

**From:** Susan Choi, Lefty Zagoreos  
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In the Fall of 2020, our cleanup included the front gardens and the two interior courtyards with a great turnout of PGC volunteers. Hugh Moss continues to maintain the Susan Homola Garden. A lot of severe pruning, sawing, raking, weeding and at least a dozen or more tarps of debris were composted. The school hired Garrison Tree to remove dead trees and limbs.

We emailed the new superintendent and new principal as to what types of education tools, learning environments and or places of solace they hoped their gardens would be and we offered to help them reach that vision. They have decided to hire a director of environmental education and they will advise at a later date. The school has hired a public relations position and they are very enthusiastic about the PGC's partnership with the school. Our efforts have been posted about on social media.

We met with contractors on two proposed projects we had, one to remove an extremely large brick planter that is dangerously falling apart and two to take down an overgrown area of poison ivy and invasives and make it a pollinator garden. The school was able to secure funding for the latter and through member plant donations we have added purple and yellow irises and lemon queen and will continue to slowly add perennials to this area.

In the Spring, our committee had a lighter than usual cleanup and planted pots of annuals for the front and side school steps. After finally getting a lot of the maintenance stuff done, we were finally able to use the remainder of our budget to plant some colorful perennials to greet the students when they return from summer break. In the Fall we hope to plant more Spring bulbs.

Due to Covid, we only had one other committee member join us regularly but we had a new member join us permanently. Garrison Union Free School is an important part of this community. We struggle maintaining GUFSS with the few members who join us and encourage anyone to come on Thursdays from 9-11 am to help out. We really need the help.

We are thankful we were able to contribute to the community and our children.

Respectfully,  
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