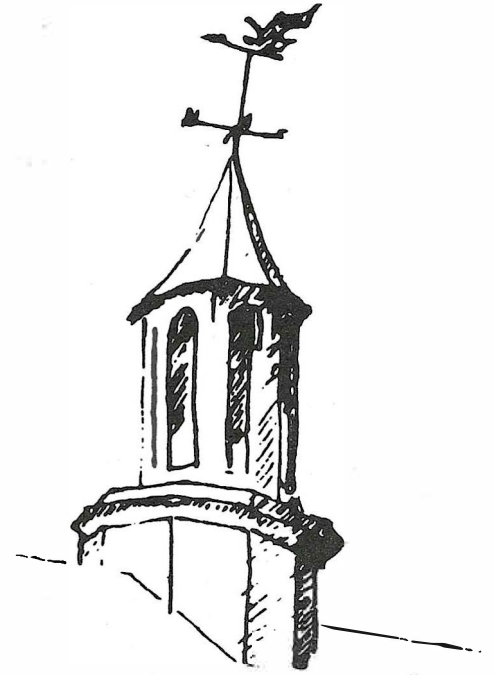


The Echo

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February 2002

PARK RECONSTRUCTION FINALLY UNDERWAY

By Peter Somerville

On a glorious Saturday afternoon in January, county executive Douglas Duncan invited all those who had helped to bring about the start of the \$19 million renovation of Glen Echo Park to a ground-breaking ceremony at the park.

Speeches from Duncan, senators Paul Sarbanes and Barbara Mikulski, congresswoman Constance Morella, state senator Brian Frosch and delegate William Bronrott, county councilors, and the National Park Service regional director Terry Carlstrom told how the park was now not "A Story of Survival" but more "A Story of Revival".

Summer 2003 was predicted as the finish of the single largest part of the project, the rebuilding of the North Arcade and the refurbishment of the Spanish Ballroom. To laughter and applause from the audience, Sen. Mikulski booked the first tango with county executive Duncan at the inaugural dance in the ballroom.

In the audience were Mayor Beers and Glen Echo Town Council members Eve Arber, Nancy Long, and Tom Lorenzen, who were acknowledged as representing the local population and as major contributors to the success of the project.

After the speeches a long line of golden shovels awaited the dignitaries, including the town council contingent and a number of small children. At the count of 1-2-3 from Duncan shovelfuls of dirt flew into the air symbolizing the start of the reconstruction.

Back in the tent set up next to the playground the children concentrated on demolishing an array of cakes.

Demolition of the North Arcade starts on Monday, Feb. 4.

BOTANIC GARDEN TOUR RESCHEDULED

The scheduled tour of the U.S. Botanic Garden on Saturday, Jan. 19 by executive director Holly Shimizu had to be canceled because of snow.

Holly, a Bryn Mawr Ave. resident, has rescheduled the tour for Saturday, Feb. 9, at 11:00 a.m. She will personally escort Glen Echo residents on an hour-long tour of the conservatory's exhibits.

Residents should meet at the visitors desk inside the front door of the conservatory, which is located at 100 Maryland Ave. S.W. at the foot of the U.S. Capitol building.

Parking is scarce, so residents are encouraged to take Metrorail's Orange or Blue line to Federal Center SW or Capitol South stations.

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NOTICE

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.

FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT

December, 2001

Safety First Electrical (wiring)	\$235.00
Knopf & Brown (legal)	\$403.66
Landscape Projects (landscaping)	\$840.00
Waste Management (bulk pickup)	\$550.88

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

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FREE GIANT PUMPKIN SEEDS

By Andy Malmgren

What is orange, ugly and weighs more than a baby elephant? A Giant Atlantic Pumpkin. Interested in trying to grow a giant pumpkin this summer?

I have packets of seeds harvested from the 120 lb. pumpkin I grew last summer. The current world record for a single giant pumpkin is over 1,400 lbs.

Drop me an E-mail if you would like free seeds—malmgren@gis.net

Not sure how to grow a giant pumpkin? Starting in March, *The Echo* will feature a series of monthly articles outlining the pumpkin growing process and general gardening information.

Several town residents have already expressed interest. Perhaps Glen Echo will become the Giant Pumpkin Capital of the World!



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CONSTRUCTION TO START ON PARK'S NORTH ARCADE

By Tom Helf

Selective demolition of the North Arcade of Glen Echo Park is slated for the beginning of February, the park's on-site manager Karen Pittleman reported at the January Town Council meeting.

Monarch Construction, the general contractor for the park renovations, will bring its construction trailer to the park on January 22, she said, and will use the miniature golf course grounds as its staging area. As a result of its work on the North Arcade, Monarch will be cordoning off the open area between the stone tower and the ramp to the park ranger's office.

Most of the work will be done on the west part of the North Arcade so Adventure Theatre will remain open during this phase of renovations.

Ms. Pittleman also reported that Monarch will begin renovating the concession stand of the Spanish Ballroom in February. The work will necessitate closing part of the adjacent playground for the time being, but Monarch hopes to complete its work by the time the Carousel opens in May.

So far only a small portion of the playground, involving a seesaw, has been enclosed by a chain link fence and children are still enjoying all other equipment.

Work on the Spanish Ballroom is scheduled to begin in spring and reopen in summer, 2003. During its closure, dances will be held in the Bumper Car Pavilion, which has been restored during the past five years by 500 volunteers contributing 10,000 work hours.

LADIES OF GLEN ECHO

You are invited to a Ladies Night

*at Elaine Bodlander's
36 Wellesley Circle*

Wednesday, February 20, 8:00 p.m.

Please RSVP 301-229-5520

CLASSIFIED ADS

DELIGHTFUL WATERFRONT HOUSE for rent in South Bethany, Del. by a Glen Echo resident. 5 min. walk from beach, 3 bedrooms, 2/5 baths. Washer, dryer, air conditioning, screen porch, boat dock. Sleeps 8. Call Connor-Jacosen, 1-800-543-5550 and ask for the Hewitt house. Available May through August.

HOUSE FOR RENT: Three bedrooms, two full, two half baths, dining room, family room, sitting room, large finished lower level room, private patio, low/no maintenance yard. Interior to be painted to renter's specifications, some new carpeting. Non-smokers. 21 Wellesley Circle, available Apr. 1. 301-229-7032.

APARTMENT OR ROOM WANTED: Quiet non-smoking female professional seeks apartment or shared housing with kitchen privileges. Have no pets but am animal-friendly. Can supply references and recent credit report. Long-time Montgomery County resident. (301) 437-3101.

SNOW SHOVELING: if you want your sidewalk, driveway or walkway shoveled when it snows please call Spenser Steele, 301-229-0241.

WATERCOLOR CLASSES. Small, friendly classes for adults. All levels, including complete beginners. Held in teacher's Victorian house in Garrett Park. Martha Seigel, MFA, The American University. 21 years teaching experience. Call 301-946-5388.

WALLPAPERING: I would like to recommend Richard Studley as someone who does a fine job of wallpapering. He is very pleasant to work with, reliable, and his prices are fair. His number is 703-796-1900. Or call me, Carlotta Anderson, at 301-229-3748.

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.

TOWN HALL GETTING A NEW COAT OF PAINT

By Tom Helf

For the first time in several years, the Glen Echo Town Hall will be re-painted in its entirety. At the January Town Council meeting, the Council unanimously voted to award the Town Hall painting contract to Studentbiz.net, a local residential and commercial painting company.

The bid was for \$6,628 for the town hall interior and \$11,996 for the exterior.

Brian Gummel, a representative of Studentbiz.net, attended the council meeting and gave a comprehensive and thoughtful presentation to the council, including a line by line explanation of his company's bid.

Painting on the interior of the hall has begun and was expected to take about one week to complete. Painting on the exterior will begin when the weather gets warm in early spring. The exterior painting job will include the hall sign and fence.

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YOU CAN GROW A CLARA BARTON REDBUD

The Historic Trees Nursery, a nonprofit conservation program, is selling "Clara Barton Redbud" saplings. The saplings are grown from seed gathered from a Redbud tree outside Miss Barton's Glen Echo home.

Historic Trees also sells saplings with "roots" to other famous people and events. <http://www.historictrees.org> or 1-800-320-TREE (8733).

--Andy Malmgren

PROPERTIES ON THE MARKET

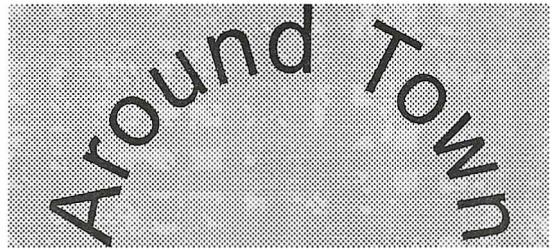
47 Wellesley Circle (rent)	\$2,000/mo.
5906 Oxford Rd. (rent)	\$3,000/mo.

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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.



Michelle Wells of Bryn Mawr Ave. was the star at two performances of the William Luce play, "The Belle of Amherst" last month. The one-woman play was written for Julie Harris and is based on the life of poet Emily Dickinson. The performances took place at the National Presbyterian Church and the Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church...

New white lines have been painted by the county to separate the **resurfaced bicycle path** from MacArthur Blvd. and logos of bicycles have been painted on the path itself as safety measures...

The town is trying to get the county transportation department to replace the **stanchions separating the roadway from the bike path** at the MacArthur/Goldsboro traffic circle with more substantial poles. The type currently in place have frequently been knocked over by cars in the past. Town councilman Tom Lorenzen and resident Diana Hudson-Taylor have repeatedly requested that bright yellow heavy duty plastic stanchions like those on Goldsboro near Bradley Blvd. be used...

Enough snow fell on Saturday, Jan. 19 for Aleya Khalifa and Allegra, Bram, and Miles Wilson to construct **three snowmen** on the grassy section of the parking lot at Glen Echo Park...

The Montgomery County police are still waiting for fingerprint analysis from the **break-in and vandalism** that occurred at the Glen Echo Baptist Church last month...

No one has claimed any of the **abandoned bicycles** found by Glen Echo residents and advertised in *The Echo* last month...

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 11---8:00 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

Contact the mayor to add an item to the agenda

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.

FREE HALL EVENTS FOR GLEN ECHO RESIDENTS

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

- Thursday, Feb. 7, 9:00 a.m.-2:00p.m.—Welcome to Washington Program**
- Thursday, Feb. 7, 7:00-10:00 p.m.—American Indian Intertribal Council**
- Sunday, Feb. 10, 3:30 p.m.—Folklore Society Family Dance**
- Saturday, Feb. 23, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby**

Every Wednesday, 8:00-10:30 p.m. —English Country Dance. Live music. No experience or partner needed.

CLARA BARTON CHILDREN'S CENTER ACCEPTING MORE KINDERGARTNERS

The Clara Barton Center for Children is adding another Kindergarten Enrichment class beginning the 2002-2003 school year. The kindergarten enrichment program serves as a complement to the Bannockburn and Wood Acres Public School half-day kindergarten classes.

Adding an additional class will help relieve some of the demand for these programs, which has grown considerably over the years.

Children are transported between elementary schools and the enrichment program on Montgomery County school buses. Children may enroll in the program for three, four or five days a week.


To receive an application, contact CBCC at 301-229-0805.

TALK ON CLARA BARTON'S INFLUENCE ON WOMEN

In conjunction with Women's History Month, the Clara Barton National Historic Site will present a 45-minute talk on Miss Barton's influence on women at the turn of the century on Saturday and Sunday, Mar. 2 & 3 from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

There will also be an exhibit of photos of Miss Barton as a young lady, during the Civil War Years, in Europe, and at her home in Glen Echo. 5801 Oxford Rd.

The event is free and all ages are welcome.



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Tuesday--**RECYCLABLES**, including plastic, metal and glass, and all paper. Newspapers tied or in paper grocery bags. Mixed paper except phone books and hardback books in paper bags or small cardboard boxes. Large cardboard boxes flattened to fit in narrow side bins of recycling truck.

Wednesday--**GARDEN REFUSE**, cut into four-foot lengths and tied, placed in compostable leaf/grass bags, or in a large trash container labeled "Recycling" and used only for yard waste.

Last Friday of the month--**BULK PICKUP**--heavy or large quantity of discards. There are no more special pickups. All large quantities of trash and heavy trash are picked up at this time.

If you have any trash or recycling pick up problems call Waste Management directly at 301-340-0774 and ask for Dispatch.

NATIVE AMERICAN FLUTIST PERFORMS SATURDAY, FEB. 9

Kathleen Joyce-Grendahl will present a mixed concert of selections for classical flute and traditional Native American flute playing on Saturday, Feb. 9 at the Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 5500 Massachusetts Ave. (across from the Little Falls Library).

The event begins at 7:00 p.m. and is free.
For more information call 301-229-2800.

URBAN SAFARI EXHIBITION OPENS AT DISCOVERY CREEK

"Urban Safari" is the name of the new weekend programs at Discovery Creek Children's Museum at the Stable at Glen Echo Park.

Visitors will meet a live opossum, pigeons, insects and other animals that make their home in the urban environment.

Hours are Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m and Sunday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Admission is \$4 for non-members, \$3 for members and seniors. Under 2 free.

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 Every Saturday, swing dancing, 9:00-midnight
 Every Sunday, contras, square and folk dances
 Sunday afternoon tea dances, 3:30-6:00:
 First & third Sundays, waltzes,
 Second Sundays, western swing dances
 Fourth Sundays, cajun and zydeco

THE PUPPET THEATRE

The Velveteen Rabbit
 Through February 24
Cinderella

February 27-April 14

Wednesday through Friday, 10:00 & 11:30

Saturdays & Sundays, 11:30 & 1:00

Tickets: \$5 Call 301-320-6668

ADVENTURE THEATRE

Rapunzel

Through February 24

Weekends at 1:30 and 3:30

Tickets: \$6.00 Call 301-320-5331

GLEN ECHO PARK GALLERY IN THE OLD STONE TOWER

The Carousel Show: A Look at the Restoration Work
 February-March

Saturday & Sunday, noon-5:00 p.m.

OTHER PARK NEWS

- Because of the ongoing renovations at Glen Echo Park, the Park Police have moved out of their offices in the North Arcade to a location in Northern Virginia. The new contact phone number for the Park police is 703-285-1000.
- The National Park Services has suspended use of various parts of its website, including on-line registration for classes at the park. Those who wish to register for classes should continue to use the catalog, copies of which are available at the park.
- Delays continue to hamper the preparation of the cooperative agreement that will govern operations at the park after the National Park Service relinquishes control. Mayor Debbie Beers, one of the members of the board that will run park operations, will have access to and the opportunity to comment on the cooperative agreement before it is signed.
- The Park Service has been granted a funding increase of \$300,000 for the operation of the Clara Barton House. The increased funding will permit the Clara Barton House to hire three new employees and prepare for re-accreditation by the American Association of Museums.

--Tom Helf



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