

# e-Bugle

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### Calendar

Mid Oct	Street sweeping begins mid October- until mid-December	Sun Nov 4	Autumn Tree Walk, Penn Place, 1 PM, Meet in front of the P.O.
Tues Oct 16	<i>eBugle</i> available on the Town website		Art at Penn Place, TWIGS Watercolor Show, Reception, Penn Place Gallery, 3 – 5 PM
Fri Oct 19	Pick up your Bugle, P.O. Lobby!		GIVES Soup Supper, Town Hall, 5 – 7 PM
	Film Society, <i>No</i> , Town Hall, Dinner 7 PM, Film 8 PM	Tues Nov 6	General Election, Polls pen 7 AM – 8 PM
Sat Oct 20	Farmers Market, Penn Place, 9 AM – 1 PM	Sat Nov 10	Farmers Market, Penn Place, 9 AM – 1 PM
Sat Oct 27	Farmers Market, Penn Place, 9 AM – 1 PM	Mon Nov 12	Veterans Day, Town Office Closed
	Halloween Costume Parade, 11 AM	Tues Nov 13	Lunch Bunch, Town Hall, 12:30 PM
	Spooky Woods, Porcupine Woods, dusk	Sat Nov 17	Farmers Market, Penn Place, 9 AM – 1 PM
Wed Oct 31	Halloween! Watch for trick or treaters	Mon Nov 19	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7:30 PM ( <b>Note Date Change from Nov 12</b> )
Thurs Nov 1	Neighbors Helping Neighbors Committee Meeting, Town Office, Penn Place, 10 AM	Thurs & Fri Nov 22,23	Thanksgiving, Town Office Closed
Sat Nov 3	Farmers Market, Penn Place, 9 AM – 1 PM	Fri Nov 23	Art at Penn Place, Meet the Artist Reception, Vickie Baily, Penn Place Gallery, 3 – 5 PM
	GIVES Collection, P.O. Lobby, 9 AM - 12 PM		
	Celebration of Life for longtime GP resident Jay Levy, Town Hall, 2 PM		

### Town Council Meeting Notes

The October meeting of the Town Council was something of a novelty—it was the first meeting in some time lasting less than three hours, and there was little serious tension. On that optimistic note, let's dive into the details.

The meeting began with the usual introductory remarks by Mayor Kacky. Given an accident at the Attic in the Street event when someone tripped on a

pothole, the town will be patching several potholes around town. Second, the town is getting some new benches (a process involving Neighbors Helping Neighbors, our town organization that works on issues related to seniors). Third, volunteers continue to come forward for the new ad hoc committees. Fourth, the regular date for the November meeting falls on Veterans Day when the town offices will be closed for the holiday (so the Council agreed to postpone the meeting to Monday, Nov. 19).

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This opening was then followed by resident presentations, of which there was just one. Ms. Chau once again raised the issue of getting Montgomery County police to provide regular police patrols in Garrett Park (see her letter to the editor in last month's and resident note in this month's *Bugle*) and the need to look into whether or not the Town had at some time in the past opted out. Mayor Kacky indicated that the new ad hoc committee on implementing the new parking policies could take up this issue.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved after a couple cosmetic changes. But there was no discussion of the still-unapproved minutes from the four summer Council meetings.

Now came four issues requiring a vote by the Council. The first of these was the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) sidewalk project. Readers of the *Bugle* will recall that in September the Council voted to introduce a draft ordinance to shift funds in the budget into the SRTS project to demonstrate to the State Highway Administration (SHA) that the town has sufficient funds for the project. Now it was time to vote on this ordinance. Councilmember Schulp objected on the grounds that the Council had voted several years ago to fund the SRTS project only with Federal money. Councilmember McClintock noted that taking this action does not actually commit the town to spending the money at this point in time. This discussion led to a minor alteration of the language to include "may need to consider" the expenditure in the future. As amended, the ordinance passed unanimously.

Next, Councilmember Schulp explained the need to replace the shingles on the roof of the Town Hall. Temporary patches had been done in the spring to fix several leaks, but the whole roof needs replacement now rather than waiting for the outcome of the longer-term goal of renovating the whole building. Bids have been received and a roofer has been chosen (and please pardon my use of two passive voice verbs in one sentence). The winning bid was for \$12,500, and the Council voted unanimously to approve the expenditure.

Third, Councilmember Schulp explained a problem at Penn Place involving rusting on the metal outside stairway on the side of the building facing the railroad tracks. A bid of \$13,800 to do this work has been received. In addition, there is serious grease build up near the top of the stairs, creating a fire hazard and inability to use the stairs as a fire escape. The grease comes from the exhaust fans for Black Market Bistro and will require some additional metal work to keep grease from accumulating in the affected area. Since this work will add to the cost, the Council unanimously approved an expenditure of up to \$20,000 for the job.

Finally, Town Manager Swearingen made the case for new computer equipment and software for the town office. The system needs a dedicated server, and does not have adequate security, according to an assessment done over the summer by Island Joe Group. The total cost for this is \$22,500 and would come partly from the capital budget (the computer equipment and software) and partly from the operating budget (for installation and servicing). Discussion of the topic centered on the fact that the

line items in the current budget from which this money will come are being rapidly spent, so some mid-year budget adjustment will be necessary. In addition, several councilmembers noted that given the fact that we are living in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, it would be advisable to have a specific IT line item in the budget. The Council voted unanimously to approve the expenditure.

Now the Council moved on to discussion items (those issues in town that do not require a vote). Councilmember McClintock began with an update on the town tree survey which is underway and, pending approval of the database on a sample of 200 trees, will continue to move forward. Meanwhile, she noted that our arborist Phil Normandy will lead the fall tree walk on Sunday, Nov. 4, at 1 p.m. (meet at Pen Place). Mark your calendars now (and do not forget to move your clocks back an hour before going to bed the previous night).

Mayor Kacky then provided an update on the continuing saga of the SRTS project. Last spring the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) had a final 30-day comment period in which "contracting parties" (a technical term for interested individuals and organizations) had a chance to raise issues (opposition, complaints, requests, etc.) related to historical preservation issues. A batch of 12 "attachments" (this is also a technical term for the submissions to the FHA) came in and FHA has given them to the town government requesting that the town notify FHA what it has done about each of them. Mayor Kacky, with the help of others on the Council is trying to create an organized catalogue of the attachments and town responses that can be sent to FHA. Councilmember Schulp is working on creating the template for this electronic catalogue. Discussion focused on the need to get this work done quickly (hopefully by the end of October) as well as on the discouraging slowness and incompetence of the people in charge of this review at FHA. Councilmember Wegner said that he was not fully included in the Mayor's interaction with councilmembers on this topic in the past couple weeks.

Councilmember Paczkowski covered the results of the meeting on the Town Hall renovation, which roughly 25 residents attended. There is a survey attached to this issue of the *Bugle* for people to fill out (and the town government will send out an electronic version of the survey) concerning their priorities for the future use of the Town Hall.

Councilmember Schulp provided an update on traffic/parking. The membership for the advisory committee on these issues is beginning to coalesce and the committee should be able to have an inaugural meeting soon.

The final discussion item, presented by Councilmember Wegner, concerned the issue of the frequently malfunctioning, blinking crossing signal on Strathmore Avenue at the intersection with Keswick. He has met with an official from SHA about this (after meeting last month with Montgomery County officials) and pressed upon him the need for a warning signal partway down the hill toward Beach Drive since drivers coming up the hill cannot see the blinking crossing signal until they are almost up to it. Mayor Kacky noted that she would

like to be part of the conversations with SHA and Montgomery County officials.

Although this final item was about the crossing signal, discussion quickly moved on to another street-related topic: stormwater. Discussion covered the problems at the end of Rokeby, water going through a drainage pipe at the low point on Claremont (by the entrance to Porcupine Woods), and a frequent sheet of ice during bad winter weather at the intersection of Oxford and Shelley Court. Next steps on these issues include getting engineers to figure exactly what is going on and what the infrastructure is, as well as gathering residents' input.

As usual, the meeting ended with the Town Manager's monthly financial report, which indicated that revenue and expenditures continue to run as expected as of the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year. He also mentioned (in response to discussion in September about crowded parking during Back to School Night at Garrett Park Elementary School) that the principal of the school told him Holy Cross will now permit cars to park in their parking lot. Hallelujah! (Sorry I could not help myself.) Some of us in Garrett Park can remember the days when this was the case. So, on that upbeat note about improving school-church relations, the meeting came to an end at 9:20 p.m., less than two hours after it began.

Ed Lincoln, *Bugle* Reporter

*Correction: In the October issue of the Bugle, the notes stated that "The original funds from the SHA amounted to \$438,000." The correct amount for the original SHA funds is \$561,000.*

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## **Town Manager's Notes**

**Town Hall and Penn Place Repairs:** Our Town Hall roof is well over 20 years old and in need of repair. Over the next several weeks we will be replacing it. We will also repair the outside stairs of the Penn Place building along with some of the siding in the area of the stairs. We will publish the actual dates for these repairs on the website as soon as we have them.

**Leaf Removal:** Leaf removal will begin in mid-October and extend through December. As you drive through town, please be aware of children who may

be playing in the leaves! Parents, please discourage your children from playing in the leaves piled on the street side of the curb. All, be mindful of not including sticks, rocks or any other debris in the leaf piles. Thank you for your cooperation!

**Halloween:** Garrett Park Elementary School will hold its annual Halloween parade on Wednesday, Oct. 31 at 2:30 p.m. The parade will start at the school, proceed down Oxford Street, turn south on Montrose to the dead end and return to the school. There will be over 500 participants in the parade! The parade route streets will close to vehicular traffic at 1:30 p.m.

**Spooky Woods:** The annual Spooky Woods event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

**Autumn-Winter Yard Waste Pick-up Schedule:** From November to February, yard waste will be collected on the first Monday of each month only. Weekly collection will resume in March.

**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 name to our list.

**If you have any questions, please call the Town Office: 301-933-7488**

Gene Swearingen, Town Manager

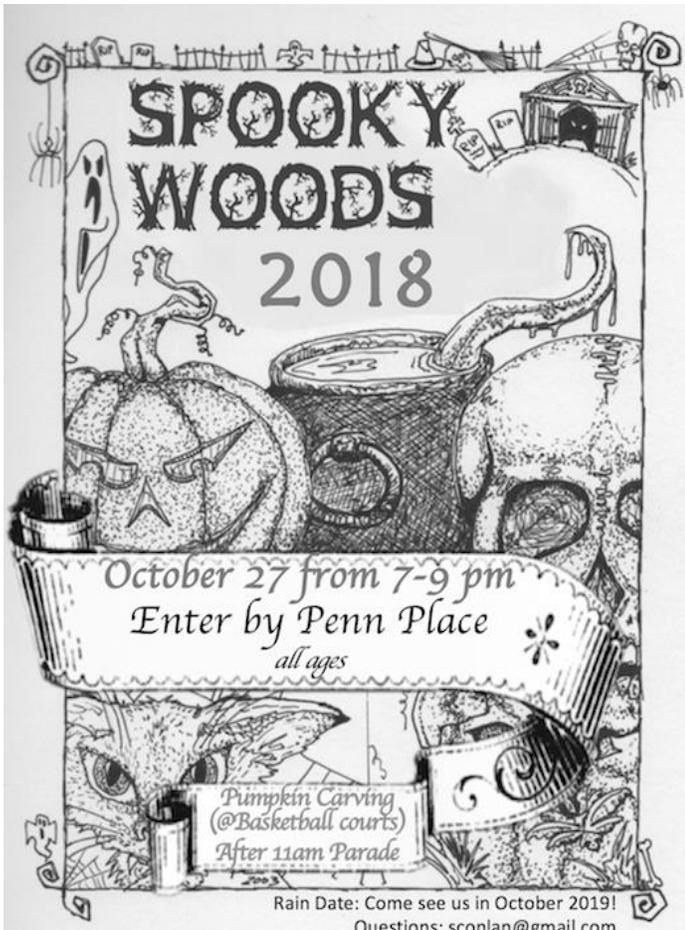
## **Citizens Association Notes**

**Spooky Woods.** It's that time again! Each year Spooky Woods gets bigger and spookier. This year the GPCA's annual Spooky Woods will kick off in Porcupine Woods at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27. Kids of all ages are invited to join us for scares and laughs at this Garrett Park tradition. Volunteer ghouls are needed the day of to set up and also during the event to act in "haunted stations". Please contact Sean ([sconlan@protonmail.com](mailto:sconlan@protonmail.com)) or Darshini ([darshinibtrivedi@gmail.com](mailto:darshinibtrivedi@gmail.com)) if you would like to volunteer or if you have an idea for a "Spooky Station."

**The 3rd Annual Garrett Park Halloween Costume Parade** (co-hosted by the Garrett Park Parents group and the Garrett Park Citizens Association) is also on Saturday, Oct. 27. The parade will begin at 11am on Kenilworth (just north of the stop light) and end at the basketball courts by the post office. The annual **Pumpkin Carving** will follow the parade (at the basketball courts). We'll provide some treats and you provide the pumpkin! If you are interested in helping with the parade by donating peanut-free candy or helping out with a treat station, please contact Lesley ([lesleymaloney@gmail.com](mailto:lesleymaloney@gmail.com)). Volunteers to help with Pumpkin carving should contact Darshini ([darshinibtrivedi@gmail.com](mailto:darshinibtrivedi@gmail.com)).

**The 2019 Town Dinner** will be on Saturday, January 26. Last month, we mistakenly printed the wrong date. *We apologise for the fault in last month's article. Those responsible have been sacked. Mynd*

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## GIVES Soup Supper

REMINDER: COME TO THE GIVES SOUP SUPPER!

**Sunday, Nov. 4, 5 to 7 p.m., GP Town Hall**

All GP residents, friends and family are invited to celebrate the partnership between GIVES and our wonderful recipients -- Thrive DC and Stepping Stones Shelter -- by attending the 2018 GIVES Soup Supper. GIVES (Garrett Park Inter-Community Voluntary Experiment in Sharing) has been raising money in town since the 1970s to help the hungry and homeless.

Please bring either a soup (for 6+) or a loaf of bread with butter, along with your own utensils and bowl, and donate the \$\$ that you would have spent on dinner to GIVES. Executive Directors of Thrive DC and Stepping Stones Shelter will speak briefly and take questions.

Each year this event has been held, it has produced a smorgasbord of soups that have become town favorites! To help with the event or if you have any questions, contact Rana Koll-Mandel at 240-498-4602 or Jenny Krivanek at 301-461-1104.

Rana Koll-Mandel, Nancy Walz & Jenny Krivanek

## Women's Club Save the date!

**Friday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m./Town Hall -  
Holiday Carols! Fun for children of ALL ages!!**

**Saturday, Dec. 8/Town Hall - Santa!  
3 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Sing Along & Meet Santa!**

## Arboretum Notes

On **Sunday, Nov. 4 at 1 p.m.** please join our town Arborist Phil Normandy and the Arboretum Committee for the annual fall tree walk. Find out what's happening with the Arboretum right now – a complete inventory and comprehensive tree plan – while you enjoy the fall colors and anticipate future splendors of the Arboretum. We'll start at Penn Place. Phil is sure to pick a route that will highlight the best of this year's specimens. You can join us for as long or short a time as you like.

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Lunch Bunch for All

On **Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 12:30 p.m.** a group of neighbors will gather to discover what random chance offers up for lunch. More than a few times we have had more desserts than protein, more chocolate than savory. We often redefine fruit, sometimes binge on bread and butter. The dependable element is always present- neighbors who gather to share lunch and an hour together. So try to drop by the Town Hall on the second Tuesday of the month to check out the surprise.

Lunch Bunch is a monthly potluck gathering for Garrett Park residents. We meet at 12:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month (except during July and August) at our Town Hall, 10814 Kenilworth Avenue. Please join us and bring along a neighbor, if you'd like.



### Lunch Bunch Reminder 2nd Tuesdays @ 12:30 p.m.

#### 2018

November 13

December 11

#### 2019

January 8

February 12

March 12

April 9

May 14

June 11

## Art at Penn Place

On Nov. 4 at 3 to 5 p.m., the TWiGs cordially invite you to see their show and sample special treats and, of course, champagne.

The TWiGs (Takoma Watercolor Group) have been meeting every Thursday morning at the Takoma Park Recreation Center for over ten years, to paint, to share, to inspire. Each of us have a unique style, exactly like the twigs on a branch. Jane Salomon is Garrett Park's representative with the group and the seven other artists come from different parts of Montgomery County.

We would love for you to join us Nov. 4 to help us celebrate our Garrett Park premier!



**MCC Gift Show**  
Friday, November 9, 4pm-7pm and  
Saturday, November 10, 10am-4pm  
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## Contributions by Town Residents

### What We're Cooking

#### Baked Oatmeal

As we transition to the "school year", this is an easy and healthy(ish) breakfast idea. This recipe is from a camp that I went to when I was a kid. This was one of the counselors and campers' favorite dishes!

#### Ingredients:

- 2 1/2 cups rolled oats
- 3 Tbsp dark brown sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup canola oil
- 1/4 cup applesauce (or oil)
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

#### Directions:

Mix dry ingredients, mix wet ingredients, combine well. Pour into a greased 9x9 pan (9x13 pan of doubling the recipe). Bake at 350 F for 20 min or until knife inserted comes out clean.

Submitted by Nikki Forry

### Police Protection

As a follow-on to my "Letter to the Editor" in our October 2018 *Garrett Bugle*, I attended last GP Town Council's meeting, on Monday evening, Oct. 8.

At the opening of the meeting, because I did not see the subject of my Letter to the Editor among the Discussion/Action" items of the Agenda, I raised my hand, stepped forward, and showed the Council my ADT Security System Alarm medallion (which I had started wearing around my neck since the robbery experienced by husband and me), stressing that at age 81, I would wish that I would not have to wear it the rest of my life -- and for me, the issue is an emergency matter. Mayor Kacky responded "that action" would be dealt with during the "discussion of parking violations".

At the end of the Council meeting, I again asked for the definition of "Parking Lot Issue" under which the "Police Protection" issue was entered by the Assistant to the Town Manager on a board standing to the righthand side of the Council meeting table. Mayor Kacky explained that discussion of such issue would be time-consuming, would involve a number of participants, and therefore could not be fitted within the Council's current meeting agenda.

In view of the late timetable, I was unable to provide additional input toward my request for urgent Town action. I am now expressing to all in Garrett Park, two deep-seated reasons for my concerns. First, due to my US higher education and my lengthy US professional occupation, and, my family's move in 1971 to Garrett Park, the Vietnamese Communists' taking over of free South VN rendered the United States into my precious adopted country, and GARRETT PARK into my true HOME TOWN. There is no other place that I would consider moving in, out of Garrett Park.

Second, a past incident involved a short visit to me in Garrett Park from a now deceased cousin of mine during his short training in a neighboring Midwest state. When he arrived in Garrett Park, he expressed huge concern about the safety risks for me to live in a such woody place. I quickly assured him that Garrett Park had total regular police protection. Several years later, in his letter to me smuggled through connections in Europe, he cryptically signaled that what he was experiencing in the "new" South VN was "*ce n'est pas une vie; c'est une existence,*" ***not a life, but an existence.***

I wanted so much to have been able to express to the Council, that I wish that the remainder of my living days in Garrett Park should enjoy normal, total MCPD protection – that **my future and remaining days in Garrett Park should truly be my life, not just my mere existence.**

Submitted by Ms. Chau

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# Obituary

## Dorothy (Phillippo) Chrisler, 1924 — 2018

Dorothy Phillippo Chrisler, formerly of Garrett Park, MD, died on Oct. 7 at the age of 94. She was raised in Detroit, Michigan. When Dorothy and Donald Chrisler moved to Garrett Park in 1952, it heralded the beginning of a love affair with the town, and theirs was an era of the Garrett Players, town council meetings, bridge and cocktail parties, book groups, the *Bugle*, the Lunch Bunch, the GP swimming pool and yoga. The two found Garrett Park through Don's former boss Jack Wilpers and decided it would be perfect there to raise their soon-to-be family. Dorothy was also a GP Girl Scout leader and in her later years she volunteered for the town archives. The couple was fortunate to travel throughout Europe, and like her husband, Dorothy was an Anglophile and they visited England and Canada often. For a few years they also lived in Rome, Italy, and while there Dorothy mastered the language in order to handle the couple's business affairs.

Dorothy and Don met at the University of Michigan (where Dorothy majored in political science and started law school), then moved to Maryland, where both worked for the government. Just before moving to Garrett Park, Dorothy also worked briefly at the Library of Congress in Washington. She also spent a number of years running a children's clothing store at Wheaton Plaza in Maryland (Happy Time Togs), and later had the time of her life working at the Kensington Park Library, from where she reluctantly retired. She is survived by her daughter Meg, estranged son Andrew, grandson Jefferson (Meredith Evans), and great-granddaughter Amelia. If you are moved to do so, please consider making a contribution to the charity of your choice in Dorothy's memory.

**A Celebration of Life  
For  
Jay Levy**

**Saturday, November 3, 2018  
2 p.m.**

**The Garrett Park Town Hall  
10814 Kenilworth Avenue**

## To Autumn

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,  
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;  
Conspiring with him how to load and bless  
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;  
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,  
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;  
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells  
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,  
And still more, later flowers for the bees,  
Until they think warm days will never cease,  
For summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.

Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?  
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find  
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,  
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;  
Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,  
Drows'd with the fume of poppies, while thy hook  
Spares the next swath and all its twined flowers:  
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep  
Steady thy laden head across a brook;  
Or by a cyder-press, with patient look,  
Thou watchest the last oozings hours by hours.

Where are the songs of spring? Ay, Where are they?  
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too,—  
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,  
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;  
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn  
Among the river shallows, borne aloft  
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;  
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;  
Hedge-crickets sing; and now with treble soft  
The red-breast whistles from a garden-croft;  
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.

by John Keats, 1795-1821

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## Letter from the Mayor

Avoiding slips, trips and more... A couple of weeks ago during the Attic in the Street Sale on Kenilworth Avenue, a visitor accidentally stepped into a pothole, tripped and fell, scraping her knees and legs. Fortunately, neighbors rushed to her assistance. She is doing well. And the Town's insurance is paying for her medical bills.

Last week, a large-item pickup truck on Montrose Avenue was observed leaking hydraulic fluid much to the surprise of its drivers. Quick-thinking JC Walters marked the areas with orange caution cones and covered the slippery liquid with lots of mulch to keep cars and bikes from sliding through the fluid and tracking it around Town.

These are but two hazardous incidents that could have resulted in far more serious consequences. There are many more potholes out there on our streets and many more instances of trucks in our Town dripping unknown fluids. For those new to Garrett Park, it's up to the Town to maintain our streets and roads. Not the County. Not the State. In the next few days, you'll see our Town maintenance staff out on our streets patching potholes. If we miss any, please call the Town Office right away. It's important that we repair these as soon as possible. We want to have these fixed ahead of the planned Halloween festivities, when many more children and adults will be on our streets.

In addition to maintaining our streets and lights, trees and sidewalks, the Town is also responsible for its government buildings. Just this past weekend at the Town Hall, Councilmember Stephen Paczkowski and Historic Preservation Committee member Perry Chapman facilitated a history-rich charrette to solicit renovation ideas for our Town Hall. This event was open to all residents. It was well attended, and many suggestions were proposed. Personal stories and experiences about the building were also offered as well as a delicious assortment of donuts and a bottomless urn of coffee. While Stephen and Perry continue to collect residents' input (see the survey in this issue and available in the Post Office), council members voted unanimously this week to approve funds to perform the much-needed repairs to the existing roof, front and sides of the historical part of the building.

As we begin repairs to the Town Hall, we also continue to perform maintenance on Penn Place. There is an exterior metal stairway with concrete steps located on the train-side of Penn Place that is in poor condition. Rust is eating away at the metal and holes are forming in the cement steps. Cooking grease from the exhaust fans of the restaurant is building up under the stairway landings. If this stairway is to continue to function as a safety egress for the tenants in the building, we can no longer put

off these repairs. Council members also recognized this and approved the necessary funding. Our Town Manager Gene Swearingen and Councilmember Phil Schulp will begin working this month with a contractor to refurbish the metal stairway, patch the steps and add vertical steel sheathing to help block the grease splatter.

With all this work going on, we've also been directed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act to provide evidence of how the Town is addressing the individual concerns of residents (consulting parties) regarding the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) sidewalk project. Consulting Parties had submitted their concerns during a 30-day comment period that ended on May 10 of this year. To create a fair and transparent process, I have asked Town staff to organize files for each consulting party so that we can catalog their issues as well as the Town's associated responses. Consulting parties will then have an opportunity to review and verify their files with Town personnel. Recognizing that this activity is a work in progress, we may still receive further guidance from FHWA before it's all done. However, our hope is to complete this task by the end of the month. I'll keep you posted.

In the meantime, please take care. Watch your feet. Watch your wheels. And let us know of any safety concerns.

Kacky Chantry, Mayor



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## Garrett Park Town Hall- Rehabilitation/Renovation Planning

Resident Survey – due (so do!) by October 31, 2018 to Town Office or Post Office (collection box)

This survey is intended to elicit general and creative inputs to help guide renovation programming and design of the building and property. It is not intended to be a scientific survey of how many respondents favor certain ideas. All the responses will be combined into a document that will be placed on the Town website and used as a resource in next steps toward design. The October 6 presentation made at Town Hall will also be placed on the Town website, Historic Preservation page, for reference.

Some Questions / Topics to consider as idea-starters are listed below:

- Relocate bathrooms away from the front?
- Revert the front facade to 1890s design?
- Should programming of events be increased?
- Is current use of building just right, or too much?
- Should revenue stream look to be increased?
- Relocate any town functions to Town Hall?
- How should the front yard function for town?
- How should the rear yard function?
- What's most important about the building exterior?
- What's most important about the interior?
- How would the main hall be more useful?
- What is important as ancillary space to main hall?
- What types of technology most need updating?
- Is a kitchen/pantry needed?
- Does the current storage set up work?
- Should the rear addition be reconfigured inside?
- Should the rear addition be replaced or expanded?
- What are pros/cons of the Town Hall's location?
- What types of funding should be sought, if any?
- What does Town Hall not do that it should do?

Note: Any project on Town Hall will include rehabilitation of the historic façade's siding, windows and roof, as well as repair/ replacement of building systems like plumbing, electrical., so no need to list those types of items unless specifics on how they might be done. There is no budget or design for a Town Hall renovation project presently. Roof and façade repairs are being planned for the coming months.

Resident: \_\_\_\_\_ House #/ Street in Garrett Park: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide your input here (keep it high level and in this box) by any means you prefer: write, type, draw, etc.