

# The Echo

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### COUNCIL APPROVES \$300,000 BUDGET FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR

By Rex Rhein

At its May 31st meeting, the town council unanimously voted to approve a budget of \$299,762.50 for the fiscal year beginning July 1st. The amount was \$58,000 more than proposed by Mayor Beers in her May 12th letter to town residents, which itself was \$33,535.50 more than the current year's budget.

The most significant increase was for street paving, which was increased from \$20,000 budgeted for this year to \$100,000 in FY 2001-02. One change from the mayor's proposed budget was to include street repairs to Oberlin and Tulane Aves., which the council had earlier recommended be delayed until next year because of unfinished work at Glen Echo Park that might involve the streets.

Councilmember Tim Maloy, who is in charge of street maintenance, said Oberlin and Tulane Aves. are in "desperate need" of repairs. Also, he said it would be less expensive in the long run to let out a contract that included the "other side" of town rather than to break it into two separate contracts.

Prior to the meeting, former council member Norman Bernhardt hand-delivered an "open letter" to the mayor and council expressing his "strong doubts" about the pavement assessment study prepared by A. Morton Thomas and Associates (ATM), consulting engineers, which had estimated a cost of \$89,206.50 to make repairs to all the town's streets. Mr. Bernhardt wanted to know what Mr. Thomas' qualifications were, noting that "when I happened to run into

him by chance, he seemed to be very young and inexperienced." Mayor Beers commented that when he was a member of the council, Mr. Bernhardt had not objected to hiring Mr. Thomas.

ATM is proposing to prepare the construction drawings and bid documents for the town for a fee of \$5,100, send out bid packages to contractors for \$1,000, and provide construction phases services on an hourly basis for \$65 per hour.

Other increases from Mayor Beers' proposal are as follows:

- \* \$10,000 instead of \$5,000 for administration. Clerk-Treasurer Stacey Malmgren noted that the town's copier machine was old and may need replacing. The amount of \$10,000 was budgeted for the current year, but only \$5,127.99 was spent as of April.

- \* \$4,000 instead of \$3,000 for auditing and accounting. Although the town has changed auditors from James Brandon to Dennis Alexander of Gaithersburg, who is expected to be less expensive, "transition costs" may require an extra budgeted amount for next year, Ms. Malmgren told *The Echo*.

- \* \$5,500 instead of \$5,000 for insurance and bonding.

- \* \$4,500 instead of \$4,000 for electricity (not including street lights).

- \* \$10,000 instead of \$7,000 for street lights.

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## NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 9—8:00 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

Contact the mayor to add an item to the agenda

## GLEN ECHO-ANS ENJOY ANNUAL TOWN PICNIC

By Michele Wells

The annual Glen Echo town picnic was held Sunday evening, June 10th, on the lawn in front of Town Hall. About 55-60 residents gathered to enjoy a dinner of grilled burgers and hot dogs, provided by the town, as well as an assortment of delicious side dishes and desserts brought by those attending.

Clerk/Treasurer **Stacey Malmgren** festively decorated the event in red, white and blue and provided a bucket of summer fun, consisting of sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, bubbles, and beach balls for the youngest town residents to amuse themselves.

Harvard Avenue was blocked off to through traffic between MacArthur Blvd. and University Ave.

**Tom Lorenzen** and **Peter Zeidenberg** served as grill masters; set-up help was provided by **Stacey** and **Andy Malmgren**, **Tom** and **Laura Lorenzen**, and **Michele**, **India** and **Charlie Wells**. Staying to help with clean-up assistance were **Jerry** and **Elaine Bodlander**, **Julia Wilson**, **Constance Macy**, **Eve Arber**, **Ed Hunter**, **Angie Zeidenberg**, **Stacey** and **Andy Malmgren**, and **Tom** and **Laura Lorenzen**.

## ATTENTION!

The Cabin John Bridge between Glen Echo and Cabin John will be closed to pedestrians and vehicles from July 1-November 30 for reconstruction.

## RESIDENTS ATTACK OVERGROWTH ON FIRST TOWN TO WORK DAY

By Michele Wells

Twelve town residents equipped with weed whackers, clippers, gloves, and recycle bags gathered on Sunday afternoon, June 10, to help clear away the overgrown portions of the old trolley right-of-way on Glen Echo's first Town to Work Day.

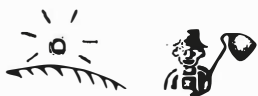
The volunteers split their efforts between two primary green space areas. Between Princeton and Yale Aves. they cleared away ground overgrowth, and by Wellesley Circle and Cornell Ave. they removed creeping ivy from trees bordering MacArthur Blvd.

Resident volunteer **Peter Somerville** stated that town contractor, Mark Peyton, had informed him that creeping ivy climbing the trees could cause strangulation and should therefore be removed.

Biking around the town in attendance with their parents' volunteer efforts were **Roseline** and **Liselotte Kuper** of Wellesley Circle, daughters of **Duyke** and **Bart Kuper**.

Other volunteers included **Eve Arber**, **Betsy Carpenter**, **James Gibney**, **Debbie Lange**, **Tom Helf**, **Elaine** and **Jerry Bodlander**, **Tom Lorenzen**, **Michele Wells**, and **Tim Maloy**. Councilman Maloy, who spearheaded the effort. said he was "very satisfied" with the first Town to Work Day. He added that in keeping with "our great tradition of town events" he felt a volunteer work day made a "nice adjunct to the town picnic."

It is his hope that given Glen Echo's strong sense of community responsibility, the Town to Work Day will become an annual if not bi-annual event.



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## BUDGET APPROVED (FROM PAGE 1)

\* \$17,000 instead of \$13,000 for landscaping, which will include a landscaped entrance to the town.

\* \$30,000 instead of \$25,000 for town hall maintenance, which will include painting and roofing. A low bid received for painting alone was \$10,000, Mayor Beers noted.

\* \$2,000 instead of \$1,000 for the town right-of-way, which will include a dedication ceremony and commemorative signs.

\* \$8,000 instead of \$6,000 for surveys of public spaces, which are estimated to require four hours per site visit.

\* \$1,000 instead of \$5,000 for community contributions. Mayor Beers said her original proposal was in error. As of April, the town had made no community contributions, and the mayor said it should not be the role of a town to make any, although the same amount as was budgeted for this year (\$1,000) is included as a contingency in case the council changes its mind.

Besides the increases from Mayor Beers' proposal, items in the budget that merited council discussion were:

\* \$12,000 for legal expenses, which are primarily for the town's continuing ordinance revision project, Mayor Beers explained.

\* \$1,500 for telephone charges. In the current fiscal year, the town spent \$1,400 through April. One resident had commented that this seemed high, Councilmember Maloy said. "I thought it did seem like a lot." An added fax line cost \$300 to install, Clerk-Treasurer Malmgren said.

\* \$1,500 for recreation, which is \$2,500 less than budgeted for the current year. Only \$606.89 was spent through April because the town did not hold the Millennium party as anticipated.

\* \$2,500 for street sweeping, even though only \$750 was spent through April this year, when the budgeted amount was \$3,500. The contractor has been slow to submit his bills, Ms.

Malmgren said.

\* \$5,000 for town hall improvements. Only \$525 was spent through April and \$20,000 was budgeted for this year. Last year, it was thought that \$20,000 was needed to meet Americans with Disability Act (ADA) requirements, but the town received a grant for this purpose, Mayor Beers said.


\* \$4,000 for the town's centennial celebration. Only \$183.16 was spent through April and the budgeted amount was \$2,500 for this year. Most of the speakers did not request honorariums, as anticipated, said Councilman Maloy.

The only changes to the estimate of town income for the next fiscal year were to the anticipated rent of the town hall. Instead of \$26,780 in rent for the Post Office, which is about what was collected in the current fiscal year, the town now expects at least another \$1,000 in FY 2001-02, raising the amount to \$27,780.

Also, the town collected \$3,010 for other town hall rentals in the current year, rather than the \$2,000 anticipated in the FY 2001-02 budget. So this amount has been raised from \$2,500 (in the Mayor's original proposal) to \$3,000. A \$50 line item for "security deposits" has been eliminated because no one knew what it was for.

The council unanimously supported the mayor's decision to continue the current tax rates for real estate (\$0.14 X \$100 of real property valuation) and for personal property used for business purposes (\$0.80 per \$100 of property valuation).

Other than the *Echo* reporter, no residents were present.



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Thanks to the efforts of concerned bus riders and local legislators, the N-7 bus route has been saved for at least one year. It was slated for termination.

The route runs from Montgomery Mall to Glen Echo and then down Massachusetts Ave. to the Federal Triangle. The fare is \$2.

In addition to the loyal passengers who organized a protest, the following legislators took action: Maryland State Sen. Brian Frosh, Del. Bill Bronrott, Del. Marilyn Goldwater, Del. Nancy Kopp, and District 1 Councilmember Howard A. Denis.

**The new schedule is as follows:**

**From Glen Echo: 6:46 a.m., 7:18 a.m., 7:41 a.m., 8:02 a.m., 8:26 a.m.**

**From 12<sup>th</sup> and Constitution: 4:41 p.m., 5:08 p.m., 5:28 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 6:14 p.m.**

**From K St. and 17<sup>th</sup>: 4:53 p.m., 5:20 p.m., 5:40 p.m., 5:58 p.m., 6:27 p.m.**



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## WELCOME, NEWCOMERS!

**Katharine Feehan** and **Richard Rainey Hoffman** have only semi-moved in to 6001 Yale Ave. and don’t expect to be fully settled in until next summer. That’s because they are hard at work restoring the house, as they have been since January. That’s when Katharine stood on the courthouse steps in Rockville and made the winning bid for the 124-year-old house at a foreclosure auction.

Katharine, who is a portfolio manager for the European and U.S. agency bond market at FreddieMac, still has an apartment in Cabin John. Richard is working for the Wilson-Sonsini law firm this summer, but will return to Charlottesville in fall for his last year at the University of Virginia studying law and urban planning. He expects to get his JD degree in 2002.

As a student of urban design, he lauds the “good design” of Glen Echo. He says the movement in urban design is away from large lots set back from the street with two-car garages in front and now embraces the concept of houses close to the street, with front porches, in a fairly dense configuration, with sidewalks to encourage pedestrian traffic. “This enhances the community feel,” he says. He is from New Orleans, and thinks Glen Echo has much of the same feel.

Katharine was born at the Columbia Hospital for Women in D.C., as was her father. She and Richard love the river and whitewater kayaking. Katharine does much volunteering for the Potomac Conservancy and was named “volunteer of the year” last year. She frequently runs on the towpath, or walks their dogs there--Mister Kelso, a lab, Angus, a “black dog,” and Andelys, a terrier-mutt from France whom they insist is bilingual.

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## HAPPY ARRIVAL ON WELLESLEY CIRCLE

Emily Caitlin McGraw, weighing six pounds, 12 ounces, moved from Sibley Hospital to 50 Wellesley Circle after her June 11 birth. She joined Michael, 6, and Tyler, 3, making “quite a handful” for parents, Tracie and David McGraw.

She has light brown hair and is gaining weight fast.

Tracie is the daughter of Kathryn Hoye and grew up in Glen Echo.

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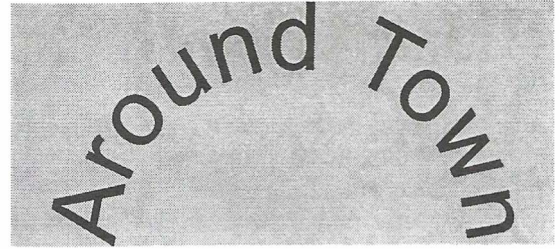
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- By a vote of 376-32, the U.S. House of Representatives last month approved \$2.4 million for the continued **renovation and restoration of Glen Echo Park**. Congresswoman Connie Morella had requested the federal funding from the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee. Over the past two years, Congresswoman Morella has obtained \$4 million in federal funding for the restoration of the park...

- The National Park Service has formally adopted a **management plan for Glen Echo Park** in which the NPS will cede major long-term maintenance duties to a volunteer board of directors. NPS has indicated that it cannot count on sufficient federal funding to properly maintain the park and that an outside entity might do a better job. It estimates it will need an estimated \$1.6 million over the next 15 years in addition to the three-year, \$18.9 million state-county-federal funding already promised.

Under the plan, NPS would retain some oversight of park activities, but maintenance costs would be the responsibility of the still unnamed board of directors.

The Town of Glen Echo has expressed opposition to the plan, citing concerns about increased commercialization and traffic...

- The bike path and MacArthur Blvd. have been resurfaced and work was scheduled to begin on repairs to the **Cabin John (Union Arch) Bridge** at the beginning of July. It will be closed to all traffic (including pedestrians) for four or five months while the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers replaces the red sandstone parapet walls, replaces the asphalt road deck and installs a higher divider between the roadway and the pedestrian walkway. An alternative route for vehicles is the Clara Barton Parkway...
- As a town bulletin indicated, the **vegetation cutback deadline** in Glen Echo was June 15. Mark Peyton has started cutting back vegetation that extends over town sidewalks and was not cut down by the resident at the adjoining property. He will note the address of the violator...

## COUNCIL CONSIDERS FEE RISE FOR TOWN HALL

By Jerry Bodlander

It costs a lot less to use the Glen Echo Town Hall than similar facilities in the area.

Councilwoman Eve Arber has begun a survey of other facilities that are rented out. She found that most places charge \$100 an hour without a kitchen, and \$150 per hour with a kitchen.

Some halls can only be rented out in eight-hour blocks, although Councilwoman Arber said there is often room for negotiation.

The most expensive location was the Chevy Chase Women's Club, which charges \$1,400 to use its facilities for eight hours.

Councilmembers said it is clear the town hall is priced below the market. But they also noted some of the other places are slightly larger and offer some amenities not found at our town hall.

Councilwoman Nancy Long said an hourly rate for use of the town hall is impractical, and that the town hall's purpose isn't to make money.

## CONTRACT TO OVERSEE STREET REPAIRS APPROVED

By Jerry Bodlander

The Town Council last month approved an \$8,500 contract with A. Morton Thomas and Associates to oversee the street repairs recommended in the pavement assessment of earlier this year.

Matthew Willems of A. Morton Thomas said his company would make sure the town gets what it's paying for.

He acknowledged the town might have a little difficulty getting bids for the project because it is so small.

Mr. Willems said he's hoping the work can be completed by the winter.

Council members expressed the desire for the work to be finished by late summer or early fall.

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## TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

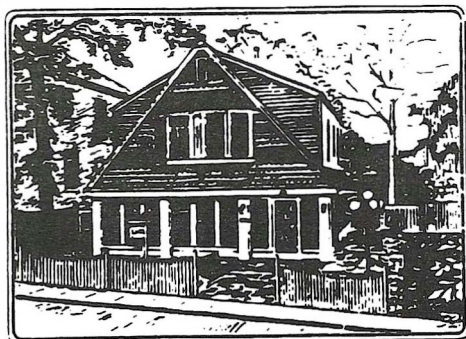
June 11

- Mayor Beers suggested that the town draft a statement about the issues that concern it regarding the **new plan for Glen Echo Park** and give it to the county council to pass on to the county executive. However, Councilman Howard Dennis told her he thinks the county council won't have any input into the negotiations about the future of the park. Councilwoman Long said a variety of issues have to be worked out between the park service and the county, including security, maintenance, lifecycle maintenance, concessions, insurance, trash removal, and operation and maintenance of the carousel. They will meet on June 27 with County Council member Marilyn Praisner, who is in charge of issues relating to the park, to see whether such a letter is warranted.
- The town council agreed to let Norman Bernhardt be the **town handyman** at the rate of \$45/hr. Councilmembers made clear that Mr. Bernhardt would be doing very minor maintenance and that larger projects would be handled by outside contractors. Clerk/Treasurer Stacey Malmgren said it is very hard to find someone willing to do some of the small jobs that the town needs taken care of.

--Jerry Bodlander

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# GLEN ECHO PARK ACTIVITIES

## PARK ASKS DOG OWNERS TO KEEP PETS ON LEASH

Glen Echo Park is asking dog owners to keep their dogs on a leash while they're in the park, including the big grassy area near the parking lot.

Site manager Karen Pittleman reminds owners to clean up after their dogs.

She said it has become a real problem, with some people becoming "very belligerent" and "very defiant" when they're asked to abide by the leash laws.

She said says it's a problem throughout the park, but especially in the grassy area.

## RENOVATION AT PARK UNDERWAY, BUT LATE

A variety of construction work is underway at Glen Echo Park. It includes concrete work as well as placing telecommunications cable underground near the north arcade, site manager Karen Pittleman told the town council last month.

At one time, she said, three backhoes were working in the park.

Ms Pittleman also said the construction schedule at the park is changing.

There will be dancing at the Spanish Ballroom until spring. The original plan was for the ballroom to be closed to dancing after Labor Day. In addition, the demolition of the north arcade won't take place until October or November at the earliest. It had been scheduled for September.

Town council members expressed concern about how the backhoes were entering the park and whether town roads were being hurt.

--Jerry Bodlander




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## DONORS NEEDED FOR JULY 15 BLOOD DRIVE

Blood supplies are always very low in the summer and supplies last summer were so low that elective surgeries had to be postponed, according to the American Red Cross.

A joint Glen Echo/Cabin John/Bannockburn/Carderock Springs Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, July 15th from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Clara Barton Community Center on 75th St. in Cabin John.


Glen Echo residents are encouraged to participate in this blood drive. If each community provides 20 donors, the drive will be a success.

Those of you who are willing to donate blood are asked to call or e-mail Burr Gray 703-607-2740 (w), or [burr.gray@alum.dartmouth.org](mailto:burr.gray@alum.dartmouth.org) to set up a convenient time. Sign-up times are in 15 minute increments: 10:00, 10:15, 10:30, etc. The actual blood donation process, from sign-in to eating the cookies on the way out takes about one hr.

Having reserved a time means you won't have to wait when you get to the Community Center.

Volunteers are also needed to man the sign-in desk for one hour periods on July 14th and to help publicize the event and make reminder phone calls to the signed-up donors. Finally, it would be nice to have some tasty cookies or breads for the 65 or 70 blood donors to snack on when they are done. Please let Burr Gray know if you are willing to help with any of these items.

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