

# e-Bugle

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### Calendar

Fri., May 25	Pickup your <i>Bugle</i> at the Post Office Lobby	Thurs., June 7	Neighbors Helping Neighbors Meeting, 10am, Town Office; Historic Preservation Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm, Town Office
Sat., May 26	Farmers Market, 9 am – 1 pm, Penn Place Parking Lot	Sun., June 10	Annual Spring Musicale, 4-7 pm, Town Hall; see p. 4
Sun., May 27	Art at Penn Place, Penn Place Gallery, Jonathan Paul (runs until June 16 <sup>th</sup> ); Meet the Artist reception 3-5pm; see p. 3	Tues., June 13	Lunch Bunch, 12:30 pm, Town Hall (last one until September)
Mon., May 29	Memorial Day; no trash collection; Town Office closed	Fri., June 15	Film Society: The Tale of Princess Kaguya, Dinner at 7 pm, Film at 8 pm, Town Hall
Thurs., May 31	GP Jams, 8 pm, Town Hall	Tues., May 15	Arboretum Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Town Office
Sat., June 2	Farmers Market, 9 am – 1pm, Penn Place Parking Lot; GIVES Collection, 9 am–12 pm, Post Office lobby; Citizens Association Wine Tasting, 8 to 9:30 pm, Town Hall (see p. 3)	Thurs., May 17	GP Jams, 8 pm, Town Hall
Tue., June 5	Archives Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm, Town Office	Mon., June 18	Town Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, Town Hall

### Note from the Editor

The Citizens Association will continue with the editorial responsibilities of the Bugle until further notice. We thank Kacky for all her time and efforts on the Bugle over the last several months and we wish her the best of luck as she takes on her new role as Mayor!

I request that everyone please be cognizant of the set deadlines as we are trying to manage the Bugle along with our full-time jobs as well as personal commitments. Please know that while we will try our best to accommodate last minute additions, it may not always be possible.

I appreciate everyone's support as we try and get adjusted to this additional responsibility. So please

excuse any oversights on my part until we get the full hang of it!

### Garrett Park: A Great Place to Park

There was insane weather for the May meeting of the Town Council - a huge lightning bolt crashed overhead as your (substitute) reporter entered the Town Hall. It echoed endlessly.

First, Councilmembers Hans Wegner and Jane McClintock were sworn in to new terms of office; together they read the oath and signed the papers.

Despite the violent weather, there was a good crowd to greet our new mayor, Kacky Chantry whose inaugural speech asked us to "act kindly and listen carefully. Elections are the best way to allow for the

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peaceful transition of governance. And I pledge to nurture an open government, listening respectfully to all opinions. I offer congratulations to Jane and Hans, and gratitude to Peter Benjamin for his dedication and service to our town. As to immediate business: We want to get going on our Safe Routes to School sidewalk project as quickly as possible. We are waiting for review and feedback from the FHA. I am committed to completing this project as soon as we can. We also need to address storm water management, a town-wide arboretum plan, and a strategic plan for the town archives. We want to repair and renovate the town hall. We need to find a new town manager. There are, in other words, many issues to deal with during the next few years. Some we can anticipate; some we cannot. All of us need to come together in a concerted effort and rally forward as a united community. We all need to practice a greater willingness to put our town first to reach a greater consensus.”

**Citizen comments**

- Steph Hooten of Shelley Court, noted that Black Market employees are placing objects in places that block access to restrooms in Penn Place. This is a safety and fire hazard, and it’s ADA noncompliant. She requested that the Council act on the problem as promptly as possible.
- Amy Williams (by email), on Clermont Avenue, wants the council to know that the tulip poplar near her house is a hazard.

**Council Member Updates**

- Jane McClintock summarized an after-action report from Chief Election Judge Suzanne Grefsheim concerning the town election and the related town charter amendments. The new process indeed made registration easier; but there’s still the question of whether we want to accept voting by email in the future. She thanked her volunteers and pointed out that support from the town staff is vital to running elections successfully. She also noted that it is, as anticipated, better to do ballot counting on the day after the election than on the day itself. We will need to appoint a new chief election judge (Suzanne’s term is up).
- Joanna Welch updated us on our recruitment of a new town manager. We’ve chosen two search firms for our finalists, both of them local. This time around, the firm we choose will handle advertising, vetting, and preliminary interviews.
- Stephen Paczkowski discussed the Town Hall, which needs a new roof on the historic part of the building; the flat roof in the back needs some repairs. “More broadly, what do we want this building to do?” he asked. In early June we’ll hold a kind of open house so that the town can discuss the future of this building; the Mayor suggested Stephen produce a presentation for the open house.
- Hans Wegner highlighted a list of 25 or so items encompassing what happens between now and when we start the sidewalk project. We are currently waiting for various government agencies to give us feedback, and sign off, on different aspects of the project. We’ve submitted

a 100% plan, but have not received an official response. “We are spending our time at this point,” said Hans, “having to wait for others to act, and being at their mercy.”

- Joanna updated us on Wells Park work. All of the new playground equipment has been delivered to the contractor, but nothing has yet been installed. After a resident who lives across from Wells Park said there’s a problem with kids gathering after dark there, a discussion ensued in which some suggested intensifying the street lighting around the park.

**Parking**

Gene addressed to our simulacral parking situation. We’ve got signs everywhere restricting parking in all sorts of ways. But because we can’t enforce anything, people take the signs for the empty signifiers that they are (if you didn’t go to grad school in literature, you didn’t learn this fancy language). So, if we want to take the problem of illegal parking seriously, we need to be able to issue tickets; and, having done that, we need to be able to process payment for violations, or go to court if people contest their ticket. The council has made changes to our code that allow us to do these things. Gene has put together parking regulations, and has gotten agreement from the county to do our bureaucratic work. They will help us in various ways to adjudicate the process. We have not finished the review of the agreement with the county, but we’re getting there. “Under this agreement,” Gene explained, “if someone gets a ticket here and wants to contest it, that contesting goes to the county, and any revenue that comes from that we share with the county”. We will start ticketing soon, so if you park in a “No Parking” area, you can’t rely on the fact that you never got a ticket there before. We’ll phase in the actual ticketing process to make sure people really understand the new policies.

The Mayor asked: “What do we want to charge for a violation?” No one immediately came up with a number. She went on to caution that, “We want to do this in a way that keeps in place the feeling that Garrett Park is a great place to be.” “And a great place to park,” an audience member added.

**Other business**

The Town Manager’s budget report was the same old same old: We’re rolling in it.

We have now hired an archivist. Raymond Maxwell is a retired State Department employee who has worked as an archivist and librarian for various federal government offices. He has a wealth of knowledge and experience. Also, there are two vacancies on the archives committee. Consider volunteering for one of these.

Margaret Soltan, *Bugle* Reporter (substitute)

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## Town Manager’s Notes

### Thank You to Peter Benjamin

I have worked with, and for, Peter, since becoming Town Manager in July 2013. For me personally it has been an amazing and productive experience. Peter’s accomplishments during those five years have been many. To name a few: the sidewalk project, the street repaving program, the new website, the fire and security systems at Town Hall and Penn Place, the improvements in the Town’s election process, the new parking and traffic management program, the hiring of the Town engineering firm, the development of the town’s budget process and especially the capital budget development. Peter never stops thinking about projects to improve life in Garrett Park and working to get those projects completed. Working with him has been one of the great learning experiences of my career and by far the busiest! Garrett Park is a better place for having had Peter as Mayor and I have enjoyed every minute of working with him.

### Welcome to Mayor Kacky Chantry

The transition to the new Mayor has been smooth as everyone involved has made every effort to make it so. Kacky is making herself familiar with all of the Town staff and the many projects, issues and decisions facing her. She has already proven herself to be a decisive person with lots of ideas and energy and a desire to get things done. I look forward to working with her during my last few months as Town Manager!

Don’t forget to check the Town website often, and if you have not done so, sign up for the resident’s portal! [www.garrettparkmd.gov](http://www.garrettparkmd.gov)

Gene Swearingen, Town Manager

## Citizens Association Notes

### Attention Wine Lovers!

The Citizens Association is hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wine Tasting event on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bring your favorite bottle of wine and come and socialize with your neighbors. You don’t have to be an oenophile to attend this event; this event is for everyone! Cheese and other nibbles will be provided. Below are the details:

**Date/Time/Location:** Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at the Town Hall

**What to bring:** Bring a bottle of wine and send the following details (if available) to Darshini Trivedi when you RSVP-

- 1) Name of your wine(s)
- 2) Type/Varietal
- 3) Year
- 4) Country/Region

We will have some plastic glasses to use; however, please feel free to bring your wine glass.

**RSVP:** Please RSVP for this event by emailing [darshinibtrivedi@gmail.com](mailto:darshinibtrivedi@gmail.com).

A nominal charge of \$5 per person will be collected at the door to cover the cost of food and supplies.

If you have any questions or comments for the Citizens Association, please send a note to Box 456 or e-mail Darshini Trivedi ([darshinibtrivedi@gmail.com](mailto:darshinibtrivedi@gmail.com)) or Sean Conlan ([sconlan@gmail.com](mailto:sconlan@gmail.com)).

## Art at Penn Place

The next exhibition will be a show titled *All Natural*, running from May 21st to June 16th, featuring watercolors by longtime Garrett Park resident, Jonathan Paul. After studying figure drawing at Glen Echo and watercolor with Martha Seigel, Jonathan completed the curriculum at the Brookside Gardens School of Botanical Art and Illustration. Can Jonathan's focus on botanical detail conceal his affinity for cheap theatrics? Come to the Meet-the-Artist wine & cheese frolic on May 27th from 3 to 5pm and decide for yourself!

# The 22nd Annual Spring Musicale Wants You

Join us for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Musicale on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> 4pm at the Town Hall. The musicale supports an annual scholarship for private music study given to a 5th-grader at GPES. Come hear the new student play and hear your neighbors present music of all types, jazz, folk, pop, and classical. Donations (for next year's scholarship recipient) are gratefully accepted at the door. We are sponsored by the Garrett Park Community Fund and all donations are tax-deductible. If you're interested in playing or singing, please contact Sue Petito at 240-731-0985. Join the fun of making music and listening!

## What is the Garrett Park Community Fund?

The Garrett Park Community Fund was established in 2013 to serve as an umbrella organization for charitable projects within the Town of Garrett Park. It now administers two well-established and valued projects - **The Betsy White Emergency Fund** and the **Ilah Geiser Music Scholarship Fund**. The officers are Garrett Park residents who serve without compensation. GPCF is now an independent group and is separate from any Town of Garrett Park administration or responsibility per their request. It is incorporated in the State of Maryland and has 501 (c) (3) tax status. The purpose of the Betsy White Fund is to provide financial assistance for town residents and their families during difficult periods of their lives. For 45 years, Garrett Park residents and employees of all ages have used the fund to address a variety of needs, including illness, unexpected death, family separations, storm drainage, tax shortfalls, loss of employment, and other unexpected financial costs. Applications for the Betsy White Emergency Fund & instructions are available at the Town office. The application process and distribution of funds are strictly confidential. If approved by the trustees, funds will be mailed directly back to the applicant. To support the work of the Betsy White Emergency Fund, please send donations made out to GPCF & specify "Betsy White Fund" in the memo line. Mail to: Box 381, Garrett Park, MD 20896. Thank you for your support!

### Ilah Geiser Music Scholarship Fund

The GPCF also administers the Illah Geiser Music Scholarship Fund. The fund is named for a long-time Garrett Park resident and music lover who came up with the idea for the project in 1997. The Fund

provides resources for one year of private instrumental music lessons for a rising 5th grade music student at Garrett Park Elementary School. A yearly musicale featuring the talents of Garrett Park residents helps to fund this scholarship. Donations to the GPCF with "Illah Geiser Music Scholarship Fund" in the memo line are also welcome.

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Dave Lent is a friend and colleague of Grant and Celia Peacock (Cambria avenue). Dave's careers as cameraman, producer, author, coach, and product designer span four decades. Dave has produced seven documentaries, authored two books, and created a line of video production accessories used by professionals worldwide. He lives with his wife Susan Burgess-Lent in Oakland, CA.

## Summer Jobs List

Please see the list in the printed *Bugle*. It is the *Bugle's* policy not to include names of minor children, private telephone numbers, or private email addresses in the *e-Bugle*.

If you would like to be included in the Summer Jobs list in the next *Bugle*, please call or email Elizabeth Henley in the Town Office ([adminelizabeth@garrettparkmd.gov](mailto:adminelizabeth@garrettparkmd.gov), 301-933-7488) with your name, age, phone number, e-mail address, and jobs you can do (babysitting, yard work, etc).

## Bugle Notes - Sweet and Sour

♪ Kristin and Tony Altar are proud to announce their son, David Altar's graduation from Montgomery College, May 18, 2018, with an associate degree in Engineering. Based on his academic excellence,

portfolio of engineering projects, and recommendations from his professors, David was accepted into the A. James Clark School of Engineering at the University of Maryland.

♪ Jeff Duyn (Keswick) was first in his age group in last month’s grueling Boston marathon! Congrats!

♪ Please welcome the new Town Archivist, Ray Maxwell! Ray's first day was on May 15th.

## Contributions by Town Residents

### This Old House→Where We Live

11010 Kenilworth Avenue

Although the Baldwin family purchased the new house and adjacent lot in the 1890’s for \$4170, 11010 Kenilworth is known in Garrett Park as the Chisolm House. This is because one Chisolm or another lived there for over 90 years.

Haile Chisolm, of curmudgeon fame, was born in the house in 1902 and shared it with his four brothers and sisters. As a child, the house had no indoor plumbing, running water or electricity. Haile inherited the house when his father died, and he made interesting improvements through the years. One such is the flooring in the basement. It appears to be a patchwork of left over concrete added piecemeal from a variety of jobs done around town. His repair of the chimney in the basement still bears his signature in the concrete patch.

The barn/carriage house in the rear had room for Haile’s cow, car and horses. His cow was often seen wandering the streets of Garrett Park leaving deposits and causing neighbors to complain to the Town. Haile, most likely, found some humor in that. At one time in the 1970’s, the barn served as a studio for Carol Jackson (Barbara Jackson’s sister). Haile even built a track so Carol could wheel her sculpture out into the garden to work on fine days.

When the Kapit/Meiklejohns bought the house in 1989, it was in serious disrepair. Also in disrepair was the windmill, which was the last survivor still (sort of) standing in Garrett Park. It was taken down and the well was capped. The Kapit/Meiklejohns undertook a massive restoration of the house and barn and today the house, now the home of Karl and Susan Miller, stands as a wonderful example of a late 1800’s Garrett Park “cottage.”

Submitted by Jane Saloman

## What We’re Cooking

### Curried Quinoa

For those trying to eat a more "plant-based diet", here's a tasty and easy recipe to try. It makes a lot and is great to bring to summer potlucks!

- 2 cups quinoa
- 4 c. vegetable stock
- 1 pinch sea salt
- 3-4 cloves garlic
- 1 c. each fennel, red pepper, carrot
- 1 c. each pistachios and raisins
- 2-4 scallions sliced
- ¼ c. soy sauce
- ¼ c. toasted sesame oil
- 2 tsp curry powder
- 1 tsp each cumin and coriander, ground

In a medium pot, dry toast quinoa until aromatic. Add vegetable stock and salt and bring to a boil over medium flame. When water is at the level of the grain, turn heat to lowest setting and let simmer until all water is absorbed (about 15 minutes). Meanwhile, chop and prep vegetables. When quinoa is done, combine in a large bowl with veggies and rest of ingredients.

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## Warren Kornberg (June 21<sup>st</sup>, 1927 – May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018)

Long-time Garrett Park resident Warren Kornberg died in his sleep on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. He is survived by Felice, his loving wife of 65 years, his three daughters Lisa, Jena and Eva and their spouses and partners, and his growing family of grandchildren.

Warren moved to Garrett Park with his wife and children in 1968, just prior to joining the National Science Foundation as Chief Editor of their flagship magazine, *Mosaic*, where he remained until his retirement in 1992. He had begun his career as a news reporter for the *Herald News* in Fall River, MA, and later wrote for the *Boston Herald* and the *Washington Post*. In the early 1960s, he became Washington correspondent-science editor for McGraw Hill Publications and then editor of *Science News Yearbook*. He also wrote the syndicated column “Warren Kornberg on Science.”

Warren and his family moved to Garrett Park during a time of great political upheaval and found a wealth of kindred spirit in a town that was known for its outspoken and activist character. He immediately became involved in organizing and participating in the town’s efforts toward political and social justice; from its initial decision to go nuclear-free to its anti-war and civil rights protests to holding fundraising events in support of progressive candidates. Warren opened his home repeatedly to political protesters who came to DC to fight for change, including the famed feminist activist Fannie Lou Hamer. He was a man who recognized injustice when he saw it, engaged causes ahead of their time, and fought vociferously for right throughout his lifetime.

Warren was an accomplished photographer, a talent that he discovered later in adulthood. As he himself put it, “Made photographs as it pleased me until I discovered they pleased some other people as well.” His passion was black and white photography, and he remained true to that art form even upon, somewhat wistfully, joining the world of digital photography. He was invited to display his work in numerous local venues, the first and favorite of which was the upstairs gallery at the Garrett Park Post Office.

Warren was a beloved friend and neighbor to countless town residents and he will be greatly missed. A celebration of his life will be held at the Garrett Park Town Hall at 1pm on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Warren Kornberg’s name to the Council for the Advancement of Science Writing either online ([www.casw.org](http://www.casw.org)) or by mail to CASW, P.O. Box 910, Hedgesville, WV 25427.

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## Letter from the Mayor

In May 1898, the Town of Garrett Park held its first election. All elections provide some amount of excitement and anxiety, and this election, 120 years later, was no different. Elections can mean keeping the status quo or present an opportunity for change. And change often comes with varied emotions: Fear of letting go of what's been familiar; worry about what is coming; or simply the joy of looking forward to new possibilities. I understand this and ask all of you for your patience as I come up to speed to continue the great progress our Town has achieved throughout its remarkable 120-year history.

My thanks to all of you who voted. You showed your support not only for specific candidates and the community of Garrett Park but also for the idea that elections are the best way to allow for peaceful transition of governance. I offer my congratulations to Jane McClintock and Hans Wegner for returning to their seats on the Council. I also wish to express my gratitude to Peter Benjamin for his dedication and service to our Town. I know I speak for all of us in offering a big "thank you" for his many countless hours of work these past 6 years and during his earlier terms as Mayor and Councilmember. I also want to acknowledge the time and effort of our election judges, Suzanne Grefsheim (Chief Election Judge), Louise Stomierowski and Cliff Tarpy, who worked tirelessly to ensure a fair and inclusive election process for all residents. Thank you for volunteering and serving in these critical roles.

I now look ahead to working with the Town Council and Town staff to effectively and efficiently manage the daily operations and needs of the Town.

First on our list is to move along with the Safe Routes to School (SRTS)/sidewalk project as quickly as possible. As some of you know, we are now waiting for the Federal Highway Administration to provide review and feedback on the Section 106 historic preservation findings. Besides the SRTS/sidewalk project, we hope to develop a comprehensive storm water management plan, a town-wide arboretum plan, and a long-term strategic plan for our Town archives. We also are beginning to develop a path forward for repairing and renovating the Town Hall. And of course, very close on the radar, is finding a new town manager who will not only have the requisite experience and skills for day to day management but also be a good fit for our Town and help us succeed on the many projects we want to complete.

Certainly, there will be many issues to deal with during the next two years. Some we can anticipate, some we cannot. How we address these issues will depend on all of us coming together in a concerted effort to rise to a higher ideal for the sake of our Town, to put aside individual differences, and instead put community first--a community that lives, plays, and works together. It may take more time, more patience, to listen and to find common areas of agreement, but I believe this is the best path forward to find solutions that are in the best interest of our Town and upon which we can rally as a united community. This is my hope, and desire, that we all practice a greater willingness to put our Town first, to reach for consensus, to keep our community together. I look forward to serving you.



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Dave Lent's careers - cameraman, producer, author, inventor, and coach - span four decades. Dave has produced seven documentaries, authored two books, and created a line of video accessories used by professionals worldwide. He is currently growing a practice teaching others how to make a living doing what they love. Dave lives with his wife Susan Burgess-Lent in Oakland, CA.