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### Calendar

Fri., Feb. 24	Garrett Park Elem. International Night, 7 pm	Sun., Mar. 19	GIVES Soup Supper, Town Hall, 4–6 pm
Sat., Mar. 4	Coffeehouse, Town Hall, 7 pm	Sat., Mar. 25 & Sat., Apr. 1	Voter registration, 8 am–noon, Town Office
Mon. Mar. 6	Mayor's coffee hour, Penn Place, 10 am	Wed., Mar. 29	Citizens Assoc. Mtg., Town Hall, 8 pm; Nominations for Town Council Election
Sun., Mar. 12	Council Budget Workshop, Town Office, 1 pm	Mon., Apr. 3	Last day to register to vote or submit nominating petitions
Mon., Mar. 13	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7:30 pm	Wed., Apr. 26	Candidates' Forum
Tues., Mar. 14	Lunch Bunch, Town Hall, 12:30 pm; <i>Bugle</i> deadline, 4 pm	Mon., May 1	Election Day: Mayor and two Council seats

### Garrett Park Superior to All Other Towns

"Sorry I'm a bit late, but I had a minor quail hunting accident on the way down here," explained one of the wittier accountants your reporter has encountered, as he presented his firm's audit of Garrett Park's books. Robert Diss told the Town Council that he was mightily impressed: "We got full cooperation from the town. Garrett Park got our highest rating. There were no errors, irregularities, or illegalities." You could see he was sort of bitter that not all towns are like Garrett Park.

Nancy Floreen, who opened the meeting of the Town Council by updating us on County Council action, also took note of our greatness. This was in fact a theme of the meeting: Garrett Park is a smart, well-run town.

Nancy mentioned that there will be some delay in the completion of both the Garrett Park

Elementary and Walter Johnson projects. "Technically, the school system made out like a bandit in the budget, but there's the question of when things will actually happen." She encouraged townspeople to contact her with concerns about this or anything else.

Speed cameras should be coming to Garrett Park in not too long a time, she remarked. Priorities will be school zones and neighborhood cut-throughs. "We're dealing with a lot of development issues," she continued, "because of the Clarksburg fiasco." She has introduced legislation on a drainage ordinance requiring anyone moving earth on their property to address drainage impacts on adjacent properties.

Everyone now made a fuss about the marvelous job the town crew did on recent snow as well

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as tree limb removal. "The efficiency was amazing," said one citizen. So excited did the room become that Councilmember Soltan's wild impetuous motion commending the crew for incredible levels of dedication passed resoundingly.

In the Mayor's Report, Carolyn described her attendance at the Maryland Mayors' Conference, as well as her recent testimony against the proposed MARC station closings.

Councilmember Reports were up next, with Soltan commenting that the subject of rights of way has again become an issue. The Citizens Association has agreed to discuss this at their next meeting on March 29.

Then Tony Altar noted that the town Web site is now 10 years old, and some redesigning is being planned. He anticipates needing roughly \$5,000 to do this.

The meeting moved on to a discussion of the demolition of a house on 10806 Montrose. The Historic Preservation Committee has recommended approval, and a permit was duly granted.

Beth Irons then made a presentation to the Council. She asked if it could delay a Park and Planning hearing on the Lustig property, arguing that "a lot of issues" are raised by plans for new houses there: Most trees will be destroyed, there are property line proximity issues, and so forth. She believes that the project as drawn may "violate the overlay zone."

In response, the Council worried about what its authority would actually be as the case stands so far. At the moment, the Town Council cannot respond legislatively, since nothing has happened formally. "Say we delay things for a month," said one Councilmember. "What do we gain? What do we do?"

In the lively discussion that ensued, the main theme that emerged was that, as Ted Pratt said, the United States has strong private property laws. And Garrett Park has not wanted to follow some towns in the area and enact tree protection ordinances and the like.

The Mayor and Council concluded, regretfully, that there wasn't—yet—anything they can do.

Tony Altar then moved the adoption of a 20 mph speed limit for the town, in place of the current 25. The Council was skeptical, wanting a more detailed plan, which would feature education along with a speed change. The motion failed, on vote of 3 to 2.

Hans Wegner noted that we're making good progress toward a veneer for the retaining wall along Strathmore. And while we were on the subject of streets, Peter Benjamin's motion that the town send a request to the county for a speed camera on Strathmore passed unanimously.

The Mayor reported two recent episodes of vandalism in town: The bright red bike rack

next to the train tracks was stolen. A bolted and welded replacement will be installed next week. Also, concrete work on Waverly was vandalized by middle school students. Their parents will be asked to contribute toward the \$6,000 replacement cost.

Margaret Soltan

## GIVES Soup Supper

Remember that there will be a GIVES Soup Supper on Sunday, March 19, at 4 pm in the Town Hall. Although voluntary contributions will be appreciated, there is no charge. Bring the whole family (children welcome) for homemade soup, bread, and beverages. Helpers are needed to make soup, bread, set up, and clean up. Please call Glenda Ingham or Karen Anderson. Flyers are in the Post Office lobby. We hope that you will plan to join us.

## We're Green Again!

We must thank our purrrrrfect friends Gwendolyn and Cecily for this month's greening. They and their human companions enjoy reading the *Bugle* each month. Remember to pay your Citizens Association dues so the *Bugle* can keep providing you with the town news. Many thanks.

Mary Moyer

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## Town Administrator Notes

**Town Budget:** The Council is currently working on the FY 2007 budget (July 2006 through June 2007), to be introduced at the regular Council Meeting on March 13. If any residents have comments or suggestions regarding the budget, they should contact the Mayor, any Councilmember, or the Town Office. A Council Budget Workshop has been scheduled for Sunday, March 12, in the Town Office at 1 pm. Residents are welcome.

**State Tax Form Reminder:** Please 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. Also, the Town Office can provide photocopies of most IRS forms, so stop by if you need any.

**Town Elections 2006:** Election Day in Garrett Park will be Monday, May 1. The terms of office for Mayor Carolyn Shawaker and Councilmembers Art Bennett and Hans Wegner are up this year. Nominations will be held at the Citizens Association meeting on March 29, with the Candidates' Forum set for April 26. Additional nominations may be made by written petition signed by 10 registered voters and filed with the Town Administrator by 4 pm on Monday, April 3. The last day to register to vote is also April 3. (To be eligible to vote, you need to be registered with Montgomery County or be on the list of qualified noncitizen Garrett Park residents.) Absentee ballots are available upon request at the Town Office.

If you have not voted in the last five years, your name will have been withdrawn from the active file by Montgomery County, and you will need to reregister. You may register at any time by calling the Town Office for the necessary forms (or for address change forms). You may also register in the Town Office during normal office hours. Special registration hours will also be held on Saturday, March 25, and Saturday, April 1, from 8 am until noon at the Town Office. Please call the Town Office (301-933-7488) with any questions regarding registration, qualification of voters, nominations, etc.

Ted Pratt, [Garrett-park@comcast.net](mailto:Garrett-park@comcast.net)

## Town Dinner

We had a doggone good time at the town dinner this year. In a room full of doggie treats and pictures, residents feasted on good food and conversation. And we had plenty of salads this year, for which everyone was thankful. The new Citizens Association officers were voted in (see p 4), and thanks given to retiring officers Jack Mandel, Anne Mizoguchi, and Laura Krupp. We will continue this town tradition and have another dinner in January 2007. See you there.

Mary Moyer

## From the PO

Donna, Maria, and I would like to thank everyone for their cards, gifts, kind words, and patience during the hectic holiday season. We would also like to let everyone know how much we appreciate your efforts in notifying your correspondents of your correct mailing address. This helps so much with our goal of getting the correct mail to the correct person in the most efficient and timely manner possible. Remember, the only address that needs to be on your mail is your **PO box number, city, state, and Zip code**. If the mailer insists on including the street address, it can be on the line above the PO box number, or as a last resort, the street address and box number can be on the same line.

Change in hours: the hours have *not* changed yet. As the Mayor stated last month, Mr. Benjamin, the Mayor, and I met, reviewed the comments we received regarding the window hours proposed change, and discussed hours that we thought would be mutually agreeable. I must stress that while the three of us came to an understanding, the final approval must still come from Postal Management. We must also resolve some structural obstacles for placement of parcel lockers. Be assured that whenever there is a change in the hours, it will be posted *30 days before* the actual change. The following are the proposed hours:

- Monday & Wednesday: 7 am to 5:30 pm (closed 1-2 pm for lunch)
- Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:30 am to 5 pm (closed 1-2 pm for lunch)
- Saturday: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Please e-mail me at [Kathleen.A.Matczak@usps.gov](mailto:Kathleen.A.Matczak@usps.gov) with any comments regarding the hours change or other concerns (positive comments are also appreciated). Or you can share your thoughts regarding the hours change with Mayor Shawaker if you prefer. You can also e-mail me with vacation hold requests. E-mail is checked daily.

Postmaster Kathy

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## New Citizens Association Officers Elected

Somewhere between the salad and dessert at the January Town Dinner, a slate of new officers was elected to the Garrett Park Citizens Association. All won in a landslide—they were unopposed. Those of us who have enjoyed the many events and activities sponsored by the Association give our heartfelt thanks to those officers who have finished their terms. They have given an incredible amount of time and energy over the years for our collective benefit: Jack Mandel (2 years), Anne Mizoguchi (3 years), and Laura Krupp (3 years). Thanks to all three.

### Current Officers

**Gene Brantly, Co-President.** Gene is serving the second year of a two-year term as Co-President. He and his wife, Kay, moved to Garrett Park in November 2001, and he began serving as a GPCA officer in January 2003. Gene says he wanted to “put down roots” quickly and knew that working with the Citizens Association would be a great way to get involved in Garrett Park life. Gene sees the GPCA is an important part of the glue that holds our town together, by sustaining some of GP’s traditions, such as the *Bugle* and July 4 parade; sponsoring special projects, like the memorial bricks at Penn Place; and providing a forum for education and discussion on town issues, such as the recent meetings on zoning and setback regulations. Gene is looking forward to working with the new group of GPCA officers and another busy and successful year in 2006!

Gene adds: “I would like to say ‘thank you’ to Janet Wegner for first suggesting that I consider serving on the GPCA; to Ken Schwartz and Mary Moyer for showing me how the organization works and what it does; to Jack Mandel for his great energy and creativity over the last two years; to Matt Stavish for valiant service on July Fourths and Halloweens (and for signing on for another two years!); and to exiting officers Anne Mizoguchi and Laura Krupp, whose hard work and great laughter made the last three years a lot of fun.”

**Matt Stavish, Co-President.** This will be the fourth year of service for Matt, who many know as the black-lit force behind the annual Haunted Woods. Matt moved to Garrett Park in 2000 with his wife, Theresa, and two children, 9 and 4. Matt’s main interest in the GPCA is providing a better conduit of information between the Council and the citizens of GP, while expanding the social activities for adults and children.

**Jim Lockwood, Vice President.** Jim has lived in Garrett Park for 4½ years. He has two grown sons. One lives in Orlando, Florida; the other is a second year law student at Washington and Lee University. When his sons were younger, Jim served as the President of the Springfield Hunt Valley Swim and Tennis Club and the Commis-

sioner of the Northern Virginia Wrestling Association.

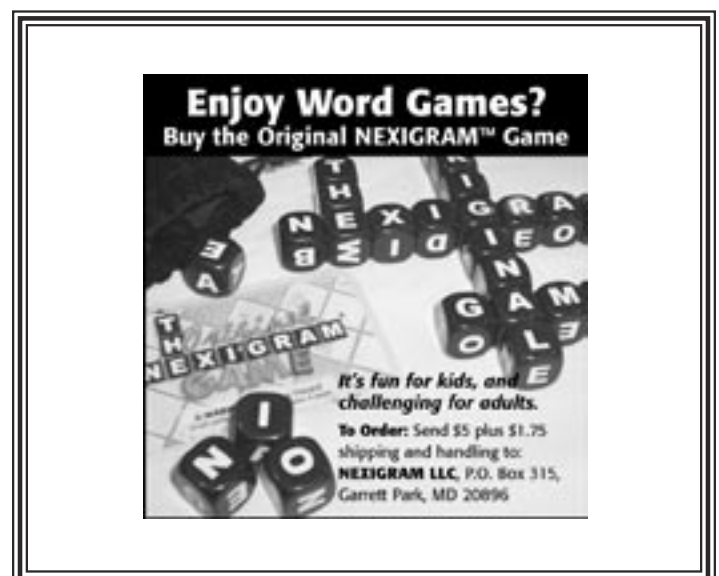
**Jenny Krivanek, Treasurer.** Jenny will be keeping an eye on the budget (and encouraging Garrett Parkers to pay their dues). Jenny relocated to the DC area with husband Dan Marsh, daughter, and basset hound 2½ years ago from New York. During an increasingly grim house hunt, they happened upon Garrett Park. After renting here for 9 months they couldn’t envision living anywhere else. Jenny hopes to give back a little to her new town. In particular, she wants to help publicize the issues and events that bring us together as a community.

**Melissa Bronez, Secretary.** Melissa lives on Kenilworth Avenue with her husband John, son (who can often be found playing basketball in front of their house) and daughter (who probably knows the name of your dog), and their extra-large cat, Galileo. They moved to Garrett Park in September 2004. Melissa hopes to focus on issues of pedestrian safety and speeding and help support the events and activities that add so much to our town.

### Council Nominations & Strathmore Avenue: “Are We Done Yet?”

The next monthly meeting of the Citizens Association will be on Wednesday, March 29, at 8 pm at the Town Hall. At the meeting, nominations for Town Council will be accepted.

In addition, there will be an update on the status of the Strathmore Avenue project and efforts to remedy perceived problems with the pedestrian crossing at Kenilworth Avenue. Representatives of the State Highway Administration will be invited to attend. Other items to be discussed at this meeting are recent changes in operations at the Post Office, parking pads, room for trees, and town rights of way. Concerned citizens are invited to speak. Join us!



### Parking Issues

As chair of the Penn Place Parking Committee, I would like to address some issues raised by Arthur Heyman's January *Bugle* letter. The current work of the Committee is part of a process begun by the Town Council in February 2005, when it voted to approve a parking plan for Penn Place. The plan—presented by an ad hoc Parking Committee selected in 2004 by the Mayor—grew out of several public discussions, including a town meeting in January 2005. When the Council adopted the parking plan, the Committee's work was done. At that time, the Council specifically requested that the town's consulting engineer review the plan to make sure it complied with engineering requirements and to develop specifications so that construction bids could be solicited. Instead, at the direction of the Town Office, the consulting engineer developed five alternative concepts, which were delivered in May. At its June meeting, the Council repeated its February request and asked the Mayor to re-activate the Committee to work with the consulting engineer to assess the plan approved in February. By the October Council meeting, the Committee had not been reauthorized by the Mayor, so the Council passed a resolution to re-activate the Committee, specifically charging it to work with the engineer on the approved plan.

On November 29 the Committee met with Paul Upton, the consulting engineer, to clarify aspects of the approved plan. On January 19, Mr. Upton toured the site with three committee members. We await his report, to be completed shortly.

In his letter, Mr. Heyman misstates the development of the Council-adopted plan. There was already much town discussion about plans before the committee was assembled in the winter of 2004. In January 2005 a special Town Council hearing was held on the topic, at which the following basic questions were asked: What values do we like about Garrett Park, and what priorities do the citizens want featured as a plan evolves? Overwhelmingly, people wanted to encourage walking and to favor pedestrians and pedestrian safety over cars. There was also a strong view that it was important to restore the traffic divider island on Rokeby, as promised during the Penn Place restoration. These findings were the guiding principles for the work of the Committee, which considered more than two options. These principles were highlighted at the February 2005 Council meeting, which included lengthy discussion of the parking plan.

Contrary to last month's letter, a sidewalk on the north side of Rokeby received very little attention. (The land on that side is owned by CSX; a sidewalk is not feasible.) However, reflecting citizen requests for walkability, the Committee endorsed a walk on the south side of Rokeby. This feature was included in its final choices, which

also focused on whether or not the divider should be restored and whether a turn-around should be included. Restoration of the divider island was recommended primarily as a safety feature for auto traffic, but also for other traffic that would not use the sidewalk, such as bicycles. Two-way traffic is safer when separated by a divider, particularly when two-way travel must be accommodated in combination with angled parking along the same throughway. Mr. Heyman's suggestion that Dick Pratt guided the committee to restore the divider mischaracterizes the importance that the committee placed on citizen input, which stressed both pedestrian and traffic safety. Indeed, Dick helped enlighten us on safety based on his long experience in traffic control, traffic calming, and pedestrian safety. His hundreds of hours of work on this, as well as on the Strathmore project, deserve the town's sincere thanks.

At the Committee meeting of November 29, Mr. Upton was not asked to "approve" the plan. His job is to vet the Council-approved plan for feasibility and cost. Heyman reports that Upton suggested the current parking/traffic pattern on Rokeby is similar to many other parking lots around the world. Rokeby Avenue, however, is *not* a parking lot. It is a residential through street—a public way that must accommodate the safest use by pedestrians, cyclists, skateboarders, and others, as well as moving traffic and parked cars.

The parking space count is just one element in the larger question of an optimum solution. Mr. Heyman's letter recites numbers from disparate sources. Unfortunately, his "without divider" numbers were based on a concept (never adopted) showing perpendicular (not angled) parking, including six spaces directly facing a home. Such information places too much emphasis on a single element and confuses the larger issues. I look forward to authoritative and consistent parking count data from the consulting engineer. Regarding town requirements, the only contract commitment for parking that the town has is one space for the Black Market delivery truck. The town has a verbal agreement to provide 3 spaces for USPS employees, and it is required to hold 17 spaces open for MARC (these are on CSX property). Certainly, everyone would like to have more, rather than fewer, spaces while keeping the area around Penn Place as safe, walkable, and pleasant as possible. However, views expressed at various town meetings indicate that the overall plan, including pedestrian safety and accessibility, should not be determined solely by parking demand, which peaks during relatively few hours each week.

The Parking Committee's work is to serve the Council. I look forward to receiving the drawings, staging suggestions, cost estimates, and comments from Mr. Upton, and then providing the Council the information it requested a year ago.

Dennis Collins

## Bugle Notes . . . Sweet and Sour

- ♪ OK, so we got the snow! It didn't seem to last long. However, the Moyer family lost electricity on Sunday because part of a tree took down the wires. Mary will not sleep on the floor again in front of the fireplace. There will have to be a bed in place the next time.
- ♪ Condolences to John Rinzel and his family on the death of his mother, Marie, who died in Florida on February 9. Services will be held later in New York City.
- ♪ Meme Lincoln joined daughter Emma at a library conference in January. In doing so she had to miss the town dinner, but Ed stayed behind to lend his hands to the setup and to enjoy the food and conversations. His after-dinner story about Nelson was also very entertaining.
- ♪ A "Tastes of the Town" Gala Auction will be held on March 18 at the Strathmore Mansion to benefit Holy Cross Elementary School. A pianist, a violinist, and a performance by the Culkin School of Traditional Irish Dance in the Music Room will provide the entertainment. As guests view silent auction items, an hors d'oeuvre buffet and open bar will be graciously provided by our favorite area restau-

rants. Dancing with music by DJ will follow the live auction. To make a donation of an auction item in exchange for advertising in the Gala program, school newsletter, and Church bulletin, or for tickets, contact Gala Chairs Chuck and Patty Berry.

- ♪ We were relieved to hear that Mary Jane Gill and her three dogs were uninjured by the tree that came down on her house on Friday, February 17. The tree did significant damage to the house, brought down the power lines, and led to the closure of the Knowles Avenue hill for many hours. (See the Mayor's Letter, p 7, for more details.)

## GP Elementary School News

The construction is moving along even with the uneven weather. The floors are in, and the walls are going up. The final color scheme for the interior is near to being finalized.

Chicken pox has hit kindergarten and first grade. Notices were sent home with what to watch out for in the way of symptoms. The rest of the student body seems pretty healthy.

Valentine's Day parties were well planned and appeared to have a balloon theme this year. The nine pizzas that were delivered for the fifth grade party led to hunger pangs in the office staff while they were waiting to be picked up.

Coming up is International Night, on February 24, when the families of our international students provide information, crafts, and food about the countries they come from. Children parade in their traditional dress, and there are performances of songs and dances from around the world.

In March, the whole school is invited for a family fun night of skating at the Cabin John Ice Rink. Teachers often take advantage of the invitation to get in a little ice time also.

The school is still collecting used printer cartridges and Box-tops for Education labels. If you have any that you can donate, please bring them to the school office.

Mary Moyer



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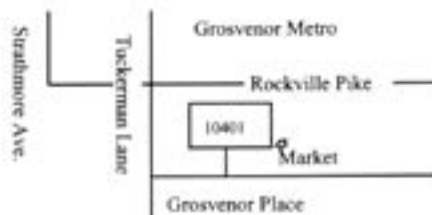
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## Letter from the Mayor

The past couple of weeks have been busy. The week of February 6 I was in Annapolis for three days for a meeting of the Maryland Municipal League's Legislative Committee and to testify for Senator Garagiola's MARC bill. Thursday and Friday I attended the Maryland Mayors' Conference, meeting with the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the Montgomery County delegation, and the Governor. Our senator, Jennie Forehand, asked me to join her on the floor of the Senate while it was in session.

The next week was also full of town business: more meetings on Monday, ending with a very long Town Council Meeting. The meeting began with a presentation of county issues by our own County Councilmember, Nancy Floreen. Tuesday was Lunch Bunch at the Town Hall, where I had a chance to talk about town issues and answer individual residents' questions. I also signed the checks to pay the town's staff and bills and took care of correspondence. Wednesday I was in Annapolis for a meeting with the Maryland Municipal League's Legislative Committee. Lt. Governor Steele and Secretary Philbrick of the Maryland Department of the Environment met with the committee to discuss current legislative issues. I was able to discuss a couple of residents' concerns with one of the Assistant Secretaries. After this meeting I talked with a few members of the Montgomery delegation about bills related to the MARC trains and gave them testimony to support the bills. Thursday I was again in Annapolis for a hearing on street lighting. The bill would give municipalities an opportunity to hire certified contractors to work with street lights.

Pepco is not pleased with this bill. When the Pepco lobbyists confronted me about supporting the bill, I asked them to explain why they are charging the Town 30 percent more for maintenance with our new lights than with our old ones. Please remember that our old lights were incandescent bulbs, which needed to be changed every 6 to 9 months, and our new induction bulbs are good for 20 to 30 years. We are being charged \$7.07 per bulb per month for maintenance by Pepco. This is more than two-thirds of our town's

total Pepco charges. I have learned that a town in Massachusetts pays a private contractor \$1.06 per bulb per month for the same bulb we now have.

Thursday night I attended a Montgomery County Municipal League meeting with County Executive Doug Duncan. He talked about county budget issues and answered questions. I told him that I had received a message Thursday morning saying that the Department of Permitting Services is not enforcing the new zoning text amendment on height that was sponsored by Councilmember Denis. Mr. Duncan said that he supported the amendment and would check to see what Permitting Services is doing.

Friday I spent time writing and sending additional testimony on state legislative bills related to Garrett Park to members of the state legislature. I had just finished this when I got a call that a tree was down on Weymouth. The damage to Mary Jane Gill's house is shocking. The tree also took down or damaged utility poles and brought down high voltage lines. This led to the Fire Department closing Knowles Avenue on the hill. The Montgomery County Police declined to help with traffic. I had many phone calls to the Deputy Chief Operating Officer of Montgomery County to get help from police and County Transportation Department. The Deputy Chief Operating Officer finally came and spent almost 2 hours here.

Butch and Frank spent 8 hours assisting the various crews and directing traffic. J.C. Walters and Andy Seferlis directed traffic for hours. Many Garrett Parkers rushed to offer aid and comfort to Mary Jane. I was on the streets for a little over 7 hours. Mercifully Mary Jane and her three dogs were not injured. My thanks to all who helped.

I hope that everyone has had a chance to enjoy the new cushions in the window seats of the Post Office. Jane Salomon designed the cushion covers. She, Veronica Sauvain, Lisa Kaeser, Pat Logan, Suzi Zbar, and Marilyn Greenberg did the stitching to make these wonderful works of art. Chris Fischman and Jane led a group that provided an excellent reception to unveil the cushions and open the new art work in the gallery in Penn Place. Thank you for all the work, and thank you to the Garrett Park Women's Club for paying to have the covers made into cushions.

This is an awesome town.

Carolyn Shawaker

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# Spring Musicale!

On Sunday, May 14, the Town Hall will rock with local music performance of all kinds. This year will be our 10th musicale. As many of you know, this annual event is a fund-raiser for the Garrett Park music scholarship. The musicale tradition and the scholarship were established by the late Ilah Geiser, a Garrett Parker who longed as a child to learn to play the piano but could not afford lessons. Ten years ago, she contacted a number of local musicians to hold a concert so that she could raise enough funds to pay for

music lessons for a child for one year. We have carried on the tradition ever since. Each year, a music teacher at Garrett Park Elementary helps choose a fifth grader for the scholarship.

Every musicale has featured a singing group made up of enthusiastic Garrett Parkers. Very soon, the Garrett Park Town Singers will start preparing for this year's concert. If you enjoy singing in parts and would like to have fun practicing several Sunday evenings before the event, please call or e-mail Megumi (Meme) Lincoln.

## Obituary

### John Dillon Pollard

Former Garrett Parker John Dillon Pollard died at Suburban Hospital on December 30, 2005. He had been ill for a year and a half due to a failing heart valve, which was ultimately the cause of his death. Mr. Pollard's three children were with him when he died.

John Pollard was born in Syracuse, New York, on September 3, 1932. He attended Cathedral Grammar School and Cathedral High School. After he graduated from high school, Mr. Pollard attended St. Andrew's Seminary for a few years, with the intention of becoming a priest. He ultimately decided that he was more suited for family life, so he left the seminary and enrolled in LeMoyne College, from which he graduated in 1956, with a degree in English.

Shortly after he graduated from college, Mr. Pollard moved to the Washington, D.C., area, where he found work at the National Savings and Trust Company as a teller. Mr. Pollard worked at NS&T until a bank merger in the mid-80s. When he left NS&T, he had worked his way up to Senior Vice President of Real Estate Services. In subsequent years, he worked at various other banks, including Capital Bank and American Federal Savings Bank, until the time of his retirement in 1999.

In 1959, Mr. Pollard met Anne Padelford, whom he married in May 1960 at Epiphany Church in Georgetown. The Pollards lived in Glover Park until 1965, when they moved to Garrett Park and settled at 4505 Strathmore Avenue. Once they settled in Garrett Park, the Pollards had three children, Maura in 1966, Tara in 1967, and Sean in 1973. Anne Pollard, who was very active in town affairs, died in 1979 of cancer.

Mr. Pollard had many interests that were important to him. He was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church, where he served on the parish council and finance committee, as well as being a lector and usher. He was also an avid sports fan, who rooted for Syracuse and Washington area teams, especially the Redskins. Mr. Pollard was a terrific storyteller, who was especially proud of his Irish heritage and loved to tell tales of his youthful escapades with friends.

In March 2003, Mr. Pollard sold his house in Garrett Park and moved to Bethesda with his son, Sean. In recent years, he enjoyed talking with friends, watching sports events and classic movies, reading spy novels, having the occasional drink at Irish bars, and participating in church activities. Mr. Pollard was especially proud of becoming a grandfather last July.

Mr. Pollard is survived by his children, Maura Pollard of New York City; Tara Macia of San Francisco, California; and Sean Pollard of Bethesda, Maryland. He is also survived by his sister, Rosemary Buettner of Petersburg, Virginia, and a grandson, Terence Macia.

Tara Pollard Macia

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