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Calendar

Wed Apr. 22	Candidates Forum, hosted by the Citizens Association, 7:30 PM	Tues May 12	Town Election: Vote Count Teleconference
Sat Apr 25	Farmers Market, 9 am – 1pm, Penn Place	Sat May 16	Farmers Market, 9 am – 1pm, Penn Place
Sun Apr 26	Penn Place Disinfection 11:00 am – 12 pm	Sun May 17	Penn Place Disinfection 11am – 12 pm
Sat May 2	Farmers Market, 9 am – 1pm, Penn Place	Sat, May 23	Farmers Market, 9 am – 1pm, Penn Place
Sun May 3	CANCELLED: Musicale – to be rescheduled Penn Place Disinfection 11am – 12 pm	Sun May 24	Penn Place Disinfection 11am – 12 pm
Mon May 4	Town Election: Deadline to mail ballot	Mon, May 25	Memorial Day Holiday, Town Office Closed
Sun May 5	Penn Place Disinfection 11am – 12 pm	Sat May 30	Farmers Market, 9 am – 1pm, Penn Place
Mon May 11	Town Election: Deadline for receipt of ballots Town Council Meeting, 7:30, Teleconference	Sun, June 2	Penn Place Disinfection 11am – 12 pm

Town Council Meeting Notes

Busy, busy, busy! Since my last report, the Town Council has had four meetings—an emergency pandemic meeting on March 27, another on April 3, the regular monthly meeting on April 20, and another special meeting on April 24. I am collecting so much overtime pay! (Just kidding)

All of these were done remotely. I really hope that none of you readers attempted to listen to these meetings—it was painful. The software was less than perfect, and there were some problems logging to the meeting, plus a lot of echoes, feedback, and other background noise (rustling papers, other voices in the background) that frequently made it almost impossible to understand what was being said, and led to delays while getting council members and the mayor to mute or un-mute their microphones. To be sure, the system was working better by the last meeting of the month, but I look forward to the day when we can return to physical meetings. Editorial comment: kudos to the Citizen's Association for using the same software to run the candidates' forum on April 22, which worked perfectly, without all these problems.

The emergency business at the March 27 meeting consisted mainly of updates on various activities around town that need not be covered here. There was, however, one significant development. The mayor, town manager, and council had been scheduled to have a working session to discuss budgeting for the upcoming fiscal year (that begins July 1). The result was that the council had to grapple with the draft budget on April 24 without the benefit of that preliminary discussion.

The emergency business of the April 3 meeting consisted of altering the town charter and passing a related ordinance (with attached detailed emergency plan) to handle the upcoming town election. The charter addition was needed to give the town council the option of passing an ordinance for special election procedures when the governor of Maryland declares a state emergency. The related ordinance announced that since the governor had declared an emergency, the town would use its (new) authority to establish special election procedures, contained in a detailed election plan accompanying the ordinance. The procedures in the plan covered both nominating candidates and conducting the election. There was considerable discussion about this legislation, with several councilmembers stating that they wished there had been a conference call with the town

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attorney (who drew up the language for the charter amendment and ordinance) rather than having it just sprung on them at the council meeting. Nevertheless, both the charter amendment and ordinance passed unanimously, setting the stage for our mail-in vote system for this spring.

However, this was not the end of this issue. After the meeting, several former town mayors pointed out that the language of the emergency plan sounded as though the mayor and town manager could participate in adjudication of disputed ballots. This went against legislation passed by the council several years ago to more firmly establish the independence of the election judges. In addition, there was a minor issue about the numbering of the paragraphs in the charter changes and the ordinance. So, . . .the council had to revisit this at the regular April 20 meeting. There was also a discussion about the need to make the charter language more specific about being limited only to the period of time when the governor has a state of emergency in effect this year. Changes in language for both the charter and the ordinance proposed by Councilmember Bennett were accepted after considerable discussion.

The other issue at the April 3 meeting was an update on the sidewalk project. As the mayor explained the state of progress, councilmembers were upset that she had been making modifications on the spot in consultation with the contractor when conditions turned out to be a bit different from expectations (e.g. location of tree roots). To summarize the essence, councilmembers were upset because the sidewalk plan was carefully crafted and involved years of discussions with the arboretum committee, historic preservation committee, and affected residents. In addition, Councilmember Bennett felt strongly that there needed to be a written record of details of the construction progress so that, for example, someone could step into oversight of the project in the event of the mayor and town manager being incapacitated by COVID-19. After a lengthy and somewhat testy discussion, the solution was for Councilmember Paczkowski to serve as point person for calls from the mayor as modification issues arose on site, and to write up weekly notes based on oral communication from from the mayor on details of the construction for the record. Judging from the discussion of the sidewalk project at the regular April 20 meeting, this process seemed to be working.

Besides the emergency town election procedures and the sidewalk update, the regular meeting on April 20 had one other significant issue to deal with. Readers will recall that at the March council meeting, Mary Travaglini of the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection made a presentation about the new county pesticide law, a law that would not apply to Garrett Park unless the town specifically agreed to opt in. As a result, Councilmember Bennett worked with the town manager to have the town attorney draw up an ordinance to do that. She introduced the draft ordinance, which was approved unanimously. That is, the ordinance is now officially *introduced*, with a vote on adoption to take place at the May meeting.

What did not happen at the regular April meeting was consideration of the draft town budget. By the time discussion of other agenda items was completed, time was running out (some councilmembers could not stay beyond 9:30 p.m.). In addition, councilmembers felt they needed more time to review the draft drawn up by the mayor and town manager before having this discussion. Therefore, the council agreed to hold another special meeting on April 24 to consider the draft.

The draft budget meeting was a productive one, but filled with uncertainty. The draft budget assumes an overall drop in revenue of 10 percent. Judging from the discussion of various line items in revenue (such as transfers from the state to the town for something called Highway User Revenue) it seems possible that revenue could drop more, based on what happened to the town during the Great Recession of 2009. The hard part of dealing with substantial revenue decline, of course, is where and how much to cut on the spending side. What can be cut? What can be postponed? No point in getting into the details in this report. Overall, the discussion was sober, lengthy, and thoughtful. Folks, your mayor, town manager, and town council are trying to figure out what the town can afford to spend in extraordinarily unpredictable times. Sympathize with the difficulty of their task—which was not entirely completed at this meeting. So, yet another special meeting was scheduled for Friday, May 1, to look at the budget with suggested changes from the April 24 meeting incorporated, and then formally introduce it. All I can say is, stay tuned.

Ed Lincoln, *Bugle* Reporter

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Town Manager's Notes

COVID-19 Please see the Town website at garrettparkmd.gov for the most recent COVID-19 information as it relates to Garrett Park. The State and Montgomery County also have social media pages and dedicated COVID-19 websites with current information. For links to these pages, see the Town website.

Town Elections 2020 – Due to COVID-19, Town Election 2020 will be entirely vote-by-mail. See the Town website for more information. If you are registered to vote with the County or the Town and haven't received a ballot yet, please reach out ASAP

to managerandrea@garrettparkmd.gov and adminelizabeth@garrettparkmd.gov. Upcoming May election deadlines are listed below:

- Ballots Due (Postmarked by) – May 4, 2020
- Ballots Due (Received by election service provider) – May 11, 2020
- Vote Count – May 12, 2020

2020 Census – You should have received an invitation by mail with detailed information about how to participate in the Census. Please make every effort to participate in the census. It's important that we're all counted.

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 email 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 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

G.I.V.E.S.

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

Good news! In early April, as a result of your generosity, we were able to send \$2,000 to both **Stepping Stones Shelter** and **Thrive DC**. And they were SO grateful!

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, **Thrive DC** was forced to suspend onsite activities in March, but adapted its services to meet the needs of its client population -- people experiencing homelessness, unemployment, housing instability, and food insecurity -- by continuing to provide mental and emotional support, reentry services and victims' assistance. **Stepping Stones Shelter** is currently housing 6 adults and 16 children and remains vigilant

in addressing the needs of their homeless families who are so vulnerable and at greater risk of contracting infectious diseases like Covid-19 due to limited access to health care services, underlying and untreated medical conditions, housing instability, and frequent mobility.

G.I.V.E.S. has also had to adapt to these challenging times. Our in-person collections at the post office and farmers market will unfortunately be canceled in May, for the second month in a row. Instead, 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. Or you can send donations to G.I.V.E.S. at P.O. Box 331, Garrett Park, MD 20896.

Thank you for your continued support during these most difficult times.

With appreciation,

Molly Shuck & Natalie Grande
garrettparkgives@gmail.com

From the Archives

May is Historic Preservation Month! It was established in 1973 to highlight and promote historic places and heritage tourism. Today, archives, historical societies, and other organizations embrace Historic Preservation Month to celebrate the efforts we're taking to preserve and protect historical records and treasures.

As many of us remain home during the health crisis, Historic Preservation Month is also a good time to take care of our own family photographs, documents, and memorabilia. Here are some tips to get started:

- If you do nothing else, get materials out of the basement, attic, garage, or any other part of your house that may not have adequate temperature and humidity controls or are at risk from insects or rodents.
- If you have photographs in those old albums with the sticky pages and acetate sheets, remove the photographs if you can do so safely (without harming them or losing identifying information written on the pages).
- Identify people in photographs to the extent you can. Ideally, avoid writing on photos, but if you have to, write only on the back, use pencil, and write small and lightly.
- If you scan photographs and papers, avoid using feed-style scanners that can jam; instead, use a flatbed scanner, camera, or a good quality scanning app on your smart phone. Make backup copies of your digital collections and store them in different places.
- Feel free to email me with any questions or ideas.

As you work on your family projects, I continue to work on Town Archives preservation projects and updating our website. I'm also collecting COVID-19 stories for a new archives collection and would love to hear from you if you'd like to add your voice (via reminiscences, poetry, art, essays, etc.).

Claire McDonald, Town Archivist

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The editor would like to recognize the substantial contributions of the seven anonymous Garrett Park jokesters who made the April Fools' Bungle possible. Thank you!

Town Resident Contributions

Obituary: Mary Elizabeth Moyer

Mary died of end-stage liver disease on Friday April 10th, 2020 at Georgetown University Hospital. She was 77 years old. Born December 6, 1942, in Springfield, Ohio, she and her parents Dr. Raymond and Mary Elizabeth Stites moved to the DC Area in 1949 and to Garrett Park, MD in 1953. She was in the first accredited graduating class of 1960 at Walter Johnson High School. She received a BA in Art and Religion at Earlham College (Indiana) and went on to earn a MAT in Art at Brown University.

Mary (Stites) taught for 9 years at Roger B. Taney (now Thurgood Marshall) Middle School in Camp Springs and attended the University of Maryland where she met her husband Paul B. Moyer, who she married in 1967. During his tour of duty in Vietnam she moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she attended the University of New Mexico and was a member of the Albuquerque Civic Light Opera Company.

When Paul returned from Vietnam, he took a job at Williams College (Massachusetts), where they started their family, Philip, in 1974. They moved to Woodbridge, Virginia in 1976 where she was on the Board of Directors of Dalewood Musical Theater and Woodbridge Community Chorus. Moving back to her childhood home in Garrett Park in 1983, they added Christopher to the family.

Besides substitute teaching in the Montgomery County Public School System, she was substitute organist for Holy Cross Catholic Church (Garrett Park, MD), children's music director, and singer and keyboardist with the Folk Group. She received an award for Outstanding Volunteer of MCPS in the 1980's.

Besides leaving sons Philip and Christopher in Garrett Park, she is survived by brothers-in-law Gary Moyer (Jean) of Lusby, MD, Alan Moyer (Teri) of Ormond Beach, FL, and nephew Stanley Thoeon (Kathy) of Frederick, MD. Her husband Paul died in 1997.

Interment will be private. The funeral will be celebrated at Holy Cross after the COVID-mandated restrictions are lifted. In lieu of flowers, Mary wished donations be made to Alpha-1 Foundation (<https://www.alpha1.org/>) or Earlham College (<https://earlham.edu/giving/>).

Bee-havior

I'm sure folks in town have welcomed the cleaner, quieter atmosphere we live in during this pandemic. We ask, "Wouldn't it be nice if this could become the new normal?"

This leads me to an issue I have been concerned about in recent years. Although some households still do their own lawn mowing, or hire a teenager, increasingly others hire professional yard workers. They arrive with a truckload of equipment. One worker hops on his big, loud ride-on lawn mower

while at least two others turn their leaf blowers on high and away they go!

They are fast and efficient, yes, but excessively LOUD. It absolutely robs any neighbor of the joy of working in her garden with the birds singing overhead. To make matters worse, the leaf blower tool, which originally was used in the Fall, is now used year around.

Unpleasant as this noise is, there is another point I want to make which I consider even more important. What would it be like if you were a honey bee going from flower to flower when suddenly a loud blast of air hit you? Folks, these little pollinators are SO essential to life on Earth.

Is this the way we want to treat them? And ditto for butterflies. Birds? If you were a bird, would you choose to nest in a noisy yard?

Garrett Park is an arboretum, and I am proud of it. Let's expand our thinking. Let's think of ourselves as a sanctuary; a safe place for bees, butterflies, and birds. Ask your yard worker to turn down his leaf blower, or better yet, use a rake. Teach your children to use a rake. Make a big pile of leaves in your backyard. Witness Mother Nature's magic as she slowly turns them into rich, black soil.

Martha Bailey Seigel

What We're Cooking

Cuban Black Beans and Rice

Drain liquid from a 15 oz can of black beans into a 2 cup measuring cup; add water to the 2 cup mark. Saute a small onion chopped, 1/2 c green pepper diced and 3-4 cloves garlic, minced, in a little olive oil until soft. Add 1 teaspoon each dried oregano and cumin, stir for a minute. Pour in liquid and bring to boil. Add the black beans, a bay leaf, and 1 cup long grain rice, bring to a boil. Lower heat to simmer, cover and cook until liquid is absorbed and rice is tender, 20-25 minutes. Serve with a squeeze of lime and maybe a little cilantro.

Mike Henley

Candidate Statements

Gerilee Bennett, Candidate for Town Council (Incumbent)

It has been a pleasure and a challenge to serve as a Councilmember since October 2019. I am running for a full two-year term because I love Garrett Park and want the best for our Town and residents. Art and I chose Garrett Park as home to raise our family after admiring the view from MARC train commutes over 20 years ago. My top priority is transparency, open communication, and collaboration between the Council, the Mayor, Town staff, committees, and residents. Please mail your ballot by May 4 and consider voting for me as Councilmember.

If elected, I will ensure the Council completes the opt-in to the County's pesticide code to protect Town trees, our health, and the Chesapeake Bay

watershed, which I introduced as an ordinance this month. I will follow through with an information campaign for residents. I will also complete our survey of resident interest in expanding compost pick up service in Town and lead the development and implementation of proposals for expansion based on the results. I am learning a lot working with our dedicated Arboretum Committee and look forward to helping them implement the Comprehensive Arboretum Plan they published in October. Being confined primarily to Garrett Park these past six weeks has reminded me how lucky we are to be in a walkable community and how important it is to preserve our beautiful treescape.

I've been impressed with our Town office's response and communications during the coronavirus crisis, but we can always improve. I will continue to spearhead updates to the Town's emergency plans and protocols. I would like to work with the County to address our stormwater drainage issues as quickly as possible. I will continue to facilitate communication and transparency as we complete and consider expansion of the Safe Routes to School project. It's important for the Town to plan and schedule maintenance and appropriate upgrades to its buildings and facilities, such as Town Hall and Penn Place. Additionally, it is critical for the Town to stay abreast of development in the surrounding area, such as placement of 5G and small cell towers, and advocate for Garrett Park's interests as impacts are considered.

I'm pleased to share my professional and volunteer management skills to benefit Garrett Park. Previously, I served as Chair of the Garrett Park Elementary School Education Foundation and Chair of the Town Parks and Open Space Committee. I served as President, Treasurer, and Renovations manager at the Garrett Park Nursery School 2007-2013. Our team of volunteers negotiated a no-cost transfer of the facility to Town ownership and raised and managed nearly \$400,000 in donations, private loans, and a state grant to renovate the Garrett Park Community Center. Currently, I serve as Treasurer of the Garrett Park Community Fund which benefits the Ilah Gieser music scholarships and Betsy White charitable fund.

Thank you for your consideration. Please reach out at gerileebennett@icloud.com or 301-651-0613, to discuss any issues with me.

Andrew Fidler, Candidate for Town Council

My family and I moved to Garrett Park from North Carolina in 2018. We have felt quite welcomed and integrated into Garrett Park already. I would appreciate the opportunity to give back to the community which has already given us so much by serving on the Town Council.

I have served on the Town's Arboretum Committee since shortly after moving here. On that committee, and participating in a number of other community events, I have witnessed the passion our neighbors have to enrich our community, and the dedication and selflessness with which they apply

their passion. Having lived in a few different places in the recent past, I know that type of civic-minded attitude and activity makes this a very special place.

My wife and I work primarily from home. We have a son, Elijah (6), who was in Kindergarten at GPES back when going to school was a thing. We have a daughter, Goldie (3), who had been in pre-school in Kensington. We will likely have another daughter by press time (due to arrive April 23rd). We like to spend our free time outside, walking and biking around town, and going to playgrounds or the pool. We work here, we play here, and we're raising our kids here. So, I'm deeply invested in helping keep Garrett Park the special place it is in whatever way I can, now and for future generations.

A little more about me, as I realize I am a relative newcomer. I was born and raised in Tennessee. I am the middle brother of two strong-willed sisters, so I know how to listen even if I don't feel like it. I come from a long line of accountants, so I like quantifiable facts and am skeptical of forecasts. In my spare time in a pre-covid-19 world I enjoyed coaching youth baseball, so I appreciate the challenge of finding opportunities for learning amid rampant chaos. I work for the Food and Drug Administration as a Veterinary Medical Officer, evaluating the safety and effectiveness of stem cell therapies and gene-editing in animals. These are fields rife with fast-developing scientific innovation, and, of course, somewhat slower-developing government regulation. I've been lucky enough to help develop, implement, and communicate some of the flexible, risk-based regulatory approaches applied to these new veterinary medical technologies.

I have no particular political or leadership aspirations, no pet projects or personal legislative agenda, and relatively few strongly held convictions. I am interested in serving the community and contributing to keep Garrett Park wonderful. I would aim to do that by striving to faithfully represent the best interests of our neighbors and our neighborhood. I would hope to be a strong advocate for pedestrians, families, recreation, and the environment.

I have an understanding and appreciation of open-mindedness, objectivity, critical thinking, and evidence-based decision making. I think I can bring those qualities to the table for the benefit of the Council's work. I greatly appreciate your consideration, and thanks for reading.

Mario Grande, Candidate for Town Council (Incumbent)

I am asking for your vote for a seat on the Garrett Park Town Council when we *mail* in our ballots on or before May 4th. This year is so very different than anything any of us have experienced at any point in our lives, not just on a personal and professional level. But also on a community level. The decisions we make as a town over the next 12-24 months and how we work together and treat each other will determine the path we set into the rest of the decade. I genuinely believe this to be true. There will be several difficult decisions to be made and many opinions on the best path forward for Garrett

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Park. And goodness knows, if you put a dozen Garrett Parkers in a room together you will get a dozen points of view. That's what I love about this Town. It's a noisy Mosaic!

What I believe I bring to the Town Council can be summed up in *Five C's*: **Communication, Candor, Civility, Cooperation and Compromise**. Without these Five C's nothing will get done and we will just kick the can down the road. (Hopefully one with sidewalks)

There are clearly some real tangible and intangible issues that the Town Council and Mayor have to address during this term.

Let's start with the Intangible: I believe the town should make a new serious commitment to efficiencies, resident inclusion and our town communication skills. No one in this town should be in the dark about what's going on. Tangible issues start and stop with the upcoming budget and everything that will be tied to it: Town Hall, infrastructure/ street repair, storm water management and modernizing our Town Communications.

Why Me and why now?

Why Me?

My family & I moved to Garrett Park in June of 2005. It almost feels too obvious to state but to quote the *Princess Bride*, it was "Love, True Love" at first sight. I quickly joined the Garrett Park Citizens Association and spent many fantastic years working alongside some of my neighbors organizing both joyous celebrations (4th of July parade and BBQ/ Spooky Woods, Town Dinner) and more serious town debates on the pressing issues of that time. During that stretch I also spent a term as the CA President. I served on the Garrett Park Pool Association Board and still belong to that town treasure – our town pool. I also coached a group of Garrett Park boys in competitive travel baseball for many years. My wife, Natalie, is also very active in Town, serving as a Co-Chair of Garrett Park's own charity, G.I.V.E.S. Our children, Malina and Sam went to GPES and then onto Tilden Middle School and now attend (sort of) Walter Johnson High School.

Professionally, I am Vice President of an Association Management Company and I oversee raising non-dues revenue for over 25 different national and international trade associations. I manage a team based in DC and Chicago. My day, every day is filled with empowering and managing people, dealing with budgets, business process and technology efficiencies. I like to say, my role is part Vince Lombardy, part Sigmund Freud, and part Steve Jobs. (Although I would be so lucky to be a fraction any of those three).

Why Now?

For years, some folks in town asked me to run and my answer was always, "now is not the right time." Well, NOW is the right time. And as they say, whoever "they" are, "Doers do". I'm a doer and that's what this Town and the Town Council need. A "doer" people can trust and rely on to work solely in the best interest of the greater good of Garrett Park.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be honored and humbled if you voted for me.

Kacky Chantry, Candidate for Mayor (Incumbent)

In preparing these opening remarks, I have been reflecting on the obvious question, why do I want to run again?

It's been a question I've thought a lot about. I feel fortunate to live in such a beautiful town with vibrant gardens and great people. I thank God every day for the beauty around us. And I want to ensure that we keep this Town as lovely in the future as it is now. And I want to keep our community united even when we may not always agree. It's important to remember that we stay focused on what's best for the Town and our community as a whole and that we seek consensus and compromise when faced with opposing positions and divergent opinions. We are living in unprecedented times. The COVID-19 pandemic has altered our lives in ways we are still learning. It is reshaping our individual and social perspectives and testing our individual and community spirit. But I am heartened by what I have seen around me and the willingness of our community to come together to support one another. I want to see this unity continue; to have our children see the place they live as a caring and generous community. One that teaches consensus, compromise, tolerance, and compassion.

These are my personal reasons for wanting to serve another 2 years as your Mayor. But I also want to see some things get done for the Town at large.

I am looking forward to finishing the SRTS sidewalk project. It has demanded a vast majority of my time, and I am eager to turn attention to other important Town projects.

For example, we are very close to finalizing an engineering solution to mitigate the stormwater erosion problems at the end of Rokeby. This is a stormwater management issue that has been neglected for far too long. Neighbors are losing property and their homes are getting flooded. I would like the Council to approve the plan chosen by our ad hoc stormwater advisory committee in concert with residents. This is presently being fine-tuned by our town engineer.

I am eager to get our parking enforcement efforts underway. We have hired a part-time officer but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have not been able to bring him onboard. I would like to continue to build efficiencies and improve operational processes in the Town Office with our Town Manager and staff. The responsibilities around Town are growing, and more services are being asked of Town staff. At the same time, we are outgrowing our office space. As we anticipate revenue losses due to the Pandemic Stay at Home Order, we'll need to prioritize and be more resourceful.

For instance, I would like us to make better use of the Penn Place parking lot that serves the Black Market Bistro staff and customers as well as the Marc train commuters on weekdays and the Farmer's

Market on Saturdays. We need to improve the traffic flow through this parking lot and at the same time create a safer environment for non-vehicular traffic. This has been studied multiple times over many years. It would be great finally do something about it. I look forward to working with the Council and residents to get it done.

I also would like to make the long-needed repairs to the old beat-up asphalt sidewalks on Waverly and on Oxford. These are in poor condition and have been a tripping hazard for years. I hope the Council will help me in getting these done. Although I must admit, I also hope we can get someone else to manage the construction! The SRTS sidewalk has shown me how much time is needed to properly oversee such a project.

For those of you who don't know me, I am from a family of 10 children, raised in upstate New York. Learning to compromise and support one another was a big part of my upbringing. I served four years in the U.S. Army before entering civil service. Most of my federal career was spent managing large organizations and budgets—some in the billions. My background in science and statistics, as well as my fondness for writing, served me very well. And I gained a reputation as a troubleshooter and a forward thinker. After reaching the ranks of the senior executive service I finally retired. My husband Dennis and I moved to Garrett Park in 1998 with our son Tamaro and daughter Kaylie. Our kids went to school at the GPES and Holy Cross. We've love living here and have made great friends that I hope will last a lifetime. After all it's a beautiful town with great people!

I hope you will vote for me as your Mayor so that we can continue to build on the beauty of our town and the wonderful community that we are. If you have questions, you can reach me by cell/text at 301-875-5157 or by email at mayorkacky@garrettparkmd.gov.