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Calendar

Sat Oct 26	Farmers Market, 9 am – 1 pm, Penn Place Spooky Woods, 7 pm, Porcupine Woods	Sat Nov 16	Farmers Market, 9 am – 1 pm, Penn Place
Sun Oct 27	Halloween Parade 1 pm, Kenilworth Ave to Penn Place	Mon Nov 18	Town Council Meeting, 7:30, Town Hall
Mon Oct 28	Art at Penn Place, showing the art of Jeffrey Human	Thurs Nov 21	Thanksgiving, Town Office Closed
Thurs Oct 31	Halloween -Watch for children	Fri Nov 22	Town Office Closed
Sat Nov 2	GIVES Collection, 9 -12 pm, PO Lobby; Farmers Market, 9am – 1pm, Penn Place	Sat Nov 23	NO FARMERS MARKET
Sat Nov 9	Farmers Market, 9 – 1, Penn Place	Sat Nov 30	Farmers Market, 9 am – 1pm, Penn Place
Sun Nov 10	GIVES Soup Supper, 5 pm, Town Hall		

Town Council Meeting Notes

The October Town Council meeting started in appropriately spooky fashion with gremlins in the AV equipment. After a bit of delay, the meeting started with the introduction of a guest, James Gaston, the town manager of Martin's Additions. Once the usual formalities of the agenda and minutes were taken care of, the meeting dove into the action items. First, Mayor Kacky described the current state of the arboretum committee, which has seen a lot of turnover in the last couple of years. Three appointments were made, Michael Spekter, Jim Sullivan, and Kathy Benjamin, with terms staggered to ensure continuity. An ordinance was introduced to reflect the 100% SHA-funded grant modification for the sidewalk project. The town council also gave Mayor Kacky and the Town manager authority to enter into contracts with Patriot and Hayat-Brown who will be handling the construction and field inspection. There was some discussion of whether an emergency approval was needed for the previous ordinance, but the town council decided against it. The contracts were signed on the spot, and there was much rejoicing. The next action items focused on code enforcement challenges, specifically a house on

Kenilworth with both permitting violations and a badly overgrown lawn. The town manager discussed whether the town needs to investigate adding a "clean and lien" provision to the code that would allow the town to take care of public nuisance issues and then recover costs from the owners. Other suggestions were to continue reaching out to the owner, which has so far been unproductive, and council member Simons also asked why the town can't just mow it for the benefit of the neighbors. Ultimately, the issue will be discussed further by Councilmembers Simons and Schulp and the town manager. The final action item was a discussion of the census. The town was contacted by a census representative but has not met with them. Mr. Gaston provided some details about this year's census including that it will be largely online and it is important to respond to the postcard(s) you receive starting March of next year.

There were a number of town updates. A meeting with Patriot, who will be constructing the sidewalks, has been scheduled for the end of October with construction to start in November. Michael Spekter described the comprehensive arboretum plan that was started 2 years ago. The plan includes an operational manual for managing trees throughout their lives and a catalog of town trees, and it has already "paid

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dividends to the town.” Fun fact: the stream winding through Porcupine Woods has a name, Glendarragh Stream. There was a long and interesting discussion of detached accessory dwelling units (DADU) led by council member Paczkowski. The county is considering new rules governing DADUs, and the Town is looking into whether we need to update our ordinances to address these changes. Councilmember Wegner said the storm water committee is currently looking at two problem areas in town: the pipe feeding into Glendarragh Stream at the bottom of Clermont and the flood-prone area on Rokeby. He also mentioned that attempts to get a light on the Strathmore hill warning of pedestrians in the crosswalk is stalled, but the town has approached Senator Waldsteicher to see if he can help. Following an update on traffic and parking signs, which have been installed for a 2-3 year feedback period, we came to the last two items of the evening. Jane McClintock resigned her position on the council and Gerilee Bennett was elected to replace her.

Sean Conlan, Able *Bugle* Reporter Stand-in

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Town Manager’s Notes

What’s New? For the latest information on the Safe Routes to School sidewalk project, check the Town website at garrettparkmd.gov.

Important Dates.

November 11 – The Town Office will be closed for Veteran’s Day, a Federal holiday. The November Town Council meeting will be held November 18 instead of November 11.

November 28 and 29 – The Town Office will be closed for Thanksgiving.

December 16 – The District 18 delegates will hold a Town Hall Meeting at the Garrett Park Town Hall from 7-9 pm. All residents are invited to attend, meet the delegates, and enjoy light refreshments.

Communication. If you haven’t already, please sign up for the resident’s portal, as it provides the Town Office with one more way to reach you. Register at www.garrettparkmd.gov/residents-portal New to town? Welcome! Please contact the Town Office at 301-933-7488 or stop by the 3rd floor at Penn Place.

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We’ll get you acquainted with what you need to know about living in Garrett Park.

Yard Waste & Leaves. From November to February, yard waste will be collected on the first Monday of each month. Weekly leaf removal begins October 15, and leaves will be collected as early in the week as possible. Place leaves in rows streetside of the curb, and remove sticks, rocks, trash, and other debris that can damage the machinery. Shredded leaves or grass clippings should be bagged and put out for the regular yard waste collection on Mondays. Rain or inclement weather will delay leaf collection. Parents, please discourage your children from playing in leaves along the curb.

Leaf Raking & Yard Work Assistance. Young people in Town who would like to offer their services to help residents with fall yard work may contact Elizabeth Henley at the Town Office to add their name to our list.

Permits. A Garrett Park building permit is required when 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 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

After getting rained out last year, we were excited to bring back Spooky Woods to Garrett Park this October! Many thanks to our hardworking volunteers — you all are the reason these community events are possible. From the set-up tasks, to running scare stations and ushering, to cleaning up into the night, it was a busy but fun day. Thanks to all who came! Another GP Halloween tradition, the costume parade, was rescheduled to Nov. 3rd— make sure to come and get one last use out of your costume this year! Many thanks to Lesley Maloney for organizing this fun event.

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~ Garrett Park resident ~



From the Archives

You might think the Town Archives is just a quiet room of boxes located behind the post office, but it's been bustling with activity since June, when I took over as Town Archivist. I'm a former Federal executive turned librarian/archivist. When I'm not at Garrett Park, I work as a freelance archivist and consultant, helping families and organizations create their own archives.

I want to update you on goings-on in *your* Town Archives:

This summer, we had eight terrific volunteers, including several students and Garrett Park residents Charlie Snyder and Irene Tarpy, who donated more than 85 hours of service. Volunteers took on a variety of projects, including updating signage, organizing the map cabinet, writing finding aids, and cataloging materials. With the students back in school, we now have two regular volunteers.

Recently, I've been focused on ensuring the town is meeting Maryland State records management requirements and making the archives more discoverable to Garrett Park residents and researchers. I've been learning about the archives' collections, updating donor records and the donor form to ensure collections can be openly shared, creating tools for researchers, and using the display case in the post office lobby to highlight collections. (Check out the latest display, "Garrett Park Eats," celebrating town gatherings and scrumptious events.)

I have big plans for the Town Archives. I hope to get our website updated soon with more detailed collection descriptions and research tools. Plus, I'm developing an "Archives 101" presentation (or series

of talks) to share more about what archivists do and how we're trying to preserve Garrett Park history.

Come visit *your* Town Archives. I'm here most Wednesdays and Thursdays between 9:30 and 3:30, and I'm available by appointment. If you're interested in volunteering, I'd welcome your help, especially with writing finding aids and research guides.

Claire McDonald, Town Archivist

Arboretum Committee Notes

As summer draws to a close – very, very slowly as these 90-degree days of late September hang on – Garrett Park is gearing up for a beautiful fall display. According to Town Arborist Phil Normandy, the wet July and August and a hopeful last burst of rain in late September and early October will make this autumn's colors a palette brighter than we have seen in several years.

The Arboretum Committee has been working throughout the summer on putting the finishing touches on the Comprehensive Arboretum Plan for the Town of Garrett Park – and we are planning a Town Meeting for Wednesday, October 23rd, where representatives of Natural Resources Design, the contractor who conducted the Town Tree Inventory and has set up the ARC GIS system for our trees, and the Committee, will roll out the Comprehensive Plan and answer questions about how it will benefit the Town. So please save the date!

Additionally, on Sunday, October 20th, at 1:00 pm, Phil Normandy will conduct our annual Fall Tree Walk. Note this is a bit earlier than previous years – but hopefully we will be able to view more trees in full hue. Please meet in front of the Post office at 1:00, and be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes and dress appropriately – it just might not be 90 degrees by that date. We never know exactly where Phil will lead us on the walk, which usually lasts about two hours, because it will depend on what is most colorful and interesting at the moment – but be assured that it will be a fun and instructive day.

Please feel free to come for all of the walk, or peel off when you feel like it. And in addition to our human residents, well-behaved dogs are always welcome on the walk, and unlike some neighboring communities (i.e. Chevy Chase), we do not impose barking restrictions on our canine friends.

Our arboretum is in good shape. Mr. Gregg, our town tree contractor has been conducting removals and prunings throughout the summer, and Butch, Frank and George, our town staff, have been conducting routine maintenance.

We look forward to seeing you at both the Fall Tree Walk and at the Town Tree Meeting!

Michael Spekter, Arboretum Committee Chair

Art at Penn Place

Jeffrey Human

We are pleased to exhibit the paintings of Jeffrey Human from October 28 – November 23. Jeffrey describes his paintings as 'mostly abstract or semi-abstract'. He finds that abstract art puts him in touch

with his memories, dreams, fantasies and reflections, and his creations are often inspired by music. While unsure of the actual process, Jeffrey finds that listening to music as he paints transforms the melodies into visual representations that often surprise him. His technique? "Anything goes!" His paintings include acrylic, oil, collage, encaustic and even resin. He uses brushes, a palette knife, a roller, sandpaper, spray paint, and even his fingers. His work can be seen regularly at the Waverly Street Gallery in Bethesda. Please come meet Jeffrey at his reception at Penn Place Gallery on November 10th from 3-5pm ... everyone is welcome!

Town Resident Contributions

What We're Cooking

Charred Vegetable & Bean Tostadas with Lime Crema

Ingredients

Lime Crema

- 5 tablespoons sour cream
- 1/8 teaspoon lime zest
- 2 teaspoons lime juice
- 1/8 teaspoon kosher salt

Tostadas

- 6 corn tortillas
- 2 tablespoons canola oil plus 2 teaspoons, divided
- 4 cloves garlic, sliced, divided
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt, divided
- 1/8 teaspoon chipotle chile powder
- 2 (15 ounce) cans no-salt-added black beans, rinsed
- 1/4 cup water, plus more as needed
- 2 medium red bell peppers, sliced
- 1 large red onion, halved and sliced
- 2 medium zucchini, halved and sliced 1/2 inch thick
- 1 cup fresh or frozen corn kernels
- 1/4 teaspoon ground pepper
- 1 cup thinly shredded cabbage
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 6 tablespoons crumbled cotija cheese

To prepare crema: Combine sour cream, lime zest, lime juice and salt in a small bowl. Set aside.

To prepare tostadas: Position a rack in upper third of oven; preheat to 400°F.

Brush both sides of tortillas with 1 tablespoon oil and arrange on a baking sheet. (It's OK if they overlap a bit; they will shrink as they cook.) Bake, turning once halfway, until browned and crisp, about 10 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack and let cool.

Meanwhile, heat 2 teaspoons oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add 1 garlic clove and cook, stirring occasionally, until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Add cumin, 1/2 teaspoon salt and chile powder; cook, stirring, for 30 seconds more. Add beans and cook, stirring occasionally, until heated through, about 4 minutes. Transfer the beans to a food processor and add 1/4 cup water. Pulse until smooth, adding more water, 1 tablespoon at a time, if needed.

Preheat broiler to high.

Toss bell peppers, onion, zucchini, corn, ground pepper, the remaining 3 garlic cloves, 1 tablespoon oil and 1/2 teaspoon salt in a large bowl. Spread on a large rimmed baking sheet. Broil, stirring occasionally, until lightly charred, 8 to 12 minutes.

Top the tostadas with some of the beans, charred vegetables, cabbage, cilantro, cheese and the reserved crema.

Submitted by Nikki Forry

REMINDER: 2019 GIVES Soup & Bread Supper
Sun, Nov 10, 5 to 7 pm, Garrett Park Town Hall,
10814 Kenilworth Ave, GP

All GP residents, friends and family are invited to celebrate the partnership between GIVES and our wonderful recipients --Thrive DC and Stepping Stones Shelter-- by attending GIVES SOUP & BREAD SUPPER.

Begun in the 1970s as a way to help the hungry and homeless in DC and Montgomery County, M.D., we ask you to bring a SOUP or BREAD and BUTTER, along with your own utensils and bowl. We hope you will donate the \$\$\$ - you would have spent on dinner that evening to GIVES (Garrett Park Inter-Community Voluntary Experiment in Sharing). Executive Director Stacy Erd of Stepping Stones Shelter and Thrive DC's Daniel Meloy, Development Director and/or Executive Director Alicia Horton will speak briefly and take your questions.

Each year this event has been held, it has produced a smorgasbord of soups that have become town favorites! So, come and enjoy!

To volunteer for GIVES, to help set up or clean up at the Soup & Bread Supper or if you have any questions, contact Rana Koll-Mandel at 240-498-4602 or Jenny Krivanek at 301-461-1104.

See you all on Sun Nov 10 at 5 pm.

Chante, USPS Clerk

One of the consistent qualities of Garrett Parkers is curiosity. So, I asked Chante, our United States Post Office clerk a few questions. Here is what I learned. Chante has worked for the Post Office for one year and three months. Her perspective on people (us) with whom she interacts is "I really enjoy putting a smile on their faces. You never know how much happiness you can bring to a complete stranger just by smiling. Acknowledging their presence, that's the part about my job I like the most." I asked Chante about hobbies or special talents. "I am a poet." she replied. "I enjoy writing short stories as well. Although I haven't done so in a while, I enjoy performing my poetry."

Submitted by Marian Green

Jean and Jim Agenbroad have Moved.

Long time residents Jean and Jim Agenbroad have moved. You can reach them at:

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Submitted by Elizabeth Henley

Lunch Bunch
What is Lunch Bunch?

Lunch Bunch is a monthly pot luck gathering **in the Town Hall at 12:30 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of every month (except July and August) for all Town residents.** You are welcome to bring appetizers or an entree, a vegetable dish or salad, or dessert. And if you don't have time or inclination to prepare something at home, you're always welcome to pick up something to bring. Lunch bunch hosts regularly provide coffee, tea, wine, water and a cold, non alcoholic beverage along with bread and butter. We provide a basket for a requested \$2.00 donation per person. Join us for an informal, easygoing opportunity to get to know your neighbors better, or simply to take a break from your daily schedule:

Monthly Lunch Bunch Tuesdays:

- November 12, 2019
- December 10, 2019
- January 14, 2020
- February 11, 2020
- March 10, 2020
- April 14, 2020
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Submitted by Elizabeth Henley

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Featuring from left to right: Meme Lincoln, Ed Lincoln, Randy Auerbach, and Jean Cambell.

Save the date!

The Annual Holiday Sing Along in Town Hall is Friday evening, December 6.

Santa makes his annual visit on Saturday, December 7. George Oakley leads the kids in song 2:30pm.

Submitted by Jean Horan and Lillian Del Priore

Letter from the Mayor

Get ready.

We just signed a contract with Patriot Construction to perform the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) sidewalk construction project. Our next steps are to meet with them to review the schedule and logistics. Patriot believes they'll be able to start work the first of November.

For those less familiar with the SRTS project, it involves constructing sidewalks and stabilizing an outfall area for stormwater. More specifically, a new sidewalk will be built on the south side of Oxford St., running the length of Oxford between Weymouth and Montrose. The project also will include replacing the existing sidewalks along the north-west side of Clermont, from Strathmore to the Clermont/Montrose triangle, and along the north-east side of Montrose to Waverly Ave. A short section of new sidewalk along the north side of Kenilworth is also planned. It will pick up from where the existing sidewalk ends on the west side near the Kenilworth/Waverly triangle and continue further north along Kenilworth about five hundred feet. The targeted area for stabilizing the stormwater outfall will be at the current catch basin in Porcupine Woods next to Clermont Avenue.

As we begin this major construction, I would like for us to recognize the spectrum of emotions in Town that have been attached to this project and raise our empathy towards one another. From disquieting concern that our Town will lose some of its park-like character, anger over not being heard or accommodated, fear and anxiety over the safety of our children and elderly having to walk in the streets, and frustration and distrust with the length of time it has taken to get to this point, I hope everyone can find a place in their heart and mind to finally come to peace with this project. I know some of you will be excited to see the project finally start and some of you will be very disappointed, but let's try for the sake of our community to rise above these emotions and come together. It's not about who's won or who's lost here. It's about caring for something greater than ourselves: Our community. And we will be better off for it. So now more than ever, let's heighten our resolve to be more mindful, understanding and patient with one another as we embark on this major project.

How long this project takes will be ultimately up to Patriot, the subs, and the numerous check points and clearances required by SHA. Once we meet, we should have a fairly good idea of the schedule. No doubt there will be unanticipated issues that arise creating some lag in the schedule. And of course, weather and temperature will also impact what can be done and when. However, if I can assure you of anything, it is my desire, as well as that of our Town manager and Council members, to see the construction of these sidewalks completed as quickly as possible. I will update you as soon as we know more. Hold on to your seats, your hats, and your patience! Get ready. Get set!...

Mayor Kacky