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Calendar			
Mon May 1	Garrett Park Election Day	Wed May 17	Aroboretum Comm. Meeting, Town Hall, 7p
Wed May 3	Historic Preservation Comm. Meeting, Town Hall, 7p	Sat May 20	GIVES Collection, Post Office, 9a – 11a
Sat May 6	GP Annual Yard Sale, 8a – 1pm	Sat May 20	Chicano Sol Farm Stand, Penn Place, 9a – 1p
Sat May 6	GIVES Collection, Post Office, 9a – 11a	Sat May 20	GP Progressive Dinner, 6p
Sat May 6	Chicano Sol Farm Stand, Penn Place, 9a – 1p	Sat May 27	Chicano Sol Farm Stand, Penn Place, 9a – 1p
Mon May 8	GP Town Council Meeting, Town Hall & Virtual, 7:30p	Mon May 29	Memorial Day; Town Office Closed
Sat May 13	Chicano Sol Farm Stand, Penn Place, 9a – 1p	* No GP JAMS this month	

Town Council Meeting Notes

Important! Did that get your attention? The April meeting of the Town Council included two very important decisions—the annual Town Budget and the contract for developing renovation options for the Town Hall. I will get to these shortly, so read on.

After a quick and routine approval of the minutes from the previous meeting and of the agenda, the meeting quickly moved on to presentations by two residents--Dave Almy and Chris Keller—whose comments I will return to later in this report. The resident comments were followed by the Town Manager’s monthly report, which covered more issues than can be addressed here. Let me just mention one: a new, improved website for the Town is in process. Now, on to the big issues of the night. The annual Town Budget is introduced (a formal legal term) at the March meeting. Then, in April the Town Council votes to adopt it (sometimes including minor changes). Since the Council Members had already discussed the Fiscal 2024 (beginning July 1, 2023) Budget twice—first at a work session in late February and then at the March Council Meeting, there was only a bit of further discussion this time, followed by a unanimous vote to adopt.

Even for our small town, the budget is large enough and complicated enough that your reporter dares not get into the weeds of explaining individual line items. But it is worth noting the big picture. The budget projects total revenues of just under \$1.8 million (\$1.6 million in receipts plus an expected carryover from fiscal 2023 of \$136,000). Town

receipts come from a wide variety of sources—property taxes, local income taxes, licenses and permits, rent, etc. These revenues will finance just under \$1.5 million in operating expenses. The biggest of these expenses are personnel (\$638,489), general town administration (\$259,100), and maintenance of town buildings and grounds (\$233,250). Note that operating expenditures are smaller than anticipated revenues. The difference is put into the capital account and an operating reserve. The bottom line is zero, because the Town is required to operate with a balanced budget.

What is the capital account? Think of this as a fund that builds up over time as money is transferred into it annually, that then finances larger capital projects in town, projects that are too large to be paid for out of a single year’s operating budget. As of February 2023, the capital account totaled \$2.8 million, of which almost \$1.8 million was due to these annual transfers, and \$1.0 million was the grant to the Town under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). A variety of projects to use these capital funds is in the works, including Town Hall renovation, reconfiguration of the third-floor office space at Penn Place, and replacement of the sidewalk on Waverly from Montrose to Penn Place. Speaking of capital improvement projects, the second big item on the agenda was renovation of the Town Hall. The Town received three bids for the contract to sketch out three (low, medium, high) options for the renovation. Two of those bids were rejected because they did not meet the technical specifications of the request for proposals. The question, therefore, was whether the Town should accept the remaining bid

(Wiedemann Architects, LLC) or put out a new request for proposals in hopes of getting more bids. Resident Chris Keller had spoken to this issue in his resident’s presentation, noting the fine work the work the firm had done in the past for the Town on renovating Penn Place when he was mayor. Town Manager Matthews noted that she had gotten nothing but glowing replies when checking references. After some discussion, the Council voted unanimously to accept the bid. By July or August, Wiedemann will provide a report assessing the condition of the building, the three conceptual approaches, and cost estimates for various parts of the proposed work. Discussion of the Town Hall contract also included comments about the possibility of money from the state government. Preliminary inquiries with the offices of our state representative indicate some interest, but any request will have to wait until the Town has a firm design plan.

In addition, there was discussion of the looming deadline on use of ARPA funds for the Town Hall project. Contracts for the actual construction work must be signed prior to December 31, 2024. Since there are multiple steps prior to having those contracts in place, the possibility of missing the deadline came up in the discussion. The Mayor, however, indicated that we could use the ARPA money for other projects (e.g., the Waverly sidewalk or the Penn Place office reconfiguration) and shift their existing funds in the capital budget to the Town Hall project.

Following these two large items, the meeting moved on to unfinished business, of which there were two.

Grotto property. At the previous Council Meeting, accepting a donation to the Town of property containing the 19th century grotto had been discussed but not voted on. This time, after further discussion, the Council expressed a unanimous intent to proceed, pending a survey of the property and a title search.

Penn Place commemorative train display. The train display proposed at the March meeting by Dave Almy resulted in some discussion of safety if teenagers (or others) attempted to lean over the second-floor railing to reach down to the train. Dave Almy, during the residents’ presentations had expressed skepticism that anyone could get to the train by leaning over the railing. Some further discussion occurred among the Mayor and Council, but ended with just an agreement to put the topic on the agenda for the May meeting.

Next, the meeting moved on to new business.

Antisemitism Resolution. The government of the Town of Chevy Chase is proposing public discussion and adoption of a resolution addressing antisemitism, and is looking for participation by other municipal governments. The Council obliged with a “thumbs up.”

Pool Wall Repair. The pending repair of the deteriorating brick wall at the pool raised the question of whether the repair should be done with cleaned recycled bricks from the existing wall. Chris Keller, during residents’ presentations had spoken in favor of such an effort at historical preservation—the wall was once part of a B&O Railroad (now CSX)

water tank. There was considerable discussion, but no vote taken, so this will come up again. With no important updates, the meeting came to its end after these two pieces of new business.

Ed Lincoln
Bugle Reporter

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Town Manager’s Notes

Important Dates:

- Monday, May 1, 2023 – Town Election (Polls Open 7:00 am – 7:30 pm)
- Monday, May 8, 2023 – Town Council meeting at 7:30 pm

2023 Town Election

This year’s Town election will be held on Monday, May 1. Voters will select candidates for three seats on the Town Council (the seats currently held by Dona Dobosz, Stephen Paczkowski, and Phil Schulp). The successful candidates shall be considered elected as of May 1 and shall take office at the next Town Council meeting after the election (Monday, May 8).

Below is the list of candidates for the three seats on the Town Council:

- Todd A. Eisenstadt
- Stephen Paczkowski
- Phil Schulp

Although this year’s election for the office of councilmember will be uncontested, the Town is still required to hold an election. This is because of a Town Charter provision that requires members of the Town Council to be elected by the voters.

The 2023 Town Election will be held in-person. Like last year, we will be using optical scanner technology provided by an outside vendor to tabulate votes.

Qualifications of Voters

Every person who (1) legally **resides within** the corporate limits of the Town on the day he or she registers to vote and continuously thereafter until casting his or her vote in any Garrett Park election (2) is at least **eighteen years of age**, and (3) is **registered either in the County or in the Town** is a qualified voter of the Town. Every qualified voter of the Town is entitled to vote in all Town elections, whether or not they are a citizen of the United States.

It is the policy of the Town that all eligible voters shall be provided with an opportunity to vote. Qualified persons may register by universal registration with **either Montgomery County or the Town**, or may register only with the Town (including residents who are not citizens of the United States), **up**

to and including on election day. Voters may register at any time that the Town office or the polls are open as well as at other times or places that the election judges may designate. If a person registers with Montgomery County, that registration must be for a Garrett Park address in order to vote in Town elections. If a registration occurs with the County less than 30 days before the Town election, the information may not reach the Town by election day. In that case, the voter must register again with the Town in order to vote.

If you would like to register with the Town, please scan or photograph any document that verifies your street address (your driver's license, a utility bill, or other official document) and email that information to the Town Manager at barbara.matthews@garrettparkmd.gov. You may also mail the document to the Garrett Park Town Office, PO Box 84, Garrett Park, MD 20896-0084.

The option of voting by absentee ballot is also available. To request an absentee ballot, please email barbara.matthews@garrettparkmd.gov or call the Town Office at (301) 933 – 7488. Completed absentee ballots must be received by the Town Office by the time the polls close at 7:30 pm on Monday, May 1.

Thank You – As she prepares to leave office, I would like to express my appreciation to Councilmember Dona Dobosz for her service to the community.

Attention All Garrett Park Landlords

On March 13, 2023, the Town Council adopted Ordinance No. 2023-1, which allows the application of County Code Chapter 29 (Landlord-Tenant Relations) in the Town of Garrett Park. The effective date of Ordinance No. 2023-1 is July 1, 2023.

This means that, as of July 1, 2023, landlords in Garrett Park will need to comply with all County requirements for rental properties. A useful source of information is the County's Landlord-Tenant Handbook, which addresses the rights and responsibilities of landlords and tenants under County Code Chapter 29. You can find the Handbook at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dhca-landlordtenant
Garrett Park is Going Greener!

The Town Council authorized funding for a 1-year pilot program to assess community interest in a municipally supported household organic waste composting program. The Town has signed a contract with Compost Crew, and it's time for residents to start signing up at www.Compostcrew.com.

Detailed information on the pilot program is available on the Town website at the following link: [Compost Pilot Program Launched | Community Notices & News | Garrett Park, MD \(garrettparkmd.gov\)](#)

You can also contact Assistant Town Manager Kayla Buker at kayla.buker@garrettparkmd.gov.

FY 2024 Town Budget – On April 10, 2023, the Town Council adopted the budget for fiscal year 2024 (the year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024). Real property and personal property tax rates will remain unchanged.

The annual household assessment for refuse, recycling, and yard waste collection will also remain the same for the coming fiscal year. In addition to the

cost of these services, \$15,000 has been included for the continuation of the pilot program initiated in May 2023 for household organic waste (compost) collection and disposal.

In 2022, I requested that Clark | Azar (the Town's civil engineering firm) assess the condition of Town-owned road pavement and curb conditions to inform the development of the Capital Budget, not only for FY 2024 but for subsequent years. Overall, Town roads and curbs were found to be in good condition. The recommended program for FY 2024 provides for the repaving of certain portions of Keswick Street and Shelley Court, patching work near the Clermont Avenue/Oxford Street intersection and near the Keswick Street/Oxford Street intersection, and curb replacement in several areas.

Regular Reminders:

Communication. Are you new to Town? Contact the Town Office at (301) 933-7488 so we can get you up to speed with what you need to know about living in Garrett Park.

Permits. Planning a spring construction project? Please keep in mind that a Garrett Park building permit is required when a new structure is to be built, including houses, additions, sheds, garages, decks, porches, and driveways. The Town permit is in addition to the required Montgomery County permit. To avoid any delay in the process, complete your Garrett Park permit application and submit it 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.

If you live in the designated historic district, please keep in mind that some projects may require a County Historic Area Work Permit.

As always, please reach out to the Town Office with any questions or concerns. You can reach me at (301) 933-7488 or at Barbara.Matthews@garrettparkmd.gov.

Barb Matthews, Town Manager

SPECIAL 150th ANNIVERSARY B&O TRAIN EXCURSION STOPPING AT GARRETT PARK May 29

On Monday, May 29, a special excursion commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the B&O Railroad will be organized by Montgomery Preservation, Inc. and it will be stopping in Garrett Park to accept passengers.

A vintage train accommodating up to 600+ passengers will leave Silver Spring that morning and take them past several stops to Brunswick, MD, where people can disembark for lunch and strolling for approximately 2 hours, whereupon the train will return to Garrett Park and other stops. The current scheduled pickup time is 11:25 am. and the return time is 4:23 p.m.

Ticket prices have not yet been set but are projected to be Adults: \$30, \$15 for children 10-17, and those under 10 free. More details and other up-to-date information can be found on the MPI

website: <https://www.montgomerypreservation.org/daticunficketsfckets>.

ANNUAL GP MUSICALE RETURNS TO TOWN HALL!

Sunday June 11, at 4pm

What: *Music by and for Garrett Parkers with guest scholarship recipients!*

When/Where: *Garrett Park Town Hall*

Sunday, June 11, 2023 at 4:00 pm

Why: *To support of the Music Scholarship at GPES*

Your neighbors of all ages perform *live* music: pop, rock, folk, jazz, classical and more. We celebrate music education for all ages. Reconnect with friends and neighbors at the reception concluding the show.

Support our 27-year tradition of music scholarships for GPES students! All donations support the scholarship and are tax-deductible. The Music Scholarship is part of the Garrett Park Community Fund.

If you would like to play on the program, please contact Sue Petito at (240) 731-0985 or s.petito@yahoo.com or Meme Lincoln at (240) 447-2087 or mslincoln12@gmail.com.

Arboretum Committee

SPRING TREE PLANTINGS

In furtherance of the town’s identity as an arboretum, 26 new trees were added in April. Following the guidance of the Comprehensive Arboretum Plan, 2019, this group included a mix of both native and non-native species, with native species and hybrids comprising more than 60%. As always, these are to provide canopy replacement, species diversity, horticultural appeal, and resident education. Trees were sourced from two area nurseries noted for a wide range of common and hard-to-find species and cultivars and excellence of production. Trees were planted in open spaces both along streets in Town right-of-way and in Town-owned properties. All trees were installed to the highest professional standards by our own town staff, who will also be watering them throughout their first, most challenging year. Look for the green “gator bags” around the new trees!

Highlights:

‘Jefferson’ American elm, 10811 Kenilworth and Waverly 4601 next to parking lot. A disease-resistant new cultivar propagated from an old surviving tree on the National Mall near the Jefferson Memorial.

Vanilla Twist and Pink Heartbreaker weeping redbuds, Cambria Park and 4405 Cambria. New and dramatically different cultivars of this native small tree.

American fringetree, 10705 Kenilworth and 11121 Rokeby. Shrubby tree noted for airy white flowers in May followed by blue-black berries on these female seedlings.

Siebold magnolia, 11121 Rokeby. Rare Asian species noted for pendent, creamy white flowers with

red centers in late spring. Very difficult to find commercially!

Fruitless sweetgum, 4701 Albemarle. Medium-sized native shade tree devoid of pesky “gumballs”

Cutleaved Japanese Emperor oak, 4501 Clermont Place, Cambria side. Extraordinarily rare form of this uncommon large-leafed species. Rarely seen except in large public arboretums...quite a find!

By summer, they will be entered into the comprehensive inventory, tagged with number discs, and pinned on the tree maps, accessible on the Town’s website under the Arboretum Committee section.

Phil Normandy
Consulting Arborist for the Town



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INTEGRITY, HONESTY, TENACITY—RESULTS!!

From the Archives



Garrett Park is turning 125, and we want you to help us celebrate! Instead of just reading about all the cool things in the Town Archives, we are bringing the Town Archives to you. Come explore our live exhibit—*Garrett Park Over the Decades*—at Town Hall on Sunday, May 21 from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

Sponsored by the Archives Committee, with support from the Town Council, Mayor, and Town Office, this exhibit extravaganza will feature archival documents, artifacts, photographs, and displays that tell the town’s story from its earliest days to the present. Drop in with your family and friends to view history up close. Turn the pages of worn ledgers and decipher old handwriting, see what the town looked like in the mid-1890s, examine the detail of the town

quilt, admire fun designs of commemorative t-shirts from years gone by, and so much more.

Plus, what’s a party without snacks and music? We will be serving light refreshments (away from the archive materials, of course) and enjoying the harmonizing of a barbershop quartet. We’ll also have puzzles, coloring sheets, and crayons for our young attendees.

For more details, contact the Town Archivist or any members of the Archives Committee. We hope to see you on May 21!

Photo Source: A.B. Graham, Litho. Map of the Subdivision of Sections 50-61, 92-106 Garrett Park Montgomery County Maryland, 1891. Town Archives.

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Restaurant Review by Gary Gourmond

Cristina Ristorante Italiano
2666 University Blvd., Wheaton

Cristina Ristorante Italiano has been a staple in nearby Wheaton for many decades. It is located on University Blvd., just east of the intersection with Veirs Mill. Driving time is 10 minutes. Paid public parking is available on the same street as the restaurant. Cristina’s is open for both lunch and dinner seven days a week.

I have eaten at Cristina’s many times, but rarely since the pandemic. I have found that it is consistently quite good – perhaps not superb, but never mediocre. It is a white tablecloth restaurant, with a pleasant atmosphere. I would guess that it can seat about 40-45 guests. I and three others dined there in April. Main courses chosen were eggplant parmesan (\$18), penne pasta with peas, mushrooms and tomatoes in a vodka sauce (\$19), meat lasagna (\$19) and grilled salmon with broccolini and cauliflower (\$26). Nothing fancy, but everyone was pleased, and, as you can see, prices were moderate. We dined there on a Friday evening, and the restaurant was pleasantly full. Not packed – there were a couple of small empty tables – but busy. Cristina’s also has a limited children’s menu.

One caution. We found that the restaurant was highly air conditioned. My dining partners brought jackets and sweaters, so they were fine. I was dressed for the warm weather on the day we went there, and I was cold.

You can’t go wrong with Cristina’s. Service is relatively good, and most everything on the menu is well prepared. If you haven’t been there, give it a try.

In Garrett Park, everyone is entitled to my opinion.

Candidate Statements for Town Council

Todd A. Eisenstadt

I have been a Keswick Street resident since 2017, and it would be a pleasure to serve this marvelously unique community as a member of the Garrett Park Town Council. I have not served in local government before, but seek your vote based on know-how, experience, and energy I hope will be applicable to the position, as well as my interest in helping preserve Garrett Park and the natural spaces that surround us, as a sanctuary, but while also helping further integrate the town into the broader community and its needs.

The father of two adult daughters, I have been a professor of international politics at American University since 2003, and an author of books on environmental politics and international climate change policy. I seek to learn how Garrett Park can address environmental and climate-related issues, such as storm drainage accumulations and the loss of green space. Having served on boards of directors for Montgomery County NGOs addressing national and

international issues, it seemed like time to learn more about how to help closer to home. I am extremely appreciative of the chance to get to know neighbors and new friends in the area during the pandemic, and hope to continue to dialogue with our community and put some of our ideas to work.

Specifically, I would like to help our able town officials and the Council discern how our community wishes to plan for the medium-term future in an era when this part of Montgomery County is rapidly urbanizing. We want to preserve the suburban charm of Garrett Park, but also recognize that the county is increasing its population density. To prevent further traffic congestion and the overuse of public services we must think now about what we want for Garrett Park in twenty or thirty years. I hope to help address immediate needs (such spending of federal American Rescue Plan Act funds granted to the town as COVID relief on “shovel ready” public works projects), but also to devote attention to how residents would like the town to move forward.

I am new to elected office and do not have all the answers. I hope, with your help and that of our neighbors, friends, and colleagues, to formulate good questions. I thank you for considering me as a candidate for the position, pledge to dedicate needed time and energy to the job, to consult with the community, listen to you, and to zealously safeguard the future of our wonderful town.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to working with you.

Stephen Paczkowski (Incumbent)

I'm running for a 4th term as a member of the Town Council. In addition to my 6 years on Council, I have about 12 years total involvement with the Historic Preservation Committee (GPHPC), as member, then chair, and now as the council member. I am also the liaison for the Land Use Advisory Committee.

My wife Chuan and I moved to Strathmore Avenue 14 years ago. We have two boys, Walter and Brendan, both Ladybugs swimmers. I'm an Architect and Project Manager for Marriott Global Design, at the Bethesda HQ. I specialize in design feasibility and capital expenditure planning of new and repositioned hotel and resort properties. Prior to my current job about 3/5 of my career was in public buildings, parks, historic preservation, and sustainability. I went to Catholic University for architecture school, and later attended the NYU Wagner School of Public Service for my Master of Urban Planning degree.

For fun in town, I'm one of the regular softball players that represents “The Town” with a big tree and a menacing porcupine on our shirts, for many intense but friendly games against the “Trash Pandas” team of GP Estates.

As I contemplated whether to run again for council, I looked back on goals that I had run for/on originally and there were 3 main goals:

1. Improve our parks, especially for active recreation.
2. Develop a renovation plan for Town Hall

3. Get Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) done and done well.

The 3 goals are somewhat interrelated, as #3 sapped the energy from others. I'll touch on them in reverse order.

The SRTS project is done. It was an 8- or 9-year saga. It's great to see the Oxford sidewalk regularly used, and the Clermont-Montrose sidewalk is a great change from what was the worst condition of the active sidewalks in town. I could fill an entire edition of the Bugle with things I found distressing about the construction phase as a design and construction professional, and someone who values the town's historic garden suburb plan. I cringe every time I see 3 blocks of Oxford built as sidewalk adjoined to rolled curbs. That example was the inadvertent result of sidewalk opponents writing to various state and federal agencies pleading their case that sidewalks were inappropriate in a town that, like many historic districts, already had sidewalks. It's a shame, the town is stuck with those conditions for decades now. The scope cutting of Kenilworth is just too long of a story. Perhaps that can be shared another time. SRTS was well over the council approved budget, by a 6-figure amount. I only saw the numbers last summer. Much of the overage was due to spending the likes of which I've never seen on project/construction management consultants, at over 25% of the construction contract amount. There was also the inordinate amount of design changes to the project after it was designed, approved and contracted. Many change orders resolved that.

Town Hall is the project that spurred me to join council and is now underway with a design contract with a reputed firm for historic architecture. They will develop a schematic design report and 3 design concepts that will have costs associated. The town government will be able to review and vote for the best alternative, incorporating residents' input. The selected firm highlighted the Noyes Library as an exemplary recent project of their firm. That was interesting for me to hear as I was the architect who led a large team developing the same type of report and design concepts for the historic Warner Mansion property across the street. I had recommended our town hire a firm that could do the process I had done there, and at other historic properties. The recommendation came out of a 2018 Charrette + a 2021 update I put together with help of GPHPC.

It's important to remember the town only recently had budget that could be assigned to do a full or nearly full renovation of Town Hall. ARPA funding, contrary to discussion on listservs, was only assumed to be prioritized toward Town Hall less than a year ago. Over a year prior to that consisted of meetings of an ad hoc committee started by the previous mayor. The first few months of that committee included efforts to keep both the discussion and the members of the committee undisclosed. The town (contract) attorney was even consulted by the then mayor, regarding Maryland Open Meetings Act compliance, and I assume that was a taxpayer funded consult, not free.

On Parks, county owned Wells Park was redone, and is greatly improved. Other town owned parks have continued to fall into disrepair, notably the field west of the pool and the old tennis court east of it. The town could quickly develop plans to convert to a low(er) maintenance turf multipurpose field on the west. A hard surface sport court space plus a designed turf dog run on the east would likely be the highest and best use for a broad range of residents, especially in summer months when the pool is open.

I’ve been working on capital expenditure process recommendations for the town and will be sharing those at the next council meeting. The town has nearly \$3 million of capital funding available, including ARPA funding. I am recommending the town improve its parks immediately, contracting that work while Town Hall design and resident input processes continue, as that project will take longer to get to a construction contract and would follow. Look for my report with materials for next council meeting.

I ask for your vote on Monday, and for your support as the town government works toward meaningful and sensible improvements.

Phil Schulp (Incumbent)

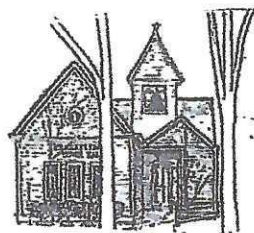
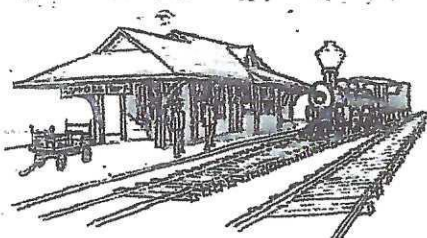
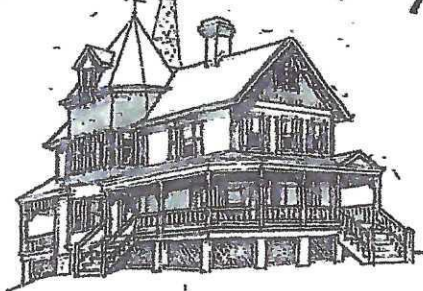
I am honored to serve another term as your Town Council member. I intend to continue using my talents and experience to:

- Keep the dialogue going, always open to discussing the issues that are important to you.
 - I launched the live-streaming of Council meetings to enable residents to participate wherever they may be.
- Continue to listen and respect fellow Council members, while thoroughly evaluating all options during Council meetings.

- Light up and repair the Waverly Avenue sidewalk (Penn Place portion). It’s a trip hazard.
 - The preliminary design has been reviewed and approved by all appropriate Town committees. The project now must be driven to conclusion.
- Using my engineering experience and mindset, I will continue to review submissions from the Town’s civil engineering contractor.
- Continue investigating the responsibility that the County has to our residents related to stormwater management.
 - Specifically, water runoff from Strathmore Avenue that negatively impacts some residents.
- Swimming Pool liaison – I have worked closely with the pool board, especially during the redesign of the new bath house. I enjoy volunteering time to the pool in these ways:
 - Preparing site plans/reviewing project timelines.
 - Mechanical and electrical work.
 - Living next door, I’ve even helped rescue animals that have wandered into the club.
 - Member since 2004.

I live on Cambria Avenue, and am an electrical engineer in the rail industry, consulting with AMTRAK on their ACELA high-speed train. My wife, Jean Horan (para educator at GPES) and I enjoy working together on pool projects and volunteering to support the Garrett Park Women’s Club. Our daughter, Gianna, is finishing her 2nd year at Emory University. Please email me at councilphil@garrettparkmd.gov if you’d like to share your views and interests. I ask for your vote on Monday, May 1st. Thank you.

Garrett Park Over The Decades



Quasquicentennial Celebration
1898 - 2023 - 125th

SAVE THE DATE--AND CELEBRATE!

**125th TOWN ANNIVERSARY
GARRETT PARK THROUGH THE DECADES
An Exhibit of Objects, Documents, and Publications
Presented by the Garrett Park Archives Committee**

**12-4 PM, MAY 21, 2023
TOWN HALL**

Also featuring refreshments, small kids activities, and a barbershop quartet

More Details to Follow!

Learn about our local history!

Kensington Historical Society presents:

From Corn to Commuters: How the Coming of the Railroad Changed the Way of Life and the Future of Montgomery County with Susan Cooke Soderberg, Germantown Historical Society **Tuesday, May 23 • 7:30 pm**

Join us in celebration of the 150th anniversary of B&O Railroad's Metropolitan Branch! This presentation tells the story of how the coming of the railroad changed the face of Montgomery County forever. Featured are the railroad stations designed by Francis Baldwin (including Kensington's), extraordinary feats of engineering like the curving trestle over Little Seneca Creek and



the Bollman Truss viaduct over the Monocacy, and the new suburban and agricultural towns



spawned by this catapult into the Industrial Age. The talk also explores how this branch line became the mainstay of the B&O Railroad Company and how it evolved into the commuter and freight line it is today.



A Germantown resident, Soderberg served with the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, where she planned for historic preservation and history in the parks, and has published a number of books on the history of Germantown and the Met Line.

Two ways to attend:

- **In-person:** In the classroom of the Kensington Town Hall, 3710 Mitchell St, Kensington, MD 20895
- **Virtual:** Attendees use this zoom link at the time of the presentation (*No pre-registration required.*):
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84587088280?pwd=Y2xEQ2JFZ1hZcUJqVTJObTRpM0Rpdz09>

This event is free of charge. Questions? Contact info@kensingtonhistory.org

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