

# e-Bugle

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## Calendar

Fri., Feb. 21	Pick up your <i>Bugle</i> from the basket at Penn Place	Mon., Mar. 10	Town Council mtg., Town Hall, 7:30 pm
Tues., Feb. 25	Budget work session, Town Office, 7:30 pm	Tues., Mar. 11	Lunch Bunch, Town Hall, 12:30 pm; <i>Bugle</i> deadline, 4 pm
Wed., Feb. 26	No Citizens Assoc. mtg. (see p 2; a home safety discussion with local police officer is being organized; date TBA)	Fri., Mar. 14	Film Society, <i>Monsoon Wedding</i> , Town Hall, 7 pm dinner, 8 pm film (see p 4)
Mon., Mar. 3	Weekly yard waste collection begins	Thurs., Mar. 20	GP Jams, Town Hall, 8 pm
Thurs., Mar. 6	GP Jams, Town Hall, 8 pm	Fri., Mar. 21	Pick up your <i>Bugle</i> , Penn Place lobby
Sat., Mar. 8	Presentation on GP history and prehistory, Town Hall, 3 pm (see p 4)	Wed., Mar. 26	Citizens Assoc. mtg., Town Hall, 8 pm: Nominations for Town Council and Mayor (see p 2)
Sun., Mar. 9	Daylight Savings time begins (reset those clocks ahead); Robert LeMar opening reception, Penn Place Gallery, 3–5 pm (see p 5)	Sat., Mar. 29	Voter registration for May Town Elections, Town Office, 8 am–12 noon (see p 3)
		Sun., Mar. 30	Art party, 10926 Montrose, 3–5 pm (see p 5)

## Opting In and Opting Out

It was a pleasant clear night with a bright moon for February's Town Council meeting, but more than one person in the Town Hall talked about the snow in the forecast. People wondered how much of a hit our budget would take if there were a serious storm.

Various Councilmembers updated those gathered for the meeting on their committee activity. Hans Wegner began by noting that although the state recommends we use their pre-approved contractors to do a study for us of the sidewalks issue (as we continue to think about whether to accept a grant to add sidewalks to town), we would prefer more flexibility.

On streets rehabilitation activity: We're waiting for a contract from our accepted bid.

Hans said he'd gotten an inquiry from a resident about the use of salt in dealing with snow. How safe is it? The town itself has preferred sand; it's better for pets, and for aquatic life as it runs into streams. "None of them is really, really safe unless you use cat litter."

Finally, Hans talked about whether Garrett Park would be interested in a new state of Maryland Smart Energy Communities program. We would receive funding if we, among other things, reduced energy use in town by 15 percent over five years.

Tara Flynn anticipates a work session soon, in which we review proposed new and improved personnel policies for people who work for the town. She has gotten feedback from the Council and from our current employees, and has (with Phil Schulp) put together a draft which will be up for discussion.

Kacky Chantry reported that we've been drafting a Request For Proposals for work on improving the town Web site—making it, for instance, more interactive, more scalable, and, post-launch, more supported by a vendor.

Gene Swearingen next explained that we've begun closing out the two storm drain projects. Kenilworth looks fine, but at Shelley Court some

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design problems remain. They will shortly be dealt with.

The Mayor noted that Garrett Park has been asked to help in publicizing two upcoming State Delegates and County Council candidate forums.

Also, Joanna Welch and Hans are looking into parking in town. Can we rationalize the system, or is it, as T. S. Eliot said of contemporary history, an "immense panorama of futility and anarchy"?

In new business, the Mayor noted that the county has introduced some new tree protection bills, and the town needs to decide whether it wants to opt in on them. The first protects trees on private property (we would have to act if we want to be included in this one). The second protects trees on county or state rights of way within the town and would only affect Strathmore trees. We're already automatically opted in to this one, so we can either go with this or decide we want to opt out.

In his Town Manager's report, Gene remarked that we're in good shape revenue-wise, with the possible exception of local income tax revenue. One big plus for our budget, he went on, is that "I'm a lot cheaper than Ted." Another bit of good news is that we have a new tenant in Penn Place.

On the down side, our wind energy company has gone bankrupt. Our options now are to pay another firm on a month-to-month basis, or to hire a new firm on a more permanent basis. "But we've got to be cautious."

Finally, Gene noted another green program in which the town might want take an interest: the Chesapeake Bay Trust Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns program funds green construction projects. It could mesh with the Safe Routes to School project under consideration, essentially allowing us to put together an application to make the Safe Routes project a green program. The payoff would be that the Chesapeake Bay Trust grant would cover some or even all of the tree-related activity associated with new sidewalks.

Margaret Soltan

## Citizen Association News

*Town Dinner report.* The Town Dinner in January was about funny stories of things gone wrong. From cars getting stuck on fire hydrants to tales of animals causing destruction, it is obvious that Garrett Parkers can triumph over adversity. The best story of the evening was summed up haiku-like:

Four-year-old  
Golf ball  
Big screen TV

There was also a unanimous vote to retain all of the Citizens Association officers, and all the power still resides in two houses. Michael Lutkenhouse continues as president, Crystal Lutkenhouse as treasurer, Sean Conlan as vice-president, and Lori Conlan as secretary.

*Future meetings.* We are coordinating with a Montgomery County police officer for a talk about home and car safety. We are confirming the date as the *Bugle* goes to press. Watch for a flyer in the PO and an announcement on the listserv.

In March we will host a gardening discussion (more soon!) and take nominations for the upcoming town election (see p 3).

Do you have a suggestion or idea for a meeting topic that you feel would be of interest to the town? If so, please forward your thoughts to Michael Lutkenhouse or send a note to Box 456.

*Annual dues.* The Citizens Association 2014 annual dues are being collected: \$10 for individuals and \$20 per family. Thank you to those who have already paid. For those who have not, please mail dues to the Citizens Association at Box 456.

*Garrett Park listserv.* To join this electronic forum, which allows neighbors to communicate information about town concerns, safety issues, upcoming events, and recommended services, e-mail Todd Harris or sign in at [groups.yahoo.com/group/GarrettParkneighbors/join](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GarrettParkneighbors/join).

*Questions or comments for the Citizens Association?* If so, please send a note to P.O. Box 456 or e-mail Michael Lutkenhouse.



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# Town Manager Notes

*Town budget.* The Council will be working on the FY 2015 budget (July 2014 through June 2015) at a work session to be held on Tuesday, February 25, at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Town Office at Penn Place. The recommended budget will then be introduced at the regular March meeting (Mar. 10). We encourage residents to attend the work session or to provide comments or suggestions regarding next fiscal year's budget by contacting the Mayor, a Councilmember, or the Town Manager.

*Snow removal.* The recent snow kept the town crew busy for two very long days. More snow is expected, so this is just a continued reminder that it is especially important to park off the streets when snow is expected so the town crew can clear curb to curb whenever possible. This will allow for more space to park after the streets are plowed. If you have a special need for your driveway to be open—medical supplies, caregiver services, etc., please call the Town Office and let us know so that we can make sure your driveway is among the first to have the plowed snow pushed aside.

Also, if you need help shoveling snow, the town has a list of residents who would like to help; see p 4. Also, check the Post Office bulletin boards or call the Town Office for names.

*Yard waste pickup.* If you still have a few leaves left over, or other yard waste to dispose of, you can either pile them up in a corner of your yard for composting (the Town Office has composting bins available for free), or bag the leaves for the yard waste pickup. *Weekly* pickup begins with the first Monday in March (Mar. 3). Please remember to bundle sticks in lengths of no more than 4 feet, and place clippings, leaves, etc. in paper leaf bags (no plastic bags).

*Large item pickup.* The next large item pickup is scheduled for Saturday, April 5. Remember to place your items curbside by that Friday.

*State tax form reminder.* Remember to write "Garrett Park" in the box labeled "City, town or taxing area" when filling out your state income tax forms. This ensures that our community receives its fair share of the income tax revenues that the state distributes to the 23 counties and 157 incorporated cities and towns throughout Maryland. This revenue supports many of the services the town provides to residents.

*Town elections 2014.* Election Day in Garrett Park will be Monday, May 5. Polls are open from 7 am to 7:30 pm in the public lobby of the Post Office at Penn Place. The terms of office for Mayor Benjamin and Town Councilmembers Tara Flynn and Hans Wegner are up this year. The last day to register to vote in this election is Saturday, April 5. Candidate nominations will take place during the Citizens Association meeting on Wednesday, March 26, with the Candidates Forum currently set for Wednesday, April 23. Additional

nominations may be made by written petition signed by 10 registered voters and filed with the Town office by 4 pm on Monday, April 14.

*Absentee ballots.* Note: All absentee ballots must be applied for in writing.

Absentee Ballot Applications will be available from the Town Office or the town Web site ([www.garrettpark-md.gov](http://www.garrettpark-md.gov)) as of Wednesday, April 16; absentee ballots can be mailed, e-mailed, or faxed to you, or you can pick yours up at the Town Office. After April 28, a voter or the voter's agent must obtain an Absentee Ballot Application in person from the Town Office or the Judges of Elections. All ballots must be received by the Judges of Elections by the close of the polls at 7:30 pm. Results will be announced at a reception in the Town Hall, hopefully by 10 pm. The reception will start at 9:30 pm.

*Voter registration.* To be eligible to vote in a town election, you need to be registered with Montgomery County *at your Garrett Park address*, or be on the list of qualified noncitizen Garrett Park residents. If you have not voted in a county/state/national election in the last five years, the Montgomery County Board of Elections will have struck your name from the active voters file. You will need to renew your registration with the Board. The Board of Elections' 24 hour Voter Information Line is 240-777-8683. Also, you may obtain forms needed to register at the Town Office during normal office hours. Special registration hours will also be held on Saturday, March 29, and Saturday, April 5, from 8 am to 12 noon at the Town Office. Please call the Town Office with any questions regarding registration, qualification of voters, nominations, etc.

*Sledding hill.* Finally, some residents are aware that the sledding hill on Argyle was plowed on February 14, causing many folks to miss out on an excellent sledding day. The decision to plow was mine. I apologize for that mistake. Rest assured I learned from it! If you ever have a question about town services, please do not hesitate to call me at the number below.

Gene Swearingen, [Garrett-park@comcast.net](mailto:Garrett-park@comcast.net),  
301-933-7488

## Services for Seniors

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## Jurassic Garrett Park

Garrett Parkers know that the town's history stretches back to the 1880s. But can't it be stretched back any further? And how far? Come to the Town Hall on Saturday, March 8, at 3 pm when the Archives Committee will feature a presentation on Garrett Park's eventful pre-history from dinosaurs to the Stone Age to the Civil War. But wait, there's more! Local thespians will follow with a dramatic sketch about the origins of the St. James Chapel (now our Town Hall). All to conclude with *refreshments*. And it's free. What a deal!

## You're Invited!

On Friday, March 14, at 8 pm, the Garrett Park Film Society presents *Monsoon Wedding*. The film, rated R, in English and some Hindi, is a blend of Bollywood and Hollywood directed by Mira Nair. When Aditi, a modern young woman from New Delhi, agrees to an arranged marriage with a young man living in Texas, friends and relatives from around the world come to India for their wedding even though it is monsoon season. Everyone is packing lots of baggage, including the bride. A comedy-romance-musical—what more can you ask?

Admission to the film is free to GPFS members and is \$5 per person or \$10 per family for nonmembers. It is not too late to join!

Dinner is served at 7 pm and will feature Indian dishes yet to be determined. Cost will be around \$10 to \$12 for entrées. Drinks include soda, bottled water, beer, and wine at prices ranging from \$1 to \$5.

All this takes place at the Town Hall. Be there.

## Women's Club Events 2014

Please make note of the following events planned by the Women's Club for this year. Watch for more information as the dates draw near!

Sat., Apr. 26	Pooch Parade	Chair: Tara Smith
Sat., May 17	Plant Swap	Chair: Kay Hager
Sat., May 17	Progressive Dinner	Chair: Lillian Del Priore
Sat., May 24	Biennial Garrett Park Town Yard Sale	Chair: Caroline Turner
Sat., June 7	Youth Art Show	Chair: Jean Horan & Vicki Baily
Sun., June 8	Annual Musicale (fundraiser for music scholarship)	Chair: Sue Petito
Wed., Sept. 17	GPWC Annual Membership Meeting	
Sat., Sept. 27	Porches and Patios	Chair: Lillian Del Priore
Sat., Oct. 18	Attic in the Street	Chair: Kathy Hedge
Fri., Dec. 12	Holiday Sing-Along (co-sponsored with GP Musicians)	Chair: Doug Mader & Mary Moyer
Sat., Dec. 13	Santa comes to Town Hall!	Chair: Lori Conlan
Sun., Dec. 21	Holiday decorating contest	Chair: Lillian Del Priore

## Snow Shovelers

Thank you to all those who responded to the shoveling request. If anyone else would like to be on this list, please e-mail Elizabeth Henley, [garrettpark2@comcast.net](mailto:garrettpark2@comcast.net), or call the Town Office at 301-933-7488.

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*.

## Green Again

Newcomers Donald and Martha Reed are this month's donors for our green banner fund. We appreciate their contribution to the cause. As of now, we are solvent for the rest of this printing year, so I won't have to ask for any more money until June! Of course if you would like to start filling next year's bucket with a donation for the "greening" of Garrett Park, please feel free to do so. You can make out a check to the Citizens Association for \$45 and mail it to me at Box 98.

Your dues for the Citizens Association were due January 1, 2014! If you didn't pay them at the Town Dinner, please mail them to Box 456. Dues are good for one year, and are either \$10 per individual or \$20 per family at one address.

Mary Moyer

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## Art at Penn Place

Robert LeMar will be showing at Penn Place from March 3 to April 5. He will have an artist's reception on Sunday, March 9, from 3 to 5 pm. Robert sent the following notes:

"I was born November 17, 1950, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and grew up in Chicago. My childhood was marked by broken homes in rough neighborhoods. When I was 10, my stepmother, having discovered my artistic talent, drafted me to sketch portraits on the beaches of the Chicago lakefront, to help support the family. I charged 50 cents for each portrait and averaged between 5 and 8 dollars a day. Although I had to contribute all of the money to the family, I benefited greatly from this experience at that early age. I was 11 when I won a Golden Key award for Art through a Chicago Public School competition. At about that time I also won a scholarship for a series of lectures at the Art Institute of Chicago.

"After being discharged from the Army, I attended the Maryland College of Art and Design in 1971, where I became excited about abstract art and studied the works of Rothko, Rauschenberg, Johns, Indiana, Thiebaud, and others. This had an effect on my realism. To help finance my schooling, I again sketched portraits in the summer, this time on the boardwalk in Ocean City, Maryland, and continued to do this for 10 years. It was during those years that I perfected my skill as a portrait painter, so that commissioned work became, and continues to be, an important part of my art career.

"I am inspired by light, color, and the three-dimensionality of objects. I strive to show how objects are separate from the air around them. I want them to have simplicity and a bold presence.

"Of special note: coinciding with my show at Penn Place Gallery, I will also have a private showing of additional paintings in my home. Martha and I invite you to an art party at 10926 Montrose Avenue on Sunday, March 30, from 3 to 5. Come and enjoy art and wine together with us—and Martha has promised homemade cookies! Please RSVP by phone or e-mail."

## Obituary

### Mary Jane Gill

Long-time resident Mary Jane Gill, 83, died on February 6. Born in Washington, D.C., Ms. Gill retired after a joyous 37-year career as a manager with Bell Atlantic/Verizon. Her work was enabled and enhanced by graduation from the College of William and Mary, the American University, and Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration. She was a member and Vestryperson of St. James Episcopal Church, Potomac. An avid dog lover, she provided a caring home for many rescue dogs.



She is survived by her brother, the Rev. John Herbert Gill-Lopez, brother-in-law Eduardo Gill-Lopez (both of New York City), and her beloved friend, Rebecca Shephard of Garrett Park.

Services were held on Tuesday, February 18, at St. James Episcopal Church. Ms. Gill requested donations in her memory to St. James Episcopal Church, Potomac; the town of Garrett Park; or the Furry Friends Network, Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania.

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Many of us seniors in Garrett Park want to thank Butch, Frank, and José for their help during the recent snows and the many wintry mix days we've had throughout the winter. We're grateful to have to such a dedicated crew in our town, as well as wonderful neighbors who help with clearing the sidewalks and our driveways—you make all the difference! This is truly "neighbors helping neighbors."

Bonnie Tyler, Seniors Committee



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## Bugle Notes . . . Sweet and Sour

- ♪ The *e-Bugle* is available online the Monday after the Town Council meeting. You can find it on the town Web site.
- ♪ Our condolences to Jeff Simenauer on the death of his mother, Charlotte, who died January 31. She is survived by her husband Kurt and Jeff's siblings, Danny and Robert. She also leaves seven grandchildren.
- ♪ We received word that Dr. Richard Huffman died on February 3 at age 84. He and his wife Millie lived in the Grace E. Sprigg house in Garrett Park before retiring to Kilmarnock, Virginia. Millie and their children Lynne, Keith, Sara Lee, Ward, and Allan were with him when he died. If you wish to send a condolence card to Millie, the address is 2084 Ditchley Rd., Kilmarnock, VA 22482.
- ♪ Plans are under way for the annual musicale at the Town Hall, which helps to fund the Ilah Gieser music scholarship for a 5th grade student at Garrett Park Elementary every year. This year, it will take place on June 8 at 4 pm, and one theme will be recycling—musical and otherwise. Each year, a group of GPers has come together to form a small group, the Town Singers, and prepare some music for the show. This year, the group could use some new voices, as some people will not be available. All levels of experience are welcome! If you're interested in joining the singers or otherwise participating in the musicale, please call Sue Petito or Meme Lincoln for information.
- ♪ Bonnie Tyler was spied outside of the PO with a walking cast on her left leg. She apparently cracked her knee-cap and will be moving very slowly over the next few weeks.
- ♪ Start saving up those unused items or broken things that accumulate in your home for the large-item pickup, which will be happening April 5.
- ♪ Good news for piano supporters! The Shakespeare song recital on February 2 collected \$515 for the piano, and the Beatles sing-along on February 8 collected \$235 for the piano fund and \$235 for the Ilah Gieser scholarship. Thank you, music lovers!

### Garrett Park Community Fund

The following is an update for town residents on what has transpired since last summer on the Betsy White Emergency Fund and the Ilah Geiser Music Scholarship Fund.

The Betsy White Emergency Fund has long been administered by the Town Clerk in office. However, this summer the town notified us that it would no longer be able to administer the fund. The Women's Club also felt unable to take on the administration of the Betsy White fund at this time. As a result, a group of residents who did not want to see this worthwhile fund abolished formed a committee to establish a nonprofit tax-exempt organization.

The group has been working through the fall with attorney John Miles, a former Garrett Parker who has provided hours of invaluable help, and with additional help from Chris Petito and Beth Irons, the group has established the Garrett Park Community Fund, Inc., a charitable corporation in Maryland. It includes both the Betsy White Emergency Fund and the Ilah Geiser Music Scholarship Fund, and may include other charitable activities in the future by action of the Board of Directors.

In addition, to date the group has

- established a Board of Directors;
- adopted by-laws;
- elected officers;
- adopted a conflict of interest policy; and

- obtained a Tax Identification Number.

Members of the Board of Directors are Kristin Altar, Gerilee Bennett, Leslie Bethke, Glenda Ingham, Meme Lincoln, Chris Petito, and Peggy Pratt.

We are in the process of applying to the IRS for tax-exempt status. This will be of special benefit to the Ilah Geiser Music Scholarship fund, as it has never before been tax-exempt. We hope to have the tax-exempt status before the end of the year.

The mission of the Garrett Park Community Fund continues the missions of the original organizations: to provide emergency financial assistance to residents and employees of the town through the Betsy White Emergency Fund, and to provide a music scholarship to a rising fifth grade student at Garrett Park Elementary School through the Ilah Geiser Music Scholarship Fund. We are in the process of establishing procedures for applying and contributing to the Community Fund. Grants by the Betsy White Fund will remain confidential.

It is our sincere hope to have this fund operating as soon as possible.

Board of Directors

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## Letter from the Mayor

One of the most critical actions of your town government is how it communicates to you, the residents, and how it reaches out to a broader audience. And in a time when electronic information flow is the primary means for much communication, the town Web site is a major source of information and potentially interaction with and among residents, as well as the face we present to the wider world. Unfortunately our Web site is out of date, not particularly intuitive, difficult for staff to manipulate, and limited in its uses.

We need an attractive, exciting, inviting, easy to explore Web site which gives you up-to-date information with only one click and performs a broader range of functions than just posting official town information. You should be able to check the Town Hall calendar and rent the Town Hall, including paying the fee, at the site. You might even make reservations and buy tickets for town organization-sponsored events on line. How about a secure residents-only password-protected up-to-date directory of resident names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mails, as entered by the residents themselves so that they can control the content of their listings? Maybe include the capability to show information about your family that you might want to share with your neighbors, such as children's names and ages? Maybe a residents-only listserv and a page on which you can control whether the town sends you e-mails and alerts, and on what topics. Live Web broadcast of Town Council meetings (maybe too boring) and events in the Town Hall such as the coffeehouse or concerts? What if you could get access to the archives, check lists of building permits issued, search the code of ordinances (I know you really want to do that), and find out what street work was planned and when it would start and end? Links with Facebook and Twitter?

A small committee of residents has been working on developing the specifications for such a new, updated, creative, and flexible Web site for the town. And we want it to be forward looking and capable of growing and adapting as the world develops new electronic communications concepts. We are now on the verge of releasing an RFP for the design of a new Web site. If you have suggestions for capabilities to include in

our effort, please e-mail me at peter.gpmayor@verizon.net or Gene at garrett-park@comcast.net. What about if we had the domain name garrettpark.gov and e-mail addresses for all town officials like gene@garrettpark.gov so that you wouldn't have to try to find our e-mail addresses? They would be obvious. We're working on it.

On another matter, we are applying to the Chesapeake Bay Trust for financial assistance in making our sidewalk project greener. If we receive a grant, it will help with potentially using pervious sidewalk material, should it appear reasonable to do, instead of impervious concrete. It will provide more money to help preserve our trees, control water flow, enhance plantings, and protect our environment. We will post our application on the town Web site when we complete and file it.

On Tuesday, February 25, the Town Council will conduct a work session in the Town Office to develop the fiscal 2015 budget for consideration and potential introduction at the March Council meeting. Not only is the town budget the documentation of how we use your taxes, but it reflects what the Council believes are the priorities of the citizens of Garrett Park. I always believe that budgets are the statement of an institution's policy priorities. If you want to affect those policy decisions, please join us at the work session or at the next Town Council meeting.

Peter Benjamin

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