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Calendar

Thurs. Jan 31	Town Budget Workshop, Town Hall, 12-1:30 pm Tai Chi w/GP Resident Joanne Chang, GPES, 7-8:30 pm GPJams, Town Hall, 8-10:30 pm	Tues. Feb 12	Lunch Bunch, Town Hall, 12:30 pm Winter Yoga with Gretchen, Town Hall, 6:15-7:30 pm
Fri. Feb 1	Exercise Class with Candy Robertson, Town Hall, 11am-Noon	Fri. Feb 15	Town Budget Workshop, Town Hall, Noon-1:30 pm Film Society Presents: Back to Burgundy, Dinner 7 pm, Film 8 pm
Sat. Feb 2	Farmers Market, Penn Place Parking Lot, 10 am-1 pm	Sat. Feb 16	Farmers Market, Penn Place Parking Lot, 10 am-1 pm
Tue. Feb 5	Winter Yoga with Gretchen, Town Hall, 6:15-7:30 pm	Mon. Feb 18	Town Office Closed All Day Presidents' Day – NO Trash or Recycling Pickup
Wed. Feb 6	Exercise Class with Candy Robertson, Town Hall, 11 am- Noon Historic Preservation Committee Meeting, Town Hall, 7:30 pm	Tues. Feb 19	Recycling Pickup Only
Fri. Feb 9	Farmers Market, Penn Place Parking Lot, 10 am-1 pm Annual Garrett Park Nursery School Poker Night, Town Hall, 7-10:30 pm	Thurs. Feb 21	Trash Pickup Only GPJams, Town Hall, 8-10:30 pm
Mon. Feb 11	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7:30 pm	Thurs. Feb 26	Winter Yoga with Gretchen, Town Hall, 6:15-7:30 pm

Town Council Meeting Notes

The Town Council meeting on January 14, 2019 coincided with the first big snowstorm of the year but a handful of residents came out for this ordinance-packed meeting. The mayor started off by updating the town on the footpath at the end of Rokeby, commenting that engineers from Clark Azar are finishing a final report to inform the town on long-term solutions. Both the agenda and December 2018 minutes were approved. The unanimous introductions of four ordinances made up the bulk of the meeting's agenda items. Those interested in the details of the introduced ordinances should refer to the Council Meeting Documents on the town web site.

Ordinance 2019-4 recognizes the transfer of \$60,000 from the Sidewalks budget line to the Streets and Curbs budget line. This transfer was made to cover increased costs associated with paving. In addition, it may allow the town to negotiate reduced

costs for paving additional (alternate) areas of town while the base areas are being repaved. Ordinance 2019-5 allows the mayor flexibility to move funds between the Capital Budget Account and Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) budget line. This modification to the FY19 Operating and capital budget is necessary to recognize additional grant money from SHA for the SRTS sidewalk project.

With those two budgetary ordinances taken care of, the meeting moved on to Ordinance 2019-6, which proposes a prohibition on single use plastic straws by businesses or permitted events in Garrett Park. This ordinance was proposed by Councilmember Simons and echoes efforts to reduce plastic waste by organizations across the United States. Several residents pointed out that Black Market Bistro would be impacted by this ordinance and that it would be good to have feedback from them. While the town council has contacted Black Market, they haven't heard back yet. It was suggested

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that this ordinance by reworded to be flexible enough to regulate additional single-use plastics via future amendments.

By far, the most heavily discussed ordinance was 2019-3, an emergency ordinance to regulate small wireless telecommunications facilities in the public right of way. This emergency ordinance is in response to FCC order 18-133, which went into effect January 14th, accelerating deployment of wireless infrastructure through relaxation of barriers and the local permit process. The FCC order addresses the roll out of 5G and installation of equipment in densely populated areas using existing buildings and poles rather than large towers. While the town is not allowed to block or prohibit telecommunications companies from installing these facilities, it can establish guidelines and a permitting process. The emergency ordinance does this, including sections that assert the town's interest, as both a historic place and arboretum, in minimizing visual clutter and damage to trees. Residents Dick Pratt and Ken Rehbehn both spoke in favor of this ordinance. In particular, Ken presented a detailed list of suggested changes to the ordinance. For instance, avoiding language that could prevent consolidation of equipment or prevent ground-level equipment installation where warranted. Because of the emergency nature of this ordinance, it was both introduced and adopted, and it became effective immediately. The town will work to further refine the language of the ordinance.

Mayor Kacky introduced a proclamation for a National Day of Racial Healing on January 22nd. The proclamation cites a rise in racial divisiveness across the country and joins with others in the United States to condemn racial, ethnic and religious bias. The proclamation will be signed by the Mayor and Councilmembers, and posted on the town website and elsewhere.

There were some notable items in the Town Updates section of the agenda. The SRTS 106 review has been finalized, allowing that process to move forward. The exact timeline isn't known because there are still many things to do, including requesting bids and selecting a contractor, but Councilmember Paczkowski suggested that a May start date wouldn't be unreasonable. Councilmember Schulp is looking into parking issues at the end of Weymouth associated with Parkside residents. Councilmember Paczkowski is putting together options for Town Hall renovations that take into account resident feedback and historic preservation. The contractor for the Arboretum Plan has finished the inventory of town trees; it catalogs 1509 trees from 183 species. The Plan itself is still in draft form but Councilmember McClintock shared some preliminary findings: Garrett Park has an extraordinarily high tree canopy coverage—82.9%. A canopy coverage that high is quite rare in a developed area like metro Washington, DC. As part of the inventory, each inventoried tree was examined for structural defects and health concerns; only a few trees were found to be in need of immediate attention. The tree collection also shows a diversity of tree ages and sizes. Finally, Town Manager Fox ended the meeting by reporting that the Capital and Operating budgets are at expected levels, the end-of-year audit has been

completed and submitted, and the town has received its 2019 Blanket Tree Permit from the DNR.

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Town Manager's Notes

Christmas tree collection – If you have a Christmas tree that is ready to become mulch, please place it by the curb. The town maintenance crew will pick it up.

Holiday fund – Many thanks to the residents who generously gave tips to the Montgomery County Sanitation employees who take away our trash, recyclables, and yard waste. A year-end gift has been made to each of the six employees, and letters of acknowledgement will be sent to all who gave.

The **Arboretum Committee** received drafts of the tree inventory and Arboretum Plan. If you see a committee member, please thank them for their hard work on this project. When complete, the inventory and plan will help the Town to manage this important aspect of the community.

The Town Office is closed on President's Day, Monday, February 18th.

As always, please reach out to the Town office with any questions or concerns, 301-933-7488.

Andrea Fox, Town Manager

Citizens Association Notes

Hello Goodbye

Dear Neighbors,

It has been my honor and privilege to serve on the Garrett Park Citizens Association (CA) Board for the past 3 years. I am very thankful for this opportunity and I have learned so much and have met some wonderful people along the way. My sincerest thanks to the CA Board members for their help and support and special thanks to Sean Conlan and Mike Lutkenhouse for their numerous years of service. I am grateful to Paul Doria-Rose and Henri Keller for agreeing to continue in their roles as Vice-President and Treasurer, respectively. And last but not the least, I am very excited to welcome Steve Welker as the new CA Secretary and Alysia Bone as the new CA

President. I am confident that they will both be excellent additions to the Garrett Park CA team!

Darshini Trivedi, former CA President

Hi Neighbors,

I moved into Garrett Park in September 2017 with my wife, Suzie, and we had our daughter, Eliza, the next month. When I'm not furloughed, I work as an attorney with the IRS's Office of Chief Counsel. In my spare time, I like to play volleyball at the pool, sing in a choir, enjoy a good craft beer, and, yes, do my taxes.

Steve Welker, CA Secretary

Hello, neighbors! My husband, Jason, and I have lived in Garrett Park at the corner of Strathmore and Kenilworth with our little dog, Charlotte, since 2014, and last January we were joined by our first born, Matteus. We both went to school in DC (Howard and Georgetown), and we both work at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission just down the street. We recently spent a year living in Paris for work, which we adored, but we were happy to come back to our home and wonderful neighborhood. There are a million things we love about our unique town – the instant community of sweet friends our one-year old has; the epic droves of trick-or-treaters every Halloween; the monthly art exhibits at Penn Gallery; the plant-swap, meal-train, and pool party traditions. Jason and I joke that our town kind of feels like a university campus – lots of really interesting, smart people, where there's something for everyone (book clubs, gardening groups, wine tastings, swimming lessons, etc.) – but Black Market Bistro is infinitely tastier than any college cafeteria. :)

I so look forward to serving you as the CA President. Many thanks to Darshini and the rest of the CA board for all of their amazing leadership, dedication, and warm welcome! I'm so happy to be a part of the group.

Alysia Bone, CA President

Annual Dues

The annual CA fees for 2019 are due now! The fee is \$15 for individuals and \$25 per family. These dues go towards paying for the Bugle printing, and the annual CA events such as the July 4th cookout, Wine Tasting, and Spooky Woods. If you haven't already done so, please mail your check to the GPCA at PO BOX 456, Garrett Park, MD 20896.

Town Hall Renovation

Town Hall Renovation Planning Update

In October, an Open House/ Charrette was held at Town Hall, with about 30 residents in attendance. The session included a slide show with photos of how the building has changed over its 120 year history, quotes from historic documents, and floor plans of what sections are original versus later additions. When the building was originally planned as St James Chapel in 1896, the budget for the lot was 'no more than \$100.' The 24'x40' structure was budgeted at \$700. A topic of much debate in 1899 was the fact that the building had no privy. A topic of much debate in 2018 was whether to leave the bathrooms where they were built as an addition, or

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relocate them to a different part of a renovated building. In addition to bathroom talk, the discussion was fantastic with many observations made over the years, and varied opinions on what to do and/or how much to do with Town Hall in a renovation.

In addition to the discussion, survey forms were made available for residents to share their thoughts on various programming and history. Some themes that were consistent included keeping the facility primarily for GP Town, clubs, organizations, and neighbors use as well as keeping fees low. Opinions varied on how much to improve the facility versus fix it up in its existing configuration. Some ideas that were floated in included improvements for: the layout, additional meeting spaces, improved flow throughout the facility, acoustics for meetings/ music performances/ films, Audio/Visual equipment, updating a kitchen, updating bathrooms, increasing meeting space, and more efficient storage. Another idea that was much discussed was whether to construct a basement under the building for utilities, storage and repairs, clearing up more useable space on the main level.

The next step that is underway is that I'm taking the information from the Charrette, the surveys and discussions with residents to formulate 3-4 scoping alternates that can be used to fuel discussion at a next stage Town Hall meeting this spring. The alternates will range from necessary updates and maintenance for the building as is, up to a full renovation with replacement of addition(s), and possibly even an option that can be used to study the pros and cons of moving the whole building, Katonah, NY style. All of the alternates will be useful to find what scale of project the Town wants to endeavor to fund and build.



Garrett Park Community Fund

GPFC Offering Help to our Neighbors

Some residents have recently inquired how they might help Garrett Park residents affected by the government shutdown. An excellent way to help is to consider donating to the Garrett Park Community Fund, Betsy White Emergency Fund. The IRS has granted 501 (c) (3) tax status to the GPCF and charitable donations are tax deductible. The fund's address is PO BOX 381 Garrett Park MD 20896. If you are a town member in need of assistance, please know that the Betsy White Emergency fund is

available to all town residents with an urgent need for financial support.

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 an independent group and is separate from any Town of Garrett Park administration or responsibility. The impetus for the formation of the GPCF occurred when the Town of Garrett Park discovered that it could no longer anonymously administer the Betsy White Fund. The GPCF was formed in response to this situation and has incorporated in the State of Maryland.

For 45 years, Garrett Park residents and employees of all ages and duration of residency have used the Betsy White Emergency Fund to address a variety of needs, including illness, unexpected death, family separations, storm damage, tax shortfalls, loss of employment, and other unexpected financial costs.

Applications for the Betsy White Emergency Fund can be made by completing the form found at this email address or by picking up an application in the town office. Once completed, the form should be mailed to the fund's trustees at the address on the application.

<https://www.garrettparkmd.gov/home/showdocument?id=388>

The application process and distribution of the funds are strictly confidential. The trustees determine the appropriateness of the requests and make decisions based on need. The anonymity of the applicants is preserved throughout the process. The trustees decision and fund distribution will be mailed directly back to the applicant.

If you have questions regarding the Garrett Park Community Fund, please contact Megumi (Meme) Lincoln by email: mcolin12@gmail.com, or by phone 301-933-8428 or 240-447-2087.

From the Archives

A Garrett Park Archives Moment:

From a letter from Mrs. E. M. Riordan, dated 10/6/1966

"Many commuters went into the city on the morning train returning in the evening - The train was used for all transportation to the social affairs, etc., in the town (City).

"Temple Baily the authoress lived with her Father Captain Bailey in the summers - She borrowed (me) when I was three to spend the day while she was writing - She received a check for a story and My Father had the Post Office in the Station then - She danced around laughing and singing and ran up the path home singing "I sold my story"

Dad often recalled this - I spent many days with Miss Bailey and her father."

Of course, Temple Bailey would go on to sell many novels. She had short stories published in all the leading magazines of her time. At the time of her death in 1953, it is estimated she had sold three million copies of her novels and the New York Post placed her among the best paid writers in the world.

Our Neighbor

It may be interesting to compare ourselves to our neighbor, the Town of Kensington. In 1908 Kensington had annual expenditures in the fiscal year ending April 30 of \$4,579.00 while Garrett Park spent \$785.00. The Clerk Treasurer of Kensington earned \$125.00 while ours was paid \$60.00 (the Clerk in 1908 was a man; it was in 1948 that Garrett Park hired Mrs. Dallas Fraser Nolan to perform the duties of Clerk Treasurer). Additional paid employees for the town of Kensington included marshal services (\$404.00) and scavenger services (\$400.00). Road repairs accounted for \$1,200.00. In Garrett Park we spent \$650.00 on care and improvements of streets and avenues; this follows the efforts in 1905 to improve the streets with four additional carloads of stone. As you sit stalled in traffic on Connecticut Avenue ponder on the job description of scavenger.

Submitted by Marian Green

Town Resident Contributions

What We're Cooking

Just Like Olive Garden's Pasta E Fagioli Soup

Source: <https://www.favfamilyrecipes.com/olive-garden-pasta-e-fagioli-soup/>

This nice hearty soup is great for the weather we've been having! (And it's super-easy to make!)

INGREDIENTS

- 2 lbs ground beef
- 1 onion chopped
- 3 carrots chopped
- 2 28 oz diced tomatoes undrained
- 1 16 oz red kidney beans drained
- 1 16 oz white kidney beans drained
- 4 cups beef stock
- 3 tsp oregano
- 2 tsp pepper
- 5 tsp parsley
- 1 tsp tabasco sauce
- 1 20 oz Prego traditional spaghetti sauce
- 8 oz pasta (I like using rotini pasta)

INSTRUCTIONS

Brown ground beef in large skillet. Drain fat. Add beef and all ingredients except the pasta into a large crock pot. Cook on low for 7-8 hours or high for 4-5 hours. Before serving, cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and add to soup. Serve with crusty bread, breadsticks, or cornbread.

Call for Snow Shovelers

Please call or email Elizabeth in the Town Office to leave your name and contact information.

Call 301-933-7488 or email adminelizabeth@garrettparkmd.gov

Bugle Notes – Sweet and Sour

Mom Jeans

My mother was always petite and trim,
 But her jeans were high waisted and ankle slim.
 How could you, why would you wear jean like that?
 So dated, so faded, so unbecoming, and sad.
 In middle school the absolute “it” pair
 Was made by Jnco with a wide leg flare.
 In high school Cosmo said boot cut was in,
 As if big ankles made your hips look thin.
 In college I overpaid for them bleached and ripped.
 “You bought them like that?” my mother quipped.
 For dates I wore skinny jeans to make me look thinner.
 The problem was I couldn’t fit in dinner.
 Who’d have guessed high waist is no longer sad.
 My mom’s old jeans are the latest fad.
 Now, I could and I would wear the same cut and style,
 If not for the dishes and growing laundry pile.
 Because now I’m a mom and my go to jean
 Is the one in the pile that smells the most clean.

Submitted by Mom

Lunch Bunch Reminder

Pot Luck: Bring a dish to share
 2nd Tuesdays of the Month

February 12

March 12

April 9

May 14

June 11

(Not in July and August)

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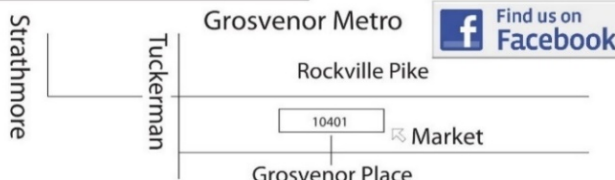
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Letter from the Mayor

In the January issue of the Garrett Bugle, I had mentioned the following:

“... constructing the SRTS sidewalks, painting the Town Hall and Penn Place, repaving some of our streets, improving traffic flow and parking at Penn Place, installing additional Town benches, and resolving some pressing storm water runoff problems around Town.”

To plan for this work and set priorities, the Council and I will be holding two budget planning workshops open to the public: On January 31st we will conduct a mid-year assessment of our current FY 2019 budget during which we will compare our projected revenue and expenses to actuals and, if necessary, adjust our current budget. On February 15th, Town Manager Andrea Fox and I will present the FY 2020 budget to council members for discussion of priorities and resource needs. Both meetings are working meetings. Formal introduction and adoption of appropriations will take place later at our Town Council meetings in the February to April timeframe. For more information about these budget workshops, please contact the Town Office.

Also, in the January issue, I had ended my letter with these remarks:

“... it’s worth emphasizing that our success is a shared success. –Due in no small measure to your volunteer time on committees, groups, and task force teams, your commitment to work together to produce meaningful results, and your general interest and participation in issues and activities around Town. The fact that you care and are involved makes all the difference!”

I reference these words because I will need you once more to consider volunteering your time this spring when we have our Town elections. Three Council seats will be up for Town election. According to Article III of our Town Charter, which was revised by Council resolution in July of 2017, election judges must now be appointed no later than the second

Monday in February. This year, the date will be February 11th –i.e., at our next Town Council Meeting. Election judges are responsible for all aspects of the election process; establish the rules and procedures of the elections; and ensure the integrity of the ballot box. If you would be willing to volunteer for this important role, please email me and Town Assistant Elizabeth Henley an expression of your interest as soon as possible but no later than February 10.

Our Town is a special place to live. We are fortunate to live here, to raise our families here, to retire in place here. But most important, we are fortunate to live within a close-knit community that cares about one another and what goes on in our Town. We care, not only emotionally but empathically. We care with actionable effort and support. Over the past few weeks, I have heard from friends and neighbors looking for ways to support our government-furloughed residents. Whether it’s by fund-raising efforts through art and prepared meals, donations of items, or by supporting the Betsy White Emergency Fund (a non-profit that provides loans to residents in need), our Town is a generous community that cares deeply about one another.

It seems fitting since I am writing this letter on January 22nd, the National Day of Racial Healing, we give tribute to Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. whose teachings remind us to be tolerant of others, forgive one another our short-comings, and above all, lift up ourselves and others whether in times of duress or in praise. It doesn’t matter our age, gender, religion, or the color of our skin--we’re all in this world together. Let’s remember this as we go about our daily living and sharing of life’s experiences.

We are fortunate to live in this Town, not simply because “we can” but because “we do.” We come together to support and care for one another. That’s real community spirit and that’s what makes Garrett Park such a special place to live.

Kacky Chantry, Mayor