



permitted to have 100-percent of their pre-pandemic indoor seating capacity, the reason for permitting the road closure no longer exists. Opponents also noted the negative impact on nearby residents and the often-unsightly nature of the outdoor seating area (particularly when the restaurant is not open). After the lengthy discussion, the council voted unanimously to extent the road closure for two more months to the end of 2021, with installation of white barriers (to replace the orange ones), and formation of a task force including residents to consider what should happen at the end of the year.

The updates portion of the meeting went rather quickly.

- Arboretum Committee. Councilmember Bennet noted that some additional tree plantings will occur this fall.
- American Rescue Plan. Councilmember Dubosz noted that the deadline for submitting plans for using the money coming to Garrett Park under this federal program has been pushed back to next spring. And, the final guidelines on what projects are eligible are yet to emerge from the county government.
- Waverly and Oxford sidewalks. Councilmember Schulp hopes the plans being developed will be ready for a vote at the November council meeting.
- Stormwater. Last month councilmember Schulp mentioned the intriguing possibility that the county should be paying for Garrett Park stormwater infrastructure. This month came further clarification. In 1967 WSSC transferred ownership and responsibility for storm drains from itself to the county government. Only three towns in the county kept responsibility for themselves. Garrett Park was not one of those three, so the county should be financially responsible for the town’s stormwater projects and their maintenance. But in recent years the town has paid for this itself. How this will be resolved remains to be seen since the county wants proof that it really did take over responsibility for Garrett Park’s storm drains in 1967.
- Archives. Councilmember Grande said that requests for archive materials are increasing.
- Strathmore Redevelopment at St. Angela Hall. Councilmember Bennett indicated that a county public hearing sometime in November is still expected. The town government will submit testimony to the county, but any town resident can also send in comments to the county.

Town manager Fox concluded the meeting with her monthly report. Expenditures and revenues are within projections. Of the other items in the report, the one of most immediate impact is that weekly yard waste pickup will now continue through the winter months, under the new contract the town signed with the refuse company.

Ed Lincoln  
*Bugle* Reporter

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## Town Manager’s Notes

### Communication

The Town Office encourages residents to stay informed on Town happenings. Please contact [support@garrettparkmd.gov](mailto:support@garrettparkmd.gov) to receive Town website notifications, register for the Resident’s Portal, and receive emails from the GPML and Town Forum list servs. By signing up you’ll receive notifications regarding Council Meeting materials, road closures, special projects, and other Town business.

### Holiday Gifts

To contribute a holiday gift to the crew members who take away our trash, recycling, and yard waste - now through mid-January, you may mail your check to: Town of Garrett Park, PO Box 84. Checks should be made payable to the Town of Garrett Park with “Holiday Fund” as the memo. The Town will send each contributor an acknowledgement and will see that the funds are properly distributed.

### Town Office Highlights

- The effort to make the best use of the space on the third floor of Penn Place is underway.
- The Town Office will be rolling out a new agenda management system that will enable a more efficient way to develop and finalize the agenda, minutes, and other Council meeting materials.
- In the coming weeks, certain diseased trees behind Town Hall will be removed, and the fence will be replaced with a fence of like material and size.

### Leaf Raking & Yard Work Assistance

Any young people in Town who would like to offer their services to help residents with fall yard work may contact Elizabeth Henley at [adminelizabeth@garrettparkmd.gov](mailto:adminelizabeth@garrettparkmd.gov) at the Town Office to add your name to our list.

### Yard Waste and Leaf Collection

Yard waste is picked up on Mondays year-round. Separately, weekly leaf removal occurs from October 15 - December 15. Leaves will be collected as early in the week as possible. Place leaves in rows alongside the curb street side, and remove sticks, rocks, trash, and other debris that can damage the machinery. Shredded leaves or grass clippings should be bagged and put out for the regular yard waste collection on Mondays. Rain or inclement weather



will delay leaf collection. Parents, please discourage your children from playing in leaves along the curb.

**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](http://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](mailto:managerandrea@garrettparkmd.gov).

Andrea Fox, Town Manager

PEANUT THE PENGUIN  
BOOK LAUNCH

Peanut the Penguin, a children’s book for ages 3 to 8 years, by local author/artist Aruna M. Lepore, is **now available** on Amazon, Barnes & Noble (online), and other online bookstores. It is available for order at any bookstore, if not already in stock.

SAVE THE DATE!

Help me celebrate by coming to the Peanut the Penguin LAUNCH PARTY!

When: Sunday December 5

Time: 3pm to 5pm

Where: Garrett Park Town Hall -- 10814

Kenilworth Ave., Garrett Park

Who: All are welcome: parents, children, and book-loving adults of all ages

What: Kid crafts and games, snacks and drinks, and more about the newly published Peanut the Penguin

Masks kindly required

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RSVP if possible: [arunamlepore@gmail.com](mailto:arunamlepore@gmail.com)

Information also available on [www.arunamlepore.com](http://www.arunamlepore.com)



Citizen Association Notes

Thank you to the hundreds of kids and adults who attended this year’s Halloween festivities. In November 2021

addition to Spooky Woods, we were pleased to bring back the Pumpkin Carving tradition. Thank you to Lesley Maloney for organizing an amazing Halloween parade, thank you to Sean Conlan for his yeoman’s work with props and electrical for Spooky Woods, and thank you to the many volunteers who donated their time well into the night to making the events a success! See you next year!



Historic Preservation Committee

Garrett Park’s Mid-Century Modern Richterville: A Photo Book



Do you know Garrett Park’s neighborhood of mid-century modern houses designed by architect Alexander Richter?

Dubbed “[Richterville](#),” the 26 houses on Weymouth, Keswick, Oxford, Shelley Court and Clermont Avenue, built between 1946 and 1960, are mostly still intact, despite the inevitable expansions and renovations. The streetscape of Weymouth, in particular, has remained true to Richter’s original intent.

Richter sited the low-slung, horizontal homes to blend into the tree-covered, hilly terrain. Influenced by Frank Lloyd Wright and the International Style, he designed the houses with open floor plans, large fireplaces, and walls of windows, creating an intimate connection to the outdoors. The homes were meant to be small and affordable, spatially varied and made with local materials. Ornamentation was minimal. They were part of the post-war architectural movement to democratize residential housing aesthetically and economically by making it reasonably priced for the middle-class. (Garrett



Park’s “[Chevy](#)” houses of the 1920s represent an earlier movement for modest priced suburban housing.)

In May of 2019, pre-pandemic, when we could still admire the interior of neighbor’s homes effortlessly without masks, the Town’s Historic Preservation Committee held a Richterville House Tour. The entire Richter clan attended – the three sons of Al Richter along with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They were thrilled to visit all the homes, but especially the one where the family lived at 10709 Weymouth.

Richter’s granddaughter, Lyndsay Richter, has created a coffee-table style photo book to commemorate the tour. Her beautiful photographs document both the vintage details and the modern updates to the eight homes featured. She self-published the book as a commemorative gift to her family members and donated one to the Garrett Park Archives.

Now the photo book is on view in the glass case in the Post Office, thanks to our Archivist Claire McDonald. It’s an important addition to the town’s rich architectural history. Check it out the next time you pick up your mail!

For anyone who would like to order a book via Shutterfly, please contact [nancywalz@gmail.com](mailto:nancywalz@gmail.com).

in love with a little 1946 clapboard house on Keswick Street. At that point it was white clapboard with pale blue shutters. Two bedrooms, tiny little kitchen (I didn’t care, I don’t cook), and a wonderful deep back yard. Simply picking up sticks in my own garden remains a pleasure to this day.

Fast forward to 1995, I found myself in love again with my now husband, Max Faulkner, and his daughter Rachel who’s now all grown up and lives in Garrett Park with her husband, Bill Cone, and children Ellie and Jack. Having them arrive here from Los Angeles just before the pandemic made all the difference for us in weathering the worst months. We spent many days and evenings in the circle of chairs out front under the huge beech tree (thank you Barbara Shidler & the GP Arboretum!).

**What does your day to day look like as we ease out of the pandemic? (Working from home, on location, etc).** Other pandemic highlights were an Easter concert performed in our driveway by a string trio of Bennetts, our long time, beloved neighbors across the street. Socially distant cocktails with friends, most particularly the Kellers of Clermont. And later, a magic show for children given in our front yard by our talented nextdoor neighbor, Todd Eisenstadt (also a Professor at American University).

My antiques shop in Kensington had to be closed for three months because of COVID, but it was a creative refuge for me during that time. Frequent changes of window displays, new paint, new carpet, lots of e-newsletters. When we reopened in late June 2020, many old customers returned and new customers found us. So many people spent months sheltering at home, staring at their own four walls, and yearning for a change. Needless to say, we sold lots of desks for all those people studying and working at home! a mixture of working from home, being onsite, walking the dog, and spending some time with friends and family.

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**Get to Know Your Neighbor**

**Margaret Goldsborough**

Where in Garrett Park do you live? How long have you lived here? Why did you choose to live in Garrett Park? I was single back in 1992 when I fell



**What are your favorite local shops, restaurants or hangouts?** I confess to mourning the loss of the petites department at Lord and Taylor. I absolutely adore the new eatery across from our shop...

DeliClub is a delicious and delightful addition to Kensington Antique Row. I should add that we are absolutely evangelists for the Grosvenor Market owned by our friends and Garrett Park neighbors, Scot and Molly Shuck. And finally, after enduring a year without a nearby hardware store, we were mighty glad to learn that Strosnider’s was coming. **What do you like most about living in Garrett Park?** I love Garrett Park and feel very fortunate to have landed here. ...Did I mention progressive dinners, the Fourth of July celebrations, the post office where we pick up our own mail, porches and patios. The tree walk. Really miss the Nursery School Craft Fair.... Max and I had our wedding reception at the Town Hall, and Rachel and Bill were married in the Town Hall and had their reception there.

## From the Town Archives

THE SUNDAY HERALD, SUNDAY, MAY 12, 1890.

NEW SUBDIVISIONS OPENED!

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Macadamized Avenues!

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Which, in addition, offers all the inducements held out to homeseekers and investors by the other subdivisions on the Metropolitan Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, the only desirable suburban outlet from the National Capital.

**Advantages of Altitude.**

Its altitude of 200 to 400 feet above Washington insures freedom from malaria, mosquitoes, and oppressive heat in summer. Almost constant cool breezes up Rock Creek Valley afford comfortable rest during the hottest summer nights.

**Water and Shade.**

Numerous springs of clear pure water abound in the Park. Considerable portions of the 500 acres are well wooded with natural forest growth.

**Beautiful Views.**

From the high plateau on which the 8200 lots are situated, and from the high grounds, the Washington Monument and Soldiers' Home are visible, and extended views of the surrounding country for miles in every direction are presented.

**Railroad Facilities.**

Twenty-eight trains daily stop at the Park, and several more will be commenced this spring. A large and commodious general store has been opened, and post office and ticket, freight, and express offices supply the needs of the community. A large and commodious pavilion, with a capacity for about 250 persons, has been erected near the principal spring for the use of residents and visitors. Several quarters have been opened, which afford EXCELLENT STONE FOR FURNISHING BUILDINGS, AT MODERATE PRICES.

**Store and Residences.**

A number of fine residences have been erected in the Park, and several more will be commenced this spring. A large and commodious general store has been opened, and post office and ticket, freight, and express offices supply the needs of the community. A large and commodious pavilion, with a capacity for about 250 persons, has been erected near the principal spring for the use of residents and visitors. Several quarters have been opened, which afford EXCELLENT STONE FOR FURNISHING BUILDINGS, AT MODERATE PRICES.

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This liberal and unusual offer of FREE TRANSPORTATION is made for the purpose of showing Garrett Park's rare attractions, and for the confidence before that people of substantial taste will be certain to invest in this unequalled suburban location. For plans and further information, call on or address:

GEO. H. BROWN, S. DANA LINCOLN,

President Metropolitan Investment and Building Co. Acting Secretary.

(See Advertisement in Today's "Post.")

has me thinking about Garrett Park’s earliest roads—one of the town’s key selling points back in the day! In 1890, full-page ads in the *Sunday Herald* proclaimed the many features of Garrett Park, including its “Macadamized Avenues.” According to Britannica online, macadam pavement was “composed of a compacted subgrade of crushed granite or greenstone designed to support the load, covered by a surface of light stone to absorb wear and tear and shed water to the drainage ditches.”


While Garrett Park’s macadamized roads were likely an improvement over dirt roads of the time, they required frequent upkeep and maintenance, including a ready supply of stone and periodic rolling (to press down the stone). I’m sure having several quarries in or near the town helped reduce maintenance costs, but a peek at old financial reports shows that road maintenance was a major part of the town’s budget. For example, in April 1905, 10-month expenditures for “Care and Improvement of Streets” totaled \$839.37, which covered labor and teams, crushed stone, and freight. This represented 65 percent of the town’s total expenditures for the same period. I guess it was the cost of being cutting edge 120 years ago!

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## GP Conservation Action Network – Green Tip of the Month

### Conservation: An enlightening idea

Solar, wind and geo-thermal energy can feel like pretty complicated, expensive and out of reach climate change solutions for a homeowner to implement locally. Think conservation! There are many quotidian ways to conserve precious energy resources that will make a difference both to your wallet and to the environment. This month’s GPCAN Green Tip focuses on conserving lighting energy at home.

According to the Department of Energy, [Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy](#), lighting accounts for around 15% of an average home's electricity use. Switching from incandescent light bulbs to energy-efficient LED lighting is one of the fastest ways to cut our energy bill. “LED” stands for light-emitting diode. LEDs use up to 90% less energy and last up to 25 times longer than traditional incandescent bulbs. In fact, DOE estimates the average household can save about \$225 in energy costs per year just by using LED lighting. LEDs can be indoors and outdoors because of their durability and performance in cold environments. When choosing bulbs, look for those with an “ENERGY STAR” rating.

Adding inexpensive lighting controls, such as timers, dimmers and motion sensors are also inexpensive ways to conserve energy. Solar-powered LED outdoor lighting may also be an option. And PEPCO offers a discounted lighting marketplace.

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Check it out [here](#). While you are there, check out their [tips](#) for saving energy.

Of course, conserving energy can also be as simple as turning the lights out when we leave a room (and teaching our children to do the same). Please consider taking one or more of these simple steps this month.

GPCAN thanks Ken Ingham for his contributions to this Green Tip. “Green Tip of the Month” is sponsored by the Garrett Park Conservation Action Network, a group of residents concerned about environmental issues and committed taking action locally. To get involved and join the GPCAN listserv, contact Joanne Schmader at [JSchmader@protonmail.com](mailto:JSchmader@protonmail.com).

## G.I.V.E.S.

Hello Garrett Park! While we're enjoying spectacular weather and gorgeous fall colors, it's easy to forget that others are struggling. And as the colder weather and holiday season approaches, it's more important than ever to think about the homeless. To that end, please join G.I.V.E.S. for the Soup Supper fundraiser -- **Sunday, November 7th from 5-7pm at Town Hall**. If you are fully vaccinated, come be part of a 40+ year Garrett Park tradition to help those in need while sharing delicious homemade soups and meeting your neighbors. This is an indoor event, however windows and doors will remain open to increase fresh air flow and circulation. Consider donating the money you would have spent on dinner to help support [Stepping Stones Shelter](#) in Rockville, MD and [Thrive DC](#) in Washington, D.C. -- homeless shelters that benefit tremendously from all your donations of any amount, especially during these continued challenging times. Joining us again this year will be Alicia Horton and Stacey Gold, the directors of these 2 worthy organizations, to share with us how they and their constituents are coping. G.I.V.E.S. will provide tables and chairs, cups, napkins and water and a cozy ambiance. Guests are asked to bring soup or salad along with bread to share and your own bowl and utensils. Feel free to bring your beverage of choice.

G.I.V.E.S. will continue with in-person collections outside the Post Office (weather permitting) on the first Saturday of each month. If you miss us then, 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](#). Reminder -- we only accept cash and checks at this time but are still working toward offering an electronic donation option.

If you've volunteered to join [G.I.V.E.S.](#) and host [Saturday morning](#) collections, you will soon receive an email with a link to a Sign-Up Genius. Please choose the date/time that works best for you in 2022. And if you haven't joined G.I.V.E.S. but are looking for a way to become involved in your local community, help others less fortunate, and can spare **JUST 2 HOURS PER YEAR**, please contact us at [garrettparkgives@gmail.com](mailto:garrettparkgives@gmail.com).

Looking forward to seeing lots of you at the Soup Supper. Wishing you a continued beautiful fall season.

With gratitude,

Molly Shuck and Natalie Grande (Co-Presidents) and  
Therese Keating (Treasurer)

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## Bugle Town Governance Project

The *Bugle* is pleased to announce an ongoing series of essays concerning Town governance. These essays, written by experienced citizens of Garrett Park, are designed to answer fundamental questions about the role of your local government, how it fits within the larger county, state and national governmental functions, and how you, as citizens of Garrett Park, can get involved. If you are interested in reading about a topic (or if you want to author a topic), or if you have a comment about what you read, please do not hesitate to email the Bugle at [garrettbugle@gmail.com](mailto:garrettbugle@gmail.com).

We start with a three-part series on the Garrett Park budget because, as the authors will demonstrate, at its essence, the budgeting process is the clearest communication of a town's values and priorities. The Garrett Bugle is pleased to welcome Chris Keller and Ken Schwartz. Chris Keller (Clermont) is a former mayor and councilmember, having served as mayor from 2008 to 2012 and councilmember from 1995 to 2005. Ken Schwartz (Clermont) has also served as councilmember and has worked his entire career within the Office of Management and Budget.

### The Garrett Park Town Budget Process

We have been asked by the editor of the Bugle to address the Garrett Park budget process. This will be done in several consecutive editions of the Bugle. Because the town budget is the way in which the Town expresses its goals and priorities, we hope that these articles will prompt greater interest in the budget on the part of citizens.

There are two principal elements to budgeting – budget development and budget execution. We will focus primarily, but not exclusively, on budget development.

## The Annual Budget

The Town's fiscal year (FY) extends from July 1 to the following June 30. For example, even though the calendar year still says 2021, this month (November) is the fifth month of FY2022. There are several steps that are taken before the budget takes effect on the first day of the fiscal year. First, the Town office gathers financial data (e.g., projected revenues from taxes) so that the mayor and Town manager can draft a proposed budget for Council consideration. Second, the Town's custom is to hold a public work session to discuss the proposed budget *prior* to the Council's consideration of the draft budget. Third, the draft budget is "introduced," and voted upon, at a regular Council meeting. Fourth, the "introduced" budget is considered in final form and voted upon at the following month's Council meeting.

There are three principal elements to the Town budget: (1) revenue, (2) operating expenditures, and (3) capital expenditures.

**Revenue.** In FY2021, total revenue was \$1.5 million. About 75% of that sum was from property taxes and local income taxes. The tax rate for property within Garrett Park is set each year by the Council as part of the budget process. It is collected by Montgomery County; the County keeps some of the property taxes to pay for County services (e.g., schools), and part is refunded to Garrett Park to pay for Town services. Likewise, a portion of the income taxes residents pay to the State of Maryland is funneled back to Garrett Park.

**Operating Expenditures.** In FY2021, operating expenditures totaled \$1.2 million. These are annual costs for daily operations of the Town. The single largest component is "personnel" (salaries, overtime, benefits, payroll taxes, and training). In most years, "personnel" accounts for about 50% of operating expenditures. Other examples of costs include road maintenance, parks and trees, and contractual services, such as trash and leaf collection. Funds lapse at the end of fiscal year if not used. Lapsed funds become an aggregate carry-over to the following fiscal year.

**Capital Expenditures.** Funds spent on permanent improvements, such as infrastructure, are capital costs. Because such projects may take many years to plan for and build, budgeted funds do not lapse at year's end; rather, they remain available until expended. In FY2021, capital funding totaled \$1.5 million. Almost all these funds were appropriated in years prior to FY2021. Of the \$1.5 million available for expenditure in FY2021, only \$200,000 was actually spent. The major cost items include streets and roads, facilities (Penn Place and Town Hall), storm drains, parks and arboretum, and capital planning. (Note: The STRS sidewalk project received Federal funding.)

Finally, in the 1990s, the Town created a "rainy day fund" for extraordinary, unanticipated expenses or revenue shortfalls. That fund stands at \$175,000. To date, none of the funds have been spent.

## Mid-Year Budget

With about half the budget year under its belt (or later than a half year), the Town has a better notion of how actual revenues and expenses are progressing for the fiscal year. So, a mid-year budget adjustment is undertaken, with modifications made in both revenue and expenditure projections. The aim of this fine-tuning is to ensure that the Town's budget is "on track." Enough for now. Next month we will discuss budget issues faced by the Town Council.

Chris Keller and Ken Schwartz