

The Echo

The Town of GLEN ECHO, MARYLAND Chartered, 1904



June 2001

CENSUS SHOWS 39 IS THE TOWN'S MEDIAN AGE

Glen Echo has 242 residents, according to the just received census report. Of these, 126 are male and 116 female, according to the "Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000".

There are 17 residents under five years and 18 who are over 65, with a median age of 39 years.

Racially, 232 residents described themselves as white, six as African American and three as Asian, plus one of "some other race." Four said they were Hispanic or Latino.

The average household size was 2.66 persons, and the average family size (with children) was 3.00.

Census takers recorded only 93 housing units, although many Glen Echoans say they have counted 100 houses. Of the 93, two are recorded as unoccupied. Owner-occupied housing units totaled 76, with 15 renter-occupied units.

The census recorded 234 residents in 1990, 229 in 1980, and 297 in 1970. The 1910 census, the first since the town was incorporated in 1904, counted 203. The town's residential high point was 1940, with 395 residents.

BEERS, LORENZEN AND ARBER ELECTED TO OFFICE

Mayor Debbie Beers was reelected in the Town of Glen Echo election May 7, and Tom Lorenzen and Eve Arber were elected to the town council, replacing Michael Brintnall and Norman Bernhardt. The latter ran for mayor in this election.

The vote tally was:

Mayor: Debbie Beers, 92; Norman Bernhardt, 20
Councilmember: Tom Lorenzen, 62; Eve Arber, 61,
Michael Brintnall, 57, Speke Wilson, 40.

The number of voters was typical. There were 115 voters in May 1999, when there was no mayoral election, and 112 in May, 1997. Since the most recent census figures show 181 residents over 19 years of age (voting age), it appears that nearly two-thirds of the eligible voters cast their ballot, quite an impressive number.

Election officials were Tina Quinn, temporarily replacing Betty Briggs as Supervisor of the Board of Elections, Lee Clune, Dorothy Lumsden, and Michele Wells, temporarily replacing Susan Grigsby.

Councilmembers Lorenzen and Arber were sworn in at the May 14 town council meeting. Mayor Beers was sworn in previously in Rockville.

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THANKS

Mayor Debbie Beers announced at the May town council meeting that she and the town in general would like to thank Michael Brintnall and Norman Bernhardt for their service on the town council and that she and the entire community appreciate their contributions.

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 11—8:00 p.m.
 Glen Echo Town Hall
 Contact the mayor to add an item to the agenda

MORE THANKS

Echo editor Carlotta Anderson, and assistant editor Diana Hudson-Taylor, would like to express much thanks to the following, who volunteered as reporters on town council news from June-May 2001, and all of whom have volunteered to continue another year:

Jerry Bodlander, David Chitwood, Tom Helf, Jake Quinn, Anne Lewis, Rob Howe, Bonnie Whyte, Phyllis Fordham, Michele Wells, and Rex Rhein.

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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 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.

Looking for a life changing experience this summer?

Come to Glen Echo Baptist Church, where you will be educated as to what God's Word means. All teaching is straight from the Bible.

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

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

DILEMMA OVER REPAIRS ON OBERLIN, TULANE AVES.

By Rob Howe

The southeast section of town was promised street repairs last year and they should not have them delayed any longer, Mayor Debbie Beers told the town council last month. On the other hand, Glen Echo Park construction in that area is scheduled for late this year and could disrupt any repairs made on Oberlin and Tulane Aves.

Councilman Tom Lorenzen said the more repairs are put off, the more expensive they will be. He asked whether the work could be bid and promised now, but it was pointed out that if park repairs degrade the road further, it would change the nature of the work.

The original estimate by A. Morton Thomas & Associates Consulting Engineers for repaving the entire town was \$1 million. The council had decided to go ahead on an estimate of \$89,000 for limited repairs, leaving out an estimated \$36,000 for the section of town by the park. That portion is a large chunk of the cost, but that is because it has not been repaired for so long.

Councilman Tim Maloy thought the best thing would be to solicit bids for the park side contingent on the park construction, but Councilwoman Eve Arber noted that companies may not want to bid on such a relatively small job contingent on construction.

Mayor Beers proposed further consideration and a vote after the May 31 budget hearing. The council also scheduled the A. Morton Thomas representative to attend either that meeting or the June council meeting for further clarification.



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TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

May 14

Councilwoman Nancy Long said she objected that the **cooperative agreement negotiation process** between the park and the county will not be open to the public. She was concerned that the cooperative agreement meetings are probably going to set up a working group, which might not include any citizen or civic participation. Another concern is that possible commercial uses of the park may come up during the cooperative agreement meetings, for example, renting out the Spanish Ballroom for private events...

Mayor Beers announced that Bonnie Whyte has volunteered to chair the **Centennial Committee**...

The council is considering **raising fees for town hall use**. Clerk/Treasurer Malgren will call around to get a sense of what other facilities are charging...

Mayor Beers pointed out that someone is needed to **take over town hall maintenance, as well as animal control, vehicle control, and long-range planning**, including reform of the budget process to include a capital budget where everything needing to be done to the town hall over the next 10 years would be surveyed and worked into the budgeting process. She noted that this had not been accomplished over the last four years. She said she would like the town hall to be painted soon...

The council decided not to separately meter the **utilities for the post office** and instead charge additional rent based on an estimate of what the utilities would be, since that would simplify the process...

The council appointed Dennis T. Alexander as **town auditor**...

--Rob Howe

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.

The easiest alternate route for vehicles traveling on MacArthur Blvd. is taking the access road to the Clara Barton Parkway next to the Inn at Glen Echo and exiting the Parkway at Cabin

FREE HALL EVENTS FOR GLEN ECHO RESIDENTS

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

Thursday, June 7, 7:00-10:00 p.m. American Indian Inter-Tribal Council meeting

Sunday, June 24, 3:30-6:00 p.m.—Folklore Society Family Dance

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.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL AND SINGING GROUP

The Annual Strawberry Festival of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer on Dunrobbin Dr. will be held Saturday, June 9, from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. It will feature strawberry shortcake, collectibles, silent auction, Moonbounce, games and more.

That night at 8:00 p.m. the Church will be presenting The New Century Singers in "A Little Traveling Music—Close to Home," featuring the music of seven local composers and arrangers. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12.

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Heather Cottage

Financial Planning

Volunteers Wanted!

The Town of Glen Echo will hold a
"Town to Work Day,"
June 10 (the day of the picnic),
 in order to clear overgrown portions
 of the right-of-way former trolley tracks.

**Time: Sun, June 10, from 12:30 to
 3:30 p.m.**
**to be followed by the Town
 Summer Picnic at 5:30 p.m.**

Bring rakes, bow saws, tree branch loppers, shovels,
 and work gloves.
 (town will provide trash and yard waste bags.)

Also, we will be doing street striping at various
 intersections.

Volunteers wanted (and needed.) Contact council
 member T.K.Maloy, at:
 timmaloy@aol.com

GLEN ECHO TOWN PICNIC

Sunday, June 10, 5:30-7:00 p.
 m.

Town Hall Lawn (in case of rain,
 inside)

Please bring a dish or dessert to share
 Hot dogs, burgers, and lemonade
 provided

A great opportunity to meet your
 neighbors!

Please call Stacey Malmgren at 301-

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ALL PLEDGES NOW IN HAND FOR PLAYGROUND AT PARK

The final corporate pledge for the new playground at Glen Echo Park has been received .

Both corporate and civic donations have continued to roll in since the playground was erected last spring by a hearty group of community volunteers.

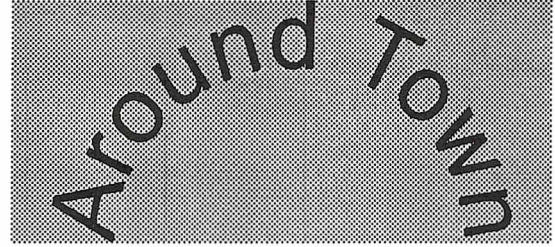
While the Playground Committee of the Glen Echo Park Foundation is especially grateful to those citizens of Glen Echo, Bannockburn, and Cabin John whose tireless efforts made the new playground a reality, we also want to recognize and thank the corporate and civic donors, whose generosity helped make it possible for us to install a new playground at Glen Echo Park.

In particular, we thank the **Glen Echo Park Foundation**, the **National Park Service**, the **Town of Glen Echo**, and **Fresh Fields Food** for major contributions.

We also thank:


Adventure Theatre
American Plant Food Company
Bannockburn Civic Association
Bannockburn Nursery School
Bethesda Co-op Food Store
Cabin John Citizen's Association
Case Design/Remodeling
Discovery Creek Children's Museum
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Hyatt Regency Hotel
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Sibley Memorial Hospital
Sodexo Marriott Corporation
The Inn at Glen Echo
The Picture Book Players
The Puppet Co.
Tom Manion Architects

And a special thanks to the many individuals who gave donations and volunteer hours. We couldn't have done it without you.



- Congresswoman Connie Morella last month requested \$2.4 million of federal funding in Fiscal Year 2002 for renovation and rehabilitation of Glen Echo Park. She also asked the House Appropriations Subcommittee for approval of National Park Service plans to stabilize and preserve the Monocacy Aqueduct in the C&O Canal National Historical Park.
- The Safeway supermarket on Sangamore Rd. has reopened after a major renovation. It includes a Starbucks coffee bar, Sun Trust Bank branch, Bergmann's dry cleaning service, bakery, full-service deli, one-hour photo finishing, fresh seafood department and floral center.
- The new BlackRock Center in Germantown will give that town a "heart" and help it establish a community identity, according to Betsy Platt in "A conversation with...Betsy Platt" in the May 25 issue of *The Gazette*. She is the newly-appointed president of the Center, which is scheduled to open next year. It will present a broad spectrum of arts programs and will include theaters, exhibition gallery, outdoor performance space and studios for art, dance, music and literature. Betsy, a resident of Yale Ave., believes in towns and villages and traditional community living, where people can walk to shop and work and school, the article said.

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CUTBACK DEADLINE JUNE 15

All vegetation growing across and over town sidewalks must be cut back by residents with sidewalks adjoining their property by the deadline of June 15.

After that date a landscape crew will complete the work, the cost of which can be assessed to the violator.

Town ordinances require that nothing should block town sidewalks, including trash cans or other objects.

Residents who are not sure if they are in compliance might see if they can walk the length of the sidewalk by their property without having to duck or move to the side.

LADIES OF GLEN ECHO

You are invited to a Ladies Night

*at Susan Grigsby's
7325 University Ave.*

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

Please RSVP 301-229-7735

ART IN ACTION JUNE 16

The Glen Echo Park Foundation in cooperation with the National Park Service will be presenting "Art in Action" at the Glen Echo Park on Saturday, June 16, from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

It will featuring free classes and demonstrations for all age groups in the visual arts, performing arts and social dance, including Irish step dancing.

The program is organized by Glen Echo resident Debbie Lange.

PARK SERVICE STUDYING OXFORD ROAD SPEEDING

By Rob Howe

A speed board sign has been placed on Oxford Road by the National Park Service so that motorists will be able to see how fast they are driving down towards the parking lot. There is no time set for how long the board will remain in place.

Glen Echo Park site manager Karen Pittleman told the town council last month that park police are watching the board to see whether it is a deterrent. They are also monitoring the stop sign on Oxford Rd.

The board does not provide a printout or other record of motorists' speed, nor are tickets being issued for speeding. Ms. Pittleman said the board is being used just to see how motorists are behaving. However, she said she would ask the park police if there could be any data gathering from the speed board.

When Mayor Debbie Beers asked whether the park had any problem with Glen Echo putting a speed bump on Oxford Rd. because of the question over whether the town or the NPS owns Oxford Rd., Ms. Pittleman said that Oxford Rd. and most of the sidewalk alongside it are included in the deed to NPS of the Clara Barton site. She said she would give the town a copy of the deed, and that the NPS could do no enforcement if it did not have jurisdiction over Oxford Rd.

The NPS does not oppose the town putting in traffic calming measures, she said, but Supt. Audrey Calhoun's hesitation was over a raised crosswalk versus a speed bump or something else.

Councilman Maloy said the town would be glad to supply the civil engineer's report and wishes to cooperate with the NPS.

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 Every Sunday, contras, square and folk dances
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 First & third Sundays, waltzes,
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June 2-July 1

FOLK FESTIVAL AND IRISH FESTIVALS CANCELLED

Due to expectations last fall that the park would be under major construction this summer, the sponsors of the Washington Folk Festival and the Glen Echo Irish Festival cancelled these events.

NO ROCKETS AT PARK, PLEASE

Rockets may not be launched from the Glen Echo Park parking lot, site manager Karen Pittleman announced. Park personnel found a rocket which had landed about three feet from the Clara Barton house, which is an entirely wood structure.

If any town residents have been involved in rocket launching at that site, they should be informed that it is a violation of the *Code of Federal Regulations*.



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