

# e-Bugle

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### Calendar

Fri., Sept. 19	Movie, Town Hall, 7:30 pm (see article, p 7)	Mon., Oct. 13	Town Council Meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm
Sat., Sept. 20	Barbara Frost Memorial Service, Town Hall, 2 pm; Coffee House, Town Hall, 7:30 pm (see article, p 5)	Tues., Oct. 14	Lunch Bunch, Town Hall, 12:30 pm; <i>Bugle</i> deadline, 3 pm
Wed., Sept. 24	Newcomers Welcome, Town Hall, 8 pm	Wed., Oct. 15	Pool membership meeting (TBA)
End of Sept.	Penn Place sidewalk tour (TBA)	Mid Oct.	Leaf removal starts (notification will be sent)
Sun., Oct. 5	Family Toon Day at Strathmore Hall, 11 am–4 pm; Household Hazardous Waste collection, Shady Grove Transfer Station, 10 am–2 pm	Sat., Oct. 18	Attic in the Street sale (see article, p 9)
Thurs., Oct. 9	Salvation Army pickup (before large-item pickup)	Sat., Oct. 25	Arboretum celebration, 2–5 pm, Town Hall (see box, p 9)
Sat., Oct. 11	Large-item pickup (notification will be sent)	Sun., Oct. 26	Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 am; set clocks back one hour
Mon., Oct. 13	PO closed, Columbus Day	Wed., Oct. 29	Citizens Association Town Meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm
		Fri., Oct. 31	Halloween: School Parade (about 1 pm); trick or treating by schoolchildren

### Town Council Meeting

Will wonders never cease—an almost harmonious two-hour Town Council meeting on September 8. A variance for a new replacement porch was denied, and the request for a demolition permit for 10711 Kenilworth was approved (according to the town attorney, it could not be denied, since the house was neither historic nor

in a historic district). However, the Council stipulated that pictures are to be taken of the house inside and out, before the destruction is carried out. Questions were raised about the point of holding open meetings on demolition requests if they cannot be denied. The demolition ordinance may be reviewed.

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In a Penn Place report it was noted that there is one unrented space left: 584 square feet on the top floor, in the front, on the railroad side. If anyone is interested, contact Ted Pratt at the Town Office. The construction is going somewhat slower than expected (for various reasons; see article, p 8), but the project is still on budget. Everyone keep your digits crossed! The roofer was able to reuse many of the old slate roof tiles because they were in good condition—they were only 100 or so years old! The chimneys have been rebuilt and will be usable. There should be another sidewalk tour near the end of September once the slab has been poured. Watch the Bulletin Board for notification.

In the odds and ends department, be prepared for upheaval on Strathmore soon. The next project is to put new sewer drains in, which will make Strathmore a one-lane road for a while. With the new street lights have come four complaints about too much brightness. They will be checked for shields in the next few weeks. If your recycling tub is almost useless, call the Town Office; there are some spares. Ted Pratt has a new assistant: Laura Krupp of Oxford is now a part-time employee of the town. And a big loud thank you was given to Butch Frost and Frank Brazeale for their excellent services and help during our fall-ing tree and limb experiences.

Mary Moyer

## Report on Strathmore Avenue

We are all anxiously awaiting the start of the Strathmore Avenue improvement project. It will no doubt create many inconveniences for us all before it is complete, so we intend to make sure to post regular updates on the status of the project at the PO, in the *Bugle*, on the web site, and in the Town Offices. Several months ago we were promised a schedule for this project from the State Highway Administration (SHA), and had hoped to distribute it by now. Unfortunately, and despite numerous attempts by several of us, we have not yet received any pertinent information from SHA that can be passed on. Please know that it is our intention to make sure that as soon as the schedule is released, it will be shared it with all town residents. Know that we are working with the Citizens Association to arrange for a special meeting with SHA, at which they will outline their schedule and tell us what will happen and when, so that we are warned of any inconveniences and their impact on us. All we need now is to hear from SHA. As soon as the Town Office hears from them, this process of information sharing will be put into action. In the meantime, we ask for and thank you for your continued patience.

Hans Wegner

## GPES News

We're newly painted on the inside, only one classroom teacher is left in a portable classroom (the five other portables hold reading initiative teachers, the resource department, and the music staff), and new teachers are in place: Ms. Lever in 5th grade, Mrs. VanLieshout and Ms. Oh in 4th grade, and Ms. West as the PE teacher. What with a slow but exciting start (storms and trees down, making it impossible to hold school on Thursday and Friday of the first week), work has finally begun in the classrooms. The enrollment has held just about steady with last year's, although there seem to be more children from Garrett Park and the Estates than before. We also have the first enrollees from the new Grosvenor Metro station area apartments. The alarm system keeps having problems, and the computers are terribly slow, but that's not new!

Mary Moyer

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## Citizens Association News

**Newcomers Welcome.** This is September, so it must be time for the Newcomers Welcome. Yes, the Citizens Association is hosting the Newcomers Welcome at the Town Hall on September 24 at 8 pm. This function is especially targeted to residents who have moved to Garrett Park in the past year or two. However, we invite all Garrett Park residents to attend this event to meet our new residents. Light refreshments will be served. For newcomers, this is an opportunity to meet your neighbors. Also, we expect that many Town Councilmembers will attend. Please come and help us celebrate.

### **Traffic Calming on Strathmore Avenue.**

Although it is not yet scheduled, we expect that the Citizens Association will be sponsoring a meeting with the State Highway Administration on the reconstruction schedule for Strathmore Avenue. The contract has been signed, and work is expected to start soon. Be on the lookout for news on this event.

**Alert to Snow (Shoveling) Angels.** The Citizens Association will be sponsoring a group of snow shovelers who are willing to help out senior or disabled residents who are in need of shoveling help during heavy snow. If you would be willing to help, please call Jack Mandel. Jack already has three or four people who have agreed to serve.

**Citizens Association Elections and Other Activities.** While elections to the Board of the Citizens Association won't take place until January at the Town Dinner, it is not too early to be thinking about it. If anyone would like to serve on the Nominating Committee (to nominate candidates for the Board), or if anyone is interested in serving as an officer of the Association, please contact Ken Schwartz. Also, there is tons of activity in areas surrounding Garrett Park—new housing and development along Rockville Pike and in Wheaton, modernization plans for the Kensington Safeway, and plans for the extension of Metrorail systems (e.g., Purple Line), etc. If there is anyone who would like to assist in tracking these developments, and seeking to intervene in concert with our neighboring communities when need be, please contact Ken.

**Other Upcoming Events.** In October and November, expect more information on (1) what is happening in Annapolis—a discussion with our state delegation; (2) security and safety issues, with a presentation by the Neighborhood Watch and the Montgomery County Police Department; and (3) a Halloween event for Garrett Park families.

Ken Schwartz

**Free gerbils to good homes: We were fruitful and over-multiplied. All you need is an aquarium, lid, water bottle, food, bedding, and TLC. Call 301-933-5763.**

## Town Administrator Notes

Some nice fall weather has arrived after a hot, wet, stormy August. Thanks to Butch Frost and Frank Brazeale, who worked through the night during the storms before Labor Day weekend, the debris from a number of fallen trees was cleared away quickly. Also, the town's tree pruning and removal program helped minimize the damage—the large tree that fell on the corner of Oxford and Kenilworth was slated to be removed this winter, so we didn't get to everything in time. Nonetheless, the town's investment over the past few years under the direction of Councilmember Keller and the Arboretum Committee has paid off again, as it did in last winter's blizzard.

I hope you all had a wonderful summer. Mine began with motorcycle racing on the Isle of Man in the Irish Sea and ended with the Harley Davidson 100th Anniversary in Milwaukee, where I joined 9,999 other motorcyclists in a grand parade through downtown Milwaukee. Over 750,000 motorcyclists attended the event from all over the world—it was quite a party!

September marks one year in my tenure as your Town Administrator. It has been a wonderful experience working for all of you, and I look forward to my next year. Not that we haven't had some problems: the current difficulties with trash collection, for example. Things are improving as the new crew settles in. Many of you have been inconvenienced, and I appreciate your patience. Please call if your trash is missed—don't think of it as a complaint, but rather a necessary report. We record all missed pickups we know of, so it helps us to be accurate, and it ensures that we know the magnitude of the problem.

Speaking of trash, please mark your calendars. The next large item pickup will be on Saturday, October 11. The Thursday before, as usual, Joan Gurian will ride her Salvation Army truck around town to collect useful items. We will send out a notice the week before to remind you.

The Town Office is fortunate to have town resident Laura Krupp working as a part-time assistant. Please stop by and get to know her if you don't already. We welcome visitors.

Ted Pratt

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## Dinniemaude Jensen Ellingson

It is with a sad heart that I report that Dinniemaude Jensen Ellingson passed away peacefully on Saturday night, 7 June. Dinnie had been battling a brain tumor and lung cancer for almost a year. She was 83. For many years, Dinnie was our close friend and colleague at the Naval Medical Research Institute in Bethesda. She has been sorely missed since her move to Florida.

David Lincicome

## Dayton W. Hull

Dayton Hull, 89, formerly of Garrett Park, died of a heart ailment August 7 at his home in Largo, Florida. He had moved from here in 1988. He retired from the State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs in 1968. His first wife, Anne G. Carter Hull, died in 1964. He is survived by his wife Bettie of Greenville, North Carolina, and four children from his first marriage: Deborah Dizard of Amherst, Massachusetts; Carter of Silver Spring, Charles of Dartmouth, Massachusetts, and John of Herndon, Virginia. He also left 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

## Mary Burnett

After a long illness, Mary Burnett died August 18 at Casey House Hospice. Mary and her husband Bill moved from Kensington to Garrett Park in 1962. An inseparable couple, both Burnetts were very active members of St. Paul's Methodist Church and avid Redskins fans, with season tickets for many years.

Raised in Caroline County, Mary was an Eastern Shore loyalist. Beside having a productive career at HUD, she was an excellent bridge player and a top-notch cook, and enjoyed having company. Newcomers to Keswick Street were often greeted with something from Mary's kitchen. She is survived by her husband Bill. He and their friends and neighbors will miss her greatly.

## Barbara A. Frost

Barbara A. Frost, long-time community leader, friend, and former Garrett Park Town Councilmember, passed away on August 29 of cancer at the Casey House Hospice in Rockville at the age of 62.

"Her death will leave a big hole in the town," said one of her friends, echoing other reactions.

In her 14 years on the Town Council between 1981 and 1996, Barbara held a number of key positions, and was always an important voice in town affairs. She variously served as the Councilmember in charge of Town Hall and Penn Place, parks and public grounds, and liaison with the Arboretum Committee. But perhaps even more importantly, Barbara was the long-time liaison to the Maryland Municipal League, the organization

that represents the state's cities, towns and townships.

Her other contributions to town include long service as Co-President of the Garrett Park Citizens Association in the 1970s and 1980s, and her devotion to the various projects of the Garrett Park Women's Club. She was the co-creator, along with former Town Councilmember Chris Fischman, of the popular progressive dinners, and she was also responsible for bringing to town the floral whiskey barrels that enliven each corner every spring and summer. In addition, she served as president of the Garrett Park Swimming Pool Association.

In her position with the MML, Barbara did much to raise Garrett Park's visibility throughout the state, bringing issues of town concern to other municipalities and to county and state officials, and helping tailor MML policies and resolutions closer to meeting town needs. That was also a time, thanks largely to Barbara, when every Town Councilmember and Town Clerk Glenda Ingham, a close friend of Barbara, attended the annual MML Convention, where the town became one of the most savvy in the state.

Despite her many accomplishments, Barbara was a very private person, and getting background information about her was difficult from all but her closest friends and her family. And while some people found her gruff, it was a tough coating to a very sensitive, caring person, who devoted large amounts of time and effort to others, to the town, and to other worthwhile civic causes.

One of her less known activities was her volunteer work with the Arts Council of Montgomery Council for the past several years. In December 1998, Barbara was awarded the prestigious "Angel of the Arts Award" from the Arts Council and the County Executive's office—an award considered to be one of the most sought-after civic honors in the county.

But her real passion—aside from her family, many friendships, and Garrett Park—was politics. Throughout the late 1980s and much of the 1990s, Barbara held several leadership posts in the MML. During that period she also worked on the first gubernatorial election campaign of Parris Glendening in 1994 and 1995, serving on his Environmental Transition Committee and on the organization "Municipal Officials for Parris." Among her positions in the MML, Barbara chaired the important Convention Planning Committee in 1990, and was a member of the league's Board of Directors from 1991 to 1995, serving as chair of the board's Policy Committee.

After losing an election for Town Mayor in 1996, Barbara turned her attention to other political pursuits. In the years since, she was active in

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## Obituaries (cont'd)

the election campaigns of County Executive Doug Duncan and the congressional campaigns of Don Mooers, Terry Lierrman, and Mark Shriver.

Barbara got her start in Maryland politics and civic activities as a Montgomery County Democratic Party precinct chair and chief election judge in 1982, and was selected a member of the county's Human Relations Commission in 1985. Starting the following year, she became the treasurer for successive election campaigns of State Delegate Michael J. Gordon.

Among her other positions over the years was her membership in the Montgomery County Cable Advisory Committee and the county Gypsy Moth Task Force. In 1998, she was named to the Maryland Property Tax Assessment Appeals Board, and was recently reappointed to a second five-year term.

Born Barbara A. Hughes on November 20, 1940, she was a native of Alexandria, Virginia, and she graduated from Alexandria's George Washington High School in 1959. After 10 years in research and office management with the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, she met and married in March 1971 Robert M. Frost, the founder and president of the Clarksburg, Maryland, landscaping firm, Green Gardens, and moved to Garrett Park, where they lived in the same house in which Bob grew up. He died in 1990.

Barbara is survived by her daughter, Pamela Frost, Pam's husband Vince Ruble, and their daughter Kirby. A memorial service will be held on September 20 from 2 to 4 pm at the Garrett Park Town Hall. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the Betsy White Emergency Loan Fund, c/o Town of Garrett Park, P.O. Box 84, Garrett Park, Maryland 20896.

Charlie Snyder

## First GP Coffee House

Remember going to a neighborhood hangout, sippin' something tasty, and listening to good music? Well, some of us do. And we want to do it again! The brand new Garrett Park Casual Musicians Club is going to host Garrett Park's first ever Coffee House on Saturday, September 20, 7:30 pm, at the Town Hall. Members of the club will perform, the stage will be opened for audience performers, and if there is interest a sing-along may follow. We hope this will be the first in a long series of pleasant weekend nights listening to good music with friends and neighbors. If you're interested in performing and/or helping out, please call David Meredith or Jack Mandel.

David Meredith

## GIVES Update

What is GIVES? GIVES is "Garrett Park Inter-community Voluntary Experiment in Sharing," started in March 1975 by a group of Garrett Park citizens concerned about hunger and poverty in this area and the world. Since 1975, over \$76,000 has been collected and donated to the Zacchaeus Kitchen in Washington and the American Friends Service Committee. The group has a tax exemption status and will give receipts for your tax records. With no "overhead" expenses, 100 percent of the money goes to help those in need.

Good news first: Contributions for 2003 have been steady and rising via the envelope system through the *Bugle* mailing as suggested by Silvia Lichtenstein. This idea was implemented because of the closure of Penn Place for renovations. Collections through September 5 have been \$4700, an all-time high. Thank you all for your many generous contributions. Thanks also go to the Citizens Association for allowing us to include GIVES envelopes with the monthly *Bugle*, to those who regularly fold it, and to the GIVES helpers who have folded.

The bad news is that the Citizens Association no longer wishes to include GIVES envelopes with each *Bugle*. Why? It is becoming increasingly difficult for the older volunteers to fold the *Bugle*: some *Bugles* are large and cumbersome to fold. Also, GIVES is not an official function of the Citizens Association, and the Citizens Association Board has declined to make it one. It did decide to allow GIVES envelopes to be included in three more *Bugles*: those for October, January, and March.

What will happen after March 2004? We do not yet know. We hope that whenever the new building is complete, there will be a space in the lobby for collections. We will have a table outside the P.O. (weather permitting) on Saturday, September 20. Any suggestions would be appreciated, as would new volunteers. Call Glenda Ingham or Henny McDowell.

Glenda Ingham, President

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## Bugle Notes . . . Sweet and Sour

- ♪ Nick and Lori Sampson have just had a birth explosion. Twins were born at Shady Grove Hospital on July 4. They join sister at their home on Clermont Avenue. Congratulations to the family!
- ♪ Gunars and Kerri Platais and family have temporarily relocated to Costa Rica for a couple of years. Their mailing address is SJO-311, 1641 N.W. 79th Ave., Miami, Florida 33126-1105, USA.
- ♪ Jill Joseph has organized a yoga class that is up and running at the Town Hall. You might call her to find out the particulars if you are interested.
- ♪ Town superman Butch Frost has had an unnecessarily eventful time of it lately. First he was zapped by a downed wire during the big storm. Then he messed up his right knee while working for the town after the storms were over. To top it all off, he then had a root canal. We hope he'll be limping back to us soon.
- ♪ Stanley Ruby of Kenilworth died on July 10. He leaves wife Gloria, sons Jonathan, Joseph, and Allen, and five grandsons. Graveside services were held on July 13 at Judson Memorial Gardens.
- ♪ A large tree fell on the Pearlmans' house on Argyle Street on September 13, with much damage. If Isabel doesn't bypass us, we may be in for more of the same.
- ♪ The Strathmore Hall Tea Room is again up and running. Every Tuesday and Wednesday at 1 pm you can enjoy a tea musicale. The cost is \$17, and reservations are required (301-530-0540).
- ♪ In June Kitty Barclay and Marian Green received volunteer pins for 20 years of continued and outstanding service to Strathmore Hall. Elliot Pfanstiehl hopes that they will find ways to continue their invaluable service.
- ♪ At the end of August, Barbara Shidler welcomed her daughter, son, two grandsons, and their friends from Rhode Island for a visit. She was very pleased, if exhausted, to see them.
- ♪ Congratulations to Andy Seferlis, whose photograph was used on the cover of the spring 2003 issue of *Cathedral Age*. The title of the photograph was "And the Angels Looked On."
- ♪ Congratulations to former Mayor Paul E. Edlund, who after more than three years of work will have his book published this fall, entitled *Youth, the First Victim of War: One B-24 Air Crew in 1944*. How about a book signing party?

## New Look to Films

Don't miss the GPFS's new look! Beginning tonight, enjoy seeing films in the Town Hall in DVD using a digital projector with stereo sound. This will be unlike anything we have done before. *Films at the Town Hall will be spectacular!* The change from our older 16-mm format is stunning: the film is crisper, the colors are deeper, and the sound is much clearer.

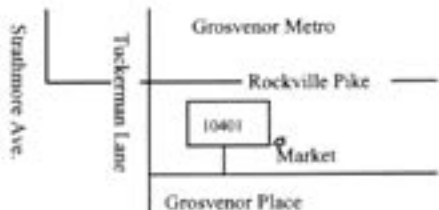
The other creation is the construction of a 12 by 7 foot screen made exclusively for the front of the Town Hall stage. This is going to bring the films closer to the audience and make for a fantastic viewing experience. You're going to love it!

Jack Mandel

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## Letter from the Mayor

I want to comment on the recent death of Barbara Frost (see the obituary on p 4). Barbara was active in town government for many years, serving on the Council and on town committees. She loved Garrett Park, was dedicated to preserving its character, and spent much time and energy contributing to the town in many ways. In her political activities, which spanned municipal, county, state, and national roles, she always looked out for the town. She has given much to all of us, and we recognize that contribution with gratitude.

Our three major town projects are making progress. With luck, by the time you read this, construction will be under way on Strathmore Avenue. We understand that this prolonged, two-year project will cause substantial inconvenience for us all, but it will result in a safer, more attractive thoroughfare as the entry to our town. The project will narrow the street to reduce auto speeds; correct drainage problems and install new storm drains, curbs, and gutters; create sidewalks on both sides of the street with pedestrian lighting; and install new landscaping. We hope that you will bear with the disruption, which none of us likes. We think it will be worth it. We also should thank the dedicated members of the Strathmore Committee, under the leadership of John Tollefson and Peggy Pratt, who worked with the State Highway Administration on this project for several years, pushing the state well beyond its normal bureaucratic limits to create a project worthy of Garrett Park.

The replacement of street lights throughout town should be near completion by the time the *Bugle* is published. This is the culmination of an effort begun more than 15 years ago by a succession of citizen committees. The objective was to create a more evenly lighted town, with attractive and environmentally sound fixtures that have substantially longer bulb life and lower energy use. I believe that the desired end was accomplished. The most recent coordinator of the effort, bringing it to its successful conclusion, was Chris Fischman, who is currently spending a year in Serbia with her husband, Dick.

The Penn Place rehabilitation has faced delays due to weather, a severely deteriorated support structure, inadequate siding construction, a crumbling foundation, and roofing that was in far worse shape than expected. Luckily, they don't build them like they used to. Despite these challenges, the project is still within budget. What we have determined, once we began work, was that we really had no choice but to do this major rehab. The former building was in a condition well beyond what might have been accommodated by minor fixups. In my next letter I will discuss the prospective tenants of the reconstructed building. At this point, there is only one space left to lease, 584 square feet of office/retail. Please contact Carolyn Shawaker if you are interested.

Peter Benjamin

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## GPFS Showing Tonight

The Garrett Park Film Society is thrilled to present the PG-13 animated film *Princess Mononoke*, tonight, September 19, at 7:30 pm in the Town Hall. The film will be shown in DVD format using a digital projector on our new 12 by 7 foot screen! (See the article on p 6 for more on this big change.) We will be serving yakitori, Japanese rice crackers, edamame, sake, sake martinis, Japanese beer, and Japanese green tea, along with our familiar assortment of movie snacks and drinks, beginning at 7 pm.

Here is an excerpt from Roger Ebert's review of *Princess Mononoke*:

"I go to the movies for many reasons. Here is one of them. I want to see wondrous sights not available in the real world, in stories where myth and dreams are set free to play. Animation opens that possibility, because it is freed from gravity and the chains of the possible ... great animation can make the mind sing.

*"Princess Mononoke* is a great film ... It tells an epic story set in medieval Japan, at the dawn of the Iron Age, when some men still lived in harmony with nature and others were trying to tame

and defeat it. It is not a simplistic tale of good and evil, but the story of how humans, forest animals and nature gods all fight for their share of the new emerging order. It is one of the most visually inventive films I have ever seen.

"This version of *Princess Mononoke* has been well and carefully dubbed with gifted vocal talents, including Billy Crudup as Ashitaka, Claire Danes as San, Minnie Driver as Eboshi, Gillian Anderson as Moro, Billy Bob Thornton as Jigo, and Jada Pinkett-Smith as Toki, a commonsensical working woman in the village."

Film Society members are encouraged to attend. Admission is \$5 for nonmembers. This is *not* a children's cartoon and is not recommended for young children. The film contains intense action and contextual violence.

Jack Mandel

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## Neighborhood Watch Needs You

The Coordinator of the original Neighborhood Watch in Garrett Park is planning on retiring soon and needs your assistance. Our Neighborhood Watch is established under the auspices of the Montgomery County Police, Bethesda precinct. It was introduced here in 1979. Recently the number of watches was increased to 36, and 10 Emergency Preparedness Contacts (EPCs) were added to contact Watch Captains when we have a town emergency or a crime incident to report, making calls quicker and more sure.

Two years after the attacks of September 11, 2001, there is still a need to improve emergency preparedness at all levels of government. At the federal level, the Department of Homeland Security has been created, as well as the Citizen Corps and other national efforts. At the state and county level, rescue skills are being sharpened. And at the local level, the Neighborhood Watch is now more than ever a vital necessity—in Garrett Park, and in every community where one exists. With what we have learned about the possibilities of sudden attack, however remote (bomb threats, bioterrorism, and local disaster), we need to make sure our basic framework for the Neighborhood Watch is sure and strong enough to be ready to help us.

Neighborhood Watches all over the country are being urged to take an even broader role in emergency preparedness. To play its part, the

Garrett Park Neighborhood Watch needs the following:

1. a volunteer to gradually take on the role of Coordinator and to explore ways to improve Garrett Park's emergency preparedness;
2. help for the Coordinator with follow-up phone calls;
3. volunteers to arrange periodic meetings of small groups of EPCs and Block Captains to discuss neighborhood concerns;
4. computer-literate volunteers to help with email messages for Watch members; and
5. a few volunteers to take county courses such as emergency preparedness and safety, CPR, and the Heimlich maneuver.

Please think about these needs and how you might help. If you have suggestions or want to volunteer, you can contact me directly. You could also plan to come to the Citizens Association meeting in November, at which there will be a presentation on the Neighborhood Watch, with Dana Matthis, Community Service Officer from our Bethesda station of the Montgomery County Police Department, to discuss security and safety issues. We all need to work together in these busy and often discouraging times. Many thanks.

Jane Franklin, Watch Coordinator

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## Progress at Penn Place

During the summer, the owners of Maison Maurice Beauty Salon, Carl and Delores Morris, withdrew from their lease commitment. Their decision caused the Penn Place Committee to rethink the concept of the glass enclosed porch. The enclosed porch was included in the project to accommodate the space needs of Maison Maurice. With their withdrawal, we have eliminated the enclosed porch. Now the front of the building will be restored to what it was in the 1880s with two open front porches, the one on the west (tennis court side) set back from the one on the east (the railroad side).

The town is in the process of negotiating a lease with an established restaurant operator who wants not only the dedicated dining room and kitchen but also the two historic rooms with fireplaces that would have been devoted to the beauty salon. Two of the spaces on the second floor are in the final stages of lease negotiations with the town. That leaves one space on the second floor (where the Town Offices used to be) of 584 square feet. We have one interested party inquiring about the space, but nothing final. If you're interested in leasing that space (or know someone who might be), please call Councilmember Carolyn Shawaker.

Over the summer, construction has been held up to some extent by the lease negotiations regarding the restaurant and beauty parlor and by the unusually rainy summer. The reconstruction of the slate roof and the replacement of the roof's extensively deteriorated wood substructure is nearing completion. The chimneys serving the two historic rooms with fireplaces have been relined to support gas fires. The first floor of the new addition has been framed, and the new concrete block stair and elevator walls have been built. The installation of plumbing supply and waste lines under the ground floor is nearing completion. Soon, the ground floor concrete slab will be poured.

While we have had several delays as mentioned, we still expect the building to be completed next spring.

In the meantime, we are in need of a late 19th or early 20th century mantle to replace one that was lost over time. If you have one or know of one, please call Nancy Schwartz.

We are planning to have another Saturday sidewalk tour late in September or early in October.

Bob Reinhardt  
Penn Place Committee

## A Celebration of the Garrett Park Arboretum

Town Hall

Saturday, October 25, 2–5 pm

Please join in a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Garrett Park Arboretum, which was created to preserve and enrich the town's natural environment by increasing the diversity of our trees and shrubs.

### Events of the day

- Appreciation of community members who founded the Arboretum and have volunteered their time and expertise to maintaining it
- Introduction of the latest Arboretum brochure, which describes and illustrates *Twenty-five Great Trees and Shrubs from the Garrett Park Arboretum*
- Introduction of the new Arboretum web site (now up and running)
- A Clothesline Art Show inspired by our trees
- Refreshments
- A Tree Walk guided by arborist Phil Normandy

Further details about the celebration will appear on a flyer and on the Arboretum web site at [www.garrettpark.org/GPArboretum](http://www.garrettpark.org/GPArboretum).

For more information, please call Marian Green.

## Green Again

We thank David Lincicome for funding this month's banner. He is paying for the green banner in honor of his wife Margaret, who died in April of this year. And did you notice the new design on the print edition? The *Bugle* is now 50 years old, give or take a year or two when it was in hiatus. This little newsletter was started by a bunch of students at Garrett Park Elementary, who sold it door to door for 5 cents every week. Over the years it evolved into a monthly newsletter, under the editorship of Clyde Hall (of Kenilworth) who added his Dartmouth slogan to the banner. The green came and went (after the mimeo machine days) due to funding problems. In the 80s the staff decided to start a banner fund to help pay for the green ink. Although banners are printed all at once for the full printing year (before the September issue), we still take money to help cover the cost all through the year.

Speaking of which, we are funded through December 2003, at which time the well is dry. If anyone would like to donate \$25 to \$37 to help keep the banner green for the rest of our publishing year, please send a check made out to the Citizens Association to Box 98, Garrett Park, MD 20896. We thank you in advance. If you would like to give it in honor of someone, we will be glad to note that.

To pay your Citizens Association dues, (\$10 per family, or \$5 per individual at any one address) send them to Box 456 and you will have helped to pay for the Newcomers Welcome, the *Bugle*, and the 4th of July hoopla. The Citizens Association will insert envelopes in the December issue so you can mail in your dues for the coming year, since sitting outdoors in January is not our favorite task!

And speaking of newcomers, we are going to welcome our newest residents at the September 24 Newcomers Welcome at the Town Hall at 8 pm. Newcomers and old timers are both invited to come. Meet and greet each other, and find out what Garrett Park is all about. (Long-time residents are asked to bring some delectable finger food to be consumed during the meeting and greeting.)

## 2004 Directory

The crew putting together the 2004 spiral-bound Garrett Park/Garrett Park Estates/White Flint Park Directory is hoping to have it to the printers by October 1 (this edition will be the first since 1995 to cover the surrounding communities as well as Garrett Park). If you are interested in placing an ad, contact Anne Mizoguchi. Prices range from \$50 to \$150. If you can help with some final checking of phone numbers and proofreading, please call Janet Wegner.

## Attic in the Street Sale

Garrett Park's version of a giant many-household garage sale will be held on Saturday, October 18, from 10 am to 2 pm. The fun will occur on Kenilworth Avenue between Strathmore and Oxford, with setup from 9 to 10 am. To reserve a space, send a check for \$20 to Garrett Park Women's Club, Box 339. Please include your name, phone, and email address. Price for two spaces is \$35. Spaces are approximately 20 linear feet. The event is one of the Women's Club's major fundraisers.

Barbara Shidler, volunteer extraordinaire, is organizing a bake/drink/snack sale, which will be set up in front of the Town Hall, with proceeds going to support (finish, furnish, etc) the new Archive Room at Penn Place. She needs volunteer bakers (many), sellers (for a one or two hour shift that Saturday, a fun way to meet folks), and volunteers to purchase supplies (soda, cups, etc) before the date and on the morning of the event (ice, fresh donuts, bagels). Please give her a call if you can help with any of these jobs.

Or course, our biggest needs are participants, sellers, and buyers. So do stop by and keep those attic, basement, closet, and garage treasures recycling ... and of course partake of the bake sale goodies.

## 4th of July Wrap-up

We had another good-luck day in terms of weather for this year's 4th of July festivities. The runners ran (and walked), the parade got off on time, and the music and Sunshine the Clown were appreciated while we were waiting for the parade winners to be announced. Kenilworth in front of the Town Hall was filled with diners and dancers at suppertime, and one must assume that the baseball game went off as planned. The theme chosen (100 years of flight, and other inventions) generated some nice flights of fancy for the parade decorations.

The following were the local first place winners in the various categories:

### Individual walkers:

Most appropriate: Katie McKenzie  
Most humorous: Nicole Bonner  
Most original: Max Hamel  
Best overall: Jenna Dougherty

### Floats, wagons:

Most appropriate: Platais & Heinssen  
Most humorous: Murnane & Ferguson  
Most original: Andrews, Joutz, & Loeb

### Groups of walkers:

Most appropriate: Sam & Amy Cooper-Wall  
Most humorous: Joseph, Abrams, Beckwith-Ferguson, & Kunkle families  
Most original: Miller, Spielman, Stokes, & Perimutter  
Best overall: Berry & Abernethy family

We had a lot of parade participants, including the Green Gardens truck with musicians, the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department, and the cars carrying dignitaries and politicians. All in all, it was a spectacular parade (the children managed to stay behind the vehicles owing to some prior planning and a long bamboo pole carried by two shanghaied parents), with mostly everything going off without a hitch. The judges seemed well organized, and the passing of the hat garnered enough to cover the band in the evening. Thanks must go to all the judges, cooks, musicians, planners, as well as Uncle Sam for their volunteer efforts. If you have any ideas for a theme for next summer, let someone on the Citizens Association Board know.

Mary Moyer

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Visit Garrett Park's web site:

[www.garrettpark.org/](http://www.garrettpark.org/)

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## Spring House Tour

It has been six years since we last celebrated Garrett Park's history and architecture—and satisfied our neighborly curiosity—with a town House Tour, so the Women's Club and the Historic Preservation Committee are planning one next spring. Our last House Tour, for the centennial, featured only those houses that were over 100 years old. But Garrett Park has interesting houses representing a wide range of 20th century architectural types, so we have chosen to represent this fact with a tour entitled "Garrett Park Through the Decades." The tentative plan is to include one house from each decade to illustrate the progression of architecture in the town. Discussions about the proposed demolition of the town's first Techbuilt house are a reminder that some people new to town may not know about Garrett Park's distinctive house types. We hope this tour will illustrate how the town's Victorian plan got filled in with a rich variety of houses over the years.

We need people to help with planning the tour—everything from helping to choose the houses, to historical research, to food. If you are interested in helping, please attend the organizational meeting on Wednesday, October 22, at 7:30 pm at the home of Elin Quigley, or call Nancy Schwartz or Carol Davies and Steve Lillie.

## October *Bugle* Submissions

Please be especially careful to get all submissions for the October *Bugle* in by the deadline on the calendar (Tuesday, October 14, 3 pm). Although we have sometimes been able to accommodate late submissions in the past, the circumstances this month will not allow it. Editor Barbara Collier is going out of town on the following weekend, so she will need to put the *Bugle* together early. As usual, you may provide information on paper to Mary Moyer or electronic files to Barbara Collier (see the box on p 2). To avoid file translation problems, it is safest to attach files in text format or to put the story into the body of the email. (Note that if you attach a file, it is helpful if you name it something more specific than "bugle article.")