

(i.e., demolition with various components--windows, doors, pipes, etc.—salvaged for sale). The financial proceeds from the sale of the house contents and salvaged house parts go to Ms. Yeandle. Then, the lot will be turned over to the town. The gift gives the town some leeway in what to do with the front part of the property (from the site of the house to the street), while the back part of the property is to be restored to a natural state. The discussion mostly concerned whether it would be possible to have a representative of the town check the contents of the house for items that might be useful for the town archives. The salvage and tearing down of the house will happen soon—probably over the course of the summer. The town council will then have to decide on how to proceed in developing a plan for the property.

Those were the biggies for the night. What else happened?

- Lizzie Glidden-Boyle was appointed unanimously to the Arboretum Committee, replacing Kathy Benjamin, who was stepping down.
- Three tree firms were approved to replace David Gregg (who has retired). The state government recommends that towns have multiple approved firms, enabling choice in awarding contracts to the most appropriate firm for any given tree work.
- Town offices and the Town Hall will undergo a gradual reopening. Details to follow.
- The mayor plans to move ahead with allowing a firm, Capitol Flexi-Pave, to install a free, 50-foot demonstration piece of sidewalk using Flexi-Pave (a permeable material made from recycled tires). Location of the demonstration sidewalk is to be determined.
- Councilmember Bennett gave an update on 5-G cellphone towers. Courts have upheld the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) rules on siting these towers. Among other things, the FCC rules imply that towns cannot block siting plans for aesthetic reasons. Now that the court fight is over, the county government will put out zoning rules for the towers.
- Councilmember Schulp provided an update on stormwater issues at the end of Rokeby (by the border with Garrett Park Estates). The erosion-prevention project is about ready to go out for bid. Since the response to the request for bids may occur after the July council meeting, and because there will be no meeting in August, the council agreed to give the mayor authority to approve the winning bid without a vote by the council, so long as the bid is below the budgeted amount. This will keep the project moving forward over the summer.
- Councilmember Paczkowski gave an update on Town Hall renovation plans, saying that an RFP (request for proposals) is being developed for an architectural/engineering firm to provide detailed drawings with cost information and technical details for the three

basic options that were discussed at a public meeting this spring. There was some discussion about establishing a working group or task force on this project, along the lines of the one a couple decades ago on planning for the Penn Place renovation.

- Councilmember Paczkowski also gave an update on the county’s 2050 plan, which he noted has elements that worry local governments and other civic groups in the county. A draft letter is circulating among various municipalities in the county responding to the report.
- Councilmember Grande gave an update on the Town Archives. Our archivist Claire McDonald has acquired a full-time job. She now works reduced hours for the town.
- Town Manager Fox gave her monthly report, of which the main item of note was that the contract for garbage and recycling pickup is out for bid.

Ed Lincoln
Bugle Reporter

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Town Manager’s Notes

- There will be no August Town Council meeting this year, consistent with the Town Charter, which allows for a one-month meeting hiatus each calendar year.
- During the June Town Council Meeting, the Council approved the acceptance of the US Department of Treasury, American Rescue Plan Act funding. The total allocation is not yet confirmed. Funds will be distributed in two tranches, with the initial allocation (50 percent of total allocation) disbursed upfront and the second allocation to follow 12 months later. The final guidelines for eligible uses of the funds will not be available until sometime after mid-July.
- The Town Office has been busy working on several RFPs. The RFP to select tree contractors closed last month, and posted on the Town website are RFPs for refuse and recycling, and for drainage improvements at lower Rokeby.

Regular Reminders:

Communication – The resident’s portal provides the Town Office with one more way to reach you. Register at www.garrettparkmd.gov/residents-portal New to town? Contact adminelizabeth@garrettparkmd.gov to get 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 questions or concerns, 301-933-7488 or managerandrea@garrettparkmd.gov.

Andrea Fox, Town Manager

Citizens Association

The Garrett Park July 4th celebration is back by popular demand this year, and we are in need of many volunteers! If you have witnessed or participated in the celebrations in past years, you know that this is a large operation and wouldn't be possible without the help from volunteers.

Please consider volunteering and signing up at the following

link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e44a4ab2aa6fb6-garrett2>

The following positions are needed:

- 1) Traffic Control – 4 volunteers minimum
- 2) Parade Judges – 12 volunteers minimum
- 3) Onsite Parade registration – 4 volunteers minimum

Important Note: We are organizing these events in accordance with CDC and Montgomery County COVID-19 guidance, so please check those websites for the latest information.

Pre-Register for the Parade!

As a reminder, the theme of this year's parade is "Heroes." Broad interpretations of the theme are encouraged--think everyday heroes or fictional superheroes!

Please consider pre-registering for the July 4th parade as it will help us streamline the process on the day of the event (see link below). Onsite registration will also be available from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on the day of the event for those who are not able to pre-register. **Pre-registration will close at 5 p.m. on July 2.**

Parade Pre-Registration

Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FWFNMC8>

Note: While prize ribbons will only be awarded to children or adolescents 17 years of age or younger, we encourage everyone to embrace the spirit of the holiday and dress up either in patriotic colors or in accordance with the theme. If you would like to walk/ride in the parade but are not competing for a prize, you do not need to register.

Below are the 5 registration categories (you will be able to register for only one category per entry).

- 1. FLOATS (includes wagons)
- 2. INDIVIDUAL RIDERS (Bikes/Trykes/Scooters)
- 3. GROUP OF RIDERS (2 or more riders on Bikes/Trykes/Scooters)
- 4. INDIVIDUAL WALKERS (NO Groups, NO Wheels, NO Floats, NO Bikes/Trykes/Scooters)
- 5. GROUP OF WALKERS (2 or more people, NO Wheels, NO Floats, NO Bikes/Trykes/Scooters)

Below is the schedule of the day's events, which are also noted in the attached flyer:

- 7:30 a.m.: Fun Run registration – All ages at Penn Place parking lot
- 8:00 a.m.: 2 mile fun run/walk – Penn Place
- 9:30 a.m.: Onsite registration/Parade forms – Garrett Park Elementary School parking lot
- 10:30 a.m.: Parade begins at Garrett Park Elementary School
- Corned Beef King food truck will be at Penn Place right after the parade. And music will be provided by Garrett Park’s own Border State!
- 3:00 p.m.: Annual Softball Game – Garrett Park Elementary School

If the forecast calls for rain and we need to cancel or adjust plans, we will let you know via an email to the listservs. We will aim to make a call by 6 p.m. on July 2.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

Arboretum Committee

If you’ve walked through Porcupine Woods, you’ll have noticed all the netted plantings where the path opens onto Clermont Ave. Construction to improve the stormwater drainpipe that runs under Clermont and drains into the woods left a large disturbed area vulnerable to erosion and weed invasion.

The town contracted with Empire Landscape, specialists in environmental restoration, to replant with native species and improve the path and steps to the street. The area is now filled with a northern red maple, white oaks, pawpaws, American holly, Eastern redbuds, chokeberries, and Carolina allspice, with sedges planted throughout for groundcover. Wire cages protect tender trunks from our hungry deer and the netting keeps out Brood X (to be

removed late June). Check out the tags on each plant for identification.

The hope is that next year this area will be a thriving native habitat!

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From the Town Archives

“Oral history interviews allow us to document and chronicle people's stories; stories that might otherwise not be included in the historical record.”
Patricia Leavy, Author

Since last summer, I've been working to preserve, organize, and describe Garrett Park's Oral History Collection. It's an impressive assortment of more than 100 oral histories collected and narrated by town residents over a 40-year period. The Collection

includes audio files and transcriptions and truly is a treasure of the Town Archives.

While my predecessors and dedicated volunteers did an awesome job of digitizing, transcribing, and cataloging the collection, I'm taking further steps to ensure it is preserved and more accessible. I've created additional backups of audio files, and I'm reformatting and converting old word processing formats to archival PDFs. I'm also creating a descriptive catalog of the collection, which I hope to complete later in July.

During this process, I've identified several oral histories that were either not transcribed or poorly transcribed. Thanks to a donation from the Historic Preservation Committee, I've been having these oral histories professionally transcribed with terrific results. I've also discovered that a number of oral histories do not have accompanying informed consent releases, which they ideally should according to legal and ethical standards in archives and oral history circles. Where I can, I'm attempting to obtain consent from the oral historians or their next of kin.

Since I began as Town Archivist in 2019, I have learned so much about Garrett Park. Undertaking this project has broadened by knowledge. The Oral History Collection has introduced me to town leaders and town characters, triumphs and tragedies, traditions and trend-setting ideas, and everyday delights and challenges of small town life. I can't wait to share it with you!

Claire McDonald, MLIS
Town Archivist
Archives@GarrettParkMD.gov
<https://garrettparkarchives.omeka.net/>

Congratulations to the Garrett Park Girls on the Run Team!

The pandemic forced the cancellation of many activities, but this spring, it did not stop our very own Garrett Park Girls on the Run team—an awesome group 3rd, 4th and 5th graders—from getting up at the crack of dawn to train, braving rainy morning practices and chilly temperatures, and completing a community project for a nearby assisted living facility, all while wearing masks and social distancing.

On an early Saturday morning just before Memorial Day, these intrepid runners triumphantly completed their season, safely running their very own 5K through our Town of Garrett Park.

Very Hearty Congratulations to Meghan Andrews, Nura Nia Bhatt, Sofia Celis-Deppe, Norah Chernoff, Juliet Fogarty, Nora Fogarty, Haley Fout, Kim Hooton, Hannah Houton, Izumi Iwai, Logan Nagl, Corrie Tocol, Carolina Uquillas, Arpita Vijay, and Ellie Welch for an incredible season, filled with grit, cheer and team spirit, and for crossing the finish line of your "5K Your Way" in high spirits and with energy to spare!!!

Many thanks as well to all the families and neighbors who supported and cheered on our very own Garrett Park Girls on the Run team!

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Garrett Park Climate Action Network Looks to Get Busy

Are you concerned about climate change but not sure how to make a difference? Act locally!

The Garrett Park Conservation Action Network (GPCAN) is looking for new ideas and new members! Montgomery County recently released a [climate action plan](#) and joined the [Capital Area Solar Coop](#). GPCAN is interested in moving forward county environmental action ideas as well as our own projects right here in Garrett Park around things like energy conservation, local food sourcing, waste reduction and recycling. What are your interests and ideas for action in our neighborhood?

Interested neighbors are invited to a planning meeting at Town Hall on September 12th at 7:30 pm. To join GPCAN, email [Joanne Schmader](#). All are welcome.

Obituary

Felice Kornberg (November 11, 1928 - May 20, 2021) - pianist, advocate, teacher, friend, parent, grandparent, great-grandparent and spouse - died on May 20, 2021. She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Warren Kornberg.

Felice was best known for her love of music. She often reflected that she began playing piano at a young age when she upstaged her older brother who was struggling to practice. She continued to play, graduated from the NYC High School of Music and Arts and then received her Bachelor of Arts from Brooklyn College and her Masters of Arts from Columbia University.

Beginning in 1976, Felice served as the Director of the School of Music at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington in Rockville, Maryland where, in addition to managing a resident orchestra of seventy musicians and administering a School of Music, she presented such internationally acclaimed artists as violinists Joshua Bell and Gil Shaham, cellists Yo Yo Ma and Leonard Rose and numerous outstanding chamber groups including the Beaux Arts Trio and the Emerson String Quartet. She was the first person to present the Young Concert Artists Series as part of an Urban Arts Center rather than in a university setting. She also was a Judge for the Helen Hayes Awards. She was the force behind the success of the Summer Theater of the Arts for Youth (STAY) where she directed and played the piano for many wonderful musicals including “Bye Bye Birdie”, “Annie Get Your Gun”, “Fiddler on the Roof” and “Grease.”

She was Chair of the Piano Department at Prince George’s Community College in Maryland from 1970 to 1976 where she not only participated in Faculty Recitals but also appeared as a soloist with the Prince George’s County Symphony Orchestra. In addition, she taught piano lessons to both children and adults throughout the course of her career.

Felice appeared in recitals at both the Weill Recital Hall in Carnegie Hall and the Town Hall in New York City, as well as the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D.C. She was an active member of the Friday Morning Music Club for 50 years and was also a member of the National Music Teachers Association and the Maryland State Music Teachers Association.

Felice was also known for her strong feminist and political beliefs. She and her husband frequently opened their homes to political protesters who came to the DC area to fight for change, including the famed feminist activist Fannie Lou Hammer. She was active in antiwar and civil rights protests and often held fundraisers for progressive candidates.

Felice is survived by her children Lisa H. Kornberg (Emma Hawthorn), Jena Kornberg Talarico (Michael Talarico), and Eva Kornberg Polston (Mike Queen); her grandchildren Matthew Kornberg (Katie Beran), Jessica Talarico (Neil Cowling), Dan Kornberg-Porter, David Talarico (Rachel Talarico), Dorothy, David and Jonathan Saunders, and great-grandson Lincoln Wyatt Beran Kornberg.

Our Graduates

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

Sophia Abels, from Kenilworth Ave., graduate of Walter Johnson High School. Attending Richmond University in London, UK in the fall.

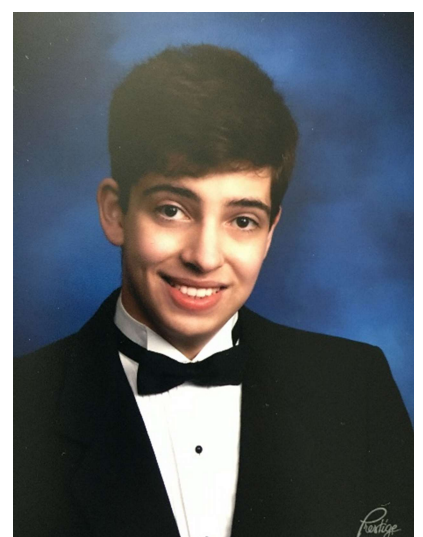
Rebecca Bennett, daughter of Art and Gerilee Bennett on Keswick Street, graduated from Walter Johnson High School. She will be attending McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, where she plans to study international development.



Luke Dentel, graduate of Walter Johnson High School, with a meritorious service award, will be attending University of Maryland in the fall.



Arden Dombalagian, Walter Johnson High School. Arden graduated in the top 5% of his class with honors in music. He is heading to Georgetown University where he plans to study physics.





Quinn Harris, Walter Johnson High School

- National Honor Society
- Psi Alpha Honor Society
- Try-M Music Honor Society
- Superintendent's SSL Award
- Scholar Athlete
- WJ Varsity Swim and Dive all 4 years

College Plans: University of South Carolina majoring in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Ayana Heijkoop of Strathmore Ave. graduated from the Biomedical Magnet Program at Wheaton High School. She will attend the University of Maryland in the fall.

Gianna Marie Horan Schulp, Walter Johnson High School, 4419 Cambria Avenue

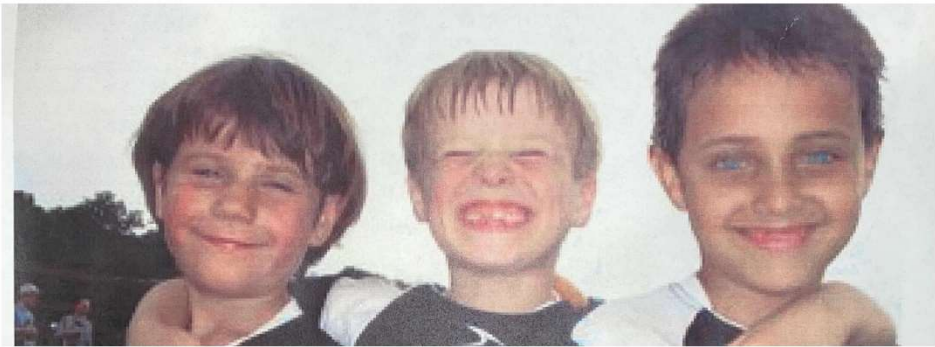
Girl Scout - Ambassador level. Introduced recycling program at GPES. +10,000 recyclables and counting!
Inspired - To rise to any challenge, like driving 1+ hours to find that open ACT testing site! 100 M. swims as a Ladybug!
Academic - APEX scholar, National/Spanish/Social Studies/Science/Music honor societies.
Natural - Captain, WJ Crew (girls rowing team), middle-school tutor.
Not afraid - To try new things, like the French horn in 10th grade!
Atlanta bound - Ready to start college at Emory University, studying Liberal Arts and International Relations.

Gianna, we love the young woman you've grown to be. Good luck on the next phase of your journey!

Love, Mom and Dad



Dav King graduated from Walter Johnson High School this spring, along with several of his GPNS classmates (picture is of Dav, Talie Tinker left, and Kai Svenson, right). This Fall, Dav will attend Duke University, even though his parents assured him for 16 years that he didn't have to follow in their footsteps. Fortunately, he has plenty of footsteps of his own. So far they're leading Dav to a psychology major and a political science minor (as of 10:48 am on June 28), although he's also looked at teaching, neuroscience, and music. Dav hopes to play string bass in the Duke symphony orchestra. He plans to do psychology research at the Canine Cognition Center, letting him play with lots of fluffy puppies. His parents have promised to bring Pixel down occasionally for extra furry therapy.



Roberts H. Plavnieks of Cambria Ave. graduated from Mclean School. He will attend the University of Redlands, CA, in the fall.

Matt Ryan of Montrose Ave. graduated from Georgetown Preparatory School. He will attend Georgia University (Athens).



Gabrielle Reilly graduated from Walter Johnson High School and will attend Towson University in the Fall. Currently a Business Marketing Major.
Christopher Reilly graduated from Walter Johnson High School and will attend Towson University in the Fall.

Very excited for their next journey!

Talie Tinker of Oxford St. graduated from Walter Johnson High School. He will attend University of Tennessee (Knoxville).

College

Mark Casassa graduated from UMBC with a BA in Psychology in December 2020 (in front of his computer). He plans to attend a graduate school Psychology program.

Harry Flannery, from Kenilworth Ave., graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He will serve as a Second lieutenant, U.S. Army Fort Hood, Killeen, Texas.

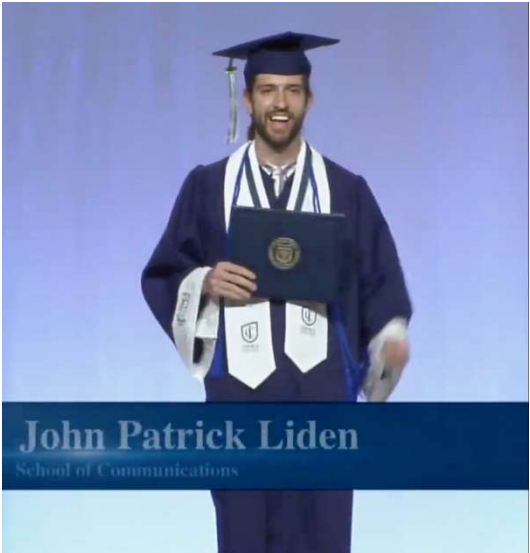
Quinn Hunter, Skidmore College, Honors in biology and minor in chemistry.

Sierra Hunter, Occidental College, Major in chemistry and minors in math and biology, Magna Cum Laude.



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.

Jack Liden graduated cum laude from Ithaca College on May 23, 2021. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in cinema production with a minor in audio production, and is moving to New York City to pursue a career in film audio engineering.



Morgan Smith of Montrose Ave. graduated from New York University, majoring in English.

Post-Graduate

Jesse Cole, MD degree from the Jacobs School of Medicine, University at Buffalo

Honors: *Cum Laude*, Gold Humanism Honor Society, G. Norris Miner Memorial Award for Demonstration of outstanding clinical competence in family medicine
Plans: Family Medicine residency at the Institute for Family Health, a program focused on health equity for underserved patients, at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City.



Almenddrita Vergara earned her Master of Library and Information Science from The University of Maryland in May 2020. Previously, as part of the Honors College Program at the University of Maryland, she earned bachelor's degrees of Arts in English and another on Film Studies in 2015. Almenddrita currently lives in Boise, ID. with her husband Yitzy Paul and is working in Boise State University. In the fall she will be the lead Librarian at Ridgeline High School in Boise.



Andrea Vergara De La Garza earned her MA in Bilingual Special Childhood Education from, Teachers College, Columbia University in May 2021. Previously she earned a Master of Science Degree on Childhood Studies (2018) and a Master of Arts and Bachelor of Science Arts in Geography with Environmental Studies (2017) from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. In the Fall of 2021 Andrea will be teaching at the Washington Heights Expeditionary Learning School (WHEELS) in New York City. Her photo proudly shows her graduations from Kindergarten in Holy Cross Elementary in Garrett Park and from Columbia University, New York City.

