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TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

Mayor Costello and Town Manager Beth Stickler were joined by three of the four Council Members and an intern from Delegate Marc Korman's office on the September 12 Zoom meeting. With Council Member Wilson absent and both Council Members Spealman and Stiglitz on audio only (Mr. Spealman was dialing in from Bangkok!) and no residents in attendance save the *Echo* reporter, it was a small meeting. This may be in stark contrast to the October 10 meeting, which is expected to be the first one in person since early 2020.

Odds and Ends

With no presentations nor resident concerns, the Mayor was able to efficiently march through a long list of Town business. Ms. Stickler got bids for our snow removal contract, but she and the Council agreed that Rolling Acres has provided reliable service the past four years. The Mayor added that communication with them is good. The Council approved renewing their contract.

Street-sign replacement in Town is happening this

fall, and it will be paid for out of the American Rescue Plan Act funds. Mr. Stiglitz said that he conducted a survey of the current signs, noting that there are 14 posts and 27 street signs that need replacing. He is also hoping to remove the old signs himself as a cost savings to the Town. Mayor Costello said she'd like to see the slip of road between Oberlin and Tulane Avenues identified with its official name: Bowdoin Avenue. Mr. Spealman wondered if we could officially rename the

recently discussed Street A running along the trolley tracks and parking lot at the top Park entrance and suggested Howard Avenue. The Mayor said she would discuss it with GEPPAC director Katey Boerner.

Ms. Stickler has gotten many bids for the street sign contract, but there was a clear winner: Shannon Baum Signs. It is a Maryland company that has done street signs before and comes with good references. The Council approved the contract. They also had a short discussion to select a font for the signs and agreed to get Ms. Wilson to weigh in at a later time.

Financial donations have been collected at the Town's Winterfest celebrations the past two years to benefit the Greentree Shelter. Mayor Costello has been in touch with them to see what more the Town could do. Financial donations take a while to make it to residents of

the shelter, while tangibles like clothes, towels, and linens go directly to the people who need them. The Mayor and the Livable Town Committee are going to work together to coordinate several drives throughout the year that residents can give to.

Council Member Kishore reported on the Town's application to Tree Montgomery. Ms. Kishore and several members of the Environmental Committee identified spots along the right-of-way that were in need of trees. Someone from Tree Montgomery will be coming out soon to finalize the spots and discuss tree types, and then they will come plant 6–10 medium-sized (6 foot) trees.

Ms. Kishore and the Mayor also discussed whether the Town should incentivize residents to try Compost Crew, perhaps by paying for one month of service. The Council wasn't comfortable with this idea, so the next

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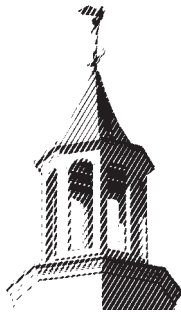
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step will be to get someone from Compost Crew to do a presentation for residents.

Maple Hill has provided landscaping services to the Town since March, including recent vegetation cutbacks and storm drain clearing. The Mayor said

that communication could be a bit better and that she and Ms. Stickler are looking into hiring a gardener for the ground around Town Hall and the Bird and Butterfly Garden. That said,

Maple Hill will be doing the Town's fall leaf collection—five Mondays in November and December.

In other Town Hall news, the estate of our late neighbor Raya Bodnarchuk is donating a sculpture—now in place under the tree in front of Town Hall—and a bench and landscaping, which are forthcoming. A dedication is

expected by the end of the year. Mayor Costello has concerns about the handicap parking spot in the parking lot behind Town Hall. She and Ms. Stickler are looking into improving it as it is currently on an incline and directly next to a storm

drain. This work could be paid for with ARPA funds. Ms. Stickler reported that the Town has received all of its ARPA funds (\$267,487.77).

The summer picnic was a success, with no food

waste this year. The Halloween Party is coming up in October and will be held in front of Town Hall with Harvard shut to car traffic. The Council also discussed shutting down portions of University during the October 8 Town-wide yard sale, so look for that this year. The Town Hall is booking up in December, so Satur-



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day, December 10, at 10 AM is being held for the Holiday Brunch.

Ms. Stickler reported that the Town Hall elevator failed a recent inspection. Repairs have been made and a new inspection scheduled. The audit is underway and going well. The Mayor will be watching for any news about the coming renovations to the Clara Barton House in order to minimize hardship to residents along Oxford Road. Right now, construction is scheduled for October 2023.

Mr. Stiglitz said it looks like he may need to rebuild the little free library, so expect more delays on that. He also asked that Ms. Stickler communicate with the County to see if the bike paths along MacArthur could be cleared of debris and to ask if they would consider making the lights at the Clara Barton Parkway entrance by the Irish Inn red flashing after hours. He noted the County's recent responsiveness to our requests for a red light at the Princeton Avenue crosswalk.

Town Expenses

In September, the Town paid \$3,849 to Maple Hill Lawn & Garden, \$2,957 to Coastal Resources, and \$1,591 to PNC Bank (credit card). —EMILY PARSONS

It is an honor to be Mayor for such a wonderful community. We are fortunate to have a dedicated Town Council that is invested in and committed to all issues great and small regarding Glen Echo. Our Town Manager Beth Stickler is invaluable in making many things work smoothly with her calm presence and enthusiasm for new ideas. In addition to the daily running of the Town, here are some updates and projects we are focused on this fall.

We continue to work on the stormwater project in Town through the Chesapeake Bay Trust grant with the inspiration, support, and diligent efforts by our residents Holly Shimizu and Robin Kogelnik and with the professional and timely writing assistance from Paul Levine and Debbie Lange.

Our new street sign project is now underway for the fall. Though many feel sentimental about the smaller signs written in script, it is time to replace them and make them easier to read. More than several are also rusting out and clearly need to be replaced. If you are interested in having one of the older signs, we have devised a fair way to distribute them—the resident living on the street the longest gets first choice and then we will move chronologically from there.

You may have noticed

NOTE FROM THE MAYOR

Raya Bodnarchuk's statue donated by her estate at the Town Hall lawn. A bench and plantings are coming, and we will have a dedication of the area by early winter.

Thanks to the Livable Town Committee and their contribution to Greentree Shelter during Winterlude, Beth and I were inspired to visit the family shelter and met with the supervising manager. We have a clear sense of their needs and we will be doing three "drives" a year. The first one just occurred with contributions of back-to-school items, which were greatly needed and appreciated.

Our invaluable volunteers continue important traditions in Town as well as create new ones. *The Echo* is a bedrock of news and information for all. I truly appreciate the time and effort that the *Echo* editor Emily Parsons and her host of reporters and contributors help to make it happen each month.

Thanks to Dan Macy for managing the community listserv, which gives us time sensitive information and support. A good example of this was the recent pedestrian crosswalk discussion, which enabled Town Hall to bring change to that safety issue.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Holly Shimizu, the Nancy Long Bird and Butterfly Garden in the right of way is flourishing.

Gloria Levin continues to be our representative on the Glen Echo Fire Department (The Conduit Road Fire Board), as well as serving as the board's secretary.

A new Adopt A Road project was suggested and will be run by Mark Steele.

The Town Yard Sale will occur on October 8 with Jan Shaut taking the helm now that Diana Hudson-Taylor has moved away.

Angela and Aaron Hirsch are the forces behind the Fourth of July parade that has now become a summer tradition and act as the Gingerbread house builders for the Holiday party.

Carol Barton's Farm Stand is now an iconic part of our summers, and our Annual Plant Exchange is a great spring opener for many.

One of the nice things about living in Glen Echo is our uniqueness and being closely connected to one another. I am always open to hearing your ideas or concerns for enhancing the Town. You can always email me, Town Hall or come to a Town Council meeting, which is held the second Monday of each month. My email is MayorCostello@glenecho.org and Town Hall is townhall@glenecho.org

All the best and happy fall to all! —DIA COSTELLO



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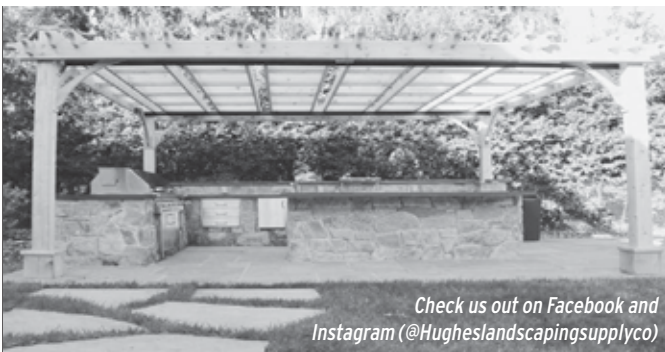
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One very nice gardening surprise is when your happy, healthy plants reseed themselves and you see these bonuses suddenly pop up! I have become dependent on a few self-seeding plants that provide an abundance of flowers, a generous herb harvest, a change of design, or the addition of a new color scheme. One way to ensure that new plants will grow where you want them is to collect seeds from a plant and sprinkle them in the right spots. Admittedly, I don't always remember to do this, but I do always enjoy any unexpected arrivals.

As you watch your seeds germinate, be sure to identify the plants and not think they are weeds. Generally, the leaves of the new plants are similar to the parent plants and, therefore, easily identifiable. The seedlings can be transplanted to a more ideal location if the temperature is cool and the soil is moist. I recommend that you water them gently until they mature.

Here are some of my favorites:

Coral Nymph sage (*Salvia coccinea* 'Coral Nymph') The gorgeous, coral-colored flowers are abundant throughout the summer. They are nectar rich and beloved by hummingbirds. Plants take well to cutting back and dead-heading, usually growing 2–3 feet tall.

HOLLY IN THE IVY



Four o'clocks (*Mirabilis jalapa*) These fragrant plants are perennials in the tropics. For us they are considered annuals, offering plentiful flowers throughout the summer in a wide array of colors ranging from pinks and reds to yellows. They are called four o'clocks because their flowers open late in the day. Flowers are pollinated by sphinx moths and other nocturnal pollinators with long tongues. Flowers also attract hummingbirds and butterflies.

Peruvian zinnia (*Zinnia peruviana*) A compact, elegant, mounding-shaped zinnia, this beauty is especially suited to growing along

walkways as a kind of little hedge. Its single, daisy-like orange flowers attract all kinds of pollinators, including honeybees, native bees, and butterflies.



Cilantro, coriander (*Coriandrum sativum*) Cilantro and coriander are the same annual plant. Cilantro refers to the leaves, and coriander generally refers to the seeds. I have a special area dedicated this annual. I began with a slow-

bolt cultivar of seeds so that plants provide cilantro for a longer period before flowering and setting seed. By scattering seeds every 2–3 weeks, plants mature at different times providing a longer harvest period.

Dill (*Anethum graveolens*) Dill is happy to return each year from seed. Its blue-green foliage and dill fragrance are distinctive. Plants often grow tall, with gorgeous large yellow umbel-like flowers. Both leaves and seeds have diverse culinary and medicinal value, used as an aid in digestion. Dill is the larval host to the black swallowtail butterfly and is loved by many butterflies and bees.

Thai basil (*Ocimum basilicum* var. *thyriflora*) Surprisingly, this particular basil has been a reseed for a number of years. I love this plant. It is gorgeous, with green leaves and purple/burgundy flowers and a fantastic flavor.

It pops up in places with full sun and is always welcome.

I have only described a few of the wonderful self-seeding plants that I grow. I encourage you to allow plants to self-seed as it is rewarding and economical!
—HOLLY SHIMIZU

The **Belinkie** family spent the last few weeks of August in Vancouver, including a day trip to Whistler (1), Vancouver Island, and Penticton. The trip culminated in Jason's first (and maybe last!) Ironman. He was originally supposed to compete in an Ironman in summer of 2020.

The **Andersons** went to Blair's hometown of Laguna Beach, California (2), where Tisha miraculously captured this photo of Archer watching Mads skimboarding while Durke sat on his surfboard and their dad caught a wave!

The **Roddy** family took a long-awaited (Covid-postponed) trip to France. They started in the French Riviera, went up to Provence, stopped in Lyon, and then ended in Annecy/Chamonix in the French Alps (3).

The **Hirsch** family vacationed on Ile-de-Re (4), a picture-perfect island on the Atlantic coast of France. **Angela** and **Aaron** enjoyed biking around and sampling the local oysters.

The **Epanchin** family backpacked California's Sierra Nevada. **Colby** landed over a hundred trout (5) in the high mountain lakes.

Cléo and **Manoé Moreau** spent a month in France visiting extended family. Looks like they made it to the Louvre (6), see the *Mona Lisa* behind them?

The **Maasjo-Spealmans** toured Alaska this summer,

ROAMIN' HOLIDAYS



including hiking on the Gold Creek Flume Trail (7) in Juneau.

Bill and **Kiera Vincent** enjoyed a week on the Amalfi Coast (8) with friends and then a week driving around the smaller towns of Tuscany including Lucca and Pitigliano.

Debbie and **Don Beers** spent time with their grandsons at Bethany Beach (9).

In July, **Katrin Peck** visited her daughter and family in Jerusalem, Israel. While there she attended the wedding (10) of one of her five grandsons.

Debbie Lange and

Paul Levine visited their daughter Michelle in Los Angeles and saw great museums, gardens, and hiking trails. Here they are at the Malibu Farm restaurant (11) on the Pacific coast.

The **Etulain** family made a summer trek to the



Republic of Georgia. They visited **Thea's** sister's vineyard (12), where the shavkapito varietal is grown. They also made a trip east to the Azerbaijan border to visit the Davit Gareja monastery.

The **Kishores** took a road trip in Utah where

they hit up three national parks: Capitol Reef, Zion, and Bryce Canyon (13). They hiked a lot, were awed by the expanse, silence, and night sky, and were thankful for time away from laptops!

Jordy Finan enjoyed his time relaxing at Bethany Beach (14). And looking cool!



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OUT AND ABOUT

Fall in the DMV always feels like a local's little secret. It's the time of year when the weather is optimal yet the tourists are nowhere to be seen. This year's autumn season brings with it some festivals, as well as the exciting opening of new restaurants to try.

For some cultural immersion, check out **Theatre Week** running through October 9. Throughout the week, 20 theatrical productions will be ticketed at substantial discount through Goldstar to bring back audiences old and new.

The weekend of October 8-9 brings movement with **Rock the Park DC WKNDR**, a celebration of all things dance. Franklin Park in downtown DC will be taken over by vibrant dance music all weekend long, led by live musicians and renowned DJs. This event is free and open to all.

This year brings the 14th annual **Embassy Chef Challenge**, a culinary

competition of some of Mass. Ave.'s best chefs, aiming for top bragging rights. The Challenge will kick off on October 13 as the first day of the inaugural **International City Food Festival** running October 13-15. Day two of the festival brings a German embassy-inspired **Taste of Oktoberfest**, followed by a **Día de los Muertos food and film screening** in Franklin Park crafted by the Embassy of Mexico.

Double Exposure **Investigative Film Festival & Symposium** is the sole film festival for the celebration of investigative journalism. The three-day festival, which runs October 13-16, features eleven critically acclaimed documentaries



and a symposium with panel discussions among some of the most risk-taking journalists of our time. Both in-person and virtual passes to participate are available.

From October 20-22, the National Building Museum will be host to **Smithsonian Craft2Wear**, an event showcasing the works of dozens of artists and their wearable art for display and available for purchase. A

special collection from the Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman will exhibit Omani fashion, jewelry, and perfume.

If you've grown to enjoy the dolce vita at nearby **I'm Eddie Cano and Italian Bar**, then try the owner duo's latest location, **In Bocca al Lupo**, serving up traditional Roman pizza in Glover Park. The restaurant opened its doors in late summer and is getting some rave reviews for hitting the mark on traditional pizza pies.

Lastly, for those who have spent any time in Texas, you know the magic of a morning started with a perfect breakfast taco. One with hand pressed tortillas as unique as snowflakes. **La Tejana**, a long-standing nomadic pop up, has sold its tortillas across many locations in DC over the last few years. After many pandemic delays, it has finally debuted a more permanent location in Mt. Pleasant, currently open Wednesday through Sunday. —MONA KISHORE

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The Avalon: I greatly enjoyed Olivia Wilde's confident directorial debut, *Booksmart*, and I've been impressed by Florence Pugh's acting chops in everything she's been in. But *Don't Worry Darling* (directed by Wilde, starring Pugh) has received more attention for its alleged behind the scenes shenanigans than for its content, which many critics seem lukewarm on. This psychological thriller about a 50's housewife with growing concern about her "perfect" life has a lot going for it, but you'll have to decide for yourself if it's more substance than style.

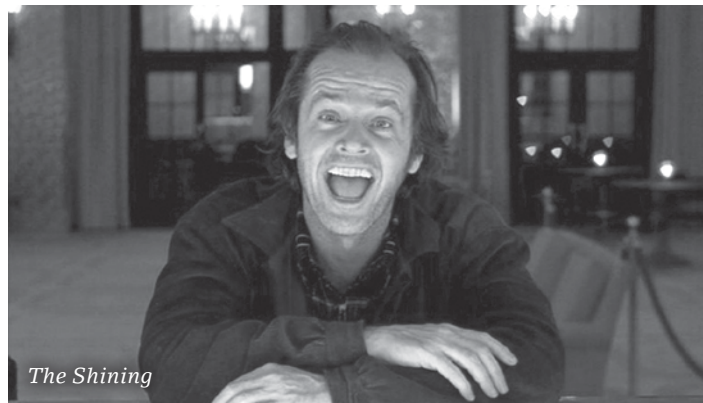
E Street Cinema:

The Retro Replay series continues on E Street and includes, on October 25, *The Shining*. Perhaps one of the most darkly atmospheric movies out there, Stanley Kubrick's horror masterpiece was actually surprisingly and unintentionally funny the last time I saw it in a theater with an audience in the

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Don't Worry Darling



The Shining



The Birds

know—if you're aware of what's coming, the camp is much more noticeable.

Angelika Pop-Up (at Union Market): As befits the month of Halloween, the Angelika is spending October celebrating the films of Alfred Hitchcock. You can catch classics like *The Birds*, *Psycho*, *Saboteur*, *Dial M for Murder*, and *Rope*. The last of those is filmed to look like a single take (for those intrigued by that kind of thing) but actually contains 10 well-disguised cuts. They're also showing *The Woman King*, starring an even more fierce than usual Viola Davis as the leader of a group of women warriors who protected the African Kingdom of Dahomey in the 1800s (true story).

AFI Silver: The DC Film Noir Festival runs from October 14-27 and includes some rare gems and classics, including the original 1947 *Nightmare Alley*, which was remade into a Best Picture Oscar Nominee last year.

—DAN SPEALMAN

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The Guevara-Rossel family



Lucia with baby Julian

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Baby boom on Bryn Mawr! **Julian David Guevara-Rossel** was born on July 25 at a whopping 9lbs 2oz. Parents **Claudia** and **Matt** and new big sister **Lucía** are over the moon. Please say hi if you see them out for a stroll around the



Henry Harmar Shimizu

neighborhood! And **Holly** and **Osamu Shimizu** became grandparents. Their daughter **Alexa** and her wife **Katie** welcomed baby **Henry Harmar Shimizu** on September 9 in San Francisco. Happy news!

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The Livable Town Committee is hosting a **Minnehaha Creek Cleanup** on Saturday, October 15, from 10 AM to noon. In the event of rain, the cleanup will move to Sunday, October 16, same time. We invite all residents to come help us keep our creek beautiful. All equipment will be

provided; waterproof shoes or boots strongly suggested. Students can collect SSL credits for work completed. The meeting spot will be at the bridge over the creek.



LeeAnét Noble

Adventure Theatre announced a new artistic director in September. LeeAnét Noble is coming most recently from DC's Shakespeare Theatre Company. The 2022-2023 season will be announced soon!

OUR TOWN PARK

The National Park Service, Montgomery County, and GEPPAC held planning sessions in mid-September to discuss the upcoming renovation of the Clara Barton House. The NPS has hired an architectural firm and is looking at a number of issues including accessibility and space allocation for GEPPAC programs. Construction will occur over the next few years.

The Park Service is undertaking an assessment of the Spanish Ballroom. This will include addressing deferred maintenance and space usage improvements.

And this will involve careful review of options for repairs to the dance floor, new program use of various spaces, and climate control options. The building remains open, and we will receive a detailed report and cost estimates for improvements in FY24.



Yes, there are potholes in the upper parking lot. The Park has received state funding to tackle this long overdue project, and it will

begin in the spring of 2023.

As was reported over the summer, we unfortunately have had some vandalism in the Park. As a result, we hired a nighttime security guard to patrol the grounds. Other options are being considered by the County including electronic security systems.

Check out our website for some updated features. We have added annual reports for the Park covering the past few years. Also, we will be adding more information about our board members, updates to our strategic plan, and an overview of our master planning work.

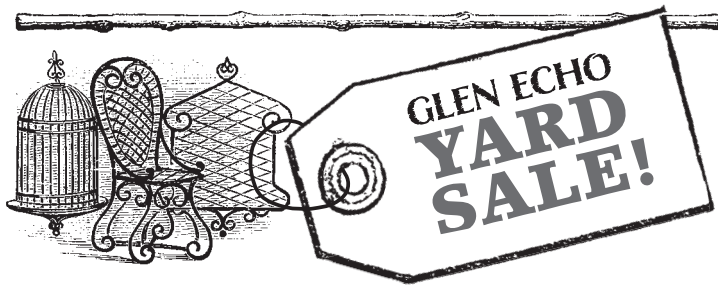
A plan for increasing diversity in all operations and programs is underway. Training is being offered for board, staff, and resident program partners. Our goals include developing programs that will appeal to a more diverse audience. A consultant's report has laid out the types of activities we need to engage in, including goals for board membership, partnerships with other arts organizations, and feedback and ideas from our regional communities. This priority effort will be incorporated in the work of the board and staff going forward. —**MARTHA MORRIS SHANNON**

Federal employees and retirees: Please consider listing the **Glen Echo Fire Department** as a recipient for your donation to the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). Our campaign number (16733) will appear on banners that will be hung on the station—a

constant reminder as you drive past the station on Massachusetts Avenue and Sangamore.

Real Estate

At press time, 5 Vassar Circle, listed at \$1,095,000, was set to close at the end of September, and 16 Wellesley Circle has been rented.



The Glen Echo town-wide yard sale will take place on October 8 from 9 AM until 1 PM, rain or shine. This is a very popular event and lots of fun regardless of whether you are selling or shopping. There are tables available at the Town Hall to use the day of the sale. Contact Jan Shaut (jshaut@gmail.com) to make arrangements to get your table on Friday night.

Sales are often concentrated along University Avenue. Check with your neighbors if you want to use space along University in front of someone's house, or you can set up at the Town parks. We often create a map that will allow shoppers to see which houses in Town are participating in the sale. If you would like your house noted on the map, please e-mail Jan prior to October 5.

Some unsold goods can be donated! The drive-through charity pickup conducted by the Glen Echo Fire Department's partner, Goods Recycling, will be held in the Town Hall's back parking lot after the yard sale from 2:30 to 4 PM on October 8. (See <https://goodsrecycling.com/how-it-works/>) Accepted items include: Gently used clothing, shoes, and accessories; linens and blankets; usable, non-broken electronics and kitchen appliances; and hard toys (puzzles with ALL the pieces and no stuffed animals). Please do not donate anything that is dirty, stained, ripped, or broken. And no furniture, mattresses, food, books, or breakables. Contact glorialevin@verizon.net to check for acceptability of items not specified here. —JAN SHAUT and GLORIA LEVIN

GOINGS ON

Glen Echo Town Hall Events

Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 8–10:30 PM, FSGW English Country Dance, Wednesdays, free to Town residents

October 8 2:30–4 PM, post yard-sale donation pick up

October 31 5–6 PM,

HALLOWEEN TOWN PARTY



Local Events

October 8 9 AM–1 PM, Town-wide yard sale

October 15 10 AM–noon, Minnehaha Creek Cleanup

Glen Echo Park Events

October 1 11 AM–4 PM, Outdoor Marketplace

October 29 1–4 PM, Fall Frolic, Halloween family fun



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