



The Echo

The Town of
GLEN ECHO, MARYLAND
Chartered, 1904



October 2010

FORMER RESIDENT RETURNS; NOW HAS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN

David Raff, who bought 12 Wellesley Circle over five years ago and left two years later to go to graduate school in Philadelphia, returned last year with a wife, Susan, and daughter, Bradley Grace, 22 months. Last month their family was increased by the birth of Maren Elizabeth.

Susan grew up in Great Falls, Va. and attended Holy Child School in Potomac and then Marymount University in Arlington. She has plenty of grandparenting help from her parents, who live in Great Falls, and David's parents in Potomac. Before the birth of Maren Elizabeth, she was a preschool teacher and coached lacrosse but is now concentrating on motherhood.

David's family has a long history in Glen Echo. His great grandmother, Marguerite B. Hughes (Moran) grew up in Glen Echo, worked the Carousel and ran errands for Clara Barton in the early 1900s. David went to Georgetown Preparatory School in Bethesda, James Madison University and the Whar-



**TOWN HALLOW-
EEN PARTY**

Sunday, Oct. 31, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Glen Echo Town Hall
Pizza will be served. Trick-or-Treating
follows party.

ton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He is an investment banker.

They were very happy to come back to Glen Echo from Philadelphia, love walking on the canal and frequent the Irish Inn. Welcome to the new family!

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October 2010 at REDEEMER

■ SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

The Holy Eucharist	8:00 a.m.
Adult Education Forum	9:15 a.m.
Nursery Care	10:15 a.m.
Choral Eucharist	10:30 a.m.
Church School	10:30 a.m.

■ SPECIAL MUSICAL EVENTS

Sunday, October 17, at 5:00 p.m.
Modern Classics: Music for Two Sopranos

Sunday, October 31, at 5:00 p.m.
Requiem Mass on the Eve of All Souls' Day (Faure Requiem)

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AROUND TOWN

Rep. Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. has agreed to serve as Master of Ceremonies for **Adventure Theatre's Kids At Play Gala Auction & Fundraiser** on October 1. at 7 p.m. at Glen Echo Park. He is the son of activist and former presidential candidate Jesse Jackson and has been involved in civil rights legislation since the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

Although construction of the entrance road to the C&O Canal National Historical Park in Potomac has not been completed, entrance fees are again being imposed for visitors. The main reason for the delays was the snowy winter and flooding in March, according to The Gazette. No date for its completion is yet available. Visitors fees are \$3 for a pass good for three consecutive days, or \$20 for an annual pass.

Neighborhood assistance programs for older residents are now in effect in several local neighborhoods. Staffed by neighbors who volunteer, the community support organizations help senior residents stay in their homes as they age in what Montgomery County calls "naturally occurring retirement communities," according to The Gazette. The elderly assistance programs are in effect in Somerset, Chevy Chase, Cabin John, and Garrett Park.

"The Fish Mystery: What's in Our Water?" is a video created by the Potomac Conservancy in cooperation with WRC and local scientists to raise public concern about male fish that are producing eggs in the Potomac River and how damaging that might be to human health. You can see it at www.fishmystery.com. The problem is what's causing 80% of male bassfish in the River to be hermaphroditic. Possible culprits include chemicals, estrogen, drugs, pesticides and many other substances. The campaign seeks to get government funding for the solution to the puzzle.

MAYOR CONTACTS WASTE MANAGEMENT ABOUT PICKUPS

In response to several complaints about town trash pickups, Mayor Debbie Beers contacted Waste Management for clarification. She found that the phone number listed in The Echo is answered in their Hampton Roads office, which is apparently why they never know where Glen Echo is.

In the future, residents with trash problems should call 301-840-0211, ext. 540 or 582, which is the local dispatcher's office. His name is Pete De Rose and he can also be reached by e-mail at pderose@wm.com. Another dispatching employee can be reached at vparker@wm.com.

Mayor Beers said the town will call on the behalf of a resident if he/she reports the problem to the town hall, but she thinks it more efficient for the resident to call Waste Management directly and then notify the town that this has been done.

She would also like to emphasize that Tuesday recycling is picked up every early in the morning, so it might be advantageous for residents to put their recycling bins out Monday evening.

TWO E-MAIL LISTS FOR KEEPING IN TOUCH

If you want to know what's going on in town between *Echo* issues, you can sign up to be on two email lists for town residents. One, the official town one, will give you up-to-the-minute changes in dates of events, announcements, reminders of movies, Ladies' Nights, and other information.

This one is issued from the town hall and may be signed up for by sending an email to the town office at townhall@glenecho.org.

The other is operated as a yahoo group, glencho@yahoo.com and may be signed up for by contacting Dan Macy at dan@macy.com. On this list you can post information you think would be of interest to your neighbors, such as a lost cat, or a housekeeper with a free day, or an item to give away or sell.

It's a good idea to sign up for both of them.

MICHAEL BOBBITT RECEIVES EMERGING LEADER AWARD

Wellesley Circle resident and Producing Artistic Director of Adventure Theatre Michael Bobbitt has been awarded the 2010 Montgomery County Executive's award as an Emerging Leader, for Excellence in the Arts and Humanities.

The Excellence Awards will be presented Oct. 18 at the Music Center at the Music at Strathmore in North Bethesda. The awards will be presented by County Executive Isiah "Ike" Leggett and Mrs. Catherine Leggett at a special ceremony that will take place on Monday, October 18, 2010 beginning at 7:00 pm. Included on the program will be performances from Montgomery County arts and humanities organizations. The ceremony will honor the 122 individuals and companies who have received grants from the Arts and Humanities council.

BLOOD DRIVE SUNDAY, OCT. 3 AT CLARA BARTON CENTER

The next Cabin John Citizens Association Red Cross Blood Drive will be Sunday, October 3 from 10am to 3:45pm at the Clara Barton Center on MacArthur Blvd in Cabin John. The need for blood donors (particularly O neg.) is always high in this area.

Wondering about your eligibility? Please go to the Red Cross website to read the requirements.

Huge thanks to those families who bring everyone . . . at the last drive, two families donated a total of 7 pints of blood, a new record.

--Karen Melchar, Cabin John volunteer

SOPRANOS TO APPEAR OCT. 17

Two Washington-based sopranos will present a program of 20th century vocal masterpieces at the Church of the Redeemer on Sunday, Oct. 17 at 5:00 p.m. Music includes solos and duets by Francis Poulenc, Andre Previn, Ned Rorem, and Ralph Vaughan Williams. The program is free, but there will be a freewill offering. The Church is located at 6201 Dunrobbin Dr., across MacArthur Blvd. from Glen Echo.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER FEE STRUCTURE FOR USE OF TOWN HALL

Town of Glen Echo residents:

Three free uses per year; \$150 deposit. Extra uses require a \$25 fee in addition to the deposit

Non-profit organizations/groups that offer some benefit to the Town

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Other non-profit organization/groups - \$100 per use; \$150 deposit. Not open to town residents.

Private, non-resident social event - \$500 per use; \$150 deposit

Negotiated rate: \$150 deposit plus fee to be determined by the Town Council.

The Town Hall capacity is a maximum of 124. No smoking is permitted within the Town Hall. No streamers, balloons, or other decorations may be hung from the chandeliers. No decorations may be attached to walls, floors, ceiling or windows with permanent fasteners.

Other restrictions and requirements available on application for use of the hall.

Requests for use of the Town Hall should be made by phoning the town office at 301-320-4041.

PARK NEWS

By Jerry Bodlander

Volunteers have been lined up to do repair work on Nov. 6 on the old trolley displayed at Glen Echo Park. The U.S. Air Force has offered to help with work on the outside of the trolley, including rust abatement and probably some painting, according to Polly Angelakis of the National Park Service.

The Labor Day art show at the park went "very well," according to council member Nancy Long. She says it was well attended, and sales were "quite good."

Asbestos removal at the Clara Barton House was set to begin the week of September 13 and was scheduled to finish by September 24.

Public comments about the proposals for the MacArthur Blvd. bike path are now being accepted. An environmental assessment statement is "in the works" according to Polly Angelakis of the National Park Service. A consultant from Montgomery County is writing that report, she told the Glen Echo Town Council. Ms. Angelakis says she's now collecting general comments and that specific comments about the assessment will be accepted once that report is finished.

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BAPTIST CHURCH MAY SELL UNIVERSITY AVE. ANNEX

By Jerry Bodlander

The Glen Echo Baptist Church is thinking about possibly selling its annex on Harvard and University Aves., and Mayor Debbie Beers said the town would be interested in buying it. Church representative William Cannon told the Glen Echo Town Council at its September 13 meeting that the idea is "is very much in the formative stages." He said the church would have to still get its members together and decide whether to go ahead with a sale.

The town has "always been very interested in acquiring that property," said Mayor Beers, but she stressed that price would be a key factor. The town would also have to take the building's lack of handicapped accessibility into account as well as other issues.

Mr. Cannon said the church has gotten two price estimates. One was \$350,000, the other was \$400,000. He said the building has become "a bit of a burden maintenance-wise," adding the church doesn't really use it anymore.

The decision to possibly sell the annex was raised in connection with the church preparing to do some cosmetic work on the building, he said.

ORAL HISTORY OF PARK UNDERWAY

By Jerry Bodlander

Planning is continuing for an oral history project about the history of Glen Echo Park, according to Polly Angelakis, the park's site manager. She told the Glen Echo Town Council that five students from Eastern Mennonite University have been lined up to help for the spring semester. American, Catholic and Howard Universities have all expressed an interest, she said.

Mayor Debbie Beers said Walt Whitman High School is apparently embarking on a project involving interviews with elderly residents of Bannockburn. She said those residents might have been involved with the park as well.

MAYOR COMPLAINS OF CANAL'S "DEPLORABLE CONDITION"

By Jerry Bodlander

Mayor Debbie Beers has written a letter to Congressman Chris Van Hollen alerting him to the "deplorable" condition of the C&O Canal below the town and asking for his assistance. Parts of the canal are clogged by downed trees while green algae covers the canal in other areas.

The letter asks for Cong. Van Hollen's help in securing federal money to remedy the situation between Locks 6 and 8. The money would also be used to repair a 125 foot hole in the historic trail between Great Falls and Old Angler's Inn.

The letter acknowledges the situation is due in part to the current tough economic times, which have impacted federal agencies. "The Canal is a local, as well as a national treasure, and it is a shame to let it deteriorate," the mayor said in the letter.

Her letter attributed the absence of water in the canal to Tropical Storm Hanna, which struck the area in September, 2008. This storm opened up small cracks in the towpath and tore a 125-foot hole in the trail, temporarily closing the towpath between Great Falls and Angler's Inn, she wrote. As a result, "a seven-mile stretch of canal, from Widewater to Lock 5, has been drained of water and will remain dry for the foreseeable future." The National Park Service has estimated that to make the necessary repairs will take up to two years and \$2 million, money not now available.

THOUSANDS OF FEDERAL WORKERS TO BE MOVED FROM SANGAMORE RD.

A massive move of employees of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency on Sangamore Ave. to Ft. Belvoir, Va, is scheduled to take place next year. Who will replace the agency on the 35-acre site is unclear.

The move will have a major effect on traffic on MacArthur Blvd., where long back-ups on the way to the parkway access road by the Irish Inn at Glen Echo have been a daily frustration for drivers in the afternoon. It also will reduce the commerce at the Little Falls Shopping Center.

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