

# e-Bugle

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### Calendar

Fri., Apr 20	Pickup your <i>Bugle</i> at the Post Office Lobby	Sat., May 5	Farmers Market, 9 am – 1pm, Penn Place Parking Lot; GIVES Collection, 9 am–12 pm, Post Office lobby; Townwide Yard Sale, 8 am – 1 pm, around town (see p. 3); Progressive Dinner, 6 pm, around town, (see p. 3)
Sat., Apr 21	Farmers Market, 9 am – 1 pm, Penn Place Parking Lot; Weed Warrior Day, 10 am to 12 pm, Porcupine Woods	Mon., May 7	Voting for town election, 7 am to 7:30 pm, Post Office lobby (see p.2)
Sun., Apr 29	Art at Penn Place, Penn Place Gallery, Jane Salomon (runs until May 20 <sup>th</sup> ); see p. 3	Tues., May 8	Lunch Bunch, 12:30 pm, Town Hall
Wed., Apr 25	Candidates Forum, 7:30 pm, Town Hall (see p.3)	Sat., May 12	Neighbors Helping Neighbors “Meet and Greet”, 9 am – 12 pm, Post Office
Sat., Apr. 28	Farmers Market, 9 am – 1 pm, Penn Place Parking Lot	Tues., May 15	Arboretum Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Town Office
Tues., May 1	Archives Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm, Town Office	Thurs., May 17	GP Jams, 8 pm, Town Hall
Thurs., May 3	GP Jams, 8 pm, Town Hall	Fri., May 18	Pick up your <i>Bugle</i> at Penn Place lobby

### Town Council Notes

April’s Town Council meeting began with no action items on the agenda, and 6 citizens in the audience. The whole meeting consisted of citizen presentations and the Town Manager’s monthly report.

The first citizen’s presentation was by Marion Green who reported on the situation of the Archives. The Archive Committee is ready to interview four candidates for the paid part-time position of Archivist. Those interviews were scheduled to occur a few days after the Town Council meeting. Readers will recall that the process of hiring an archivist last summer was postponed due to the lack of members

on the Archive Committee, and Marion received assurances from the Council that there is nothing to delay the hiring process this time. Marion added her concern about the (un)suitability of the physical space of the Archive office (behind the post office on the lower level of Penn Place), which she feared might deter some candidates from accepting a job offer. Your reporter confesses to being a bit mystified as to where else the Archives might be located (since this issue has not come up at the meetings your reporter has attended in the past year), but maybe that will be a discussion topic in the future.

The other presentation was a report from John Tschirky about a meeting a few days earlier with Noble Atkins, the founder of a firm called Capitol

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Flexi-Pave, which builds sidewalks with a porous material (a mixture of recycled automobile tires and gravel). Readers will recall that the January, February, and March Town Council meetings had involved lengthy discussion of whether viable alternatives exist for the short piece of sidewalk around a very large tulip poplar tree on Clermont Avenue, a tree slated for removal given the lack of viable alternatives. The Mayor, several Town Council members, and several audience members had attended the meeting with Capitol Flexi-Pave. John Tschirky provided some of the details of how the company approaches sidewalk projects, and the value of the material in allowing water to get to tree roots. Discussion continued about questions of lifetime of sidewalks using this material, whether drainage becomes impaired over time (as dirt soaks into the porous pavement, the need to dig deeper to provide a gravel base below the pavement (since we have largely non-porous clay below the sidewalk in question), etc. Now, your reporter, is an economist. He was, therefore, rather disappointed that there were no answers to the question raised by some concerning the cost of building sidewalks with this new material. However, the Mayor said that he had asked Mr. Atkins to provide an estimate for the piece of sidewalk around the tree so perhaps there will be an answer in the future. Even if the cost is competitive with concrete sidewalks, your reporter reminds readers that this may not affect the outcome for the tree on Clermont, since the Maryland State Department of Natural Resources has recommended that the tree be removed for safety reasons regardless of the sidewalk decision. Nonetheless, both Town Council and audience members found the information provided by Capitol Flexi-Pave to be interesting and potentially useful for the future.

The remaining item for the evening was the monthly report by Town Manager, Gene Swearingen. Revenues and expenditures are running pretty much as expected for this time of year. Revenues are also running higher than expenses. Yay! The Mayor noted it would be good if the fiscal 2018 budget remains in the black for the full year since revenue under the new tax rules next year are difficult to predict. Gene also explained that proposals from search firms (bidding for the job of finding candidates to take over his job next year) will be coming in soon. Meanwhile, quotes have arrived on repair of the chain-link fence by the dog park (damaged in the high winds a month ago), and the process of replacing the roof on the Town Hall is proceeding with an exploration of shingle alternatives and their cost. With the end of Gene’s report, the meeting came to an end a mere 28 minutes after it began.

Ed Lincoln, *Bugle* Reporter

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## Town Manager’s Notes

### Town Elections will be held on May 7!

Over the past months the Mayor and Town Council have worked hard to improve the election process by making it easier to register as a Town voter, easier to obtain an absentee ballot and easier to vote. All of those actions were taken to encourage residents to vote - one our most important rights. We encourage everyone to take advantage of that right on May 7.

### Polls will be open from 7:00am to 7:30pm in the Post Office lobby at Penn Place, 4600 Waverly Avenue

If you have any questions or suggestion about voting in Garrett Park or about the website please let us know! We always welcome your feedback!

**Street Sweeping:** Town streets will be swept on Tuesday, April 24 with a rain date of Thursday, April 26. Please remember to park off the street to allow the sweepers to clean from curb to curb.

**Reminder Regarding Permits:** If you are planning to do any construction this spring, please remember that a Garrett Park building permit is required whenever you plan to build a new structure, including: houses, additions, sheds, garages, decks, porches, and

driveways. This is in addition to the required Montgomery County permit. To save time, please complete your Garrett Park permit and submission of plats and drawings prior to requesting a County permit. Permit applications can be completed online at the Town website at <http://www.garrettparkmd.gov/government/operations/permits>. Credit cards are accepted.

Gene Swearingen, Town Manager

## Citizens Association Notes

The Citizens Association will be organizing the annual Candidates Forum on Wednesday, Apr 25th, 7:30pm at the Town Hall. The candidates for Town Council and Mayor will present opening remarks and have an opportunity to address questions from the town. This is a chance for everyone to participate in the democratic process.

The current candidates are:

for Mayor: Peter Benjamin and Kacky Chantry  
for Council: Hans Wegner and Jane McClintock

If you have any questions or comments for the Citizens Association, please send a note to Box 456 or e-mail Darshini Trivedi or Sean Conlan.

## Greening Report

This month’s green banner is sponsored by Dennis Collins of Garrett Park Massage.

If you would like to support the Green Banner in future months, please make out a check to the Citizens Association (CA) for \$45 with “Green Banner” in the subject line; and mail it to the CA at Box 456. If you would like to dedicate your sponsorship to someone or something, please also include a note to that effect.

## Art at Penn Place

On April 29, Jane Salomon will open her show at the Penn Place gallery with a champagne and chocolate reception from 3-5pm. This show will feature watercolors on the handmade papers she brought back from the Amalfi coast. Also included are a group of paintings named “Elvis on Velvet” or “Gas Station Art” by Jane’s husband.

Jane cordially invites you to stop by and see if you agree with his characterization.

## Town Wide Yard Sale

Mark your calendars for Garrett Park's annual spring yard sale on Saturday, May 5 from 8 am - 1 pm.

Participation is free. Send an email to Todd Harris with your name, location and items being sold. Maps of the participants' locations and types of items being sold at each location will be available outside of 10909 Kenilworth Avenue the day of the yard sale. Directional signs will be provided throughout the neighborhood to help people navigate the yard sale.

Get excited and start your spring cleaning now to round up items for the yard sale! Garrett Park Estates and White Flint Park are also having a yard sale the same day.

### Progressive Dinner 2018! Saturday, May 5th

Dust off your cookbook, break out the Hoover, be on the ready for the SOS call...we need YOU!

Grab a sign-up sheet in the Post Office...Available soon!  
Questions? Contact Lillian Del Priore

### Neighbors Helping Neighbors Meet and Greet Saturday, May 12 from 9 am to noon Post Office

## Garrett Park Town Hall Workshop

The town’s Historic Preservation Committee will facilitate a workshop to open a dialogue on what should and could be done with the Town Hall. A weekday evening workshop in mid-to-late May is envisioned. A further announcement will be made with the exact date, time and format. The workshop will have brief presentations at multiple times and the remainder of the time spent will be in smaller breakout sessions on various topics such as the building’s history, it’s social history as a town hall, programming ideas, sustainability, etc. With that format, Garrett Parkers could come for the whole evening or just drop in for a half hour, whatever suits their schedule. We hope to see as much of the Town as possible join our Committee to begin dialogue and planning.

Stephen Paczkowski  
Town Council, Co-chair  
Historic Preservation Committee

# 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 (adminelizab@garrettparkmd.gov, 301-933-7488) with your name, age, phone number, e-mail address, and jobs you can do (babysitting, yard work, etc).

## Announcements

County Executive, Isiah Leggett's recommendation of Nguyen Minh Chau ("Chau") of Oxford Street, to serve as Senior Representative (partial term to end on January 31, 2020) on the Montgomery County Commission on Aging, has now been confirmed by the Montgomery County Council.



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## Contributions by Town Residents

### This Old House→Where We Live

#### *Ranches in Redsville: Garrett Park's Mid-Century Modern Richterville*

This month's contribution from the Historic Preservation Committee features, instead of a single house, a neighborhood designed by Garrett Park architect, Alexander Richter, starting right after WWII, when he bought 15 acres on the southeastern edge of town to fulfill his vision of a new kind of home design. The neighborhood on Weymouth and parts of Keswick and Oxford streets would be affectionately dubbed Richterville.

The 25 houses were called ranches or ramblers.

Now they're known as mid-century modern. Despite the additions and renovations, the majority of the houses are still intact after seven decades. The streetscape of Weymouth, in particular, has remained true to Richter's original intent.

When he bought the property from the estate of Owen and Emma Truitt, who had lived in a large 1894 house at the end of Keswick Street, it had been on the market for around three years because several other builders had rejected the raw, hilly terrain with streams gushing through it as too difficult and unprofitable to build on. Richter embraced the challenge (see below for the link to the full article).

*Thanks to the vast trove of records in the town archives — oral histories from many of the original "early settlers" who bought his houses, resident and house files, town meeting notes, maps, press clips — HPC member Nancy Walz pieced together this history. Read the whole story online on the town's website within the Historic Preservation's architectural section:*  
<http://www.garrettparkmd.gov/home/showdocument?id=1165>

***A House Tour is being planned for 2019. Stay tuned!***

Submitted by Nancy Walz  
Historic Preservation Committee

### New Earth-friendly Approaches to Building Sidewalks

Noble Atkins and Joe Sanchez of the Capitol Solutions Group (CSG) visited Garrett Park on Thursday, April 5, to discuss tree preservation and construction of sidewalks using Flexi-Pave. They spent 30 minutes examining the Clermont Avenue streetscape and then spent 90 minutes at the Town Hall presenting their experience and products and answering questions. This gathering was hosted by the GP Arboretum Committee and was summarized in a note posted to the Garrett Park List Serve by Suzi Gifford on April 10.

The audience was composed of about 20 citizens and included the Mayor and members of the Town Council and Arboretum Committee.

CSG (<http://capitalsolutionsgroup.com/>) includes Capitol Tree Preservation, Capitol Landscapes and Capitol Flexi-Pave. The company began as a tree services/tree preservation company but changed their name to include **solutions** as their work expanded to include situation analysis and presentation of solutions to challenges involving arboriculture, engineering and the use of innovative practices and materials. They have extensive experience working on sidewalk projects in Washington, DC, Virginia



and Maryland that are funded by State and Federal funds.

CSG works with building and landscape architects, and engineers on projects that include building construction, grading, and wet/dry utilities. Their resume includes projects at The White House, Arlington National Cemetery, NIH, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution, the National Zoo and Fort Belvoir as well in nearby residential neighborhoods.

Noble gave a very comprehensive overview of tree growth patterns and the problems frequently found in urban landscapes that need to be resolved. He introduced the audience to techniques that CSG employs to minimize damage to tree trunks and roots, and he explained how the Flexi-Pave sidewalk product is made and applied to different situations where walking and driving surfaces must eventually be installed over tree roots. This was very interesting, especially in demonstrating the state-of-the-art techniques for working above and below tree roots without damaging them.

Flexi-Pave is a material largely made recycled rubber tires. It is permeable, allowing rainwater to flow into the soil below, and providing tree roots with necessary air and moisture. This design minimizes the volume and speed of storm water run-off, reducing the resulting sedimentation in nearby streams and drainages downstream. Because it is flexible, it will not crack, even above tree roots, and is more impact-friendly to joggers and walkers than concrete. It exceeds ADA guidelines for slipping and falling hazards and is resistant to heat/freezing/thawing. Flexi-Pave a non-toxic surface available in 77 colors to match any existing sidewalk.

A small (but vocal) group of GP residents have been calling out for more innovative and environmentally-friendly approaches to the proposed concrete sidewalk project in Garrett Park. It is understood that the plans for the Town’s sidewalk renovation and installation project are now near completion and will soon go out for bids. Unfortunately, we still aren't seeing the type of creative and tree-compatible materials and design that we expect for Garrett Park. As a registered arboretum, we should be seeking methods and practices for minimizing our collective impacts on the natural world around us.

Mayor Benjamin has asked CSG for a bid to work around the tulip poplar tree at 10916/1094 Clermont Avenue. I hope that Capitol Solutions Group will prepare a bid for that work, as well as more extensive work in Garrett Park.

The conversations and comments filtering in over the past few days to me and others confirm that the audience was very impressed with what they saw and learned about this tree-compatible approach and

the Flexi-Pave product. People are excited about having sidewalks that are smooth and durable, but also designed and installed to function in a way that minimizes impacts on trees and enhances their growth by providing flexibility, air and moisture.

We need more examples of this type of "earth friendly" design in Garrett Park. My “front yard” provides a good case in point: Coupled with the multiple tree root and sidewalk issues in need of attention, all along Clermont Avenue the storm water run-off from sidewalks, driveways and street presently runs down the hill and into the Porcupine Woods drainage that feeds, after a short distance, into Rock Creek. Permeable surfaces along Clermont Avenue would benefit Rock Creek by reducing the volume of water and chemical pollution, as well as reducing erosion in Porcupine Woods and resulting sedimentation into Rock Creek.

If you are interested in this topic and would like to see more innovative and environmentally-friendly materials used for our new sidewalks, please check out the website of Capitol Solutions Group. There is a section on Flexi-Pave and you can see images and review FAQs (frequently asked questions). Inform yourselves and speak up SOON to the Mayor, Town Council and Arboretum Committee!!!

*(Abbreviated article published in the print edition of the Bugle.)*

Submitted by John Tschirky

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## Pecan-crusted Dijon Salmon

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### Ingredients & Materials

- 4 salmon fillets
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 2 T dijon mustard
- 2 T butter/margarine
- 1.5 T honey
- 1/4 c breadcrumbs
- 1/4 c chopped pecans

### Directions

Sprinkle fish with salt and pepper. Place fillets in lightly greased 9 X 13 inches pyrex dish, skin side down. Combine mustard, honey, and butter and spread on fish. Combine breadcrumbs and pecans and sprinkle on top. Bake 450 degrees F for 10 minutes or until salmon flakes with a fork.

Submitted by Nikki Forry

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## Obituaries

### Ruth Newman Trattner

Longtime Garrett Park resident, Ruth Patt Newman Trattner, of 11118 Kenilworth Ave. died on April 6, 2018. Ruth was 98 years old and died from natural causes.

Ruth is survived by her children, Lyn (Alan) and George (Linda), her five grandchildren, Lea (Ofer), Ilene (Adam), Eric (Stephanie), Joshua (Menesha), and David, as well as her four great-grandchildren, Judah, Sammy, Kobe, and Livia.

Ruth was born in Manhattan, NY, received her Bachelors and Masters in education from the University of Maryland. She and her first husband, Leon, who died in 1966, moved to the Washington area in 1942. She and her second husband, Marvin, built their house in Garrett Park in 1991. Marvin died this past November.

She was a teacher, and then a guidance counselor at Northwestern High School in Hyattsville, for a number of years. She served as President of the Prince George's County Guidance Association in 1970. Ruth was an avid painter, swimmer, bridge player and loved to travel.

Her family, friends and neighbors remember Ruth as a warm, sociable, caring person. We will miss her.

We are only having a small family memorial. If anyone wishes, you can make a Memorial donation fo the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC or to the American Cancer Society; cards may be sent to either of the addresses below:

Lyn Silverman (daughter)  
(address in the print edition)

George Newman (son)  
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### Charlene Derge Sussel

Charlene Died on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at King Farm at Ingleside, where she resided. Born in Defiance, OH, she attended Wooster College in Wooster, OH.

After retiring as the Chief Librarian at the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, she worked with her husband, Eugene Sussel as an antiques dealer. After his death, she continued to operate the antiques business out of Renningers in Adamstown, PA. Her interest in art and antiques extended to her position on the American Art Department Advisory Board of the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

She has been a longtime member of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC, where she sang in the choir. A memorial service will be held at the Chapel at the National Presbyterian Church on April 6 at 11 a.m. A reception will be held afterwards at Ingleside at King Farm in Rockville at 1 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the National Presbyterian Church, the Philadelphia Museum of Art or The Westminster Ingleside Foundation. Please view and sign the family online guestbook at: [www.pumphreyfuneralhome.com](http://www.pumphreyfuneralhome.com)

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## Candidates' Statements

The following statements were received from the candidates for Mayor and Town Council.

### **Peter Benjamin, Candidate for Mayor (incumbent)**

I was planning to retire as mayor at the end of my current term. However, after six years of working on the sidewalk project, I just cannot leave it without at least having a contractor ready to break ground. I was hoping that would be the case before the election, but it clearly will not be. We will also be recruiting a new town manager, and I believe that having an experienced mayor there as the new manager learns about the town, our values and character, and our foibles will make an enormous difference. I am therefore a candidate for election one last time.

As I look back over the major projects that I have helped to bring about during my time as mayor, I see a familiar thread. The historic renovation of Penn Place, the rebuilding of Strathmore, the installation of streetlights that match the historic character of the town, are all examples of change that was opposed vehemently by one group or another in town, but not only were they accepted once completed, they are now heavily used and considered an inherent part of our community. I hope and believe that the construction of the new sidewalks, when completed, will follow that same pattern. Change is always difficult, and our town was founded in controversy and has always found change difficult. Garrett Park was incorporated so that its first Council could pass the first ordinance of the town, outlawing indoor plumbing. Luckily, that one has been repealed. If you don't know that story, some time when you see me ask me to tell you about Grace E. D. Spriggs and her desire to have her toilet inside the house.

Putting together the funding packages for the large projects that we have undertaken has been a challenge that I have enjoyed. Obtaining the \$561,000 in 100% federal funds (with no contribution by the town) for the sidewalks and then amending the grant for an additional \$350,000 of 100% federal funding was not a trivial exercise. Putting together with a hardworking town committee the package of grants, bond bills (100% state grants) and loans for the Penn Place renovation was also a heavy lift. Working with another town committee and the State Highway Administration to rebuild Strathmore Avenue, complete with stormwater management, sidewalks, and adequate lighting at no cost to the town was a major accomplishment for the town. Obtaining funding for these projects requires

planning, patience, political skill, and experience, but seeing the result is very rewarding.

In my first term as mayor we modified the Town budget and financial processes to create both an operating and a capital budget and to structure the combined budget to make it informative for Councilmembers and residents, rather than something that only an accountant could interpret. Since that time, we have put in various mechanisms to streamline our financial procedures while making them more rigorous and to stress fiscal responsibility and accountability. This has not escaped the notice of our auditors who have given us clean audits every year since we made the first changes. The budget for the coming year includes a 5% reduction in your Town property tax rate. We did this to try to help cushion a possible tax increase many of us might experience due to the new federal tax law that would limit deductions for state and local taxes to \$10,000. Part of the mayor's job is resolving contentious issues, often about smaller concerns than the major projects, but just as important. Examples are helping come to agreement on how much bamboo should be allowed to grow in Porcupine Woods; whether we should have single or dual stream recycling; what to do about a loud neighbor; how to handle a complaint of a tree that drops leaves or limbs on a neighbor's lawn; what to do about a tree, or a couple of blocks of trees, that are perceived as dangerous; and who is responsible for water flowing from one property into another. All of these require bringing people together, listening and making sure that people feel that they have been heard, and finding common ground. In this past year we made substantial changes in our Town Charter and in our Ordinances in order to streamline the process of regulating traffic and parking in town and in creating a mechanism to enforce those provisions. We also modified the Charter and Ordinances to simplify the voter registration and voting process in order to encourage all of our eligible residents to vote in Town elections. All legal residents of the town who are at least 18 years old, whether or not they are US citizens, may register up to and including the day of the elections. Absentee ballots can be requested up to and including the day of the elections in person, by phone, and by email. It is easy to vote in town elections. Please come to Penn Place on May 7 and vote. One vote can make the difference in a contested election.

It has been an honor and a privilege to be your mayor and to be able to make a difference in this town. We live in a beautiful town with the unique distinction of the entire town being a National Historic District, an arboretum, and a nuclear free zone. We are a small, close community where our



neighbors are also friends and we have the benefits of our own governmental services and our ability to influence what our local government does. We are also an island within a thriving metropolitan area with substantial cultural, educational, athletic, entertainment, transportation and economic benefits. I love Garrett Park, its character, and its people. I believe that I have contributed substantially to make the town a better place for our current residents and for generations to come, while respecting and protecting the values that make us so special. I hope that you will allow me to serve one last term to accomplish the two activities I discussed in the first paragraph.

## Kacky Chantry, Candidate for Mayor

I bring to my candidacy almost 35 years of public service, including military service. I began my career in biomedical research and later turned my focus to business and program administration. I have extensive experience in managing budgets and corporate assets of all kinds and have held leadership positions in these areas throughout the federal government, rising to the senior executive ranks before retiring last year. I have directed multi-million and billion-dollar budgets (up to \$13 billion), IT operations, contracts, and administrative operations. Having such diverse career experiences across multiple organizations has enabled me to problem-solve from different perspectives, be resourceful, and think out of the box.

Throughout my career I was often called upon to fix programs or start up new ones. Being a trouble-shooter and an initiator takes a great deal of energy, resilience, and ingenuity. It also requires connecting with people, understanding their issues and finding common ground, and being willing to compromise in good faith. I learned this from growing up within a tight-knit family of 10 children in upstate New York where integrity, perseverance and selfless service to others were strongly encouraged.

As the oldest daughter (role sharing with my identical twin!), I learned early on the meaning of responsibility, financial prudence and a strong work ethic. I also developed a deeper sense of caring and compassion by helping to raise my younger siblings and taking care of the infirmed, which I did, before and during my college years.

I am a graduate of American University's Key Executive program with a master's in public administration (MPA). I am also a co-author of several peer-reviewed publications for statistical and analytical contributions.

Outside of my hometown of Poughkeepsie, NY, Garrett Park is the place I have lived the longest.

Twenty (20) years ago, my husband, Dennis Collins (some of you may know him as the Garrett Park Massage therapist), and I moved here with our two young children, Tamaro and Kaylie (now two wonderful young adults). We settled in amidst wonderful neighbors at the corner of Rokeby and Kenilworth. We added on to our house and to its wonderful landscape, creating more gardens (including a rain garden) and winding walking paths. Our kids love it here as much as we do, and we count our blessings every day.

As I come forward to seek your vote for Mayor, I am reminded of a quote I cited by Henry Ford when I served on the Town Council (2013-2017). He said, "Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is a success." I believe these characteristics are also fundamental to achieving success when serving as Mayor for our Town. This is perhaps best demonstrated by my perseverance on behalf of the Archives Advisory Committee to justify and negotiate for budget increases to the Town Archives. By bringing together concerned citizens and working with my colleagues on the Council, I was able to win the Council's support to increase the Archives budget, thereby helping to keep the precious history of our Town alive and appropriately preserved. I strongly believe that by listening to different viewpoints, working respectfully through issues, and allowing for compromise, we can bring forth positive results.

While also on the Council, I volunteered to lead the effort to help the Town Office modernize the Garrett Park website. I brought together a group of dedicated town residents to build upon the initial work begun by former Council members. This was a dynamic team with different viewpoints about an optimum website. Nevertheless, we stayed the course, working together to produce contract specifications for bids and to review vendors' proposals that would ultimately help the Town Office award the winning contract for a new Town website. Now retired, I have been volunteering my time on citizens' activities, as co-chair of the Archives Committee and as editor of the *Garrett Bugle*.

By mentioning both the personal and the professional, my hope is that you will have a greater understanding of who I am, what I stand for, and what traits I will bring as a person of character in serving you as Mayor. I am a uniter not a divider. If elected, I will bring the same energy, compassion and consensus-building to reach win-win solutions. I love the history of our Town along with its beauty and park-like setting. As a natural arboretum since 1977, I would love the Town to be a role model to other communities, by show-casing the use of environmentally-friendly materials, if feasible and appropriate, that help mitigate storm water runoff and

maintain the health of our gardens and tree canopy. With costly projects starting (safe routes to school, sidewalks, curb repairs, tree planting, etc.); Town Hall renovations and storm water management options to be considered and funded; and a new Town Manager yet to be hired; it is more important than ever that we come together, listen objectively to different viewpoints and negotiate in good faith. After all, only by working together can we succeed in achieving solutions that are in the best interests of our Town.

I ask for your vote on May 7. I am eager to serve as your Mayor and work together to bring fresh ideas to accommodate future changes while preserving the wonderful history, beauty and culture of this great Town. Community with unity. It makes a difference! Thank you!

## Hans Wegner, Candidate for Town Council (incumbent)

Like most of us who live in Garrett Park, I am passionate about our Town. It is a unique place to live, raise a family, make friends, enjoy a genuine sense of community, and experience the rich diversity of expertise, interests and backgrounds among its residents. This uniqueness is not an accident of history but is the result of the vision and actions of those who lived here before us. I see my role as building on that legacy of service to do what I can to make this an even better place for the next generation.

To that end I have served on the Citizens Association, been actively involved in two traffic committees, a Penn Place parking committee, a streets and roads restoration committee, and finally the Strathmore Avenue planning committee (to reduce speed and improve safety, build sidewalks, and plant trees.). I have most recently served on the Town Council where, among other things, I have:

- served as liaison with SHA to rebuild and replant Strathmore Ave. I coordinated driveway and parking treatments with all adjoining residents.
- along with the Mayor, I pushed for and executed the development of a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that identified all town assets (buildings, parks, roads, vehicles, etc.) and provided the town with a blueprint for repairing and restoring these.
- been principally involved in two major storm-water management projects on Shelley Court and lower Kenilworth.
- overseen seven major street repair and restoration projects in accordance with the CIP.
- identified streets where storm runoff can be better managed with installation of curbs and gutters and arranged to install them.
- switched to wind-generated electricity for all

town power use in 2008 to reduce our carbon impact.

- converted all of Penn Place and Town Hall to CFL and LED lighting where practical.
- worked with the Town Manager to convert all Strathmore lighting to LED.
- identified a rock salt alternative for winter street maintenance and developed a policy to minimize the use of snow melt application to protect the environment and Rock Creek.
- actively worked to get ownership of the Community Center Building (Nursery School) transferred from the County to the Town of Garrett Park, assuring that the GPNS would continue to have a place to operate. I strongly supported the GPNS's plan for renovating and managing this facility.

In the past two years, I have:

- coordinated with SHA for the repair and repaving of Strathmore last summer.
- worked with SHA to replace the failed crossing signal on Strathmore at Keswick (pedestrian-activated yellow flashing light installed in 2017).
- met and worked with our engineers to update and revise our CIP.
- worked with SHA to remove the failing articulated crosswalks at Kenilworth and Keswick Avenues.
- arranged for the repair and repaving of four town streets in accordance with the new CIP.
- worked with SHA, Montgomery County, and our engineers to advance the sidewalk project in Town.

My philosophy as a Councilmember is to work for consensus, to find common ground, and to work cooperatively with others on the Council. I firmly believe that, even on difficult issues, if we ask the right questions and learn the facts, the right solutions will emerge so that reasonable people can agree upon the wisest course of action. I am conscientious about doing my homework and learning the facts on an issue in order to make well-informed decisions. I work hard and take my volunteer responsibilities seriously. I am fiscally responsible and committed to the wise use of public resources, but also firmly believe that we should avoid being penny wise and pound foolish. I am committed to making decisions based on the best interest of ALL residents in an open and transparent atmosphere.

Garrett Park is changing and will continue to change. The challenge for us is to manage that change in such a way as to strengthen our sense of community and to protect the uniqueness of our little island from the surrounding hubbub of development. We can make GP ever more appealing by nurturing community and through civility in our discourse. When we do disagree, we should do so with respect and appreciation for the real and genuine efforts

expended for us by our many volunteers.

I am running for Council because I want to

- Improve the public safety of all of our residents by building the proposed sidewalks on Kenilworth, Clermont and Oxford to finally finish this project after six years of discussion, consultation, and planning. We can and must do this to protect the safety of our children and all pedestrians. Getting this done is in our collective best interest and we can do it aesthetically, while preserving trees and with minimal environmental impact. We have consistently followed the basic principles established for this project:

- On town right-of-way only
- Using no Town funds but only State grant dollars
- Preserving as many trees as possible
- Planting new trees where needed
- Minimal impact on the storm water run-off
- Following the curving nature of our streets.

In addition, I want to:

- Continue to make a difference, doing my part in building on what preceding generations created here that makes Garrett Park unique.
- Continue on the plan we have developed for rebuilding our streets to bring them all into a state of good repair in accordance with the CIP.
- Work with the new Town Manager to help him/her to become familiar with Garrett Park and all of us who call this home.

I feel honored to represent you on the Town Council and want to continue to do my part to build on our legacy of community service. I would greatly appreciate your support.

Hans Wegner

## Jane McClintock, Candidate for Town Council (incumbent)

Having completed one term on the Garrett Park Town Council, I am running for a second term. I live on Oxford Street, between Weymouth and Keswick. My husband Mark and I have three children in the public schools: Evan is a sophomore at Walter Johnson HS, Clara is a seventh grader at Eastern MS, and Lucy is a fourth grader at Barnsley ES. Mark is an engineer specializing in rail and transit design, while I am a public interest environmental lawyer specializing in wildlife conservation advocacy and litigation. We’ve been part of the Garrett Park community for nearly five years and I have been

grateful for the opportunity to serve Garrett Park as a councilmember.

My two years on the Town Council have given me the opportunity to work on a variety of issues, both large and small, central to the Town’s smooth functioning. For example, I took the lead in redrafting our ordinances to enable Town enforcement of our parking and traffic regulations. As Council liaison to the Arboretum Committee, I have participated in that committee’s thoughtful consideration of the Town’s central role in inventorying, managing, maintaining, and replacing as necessary our street and park trees, a process that resulted in the Committee’s finalizing a request for proposal for a comprehensive arboretum plan. As an attorney, I am especially interested in ensuring that our decisions, such as considering zoning variance requests, are firmly grounded in our governing authorities.

As an Oxford Street resident who regularly walks to Metro and to school with my children, I continue to be a strong supporter of the sidewalks project, a project that I hope will come to fruition in the near future, thanks to the tireless efforts on the Town’s behalf by Peter Benjamin and Hans Wegner. I believe we have learned valuable lessons from the recent County project to replace the sidewalks on Strathmore about the need to implement the sidewalk project with scrupulous attention to minimizing the short- and long-term impacts to our street trees.

I seek re-election for the opportunity to continue work on a number of important issues Garrett Park faces as a community. Foremost on this list is developing a strategic plan to mitigate and manage our Town’s stormwater issues, which affect both public and private property. Stormwater runoff from Garrett Park also adversely affects the health of the Rock Creek and Chesapeake Bay watersheds. I have researched our internal capacity as a Town and outside opportunities to obtain funding sources and find guidance to assist in the strategic plan development process.

I would be honored to receive your vote in the upcoming election.

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