

# Garrett Bugle Internet Edition

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| Calendar         |  |                 |  |  |
| Wed., Sept. 22   | Citizens Association Meeting,<br>Town Hall, 8 pm   | Tues., Oct. 12  | Lunch Bunch, Town Hall, 12:30 pm; <i>Bugle</i> deadline, 3 pm  |  |
| Thurs., Sept. 23 | Senior Games and Tea, Town   | Sat., Oct. 16   | Large item pickup  |  |
|                  | Hall, 1:30–4 pm (see p 6)  | Fri., Oct. 22   | Film society, <i>Rivers and Tides</i> , Town Hall; food 7:15; film 8 pm (see p 8)  Annual pumpkin carving contest, Penn Place basketball court, 1 pm (see p 4) |  |
| Fri., Sept. 24   | Pick up your <i>Bugle</i> at Penn Place  |                 |  |  |
| Sat., Oct. 2     | GIVES collection, Penn Place,<br>9 am–1 pm   |                 |  |  |
|                  |  | Sun., Oct. 24   |  |  |
| Sun., Oct. 3     | Citizens Assoc. Newcomers<br>Welcome, Town Hall, 3 pm (all<br>residents are invited)             |                 |  |  |
|                  |  | Mon., Oct. 25   | Council work session/public  |  |
| Wed., Oct. 6     | Casual Music Jam, Town Hall,<br>8 pm   |                 | meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm (p 3)   |  |
|                  |  | Wed., Oct. 27   | Citizens Assoc. Mtg., Town Hall,   |  |
| Sat., Oct. 9     | Attic in the Street Sale, Kenilworth Ave., south, 10 am–2 pm; rain date: Sun., Oct. 24 (see p 2) |                 | 8 pm   |  |
|                  |  | Thurs., Oct. 28 | Senior Games and Tea, Town<br>Hall, 1:30 to 4 pm   |  |
| Mon., Oct. 11    | Town Council Meeting, Town<br>Hall, 8 pm   | Sun., Nov. 7    | Tree Walk, 1 pm; assemble at Penn Place (see p 4)  |  |

### North and South

The September meeting of the Town Council was a nitty-gritty sort of affair, with discussions revolving around storm drains, tree care, electric service, and other keep-the-town-physically-afloat matters.

There were a few non-infrastructural items, including updates on the Nursery School, which has hired an architect, and the Film Society, which is showing, on October 22, Rivers and Tides. A recent fund-raising dance performance in town raised over \$1,000 for Haitian orphanages.

But on trees, for instance: We've barely had a chance to celebrate our having saved the trees on the south side of Oxford, and now the WSSC wants to add an easement to an old drain across the street from them, which threatens the north side trees. Mayor Keller said he's working on granting the easement while at the same time saving the trees.

This and other easement issues will be discussed in a meeting being planned among the town, WSSC, and the School Board.

While the Mayor is out of town at the beginning of October, Jack Mandel will be acting

mayor, and will run that month's Town Council meeting. Also in October, the Mayor and Beth Irons will be attending the annual meeting of the Maryland Municipal League in Annapolis, during which legislative priorities for the upcoming session will be discussed.

The Mayor gave hard-hitting testimony at the August 30 Maryland Public Service Commission about Pepco service to the town. This is according to your reporter's sister, who told her that she saw the hearing on television and that the Mayor was hard-hitting.

The Mayor thanked the following people for helping him prepare his testimony: Dick Pratt, Peter Benjamin, and Dan Marsh.

Chris next reminded the town that there are new elementary school bus stops in various places around Garrett Park, and drivers should be especially cautious.

An unexpected tulip poplar fall earlier this year along Oxford prompted the town to get a report on the condition of other tulip trees around Oxford and Keswick. Although none are

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in immediate danger, some will indeed need to be taken down within a few years.

The Shelley Court drain, a perennial news item in these Town Council reports, remains the town's most significant infrastructure problem. Hans Wegner provided yet more gory details (not only has the concrete pipe fallen apart, but, apparently, by today's standards, a 24-inch pipe is seriously under-endowed) and warned that the work will be expensive.

There's also a problematic Montrose-Clermont drain (things are falling apart under there, too, and it floods residential property) and an underperforming North Kenilworth drain.

The Council's October 25 work session will include a public discussion of all of these projects.

A motion that the town adopt an Unlawful Harassment and Discrimination Policy passed unanimously.

Now that we have the Land Use Task Force's recommendations, the town needs to decide how and when to respond to them. Which are most important? Most urgent? What are the issues relative to the need to align our policies with those of the county? Beth Irons suggested various ways in which we can begin tackling these questions.

We're renewing the Post Office's lease for 2012–2016, and the Council voted, in response to a request from the USPS, to reduce their rent by a small amount.

The meeting concluded with some financial reports from Ted, who said there were "no surprises in the year-end figures. We ran a surplus and have been able to pass on substantial cash for next year. Which means, among other things, that we should be able to proceed with the storm water work." He reminded us that there's also road work to think of, and in all of these matters the Council needs to consider how it wants to pay for these projects: Pay as you go, etc.

Margaret Soltan

### Green Again

We've started off the new year with a donation from George Martin of Oxford Street, who sent his money in for the banner last January. It's taken us awhile, but thank you, George. We have money in the kitty until January 2011, so that leaves us 6 months greenless. If you would care to donate, send a check for \$60 made out to the Garrett Park Citizens Association to Box 98, and we will add you to our list.

If you haven't been getting your copy, and just can't remember to pick it up at the PO, you can subscribe for a copy to be mailed to you First Class each month. Just get in touch with Jane Salomon.

Mary Moyer

### Attic in the Street

The Garrett Park Women's Club is again pleased to announce that the annual Attic in the Street event will be held on Saturday, October 9, from 10 am to 2 pm (rain date, Sunday, October 24). The cost for one space is \$20, or two spaces for \$35. Checks can be made out to the Garrett Park Women's Club, and sent to

Garrett Park Women's Club PO Box 494 Garrett Park, MD 20896

Along with your check, please send the following information: name, address, telephone, e-mail (all correspondence will be by e-mail to participants before the sale date), and number of spaces requested.

Set up time is 8:30 to 9:30 am, and all unsold materials must be cleared by 3 pm. We will have a truck from Amvets at the sale for those who prefer not to take home their unsold items.

Again this year, we will have a fund-raiser for the Betsy White Emergency Fund (assists Garrett Park families with emergency funds). Kay Hager will organize a table selling jewelry. Please consider donating your unwanted jewelry for this -contact Kay Hager if interested.

If you wish to volunteer to help plan this event, or if you have any questions, please contact Celia Peacock.



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### **Town Administrator Notes**

Large Item Pickup: The fall large item collection will take place on Saturday, October 16. This is a change from the original date, so please check your calendars to make sure you have the correct date noted.

Regular Trash, Recycling, & 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),

- trash collection resumes the following scheduled collection day;
- recycling will be collected on Wednesday after a Monday holiday; and
- yard waste will be collected on the following Monday after a Monday holiday.

Remember, in November yard waste goes to monthly collection on the first Monday of the month.

**Driveway & Parking Pad Permits:** Please remember, if you are planning to alter your driveway or install a parking pad in front of your house, you are going to impact town property and you must file for a permit with the Town Office. Call 301-933-7488 if you have questions.

Be Prepared: September is National Preparedness Month. 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. For safety, avoid candles and oil lamps, and get battery-powered emergency lights instead. For more information on how best to prepare for the worst, visit www.makeaplan.org or call 866-788-PLAN. The Town Office has information on programs such as Ready Plan and File of Life.

Storm Water Drainage Hearing, Monday, October 25: At the September Council meeting, it was decided to hold a public hearing during the Council's October 25 work session on the upcoming major repairs to parts of the town's drainage system. The drains to be repaired and/or enhanced are North Kenilworth, Montrose-Clermont, and Shelley Court. The town's consulting engineers, Chester Engineering, are developing plans for these projects, and will make a detailed presentation at the hearing. Residents interested in learning more about these projects should contact the Town Office.

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 the Town Office (301-933-7488) to add their names to the list we keep.

Ted Pratt, Town Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

#### **GPES**

We have moved! We are now at 5701 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814. With the influx of new students, 60 in July and August alone, the school is bursting at its seams. Right now, there are classrooms for everyone, including instrumental music and PE, but if we keep growing, another section of something may have to be added. The school is so big, that it feels as if I need roller skates to get from one end to the other.

If you are keeping an eye on the old building, they have finally started tearing it down. It's strange to see the inside gutted, and just the outside walls standing. You can stand at the back of the building and see all the way forward to the front doors. The Day Care Center and Nursery School windows and doors have been covered with sheets of plywood to protect them during construction.

The PTA is looking for volunteers for the Cultural Arts Committee. This committee helps find and book artists for school assemblies and residency programs. Contact Dawn Watkins-Chow if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

Mary Moyer

### Art at Penn Place

Beginning October 4, the Penn Place Art Gallery will feature the work of Garrett Park resident Jane Salomon. Jane writes: "Doing this show was a little like stepping off a cliff. Garrett Park knows me as a painter of flowers in watercolor, not people and places in acrylics on canvas. What a change and what a challenge for me. Getting used to a new medium and new subjects was both frustrating and gratifying. The subjects were endless and always fascinating. I painted all kinds of people from young women at Black Market having lunch to a couple enjoying Sunday morning at Stella's.

"Living in Garrett Park and having the opportunity to present a new show every couple of years at Penn Place has given me the chance to spread my wings, step out of my comfort zone and take on wonderful new challenges. This show is a result of that freedom."

Bert Zbar



### **Arboretum News**

The Arboretum Committee is pleased to announce the appointment of Michael Spekter as the new chairman. Michael takes over the chairmanship from Matthew Naum who will stay on the committee. We would like both to welcome Michael's appointment and to thank Matt for his excellent leadership. We also welcome Vickie Baily as a new member of our committee. Vickie is an accomplished photographer and also has a passion for our arboretum that is very much appreciated. Given the natural beauty of our town's canopy, we look forward to the artwork the combination of these two passions will inspire.

We love our trees in Garrett Park, and there is no better example of that than the tireless work Susan Alexander did to persuade county and WSSC officials to alter their construction plans to allow the large willow oak trees on Oxford to survive the construction project at Garrett Park Elementary School. Others, too many to name, had a part in this community effort to protect these specimens; we thank you as well. In fact, keeping our canopy healthy is an ongoing community effort that entails vigilance and care by everyone in town. It's not just the craned-necked, squinty-eyed Arboretum Committee members who are seen weekend mornings looking skyward at our trees who keep the canopy healthy. Cracked branches, heavy horizontal limbs over power lines, smaller than normal leaves, and trees with sudden dieback can be reported to the Town Office by the most pedestrian tree lover in town. The recent power outages were mostly attributed to trees in other areas, but such outages can be minimized if unhealthy trees and hazards are spotted early.

Finally, Phil Normandy and the Arboretum Committee members invite town residents and extended friends and family to our annual tree walk on Sunday, November 7; we will convene at 1 pm at Penn Place. Phil will talk about Garrett Park's unique tree collection as we walk through neighborhoods and explain the intricacies of the task of keeping our canopy flourishing for the decades to come.



### **Citizens Association News**

The next Citizens Association meeting will be Wednesday, October 27.

### **Upcoming Events**

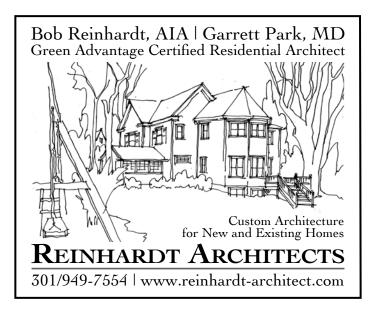
Newcomers' Reception. The date for the annual Newcomers' Reception is Sunday, October 3, from 4:30 to 6 pm in the Town Hall. We extend a warm invitation to families who have moved into town over the past year. Come meet your new neighbors and find out about everything that's going on in town. "Old timers" are encouraged to join us and share information about Garrett Park. Light refreshments will be provided.

*Pumpkin Carving.* Please join us on Sunday, October 24, at 1 pm on the basketball court for the annual pumpkin carving contest. Snacks and refreshments will be provided for this event. We request that you please bring your own pumpkin and carving utensils (knives, stencils, etc.).

Spooky Woods. At 7 pm on Saturday, October 30, the GPCA's annual Spooky Woods will kick off in Porcupine Woods. Kids of all ages are invited to join us to share scares and laughs at this Garrett Park tradition. Volunteer ghouls are needed that day to set up beforehand and to act in "haunted stations" during the event. We will provide power. To help, please contact Lara Hines by e-mail at lhines@lynxinvestment.com or by telephone at 202-271-2542.

Garrett Park Listserv. Our neighborhood is made up of people with a wide variety of backgrounds, skills, perspectives, and experiences. Tap into these resources and stay informed with the Garrett Park neighborhood listserv. The listserv is an electronic forum for neighbors to communicate information about town concerns, safety issues, upcoming events, and recommended services (for example, contractors, lawn care, doctors, and baby sitters). The listserv will not be used for unsolicited marketing, and you can unsubscribe at any time. To join, e-mail Todd Harris or sign in at groups.yahoo.com/group/GarrettParkneighbors/join.

Questions or comments for the Citizens Association? Please send a note to P.O. Box 456 or e-mail Chris Strong at Chris.s.strong@gmail.com.



# Fourth of July Report

Please see the list in the printed *Bugle*. It is the *Bugle*'s policy not to include names of minor children, private telephone numbers, or private e-mail addresses in the *e-Bugle*.

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# Bugle Notes . . . Sweet and Sour

- Meme and Ed Lincoln are proud grandparents for the first time. Son Owen and wife Leah Drazio had a daughter on July 28 out in San Francisco. Meme and Ed spent a good bit of time there helping out.
- Dick and Peggy Pratt celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 27 with a three-day celebration. Ten family members joined them for an excursion to Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, via MARC and Amtrak. Attendees were from 8 years of age to 75, and a wonderful time was had by all.
- On September 4, Claire Schwartz and Adam Litwin were married at High Point Farm in Clarksburg. The next day the elder Schwartzes hosted a wedding brunch in the Town Hall for all their family and friends. Claire and Adam honeymooned at Mohonk Mountain

- House in New York. Adam teaches at Johns Hopkins Business School, and Claire is a grad school student. They live in Baltimore.
- Longtime resident Ruth Pinkson (10709 Keswick Street) died on August 4 of congestive heart failure at her daughter's home in Cornish, New Hampshire. A memorial will take place at the Town Hall on Sunday, October 10, at 2 pm.
- Grant Peacock has opened shop on the third floor of Penn Place, next to the Town Office. His business, Washington Group Productions, provides video production, photography, and editing for news and corporate clients. Grant is rarely seen in the neighborhood without his camera; watch for a fun family photography event coming soon. Grant, Celia, and their three children live on Cambria Avenue.

### **Senior Corner**

"Some of Garrett Park's oldest residents will be allowed to stay firmly rooted where they are."

—The Gazette, August 11, 2010

Yippee! They're not going to kick us seniors out of our favorite town. But just a minute ... oh, they're referring to our beloved willow oak trees, which no doubt are our oldest residents. That is, of course, along with our oldest seniors. I'll take this opportunity to say again that the Garrett Park seniors do truly appreciate the special treatment they receive from our citizens. In fact, I sometimes wonder if nonseniors feel they could use some of the privileges provided their elders: discounted tickets to movies and the Metro, free rides on county buses, first in line to board Amtrak—well, on and on. Add to these the benefits right here at home from friends and neighbors—through rain, snow, and dark of night.

You may wonder when you can be classified as a senior and reap some of these rewards. As far as I know, there is no official "senior" age—it varies. But you should know that everyone, regardless of age or physical condition, is

welcome at our monthly senior activities in Garrett Park. These include the "Lunch Bunch" (the second Tuesday at 12:30), and "Games and Tea" (usually the fourth Thursday at 1:30), both at the Town Hall. Please do join us—a chance to meet some "real" seniors.

Again, thank you, Garrett Parkers, for loving our willow oak trees *and* our seniors.

Bonnie Tyler

| Lunch Bunch                | Games & Tea                 |
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| (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays) | (4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays) |
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| Oct. 12                    | Oct. 28                     |
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| Dec. 14                    | Dec. 16*                    |
| Jan. 11                    | Jan. 27                     |
| Feb. 8                     | Feb. 24                     |
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## Letter from the Mayor

A lively summer in Garrett Park... many events quite delightful: I hope you had an opportunity to witness the exceptional number of fireflies this year! Would that we could have harnessed some of the fireflies' light as power outages brought frustration to many residents, in town and throughout Montgomery County. Please read the testimony offered by the town to the Maryland Public Service Commission, available on the town's Web site. (Go to www. garrettpark-md.gov/a/321 and click the "Testimony" link.) At the PSC hearing, many witnesses covered the issues of Pepco unreliability and the PSC's own failures to adequately regulate the utility. While the town testimony reiterated those points, we also tried to sound a note of reason on the issue of trees and their role in widespread power outages. As evidenced by the care we give town trees in Garrett Park, power supply and a majestic tree canopy can coexist. We also offered suggestions for ways that Pepco can harden its system against weather event injury, including tree damage. In that connection, I am grateful for the detailed input of town resident Dick Pratt.

Thanks to the efforts of several town residents, our elected representatives, and some legal work by the town government, the mature willow oaks on the south side of the 4800 block of Oxford have apparently been spared from damage by installation of water supply service to the rebuilt Garrett Park Elementary School. Unfortunately, the oaks on the *north* side of that block are now potentially jeopardized by an added WSSC easement request relating to the 1930's-era sanitary sewer situated immediately below the oaks. Although the trees on the north side are fewer in number, they contribute to the imposing appearance of the street. This last-minute development is frustrating not only to the town but also to the Montgomery

County Public Schools, which finds that final approval for construction to proceed on the new GPES is being held hostage by WSSC's easement request. MCPS has allied with the town to seek a prompt resolution, but the town will not agree to any solution that does not adequately protect the trees, and MCPS agrees with our stance on that issue.

Elsewhere in this issue (p 4), you will read of the Arboretum Committee's work, and especially the annual tree walk led by the town's consulting arborist, Phil Normandy. Phil has worked as an independent contractor for the town since 1994 and has consistently provided sound, reliable advice on tree care, tree replacement, and a myriad other horticultural matters relating to town plantings. But Phil has taken a special, personal interest in the well-being of the town's trees that goes well beyond his "formal" role as consulting arborist. That's one reason that we were pleased to present Phil with a small token of the town's esteem and gratitude for the countless hours (many of them volunteered) that he has devoted to the town. Town resident Margaret Goldsborough facilitated the gift to Phil of a rare 19th century botanical drawing. Please join us on the November 7 tree walk to learn about town trees and hear some of Phil's useful insightsalways delivered with a fine combination of wit and knowledge.

Finally, many thanks to all who made the summer so enjoyable by their work on Garrett Park's many community endeavors: the Fourth of July parade, fun run, and pool events; the delightful Pooch Parade; films from the Garrett Park Film Society... I hope that, despite power outages, heat, and drought, your summer was a good one!

Chris Keller

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### **Film Society**

The Garrett Park Film Society will be showing Rivers and Tides—Working with Time, a documentary about the artist Andy Goldsworthy, on October 22 at 8 pm in the Town Hall. Described by the New York Times as "ravishingly beautiful," the film depicts the magical relationship between art and nature, especially as seen through Goldsworthy's stunning creations. (You can see his stone installation, "Roof," at the East Wing of the National Gallery.) We follow the artist all over the world as he demonstrates his unique creative process, constructing painstakingly intricate masterpieces made entirely of natural materials. Goldsworthy's art ranges from monumental works of fitted stone to ephemeral constructions of leaves and flower petals. Sit back, relax, and at the same time expect to be mesmerized by this gorgeous cinematic experience. There will be a \$5 per person or \$10 per family cover charge for nonmembers.

We'll also be serving dinner beginning at 7:15. This event's chef de cuisine will be a current senior at Walter Johnson High School. The menu is still a work in progress, but it will most assuredly be related to the theme of the movie. Expect something out of the ordinary. The cost of the meal is likely to be in the \$8–12 range per person.

Visit Garrett Park's Web site: www.garrettpark-md.gov

### **Pooch Parade**

The annual Garrett Park Pooch Parade on July 3 was a resounding success. The parade down Kenilworth to Waverly was enjoyed by many, including many with no dogs in tow.

The canine chaos at Garrett-Waverly Park was a time of smiles and laughter.

#### **Prizes**

| Cutest | 1. Tux & Marty (Bronder/Goodin) |
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2. Gracie and Leo (Hsiao)

Floppy ears 1. Roscoe (Miller)

2. Coco (Sears)

Quietest 1. Harper (Strong)

2. Alix (Mizoguchi)

Loudest\* 1. Tedi (Del Priore)

2. Muckluck (Moffett)

Cutest eyes 1. Max and Molly (Berliner)

2. Shelby (Houston)

Best dressed 1. Taku (Irons)

2. Bitsy (Gibson)

Softest coat 1. Baxter (Meredith)

2. Ben (Reinhardt)

Best short coat 1. Spencer (Siegel)

2. Kilo (Jasin)

Pointed ears 1. Baxter (Meredith)

2. Paco (Jackson)

Thanks to Jean Horan for organizing the event for the Women's Club, and to judges Tracy and Barry Liden, Peter Benjamin, and Nancy Floreen.

### **Archives News**

Marian Green is planning three Sunday afternoon programs this winter, based on material from the Garrett Park Archives.

- The first, on January 23, will be a repeat of a program that was presented previously, on the Great Depression in Garrett Park.
- On February 27, the second event will be a panel presentation from oral histories on how the town became a Nuclear Free Zone.
- To close the series, on March 27, we will have readings from memoirs, letters, minutes, and oral histories from the Archives.

If anyone would like to be involved in preparing for these programs or participating as a reader, please let Marian know (in person, by phone, or e-mail).

#### And from those other Archives...

(The National Archives, that is.) Former Mayor Peggy Pratt volunteers at this somewhat larger institution as part of the Civil War Conservation Corps, which was recognized on the blog of the Archivist of the United States for reaching a significant milestone last June. The corps completed preparation of the 50,000th Civil War Widow's Certificate pension case file for digitization. You can read about it at blogs.archives.gov/aotus/?p=1368 (and see a photograph of Peggy and two other volunteers, as well as an example of the kind of file they've worked on).

<sup>\*</sup>There was a lot of competition for this category!