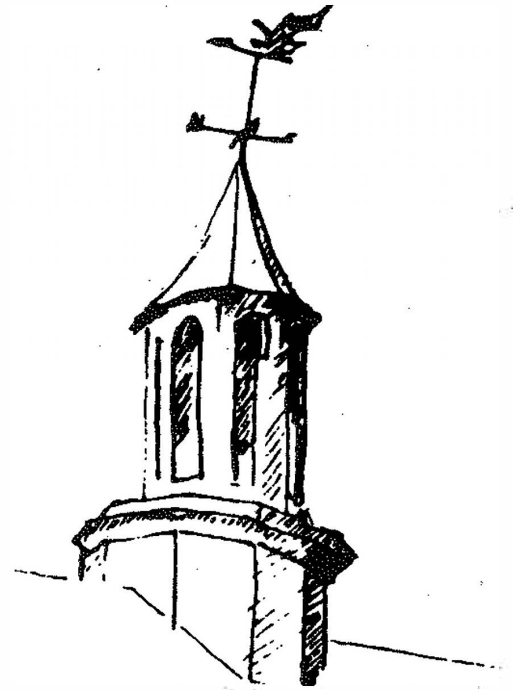


The Echo

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March 2005

TOWN CONSIDERING POSITION ON BLDG. HEIGHTS, SYCAMORE STORE By Peter Somerville

The highlights of the February Town Council meeting included discussions of proposed building and development legislation affecting zoning.

Councilmember Eve Arber gave a sparkling report on a hearing she had attended concerning the allowable heights of buildings. She described a proposal that involved trigonometry, averages, slopes, offsets, short houses, and tall houses, cellars, and basements and the various citizens associations which could not agree on a standard.

In regards to the proposed Sycamore Store historic site designation and change of zoning to allow a professional office to work out of it, there was firm agreement that the building should be preserved. The council felt that if the present proposal was not adopted, a residential purchaser would almost certainly demolish and build something new.

The town had been asked to formally support the proposal by writing to the county planners but there was concern expressed that by taking 'sides' the town would be offending some other local communities that had jurisdiction over the building.

On both the allowable heights of buildings and the Sycamore store issue the mayor indicated that she would contact the town attorney for advice on how the town should proceed.

MAYOR'S, COUNCIL SEATS TO BE VOTED ON MAY 5

A town election for the offices of the mayor and two town councilmembers will be held on Thursday, May 5 at the Glen Echo Town Hall from 5:00-9:00 p.m..

Mayor Debbie Beers has indicated that she plans to run again. Councilmember Eve Arber said she hasn't decided yet. There is no word yet from Councilmember Tim Maloy.

Candidates for these offices must have been town residents for at least one year prior to the election. They are not required to be U.S. citizens. Mayoral candidates must be at least 30 years of age; for council the age is 25 years. Term of office is four years. There is no salary.

Anyone wishing to run for office must file a written declaration of candidacy to the Clerk-Treasurer Cathie Polak by no later than 20 days prior to the election, April 15.

The Echo will publish statements from candidates in the April issue. They must arrive at the editor's desk by Mar. 25.

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 14—8:00 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

Contact the mayor to add an item to the agenda

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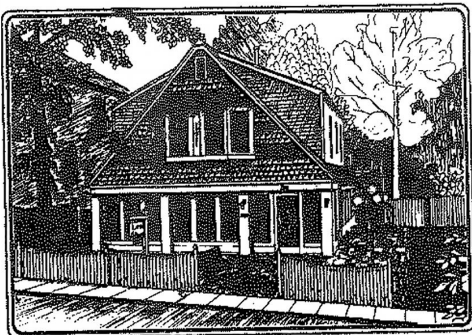
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CAROUSEL BOOK SIGNING, TALK AT TOWN HALL MAR. 20

Wellesley Circle resident Debbie Lange will talk about her new book, "Restoring the Glen Echo Park Carousel," on Mar. 20 at the Town Hall from 3:00-5:00 p.m. She will discuss the story behind the restoration and some of the interesting things artist Rosa Ragan discovered about the carousel during her restoration work.

The book, which contains over 500 color photographs, is priced at \$39.95 and is sold at Glen Echo Park as well as from the author's website. All proceeds go to support the carousel.

The author will be signing books at the event.

CARS OF RESIDENTS MUST HAVE MARYLAND LICENSE PLATES

Town residents are reminded that Title 13, Section 13-402 of the Maryland Code requires that all vehicles owned by a new resident of Maryland be registered in this State within 60 days of establishing residency. It has come to our attention that a number of new (and some not so new) Town residents have failed to comply with this requirement.

The Town's share of the State Highway Fund is calculated in part based on the number of vehicles registered in Glen Echo. Failure to register your vehicle in Maryland adversely affects the Town's revenue from this source. For this reason, we intend to be more proactive in reporting unregistered vehicles in the future. We request your cooperation in making such action unnecessary by registering any unregistered vehicles as soon as possible. Thank you.

The Town of Glen Echo

You are Invited to a ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Saturday, March 19, 7:00 p.m.
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TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

February 14

Car parking in the vicinity of the post office is still causing problems and it was suggested that the post office employees be asked to park in the post office parking lot rather than on the street or in the right of way spaces...

The mayor reported that the contract for town landscaping with Chapel Valley had been renewed, as their performance had been satisfactory...



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PLAQUE IN TOWN PARK HONORS DONOR HOUGHTON

The town park on Princeton Ave. was a gift to the town from the heirs of Dr. Harry W. Houghton, born in 1884. He was mayor of the town from 1919-20 and was the son of Arthur J. Houghton, born in 1858. They lived at 7300 University Ave. and are indicated in the 1900 census as being residents at that time.

The property was conveyed to the town in May, 1966, but no acknowledgement of the gift was ever posted at the park.

With the approval of the current town council, a brass plaque was ordered and finally affixed to the park bench in January, 2005, with the inscription: "This park was donated to the Town of Glen Echo in May, 1966 in memory of Dr. Harry W. Houghton, mayor from 1918-1920, by his family."

It was procured and attached by Jim and Carlotta Anderson

TEENAGE BICYCLIST HIT ON MACARTHUR

By Carlotta Anderson

A 13-year-old bicyclist was hit by a car and injured on Feb. 22 at 12:49 p.m. at the intersection of MacArthur Blvd. and Bannockburn Dr., according to the Montgomery County Police.

The girl, Corrinne Michelle Tucker, a resident of West Halbert Dr. in Bannockburn, was taken to Children's Hospital, where her injuries were determined to be minor.

Bicycling down Bannockburn Dr., she had stopped at the stop sign but then proceeded across MacArthur Blvd. without yielding to traffic. She was hit by a 2002 Honda van driven by an woman from Cabin John traveling southbound.

Nobody was charged in the accident..

WELCOME, NEWCOMER!

Sara Yassin, who moved in December to 6010 Princeton Ave., is a woman of a multitude of interests.

A part-time nurse in two Montgomery County surgery centers, she is also a Realtor who renovates houses in Loudon County. As a pilot, she flew multi-engine commercial twin-engine propeller planes until elements of the Patriot Act made it harder to fly.

She is a "work-out junkie," who has run 18 marathons, one each month in 1999.

She has a farm in Leesburg where she plans to do organic farming commercially and is studying viticulture in order to set up a winery. "Wine and grape growing is my big passion," she says.

Meanwhile, she re-did the kitchen and a bathroom in the Princeton Ave. house, which dates from 1880 and which she bought because she loves old houses. She says she always wanted to live in Cabin John or Glen Echo because she had the perception that people here are "very liberal" and because she wanted to be near the canal.

Sara graduated from Winston Churchill High School, then studied government at Boston College. But her fondness for the D.C. area lured her back and she finished up at Georgetown University.

She lives with three Jack Russell Terriers, Bethany, Maggie Sue and Willy (named after Pres. Clinton).

Welcome to Glen Echo!



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Holy Week & Easter 2005

Palm Sunday — The Sunday of the Passion, March 20

The Holy Eucharist 8 and 10 am. Music by David Halls and Johannes Brahms (at 10).

Maundy Thursday, March 24

6:00 pm Simple Supper of soup, bread and cheese.

7:30 pm The Holy Eucharist. Music by Nicholas de Grigny, Maurice Duruflé and William Byrd.

8:30 pm Prayer Vigil through the night. "Watch with me for one hour."

Good Friday, March 25

12:00 pm Stations of the Cross.

1:00 pm The Good Friday Liturgy with Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament. Music by Théodore Dubois and Giovanni Battista Pergolesi.

7:30 pm Tenebrae.

Easter Even, March 26

7:30 pm The Great Vigil of Easter: First Eucharist of Easter. Music by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, George Frideric Handel, William Harris and Charles-Marie Widor.

Easter Day — The Sunday of the Resurrection, March 27

The Holy Eucharist 8 and 10 am.

Music by Marc-Antoine Charpentier, Charles Wood, George Frideric Handel, William Harris and Charles-Marie Widor (at 10).

11:45 am Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn.

We invite you to worship with us!

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ATTENTION! The film for the March 25 Glen Echo Film Festival show will be "Run, Lola, Run," a German film made in 1998. The film starts at 8:00 p.m. and popcorn is available.

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COME SEE US FINISH THE 240-MILE, 24-HOUR BIKE RIDE

By Andrea Bassing Matney

If you're up at sunrise on Easter Sunday (March 26) you'll see the end of a journey. You will see me and my three women teammates completing our 24-hour, 240+ mile bicycling event that will end at the Glen Echo Town Hall.

Our team, the "Randonnettes," will ride all day and all night starting from Lexington, VA at sunrise on Saturday, March 25. Our team is just one of several participating in this event, named Fleche Velocio. The Fleche started in France in 1947 has grown popular world-wide with long-distance, endurance bicyclists, who call this type of riding Randonneuring.

In French, fleche means "arrow," so like an arrow flying to the bulls-eye, the teams will converge onto the bulls-eye; this time here in Glen Echo. We must ride the minimum distance of 240 miles in the 24 hours to get ride credit. No rest stop may be longer than two hours.

To condition my body, I try to do 150 - 200 miles each week on my touring bike, with 60 miles on the stationary bike during the week and at least 100 road miles over weekends. My husband and I bicycled across the USA in 2003, but my longest one-day ride so far was 208 miles last summer. One of the challenges has been weaning myself off caffeinated coffee, so I will really feel the effect when needed around mile 200 at 3:00 a.m. or so in the morning.

In randonneuring, finishing is everything, so this challenge appeals to me. Also, I get a bright-shiny medal from France for completing!

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HALF A WORLD AWAY

By Frank Powers

Glen Echo residents Frank and Glenda Powers traveled to Thailand in January at the invitation of Burmese pro-democracy organizations in order to provide advice on communications strategies that would serve to bring democracy to Burma. For the past five years, Frank has been helping U Maung Maung, General Secretary of the National Council of the Union of Burma, with various public relations matters.

Mae Sot, Thailand, is on the other side of the globe from Glen Echo, about 12,000 miles going either east or west. Described in the tourist guides as a 'rustic border town, worth a day's visit,' Glenda and I spent 5 days there in January meeting with people who are in a fight for their lives – and their liberty.

Invited by the National Council of the Union of Burma (NCUB), a coalition of pro-democracy groups, we began our visit with a trip to Mae La, a refugee camp in Thailand. It is home to some 46,000 refugees living in thatched huts on the border with Burma. This village is the only home many of the Karen tribe who inhabit it have ever known. The Karens have been at war for over 50 years with the various military dictatorships controlling Burma.

Many people we met were forced from their homes after the suppression of the 1988 democracy demonstrations, when some 10,000 were killed, most of whom were students. The international community is pressuring the current Burmese regime to open a dialogue with the many ethnic groups and with the National League for Democracy (NLD), the political party that won over 80% of the vote in 1990 and is led by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. She is the Nobel Peace Laureate who has been kept under house arrest for 10 of the last 15 years by the ruling junta. Thang Shwe, the junta's senior general, was just named the third worst dictator in the world by Parade Magazine (Feb. 13 issue).

We met with officials of these pro-democratic groups,

RATS IN GLEN ECHO

Town resident Raya Bodnarchuk told the town council last month that she had been having problems with rats in the house. She said they were evading the local professional rat catcher (Kelly, the daschund), who dug like crazy in her yard wherever there seemed to be a hole - but moles had been acting as decoys.

She contacted the county and received a small brochure with hints on how to control them. The county program does not undertake the elimination of the problem. A few other rat sightings at the other end of town have also been reported.

Rats can enter a house with only a ½-inch opening, according to the brochure. All openings around pipes or wires, spaces between the foundation and the floor or holes in walls should be sealed to prevent entry. They also enter through dryer vents.

Other preventive measures include eliminating any possible food supplies, including pet food, bird seed spillage, fallen fruits from trees, and garden vegetables.

--Peter Somerville

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discussing their hopes and the concrete plans being developed to realize them.

We visited Thailand's highest waterfall at Thilowsu, a magnificent place of jungle foliage (and where some of the country's few wild tigers are said to roam). And also Doi Inthanon, its highest peak, near Chaing Mai, where we spent 3 days. But the greatest impression was made by the faces of the children and the determined people we had the opportunity to meet. Those are lasting images one does not soon forget, even

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MAYOR SAYS ONLY OWNERS CAN APPEAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

By Peter Somerville

At the February 14 Town Council meeting town resident Shirley Strong asked how the town was going to respond to the shattering increases in property tax valuations. Mayor Debbie Beers advised that any appeal must be done before the deadline and that it was the individual householder's responsibility to appeal.

She said the town would consider writing to ask that the baseline figure for the tax relief provision be raised so that more people on low or fixed incomes might be able to get relief. She said the town attorney would be consulted.

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AROUND TOWN

Deborah Howell, Wellesley Circle resident, has been appointed the new ombudsman for *The Washington Post*, succeeding Mike Getler. She is currently Washington bureau chief and editor of Newhouse News Service. She will take up her duties later this year. She will be the person to contact for comments or complaints about articles in the paper and will be independent of the regular staff...

A fond farewell to **Jake and Tina Quinn** who are moving this month to Asheville, North Carolina, where they purchased a mountainside home in December. Jake has retired from federal service. He says they "will truly miss Glen Echo. It is such a lovely place to live. We've been blessed to live in some great towns - Berkeley, Takoma Park, Boulder and Glen Echo. We expect to love Asheville, but will always cherish Glen Echo, the best town in the DC area. If ever we were to move back, this is where we'd be." They're hoping sons Ian and Conor will eventually decide to relocate to Asheville...

The **Sycamore Store** on MacArthur Blvd. at Walhonding Rd. has been approved by the county Planning Board for historic designation. The request must be approved by the County Council...

FREE HALL EVENTS FOR GLEN ECHO RESIDENTS

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

Sunday, March 13, 3:30-5:30 p.m.—FAMILY DANCE

Monday, March 14, 8:00 p.m.—TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday, March 19, 7:00 p.m.—ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Sunday, March 20, 3:00-5:00 p.m.—CAROUSEL BOOK SIGNING

Saturday, March 26, 8:00 p.m. GLEN ECHO FILM FESTIVAL

Thursday, March 31, 8:00 p.m.—FOLK MUSIC CONCERT

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.

PARK NEWS

The carousel building will have lead paint abatement and be repainted in time for the season opening on April 30.

There will be a historic celebration day on June 25 entitled "Glen Echo Then and WOW!" The folk festival will run on the weekend of June 4-5.

The park has acquired a trolley car that will be parked at the entrance to the park. This vehicle will form the basis of further negotiations to return an original Glen Echo trolley by doing a trade with the museum at Roanoke, Va..

Due to ever-escalating construction costs, another \$4million is being sought to finish the job of remodeling the park.

TOWN HALL CONCERT MARCH 31

"Atlantic Crossing," a group of Vermont musicians who sing traditional New England songs, will perform at the Town Hall on Saturday, Mar. 31, at 8:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Folklore Society of Greater Washington and residents of Glen Echo will be admitted free. The group uses the bouzouki, banjo, mandolin, guitar, fiddle, bodhran, and feet to accompany the vocals.

EVENTS AT LOCKHOUSE 8

The Potomac Conservancy, which has been restoring Lockhouse 8 on the C&O Canal for the past three years, is now offering visitors free programs the second Saturday of each month.

Saturday, March 12, 10:00 a.m.-noon

Restoring Spring Gardens and Identifying Invasive Plants
Join the Potomac Conservancy for this "Second Saturday" hands-on activity to learn how to identify and remove invasive plants that can wreak havoc on your spring garden.

Saturday, April 2, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

C&O Canal Clean-up at Lock 8 and Lock 10.

Supplies will be provided. Sponsored by the Conservancy and Alice Ferguson Foundation, the Potomac Watershed clean-up will take place at various sites. Come join the fun at the locks.

Lockhouse 8 is located about a half mile up the tow-path from Glen Echo.

FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT

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