

The Echo

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STORM DRAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT SOON UNDERWAY

By Carlotta Anderson

The existing storm drain pipes from University Ave. to the outfall at Clara Barton Parkway at a point between Bryn Mawr Ave. and Harvard Ave. will soon be replaced, according to the division of Engineering Services of the County Dept. of Public Works and Transportation.

These are plastic drainage pipes that were installed several years ago after the collapse of the old terra cotta drainage pipe and the opening of a large sink hole in the backyard of a home along Harvard Ave.

The plastic pipe was considered a temporary solution until a permanent replacement could be designed.

A new pipe will be added from MacArthur Blvd. along the edge of Bryn Mawr Ave. to University. The existing pipe that runs under the addition to the Wild Bird Center and through the back yards of some Bryn Mawr houses will remain open because some of the residents have tapped into it, but the county will not maintain it, according to Joel Magram, Project Manager.

During the course of several meetings with local residents and the Mayor and Town Council the county was informed of the neighborhoods' concern for the protection of a large sycamore tree between Bryn Mawr and Harvard Aves. Because of this concern, a major design change was made to re-route the pipe away from the root system of the tree.

This required the acquisition of a larger easement from the adjacent property owner, but all necessary easements have been acquired and the new alignment has been supported

by the town government, according to the county.

The bidding process is underway and the county anticipates beginning construction in February, 2003. It will take approximately six months to complete the work. Traffic control plans have been developed to permit safe passage for vehicles during construction.

Another public meeting will be held before construction begins. Citizens will be notified prior to the meeting.

TOWN HOLIDAY PARTY

Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, December 14
9-10:30 a.m.

Volunteers needed before, during
and after event. Call Cathie Polak at
301-320-4041 to volunteer.

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PLEASE NOTE NEW OFFICE HOURS ABOVE

CORRECTION

The amount the town council approved for a new computer was \$1,000, not \$1,500 as reported in last month's *Echo*.

FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT

October, 2002

Dennis Alexander (town auditor)	\$1,600.00
Chapel Valley (landscaping)	\$1,175.00
Peppo (streetlights)	\$498.36

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



DISCOUNTS TO BE AVAILABLE FOR SECURITY LIGHTING

Residents interested in installing nighttime security lighting outside their homes, particularly outdoor lights controlled by motion sensors, should contact the Clerk-Treasurer, who is securing volume discounts from a licensed electrical contractor.

Outdoor lighting is highly recommended by police departments and security experts. If you are interested, please call Cathie Polak at 301-320-4041.

The idea of a bulk discount for this purpose was suggested by former resident and homeowner Irene Cannon at the October town council meeting as a way for residents to deter crime.

Ms. Cannon, who once served on the Glen Echo Town Council and now resides in Arizona, also suggested a security patrol of the town. Her property on Wellesley Circle was recently vandalized and she said problems are continuing, e.g. the shed has been broken into.

Mayor Beers said the town had studied having security protection before, but the cost would have been prohibitive, doubling homeowners' taxes.

--John Wells and Anne Lewis

PROPERTIES ON THE MARKET

48 Wellesley Circle	\$750,000 listed (under contract)
22 Wellesley Circle	\$1,200,000

LEAF PICKUP SOON

The town leaf pickup is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 2, with a rain date of Dec. 3. The pickup may take more than one day.

Residents are asked to rake their leaves to the yellow lines in front of their houses and cooperate by parking off street once the pickup begins.

CLASSIFIED ADS

HOLIDAY GIFT IDEA! This year, treat yourself or someone special to a commissioned painting—a portrait of home or family. Contact Cabin John resident Robinwyn Lewis at 301-229-1623 for information.

Classified ads are free to Glen Echo residents. Fee to non-residents: \$.75 per line of 50 characters or fewer. Display ads: \$4 per column inch. Ads may be left with or mailed to the editor at 38 Wellesley Circle, Glen Echo, MD 20812. Make checks payable to: Town of Glen Echo. Deadline: 24th of each month.



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ADA INGRAM DIES AT 96

Long time resident Ada Ingram, who arrived in Glen Echo in 1934 and moved to Mt. Airy in 1956, died Oct. 2 at the age of 96. She is survived by two daughters, Frances Graves and Carol Jean Phelps, one son, Norman S. Ingram Jr., nine grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. Her husband died in 1964.

The Ingram family first moved to 12 Wellesley Circle and in 1939 to 15 Princeton Ave. (now 6102). They belonged to the Church of the Redeemer.

Her hobbies, according to a published obituary, were working in the yard, doing crossword puzzles, reading and crocheting.

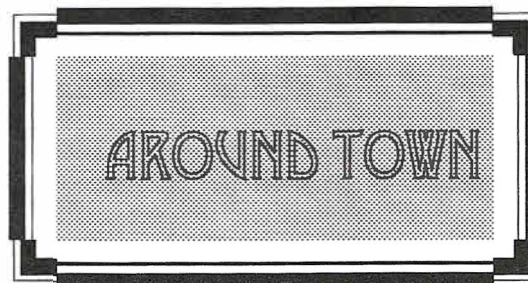
She was buried in Parklawn Memorial Park in Rockville.

TOWN ATTORNEY VISITS COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Debbie Beers asked Town Attorney Norman Knopf, an observer at the council meeting, to help revise the "Building in Glen Echo" pamphlet to include more information about zoning restrictions and procedures, particularly as they apply to small lots.

The council also brought up the potential for the town to tax activities within the park, such as beverage machines and food concessions. Attorney Knopf advised that the town's ability to do so would be controlled by the various site agreements between the National Park Service, Montgomery County, and the new park management authority.

--John Wells



Eve Arber has been appointed the new chairman of the Centennial Committee.

There's a flurry of home improvements in town:

Jim and Kelly Bohi of Bryn Mawr Ave. just completed remodeling their kitchen and will be doing landscaping soon.

Michelle Brafman and **Tom Helf** are adding a master bedroom and bath to the upper story of their Oxford Rd. house. The architect and builder is **Chris Papadopoulos**, former owner of the house.

Maryse and **Rex Rhein** are having major landscaping done at their Princeton Ave. house.

Dieuwke Bakker, **Bart Kuper** and their daughters **Liselotte** and **Roselina** will be moving from their Wellesley Circle home to a Bethesda address, but they expect to be visiting their Glen Echo friends frequently.

The final total for **funds raised** at the appearance by Congressional candidate **Chris Van Hollen** at the Glen Echo Town Hall on Sunday, Oct. 27, was \$3,665. Approximately 120 people were in attendance...

Former resident **Florence Cazenave** had a baby girl, **Alys Elizabeth Shah**, in August. Florence lived for three years at 12 Wellesley Circle and still occasionally comes to Ladies' Night.




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WATCH FOR PICKPOCKETS

Pickpocketing has been a problem recently around Bethesda and Friendship Heights, according to the Montgomery County police. They recommend the following precautions to protect your valuables:

1. Be aware of where you are, and who's around you.
2. Keep your hand on the closure of a purse and keep it close to your body.
3. Keep a wallet inside your coat or in a side pocket—never the rear pocket!
4. Watch out for loud arguments or commotions; they may be staged as a distraction.
5. If you're jostled in a crowd, watch out, especially in elevators.
6. If your pocket is picked, immediately yell out to warn others.
7. Pickpockets often work in teams. One may appear to be helping you in some way while his or her accomplice is after your valuables.
8. If you've been victimized, call the police.

--Norman Hudson-Taylor

PHARMACY ROBBED

By Norman Hudson-Taylor

The Glen Echo Pharmacy was robbed at gunpoint at about 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 15.

The robber was described as a white male, aged 35-40, 170 pounds, with gray beard above collar-length and with a crew-cut and raitail.

He entered the pharmacy with a U.S. flag bandanna on his head. He pulled the bandanna over his face and displayed a silver-gray handgun. He demanded money from the cash register and the lottery proceeds.

The clerk gave some money from each location and the suspect fled the store in an unknown direction.

The police have made no arrests and Montgomery County detective Susan Mercer said that this case might be sent to Crime Solvers.

TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

November 11


Resident Rex Rhein showed the Council blueprints for extensive **landscape improvements** around his home on Princeton Ave. Mr. Rhein also reported that his daughter Stephanie's first English-as-a-second-language class, which was designed for Hispanics and held at the town hall, did not attract any students. She may try once more, with a similar class designed for Asians...

Councilman Tom Lorenzen reported that Montgomery County officials are delinquent in providing a requested list of **licensed pets** within the town. The county recently assumed responsibility for the town's animal control...

Councilwoman Nancy Long reported that only **15 surveys of Town Hall use** have been returned. She is extending the due date to Monday, Dec. 9, and encourages all residents to complete the survey. Additional copies may be obtained from the Clerk-Treasurer...

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that she is examining various ways to renovate and **update the town website**, which was originally launched in 1997. The URL is "http://www.glenecho.org" and suggestions are welcome.


--John Wells



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GIANT PUMPKIN CARVED WITH HACKSAW AND DRILL

When Raya Bodnarchuk and Andy Malmgren'e were ready to turn Andy's giant pumpkin into a jack-o-lantern last month they had a truly gigantic task. It was necessary to resort to such tools as a cordless drill with forstner bits, a hacksaw, and very sharp kitchen knives for the carving.

First they had to scrape about two inches from the five to six inch walls of the pumpkin in order for the drill bits to cut through. As for the top of the pumpkin, it was nine to ten inches thick and needed some major scraping down before they could cut it off with a hacksaw.

The giant jack-o-lantern was on display in the Malmgren front lawn for Halloween night and several days thereafter, although some thoughtless trick-or-treaters tried to kick it in.

The reason the pumpkin walls are so thick, Andy said, is that giant pumpkin growers typically cross-pollinate the pumpkins with the thickest walls in order to produce the heaviest specimens. Giant pumpkin competitions are based solely on the weight of the pumpkin.

--Carlotta Anderson

Looking for a life changing experience?

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Sunday School 9:30am, Sunday Services 11:00am and 6:00pm, Wed night service at 7:00pm.

Also on Wed, children 6-10yrs at the Annex (University & Harvard Sts.) 7:00pm.

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 off 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 REPRESENTATIVE WANTED FOR CLARA BARTON BOARD

An organization called "Friends of the Clara Barton Community Center" is being formed and the organizers hope to get representatives from all of the local communities to serve on it.

The goal of this non-profit group is to help the Center with its programming and fundraising, particularly during the fiscal crunch that the county faces.

Anyone from Glen Echo who would be willing to be the contact person for this effort as it moves forward is asked to contact Burr Gray at 703-607-2740 (w) or burr.gray@alum.dartmouth.org.

Currently the center is open Monday & Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.; Tuesday & Thursday, 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., and closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It is located at 7425 MacArthur Blvd. in Cabin John, and offers many classes, a weight room, ping pong, bridge, programs for seniors, etc.

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WONDERFUL TURNOUT FOR HALLOWEEN PARTY

At least 75 Glen Echoans of all ages assembled on Halloween evening in an eerily darkened town hall lit only by glow strands fashioned by the guests into necklaces, headbands, bracelets, belts or even a hula hoop. Firemen, rabbits, lambs, angels, cowboys, a black widow spider, astronauts and other intriguing creatures feasted on pizza and goodies before adventuring into the town for trick-or-treating.

Some of the participating parents were as follows: set-up—**Stacey Malmgren, James Gibney, David Chitwood**; party helpers—**Dia Costello, Meris Steele**; clean up—**Tom Lorenzen, Cathie Polak, Dieuweke Bakker, Julia Wilson, Tom Helf, James Gibney, Peter Zeidenberg and Alex Graham.**

Many parents brought goodies.

ANDERSON APPOINTED TOWN HISTORIAN

The town council appointed Carlotta Anderson, *Echo* editor, as Town Historian at its November meeting. This will enable her as a town official to have unrestricted access to the council chambers, where some of the archives are located and where there is a copier.

She will be reviewing original town documents to write a town history and prepare a walking tour of Glen Echo for the town's Centennial celebration in 2004. For this work, she was recently awarded \$2,000 in a grant from the Montgomery County Historical Society and a matching grant of \$2,000 from the Town of Glen Echo.

Ms. Anderson's first book, "All-American Anarchist: Joseph A. Labadie and the Labor Movement", was published by Wayne State University Press in 1998.

--John Wells

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, Dec. 7, 8:00 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

Contact tham@ymail.com to add an item to the agenda

FREE HALL EVENTS FOR GLEN ECHO RESIDENTS

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

Saturday, Dec. 7, 8:00 p.m.--MULTI-INSTRUMENTALIST MICHAEL COONEY, playing 6 & 12-string guitars, banjo, fretless banjo, harmonica, penny-whistle, haw-harp, etc. Presented by The Folklore Society of Greater Washington.

Sunday, Dec. 8, 3:00-6:00 p.m.—FSGW Family Dance

Sunday, Dec. 15—TOWN HOLIDAY PARTY

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.

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GLEN ECHO PARK ACTIVITIES

PARK NEWS

Glen Echo Park Site Manager Karen Pittleman described for the town council at its November meeting the extensive construction work currently underway.

- ◆ The Puppet Company is moving to an interim location within the park and will resume operations in time for its November 29th opening of "The Nutcracker." Ms. Pittleman reported that the attendance was significantly affected by the recent sniper shootings, which caused many cancellations by school groups.
- ◆ It had been thought that Adventure Theatre could remain in place during renovation of the North Arcade, but architects recently discovered significant water damage in and around its facilities that will force its temporary relocation.
- ◆ Other Park facilities soon to be renovated include the Yellow Barn, Chautauqua Tower, Crystal Pool entrance, Caretaker's Cottage, and Candy Corner.

Several incidents of vandalism have occurred at the park. These include destruction of the bollard lamps that light the paved pathway from the Minnehaha Creek bridge to the Carousel; illegal driving on the turf by the south parking lot, and the dumping of trash at the far end of this parking lot. Ms. Pittleman reported that the latter incident was witnessed and reported by a former policeman who regularly walks his Great Dane in the area.

The new Glen Echo Partnership is planning a six-month series of celebrations, which will include a "Gala" dance in September 2003.

Mayor Debbie Beers relayed a complaint from a town resident about excessive parking by construction workers on streets at the north end of town. Ms. Pittleman said she had already spoken with the construction foreman, and that in addition the re-opening of parking along the old trolley line should alleviate congestion.

--John Wells

ADVENTURE THEATRE

A Little House Christmas

To December 22

Weekends at 1:30 and 3:30

Tickets: \$6.00 Call 301-320-5331

THE PUPPET THEATRE

The Nutcracker

Through December 29

Wednesday through Friday, 10:00 & 11:30

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Tickets: \$6.00 Call 301-320-6668

***Special performances Dec. 26, 27, 28, & 29. No performances Dec. 23, 24, or 25 at 11:30 & 1:00.**

VICTORIAN GREETING CARD WORKSHOP AT CLARA BARTON

An excellent opportunity to make a Victorian-style greeting card with your own photo is being offered at the Clara Barton National Historic Site on Oxford Rd. on four dates this month and next.

Participants will be photographed and then use their photograph to make a card in the style Clara Barton used a century ago. The workshops are free and open to all ages, but adult supervision is required for children. Participants may keep their card.

Samples of the greetings sent by Miss Barton to her friends will be displayed.

The workshops take place on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 30, Dec. 1, Dec. 7 and Dec. 8 at 11:00, 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. To sign up for a workshop call 301-492-6245.

The house will also be open for free guided tours starting on the hour between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.