 3713 5118

Building Permit Submission Deadline

The deadline to submit a building permit application for approval by the Planning Commission (PC) and review by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) 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 June:
The Forest Conservation Plan for 330 Ridge Road was approved.

Public Ways & Property Permits (PW&PP) Approved in June:
WSSC permit is still pending due to questions about trees affected on Center Street.

A Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission Work session was held on Wednesday May 27, 2026. In June a draft ordinance containing wording approved by the Workgroup will be sent to the HPC to review at their next meeting.

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News from Grove Committees

Emergency Preparedness and Safety Committee

Safety and Security Presentation
On June 25, Officer Melanie Romano, Community Services Officer with the Montgomery County Police Department, made a Zoom presentation on the recent auto vandalism, theft, and related incidents in Washington Grove. This was followed by a question and answer session. Below is a summary of the Safety and Security information provided by Officer Romano:

- Stolen vehicles and attempts are typically Kia and Hyundais. (TikTok Kia Challenge)
- For WG, theft from vehicles (TFV) rose from 1 in 2025 to 9 in 2026 (to date), and auto theft rose from 0 in 2025 to 3 in 2026 (to date).
- Detectives have identified a group of juveniles and have arrested two juveniles.
- Their pattern (MO) is to break a back window and either steal the car or take loose items of value.

Officer Romano also proposed practical steps residents can take:

- Park vehicles in a locked garage where possible, or park in a well-lit, well-populated area
- Install bright, motion sensing exterior lights
- Consider purchasing surveillance cameras for the exterior and EVEN your vehicle

- ALWAYS lock your vehicle and set the alarm
- Consider purchasing a shield or motion sensor for your catalytic converter

Important phone numbers to keep handy:
Emergency: 911
If you inadvertently dial 9-1-1, DO NOT HANG UP!

- Stay on the phone and advise that you mistakenly dialed 9-1-1
- If the call is disconnected, the 9-1-1 taker will attempt to call you back
- If the caller does not confirm whether or not it is an emergency, the police may be dispatched to your location

Non-Emergency police: 301-279-8000
Phone tips to MCPD: 240-773-TIPS (8477)
Text tips to MCPD: CRIMES (274637)

Information about two MC Security Camera Programs provided by Officer Romano:

- Camera Registry Program, https://mococonnect.org/camera-registration/, where after registry and your approval, MCPD will be able to access your video information to assist investigators in collecting evidence, and
- Police-Private Security Camera Incentive Program in which rebates of up to $250 are available.

For additional information:
Email pol.camera.rebate@montgomerycountymd.gov
Call 240-77-6120
Visit MC Rebate website

Please feel free to contact Councilor Kriss Grisham at councilorkriss@gmail.com with any emergency preparedness or safety concerns.

We need volunteers to reinvigorate our Emergency Preparedness and Safety Committee (EPSC)! Please consider supporting this interesting and important Committee! Thank you!

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Forestry & Beautification Committee News

The Committee is on hiatus until August when we start planning for Fall planting. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday August 12 at 7:30 PM. 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 decorative tree/s, or any trees at all, are

needed, please contact one of the F&B Co-Chairs: Georgette Cole (georgettewg@gmail.com) or Audrey Maskery (trees.beautification@gmail.com) or our Council Liaison Barbara Raimondo (councilorbarb@gmail.com).

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Lake Committee News

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 14, 2026, 7:30 pm. on Zoom

Maple Lake Is Open for the Summer!

The Lake Committee welcomes all Washington Grove residents and their invited guests to enjoy another great summer at Maple Lake. Thanks to the efforts of our volunteers, the lake is ready for a safe and enjoyable season.

Lake Amenities

Experience all that Maple Lake has to offer:

- Protected swimming area for children
- Sandy beach
- Dock and diving board
- Fishing area
- Picnic tables and shaded grassy areas
- Small island
- Water and sand toy box
- Portable restroom (new this season)
- Small parking area accommodating approximately 12 – 14 vehicles

The outer gate on Washington Grove Lane is opened each morning by volunteers and closed between **6:00 p.m. and dusk**.

Lifeguard Program

Lifeguards are on duty daily from 12 Noon – 6 pm.
Mark Gregory has joined the team as the Lifeguard Manager. Contact Mark with questions about the lifeguard program or employment opportunities (**240-308-0409**).

Free Swim Lessons

Starting **July 5 through July 30**, Swim Instructor, **Kristen Schwarz** (301-452-4575) will be providing lessons free of charge in the afternoons.
Registered families will receive schedules by group text. Weather cancellations and announcements will be sent via group text and the Washington Grove Listserv.

NEW: Porta Potty

A portable restroom is available at the lake on a trial basis throughout the summer. Please help keep it clean and report any issues to the lifeguard on duty. Diapers, glass containers, and trash should never be put in the tank.

Lake Rules

Please help keep Maple Lake safe and enjoyable for everyone. The current Maple Lake Regulations, can be found on the Town's website under the Maple Lake page. Residents are encouraged to review the complete set of rules and regulations before visiting the lake. Key points include:

- Maple Lake is for **Washington Grove residents and their invited guests**. All guests must be accompanied by a resident. Please do not give out the lake gate combination.
- **Dogs are not allowed at Maple Lake**
- **Fishing is restricted to the designated area** of the lake, never from the beach or the dock.
- Please **remove all trash** when you leave.

Gate Combination

If you need the inner gate combination, please contact:

- Anna Burke, Town Administrator – 301-926-2256
- Steve Hanson, Lake Committee Chair – 240-654-2749
- John "Hutch" Hutchinson – 240-997-5820
- Peggy Koniz-Booher – 301-633-2400

Do not share the gate combination with nonresidents or children.
Always secure the lock after entering or leaving.
Spin the lock after use so the combination cannot be seen.
Leave the lock upside down for the next person.

Private Parties at the Lake

- A permit is required for parties of eight or more people (adults and children). Parties are limited to 40 guests.
- You can find the Lake Party Permit Form on the home page of the Town website in the "How Do I..." section, and on the Maple Lake page. If you plan to serve alcohol, please contact the Town Administrator to obtain an alcohol permit.
- If you have questions about holding a party and/or to obtain an alcohol permit, call or visit the Town Administrator (see contact above).
- Holding a private party does not exclude other residents from using Maple Lake.

Volunteers Welcome

Maple Lake depends on volunteers! We welcome your ideas and encourage residents to volunteer or attend a Lake Committee meeting.

Lake Committee Meeting, Tuesday, July 14, 2026, 7:30 p.m.
Location: Town Hall and Zoom
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82167730076?pwd=qE3UbeK8gtY9bhxUgodLRMD84qitj8.1
Meeting ID: 821 6773 0076
Passcode: 8vcTKi

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Lighting Committee News

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 7:30 pm
Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 893 1602 0615
Passcode: 194354
Report a streetlight that is out or that has an issue with a sensor here. It is important to provide a pole number when reporting streetlight issues. Each streetlight is on a pole with a unique pole number, and this is how we identify each streetlight. Thanks so much!

Comments, suggestions and ideas are welcome! Contact Virginia Quesada vq@qmediainc.com or Robert N. Johnson rnj@elecdev.com with questions or comments.

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Meadows Committee News

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 15 at 7:30 pm
Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81284320450
Dial-in: +1 301 715 8592, Meeting ID: 812 8432 0450
Join Zoom Meeting

Woody Seedling Treatment

In June Montgomery Parks workers returned for a second pass to reduce the number of woody seedlings in the meadow. The dieback is apparent in the areas they treated, but there is more to be done. You may also notice dead wisteria vines atop some of the American holly trees and cedars at the north end of the park from treatment in May. Parks intends to continue treating the woody seedlings

and wisteria until both problems abate; the task could stretch into next year. We are also waiting to see what Parks' trails team can do to reduce the presence of poison ivy on the trails. Be careful where you tread.

Updated Signage

The Conservation Park is confirmed to be on the list of park locations that will receive new signage, replacing the peeling sign at the main park entrance. The timing is tbd.

Weed Warrior Activity

In June volunteers cut bittersweet and wisteria growing up trees and pulled wineberry and mile-a-minute growing under the trees. In concert with the Forestry & Beautification and Woods Committees, the Meadows Committee will be focusing on Japanese Barberry, some of which was recently found and removed from the understory between the two meadows. As discussed in last month's bulletin by F&B and Woods, barberry is a non-native invasive species that hosts mice and the ticks they carry; field trials have shown up to a 90% reduction in the tick population when barberry is eliminated. The Woods Committee has several weed wrenches that provide good leverage to remove barberry, roots and all. If you want to remove barberry on yourproperty, please take appropriate measures to reduce your risk of a tick bite. You can contact Bruce Daggy for more information about safe removal.

Flowering Plants Recently Observed in the Meadow

Here are a few you may wish to look for: White and Yellow Sweetclover, Milkweed, Common Yarrow, Fox Grape, Black-eyed Susan, Foxglove Beardtongue, Deptford Pink, Common Dewberry, Oxeye Daisy.

The iNaturalist app can help with identification of plants,animals, and fungi.

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Playground Committee News

Next regular meeting: Monday, July 20, 7:30 pm
Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 837 6777 3121

The Playground Committee has continued our work on finalizing the RFP for the playground renovation project. Our plan is to present our RFP to the Council for approval at the July Town Council meeting. Once the Council approves the RFP, we will put it out for bids and we expect to be able to select a firm to carry out the

renovation project this fall.

In the meantime, the Committee is continuing its maintenance efforts, which so far have included the application of an oil stain on the hummingbird statue, a fresh coat of paint on the merry-go-round, a second round of engineered wood fiber application in the play areas, and a plan for the small slide, which is out of commission. We will discuss further maintenance projects at our next meeting.

If you would like to share your thoughts on the playground, please email us at wg_playground@googlegroups.com. If you have comments or concerns regarding maintenance issues related to the playground, please contact Andy Bielen, our Maintenance and Record Keeper, at asbielen@gmail.com.

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Recreation Committee News

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 15, at 7:30 pm. Everyone is encouraged to join and bring new ideas!

Let's Celebrate the 250th Birthday of Our Country! (Note New Time)

Join us for the Washington Grove July 4th **costume contest and parade on Saturday.**

Show up in your most patriotic garb at 9:30 am at Woodward Park for the costume judging. **New this year** -- bringing your pet in full patriotic regalia, too! Prizes will be awarded in a variety of categories -- human and four-legged included.

At **10 am**, the Muskrat Band will lead us in song and **raise the flag.** The parade will immediately follow and end at McCathran Hall for the Mayor's speech, music, prizes, and hotdogs.

Music Weekend Kudos

Thanks to everyone who turned out for these two great events during Music Weekend in June. Thanks to Jamie and Sat Amagai for the awesome DJing at Karaoke Night, and to Andy Bielen for the tech support.

The Jazz Brunch was an all-around smooth event, with plentiful potluck dishes and cool beverages. The Recreation Committee really turned out to help, and just so you know who to thank, here's a list of the members: Recreation Committee Chairs, Lisa Bielen and Kristina Kough, Members, Andy Bielen, Liz Everhart, Meredith Horan, Peggy Koniz-Booher, Arlene McCrehan, Renee Moloznik, Peter Nagrod, Sara Parent, Oscar Ramos, and Nicholas Patrone.

More valiant volunteers for that event included Tami Williams, Bruce Daggy, Judy Mroczka, Oscar Bernal, Tomas Bernal, Anna Spector, and Tyler Hentze. THANK YOU!

Summer in the Parks

Summer in the Parks (SITP) is now fully licensed and certified by the Maryland Department of Health! Camp is starting soon, so please be mindful of children when you drive past McCathran Hall.

SITP will be held on weekdays, July 6 - 30 from 9 am to 1:30 pm. The family camp-out will be held (weather permitting) on the evening of Friday, July 31.

Any questions about SITP should be directed to the Camp Moderator, Eva Patrone, at counciloreva@gmail.com or 504-220-1760.

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Sustainability Committee News

Next Meetings: Tuesday, July 7, 2026, 7:30 pm
Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 344 019 9688

Energy Audit Completed on McCathran Hall

The Town engaged Elysian Energy Services in 2025 to perform an audit on historic McCathran Hall, which was constructed in 1901 as an Assembly Hall for religious services by the Camp Meeting Association. It became the Town Hall in 1937 sometime after the community incorporated as a municipality. An addition containing an office, archives, toilets, kitchenette and new Council Chambers was completed in 1996. The original Hall is not insulated and has many single-glazed, double-hung windows. It has a gas furnace but no air conditioning. It is used intermittently for large assemblies, social events, weddings, and a Summer-in-the-Parks program for

campers.

Because the Maryland Historic Trust has a preservation easement on the exterior of the building, changes to the exterior must have the Trust's approval so that the historic integrity of the structure and grounds is not diminished. Hence, we are limited in alterations we can implement to windows, exterior finishes, the roof, plantings, paving, etc.

As many have experienced, the Assembly Hall (as it was once known) is easily heated in the winter by the gas furnace, but can get very hot during the summer. Because the Hall is intermittently used and it can be brought to temperature fairly quickly by the large furnace, the amount of gas used in the winter is small. The lack of insulation and large expanses of single gazed windows are compensated for in the winter by the size of the furnace, but are a challenge during hot summer days without any air conditioning.

The 1996 addition is insulated to code standards of the time, has insulated windows, and a 13-year-old gas furnace with a 29-year-old AC package. The office is used on a regular schedule by the Town Administrator, and the other uses are intermittent, consisting of meetings and work by the Archivist.

Elysian Energy Services treated McCathran Hall as two separate buildings because of building type, usage patterns, and historic considerations. They thus performed a separate audit with individual recommendations for each part.

Largely because of the intermittent use, the building's combined site Energy Use Intensity (EUI) is already less than space performance standards. Thus, it is difficult to base decisions about Energy Conservation Measures (ECM) on savings of energy or greenhouse gas reduction alone. However, the audit has given the Town a basis for moving forward with some of the more impactful recommendations, as they will improve the comfort and utilization of the spaces. For the Hall, the most practical improvements include insulating the attic, replacing the ceiling fans, sealing the ductwork and venting the attic. We are already proceeding with the first two. We are considering options to partially cool the Hall as well. For the Lower Hall, we are considering replacing the aged AC at the minimum, as well as various options to upgrade to heat pumps.

Decisions on which options to pursue will likely be made this year. Contact Sustainability Chair Bob Booher if you would like to assist with those decisions.

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Woods Committee News

Next meeting: Monday, July 6, 7:30 pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83368204464?pwd=EBCJJVZSE1xAWaRET7ktzEkBrp8MGB.1
By Phone: 301-715-8592
Meeting ID: 833 6820 4464
Passcode: 064767

All are invited to attend our meetings. We also welcome new volunteers and members who want to work with the Committee to help protect our East and West Woods Preserves ("The Woods"). Anytime is a good time to join the Woods Committee!

Enjoy the Woods!

We encourage you to visit the recently restored Maple Spring, located just south of Maple Lake, to enjoy the beauty of blooming skunk cabbage and native ferns, and the serenity of the beautiful natural stream flowing to Maple Lake.

The Woods Committee continues to work with our contractor, IPC, to control non-native invasive (NNI) plants in the Woods. In early July, IPC will be working in the Woods to chemically treat wisteria, mile-a-minute, honeysuckle, and wavy leaf basket grass. Signs will be posted in their work areas. We also need your help to work with the Committee to control NNI plants and keep our Woods safe and vibrant! Please watch for event dates to be announced.

The Woods Committee continues to water groups of young trees in the East Woods to support their survival. Thanks to our summer hires, Cory Hix, Tomas Bernal, and Ted McCrehan (with Japhet Kironda) for their dedicated efforts.

Please take time to visit our restored natural Maple Spring and Whetstone Spring in the West Woods to enjoy their serenity and the cooler forest breezes during the hot summer.

Happy Summer Solstice to All!

Pat Klein and the Woods Committee

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News from Grove Organizations

Acorn Library

We are beginning a weekly story time for kids at Acorn Library. **Storytimes will be held at 3 pm on Sunday afternoons**. Visitors and neighbors from outside town are welcome to join us as well. Bring your friends to come enjoy the stories, stay a while to explore and choose some books to take home with you!

If you have never been to Acorn Library, you'll find it on Maple Road, the last driveway on the right as you drive toward Center Street. Acorn Library is never locked and visitors are welcome anytime. Lights are turned off at night, but you are welcome to turn them on. Just turn them off if it's dark when you leave.

Questions? Call Betsy Klinger at 301-325-1956 or email betsyklinger@aol.com.

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Washington Grove Cares

Washington Grove Cares connects town residents who need assistance with town residents who can provide it. Call us at 301-944-2962 or send an email to washingtongrovecares@gmail.org to request help. If you're already regularly helping a neighbor, reach out to us and we can help you. Finally, to join our crew of volunteers, just fill out our volunteer form and we'll be in touch with you.

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Woman's Club of Washington Grove News

Next meeting: Thursday, July 16, 7 pm. at the Woman's Club Clubhouse

A Special Holiday Event, and YOU Are Invited!

Thursday evening, July 3, from 5:00 PM on, you are invited to the Woman's Club's Second Annual 4th of July Holiday Kickoff Happy Hour at the Clubhouse. We'll also be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Woman's Club. All ages are invited to join us for a very fun way to kick off of the Holiday!
(The Woman's Clubhouse is air conditioned!)

Another Special Announcement

The Washington Grove Directory 2026 – 2027 – 2028, published by the Woman's Club, is hot off the presses, and this year, as a Celebration of our Club's 100th Anniversary, each Grove home will receive one free Complimentary Copy. These will be available at the event on July

3, but this won't be your only chance to get both your Complimentary copy and any additional copies you might want to purchase for $6 each. If you can't make it to our event, there will be other chances for you to pick up your copies!

Unique Heritage Items Up for Auction NOW!

To celebrate the rich, 100-year heritage of the Woman's Club, we are offering up a few collectible items in a special online Auction. The bidding is now open.

Each item up for bid has been generously donated to the club by our supporters, including Charlie and Mary Challstrom, with all proceeds directly benefiting our causes. Many of the items are the beautiful, signed creations of Birgit Henninger, a beloved local artist who passed away in 2024. Other items are Washington Grove collectors' favorites.

On Friday, July 3, we hope you will be joining us for Happy Hour at the Woman's Clubhouse from 5-7 pm. You can view the items in person there, and make your final bids up to 7 pm, when the Auction officially closes. Even if you cannot join us there, you can still be a winning bidder. We will hold your items for pickup at a later time. View items and bid now!

Our Year of Helping

A special thanks for everyone who so generously made our *Annual Liz Robertson's Memorial Underwear Drive* for the less fortunate children around us a tremendous success. Because of you, the children of Archways, Seneca Heights and others will not have to go to school without these necessary garments.

Our next drive will be for our **Annual Winter Coats, Hats, Gloves and Scarves**. We started this drive years ago after a mother, dropping her kids off at Washington Grove Elementary School one bitter January morning, realized how many children she saw walking in with no coats or other winter wear. She came home, put out a call on the ListServ and by that afternoon had piles and piles of gently used coats, hats, gloves and scarves. Our Club, realizing this is a never-ending need, started our annual drive for these kids. While new is nice, gently used are also greatly appreciated! Any that you have to donate can be dropped off at the Clubhouse porch, or Wendy Weisbard's porch at 119 Grove Road.

To make donating easier, we now have an Amazon Wishlist with the sizes and sexes we need if you'd like to make new donations. You can access the list through the following link: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1SSYARK386SJV?ref_=wl_share

Cash donations are also appreciated. We keep a list of what we're collecting and what is still needed and we can buy on your behalf. Just be sure to mark in the memo of your check that it's for the **Coat Drive**.

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 Year of Looking Back

by Meredith Horan

This year the Woman's Club of Washington Grove celebrates its centennial. The following is the sixth in a series of excerpts from *A History of the Woman's Club of Washington Grove*, as Recorded in the Minutes 1926 to 1998, by Sylvia Tate Horan, published 2001.

Kitty Wilkerson, President 1980-1981, saw the addition of nine new members. Porch and roof repairs made the yard sale, Clubhouse rentals, bake sales, raffles, and a dance important for income. Charitable donations ceased. A telephone tree replaced meeting notice cards. Mary Challstrom began presidency in 1982, 1983. Men volunteered to repair and paint the Clubhouse. A Walk Into the Past house tour, which benefited the Town Archives, highlighted 1987. Home tour guides wore period costumes and spoke fluently of our early days.

The Easiest Ways to Donate

To make donating easier, we now have an Amazon Wishlist which will be updated for upcoming drives we will hold during the year. Access the list at https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1SSYARK386SJV?ref_=wl_share.

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 field if you want the money to go toward 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 Heart. We always need shelf-stable foods and non-SNAP items,

because those needs never stop!

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Addendum

Calendar for July 2026

TOWN OF WASHINGTON GROVE JULY 2026 MEETINGS AND EVENTS			
July 1	Wednesday	7:30 pm	Planning Commission
July 3	Friday	5 pm	Happy Hour at Woman's Clubhouse
July 3	Friday	7 pm	WCWG Heritage Online Auction Closes
July 4	Saturday	10:30 am	July 4 Costume Judging and Parade
July 4	Saturday	11:30	Town Hall Remarks, Awards and Hot Dogs
July 5	Sunday	3 pm	Acorn Library Story Time
July 6	Monday	9 am	Summer In The Parks Camp Begins
July 6	Monday	7:30 pm	Woods Committee
July 7	Tuesday	7:30 pm	Sustainability Committee
July 9	Thursday	7:30 pm	Gateway Committee
July 12	Sunday	3 pm	Acorn Library Story Time
July 13	Monday	7:30 pm	Public Hearing on Ordinance 2026-06
July 13	Monday	7:30 pm	Town Council Meeting
July 14	Tuesday	7:30 pm	Lake Committee
July 15	Wednesday	7:30 pm	Meadows Committee
July 15	Wednesday	7:30 pm	Recreation Committee
July 16	Thursday	7 pm	Woman's Club Meeting
July 19	Sunday	3 pm	Acorn Library Story Time
July 20	Monday	7:30	Playground Committee
July 21	Tuesday	7:30 pm	Historic Preservation Commission, Zoom
July 22	Tuesday	7:30 pm	Lighting Committee, Zoom
July 23	Thursday	7:30 pm	Emergency Preparedness and Safety
July 26	Sunday	3 pm	Acorn Library Story Time

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