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Calendar

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| Wed Jul 1 | Citizens Association: What Comes Next? Answering the Call for Racial Healing, Online Community Forum, 7-8:30 pm | Sat Aug 8 | Farmers Market, 9 am – 1 pm, Penn Place |
| Fri Jul 3 | Town Office Closed, Independence Day Holiday | Mon Aug 10 | NO Town Council Meeting |
| Sat Jul 4 | Farmers Market, 9 am – 1 pm, Penn Place Happy Independence Day! | Sat Aug 15 | Farmers Market, 9 am – 1 pm, Penn Place, GIVES Collection, 9-12 |
| Tue Jul 7 | Historic Preservation Advisory Committee Meeting Via Teleconference, 7 pm | Sat Aug 22 | Farmers Market, 9 am – 1 pm, Penn Place |
| Sat Jul 11 | Farmers Market, 9 am – 1 pm, Penn Place; GIVES Collection, 9 – 12, outside PO | Sat Aug 29 | Farmers Market, 9 am – 1 pm, Penn Place |

Town Council Meeting Notes

Once again, the Town council meeting was held virtually. Your reporter is pleased to inform you that, for the most part, the technical aspects of running the meeting with Webex teleconferencing software went more smoothly than in the past several meetings. All council meetings begin with approval of the agenda (approved this time with the addition of a new business item about how the town should respond to current racial issues). The agenda was quite extensive, so your reporter apologizes for the length of this report.

In general, this meeting proceeded relatively smoothly, but it began with some disagreement over the previous month's minutes. Councilmember Bennett requested adding several sentences mentioning topics that had been discussed at the meeting but were not included in the draft minutes. The mayor pushed back, arguing that the minutes should be short and simple, and that the inclusions requested by councilmember Bennett were not significant enough to warrant inclusion.

What was this all about? When Mayor Kacky began her term two years ago there had been several months of tense discussion over the minutes, with councilmembers arguing that the draft minutes highlighted all the mayor's points, while giving short shrift to the positions of councilmembers. At that

time, the solution was to agree on much shorter minutes that would mostly say "issue X was raised and discussed, with the conclusion of Y." Since that time, the draft minutes have been approved easily most months. But this time the bias issue was back (related to the portion of the minutes covering the contentious discussion in May of on-the-fly changes to the sidewalk project) and got considerable discussion. In the end, though, the mayor prevailed, with the draft approved without the requested changes, by a vote of 4-1.

Next came residents' presentations, of which there was one. Apparently (unbeknownst to your reporter) someone had recently spray-painted offensive racial graffiti on the street pavement somewhere in the vicinity of Penn Place (subsequently painted over by the town). Resident Ginna Goodenow, therefore, asked if it might be possible for her teenager (Atticus) to create artwork at this spot in support of Black Lives Matter. After some preliminary discussion, everyone agreed to fold this discussion into the later agenda item on how the town government should respond on current race issues.

The only action item for the evening consisted of a variance request (4705 Argyle) for an addition to a Chevy House. After a bit of discussion led by councilmember Paczkowski (who covered the issues involved and recommended approval), the variance passed unanimously.

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The new business section of the agenda began with the added agenda item of race issues. Council members Bennett and Grande led the discussion. The question is what the town government can do in response to current racial issues. Should the town issue a formal statement in support of racial equality and ending police brutality? Should there be signs erected on Strathmore about inclusiveness (similar to the Nuclear Free Zone signs of 40 years ago)? What other things could the town government do (such as the proposal for artwork on the pavement by Penn Place)? Should there be a committee created to consider these issues? The preliminary discussion at this council meeting served to introduce the topic and offer a few general thoughts on possibilities. Expect further discussion and possible action in coming months as councilmembers Grande and Bennett come up with more specific possibilities for the council to consider.

Next came discussion of extending the sidewalk on Kenilworth. The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) sidewalk project involves extending this sidewalk somewhat, but not as far as the intersection with Argyle. Therefore, the two questions were whether to use town money to extend from the end of the SRTS sidewalk to Argyle, and when to do it. The reason these questions matter is because the end of a sidewalk must have ramp access to the street (and this street access cannot be through someone's existing driveway). But if the sidewalk is to be extended by the town as far as Argyle in the near future, said ramp at the end of the SRTS portion of the sidewalk would be unnecessary. There is also the question of whether the old asphalt sidewalk on Oxford from Montrose to Kenilworth should be redone in concrete at the same time. The discussion ended with a request for the town engineer to provide rough estimates of how much each of these town-funded sidewalk projects would cost.

Town manager Fox then brought up repaving. Each year the town refurbishes some town streets. This year the focus of repaving will be some sections of Oxford, now that the new sidewalk there is completed. The town engineer will be consulted concerning the areas that are in most need of repaving.

The next new business concerned the possibility of hiring a person on a contract basis at an hourly rate to work as a project manager for the SRTS project. The issue here is not the modifications of the sidewalk project that were the focus at the May meeting, but daily observation and interaction with the contractor to prevent or correct mistakes. According to the mayor, mistakes of various kinds are very frequent and she is both frustrated and tired from dealing with them in addition to her other work as mayor. Two years ago, when the council approved the hiring of George Miller as a third fulltime maintenance person for the town, the mayor had indicated that he could serve as a daily supervisor of the SRTS project. But for reasons not clearly specified by the mayor (though lacking necessary credentials is one factor), that no longer appears to be an option. Therefore, she would like the town to hire a temporary professional manager for the remainder

of the construction. In fact, she had in mind a suitable potential candidate—a former manager of Patriot (the SRTS main contractor) who lost his job in a recent management upheaval. Preliminary discussion among council members indicated that the cost could run as high as \$48,000-60,000, a non-trivial sum. After considerable discussion, the council sounded favorably inclined to move forward with hiring a project manager in principle, but wanted a better idea of cost before voting to authorize this.

Spoiler alert: editorial comment here. Your reporter found this discussion somewhat puzzling. Unless the council holds a special meeting, it will not vote on authorizing the hiring of a project manager until the July meeting, at which point the sidewalk construction should be considerably more than half finished. By the time the job is then advertised, and a selection made, the project will be even closer to being finished (unless the council agrees to skipping normal hiring procedures and goes with the mayor's current suggested choice). Your reporter, therefore, remains a bit skeptical as to whether this is going to happen.

Moving on, the council next heard the monthly update from the mayor about overall status of the SRTS project. The subcontractor whose departure had temporarily halted work on Clermont has been replaced and work has resumed, as all can see. And, with the management upheaval at Patriot, the new manager responsible for this project seems more attentive to the mayor's pleas for efficiency in moving the job forward. The mayor noted that the new sub-contractor's crew speaks English better, easing communication problems when she notices mistakes.

The other update of the evening, from councilmember Schulp, concerned whether the town could assist Black Market in tiding over the pandemic crisis by setting aside part of the parking area in front of Penn Place for outdoor dining (permitted under the county's phase one reopening rules). All agreed that this would be a good thing to do (if Black Market actually wants assistance), but that there would be many details to work about location and rerouting traffic—details that could prove to be difficult to work out.

The long evening ended with the usual news from town manager Fox that expenditures and revenues are running as expected.

Ed Lincoln, *Bugle* Reporter

CVS Garrett Park Flu Clinic
Wednesday, September 16, 2020
Penn Place Lobby, Town Hall or outdoor tent
depending on COVID-19 requirements
at that time.
-More information to come-
Mark your calendars

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Town Manager's Notes

Important Dates:

- The Town Office is closed Friday, July 3rd for Independence Day.
- There will be no August Town Council meeting, consistent with the Town Charter, which allows for a one-month meeting hiatus each calendar year.

Temporary Road Closure – Waverly Avenue in front of Penn Place is now temporarily closed to accommodate outdoor dining at Black Market and enable staff and customers to practice social distancing. Traffic from Waverly now flows behind and around Penn Place, one-way. Cars exit on Rokeby instead of having the option to exit on Waverly or Rokeby.

COVID-19 – See the Town website for COVID-19 information; current updates are on the homepage and all updates and links to resources are under the Government tab, Coronavirus News and Information. The Town Office is largely following the lead of the expert County Emergency Management and Public Health staff on reopening. Thanks for your patience as we continue to adjust to a new normal.

2020 Census results will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade. Please make every effort to participate. For instructions to participate by phone, mail, and online visit <https://2020census.gov/ways-to-respond> If you need help with the online form, call Joanne Schmader at 301-946-5396, Wednesdays 1 to 4pm, have your Census form handy.

State Tax Form – Whether you fill out your own state income tax forms or have someone prepare them for you, please be sure that “Garrett Park” is written in the box labeled “City, Town or Taxing Area.” This ensures that our community receives its fair share of the income tax revenues distributed by the state.

Regular Reminders:

Communication – 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? Contact the Town Office at 301-933-7488 or adminelizabeth@garrettparkmd.gov. We'll get you acquainted with what you need to know about living in Garrett Park.

Permits – A Garrett Park building permit is required when you want to build a new structure including houses, additions, sheds, garages, decks, porches, and driveways. This is *in addition to* the required Montgomery County permit. Complete your Garrett Park permit application and submit along with your plat and drawings to the Town Office *before* requesting a County permit. Permit applications and payment can be completed 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

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G.I.V.E.S.

Happy Summer from G.I.V.E.S (Garrett Park Inter-community Volunteer Experiment in Sharing)!

We are proud to report that, in early June, at our first in-person collection since March, our community REALLY stepped up! Thank you to all who donated so generously and welcomed us back so enthusiastically! We will continue with our in-person outdoor collections in July (weather permitting.) Please stop by our table on Saturday, July 11th at the Post Office and on Saturday, July 18th at the Farmers Market.

SAVE THE DATE!! [Stepping Stones Shelter](#) is planning its annual [BBQ Family Fundraiser](#) for October 11, 2020 from 2-6 pm at Smokey Glen Farm. The event features all-you-can-eat BBQ, unlimited beverages, moon bounce, mini-golf, other sports and games, face painting, silent auction, and live music and dancing. Advance tickets are on sale now, sponsorship opportunities are available, and silent auction donations are needed.

If you miss our in-person collections this month, please consider using the G.I.V.E.S. can on the table

in the post office when you stop by to pick up your mail. And while you're there, take a look on the bulletin board to see the heartfelt and powerful expression of [support for change](#) related to police brutality, racism and bigotry from Alicia Horton, the Executive Director of [Thrive DC](#). You can also send donations to G.I.V.E.S. at P.O. Box 331, Garrett Park, MD 20896.

Thank you for your continued support, and stay safe and healthy!

Molly Shuck & Natalie Grande
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From the Archives

A few weeks ago, I shared a research guide that describes materials in the Town Archives related to the town's racial history. To be honest, we don't have much, and what we do have is from a white perspective. Why is this?

Most likely because, many historical societies and archives, including ours, have traditionally focused on preserving predominantly white narratives, often overlooking the experiences of people of color. I don't say this to cast blame; instead, like other events over the last several weeks, it's a rallying cry that we must do better. The more we understand our history—especially the parts that make us uncomfortable—the more we'll recognize the importance of making the Archives more inclusive.

Along these lines, I've started some projects that I hope you'll join me on.

The first is to continue identifying relevant materials in the Archives and updating the research guide to make everyone aware of them. I also plan to post copies of some materials (not covered under copyright laws) available on the Archives website.

The second project is to delve into the materials we have to learn more and provide greater context. For example, our research files include copies of census records for Garrett Park, which show that in 1900, 37 of the town's 175 residents were Black, yet we know nothing about these residents other than names and dates on the records.

Lastly, I've begun collecting—*thanks to many of your donations already!*—photographs, emails, and other items related to the recent protests and actions in town to support and promote racial justice and equality. This too is part of our history.

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These activities are just a start. I know there is much more we can do, so I welcome your ideas, donations of materials, and volunteer assistance as we continue to build and grow the Town Archives and create a space that invites and welcomes new narratives and voices.

Let me know if you have any questions or comments - Archives@GarrettParkMD.gov (you can access the site through the Archives Committee page on the Town's website or at <https://garrettparkarchives.omeka.net/>).

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Town Resident Contributions

Letter to the Editor

I agree with the sentiment expressed in the letter to the May edition of the Bugle concerning the excessive noise made by gas powered lawnmowers and particularly leafblowers in town. Their use has increased over the years to the point that they are heard pretty much every day of the week for 10 months of the year. In addition to the noise, they produce irritating exhaust fumes and contribute to climate change. My own (unscientific) observation is that a rake takes no longer to use than a leafblower, and provides better exercise. If power equipment must be used, perhaps we can, as in some other jurisdictions, have decibel limits, require the use of electric- or battery-powered equipment, and limit the activity to certain days of the week.

Barry Rosloff



Black Lives Matter demonstration on June 3, 2020



Safely, patiently waiting for the pool to open.
Taken on June 27, 2020

Our Graduates

Since traditional graduate ceremonies have been largely curtailed, we wanted to give the proud families more space to celebrate their amazing graduates this year. We are pleased to recognize this year's crop of graduates. Best wishes to all of you! If we missed someone, please let us know before the publication deadline for the next issue of the Bugle, and we will be sure to include them.

Highschool

Charley Elizabeth Becker, Walter Johnson Highschool. Charley will be attending San Diego State University in the Fall.



Gillian Birdsong, Walter Johnson High School. Gillian is going to University of Maryland in the fall.



Will Cohen, Walter Johnson High School. Will is heading to University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.



Cara Demitz, Walter Johnson High School. Cara will be attending UCLA.



Eleanor Margaret Christmas Flynn, Walter Johnson High School. Honors: APEX Scholar; Top 5%; National, Music, Math, World Language, Rho Kappa, and Psi Alpha Psychology Honor Societies. Eleanor will attend Brandeis University, as a Humanities Fellow, in the fall.





Malina Grande, Walter Johnson High School. Malina loved playing volleyball (and we loved watching!) all 4 years at WJ and on club and summer volleyball teams since 6th grade. She was on WJ's varsity team for 3 years and captain, starting setter, and Wildcat Award recipient Senior year, leading the team to win the 2019 Battle of Bethesda tournament, and she was on the Regional Club



Championship team when she was 16. At WJ, she also played coed volleyball 2 years and was on the JV winter cheer squad 1 year. Malina was a member of NHS and Science NHS and was a recent recipient of the



JCC's Perlo Award for excellence in sports, academics, and community involvement. She has also been on the Garrett Park Swim Team every summer (until this one) since she was 6 years old. Despite the pandemic and missing out on so much of her Senior year, Malina has such fond memories of high school and growing up in Garrett Park, and has made lifelong friendships along the way. While she will miss being a Wildcat and a Ladybug (and, though she probably won't admit it, being home with her brother, Sam), she is looking forward to meeting new people and embarking on exciting new adventures while attending University of Maryland in College Park. We are so proud of all Malina has accomplished so far and the fine young lady she has become. Looking forward to seeing her continue to grow and thrive in the future!



Will Goudie, Walter Johnson High School with music and community service honors. Will is heading to Albion College to major in music and public service.



Charlotte Gruber, Walter Johnson High School. Charlotte received a Certificate of Meritorious Service and will be attending PACE University in NYC.



Allison Hilligoss, Walter Johnson High School. Allison is heading to Penn State in the fall.



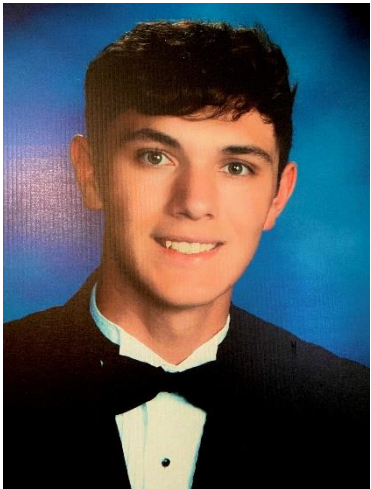
Donya Hosseini, Walter Johnson High School. Donya plans on studying computer science at the University of Maryland at College Park this upcoming fall.



Erin Hurst, Walter Johnson High School. Erin was a member of the National Honor Society and is heading to Dickinson College this fall.



Quinn Mulligan, Walter Johnson High School. Quinn will attend Northeastern University in the fall. At WJ, Quinn was in the National Honor Society, earned 299 service hours, and was a frequent volunteer at KidMuseum. Quinn also played on WJ's hockey and ultimate frisbee teams all four years. For the last three years on Varsity, Quinn was the hockey team's leading scorer and a member of the MSHL academic honor roll. For his Senior year, Quinn was hockey team Captain and made 2nd team all-conference as the team advanced to the state semi-finals.



Joseph Puglisi, Walter Johnson High School. Joseph graduated in the top 5% of his class and will attend Georgetown University in the fall.

Lily Salvatore, Walter Johnson High School. Lily will attend the College of William and Mary in the fall. Lily is a proud recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Award, member of Rho Kappa, Art Honors Society and Secretary of the National Honors Society. Lily was also a staff writer for the Pitch, the WJ newspaper and played lacrosse all four years. Outside of school Lily earned over 600 community service hours. Lily has loved growing up with her friends in Garrett Park, and wishes everyone the best on their future plans.



College

Anna Barrett, Earlham College



Kevin Berry graduated with a BS in Accounting and Finance from the Gabelli School of Business at Fordham University, Bronx, NY. He was the captain of the Men's Swim Team this school year 2019-2020. Kevin is headed to the University of North Carolina Wilmington to work towards a MS in Accounting and will swim another year for the Seahawks.



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Joanna K. Jackson, formerly of 4502 Clermont Place, graduated in May from UMBC with a Bachelor's degree in social work. She will be attending graduate school at the University of Maryland School of Social Work in their advanced degree program this Fall. It may have taken her 13 years to graduate, but sticking to a goal and working hard got her there. We all miss Garrett Park, the friends, the town, and wish everyone well at this time of Covid-19.

Quinn Thomas Martin graduated on May 22nd, 2020 (in front of his computer) from the Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland. Quinn is a 2017 President's Scholar from Mississippi State University. He will begin work in early July as part of the Finance Leadership Program at Stanley Black & Decker.



8:00am 2mile Fun Run / Walk - Penn Place
9:45am Parade for 13. Garrett Park Elem.
10:30am Parade begins
1:00pm Pool events
3:00pm 18th Annual Softball Game
(The edition is in handy-you can save it!!) G.P. Elementary
Music by Garrett Park's own Border State
Penn Place -after the parade
(IF RAINING-AFTER PARADE EVENTS WILL BE IN TOWN HALL)