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Calendar

Fri., May 23	Pick up your <i>Bugle</i> at PO lobby	Sat., June 7	Youth Art Show entries accepted, Town Hall, 12 to 1:30 pm (see p 2)
Sat., May 24	Biennial Garrett Park Town Yard Sale, throughout town, 9 am–2 pm	Sun., June 8	Musicale, Town Hall, 4 pm (fundraiser for Ilah Gieser music scholarship; see p 4); Youth Art Show, Town Hall, during and after Musicale, till 7 pm (see p 2)
Mon., May 26	Memorial Day; <i>no trash collection</i>	Tues., June 10	Lunch Bunch, Town Hall, 12:30 pm (last one until September); <i>Bugle</i> deadline, 4 pm
Wed., May 28	Town Council meeting, Town Hall, 7:30 pm (rescheduled from regular date of May 12)	Fri., June 13	Film Society, <i>Sita Sings the Blues</i> , Town Hall, dinner 7 pm, film 8 pm (see p 2); last day of school for MCPS students
Thurs., May 29	GP Jams, Town Hall, 8 pm	Mon., June 16	Town Council meeting, Town Hall, 7:30 pm (rescheduled from regular date of June 9)
Sat., May 31	Closing reception, “Farmer Tim,” Art at Penn Place, 12 to 2 pm (see p 3)	Thurs., June 19	GP Jams, Town Hall, 8 pm
Mon., June 2	Art at Penn Place, Photography by Lindan Silvers (till July 5)	Fri., June 27	Pick up your <i>Bugle</i> at the PO lobby
Thurs., June 5	GP Jams, Town Hall, 8 pm	Sat., June 28	Large item pickup
Fri., June 6	Deadline for summer calendar dates for the next <i>Bugle</i> to Mary Moyer; <i>Bugle</i> deadline for names of graduates, and summer employment (see note p 2)		

Town Manager Notes

Town elections. Many thanks for the fine work of the Judges of Election: Natalie Grande, Chief Judge Cliff Tarpy, and Marian Green, who stepped in as a replacement at the last minute. Special thanks go to Elizabeth Henley, who organized and managed the election. Congratulations on re-election to Mayor Peter Benjamin and to Councilmembers Tara Flynn and Hans Wegner. Thanks also to Michael Lutkenhouse and Liz Overstreet for running.

Large item collection. There will be a large item collection Saturday, June 28. Please be sure to place your items curbside no later than Friday evening.

Upcoming events. Please watch the town Web site for dates and times for the upcoming street cleaning in June, and also watch for information on the annual End of Fiscal Year Picnic.

Council Meeting Rescheduled

This month and next month, the Town Council meetings will take place before the *Bugle* goes to press. So we will bring you the Council notes for the May meeting in next month’s issue, but you’ll have to wait till the October issue (appearing in late September) for the notes on the June meeting. (If you prefer not to wait, you can always go to the town Web site and check the official minutes.)

Garrett Park building permits. A reminder to everyone planning a construction project to please check with the Town Office to find out if your project needs a Garrett Park permit. A town permit is required to demolish any building larger than 400 square feet. Also, a Garrett Park building permit is required whenever a new structure is to be built, including a new house, shed, garage, or similar structure, or when the

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size of a house is proposed to be increased with an addition, a deck, a porch, or the like. The town's project review is concerned with the relationship of the proposed construction to the size of the lot and its setback from the lot's boundary. The town also requires a permit for driveway or parking pad construction or repair. While not a requirement, it is usually wise to apply for a town building permit before applying for a Montgomery County building permit.

Montgomery County building permits. Montgomery County requires permits for any structure above ground level (not patios or driveways) including sheds, garages, decks, fences, etc. A permit is also required for any alteration to a structure (other than ordinary repair or maintenance) and for demolition. The county is concerned with zoning, health & safety, plumbing, structural, electrical, and the like. For more information, contact the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services at 240-777-6300.

Gene Swearingen, Town Manager

Youth Art Show

The Third Garrett Park Youth Art Show is Saturday, June 7, and Sunday, June 8! Search the house now—or create something new—and bring up to two pieces of your work to the Town Hall on Saturday, June 7, between 12 and 1:30 pm. You'll have the opportunity to meet with professional artists to discuss your work and ask questions. One piece from each entrant will be selected to hang in the show.

The show will be on view on Sunday, June 8. Come to the Annual Spring Musicale at 4 pm and enjoy "surround art" while experiencing the talents of our neighbors. You can take time to look closely at the art during the reception following the musicale, which is a benefit for the Ilah Gieser Music Scholarship (see p 4). (You can also stop by around 6 pm, after the musicale, to see the art show before it closes at 7 pm.) Art work may be picked up at 7 pm.

Thanks go to the GP Art Committee for sponsoring the art show, to the GP Musicale Committee for sponsoring the musicale, and to the GP Women's Club for providing light refreshments.

GPFS Film for June

GPFS will present *Sita Sings the Blues* on Friday, June 13. In this unusual film, artist Nina Paley uses animation, jazz, and the Ramayana to tell the story of her own marriage. Paralleling scenes from the story of Prince Rama and his wife Sita with her own life, in which she follows her husband to India, Paley creates a film that "evokes painting, collage, underground comic books, Mumbai musicals and 'Yellow Submarine,'" according to the *New York Times*. And she did it all herself, writing, directing, producing, and animating this adult film. Roger Ebert loved *Sita Sings the Blues* (2008, USA, PG): "I am enchanted. I am swept away. I am smiling from one end of the film to the other. It is astonishingly original."

The food served should be pretty astonishing also. You can learn about the menu by checking the poster in the PO the week before the showing, or reading the GP Neighbors listserv, but the food will be Indian and is sure to be special.

Dinner and drinks are served at 7 pm. Cost for dinner is \$10 to \$12 (dessert extra). Drinks (water, soda, beer, or wine) are \$1 to \$5.

The film is shown at 8 pm. Admission is free to GPFS members and \$5 per person or \$10 per family for nonmembers.

Hope to see you at the Town Hall on June 13.

Wanted

Calling all proud parents: we would like to publish the names of those in town who have made it successfully through their school years (high school and above). Give me a call with names, places graduated from, and future plans by June 6 to make it into the last issue of this printing year.

Also needed: call the Town Office (301-933-7488) with names of youngsters (13 and above) who would like to babysit, pet sit, or do yard work during the summer vacation. Please leave name, age, job(s) desired, and phone number or e-mail address with Elizabeth Henley. This list is updated regularly. Thank you.

Mary Moyer

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Citizen Association News

July Fourth approaches. The CA is getting ready for the 4th of July festivities. Do you have a suggestion for a theme for this year's parade? What about any other ideas on what you would like to see happen? Drop us a line!

Future meetings. 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. The annual dues are \$10 for individuals and \$20 per family.

Thank you to all of those who have already paid. For those who have not, please submit dues by mailing them to the Citizens Association at Box 456.

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? If so, please send a note to P.O. Box 456 or e-mail Michael Lutkenhouse.

Art at Penn Place

Current show. On Saturday, May 31, from 12 to 2 pm in the gallery, there will be a small reception to celebrate the taking down of Vickie Baily's show, "Farmer Tim: Where Our Food Comes From." As at the opening reception, Tim's market will be outside, and Tim and Vickie will both be around to answer questions and tell stories. Vickie has also announced that she is making a 2015 calendar based on the show, which can be ordered that day, or by e-mailing her directly. It will be \$20, and a sample will be on display at the closing reception. When you go over to see the show, do take a look in the smaller dining rooms of Black Market Bistro, as the photographs continue in those rooms.

Next show. The Gallery is privileged to show the photography of Lindan Silvers from June 2 to July 5.

Lindan Silvers has been fascinated by nature and photography since she was a very young child, developing black-and-white film in a neighbor's darkroom. As a veterinarian, diver, and photographer, she has preserved the health of animals and "captured" many creatures great and small in her photographs.

With a subspecialty in whale research, Lindan has photographed humpback whales, both above- and underwater, since 1994. Her images have been used for research, display, and education. Although she enjoys photographing a wide variety of subjects, including dolphins, whales, animals, flowers, landscapes, and children, her special passion for the beauty of butterflies and moths is seen in her work. She is able to capture detail that is seldom noticed when viewing these amazing creatures in the wild.

Lindan founded Monarch Moon Studio in 2010. Some of her photographs may be viewed on the studio's Web site, www.monarchmoon.com. Most recently, her photographs taken in Costa Rica were on exhibit at the Costa Rican Embassy in Virginia, and at the Ratner Museum and the VisArts Center Gallery in Maryland.

Note of interest: Although some photographers substantially change their photographs with various Photoshop techniques, Lindan Silvers does not make such changes in her images. For example, she will not delete undesired items or add items to a photograph. As she likes to say, she either gets the shot, or she doesn't.



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Bugle Notes . . . Sweet and Sour

- ♪ The *e-Bugle* is available online the third Monday of the month (usually after the Town Council meeting, which is normally scheduled for the second Monday of the month). You can find it on the town Web site.
- ♪ Out of 844 qualified voters in town, 392 cast their ballots at our election May 5. This is 46 percent of eligible town residents.
- ♪ Have you noticed the peonies next to Penn Place? Originally in Mrs. Penn's garden, they were planted in their current location after being taken care of elsewhere for the two years that the renovations to Penn Place were being done.
- ♪ From the PO: please remember to notify the PO if you will be away this summer so that your mail can be saved for you and the staff don't worry about you when your box is full.
- ♪ From the past: "R.F. Galloway has introduced the first gasoline engine in lieu of a windmill. It is a marvel to see all the work accomplished by this machine and that they are not in use, preferable to windmills, is incomprehensible, as the cost is not much greater." *Montgomery Press*, February 26, 1897
- ♪ The two bulls in front of Munro Leaf's house have been restuffed, although they now look like shaggy yaks.

Letter to the Editor

Appreciation

Thank you to the other candidates in the recent town election for a well-run race, and I wish Peter, Tara, and Hans the best on their new terms.

Michael Lutkenhouse

Come to the Musicale!

The next Garrett Park musicale will be held on Sunday, June 8, at 4 pm in the Town Hall. This annual event raises funds for a music scholarship for a 5th grade student at Garrett Park Elementary School. The late Ilah Gieser of Garrett Park, in a gesture of generosity, conceived the idea of an annual scholarship to fund a year's private lessons for a worthy young musician in the local community. To raise money for the scholarship, we hold a musicale every spring to showcase a rich array of vocal and instrumental talent. And this year, we will also be showcasing talent in the visual arts, with work from the annual Youth Art Show on display during the musicale and the reception following (see p 2).

Join us! If you haven't attended before, you'll be surprised at the range and variety of talent in and around our little town. Suggested donation: \$8. Children are welcome.



Green Again

Frank O'Brimski has done it again! After sponsoring last December's banner, he donated more money in January, and his turn has finally come to pass. Thanks a bunch, Frank, for funding this month's green banner.

As of now we are solvent for the rest of this printing year, but we would like to start a list towards filling next year's bucket of donations for the "greening" of Garrett Park's newsletter. You can make out a check to the Citizens Association for \$45 and mail it to me at Box 98.

If you have any summer activities that you would like placed on next month's calendar, please send particulars (date, time, place, etc.) to me by June 6.

Your dues for the Citizens Association were due January 1, so 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. Thinking ahead: do you have any ideas for a theme for the 4th of July festivities this year? Any and all suggestions are welcome. Just let one of the officers of the Citizens Association know.

Mary Moyer

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Letter from the Mayor

Almost half of the eligible voters in our town turned out to participate in the election of Mayor and Councilmembers, a sign of how vibrant our community is and how much we all value it and our town government. My campaign was relatively low key since I was unopposed, and I thank all of you who voted for me as I enter my fifth term as mayor.

The Councilmember race was more spirited, as four candidates competed for two seats. All the candidates were committed to the town, were thoughtful, and believed strongly in their positions on issues. It is my belief that each of them would have been excellent Councilmembers and would have contributed substantially to our town leadership. The incumbents, Tara Flynn and Hans Wegner, won by a two to one margin, which I interpret as a clear affirmation of their roles in town government and their contributions to making our community a better place for all of us to live while honoring the character and traditions of our historic town.

I appreciated the intensity with which the challengers, Liz Overstreet and Michael Lutkenhouse, campaigned and the sincere conviction which they had for their cause. They are articulate and dedicated residents who made their voices and ideas heard. I hope that in his continuing role as president of the Citizens Association Mike will lead that organization in providing a forum for citizen debate of town issues and a mechanism for pursuing many of the excellent ideas which Mike has to enhance our town. I hope that Liz will continue to voice her carefully structured opinions in order to assure a balanced and thorough exploration of ideas which

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affect the life of our town today and well into the future.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to all of the candidates who ran for Town Council. Asking your friends and neighbors to judge your ideas and convictions, submitting to their evaluation through votes, takes strength of character and the willingness to make yourself vulnerable to that process. It opens your ego to the acceptance or rejection by others. These four people all believed in our town and the importance of our governmental process sufficiently to take those risks. For that alone, and regardless of their positions on issues, they are due our appreciation and respect.

Once again the democratic process worked well in our town. We had a fair and civil election in which the focus was upon issues. It makes me proud to be a part of that process and to be a citizen of Garrett Park, for we really do a good job of exemplifying what democracy and representative government are all about. This is a wonderful place to live.

Peter Benjamin

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