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Calendar

Wed., Sept. 27	Citizens Assoc. meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm; vandalism (see p 3)	Sun., Oct. 15	Tree-planting and celebration (see p 3), 11321 Kenilworth Ave. (if rainy, Penn Place), 2 to 3:30 pm
Thurs., Sept. 28	GPES Book Fair open to public, GPES, 7 pm-9 pm	Tues., Oct. 17	Fall membership meeting of the Swimming Pool, Town Hall, TBD
Mon., Oct. 2	Mayor's "First Monday" coffee break, Town Lobby at Penn Place, 10 to 11:30	Thurs., Oct. 19	Casual Musicians' Club Jam, Town Hall, 8 pm
Thurs., Oct. 5	Casual Musicians' Club Jam, Town Hall, 8 pm	Sat., Oct. 21	Large item pickup
Sat., Oct. 7	GIVES collection, Penn Place, 9 am-1 pm	Sun., Oct. 22	Reception: Series II of Art at Penn Place, 3-5 pm (see p 5)
Mon., Oct. 9	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm	Sat., Oct. 28	Halloween: spooky Porcupine woods, dusk
Tues., Oct. 10	Lunch Bunch, Town Hall, 12:30 pm <i>Bugle</i> deadline, 3 pm	Sun., Oct. 29	Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 am; set clocks back one hour
Sat., Oct. 14	Attic-in-the-Street Sale, Kenilworth Ave., 10 am-2 pm (see p 5)	Tues., Oct. 31	School Costume Parade (afternoon); trick or treating by schoolchildren

Too Cool

The September meeting of the Town Council began with Charlie Snyder describing the fourth water main break since SHA put a new pipe in his yard as part of the Strathmore improvement project. "The project made serious mistakes when the pipe went in. These main breaks are going to happen again and again, disrupting water supply to the street. I'm asking that something be done."

The town will send, under the signature of the Mayor and the Council, a letter to SHA expressing the urgent need that things be done right. "The town," said the Mayor, "has a tremendous interest in trying to resolve this."

In her report, the Mayor noted that she's been appointed to the Maryland Municipal League legislative committee, and that the upcoming legislative year looks "very interesting," with one bill

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in particular giving down counties pretty broad zoning authority.

In Committee Reports, Chris Keller, for Parks and Open Spaces, noted that grants are available for Cambria Park improvements, and that the committee would like to look into enhancing drainage and adding a sidewalk along Keswick.

On Penn Place, Tony Altar reported that a group of townspeople recently walked around the site looking for any problems. They came up with a list of recommendations, most of which can be met by Butch and his team. Some others—front porch drainage, for instance—can be seen to by the Blacks. The garden area around the building's not doing very well; the planting is not holding up, for instance. "We need," he concluded, "a master plan for the grounds."

Karol Soltan said that the Penn Place Parking Committee report will be delivered to the Council in November, and will take up, among other subjects, a sidewalk, traffic divider, and turnaround.

Unfortunately, Peter Benjamin had to announce that yet again we've run into Strathmore lighting glitches. These involve the ques-

Garrett Park at Risk

Garrett Park has been identified as a neighborhood that is in danger of losing its distinctive historic character. In a list released this summer by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Garrett Park is one of 300 historic communities in 33 states that are considered to be adversely impacted by the practice of demolishing older homes, some of historic significance, to make way for new larger homes, which change the existing streetscape and reduce the number of trees and amount of green space. Replacing older homes with new ones on a larger scale, according to Richard Moe, president of the National Trust, "radically change[s] the fabric of a community. Without proper safeguards, historic neighborhoods will lose the identities that drew residents to put down roots in the first place." Other Maryland communities that the Trust identified as at risk because of teardowns include Bethesda, Chevy Chase, Kensington, Rockville, Silver Spring, Somerset, and Wheaton. Also considered to be at risk are all of the District of Columbia and, in Virginia, Alexandria and parts of Arlington and Fairfax. Listed towns somewhat further afield include Lewes, New Castle, and Rehoboth Beach in Delaware, and Cape May in New Jersey. The Washington and Delmarva areas, together, make up one of 10 identified "concentrations of teardowns" in the United States. For a map and list of 300 communities (up from the 100 communities in 20 states identified in 2002), see www.nationaltrust.org/teardowns/Teardowns_States_and_Communities.pdf.

Perry Chapman
Garrett Park Historic Preservation Committee

tion of who pays for what, and we can anticipate bureaucratic delays as SHA looks into it.

In the Action/Discussion part of the evening, the Mayor, noting that "it appears Garrett Park has exempted itself from any police enforcement of our streets," proposed that we consider opting in to Chapter 31 of the Montgomery County Code, which would allow for such enforcement.

An extended discussion ensued, which quickly broadened out to the question of the degree to which we want to be under county law on traffic issues generally. Nothing was resolved during this meeting.

Peter Benjamin announced that in Executive Session later that evening, the Council and Mayor would take up the question of which firm the town will hire for its Capital Assets Survey.

In the information part of the meeting, Ted Pratt reported that work's been going on at the post office in the plaza level lobby. It's too cool there in the summer, and there are other temperature maintenance problems. Two things have been done: installing a vent over the post office boxes to allow air flow; and cutting into feed vents in the hope that this will improve air flow.

Ted concluded by moving from the subject of our cool post office to our hot town budget: "We ended the year with a substantial surplus."

Margaret Soltan

We're Green Again!

Donn and Millie Mader are our angels this month for our banner greening. Having lived here for a long time (50 years) and knowing what struggles the *Bugle* can go through to keep itself green, they decided to help out. This is their moving-in anniversary present to us; thanks.

If anyone else can help us, we are funded for the green until February 2007. If you wish to donate in memory or honor of someone or thing, send a check for \$37 made out to the GP Citizens Association to Box 98. Thanks in advance!

Mary Moyer

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Town Administrator Notes

Some Troubling Events: On the nights of September 11 and 12, graffiti that included offensive language and threats was spray-painted on two homes in town; a similar incident occurred to another home in the same area last June. These have been referred to the police. Residents may recall the recent vandalism to over 20 cars. These occurrences remind us of the need to be vigilant at all times, to be aware of what is going on around us, and to quickly contact the police if something appears out of the ordinary. The police nonemergency number is 301-652-9200. Use 911 if you have any reason to believe there is an immediate threat to someone or to property.

Large Item Pickup: The fall large item collection will take place on October 21. If you have items that you think might be useful to others, you should contact the Salvation Army at 301-277-7878 or another charity of your choice.

Regular Trash, Recycling, and Yard Waste Collection: Remember, when a Monday or Thursday is a major holiday (New Year's Day, Fourth of July, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas), service resumes on the next scheduled collection day—trash will be on the following Monday or Thursday, and recycling and yard waste the following Monday.

Be Prepared: September is National Preparedness Month, and it is important to remember that a certain degree of self-reliance is usually necessary after a major catastrophe. It is recommended that each household should have at least 3 days worth of water, food, and other essentials on hand at all times. Try to avoid candles and oil lamps and get battery-powered emergency lights. For more information on how best to prepare for the worst, visit www.makeaplan.org or call 866-788-PLAN.

Leaf Raking and Yard Work Assistance: Any young people in town who would like to offer their services to help residents with fall yard work may contact Laura Krupp at the Town Office (301-933-7488) to add their name to the list we keep.

First Monday Coffees: After a summer break, the Mayor's "First Monday" coffee break will return on October 2. From 10 to 11:30 am on the first Monday of each month, coffee, tea, and cookies are served in the Town Lobby at Penn Place. Residents, their children, pets, and friends are all invited to take a break with the Mayor.

Martin Luther King Day Commission: Volunteers are needed to represent Garrett Park as representative and alternate to the County's MLK Day Commission. Please contact the Town Office or Mayor Shawaker if you are interested in this opportunity to serve the town.

Ted Pratt
Town Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

Citizens Assoc.: Vandalism

The past year has seen a number of incidents of vandalism in Garrett Park. In August, multiple residents awoke to find their car tires slashed. Several homes on Montrose Road have been vandalized with vulgar graffiti, the most recent incident occurring this month. In addition, the Black Market catering truck was vandalized, and the cart the restaurant uses to haul wood was placed on the railroad tracks and hit by a train in June. The bicycle rack in front of Penn Place (since replaced) was stolen last year. Do you know of other incidents?

Join us at the Citizens Association meeting, Wednesday, September 27, at 8 pm in the Town Hall; we will discuss ways to keep our neighborhood safe. The Montgomery County police have been invited to share with us ideas about community policing and to update us on their investigations.

Tree-Planting and Celebration

The Town of Garrett Park and the Garrett Park Conservation Trust invite all town residents to an informal celebration on Sunday, October 15, from 2 to 3:30 pm, to honor the generous gift to the Town of Laetitia Yeandle's home and property at 11321 Kenilworth Avenue. It is the wish of Laetitia and her late husband, Stephen, that the property be preserved as a sanctuary and park.

Please join us for a look at the property, an informal ceremony, the planting of a tree, and light refreshments at 11321 Kenilworth Avenue. In case of rain, join us at Penn Place. Come and support the work of the Garrett Park Conservation Trust. More information is available: call Ken or Glenda Ingham or Chris Keller.

GPES

School has started, the new addition (unconnected) is finished (although the elevator doesn't quite work), students have returned, and all systems are go. The weather has forced quite a few indoor recesses, but the staff are becoming quite handy at fielding those. The school is teaching 458 students, give or take a few. New enrollees show up weekly, so the numbers are quite likely to change again.

The Book Fair is coming up, and on Thursday, September 28, in the evening, townspeople are invited to come and buy books for the holidays, as well as to help the school out, since it gets part of the profit. The Sally Foster gift wrap sale has started, and soon there will be a t-shirt sale by the Student Council.

Mary Moyer

Visit Garrett Park's Web site:

www.garrettpark.org/

Minute Philosophical Differences

With a quick check of the sound system (“Your honor, could you give me a sound check, please.” “Yes, Ted: Yeow. Yeow.” “Thank you.”), the July town council meeting commenced. Things got going with a citizen pointing out that we lack places for people to sit and wait for buses on Strathmore: “One need not make a bench for every stop,” but there should be one or two.

Ted Pratt responded that we’ve asked the county to replace the seating they removed while working on Strathmore. They will indeed be putting benches and trash receptacles back, and we’ll check with them again to see their schedule is.

Another citizen suggested that we mark the parking spaces in front of the Town Hall.

In her report, the Mayor noted that she, Beth Irons, and Peter Benjamin attended the Maryland Municipal League annual convention in Ocean City. She also noted that while the Fourth of July parade had been a little smaller than usual this year, it had been very nice, although “We all have noticed the publicity we got. I’ve had many phone calls about it.”

Turning to natural disasters, the Mayor noted that a fallen tree in Cambria Park took out power for a number of streets in town: “A pole and three transformers came down.”

Dennis Collins reported that the Penn Place Committee has received a second set of drawings from the engineers and continues to have minor details to work out before it issues a report. A proposed sidewalk on the south side of Rokeby Avenue will be discussed at its next meeting, as will a plan that involves some tree removal. He concluded by saying that “we should have more definitive things to say in September or October. We’re talking about endgame things now.”

A number of citizens expressed anxiety about various possible features of Penn Place plans; in particular, there was worry that a sidewalk would be undermined by tree roots and that it might cause lawsuits for home owners along Rokeby.

On the endless quest for lighting along Strathmore, Hans Wegner noted that the lights have now been wired, but a billing issue needs to be resolved before they will be illuminated.

A variance hearing then ensued for 11307 Rokeby, whose owners requested relief from the minimum allowed setback. Harry Gordon presented details of the rear addition, which exceeds 18 percent lot coverage. He recommended that the council grant the variance. “This is a small lot; it’s in the best interest of the town that diversity of age and family size be maintained. There will be minimal impact on neighbors because it’s in the back of the property.” The motion to approve the variance passed unanimously.

The “approval of the minutes” part of these meetings is usually a bore—while it’s going on,

your reporter sketches committee members’ profiles and so forth—but an actual debate emerged this time about “philosophies” of minutes: Should one prefer “Action Minutes,” which capture important stuff, or “Word By Word Minutes,” which grind out every last thing anyone said? Nothing got resolved on this one.

The next item, a proposal that the town join the National Flood Insurance Program, precipitated a good deal of discussion. Peter Benjamin worried about the unclear implications of our joining—what exactly would we be signing up for? Tony Altar spoke in favor, noting that citizens supporting the idea were in the audience because “they’re concerned; and in this way they can get significant coverage.” Indeed one citizen spoke up and described the recent expensive water damage her house at the end of Rokeby had suffered.

The Council decided to table the motion to join the program until Peter Benjamin gets more information about it.

Martin Trocki and Tony Altar described the progress that’s been made on the town’s Web site. The Council decided to approve the work they’ve requested be done on the site and have them send it out for bids.

Ted then reported that there are “no unpleasant surprises” in the budget, and “no significant budgetary difficulties.” Indeed, we ended up with \$90,000 more than our budget calls for. Nonetheless, infrastructure and other expenses loom, including street lights, which Ted called a “sleeping giant,” and drainage.

Margaret Soltan

Looking for Carpenters

The old dumbwaiter from the basement of Penn Place is in need of restoration. It was long ago turned into a cupboard and was used that way until it was removed to make way for the new post office. It would be great to use it in Penn Place again, but it was removed in pieces and needs lots of work. If there is anyone with carpentry skills who would like to assist with this project, please call Nancy Schwartz.

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New Season: Art at Penn Place

The first year of "Art at Penn Place" comes to a close with a show of canvas floorcloths by Garrett Park resident Dee Lichtenstein. This unusual medium is the latest in a series of varied artistic endeavors that Dee has pursued since high school. Trained in fine arts and education, she has been a teacher, graphic artist, and magazine designer, as well as a painter. Dee's floorcloths offer a modern take on a 19th century folk art form. She created her first one as a unique, but practical, way to dress up a long hallway in her Garrett Park house. She now specializes in this art form and is constantly on the lookout for sources of inspiration for new designs.

Floorcloths were originally created as poor man's carpets, and Dee's modern interpretations still have carpetlike qualities, such as borders around a central field and horizontal stripes. She uses soft, bright colors and stylized stars, hearts, and flowers in her designs. All the works on view are small in size and make great wall hangings, but they also illustrate what she can do in a larger area. Be sure to come up to the upper gallery and have a look at this most unusual art form.

Art at Penn Place has allowed us to enjoy the talents of many of our neighbors and friends this year. But our town has no shortage of artistically inclined folks, and we have a full schedule of exhibitions lined up for the coming year. As we did last year, we will begin Series II with a reception to honor the artists and a group show featuring one work from each of the nine people who will be exhibiting during the course of the next year. The group show will hang until October 29. The reception will be on October 22 from 3 to 5 pm at Penn Place, so mark your calendars and come to Penn Place to eat, drink, and see a preview of year 2 of Art at Penn Place.

The nine artists who will be exhibiting their work in the next year are Tracy Flanders (Oct. 30–Dec. 9); Brian Lofgren (Dec. 11–Jan. 20); Mary Sollway (Jan. 22–Mar. 3); Linda Paine (Mar. 5–Apr. 14); Carolyn Martin (Apr. 16–May 26); Sean Rutt-kay (May 28–July 7); Harry Dubinskis (July 9–Aug. 18); Florence Gootenberg (Aug. 20–Sept. 29); and Bob Reinhardt (Oct. 1–Nov. 10).

What Is the Lunch Bunch?

It's a Garrett Park fun tradition that goes back about 28 years. Along with the Post Office, the Fourth of July activities, the Garrett Park Singers, the Citizens Association, and similar activities, it is a means to meet and socialize with our neighbors.

It was started by retired persons who had no children still at home and felt a need for more social contacts with other Garrett Parkers. Today, with many nonretired persons working from their homes, more Garrett Parkers could be participating.

Participating simply means gathering at the Town Hall on the second Tuesday of a month for a potluck luncheon.

Butch and Frank set up tables and chairs, and two volunteers spend an hour or so putting on tablecloths, usually some table decorations (often flowers), setting out plates, cups and saucers, red and white wines, fruit juice, etc.

It's a potluck, so each attendee is asked to bring a main dish or dessert for six. Generally we've been lucky and have not ended up with only desserts or only soups or some such concentration.

Each attendee is asked to contribute \$1.50, which goes to pay for the wine and juice, napkins, condiments, and so forth.

Lunch starts at 12:30 with wine or juice and socializing. Serving begins about 1 pm. Food should be prepared at home, but the Town Hall has an oven and a microwave (small), so food can be kept hot.

If you are in town midday on a second Tuesday, become a participant. You'll enjoy it. The next Lunch Bunch will be Tuesday, October 10, at the Town Hall.

Y'all come!

Donn

Attic in the Street

The Garrett Park Women's Club is pleased to announce that the annual Garrett Park Attic in the Street sale will be held on Saturday, October 14, from 10 am to 2 pm. Setup time is 8:30 to 10 am, and all sites must be cleared by 3 pm. The cost is \$20 for one space or \$35 for two spaces. Checks can be made out to the Garrett Park Women's Club and sent to the Organizer, Attic-in-the-Street, Garrett Park Women's Club, PO Box 218, Garrett Park, MD 20896. Please send your check along with the following information: name, address, telephone, e-mail address (all correspondence will be by e-mail to participants before the sale date), and number of spaces requested. If you wish to volunteer to help plan this event, or if you have any questions, please contact Celia Hayes.



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Marian Wilpers

Few lived in Garrett Park for more years than Marian Wilpers, who moved to Kenilworth Avenue when it was still called Pembroke. Her son, Michael, offers this remembrance:

Marian Meyer Wilpers, 85, a third-generation Washingtonian and resident of Garrett Park since 1949, died peacefully in her sleep at the home of her daughter Mary Amory of Camden, Maine, on Monday, August 7, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's. She was the wife for almost 57 years of John J. Wilpers and lived on Kenilworth Avenue.

Born Marian Elizabeth Meyer, she was the only child of William F. Meyer of Washington (a second-generation typesetter for the *Evening Star*) and Mary Lucile Richards of Covington, Kentucky. She lived in the Brookland neighborhood of NE Washington until the death of her mother in 1925. She was raised by her father, grandparents, and two aunts while living with them on Spring Road, in the Columbia Heights neighborhood, and then on Tennyson Street in Chevy Chase.

She attended Raymond Elementary School and MacFarland Junior High School and graduated from Theodore Roosevelt High School, all in the District. She proudly recalled a time when suburban families lined up to send their children to District schools because of their reputation for excellence. Her family attended Sacred Heart and St. Gabriel's Catholic churches in the Columbia Heights and Petworth neighborhoods, and later Blessed Sacrament in Chevy Chase. Some of her favorite early memories were roller skating on Kansas Avenue, sneaking into the balcony at the Tivoli Theater after going to confession at Sacred Heart, and riding street cars all over the city.

Marian graduated from the College of New Rochelle in 1941 with a major in math. She fondly remembered lively discussions there of church reforms that anticipated the radical changes of

the Second Vatican Council 20 years later. She also enjoyed frequent trips into New York City for music and dancing.

Upon her return to Washington in 1941, she worked for the Department of the Army Motion Picture Service, the Bureau of Mines of the Department of the Interior, and later for the Central Intelligence Agency.

In September 1949, she married John J. Wilpers, Jr., of Saratoga Springs, NY, and moved to Garrett Park, when Kenilworth Avenue was called Pembroke. They attended Holy Cross Church and together raised five children: It was the peak of the baby boom, and in the 1960s the two blocks of Kenilworth south of Strathmore were home to more than 40 children. John and Mary attended Holy Redeemer Elementary School in Kensington; Terry, Michael, and Helen attended Holy Cross Elementary, before Michael and Helen transferred to Garrett Park Elementary.

Marian and her husband were charter members of the Garrett Park pool, where she taught the children how to swim well enough that four out of five competed on the Garrett Park Swim Team for many years. With her encouragement, the children appeared regularly in the Garrett Park Fourth of July parades.

Marian is survived by her husband and five children: John J. Wilpers III, 56, of Marshfield, MA; Mary Amory, 54, of Camden, ME; Teresa K. Wilpers, 53, of Baltimore; Michael W. Wilpers, 51, of Takoma Park, MD; and Helen Read, 49, of Seattle, along with seven grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 14, at Holy Cross Church in Garrett Park. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be sent to For the Love of Children, 1763 Columbia Road, NW, Washington, DC 20009; or the Fund Development Office, Alzheimer's Association, National Capital Area Chapter, 11240 Waples Mill Road, Suite 402, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Summer's Gone: Soup's On

Now that the days are getting shorter and cool weather is upon us, a big pot of delicious soup is sounding mighty good! GIVES is requesting some of your favorite recipes for our cookbook-to-be. Thank you to those who sent us recipes over the summer, but we need more to make the book possible. Soup recipes can be vegetarian or with meat, hot or cold. If a recipe is copied straight from a cookbook, please make a note of it because of copyright issues. Bread and roll recipes are needed as well. Send recipes to Glenda Ingham, Box 258 or to Karen Anderson, Box 129. We look forward to hearing from you.

Watch for Kathy Gagnon and John Wilpers at the P.O. on Saturday, October 7, from 9 to 1 pm for our monthly collection.

And a belated note of thanks to Beth Irons for her contributions to GIVES. Beth held a reception to celebrate the opening of her interior decorating business, "Decor and You," this spring. Special guest Mary Gilliatt, best-selling author and an internationally acclaimed interior designer, was present signing her books: *Mary Gilliatt's Home Comforts with Style* and *Mary Gilliatt's Dictionary of Architecture and Interior Design*. Proceeds from the sale were generously donated to GIVES. Thank you, Beth, and good luck in your new business.

Bugle Notes . . . Sweet and Sour

- ♪ Matt Stewart, son of Nancy Floreen and David Stewart, married Canadian Karina Zens of Vancouver Island in Napa, California, in July.
- ♪ David Andrews and Lena Sabowitz were married July 2 in the backyard of 10701 Keswick. Both are PhD candidates at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois.
- ♪ Barbara Shidler was visited by her son Bradley and daughter Constance over the weekend of September 8. They came from Little Compton, Rhode Island, to be with their father at the memorial service for his wife Ruth Brill.
- ♪ Lizzie Glidden Boyle has been practicing being a grandmother in the neighborhood for years, and now her son, Lee Boyle, and daughter-in-law, Christelle LaPolice, are expecting a baby in February. Lizzie is walking on air.
- ♪ Welcome to new neighbors Sjeff Duyn and Milagros Laurente, who have moved into a house on Keswick. They are from Holland and Peru. Their children now attend GPES.
- ♪ The Bach Sinfonia will present Henry Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas* at the Woodside United Methodist Church in Silver Spring on October 28, 2006. For information, call 301-362-6525.
- ♪ Luba Sterlikova invites everyone to an opening reception for her show, "Luminous Palette," on Saturday, October 14, 2006, 5-8 pm. The show runs until November 10 at the Russian Cultural Centre (1825 Phelps Place, NW, Washington, D.C.; nearest Metro is Dupont Circle). For more information, see rccusa.org/calendar.html. RSVP: 202-265-3840 or rcc@rccusa.org.
- ♪ Question for owners of Victorian or other tall houses: do you know a chimneysweep who is willing to tackle a high roof? *Bugle* editor Barbara Collier would like to know.

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Letter from the Mayor

The fall always seems to be the beginning of the year. Unfortunately this year has not started well. Near the end of August the cars of at least 22 of our residents had between one and four of their tires slashed. About 50 cars were also damaged in White Flint Estates. It was a very nasty way to begin the morning for those families. I spoke to Captain Jerman, Commander of the Bethesda district of the Montgomery County Police, on the evening of September 13 to ask for an update on this and other cases of vandalism that have occurred here in our town. He told me that the investigation department continues to work on this case, but there still has been no real break, despite the offer of a reward of over \$1000 for information leading to the arrest of those who did this damage.

On September 12, another case of graffiti vandalism was reported to me that is even more disturbing. Very ugly words were written in permanent marker on two houses and the outdoor furniture of these households. The words included death threats, by name, to the children of the affected families. In the immediate area where this incident occurred, three other incidents of property vandalism took place during the summer.

In addition, other incidents occurred over the summer, as described elsewhere (see p 3), including the theft of the wonderful red bicycle rack near the train station, which the town replaced at a cost of over \$700.

We have always congratulated ourselves on our good fortune that we can let our children play with great freedom throughout our town, with the secure feeling that all the adults of our community would look out for them. It is true that communities in other parts of the world have had to deal with much worse, but we must not indulge ourselves with the pleasure of our near paradise without thought of our responsibility to protect and preserve it. We need to be alert to what is happening near our houses and those of our neighbors. If we see or hear suspicious sights or sounds, we need to promptly call the police. It is very difficult for the police to find those who cause vandalism if it is reported the next day or so. Even so, if you find acts of vandalism after the fact, it does help to report everything in case a pattern develops that helps the police in their investigations.

In this serious vein, I also must report that I discovered, when a builder dumped building materials on Montrose blocking three quarters of the street, that our town has not passed Chapter 31 of the Montgomery County Code, which gives the Montgomery County Police the authority to do street enforcement within town. This means that the Montgomery County Police do not have authority to enforce any of the County Code on

traffic or parking in town. If someone parks a car that blocks your driveway, dumps building materials blocking passage in the streets, or parks so that the fire department cannot get to your house or the rescue squad cannot reach you in an emergency, the police have no authority to respond. I will be working with our town attorney to develop a proposal for the Town Council that will grant the police authority for street enforcement within town. We will not have police street enforcement until the Council decides to adopt the enforcement sections of the County Code.

On a recent Sunday, the town sponsored a forum for the candidates for the Maryland House of Delegates from District 17. I was very impressed with the very high quality of the candidates. During the program, the candidates themselves were moved to declare that they were all a team and even if they did not win the primary, they would support those who did, and everyone would work for the good of our district after the election. Several candidates took the time before they left to tell me that this was the best session that they had all appeared in during the whole campaign.

I have been appointed to the Maryland Municipal League's Legislative Committee for the third year. I have spent two recent Wednesdays in Annapolis working on developing legislation to benefit the towns and cities of the state. I will be going down to Annapolis a lot again this year. Being on this committee has helped me be much more informed about the legislation that can benefit our town. In addition, I have gotten to know quite a number of the members of the General Assembly, as well as the leadership of many of the executive branch departments. It has been considerable help to be able to call the right people to help solve problems or meet town needs. I am looking forward to the new legislative session, which will begin in January. I plan to ask our delegation to come to the December Council meeting to give us a briefing on the session as they did last year. Please watch for the announcement for the meeting.

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The map shows a street grid. A vertical street on the left is labeled 'Stanhope Ave.'. A vertical street in the center is labeled 'Tockerman Lane'. A horizontal street at the top is labeled 'Grosvenor Metro'. A horizontal street below that is labeled 'Rockville Pike'. A horizontal street at the bottom is labeled 'Grosvenor Place'. A small square labeled '10401' is located between Tockerman Lane and Rockville Pike, with a small circle labeled 'Market' next to it.

Fourth of July Report

For a change of pace, this year's *Bugle* recap of the Fourth of July parade features the modernist style of writing known as stream of consciousness.

View from a Truck

The truck is decorated and ready—where are the band members? Ah, here they come—a group of amateur instrument blowers. The driver gets on her two pillows so she can see over the steering wheel. Time to start the truck—the fire engines are going and all the cars with their special passengers. We're off and running—no, we're not—there's a holdup in front of us. Wave, smile. At least our driver, Meme, doesn't have to shift any gears—it's an automatic. Oh—we're moving again—slowly. Where's the music? A good-sized group has gathered along Kenilworth. Smile, wave. Music sounds—sort of. Hmmm. Lost the intro to that song! Hey, there is a policeman stopping traffic at Strathmore. Good show. The speed bumps aren't bad this year—but then again, we're only going 10 to 15 mph. Did anyone give the lead fireman a map so he won't go down Argyle like they did last year? Wave, smile. Hope the tchotchkes being tossed last until Penn Place. We're stopped again at the top of Albemarle. The band sounds a little better—guess practice does help a bit. No bicycles or marchers trying to get in front of us this year. That's good. Moving again, but there are no observers to see us! Hey, what happened to the parade behind us? Maybe we should slow down again? Rounding the corner at the bottom of the sledding hill has the band echoing a CD being played. Doesn't sound bad at all—thanks, Richard. Penn Place at last—where to park? Have to get everything off the truck so it can be returned to Green Gardens. The trinkets are returned—for next year? The decorations are taken off and stored in the attic. Another successful outing for the parade band truck.

Mary Moyer

July 4 Barbecue

The rains continued off and on throughout the day, and almost all the town lost power. The Citizens Association, faced with well over 100 pounds of barbecued pig, and a generous amount of grilled salmon, decided to try to hold the picnic at the Town Hall. What followed was an impromptu potluck supper with over 100 happy attendees. Residents arrived with side dishes and flashlights, opened windows, lit candles, set up tables, and no one seemed to mind the sauna effect. David Meredith played the guitar, performing gallantly without amplification, but with sweaty fingers and many requests for water. The food was delicious! Those attending thought the evening a big success and a triumph over the elements. Many thanks to the Citizens Association for a fantastic ending to a fantastic day!

4th of July Parade Results

Walkers

Most Appropriate to Theme

- 1st Owen Murphy, "Monopoly Board"
- 2nd Emily Nguyen, "Jack in the Box"
- 3rd Ally Holden, "Sleeping Beauty Princess"

Most Humorous

- 1st Innis Phillips, "BBQ Pig"
- 2nd Chau, "The Oldest Eeyore in Town"
- 3rd Patrick Dove

Most Original

- 1st Riley Fanning, "Yo Yo"
- 2nd Mathew Holden, "Thomas the Tank Engine"
- 3rd Gina Grieb, "War Toys"

Best Overall

- 1st Caitlin Stavish, "Crayola Box"
- 2nd Hank Roll, "Model Rocket"
- 3rd Laura Black, "Hula Girl"

Walking Groups

Most Appropriate to Theme

- 1st Huffman, "Patty Cake"
- 2nd Lewis and Twedt, "Animal Line"
- 3rd Gretschel, Berry, and Abernathy Cousins, "Toying Around"

Most Humorous

- 1st Meagan and Debi, "Victorian Porcelain Dolls"
- 2nd Hamel, Moskovitz, and Adler, "Pirates"
- 3rd Kauffman Family, "Hanna Montana"

Most Original

- 1st Brantly, "Stinky Slinky"
- 2nd Lewis and Twedt, "Animal Line"
- 3rd Boergert and Company, "Ben Cardin for U.S. Senate"

Best Overall

- 1st Sorensen, Hickey, and Shuck, "Checkers"
- 2nd McAuliffe, "Plastic Toy Soldiers"
- 3rd Gibson Family, "Babes in Toyland and Beanie Baby Planet"

Floats

Most Appropriate to Theme

- 1st Hunter, Rider, "Lego My Scooter"
- 2nd Mulligan, "Our Family Stage Coach"
- 3rd Lichtenstein and Hickey, "American Girl Dolls"

Most Humorous

- 1st Spinard, "Remote Control Car"
- 2nd Ferguson, "Mom, I'm Bored"
- 3rd Vergara, "Garrett Park's Fire Department"

Most Original

- 1st Carter Schelp, "Jill in the Box"
- 2nd Moser-Murnane-Bledsoe, "Toys that Fly"
- 3rd Joseph and Kunkle, "Polly Pocket Swimming Pool"

Best Overall

- 1st Druids, "Pinky's Rootbeer"
- 2nd Andrews-Joutz-Loeb, "Garrett Park Monopoly"
- 3rd Dinsdale, "Rubber Bandits"

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Fourth of July Report (cont'd)

Bikes

Most Appropriate to Theme

- 1st Early, "Boy's Toys"
- 2nd Melton, "Lego Bike"
- 3rd Ryan

Most Humorous

- 1st Salvatore, "Crazy Bike"
- 2nd Gleeson, "Hot Wheels"
- 3rd Resnick

Most Original

- 1st Robinson, "Great American Teddy Bear"
- 2nd Gleeson, "Musical Toys"
- 3rd Flynn, "Princess on Wheels"

Best Overall

- 1st Murphy, "Jack in the Box"
- 2nd Gleeson, "American Girl"
- 3rd Fanning, "Teddy Bear"

Fun Run

On July 4th, 62 runners and walkers participated in the annual 2-mile Garrett Park Fun Run. Congratulations to Mat Abernathy (15-19 years), who had the top overall time of 10 minutes, 30 seconds. Other top finishers:

9 & under	Male	Matthew
10-14 years	Male	Ben
	Female	Deborah
15-19 years	Male	Mat
20-29 years	Female	Mary Stevens
30-39 years	Male	Steve Roll
	Female	Kelly Osmond Gallo
40-49 years	Male	Joe Abernathy
	Female	Patty Guay-Berry
50-59 years	Male	Vernon Loeb
	Female	Pat Loeb
60-69 years	Male	Ben Fulton
	Female	Elizabeth Whiting

Film Society Survey

The GPFS will be entering its fifth year in 2007 and wants to know how it's doing. What movies worked? What didn't? What would you like to see? What else can you share with us to help produce a better product? We'd be very happy if

you would look at the survey below, fill out what you'd like, and mail it to Jack Mandel at P.O. Box 305 by October 1. Copies are also available at the P.O.

Film Survey

Film	Genre	Genre (2)	Sub-titled	Did you attend?	Your rating (see scale)	Other films you'd like to see at a GPFS event	
2003							
Robin Hood (1939 version)	Classic	Adventure					
Dona Flor & Her 2 Husbands	Comedy		Yes				
39 Short Films about Glenn Gould	Documentary						
Blazing Saddles	Comedy	Mel Brooks					
The Thin Man	Classic	Light-hearted					
Shane	Classic	Western					
2004							
Princess Mononoke	Animation						
Chocolat	Romance	Food					
The War Room	Documentary	Politics					
Adventures of Baron Munchausen	Fantasy	Adventure					
Babette's Feast	Drama	Food					
Babe, the Gallant Pig	Animation						
Delicatessen	Fantasy	Dark comedy	Yes				
Run, Lola, Run	Drama		Yes				
2005							
Lavender Hill Mob	Classic	Comedy				Other recommendations or comments about films, food, etc.	
Like Water for Chocolate	Romance	Food	Yes				
Enchanted April	Comedy	Romance					
Young Frankenstein	Comedy	Mel Brooks					
Tampopo	Comedy	Food	Yes				
Spellbound	Documentary	Kids					
Pieces of April	Drama	Comedy					
2006							
City of God	Drama		Yes				
A Very Long Engagement	Drama	Romance	Yes				
Divided We Fall	Drama	Comedy	Yes				
Good Bye Lenin!	Comedy		Yes				
Trouble in Paradise	Classic	Comedy					
Mad Hot Ballroom	Documentary	Kids					
Big Night	Drama	Food					
Special							
Hearts of Steel	Documentary						
Outfoxed	Documentary	Politics					

Rating scale:
 1 = I hated it.
 2 = I didn't like it very much
 3 = It was fair.
 4 = I enjoyed it.
 5 = I loved it.