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Calendar

Fri., April 23	Film Society, Town Hall: 7:30 pm, refreshments; 8 pm, <i>The War Room</i> (see p 3)
Wed., Apr. 28	Citizens Association meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm; Candidates' Forum (see statements, p 7)
Sat., May 1	GP Nursery School 50th year celebration, Town Hall, 6–10 pm
Mon., May 3	Voting, Town Hall, 7:30–11 am, 4–7:30 pm; swearing-in ceremony/party around 8:30 pm
Wed., May 5	GPES 5th grade Science Fair, 7–8 pm; Swimming Pool Assoc. spring meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm
Thurs., May 6	Deadline for names of youth for jobs and grads lists (see p 5)
Mon., May 10	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm
Tues., May 11	Lunch Bunch, Town Hall, 12:30 pm; <i>Bugle</i> deadline, 4 pm
Mon., May 17– Wed., May 19	GPES Book Fair (see p 3 for hours)
Sat. May 22	GPES Spring Fair, 10 am–3 pm
Wed., May 26	Citizens Association meeting, TBD

Town Council Meeting

No reporter could be present at this month's meeting. According to Town Administrator Ted Pratt's notes, the following occurred: The FY 2005 Operating and Capital Budget was approved with the setting of real estate and personal property taxes at the same amount as last year, Pat Keating was approved to be on the Arboretum Committee, and Marian Green was appointed to be the GP representative to the Montgomery County Martin Luther King Day committee. Approval was given to buy a new (Ford) town truck.

Town street lighting was discussed, especially the four unsatisfactory retrofits Holophane had installed on the town lights. They will be replaced eventually (see p 2).

Town Administrator Notes

Elections. Town elections will be held May 3, 2004. Please be sure to vote.

Carolyn Shawaker is running for Mayor (2 year term), and four candidates—Tony Altar, Art Bennett, Jim Joseph, and Hans Wegner—are running for two Town Council seats (2 year terms). Registration is required; all citizen voters must be on the county's voter rolls, and noncitizens must be registered with the town as of April 3.

Absentee ballots. There are two types of absentee ballots. Regular absentee ballots are available from the Town Office until 4 pm on April 21. After April 24, a voter who will be unable to vote because of illness or conditions of employ-

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ment may apply for an emergency absentee ballot by contacting the Town Office. The Clerk must receive all absentee ballots before the polls close if they are to be counted.

Hours of voting. In keeping with the Town's Charter and tradition, hours of voting on Monday, May 3, will be 7:30 to 11:30 am and 4:30 to 7:30 pm, in the Town Hall, 10814 Kenilworth Avenue.

Election reception and swearing-in. The bells will ring again at the Town Hall before the announcement of the election results. The evening will include a swearing-in ceremony and reception. We expect the results will be available by 8 pm, so plan to come and greet the newly elected Mayor and Councilmembers.

Election judges. Barbara Shidler will serve as chief judge, with Susan Frant and Brenda Artim as election judges. Ruth Heissen, Pat Loeb, and Sue Petito will serve as alternate judges.

Fiscal Year 2005 budget. At the Monday meeting, the Council adopted the FY 05 budget, copies of which are available at the Post Office or the Town Office. The budget consolidates the Town and Penn Place Operating Budgets in an effort to simplify the management and accounting procedures. The Capital Budget includes funding for a new town truck and for a consultant to assist the town in developing a multiyear infrastructure maintenance and repair program. As always, if you have questions or concerns about

the budget or any other town issue, please call the Town Office at 301-933-7488 or email us at garrett-park@comcast.net.

Ted Pratt,
Town Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer.

Street Light Update

Mayor Benjamin and Councilmember Wegner met with Scott Watson (our lighting consultant) and Ken Roth of Holophane on Wednesday, April 7, to look at the four retrofits Holophane installed on the town lights. Three of these had internal shields, and one had an external one. Scott measured the lumens of light at a 15 yard distance from the light and found that all had glare that far exceeded that of the town-approved sample lamp, two by as much as three times more. We concluded that none of the retrofits was satisfactory. Holophane admitted that it had erred and told us it is now ready to do whatever is needed to solve this problem for us. (This reversal of attitude is the result of Mayor Benjamin having called the president of the parent company to tell him of our unhappiness.) We agreed that the right thing to do was to have Ken Roth take the issue back to his engineers and to find a solution based on the original light we had chosen. Ken agreed to do so, and to come back to us when real options are available. This may take several months, during which time we will need to put up with the existing lights, but it is the right way to proceed at this time. Please continue to bear with us. We share your frustration, and your patience is appreciated.

The retrofits can be seen at the following locations: The original light is at the southern intersection of Oxford and Montrose. The light with the external shield (which looks like a lamp shade) is further south on Montrose beyond the south Oxford intersection (toward Parkside). The light on Oxford at its northern intersection with Montrose, has a shield that is solid on the side facing away from Montrose, and is perforated on the Montrose street side. The first light on Oxford after Montrose heading east, between Montrose and Clermont, has a solid interior shield. The light on Oxford, between Kenilworth and Montrose, has an internal, perforated shield.

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Lunch Bunch Crunch

Was it too many Easter eggs? Or could it have been a terrorist plot that caused the cancellation of our traditional Tuesday lunch? This was the second cancellation in over half a century. Subsequent inquiry suggests it was holiday exhaustion of our hostess supply. In any case, let us not have this happen again. When Cathy Gagnon calls for volunteers, let's see a real show of hands for next month.

Juliana Franz and Donal McLaughlin

GPES News: Many Fairs

In staff news, Amy Pollock (2nd grade) and her husband had a boy on March 24. Heather Farrell (3rd grade) got married on 04/04/04 at 4 pm; her new name is Mrs. John Down.

At the MCPS Media Festival, GPES carried off three awards: John Martinez for a PowerPoint presentation; Mrs. Brisson's class for a short video on *A Day in the Life of a First Grader*; and the after school Video Club for their *Hair Stories*.

For next year, 56 children are registered for kindergarten. If you know of anyone new in town with a child who will be 5 years old before October 30, have them call the school (301-929-2170).

Science Fair, May 5

The Garrett Park Elementary School will be hosting a 5th grade Science Fair on May 5. Townspeople are invited to attend from 7 to 8 pm.

Scholastic Book Fair, May 17 to 19

Mark your calendars! On May 17 to 19, the GPES PTA will hold the annual "Buy One, Get One Free" Scholastic Book Fair. At this sale, for every book purchased at full price, the next book is free! The fair, to be held in the Media Center, will be open Monday and Wednesday from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm and Tuesday from 8:30 am to 8 pm.

Summer is around the corner. Help encourage our kids to read! Stop by and get a start on summer reading while supporting the PTA.

Spring Fair, May 22

The Spring Fair returns to GPES on Saturday, May 22, from 10 am to 3 pm. The fair will feature a moonbounce, 22-ft giant slide, dunking booth, Armand's pizza, and over 20 games, crafts, and activities for ages 2 and up. Please come buy some home-baked delights at the bake sale in the all-purpose room, buy a plant (May 12 is the traditional all-clear day for planting annuals), or check out the used toys and sports equipment sale.

The fair always requires lots of volunteers; this is a great opportunity for middle and high school students to earn MCPS community service hours. The fair is a pre-approved activity and teens can work as many hours as they like (help is needed Friday, May 21, from 3 to 7 pm and Saturday, May 22, from 9 am to 4:30 pm). Please call Jill Joseph with questions or to volunteer.

We're Green Again!

By a sad chance, this month's banner was paid for by Manny Flanders, who died on April 12. She wrote in December 2003 that "I would like to express the gratitude of the whole Flanders family for living here since 1966." She will be missed.

Speaking of the banner fund, the well is dry after the September 2004 issue. If you would like to remember someone, or celebrate some event, by paying for the green of our banner, please send a check for \$25 to \$37 (\$37 is the actual cost, but \$25 is easier to remember), made out to the Citizens Association, to Box 98, Garrett Park, MD 20896. We order all the banners at once from the printer during the summer to keep the costs down, so any pay-aheads are greatly appreciated.

Be sure to come to the Citizens Association meeting on April 28 at 8 pm in the Town Hall to hear the candidates for Town Council vacancies talk about their mission on the Council if elected. This is a contested election. Do read the candidates' statements on pages 7 to 9 of this issue.

Mary Moyer

A Film for Our Time

For political junkies, pop culture aficionados, or those who just love a good story, the Garrett Park Film Society offers *The War Room*, a 1992 documentary film by D. A. Penne and Chris Hegedus that gives a behind-the-scenes glimpse of maneuvers that help elect a dark horse and unseat a sitting president named George H. Bush.

The issues: a shaky economy; free trade versus protectionism, the appropriate use of the military; and scandal. The cast: James Carville, George Stephanopoulos, Paul Begala, Stan Greenberg, Mandy Grunwald, Harold Ickes, Mickey Kantor, Mary Matalin, and others.

As a *New York Times* reviewer noted at the time of its release, the film "finds facets of the story and manages to coax cliff hanging suspense out of a fait accompli." So join the group at the Town Hall at 7:30 for treats and drinks, or at 8 pm for the film itself. Admission is \$5 per person or \$10 per family, payable at the door. GPFS members are admitted free.

Barbara Rodes

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Greetings from Ex-Postmaster

Just a quick note to let you know that we are well and prospering in the wilds of South Dakota. Karen is working for the operations department of a local bank and busily collecting dolls. I am still bringing joy to the customers of the Rapid City Post Office and indulging my propensity to remain at rest.

We are learning about the dietary needs of deer as we go along. They have munched our recent landscape efforts into oblivion and started on the previously untouched evergreens (some-

thing to do with a lack of vitamin C, possibly). Just had 15 inches of heavy wet snow this weekend (March 2), bringing our total snowfall for the season to 56 inches. Schools closed for the first time since we have been here, but most other commerce went on as usual.

We have enjoyed following the doings about town through the Bugle, but are finding an increasingly large number of unfamiliar names mentioned in the paper.

Take care and keep up the good work.

ex-Postmaster Greg Spalding

Engraved Brick Project at Penn Place

Become a part of Garrett Park history!

The Citizens Association is excited to offer you an occasion to become a permanent part of Garrett Park history. We are going to install a brick patio near the main entrance to Penn Place and encourage Garrett Parkers, our friends, and neighbors an opportunity to buy one or more custom-engraved bricks. Now is the time to have a brick engraved with something important, memorable, and long-lasting. Already, one long-time resident has purchased an 8 by 8 and two 4 by 8 bricks to honor her own family, as well as past residents.

Why engraved bricks? First, to create a cherished memory, enhancing our individual and collective memories in Garrett Park. Second, to create a welcoming space. Your children, your friends, your family, and those not yet in your lives will be able to see and touch your experience in Garrett Park for the next 100 years. And third, to contribute to the totality of Penn Place. There is a tangible benefit to the project: all the funds raised will be used to buy furniture for the patio.

Bricks will be sold for \$50 for a 4 by 8 and \$100 for an 8 by 8 (double the cost for businesses). All bricks are red, and the engraved letters are painted black. A 4 by 8 can include three lines, including 15 characters per line. An 8 by 8 can have up to five lines, also with 15 characters per line. Spaces and punctuation count as characters.

Forms are available in this edition of the Bugle, on line from the www.garrettpark.org website, and from an envelope in the Post Office. Forms and checks, made out to the GPCA Brick Project, should be sent to PO Box 456 or delivered to Jack Mandel at 11314 Rokeby Avenue. We also intend to have tables set up for several weekends and have sample bricks on display. Our goal is to sell bricks for about two months and have them installed in time for the July 4 festivities. We will also have tables and chairs purchased by July 4th. Please feel free to call Jack Mandel or email him at mandel37@comcast.net with questions, and to lend your support in making the project work!

Buy a Brick at Penn Place! Yes! I want to buy a brick to be installed at Penn Place!

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Arboretum Notes

We are pleased to announce that Pat Keating has agreed to serve as a member of the Arboretum Committee. Pat, who fills the next-to-last vacancy on the committee, has had extensive experience with trees and shrubs as a contractor. He will be an important asset to the committee's effort at increasing the diversity of our community arboretum.

We acquired two 4-foot "New Harmony" elms from a nursery in Joplin, Missouri, to complement two "Valley Forge" elms already in town. The new trees will be planted on Clermont Avenue at sites the neighborhood will help select. Both the New Harmony and Valley Forge cultivars are resistant to Dutch Elm disease, which virtually wiped out the majestic American elm throughout New England and the Midwest, where it was once abundant. However, you can still see a few mature American elms at the entrance to Georgetown Prep and also several Siberian elms along Kenilworth Avenue from the Town Hall to the elementary school. The fast-growing Siberians take on a messy look and lack the beautiful vase shape of our native American elm.

We have more good news: the Arboretum Committee is providing all kids in town a place to play without the supervision of supercilious adults. Can you imagine? Slide down steep hills, hide in the gullies, make mud pies, climb trees, ride mountain bikes, play on the slides and jungle gyms and swings, organize your own games. It's wonderful. Kids under 4 have to bring parents,

Wanted!

For the May issue of the *Bugle* we are looking for the names of people 13 years of age or older who are interested in being hired during the summer to pet- or baby-sit or to mow lawns. If you would like to be included, please call Mary Moyer or drop a line to Box 98, Garrett Park, by May 6. We need your name, age, phone number, and which activity you are willing to do. Also, if you have had any Red Cross, CPR, or baby-sitting training, mention that too.

Also needed for the June issue are the names of high school or college graduates and what their plans are for next fall. The deadline for this information is June 9, and you can contact Mary with the information in the same way. Include the school graduated from, the degree earned, and any honors that might have been received.

Mary Moyer

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www.garrettpark.org/

but everybody else is safe without. (Well, reasonably safe; if it were completely safe it wouldn't be fun.) You can even come out to Cambria Park Cleanup and Plant-up Day, May 2, 10 am to 3 pm, and help clean, plant new stuff, identify flowers, and tell us what you would like to see in the park. We'll provide gloves, tools, and refreshments, but you can bring your own tools if you want. Hope to see you there. Parents can come to clean up, too, and any other time they want if they promise not to supervise their kids.



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Letter from the Mayor

I have very much enjoyed the opportunity to serve the Town of Garrett Park as mayor, and when I leave that position on May 3 it will be both with a sense of accomplishment and with the knowledge that I will miss having the chance to make a difference in a real and tangible way. That has been, for me, the attraction of being mayor: working directly with the people I serve, participating in and influencing decisions that directly affect the life of the town, and helping to make this very special community which I love an even better place in which to live. As a member of the government of a small town, it is possible to see the results of each decision directly implemented, and that provides a true sense of accomplishment. I hope that I have been able to enhance the lives of the residents of our town, and to assist in charting a future which will continue to emphasize our sense of community, keeping government accessible to each citizen and responsive to the needs of the people who live here.

Many of the issues which I have pursued have now become established parts of our town processes and infrastructure, from a more stable set of finances and a better defined budget procedure to a consistent building permitting and variance process and a greater involvement by the police in slowing traffic on Strathmore. Major projects that I have helped to bring into existence are now approaching completion: the rehabilitated Penn Place is now scheduled to open in June; the new

street lights are installed, and the manufacturer is re-engineering the lights to meet our original glare-free specifications (after which the retrofit will be implemented at no cost to the town); we will all suffer through the extensive and disruptive reconstruction of Strathmore, which will improve traffic and pedestrian safety as well as enhance the attractiveness of this only access to Garrett Park; and with the significant assistance of the Citizens Association, we will have a pedestrian-actuated traffic light at Kenilworth and Strathmore, pedestrian-activated flashing lights in the crosswalk at Keswick, school zone flashing signals with reduced speed limits, and *stop for pedestrians in crosswalk* markers in the center of the street. It seems like a good time to retire from being mayor. I have, however, asked our mayor-to-be, Carolyn Shawaker, for permission to continue helping with the Penn Place and street lighting projects through their successful conclusion. And I look forward to supporting her and the Council in the many projects they will undertake.

So it has been an exciting and rewarding experience: a chance to get to know so many of you better, to work closely with such talented and dedicated people, and to contribute to the life and vitality of our community. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to work with you to make our wonderful town even better.

Peter Benjamin

Bugle Notes . . . Sweet and Sour

- ♪ The Post Office personnel are having a hard time delivering mail that lacks box numbers. Some is being returned to the sender because they are unsure to whom it is supposed to go. Tell correspondents to include the PO box number, especially if you have a business listed for your box, or have someone living with you with a different last name.
- ♪ One man's trash may be another man's treasure, but imagine the surprise when someone going through items left for the large item pickup found 200 rounds of live ammunition. Collected by Town Office personnel, the ammo was taken to the Bethesda police station, where little concern was evidenced.
- ♪ Manny Flanders Sullivan died peacefully, probably from a stroke, on Monday, April 12. She was surrounded by her family, including two sisters from out of town. A memorial service was held in the Town Hall on Sunday, April 18. Our next issue will have an obituary.
- ♪ Back on the sweet side, we've had a baby boomlet recently. Maura Olevsky and Lou Finck had a son on February 13, who will surely know what trains are when he grows up, because they live next to the temporary Post Office. Chris Wright and Victoria Vrana of Montrose welcome a daughter, born a

month early on February 22. The George Abar and Alyse Campaigne home next to Wells Park now includes a son, born on March 19, joining a 2-year-old sibling. And finally Scott and Molly Shuck have enlarged their family with the arrival of a son on March 24. He joins 4-year-old twin sisters and an older sister. Congratulations, all.

- ♪ Congratulations also to Jeremy Lichtenstein: out of 2,500 RE/MAX agents, he was named the number 1 RE/MAX Individual Agent for the state of Maryland.

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Candidate for Mayor

Carolyn Shawaker

I am seeking the office of mayor because I have had the pleasure of living in this town for almost 35 years, and it seems only reasonable that I try to do my part toward continuing to make this an excellent place to live. I have been a member of the Town Council for about a year and a half. I have been on the town's Parks and Open Spaces Committee and have served as the chair of the Historic Preservation Committee. In addition, I have been on the pool board, acted as treasurer of the Woman's Club, and helped organize the Progressive Dinner.

As mayor I will work to complete the three ambitious projects that the Town has undertaken in recent years: the Strathmore Avenue project, street lighting, and Penn Place. Years of planning and hard work have been invested in these projects, as well as much time, energy, and talent from our community. The vision I have for the next two years includes actually getting these things done and, in response to the concerns raised in a recent variance hearing, clarifying the permitting process, including providing clear definitions of terms so we all have a clear and common understanding of the process. I am committed to working with our town citizens to achieve these goals. I would very much appreciate your vote as well as your support and help in bringing these projects to completion.

Candidates for Town Council

Tony Altar

Afer living in Garrett Park for 6 years, my wife, two children, and I have become more involved with activities in this wonderful town. This includes my increasing participation at our Town Council meetings.

As your Town Council representative, my main goal will be to get you back in the loop. I want all of us in Garrett Park to be able to take part in and feel a part of the decisions that affect our future.

My vision for Garrett Park is to retain the natural beauty and architectural diversity of our town. It is a vision that emphasizes its people and our remarkable talents. It is a vision of town events in which we entertain, educate, and communicate with each other. It is a vision of an attractive town, thriving within a robust metropolitan area, rather than succumbing to it.

But this vision requires change.

Many of us have busy schedules. It is hard to attend town meetings and stay active. As a result, most of us are basically "out of the loop" regarding the decisions that shape our lives and town. We know the issues, but all too often we learn

about their outcomes after the fact. As your representative, I promise the Town Council will rapidly communicate what is "on the table," and make it easy for you to express your views. I will work with the Council to create and send to everyone short monthly announcements of what is being planned, not just what happened last month. We will also take the pulse of the town and allow you to voice your opinions on key issues through electronic polls that will take seconds to complete. I will make sure that the results of these fast but informative polls will be heard loudly and clearly by the Town Council. Your views will be known and will help shape our future.

Together, we can create our vision of Garrett Park. Not just by electing me, but by making it easy for you to be heard. The volunteers and elected officials of our town are doing a good job, but we can do better. Vote for me on May 3, and we will get off to a great start. Thank you.

Arthur Bennett (incumbent)

During my four years serving as Town Councilmember, the town has certainly been a hub of activity and change. As a result, we will soon have a new town center, a new main thoroughfare, and better, more even, street illumination. These do not, however, mark an end to the changes we can expect, and over the next two years, I hope to work, with your involvement and support, toward the following:

Pedestrian safety. Of the many things that make our Town unique, not least is that we are a town of walkers, whether to work, to school, to the Post Office, or simply to get out and about. The Strathmore project, with defining curbs as well as north and south sidewalks, will definitely increase safety *along* Strathmore. However, for the many residents who must regularly *cross* Strathmore, the road will remain dangerous until we add working traffic signals. To ensure that we do not risk a widening of Strathmore to accommodate a left-turn lane, it is prudent to wait until the current construction project is complete, but at that time, we should all support adding as many signals as residents feel are necessary (as opposed to one signal only at the intersection with Kenilworth). In addition, we should consider measures to increase safety on our town streets, including improving and/or adding sidewalks and speed bumps. The 2005 completion of Strathmore should not be viewed as the end of our concern for the safety of our citizens.

Prudent use of tax dollars. During my four years as Councilmember, the town has been able to continue to provide quality services in an era of declining revenues. While I would prefer to be optimistic and assume that the worst is behind us, we must be realistic that world and national events may continue to erode the incomes of governments at all levels. Town Administrator Ted Pratt and Maintenance Supervisor Butch Frost

have spent a great deal of time and effort working to ensure that town services do not suffer, and they have proposed enhancing our snow plowing and general street maintenance by shifting this work from contractors to town employees. I agree with their analysis and support such a move. However, as they have also pointed out, this change will require the purchase of equipment (the purchase of a new, heavier duty Town truck has recently been approved) that will require a storage facility that does not currently exist in town. The maintenance shed currently located behind Penn Place is inadequate for expanded use and must be replaced, even if some town services continue to be contracted. Determining a location and funding construction should not be without discussion and debate, but we should not hesitate to face these (and other) issues as they relate to the town budget.

New construction and historic preservation.

During the past two years, I have been the Councilmember responsible for issuing demolition and construction permits as well as serving as the liaison to the Historic Preservation committee. While unrelated on their surfaces, these two functions have been linked for many years in town and continue to stir controversy on a regular basis. This is especially unfortunate given that both issues deal generally with the notion of what makes (and can make) Garrett Park unique and attractive. In the past, I have favored efforts which sought to find ways to limit the construction of new homes that are out of scale with existing homes. The Historic Preservation Committee has worked many hours researching various ways of addressing this concern, and should the Committee bring suggestions before the Council, I will continue to support their efforts. However, I do not believe that Garrett Park should be "preserved" to the extent of disallowing any change. Homeowners should be allowed to modify their homes within setback allowances, as well as choosing to demolish those that have no historic designation. New construction should be permitted, but in ways that enhance, not diminish, the appearance and value of adjacent properties.

Whatever the Council determines to do on these and other issues, we must debate these issues as a town and continue to work together toward maintaining our community as a better place to live. Please do vote in our upcoming election, and I thank you for your support.

James Joseph

In the summer of 1995 during a house-hunting trip from Atlanta, I drove into Garrett Park, and before I even got out of the car, I knew I had found our new home. Nine years ago we moved into a rented home on Rokeby; a year later we bought our home by the pool. Our roots in this community sink deeper with every passing year; one daughter was born here, our children and their friends are growing up together here, and our family friendships here continue to

grow deeper. While my family and I have been involved in a variety of activities in the Garrett Park community, including PTA, swim team, Cub Scouts, and Spring Fair, my nomination to the Town Council made me realize that it is time for me to contribute to this community at a higher level.

My background includes private and public sector financial analysis, contract management, and information technology development. I am currently employed as an analyst in a law enforcement division within the Department of Homeland Security. Though I have no burning agenda or issue that I feel compelled to advance, I have the same questions and want clear answers on issues associated with Strathmore Avenue, town-owned assets, and resource allocation. I have a special interest in community emergency preparedness, understanding that snipers, ice storms, train wrecks, and car crashes are not things that happen in other neighborhoods; they can and will happen in ours. I am honored to be considered a candidate and will be very proud to serve my community as a member of the Garrett Park Town Council.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Hans Wegner (incumbent)

I am running for Town Council because I believe in the community that is Garrett Park. I have just completed my first year on the Council with a responsibility for roads and sidewalks, the Strathmore Avenue project, snow removal, street lights, and maintenance of the town hall.

Our challenges are significant. The major challenge facing the town will be to reconcile our demand for good, reliable services with a decline in revenues. Other tasks to be managed by the Council include the completion of the Penn Place renovation, the Strathmore Avenue project, and the street lighting project.

Penn Place is progressing well, and I am looking forward to this summer, when the Town Office and Post Office return to their permanent homes. We also have the Strathmore project to see through to completion. All of us have been affected by this, most particularly those whose homes face onto Strathmore. I have great respect for their patience and understanding, as they are impacted disproportionately. This project will be with us for some time, and while it may be a nuisance right now, when finished it will give us a much safer, more attractive road, particularly once the new trees begin to mature. The most important benefit for all of us will be improved pedestrian safety with a narrower, curbed roadbed, sidewalks on both sides, and specially marked crosswalks.

The street lighting project has been an exercise in frustration as the company selected to manufacture the new lights has not lived up to our expectations. However, after many late night

meetings with company representatives and our lighting consultant, we hope to see it through to satisfactory completion in the next year.

Another important issue that will continue to challenge our creativity is the question of demolitions, development, and the loss of open space and trees. Many of us were attracted to Garrett Park by the diversity of its architecture and streetscapes. We cannot stop development, but we must find a way to make sure it is done with respect for the adjoining properties and the affected neighbors, and in a way that enhances the look and feel of the town.

I am running for Town Council because I consider myself exceedingly fortunate to have raised my family here, not only because it offered a pleasant place to live and so many amenities for us to enjoy, but because it made it easy for Janet

and me to instill in our children the idea of community, the notion of service, the principles of working together for the betterment of the whole, of caring for and being respectful of one another. We have this community because many who preceded us had an individual or collective vision of what they wanted to create here. We have in Garrett Park a living testament to their concerted efforts. I would like to be part of this continuum and to build on this tradition of community service and commitment to the value of looking out for one another. I am running for Council because I want to make sure that Garrett Park continues to be a place of community, civility, consideration, and respect for each other's differences. I want to do my part to promote these values and to model them for the next generation.

Neighborhood Watch

Help the Neighborhood Watch!

Over a year ago, we added 10 Emergency Preparedness Contacts (EPCs) to the Neighborhood Watch when the need for greater emergency awareness made us realize that our 36 Watch Captains could need reinforcement. Our federal government had added a Department of Homeland Security and wanted everyone to think about family level responsibility, emergency preparedness at home, storage of emergency food rations, and rescue expertise, like CPR training.

Of course, neighborhood awareness and concern about crime is the foundation of preparedness. Even so, comfortable Garrett Park did not move easily into "emergency awareness." As coordinator of the Neighborhood Watch, I have been looking for a volunteer to succeed me. I have not succeeded so far in finding that person, but since the Watch must go on, what we must now do is strengthen the Neighborhood Watch we have. Awareness and concern are not enough: participation is essential. Then the Watch can carry on

with minimal support from our Town Administrator, Ted Pratt, and his assistant, Laura Krupp.

The Neighborhood Watch is a dedicated group of neighbors. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank two loyal members and welcome their two replacements. Don Chrisler, long-time block captain on Keswick Street, has been replaced by Margaret Goldsborough. Peter Brock, EPC on Kenilworth Avenue, has been replaced by Karen Anderson.

The 10 EPCs connecting with our 36 block captains make a very impressive safety net. But sometimes even safety nets have holes. If we had 10 Garrett Parkers who were willing to make a few phone calls, filling in for block captains or an EPC who is unavailable when we have a town emergency or a crime incident and the Watch has a gap to fill, that would be superb.

Can we put you down as one who is willing to go on that list? Please phone the Town Office (301-933-7488) or me. You are needed!

Jane Franklin

Roster of Emergency Preparedness Contacts, Coded by Watch

Watch	EPC name	Watch area
1	Les/Carol Henig	Cambria, Raleigh, Strathmore
2	David/Jenny Rothwell	Clermont Ave. & Pl., Strathmore
3	Robert leMar/ Martha Seigel	Montrose, Strathmore
4, 5	Jim/Mary Gordon	Kenilworth, Waverly, Strathmore
6, 7	Laura Retherford	Kenilworth, Albemarle
8, 9	Dennis/Kacky Collins	Rokeby, Clyde
10, 11	George/Alys Abar	Rokeby, Argyle, Montrose
12, 13, 14	Karen Anderson	Kenilworth, Strathmore, Montrose, Oxford
15, 16, 17, 18a	Pat Loeb	Shelley Ct., Oxford, Keswick, Clermont Ave., Strathmore
18b, 19, 20	Ken Keppel	Weymouth, Oxford, Keswick, Strathmore, Knowles

Note: The watch list was published last year. We hope you kept your copy. If we have the need, we will reprint the list in the next issue.

If you can't reach your block captain, call the EPC whose watches are shown above.