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Calendar

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| Thurs, May 2 | Neighbors Helping Neighbors Meeting, Town Office, 10 a.m. | Sat, May 18 | Farmers Market, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Penn Place, GIVES Collection Town Wide Yard Sale, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. |
| Sat, May 4 | Farmers Market, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Penn Place GIVES Collection, P.O. Lobby, 9 AM – 12 p.m. HPC's Richterville Tour 12 – 4 p.m. | Sun, May 19 | Spring Fling, Town Hall 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. |
| Sun, May 5 | Art at Penn Place, Meet the Artist Reception, Farhad Heidarian, 3- 5 p.m. | Sun, May 20 | Art at Penn Place presents Robert LeMar until June 15 |
| Mon., May 6 | Town Election Day, Vote at P.O. Lobby, 7 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. | Sat, May 25 | Farmers Market, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Penn Place |
| Sat, May 11 | Farmers Market, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Penn Place | Mon, May 27 | Memorial Day Holiday, Town Office Closed |
| Mon, May 13 | Town Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall | Thurs, May 30 | GPJams, Town Hall, 8 p.m. |
| Tues, May 14 | Lunch Bunch, 12:30 p.m., Town Hall | Sun, June 2 | Art at Penn Place, Meet the Artist Reception, Robert LeMar, 3 – 5 p.m. Showing works through June 15. |
| Thurs, May 16 | GPJams, Town Hall, 8 p.m. | | |

Town Council Meeting Notes

April 15 is tax day. How ironic/amusing/appropriate that the main topic for the town council meeting on that day was the introduction of the Fiscal 2020 (July 2020-June 2021) budget, which is all about taxes and spending. Well, perhaps if you were doing your taxes at the last minute, you were not in the mood to find anything amusing.

The mayor began by noting that this was also the first meeting to feature live streaming—for those of you who cannot be physically present but are eager to following all the details of the meeting (and the town

continues to post the recorded videos to the town website). And she announced that we would be shortly visited by a group of Boy Scouts (from Troup 463) who were working on a civics badge. Overall this meeting was very quiet and peaceful, so perhaps the Boy Scouts got an overly rosy idea of town government or left feeling bored.

After the mundane business of approving the minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda, plus calling for residents' presentations (there were none), the council took up the variance request that had been discussed but not voted upon at the March meeting. Readers will recall that last month this had involved an hour-long discussion ending with a postponement

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so that the owners could provide more information and council members could think more about the issue. Shortly after that meeting, the Mayers submitted a detailed written response to issues raised. The result was that after a brief summary of the situation by councilmember Paczkowski, the variance received virtually no additional discussion and was granted unanimously (by the four members present; councilmember Wegner was unable to attend).

Next on the agenda was the introduction of the fiscal 2020 budget. A rough draft of the budget had already been discussed extensively at a work session the previous week, which the mayor and councilmembers referred to several times as having been very productive. As a result, the budget received relatively little discussion, focused mainly on highlighted line items that represented changes made at or following the work session. One item of some note on the revenue side was a decision to raise the property tax by a marginal amount, from .2000 to .2045 (per \$1,000 of assessed property value). The mayor stated that this increase would cost the average homeowner about \$34. There was also some discussion of \$4,000 in a new line item to support town organizations (spurred by a particular new organization emerging out of an event on diversity for Martin Luther King Day). Councilmembers were concerned about the advisability of putting government money into any such organization, and noted that there are quite a few town organizations, none of which are currently subsidized by the town government. But the line item remained, with any decision to actually use it postponed until a formal request is received. Discussion over, the council voted unanimously to introduce the budget (with the vote to approve the budget occurring at the May meeting).

The only other action item for the evening concerned street repaving. Bids had been received for this spring's road work, repaving parts of several streets, and the winner selected, with a bid of \$146,300. The council voted unanimously to approve the expenditure. Probably by the time you read this the work will have begun.

The next part of the meeting consisted of the usual updates on a variety of issues. First came the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) sidewalk project. Lights! Camera! Action! The mayor reported that six bids came in, and that the town engineers are going over them. The way this process works is that the town must take the lowest bid among those deemed to be "responsible" and "responsive" by the engineers. The bids range in price from \$588 to \$1.2 million, and all but the lowest one are above the cost estimate the town had prepared. But the lowest bid may not survive the engineers' perusal. So, stay tuned for an announcement on the winning bid.

There is less to report on the other updates. The arboretum committee report on town trees is still in process. Council member Paczkowski still expects to have materials put together for a meeting on how to renovate the town hall in the fall. The archives committee is putting out an advertisement for a new part-time paid archivist. However, the chair of the committee has quit, and it is short on members. The traffic/parking committee reports that there is

agreement on new parking signs for the parking lot and streets near Penn Place so that can proceed.

The town manager's monthly report was routine—revenues and expenditures are within expectations. She also reported that since renovation of the town hall is likely to take a long time (remember how long it took to deal with the renovation of Penn Place?), it will get a new coat of paint this spring. And, the town offices are now in the process of having a new server and new computers installed and loaded with software. On that note, the meeting came to an end.

Ed Lincoln

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Town Manager's Notes

What's New? The Council has approved the award of the contract for road repaving to MT Laney. Be on the lookout for road repaving to occur along sections of Kenilworth, Clermont, and Rokeby, as well as full depth patching in multiple locations. Several maintenance improvements were completed recently - the back stairwell at Penn Place was repaired, a new maintenance shop roof was installed, and the doors at the back of Town Hall were repaired and rehung. In the coming weeks, Town Hall will be painted. The Town Office recently procured new IT software like Office 365, Adobe Acrobat, and Webex. Council will also consider additional IT improvements like an agenda management system as part of the FY20 budget process. Town Council meetings are now videotaped and the April meeting tested the ability to livestream. You can view the meetings on the Garrett Park YouTube channel, which can be found by clicking the link to "View Town Council Meeting Videos" on the Council Meeting Documents page:

<https://www.garrettparkmd.gov/government/council-meeting-minutes>

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

Permits. If you are planning to do any construction, please remember that a Garrett Park building permit is required whenever a new structure is to be built including houses, additions, sheds, garages, decks, porches, and driveways. This is in addition to the required Montgomery County permit. To save time, complete your Garrett Park permit and submission of plats and drawings before requesting a County permit. Permit applications and payment can be completed online at

<https://www.garrettparkmd.gov/government/operations/permits>

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

Andrea Fox, Town Manager

Citizens Association Notes

The Citizens Association organized the annual Candidates Forum on Wednesday, Apr 24th, 7:30pm at the Town Hall. The candidates for Town Council presented opening remarks and had an opportunity to address questions from the town. The event was videotaped and live-streamed to the GP YouTube Channel

(<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNfaTaJhgvNHbs002aO-JMA/videos>). This was a chance for everyone to participate in the democratic process. The current candidates are: Stephen Paczkowski, Peter Benjamin, Dan Simons and Phil Schulp.

From the Archives

Garrett Park has always had dogs but at a September 16 1904 Town Council meeting, the Secretary was instructed to send out bills for the collection of the dog tax. It was decided that the dog ordinance should be rigidly enforced. The article in the Montgomery Press does not report on any events that may have led to this action. In 1977 George Fitzpatrick, Mayor and owner of Taffy sent out a letter to Town residents noting several complaints of dogs running loose and creating a nuisance. Mayor Fitzpatrick pointed out that lack of compliance with the existing regulations could lead to more stringent leash laws in Montgomery County like other jurisdictions.

On the Town bulletin board, a handwritten note torn from a notebook expressed these sentiments: "To the People of Garrett Park"

"Those People Concerned About Dogs Running Loose in The Park" "If you chained the Citizens of G.P. and let the dogs run loose this place would be more desirable than the way it's run now."

Underneath this communication was written in a different handwriting "If you don't like it here, is your house for sale?" If you would like to know the name of the Council member who wrote the response to the comment on Town governance, come to the Archives.

Submitted by Marian Green

Dog Around the Block

Stress Signals

"He's family." "She's nicer than most people." "They understand everything I say." Compliments meant for your closest friend? Perhaps, if your closest friend is a dog. Our canine companions really do complete our lives. They read us like books. Yet, how well do we read them?

Dogs, like people, experience stress. And, it's a good thing when your dog tells you he's anxious or uncomfortable, rather than going straight to a bite. Never punish a dog for growling (his clearest signal to us that's he stressed,) leaving a situation or demonstrating more subtle signs.

Some common signals include displacement behaviors—doing normal behaviors out of context—as well as avoidance behaviors. These include:

- Yawning when not tired
- Lip licking or tongue flicks when food is not present
- Sudden scratching when not itchy
- Sudden sniffing the ground or other objects
- Wet dog shake off when not wet or dirty
- Turning head away
- Hiding behind a person or object
- Barking and retreating
- Rolling over in a submissive way

Other body language signs of anxiety:

- Tail between legs
- Tail between legs and wagging
- Tail low and only the end is wagging
- Tail straightened for curly tailed-dogs
- Ears sideways for erect eared dogs
- Ears back and rapid panting
- Urination and defecation
- Lifted paw
- Half moon eye

Since these are things dogs do anyway, owners need to look at the context to determine whether Fido is feeling anxious. Yawning at bedtime, for instance, is normal. If children are hugging your dog, and he yawns or lip licks, your dog is uncomfortable and needs you to intervene.

Questions about these signals or any other dog behavior questions will be addressed in this column. Please email questions to garrettbugle@gmail.com.

Beth Mullen

Karen Pryor Certified Training Partner
Certified Professional Dog Trainer
Certified Behavior Consultant, Canine

Arboretum Notes

The Arboretum's annual spring tree plantings are underway, just as the Town's Comprehensive Arboretum Plan is nearing completion. Among many other subjects, the Plan addresses considerations in selecting new and replacement trees for the Garrett

Park Arboretum. A feature that has increasingly factored into the Arboretum's tree choices is the growing influence of climate change on the environment. As an example: since the 19th Century, several blocks of street trees in Garrett Park have been planted exclusively to sugar maples (*Acer saccharum*). The Arboretum has a long-standing desire to honor those historic streetscapes by continuing to plant sugar maples, but the trees are at the southern end of their native range under the best of circumstances. With ever-hotter summers, the town has planted only the more heat-tolerant varieties. This spring, we will acquire three specimens of a new variety – 'Sandersville' sugar maples; they are characterized not only by heat tolerance but also vibrant orange fall colors and summer growing vigor.

Other additions made with an eye to more intense weather patterns include 'American Dream' swamp white oak (*Quercus bicolor* 'American Dream'), a drought-tolerant, wet-soil tolerant, broadleaf tree. The Arboretum has also acquired a third 'Jefferson' elm (*Ulmus americana* 'Jefferson'), which is resistant to Dutch elm disease. This tree, still relatively rare, was cloned from a mature elm on the National Mall in Washington D. C.

Further spring plantings will add to the town's collection of redbuds, including *Cercis canadensis* 'Hearts of Gold', a golden-leaved cultivar. Keeping to the golden theme, a Golden Zelkova (*Zelkova serrata* 'Ogon') will be planted near Kenilworth and Argyle. The list is rounded out by several replacement trees – ginkgos, a willow oak, and a 'First Lady' cherry (*Prunus* x 'First Lady'). As with all new trees, the new additions will be numbered, tagged, and added to the Arboretum database so they can be monitored and managed in accord with the soon-to-be-finalized Comprehensive Arboretum Plan. Later this spring, the Committee will host its annual Spring Tree Walk. Look also for a Committee-sponsored town meeting to introduce and discuss Garrett Park's new Comprehensive Arboretum Plan. Check next month's Arboretum Notes for times and dates.

Submitted by Chris Keller

Art at Penn Place

Robert LeMar

Our May 20th through June 15th artist is Robert LeMar, a Garrett Park Artist. The title of his show is "Working the Line." He likes to experiment with line in various ways to make realistic paintings using abstract elements. His work has been shown at local galleries, including Whitehall Gallery in Annapolis, Sheryl Leonard Gallery in Potomac, Waverly Street Gallery in Bethesda. He is also featured in various online galleries, including Zatista. Please stop by the Penn Place exhibit to see LeMar's work and join us for wine, cheese and goodies on June 2nd (Sunday) from 3 to 5 p.m.

Town Musicale

A Call to Musicians!

Our 23rd Annual Garrett Park Musicale for the Ilah Gieser Memorial Music Scholarship will take place on June 23, Sunday 4PM at Garrett Park Town Hall. Proceeds from this ticketed event fund music lessons for a rising 5th grader at GPES for a year. Ilah Gieser (1910–1999), a long-time Garrett Park resident and music lover, set up the fund in 1996 motivated by her own experience of longing for the music lessons her family could not afford.

Musicians of all ages welcome! Any form or type of music welcome! Dust off your instruments. Exercise your vocal cords. Join the chorus.

Questions? Contact Sue Petito (s.petito@yahoo.com) (240) 731-0985, Barbara Collier, Kristin Altar, or Meme Lincoln

Sweet & Sour

Garrett Park Girl Scouts

Garrett Park Girl Scouts Gianna Schulp and Caroline Melton report that GPES has recycled close to 10,000 plastic fruit sauce bags! In 2017, the Scouts partnered with TerraCycle, a global leader in recycling, to ship these popular snack pouches. The girls earned their Girl Scout Silver Award implementing this project.

Town Resident Contributions

What We're Cooking: Chickpea Salad

From Washingtonsgreengrocer.com (May 8, 2006)

Ingredients:

2½ c canned chickpeas
2¼ t cumin seeds, or ½ t ground cumin
1 clove garlic, peeled
2 t olive oil
4 small dried chiles, stemmed and finely chopped, or
¾ t re-pepper flakes
½ c oil-cured olives, pitted & coarsely chopped
1 T fresh lemon juice
Freshly ground black pepper
1 small bunch arugula

Directions:

If using cumin seeds, toast in a dry pan over medium-low heat until they release their aroma, about 2 minutes. Let cool and grind to a powder in a spice grinder. Set aside.

Chop together ½ t salt, garlic, and ½ t olive oil to form a paste. Add chiles; chop to combine. Transfer to a small bowl, and add remaining oil.

Drain and rinse chickpeas. Combine with 1 t chile mixture or to taste. Add olives, cumin, lemon juice, and salt and pepper to taste. Refrigerate until ready to serve. The salsa can be made 1 day ahead (return to room temperature before serving). Just before serving, coarsely chop arugula, and toss with salsa.

Submitted by Nikki Forry

Spring/Summer Jobs List

Darby Harris (17)—Babysitting, Pet Sitting
301-310-7504

Quinn Harris (15)—Babysitting, Pet Sitting, Swim Lessons
301-300-0067

Kendall Harris (13) - Babysitting, Pet Sitting, Dog Walking
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Obituary

John Austin Guernsey was born into a musical family. His father, George, had an enormous jazz record collection, and it was a rare night that nothing was on the phonograph. George would take John, Tom and me to the Showboat Lounge he hear and meet such friends as Teddy Wilson and Charlie Byrd.

There was a piano in the Guernsey living room, and John took to it at a young age, while his brother Tom gravitated to guitar. It wasn't long before they were making music together. John was unusually single minded when it came to mastering his instrument, spending hour after hour practicing. He mastered the difficult idiom of stride piano at an early age.

John also wrote beautiful songs with haunting lyrics. In the late 60s, a band called Claude Jones was among the first to play clubs with a repertoire heavy on original material, and John was a natural fit. Eventually John joined the band as a performer as well as a writer, and subsequently the band recorded several of John's songs. Later, The Mystery Band recorded "Twelve Songs By John Guernsey."

John's legacy extends far beyond his musical contributions. He was a highly respected artist, wrote a novel, wrote and produced a musical, and performed nightly at the New Deal Cafe in Greenbelt for many years. He was a sought after piano teacher, and many of his former students remained dedicated friends throughout his life.

Mike Henley



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Letter from the Mayor

In last month's Bugle, I said don't be surprised if you see the Town office staff whistling a happy tune. This was mentioned in the context of the new IT hardware and software upgrades we're installing to improve office operations. But in many ways, my remark can be applied even more broadly. We're getting things done. And our new town manager, Andrea Fox, has a lot to do with it. See her Town Manager Notes in this edition of the Bugle. Andrea brings to the job a lot of relevant experience, great business and supervisory skills, and an extensive professional network. I've observed how she engages staff in decisions and values their opinions. This consistent show of respect and trust not only boosts staff morale, but it also builds a positive work environment. I know the staff works hard, as they always have, but there's a jingle in the air. I'm told it's infectious—in a good way. Everyone is working well together. This applies to the Town Council too.

We are evolving into a cohesive governing body with collegial and thoughtful discussions and civil debates. I'm especially appreciative of what the Council and Town committees have done thus far. Councilmember Phil Schulp took the initiative to coordinate and establish video taping of our Town Council meetings on YouTube. Working against the clock along with Councilmember Jane McClintock, Phil was instrumental in passing a last-minute ordinance to regulate the installation of small cell towers used for wireless transmission. With his calm demeanor, Phil also has been leading a traffic and parking advisory committee to resolve some long-standing parking issues around Town. Councilmember Dan Simons who replaced Joanna Welch at mid-term has already brought significant change in his first few months with the creation and successful passage of an ordinance to ban single use plastic straws used commercially in Town. We're the first town in Maryland to do so. An experienced business leader, Dan also provides a thoughtful and diplomatic voice to Council discussions. Councilmember Stephen Paczkowski, our Council liaison to the Town's Historic Preservation Committee (HPC), has worked closely with HPC and the Archives Committee to coordinate and review residents' input on functional expectations and design elements as a step towards developing renovation plans for our Town Hall. Stephen is also working

with Councilmember Hans Wegner on evaluating and validating the condition of our roads and overall capital improvement plan. An ad hoc task force of resident volunteers led by Hans is about to review storm water mitigation proposals provided by the Town's civil engineering firm. Now that we have acquired topographic maps, rainfall volume studies and drawings of the underlying water and sewer pipe infrastructure, we have a better chance of resolving the continual flooding of residents' homes and yards caused by storm water runoff. As Council liaison to the Arboretum Committee, Jane has worked vigilantly with the committee chair and members to shepherd the long-term tree plan and town-tree inventory to completion. They're nearly there! It's evident that working together in good faith with respect and thoughtfulness toward common goals is the best and most rewarding way to succeed. And our Town Council, committees and groups of volunteers are surely succeeding!

As busy as we all have been, we also just finished formulating the FY20 budget (for the July 1 start of the next fiscal year). The Council approved the introduction of a \$1.485 million operating budget. This reflects a 1.5% increase over FY19 and includes a slight increase (\$0.0045) in the local property tax rate to 20.45 cents per \$100 of assessed value. The capital budget was also introduced and approved at \$1.442 million, representing a 4% increase over FY19. We have also just opened the sealed bids for the SRTS sidewalk construction project. We received six bid proposals ranging from \$558 thousand to \$1.020 million. With the assistance of our civil engineers, the Town Manager, Council members and I are reviewing them in greater detail and discussing them with the State Highway Administration (SHA). Next step will be to submit a "concurrence in award package," which SHA must approve before construction begins.

And don't forget: May 6 is the Town Election! Please vote! There are four candidates, three of whom are incumbents, for three council seats. Results will be announced that same evening with a reception to follow the next day in the Town Hall. Details to be determined.

Mayor Kacky

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Candidate Statements

Peter Benjamin, Candidate for Town Council

I love Garrett Park. We're a beautiful town with a rich history and bountiful town activities binding us together; a community that knows, supports, and cares about each other; and we have a town government incorporating our community's voices into creating our town's destiny. We're an oasis of neighbors in within the anonymity of Montgomery County and metropolitan Washington.

My wife Kathy and I have lived here for 30 years and were married in our home here. We have four children and five grandchildren. I have been active in town leadership as Citizens Association co-president, as a councilmember and as mayor; and have held executive positions in the federal government and at Metro. I am committed to making Garrett Park an ever-better place to live while respecting and protecting our unique heritage. I want to make a difference in what we are now and what our town will become.

I'm concerned about climate change and what it will do to the town, as well as how the town affects our environment. I want future residents of our town to experience the beauty and safety we do today. We can take steps to improve our environment and do our small part in curbing global warming.

Here are some actions that I would work for:

- We already recycle, many of us either compost or have our kitchen scraps picked up by a company that composts for us. The town should provide compost pickup as a service in addition to our recycling and yard waste pickup.
- Many of us contract for wind or solar power. The town could enter into agreements with environmentally friendly electricity suppliers to allow town residents to use these energy sources at or below Pepco rates.
- As there are more electric cars on the market, the town could enter into agreements with several auto dealers to get discounts for Garrett Park residents buying electric vehicles.
- We are already seeing the effects of climate change and are increasingly affected by heavy rains and strong winds. The town needs to develop and implement a town-wide stormwater management program both to protect our town and to no longer dump our untreated stormwater into Rock Creek.

Garrett Park should be a leader and an example in our county, in the state, and beyond in showing what even small towns can do to help limit and reverse climate change. If elected I would work with the Garrett Park Climate Action Network, with all of you, and with town government to pursue these ideas, to explore additional actions we can take, and to show that we all can contribute to protecting our environment for ourselves, for our children and grandchildren, and for generations beyond.

Stephen Paczkowski, Candidate for Town Council (Incumbent)

My wife, Chuan, and I moved to Garrett Park in 2009. We added on to our house (hold) in two ways in 2012, as the elder of our two sons, Walter, was born, and I designed an addition on to our originally very small house. A main factor in Walter's naming was our desire to have his name tie to where he was born. With Garrett Park's streets borrowing place names from Sir Walter Scott novels, that was his tie. Our second son, Brendan, was born in spring of 2015. We greatly enjoy Garrett Park as a place to raise a family, especially with the network of other families and events/ associations like the Easter Egg hunt, 4th of July parade, and the pool.

I am offering my continued services for Town Council in 2019. It has been a busy past two years for the Council. I feel my contributions have been vital to the mix, whether it's initiatives I am leading, adding insights or support to initiatives others are leading, or questioning ideas that are don't seem right or sufficiently thought through.

On issues I am leading there is great progress, but much carry-on work to do. Town Hall Renovation Planning moved forward significantly with a successful and enjoyable programming charette last fall. It was crucial to elicit thoughts of what Garrett Park citizens want the facility to improve upon in a meaningful renovation. Scoping alternates are being created and those plans with associated costs will lead the next discussion. Land Use is also a busy topic for this year with the County likely modifying zoning to allow and promote DADUs or Detached Accessory Dwelling Units. Garrett Park would need to assess how to accommodate that type of development while preserving the town's historic character, open space, and park-like feel. There are also plans at work in Council to study, recommend and fund improvements to our town's parks and open spaces, as well as multiple strategic Storm Water Management (SWM) Improvements.

I provide expertise within Town Government on all those fronts as an Architect, Urban Planner and LEED Accredited professional by trade(s). I've developed Master Plans including SWM on hilly, historic parcels, designed and planned award-winning parks, studied DADUs in college, long before they were a thing, am trained in Land Use Law, and I develop Renovation Plans for buildings, including historic buildings, as my day job.

I'm running in this election as a shared effort with Dan Simons. We do not have a shared agenda. We do have a similar process of listening, thinking things through, being open minded, and pushing forward on solutions that are fair minded.

I've had a great working relationship with, and have great respect for, all the council members I've served with, including the long meetings, even on

weekends, and some difficult conversations. I would be honored to have your vote in the election on May 6 to continue working with the Council.

Phil Schulp, Candidate for Town Council (Incumbent)

Everyone loves Garrett Park. It's the reason we all moved here. Each one of you, with diverse backgrounds and opinions, brings a unique perspective to our town. I enjoy discussing the issues that are important to you. Communication is the foundation of effective government. I'm proud to have initiated live Council meetings via YouTube. You can now view monthly Council meetings whenever it's most convenient for you (<http://tiny.cc/GarrettParkYouTube>).

The way council members work together and treat one another can impact the productivity of the Town Council, which of course, impacts you. The past year has been refreshing – Council discussions have been productive, collegial, collaborative and out in the open, as they must be.

This doesn't mean I always agree with fellow council members (nor they with me) but I respect their opinions. As the sidewalk project rolls out (contractor bids are under review), I will bring the same calm, balanced perspective I've brought to every major decision. This Council is about working together with civility and integrity to find solutions that make the best sense. I'll be championing these initiatives and others:

- Continued Council Communication - Implement interactive viewer participation via live-streamed Council meetings. This brings further transparent and open communications direct to your internet device. (Safeguards will prevent unauthorized access).
- Successful sidewalk installation - Using my engineering and project management experience, I will work with the Town Office on installation/finance review to help keep the project on schedule and within budget.
- Minimize the impact of small cell towers in GP - Do you want an ugly small cell tower in your front yard? In January, I co-wrote legislation that will mitigate the impact of this federally-mandated program to GP. I'm currently collaborating on an amendment that will address long-term maintenance and safety of any installations in Town. 5G is coming. Please contact me with questions on the impact to GP.
- Stormwater management – We are currently addressing impact to Kenilworth/Rokeby Avenues.
- Garrett Park Swimming Pool liaison – My family has enjoyed the pool since we moved here in 2004. The bath house, among other areas, needs renovation. I've drawn site plans and will serve as an advisor to the pool board during planning phase.

You can find me next door to the pool on Cambria Avenue, usually watching for the next train. I am an electrical engineer in the rail industry, consulting with AMTRAK on their ACELA high-speed train. My wife, Jean Horan (para educator at GPES) and I enjoy

supporting Walter Johnson Crew. Gianna (a 10th grader) is in her second year of rowing.

Our neighbors can always find a spare tool, helpful mechanical advice and a willing volunteer for Town events with a knock on the door. I encourage you to knock on my door or e-mail me at councilphil@garrettparkmd.gov if you'd like to share your views and interests.

I would be honored to continue representing you as a councilmember.

I ask for your vote on Monday, May 6th.

Thank you.

Dan Simons, Candidate for Town Council (Incumbent)

I'm a newcomer to Town, at least by Garrett Park standards. Suzi & I moved into this lovely, little town almost 13 years ago. First to 10704 Weymouth, and two years ago we moved to 4609 Waverly. Our three sons, Cooper (15), Oliver (13), and Finnley (10) all attended GP Elementary School and can often be found playing on the court across from the Post Office. Garrett Park is our home, for the long-term.

There's so much to cherish about Garrett Park. Since we've been in town, our actions have shown our commitment to the community. One example is that when we purchased the property at 4609 Waverly, it was three lots; we took the steps to combine these three lots into one, guaranteeing the land could never be used by developers to split the lots and build an additional home squeezed onto this property. Our motivation was simple: we prioritized the nature and character of the Town over the future value of our property. Suzi volunteers her time on the Historic Preservation Committee and I have served the town by stepping into the Council seat vacated by Joanna Welch several months ago.

In my time on the Council, I have focused on civility, logic, collaboration and professional communication. I have shown I can disagree without being disagreeable, and I can collaborate with any Council Member or the Mayor on a specific topic, even if I have disagreed with them on a separate topic. For me, logic wins the day, and that includes a sensible balance of head and heart. I feel strongly that the planet matters, that a successful community is one that inspires individuals to engage and support each other, and that success requires a blend of good long-term planning and an intense focus on short-term actions. I'm campaigning collaboratively with Stephen because it is more efficient (saves money, less sign waste for the environment, and of course we will recycle the wire frames), and while we certainly don't agree on every issue, we are not ideological and having us both on the Council helps to bring a calm, diligent, forward-looking approach while avoiding factions and fault lines. Running as a 3-person slate felt exclusionary and overtly political; running as a 2-person slate feels sensible to me and shows we're making the Town our priority rather than ourselves.

I will prioritize:

- Maintaining the charm of our Town
- Modernizing our Towns operating systems, technology and communication
- Setting and completing goals in a timely manner, through efficiency and diligence
- Improving our public spaces, with improved facilities and access both during the day and evening

As a local business owner, I understand what it takes to lead seven restaurants, a bakery, a distillery, and 1,500 employees. I hope to have the opportunity to continue to bring my style of leadership to our Town Council. For more insight into how I think and what I do, you can explore www.DanSimonsSays.com and follow me on Twitter, Insta, and YouTube: @DanSimonsSays

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2019

The Neighbors Helping Neighbors Committee

INVITES GARRETT PARK RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES

to the Spring Fling,

a celebration honoring those in our community

who are 70 years young and over!

~Come join us for music, refreshments, cake

and information about community resources

Sunday, June 19th

2 - 4 PM

Garrett Park Town Hall

~We hope you will join us~