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Calendar

Sat, Jan 25	Farmers Market, 10 am- 1pm Town Dinner , 6 pm, Town Hall	Sat Feb 15	Farmers Market, 10 am – 1 pm, Penn Place
Sun Jan 26	Art at Penn Place, Meet the Artist Reception, 3 – 5 pm, Penn Place Gallery	Sun Feb 16	Art at Penn Place, Youth Art Show, Meet the Artists Reception 3 – 5 pm, Penn Place Gallery
Sat Feb 1	Farmers Market, 10 am – 1 pm, Penn Place GIVES Collection, 9 am – 12 pm, PO Lobby	Mon Feb 17	Presidents Day, TOWN OFFICE CLOSED
Wed Feb 5	Historic Preservation Advisory Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm, Town Hall	Fri Feb 21	Film Society: <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> , Dinner at 7, Film at 8, Town Hall
Thurs Feb 6	Neighbors Helping Neighbors Meeting, 10 am, Town Office, Penn Place, 3 rd Fl	Sat Feb 22	Farmers Market, 10 am – 1 pm, Penn Place; Archives 101 , 10:00 am - 12 pm, Town Hall; Winter Wine Tasting , 7:30 pm, Town Hall
Sat Feb 8	Farmers Market, 10 am – 1 pm, Penn Place	Wed Feb 26	Arboretum Advisory Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Town Hall
Mon Feb 10	Town Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, Town Hall	Sat Feb 29	Farmers Market, 10 am – 1 pm, Penn Place; Preservation 101 , 10:00 am - 12 pm, Town Hall
Tues Feb 11	Lunch Bunch, 12:30, Town Hall		

Town Council Meeting Notes

This month's column begins with an apology. You may recall that last month your reporter noted the December council meeting was quiet and low key. Apparently one consequence of this situation was that your reporter was half asleep and, therefore, managed to consistently misspell Mayor Kacky's name as Kacki. I apologize to the Mayor and my readers for the mistake. All I can say in my defense is that I also regularly misspell Clermont Avenue (as Claremont) and occasionally called our children as they were growing up by the names of our cat and dog. Not an excuse for this mistake, but just to let you know there is a history here. While we are on this topic, however, I was disappointed that only a single person alerted me to the mistake. Hmmm, does this mean the readers of the *Bugle* are not paying close attention to these notes on the council meetings?

The January meeting involved substantive business to which town residents should pay attention. These were substantive enough to keep your reporter wide awake this time. The first of these

important issues was the mid-fiscal-year adjustment to the annual budget. January's meeting involved a vote to introduce the proposed adjustments, with the final vote to adopt them coming at the February meeting. This is the standard legal procedure for all town legislation that involves spending money—introduction in one meeting and adoption at the next meeting. The good news is that the adjustment is upwards. The final accounting for fiscal year 2019 (that ended June 30, 2019) resulted in a "carryover" (revenue received but not spent) to the current fiscal year of \$263,302, much higher than the \$86,134 that had been expected when the fiscal 2020 budget was adopted last spring. These extra funds will be distributed among a number of individual line items in both the operating and capital budgets. The council spent considerable time going over the proposed changes line by line.

Most of the changes were quite routine, reflecting the realities of expenditures in the first half of the fiscal year. However, some council members were taken aback by a new line item of \$31,000 for

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enforcement of parking regulations. Recall that soon the town will begin issuing tickets for parking violations. The actual work of checking for cars parked in no-parking zones or overstaying the time limits is to be outsourced to a contractor (as is apparently the case in towns like Chevy Chase that also issue parking tickets). But there had been no previous council discussion of the possibility of outsourcing ticketing (rather than tasking town employees to do this). As a result, the council, the mayor, and the town manager do not yet know how much the patrolling effort will cost for any given level of enforcement (daily patrol? weekly? monthly?). The previous town manager (who retired a year ago) had informally suggested that he would just do the patrolling himself. This was never formalized, but it may account for the lack of information on how much a contractor would charge. If ticketing is to begin before the end of the fiscal year, however, some amount of money needs to be in the revised budget. As a result of discussion at the meeting, this proposed budget amount was cut in half to \$15,500. No doubt even after the budget is approved there will be further discussion as to how vigorous an enforcement—and at what cost—the town wants. Stay tuned.

The second important issue of the evening was the budget for fiscal year 2021 (which begins in July this year). The discussion concerned the timing of the budget process, not the actual proposed budget. The council agreed to schedule the first step—a work session for several hours—for some time in February (with a specific date mutually agreeable to all council members, mayor, and town manager yet to be decided). Then the draft budget will be introduced at the March council meeting, and approved at the April meeting. I say this every year, but it is worth repeating: budgeting is a critical function of the town government, one that residents should pay attention to. Yes, we voters delegate the decision on the budget to the elected council members, but it is important for them to know if town residents have views about whether the town should spend more or less for various town functions.

Everything else at the meeting was in the form of informational updates. And, surprise, surprise, the first item was the famous Safe Streets to School (SRTS) sidewalk project. And, once again, it is *possible* that work will have begun by the time you read this issue of the *Bugle*. Mayor Kacky noted, however, that she has been frustrated over the past several months due to similar hopes for an imminent start, so we are in a “I’ll believe it when I see it” situation.

Councilmember Paczkowski has been continuing his work with the Land Use Committee about revised rules for side lot setbacks for corner lot structures. He is hoping to have draft language for the change in time for discussion at the February council meeting.

The other issue discussed at some length concerned the effort to get a yellow flashing signal light halfway up the hill from Beech Drive to alert drivers of the presence of a pedestrian crossing Strathmore at Keswick (i.e. to be activated when a pedestrian activates the flashing light at the

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intersection). Councilmember Wegner announced, sadly, that the State Highway Administration (SHA) has now decided that it is opposed to installing such a signal. However, he is working with our state delegates to put pressure on SHA to try to change that decision. Earlier, during the part of the meeting for presentations by residents, there was a request to push SHA on installing a speed camera at that same crosswalk. Not only do many cars fail to stop for pedestrians about to cross, but drive through the intersection at speeds well above the speed limit, further endangering pedestrians. Councilmember Wegner promised to look into this, but was not optimistic that SHA would be supportive.

As usual, the final item of the evening was the town manager’s monthly report. And, happily, expenditures and revenues are running as expected. On that happy note, the meeting adjourned.

Ed Lincoln, *Bugle* Reporter

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Town Manager’s Notes

Important Dates

- Monday, February 10 – Town Council Meeting
- Monday, February 17 – Town Office closed for Presidents’ Day (Trash and recycling will be on a holiday schedule – recycling will be picked up Tuesday, and trash on Thursday)

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

Snow removal – Please park off the streets when snow is expected so that the town crew can clear curb to curb whenever possible. This will allow for more space to park after the streets are plowed.

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.

Town budget – Before adopting a Town budget, Council will consider the budget twice at Town Council meetings – once when the budget ordinance is introduced, and again when the ordinance is up for adoption. The budget is also amended half-way through each fiscal year, known as the midyear adjustment. The FY20 midyear adjustment was introduced at the January Town Council meeting and will be considered for adoption at the February Town Council meeting. The FY21 budget will be introduced at the March Town Council Meeting and considered for adoption at the April Town Council Meeting.

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 stop by the 3rd floor at Penn Place. 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 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. 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

Citizens Association Notes



Among its numerous charms, our town has some amazing chefs! The Town Dinner was particularly delicious and warm this year, with a variety of scrumptious dishes (special shout-out to an absolutely decadent cherry cheesecake!) and many a
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hilarious story shared. The story theme for this year was “embarrassing moments,” and our neighbors did not disappoint— from tales of pants-splitting at work to traumas of dressing Supreme Court justices, our neighbors had us tearing up with laughter. We also held CA elections. We were sad to bid farewell to Paul Doria-Rose and Henri Keller as they retired from the board— both have been incredible members of the team. But we were excited to welcome Tommy DiChiara as VP and Therese Keating as Treasurer, who were both elected unanimously. Alysia Bone and Steve Welker will remain as President and Secretary, respectively, another year.

Be sure to save the following dates for our 2020 events:

- Feb 22 - Wine tasting (cohosted with the Women’s Club)
- March 25 - CA meet and greet; Town government nominations
- April 22 - Candidates’ Forum
- June 15 - Ice cream party
- July 4 - Independence Day Celebration
- October 24 - Spooky Woods

Winter Wine Tasting

The Citizens Association and Women’s Club are cohosting a Winter Wine Tasting on Saturday, February 22. Bring your favorite bottle of wine and come and socialize with your neighbors. You don’t have to be an oenophile to attend this event! Light fare such as cheese and other nibbles will be provided. Below are the details:

Date/Time/Location: Saturday, February 22nd from 7:30 to 10:30 pm at the Town Hall

What to bring: Bring a bottle of wine - type of wine and price point are your choice. If you would like to bring more than bottle, you are more than welcome to do so.

We will be pouring wine into clear, plastic cups; however, if you enjoy your wine in a real wine glass, please feel free to BYOG. A fee of \$5/per person will be collected at the door to cover the cost of food and supplies. This is also a great time to pay your CA dues (\$15 for individual or \$25 per family) if you haven’t already done so.

Logistics: We are hoping to have a few different wine tasting stations so that you can taste a variety of wines (white, rose, red, and desert).

Partaking of wine is for 21 and over.

To help us better organize the different wine tasting stations as well as prepare wine tasting sheets for notes in advance, please [RSVP and sign up](#) for the wine you will be bringing, including name, type/varietal, year, and country/region no later than Wednesday, February 19.

Link: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/8050e44a4ab2aa6fb6-winter>

Volunteering: Please let us know if you are able to volunteer for one or more of the following:

- 1) Pouring wines - if we have several volunteers for this, we can organize it such that each person will

only have to volunteer for one hour during the event so that they can enjoy the tastings as well.

2) Setup

3) Cleanup

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us!

Cheers,

Alysia Bone, President, Citizens Association

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Lillian Del Priore, Acting President, Women's Club

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Growing Up in Garrett Park is a collection of thirty personal narratives from people who grew up in



the town between 1940 and 2001. The stories in the book offer a fond remembrance of this unique community from a time when children roamed freely and made their own entertainment.

Reviews:

It's a wonderful gift to any of us who lived in the Park. Reading the accounts of others brought back so many other memories that I had forgotten about that truly warmed my heart. – Tom Pinkson

I enjoyed the "voice" that Lee preserved for each of the contributors ... We were all so fortunate to grow up in such a special place. – Felicity Callahan

Available for purchase at:
Kensington Row Bookshop
[Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

From the Archives

Looking for something new and different to do this winter? Come meet the Town Archivist at two "Get To Know Your Town Archives" sessions. The sessions will be a mix of teaching, discussion, and hands-on to learn more about the Garrett Park Town Archives and what an archivist does.

Session 1: Archives 101 will be Saturday, February 22 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Town Hall. This session will cover topics such as what are archives and why they're important, what makes the Garrett Park Town Archives so special, what do archivists do, what are some basic principles and standards of archiving, and more.

Session 2: Preservation 101 will be Saturday, February 29 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Town Hall. This session will cover topics such as what is preservation, common preservation challenges, tools we use in the archives to preserve materials, the issue of scanning and digitizing materials, and tools and tips for safeguarding your own family treasures.

You can attend one or both sessions. We'll keep the sessions lively with lots of pictures, examples, demonstrations, and time for questions and discussion. To ensure we have enough seats (and snacks), please RSVP by sending an email or leaving a phone message with the Town Archives—let us February 2020

know which session(s) you plan to attend. Our email address is Archives@GarrettParkMD.gov or phone 301-942-3050.

By the way, we have two new wonderful, recently donated collections in the Archives—the Senator Frank Shore Waverly-Schuylkill Park Collection and the Thomas S. Wilson Baseball Collection. Both collections are open for research.

Claire McDonald, Town Archivist

Art at Penn Place

Tammy Trocki

Penn Place Gallery is pleased to present Tammy Trocki's photography exhibit, 'My Maine Thing', beginning Monday, January 20! Tammy began studying photography in the days of film and the black and white darkroom, and now enjoys digital photography with a full-frame Canon camera and post-processing software, as well as the fun and spontaneous experience of taking pictures with her iPhone. Photography allows her to explore the visual world through her own unique interpretation. She believes that "taking a good picture still boils down to seeing/imagining a scene worth sharing, capturing it in beautiful light, and developing the shot to convey your vision." Tammy is a member of the North Bethesda Camera Club and recently exhibited her work at an exhibition of street portraits called, 'Making a Statement' at Galerie du Forez in Paris, France.

Her photographs will be on exhibit until February 15th.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

About Neighbors Helping Neighbors

NHN provides information and assistance for a variety of services to residents of our community. These include a list of volunteer drivers to appointments, for grocery shopping, prescription pickups, exercise opportunities and a list of resident recommendations for home repairs available from the Town office. Check the Post Office for other helpful handouts. Also, the Town website www.garrettpark-md.gov for more information. NHN also provides general information on available free County resources for those planning to Age in Place. The Committee welcomes questions and concerns, and invites you to our monthly meetings in the Town office usually on the first Thursday of every month at 10:00 a.m. We welcome new ideas and would especially like to encourage some "younger" people to participate. NHN plans to hold a Coffee on Saturday, April 18, 2020 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. outside Penn Place weather permitting. Watch for further information.

Help Needed:

Snow Removal. Young people in Town who would like to offer their services to help residents with snow removal may contact Elizabeth Henley at the Town

Office to add their name to the list (301 933-7488). This is a good opportunity to earn some extra money & at the same time help fellow residents and get some exercise. Please consider signing up - we need YOU!

GIVES

G.I.V.E.S. (Garrett Park Inter-community Volunteer Experiment in Sharing) is proud to announce that we collected a grand total of \$6,858 in 2019! By far, it was our best year ever! One of the last checks we received was a very generous donation in honor of Glenda Ingham, who was so important to G.I.V.E.S. for so many years, and is still a staunch advocate. Thanks to your generosity, *Stepping Stones Shelter* in Rockville, MD and *Thrive DC* in Washington, D.C. benefit tremendously from your donations. We are at the Garrett Park Post Office on the first Saturday of the month all year and at the Farmers Market on the third Saturday of the month from April through October. We also collect toiletries which can be dropped off anytime at 11011 Kenilworth Avenue. If you have any questions or would like to join our efforts, please contact the two new G.I.V.E.S. co-presidents, Molly Shuck and Natalie Grande, at garrettparkgives@gmail.com.

Town Resident Contributions

5G Cell Towers

The Montgomery County Council has proposed ordinance ZTA 19-07 allowing 5G cell towers to be deployed 30 – 60 ft in front of residences on street lights, utility poles, etc., every few houses, beaming radiofrequency microwave (RF/MW) radiation 24/7 into your home. Currently, 3G and 4G wireless communication emanates from towers in commercial or industrial areas away from homes giving you the choice to connect to wifi when you wish. Telecommunications companies continually advertise only positive information about 5G, but never tell you the hazards:

- Evidence from [hundreds of studies](#), including an [NIH Study](#), show that wireless radiation, even below 5G, causes harmful biological and environmental effects. 5G will be in addition to this radiation.
- [A Congressional hearing](#) confirmed that these newer pulse-modulated 5G frequencies are being inflicted on the public with no prior safety testing.
- Symptoms are being experienced by recent 5G tower deployment: [firefighters suffered neurological damage](#), apparent [cancer cluster near school](#), [injuries in Switzerland](#).
- As of October 2019, 252 EMF (Electromagnet Frequency) scientists from 43 nations have [signed an Appeal](#) to the UN and WHO for greater health protection on EMF exposure.
- As of January 2020, 188,142 signatories from 203 nations and territories have signed [an](#)

[Appeal](#) to the UN, WHO, Council of Europe, and governments of all nations to halt the deployment of 5G wireless networks, including 5G from space satellites.

- Regulators deliberately excluded [scientific evidence](#) of harm; [Harvard reports](#) money is influencing policy and federal agencies.

A group from Montgomery County is educating other county residents to the hazards of 5G and asking to have a safer technology that prioritizes health and the environment. We are working with residents from many Montgomery County towns. For more information and/or to join this group email mocogotech@gmail.com.

Submitted by Janice Smith

Shop Maryland Energy Weekend for Energy Efficient Appliances

The sales-tax free weekend, Shop Maryland Energy, is back and will run from **Saturday, February 15th through Monday, February 17th**. This annual event allows shoppers to avoid sales tax on air conditioners, clothes washers, clothes dryers, furnaces, heat pumps, standard size refrigerators, light bulbs, dehumidifiers, boilers and programmable thermostats that have been designated as meeting or exceeding the applicable ENERGY STAR efficiency requirements.



Submitted by Karen Anderson

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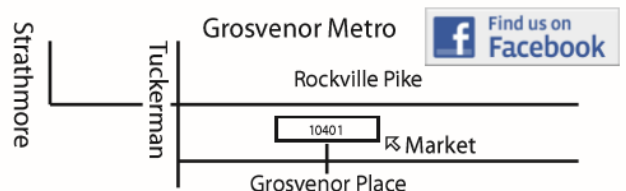
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