

to praise substitutes just in case they are needed again in the future). Having already been discussed in December, the proposed ordinance was quickly adopted unanimously.

- On to updates.
- Sidewalks (Mayor Kacky). There are still some changes on the punch list for the concrete company to deal with (e.g., at the corner of Oxford and Shelley Court).
 - Archives (Phil Schulp). The archives are pleased to note that there were more research requests in 2020 than in 2019.
 - Stormwater management (Mario Grande). A report drafted by the town engineer is currently undergoing revisions, and there is now a draft map of all stormwater drains in the town. The town is also in discussion with the county about water pooling on the basketball court.

Interim town manager Debi Sandlin then gave her monthly report, indicating that revenues and expenditures are within expectations. The February council meeting will take up the usual mid-fiscal-year budget revisions. The January meeting was also interim town manager Debi Sandli's last before the return of Andrea Fox from maternity leave on February first. Thank you, Debi! And welcome back Andrea!

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How can residents keep informed about Town news and events?

The best way to know about **Town** services, government, committees and meetings is to sign up for e- notifications from www.garrettparkmd.gov To do so, register for a website user account at: <https://www.garrettparkmd.gov/Sys/sso/Register>, and please provide your street address.

After your account is active, and you are signed in, go to: <https://www.garrettparkmd.gov/residents-portal/sign-up-for-email-notifications>. Select which News/Announcements, and Calendar notifications to receive by clicking on the desired items, then scroll down to click "Submit".

For more informal town resident discussions, register for the Garrett Park Town Forum, by emailing: adminelizabeth@garrettparkmd.gov. Provide your street address and request to be added to the Forum. The Forum is a Google Group, and you

can adjust your settings to determine how you want the email managed.

Town Manager's Notes

Farewell – This will be my last Managers Note for the Bugle, Andrea Fox, your Town Manager will be returning from her maternity leave on Monday, February 1, 2021. I want to thank everyone for this wonderful opportunity and to tell each of you it has been an honor and a privilege serving as your Interim Town Manager.

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

Important Dates

- Monday, February 1 - Monthly Yard Waste pickup
- Monday, February 8 – Town Council Meeting
- Monday, February 18 – 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)

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.

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 Elizabeth Henley, Town Assistant at adminelizabeth@garrettparkmd.gov or Andrea Fox, Town Manager at managerandrea@garrettparkmd.gov. We will help you 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 email Andrea Fox at managerandrea@garrettparkmd.gov.

Debi Sandlin, Interim Town Manager



A fancy new sign for the Town Hall! Photo by Stephen Welker.

Citizen Association Notes

CA Elections

On January 28th, the CA held virtual elections for our four executive board positions. The CA re-elected the 2020 officers for another year:

- President - Alysia Bone
- Vice President - Tom DiChiara
- Secretary - Stephen Welker
- Treasurer - Therese Keating

Chat with Officer Dana Stroman

On February 24, at 7 pm, Officer Dana Stroman, Community Services Officer, 2nd District, Montgomery County Police will host a Zoom meeting to get to know your local law enforcement. Officer Stroman will present on matters including local crime statistics and important contact information for Town residents. At the end, we will have a Q&A session. Info to join is below:

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 837 3257 0774
Passcode: 272761

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Dues and 2021 Events:

We're now collecting CA dues for 2021: \$25 per family or \$15 for an individual. Dues support the printing costs of the Bugle and are also typically used to hold CA events such as the Town Dinner, wine tastings, 4th of July activities, and Spooky Woods. Though COVID-19 restrictions may prevent us from

hosting some of these traditional events this year, we plan to organize other virtual activities (e.g., seminars and workshops) and other pandemic-friendly events. Please Venmo your dues to @GarrettPark-CitizensAssociatio, send cash or a check to PO Box 456, or email theresekeating@aol.com to make other arrangements. We'd love to hear your suggestions for 2021 virtual CA events! Feel free to email alysia.bone.gp@gmail.com.

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David Altar
301-602-2713
David.altar1@gmail.com

Services for Seniors

<ul style="list-style-type: none">BathingLiftingPersonal Care & Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none">DressingTransferring	<ul style="list-style-type: none">2 hour minimum for services – most companies require 4 hours as a minimum
<ul style="list-style-type: none">CompanionshipMeal PreparationMedication ReminderPhysical TherapyLight HousekeepingTransportation to Appointments		<ul style="list-style-type: none">All caregivers are professionally trained nursing assistants
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">The owner of ElderCaring personally meets with you to discuss your needs
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">All caregivers are fluent in English
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