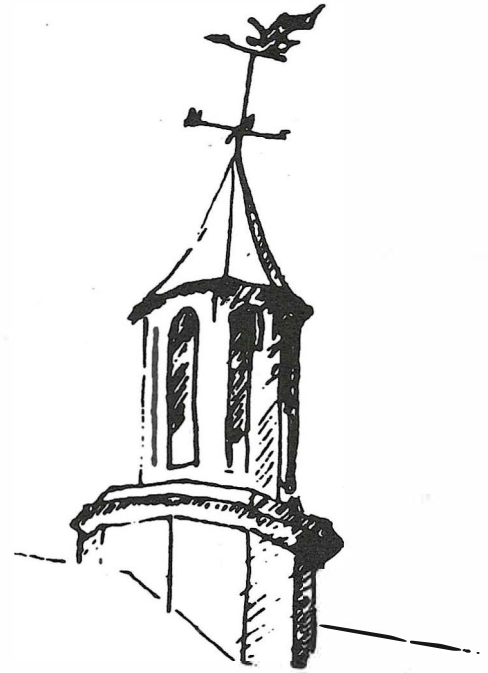


The Echo

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December 2001

HOUSE BROKEN INTO TWICE; WINE TAKEN FROM ANOTHER

By Carlotta Anderson

A Wellesley Circle house was broken into on two occasions last month and a purse and small items were taken.

At a nearby house at 7106 Radcliffe Lane a case of wine valued at \$100 was stolen just after noon on Thanksgiving Day. The case was leaning against the basement door.

Both incidents have been reported to police.

The first break-in at 52 Wellesley Circle occurred on Nov. 16 in the early morning. All residents were in the house and there was a children's sleepover in the basement. The burglar broke through a screen above the kitchen sink and crawled through a very small space provided by an unlocked inside window.

A purse in the dining room and three packages of cigarettes in the pantry were taken. The wallet, with a lot of items missing, was later found in a trash can a few doors away. A credit card and some other items from the purse were found by a neighborhood child in a trash can by the 7-11 store at Glen Echo Shopping Center. Neither the credit card nor a cell phone have been used.

Police have taken fingerprints off some of the items.

The second break-in took place in the basement on Nov. 19 after residents had changed all the locks. Again, the residents were in the house asleep. They noticed the basement door open the next morning, yet there was no sign of forced entry. This time five packages of cigarettes were taken from the pantry.

They characterized the events as "pretty scary."

**GLEN ECHO RESIDENTS!
COME TO THE TOWN HOLIDAY
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Saturday, Dec. 15, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

**Volunteers needed to help set-up and clean-up
Please call Stacey Malmgren at the town hall,
301-320-4041**

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The agenda for all Glen Echo Town Council meetings will be posted on the town hall door by noon the day of the meeting. Council meetings take place the second Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in the Glen Echo Town Hall.

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, December 10—8:00 p.m.

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Contact the mayor to add an item to the agenda



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GLEN ECHOANS LEAD PARADE FOR CABIN JOHN BRIDGE OPENING

By Carlotta Anderson

Led by Kyle Whyte in full ROTC uniform and carrying the American flag and Rob Howe playing a snare drum, a parade of some 100 enthusiasts from Glen Echo and nearby marched from the Glen Echo Town Hall to the Cabin John Bridge on Saturday, Nov. 17 for an opening ceremony. Many were wearing "straw" hats with a patriotic band and "I Love the Cabin John Bridge" stickers.

They were met at the bridge by a larger parade of Cabin John citizens marching from the MacArthur Plaza shopping center for the ribbon-cutting and other festivities that opened the 1863 bridge for traffic after being closed more than three months for repairs by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Chairs had been set up so participants could hear Montgomery County Executive Doug Duncan, U.S. Congresswoman Constance Morella and other dignitaries speak of their delight in the ahead-of-schedule re-opening of the bridge and the neighborly spirit that had infused the communities in response to the Sept. 11 attacks.

Hot cider, hot dogs and subs were available as well as a stroll over the bridge without car traffic. This revealed that the walkway is wider than before and separated from vehicles by a higher divider.

The first vehicle over the restored bridge was a 1900 Knox driven by Reed Martin of Cabin John.

Three permanent historic panels were unveiled that featured old photographs documenting the historic and cultural significance of the bridge and its one-time surroundings.

At the time it was built almost 140 years ago, the bridge was the longest single span stone bridge in the world. Designed by Corps engineer Montgomery C. Meigs, it has carried drinking water to Washington, D.C. since its construction.

EIGHT CAR BREAK-INS OCCUR NOVEMBER 10-11

At least eight cars of town residents, most parked on University Ave., were broken into the night of Saturday, Nov. 10, or early Nov 11. It does not appear that the burglars were looking for valuables. Several items of value were left in the cars and other items were discarded nearby.

All the cars appear to have been unlocked.

A cell phone that was taken was returned in a plastic bag to the owner's front door more than a week later.

Loose change was taken from many of the cars. Also reported taken were a radar detector, an invalid credit card and a knife, gloves, and several packs of chewing gum. A purse was discarded with passport and checkbook left in it and nothing of value taken. One resident's eyeglasses were found broken. Another had two items of new clothing thrown on the lawn of the resident across the street. That resident had baby supplies and a makeup kit taken and thrown on the town park lawn.

Mayor Debbie Beers urges everyone whose car was broken into to report it to the police, as several residents have done. The more calls the police get, the higher priority they will give the problem and the more likely they will increase patrols through town.

The editor requests that anyone who is the victim of a crime call her so it can be reported in the paper and thus alert other residents to potential problems.

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HALLOWEEN PARTY A SPIRITED SUCCESS

By Michele Wells

A spooky and festive array of celebrants including witches, walkie-talkies, butterflies, a knight, a china doll, and a lion, a tiger, and a bear (oh my!) gathered to enjoy the annual town hall Halloween celebration on Wednesday, Oct. 31.

About 50 to 60 guests of all ages enjoyed a Market on the Boulevard dinner of egg rolls, fried chicken, tortilla sandwich roll-ups, cheese platters, and fruit salad. For the discriminating younger diners there were also peanut butter and jelly and bologna and cheese sandwiches.

Orange and black streamers, jack-o-lantern balloons, and happy, haunting music enhanced the air of celebration.

Stacy Malmgren, the party organizer, would like to thank the following residents for their help with set-up and decorations: Raya Bodnarchuk, Constance Macy, Michelle Brafman, Julia Wilson, Angie Zeidenberg, William Ward, Eve Arber, and Dia Costello.

Clean-up was graciously provided by the English country dancers who wanted the opportunity to meet for their regularly scheduled Wednesday evening dances at the town hall.

TOWN ARTISTS PUT ON OUTSTANDING EXHIBIT

An exhibit of the creations of 37 town residents amply proved that Glen Echo is indeed the "Town of Many Talents" as it was billed at the Glen Echo Park Stone Tower Gallery in November.

The impressive month-long show featured art, music, photography, crafts, video and the written word. Some of the artists performed periodically at the Gallery, including **Don Lerman** on saxophone, and **Marc and Michael Levenson**, on a cello they made from a wine box. CDs of **Jack Reeder's** orchestral compositions, **Tom Helf's** band ("Cravin' Dogs"), and the Walt Whitman choral group in which **Rob Carter** sings bass were played. Also shown from time to time was an award-winning video about two Jewish families by **Michelle Brafman**.

Other exhibitors were:

Eve Arber, Carlotta Anderson, Jim Anderson, Henry Barrow, Carol Barton, Raya Bodnarchuk, Madeleine Carter, Trina Carter, Lynn Dworsky, Alec Graham, Maire Hewitt, Victoria Hewitt, Ed Hunter, Debbie Lange, Nancy Long, Constance Macy, Dan Macy, T.K. Maloy, Brooke Mason, Pam Mason, John Morrow, Cathie Polak, Willem Polak, Tina Quinn, Carolyn Reeder, Deborah Sacks, Peter Somerville, Brockie Stevenson, Jane Stevenson, and Lindsey Whyte.

The show was organized by Glen Echo Town Council members **Eve Arber** and **Nancy Long**.

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AIRCRAFT ROUTE NO LONGER TRACKS POTOMAC RIVER

By Jim Anderson

Among the many changes in our lives since the events of Sept 11 is the difference in air traffic, the planes we travel on, and those which fly overhead.

Reagan National is now in Phase II of its recovery plan, with about 45 percent of the flights pre-Sept. 11. But there is a reduced load factor, that is, the number of passengers to fill the available seats. Glen Echo resident Eleanor Balaban told friends in an e-mail that the shops at National are dying for lack of customers. She urged people to go there, even if not flying anywhere, to support the businesses.

At Reagan National, there is now a total ban on "general aviation" flights – private and corporate planes, mainly jets. There used to be 11 such take-offs every hour and some were quite noisy as they passed over Glen Echo.

Dulles airport is now back to 95 percent of flights but the number of passengers is way down there as well. The airline industry as a whole has had to lay off 20 percent of its work force and many of those won't be coming back because of changes in the economy.

As a security measure, planes going to or from National will no longer have to follow the serpentine route along the Potomac River. In order to easily detect any deviations from the flight path, they will have to follow two straight-line routes, one going in and a slightly different one going out. One recent incoming flight which did not follow the new procedures was instantly diverted to Dulles, to the annoyance of its passengers. U.S. Air Force F-15s and F-16s, which may be heard at night, continue to fly air cover for the area.

Since the White House, the Pentagon and other possible terrorist targets must be protected, outgoing take-offs will have to be much steeper. Thus Georgetown and Brookmont will suffer more noise than Glen Echo, since when the planes pass over us they will be higher and the noise less apparent.

Because of worries about the dangers of large amounts of carried fuel, National will be limited to the Boeing 737 class or smaller planes, including the smaller Airbuses. The larger planes, with greater fuel capacity, will be prohibited.

Members of the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority Citizens Advisory Committee were told that it came "very close" to National being closed altogether for security reasons. The Maryland and Virginia congressional and District delegations came together to persuade President Bush to overrule the security people who felt that proximity of the flight path to the White House made it too dangerous to continue flights to National. President Bush went to National in November to announce that the Federal government will be in charge of airport security.

Proposals that all flights take off and land to the

south over Alexandria (instead of over Glen Echo and other northern points) were ruled out because of FAA regulations that mandate both take-offs and landings into the wind.

Since studies about the impact of airport noise require at least a year, all bets are off on anti-noise measures until the new system is assessed

(Jim Anderson and Diana Hudson-Taylor are members of the Airports Advisory Committee.)

LEAF PICK-UP THIS MONTH

Curbside leaf pick-up will take place over the next few weeks. Exact pick-up date to be confirmed by a flyer confirming all details.

Please have leaves in a pile by the curb by this date. Please sweep leaves off your sidewalk into the pile as well. Streets will also be swept at this time.

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WHEN SNOW FALLS....

University Ave. is the designated Snow Emergency Route for the Town of Glen Echo.

When snow is anticipated, residents are asked to park only on the northeast side of University Ave., the side nearest MacArthur Blvd. or on the side streets.

There should be **NO PARKING** on the river side of University Ave. This will enable snow plows to keep a wide section of the roadway clear to permit fire and rescue access to town.

Residents should shovel the snow on the sidewalks alongside their properties so that pedestrians can walk in safety. This should be done promptly because unshoveled snow often freezes and remains on the ground for days.

TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

November 12

Councilmembers expressed concern over the **\$45 per hour rate** Norm Bernhardt is being paid for handyman services, but it was pointed out that the minimum for most handyman services is four hours, and Mr. Bernhardt can usually show up on a timely basis.

A resident present expressed surprise that a **speed sign** was placed in the middle of her yard without her prior knowledge. Mayor Beers pointed out that most people's properties only extend to approximately 6-12 inches from the sidewalk. She added that as a matter of policy the town should try not to put speed signs where people object to them and that Mr. Bernhardt should not place signs without first consulting with property owners..

The council discussed whether Mr. Bernhardt should issue **parking tickets** for an hourly fee, as he proposed. The preliminary consensus was that the town might avail itself of this service but wanted to identify when and how it should be carried out.

Councilwoman Nancy Long noted that **stanchions are needed for the bike and pedestrian lane** as it goes around the traffic circle by the shopping center to separate it from cars. Councilman Tom Lorenzen said he had written a letter to Albert Genetti of the Dept. of Transportation and Public Works but had not heard back. Other council members said they had also written several times and had not received a response.

--Rob Howe

ATTENTION RESIDENTS!

Montgomery County is coordinating snow removal for seniors.

To get your name added to the list to have snow removed from your public sidewalk for pedestrian access please call 240-777-7906.

This may involve a fee or be free via county volunteers.

This offer does not include snow removal on private walkways or driveways.



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PLAYGROUND WILL CLOSE DURING PARK CONSTRUCTION

By Rob Howe

The North Arcade of Glen Echo Park will be demolished in January and construction will begin on additions to the Spanish Ballroom. An addition to the concession end of the ballroom will temporarily close the playground, according to Karen Pittleman, park site manager, but the park service will attempt to plan that construction for this winter when playground use will be less.

The combined contract for demolition and reconstruction of the North Arcade and restoration and additions to the Spanish Ballroom is very near being awarded to Monarch Construction, Ms. Pittlemen told the Glen Echo Town Council last month. There were two bidders; both were over the government's estimate. Monarch was less than \$1,000,000 over the government estimate; the other company was significantly over.

The first part of the work will be non-historic additions. Historic restoration will take place in the spring, she said.

Four trailers have been installed at Glen Echo Park in order to compensate for loss of space during park renovations. One is a visitor office; the others are for classroom and studio space.

Once the contract is awarded, probably in early December, there will be a ribbon-cutting or similar ceremony in the park, Ms. Pittleman said.

Equipment for construction at the rear of the Spanish Ballroom is expected to come down by The Inn at Glen Echo. Work on the North Arcade would use the service road. She said that the town should write a letter to park superintendent Audrey Calhoun requesting that the park take responsibility for any damage to town roads.

TOWN WILL CHOOSE MEMBER OF PARK BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A search committee currently is developing a list of potential executive director candidates for the new non-profit entity that will manage Glen Echo Park. This process typically takes four months or longer. Additional funding of \$17,000 will be needed for consultants to lead the search and review resumes, Councilwoman Nancy Long reported to the Glen Echo Town Council last month. Most of that will be provided by the county, but \$5,000 will have to come from other sources.

A nominating committee is looking for potential candidates to serve on the Board of Directors, which will be responsible for raising funds, providing policy guidance and providing oversight for the new park operating entity. The Board will consist of between nine and 25 members, of which at least one will be a resident of Glen Echo and one a resident of Bannockburn.

The Glen Echo member will be chosen by the town. Councilwoman Long said she thought the choice could be made by the Glen Echo Town Council at its Dec. 10 meeting. The town solicits applications from residents who would be interested in serving in this capacity.

According to the nominating priorities, at least one-third of the Board will be women and at least 20% will be of a racial/ethnic minority. Skills specially sought are expertise in fundraising, financial management, nonprofit corporate and tax law, and marketing and/or public relations, as well as business or corporate leaders, artist or humanities experts and volunteers with a national organization.

The Glen Echo Park Foundation will dissolve itself and transfer its assets to a new committee which is as yet unnamed.

OTHER PARK NEWS

Work on the interior of the carousel is done for the winter. Six carousel horses have been taken to North Carolina for restoration. Glen Echo residents wishing to see the work that has been done on the carousel should go to the park office and request a tour.

The U.S. Park Police soon will be moving from their Glen Echo Park offices to their new headquarters at Turkey Run. Police will still be patrolling the park at the same level they do now.

The individual who broke into the Clara Barton house was caught, but has been released because the federal magistrate would not press charges, considering the event

insufficient to warrant it, according to site manager Karen Pittleman. The state may press charges, though. The individual had been released from a halfway house a few days before and was homeless. He damaged the apartment at the lower back level by pulling lights down and damaging a projector in an effort to develop an alternative energy source.

This fiscal year the two rooms on the second floor in the back, Clara Barton's sitting room and Dr. Hubbell's room, will be restored, Ms. Pittleman said. Plastic sheeting between these rooms which has been there since 1986 will also be removed.

--Rob Howe

BLOOD DRIVE JAN. 13 IN CABIN JOHN

The Cabin John Citizens Association will be holding a Blood Drive at the Clara Barton Community Center (7425 MacArthur Blvd) on Sunday January 13, 2002, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Mark it on your calendar and contact Larry Heflin (301-229-4674 (h), lhheflin@juno.com) to reserve a time slot.

Sixty donors are needed for a successful drive. The period following the holidays are usually a very slow time for blood donations to the Red Cross, which is why this date was picked.

Blood collected immediately following the September 11th events has either been used or discarded. Cabin John organized two very successful blood drives in 2001, particularly where the adjoining communities participated, and they hope to have two successful blood drives in 2002.

FREE HALL EVENTS FOR GLEN ECHO RESIDENTS

The following activities booked at the town hall are free for town residents:

Sunday, Dec. 2—C&O Canal Assn. board meeting, 12-5 p.m.

Thursday Dec. 6—American Indian Inter-Tribal Council, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 9—Folklore Society Family Dance and Concert.

SATURDAY, DEC. 15—TOWN HOLIDAY PARTY, 9:00 A.M.

Every Wednesday, 8:00-10:30 p.m. English Country Dance. Live music. No experience or partner needed. Sponsored by Folklore Society of Greater Washington.

FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT SEPTEMBER, 2001

A. Morton Thomas (Paving consultation to date)	\$700.00
Dennis Alexander (auditing to date)	\$2,000.00
A2Z Environmental (oil leak to date)	\$390.00

(A full accounting of all bills paid and payments received is available as part of the town council minutes.)

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