

The Echo

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March 2007

ELECTION NOTICE

A Town election for two council members will be held Monday, May 7, 2007, from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

Candidates must be registered Glen Echo voters who have resided in the town at least one year prior to the election and be at least 25 years of age. They are not required to be U.S. citizens.

Anyone wishing to run for council member must file a written declaration of candidacy no later than 20 days (April 17, 2007) prior to the election. Candidacy letters should be delivered to Susan Grigsby, Supervisor, Board of Elections or Cathie Polak/Clerk-Treasurer, Office of the Town of Glen Echo.

MACARTHUR BICYCLE PATH PLANS CONCERN COUNCIL

By Sophie Keefer

Town Council members expressed dissatisfaction at the Feb. 13 meeting with the way the projected MacArthur Blvd. bicycle path improvement plans are being developed by the county.

The design proposal calls for 10-foot vehicle lanes in each direction, both abutting three-foot shoulder bike lanes. Next to the shoulder bike lane on the river side would be a five-foot minimum green space and then an eight-foot shared use path.

Councilmember Nancy Long observed that many aspects of the project were not brought up at the Feb. 8 bikeway improvement meeting, including archaeological studies. She said that the county does not seem to be listening to any entities other than bike groups.

Councilmember Eve Arber said that the project appears to be a "done deal" and that the county has settled on options that were not given to the public to comment on.

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There will be two council seats to be voted on in this election. The term is for four years. The two incumbents are Nancy Long and Dan Macy. Ms. Long has said she does not know if she will run and Mr. Macy has said he will be a candidate.

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FREE HALL EVENTS FOR GLEN ECHO RESIDENTS

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

Monday, March 5, 8:00 p.m.—BLUES CLASS & DANCE

Saturday, March 10, 7:30 p.m.—GLEN ECHO FILM FESTIVAL, "Rabbitproof Fence"

Sunday, March 11, 3:00-5:00 p.m.—FAMILY DANCE, AGES 4 AND UP

Monday, March 12, 8:00 p.m.—TOWN COUCIL MEETING

Saturday, March 17, 6:30 p.m.—ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Monday, March 19, 7:00 p.m.—B-CC Advisory Committee

Tuesday, March 20, 7:00 p.m.—AUTOHARPIST BRYAN BOWERS, Folklore Society of Greater Washington

Sunday, March 25, 1:00-5:00 p.m.—SCOTTISH DANCE GROUP

Friday, March 30, evening--TARTAN DAY, Scottish/Irish Music & Dance

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Adult Education 9:15 am

Choral Eucharist 10:30 am

Sunday School & Nursery Care 10:30 am

■ MONDAY

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Contemplative Eucharist (*Third Monday*) 7:30 pm

■ WEDNESDAY

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BIKE PATH (FROM PAGE 1)

Councilmember Steve Matney noted that none of the bike groups that have been giving the county input are commuter bike groups, and that it was stated at the meeting that bike commuters ride the road, not the bike path, which is not true.

Councilmember Dan Macy was of the opinion that an upgrade to the bike path could benefit bike commuters, but Councilman Matney stated that all it would do is speed up traffic and that a three-foot wide bike lane is not up to code.

Councilmember Arber said that the county may not have all the land necessary for the project, and Councilmember Matney noted that the county doesn't have all the land necessary for the project at Cabin John and that if the project goes though, many spots would not be safe for bikes/pedestrians. He said he has been trying to get a copy of the full survey done by the County.

Councilmember Arber noted that there have been three meetings in total, two of which were open to public comment. She has been to all of them. There is one more meeting, but no date or time has been scheduled yet.

Glen Echo Park site manager Kym Elder, who was present at the council meeting, said she was told that the Montgomery County project to upgrade the bike path was only at the 30% design stage. She said that the park is currently involved in working with WMATA (Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority) to acquire the deed to the section of the former trolley right-of-way between Oxford Rd. and the road to the Clara Barton Parkway. She said that would include the existing trestle, which might impact any bike path developments.

Ms. Elder reported that there might be the possibility of a land exchange between the park and WMATA, in which case neither party would have to pay anything. The National Park Service will continue dialogue with the county to discuss the use of an easement of the county's from NPS in the vicinity of Oxford Rd. and MacArthur Blvd..

You are invited to the Glen Echo

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY
Saturday, March 17, 6:30 p.m.

Pot Luck Contributions: bread, boiled potatoes,
boiled cabbage, green beans, dessert
Libations and corned beef and entertainment
provided

Be sure to bring along an original limerick for
the limerick contest.

Please R.S.V.P. to Kate Horwitz 301-320-2171 or
townhall@glenecho.org. by March 15.

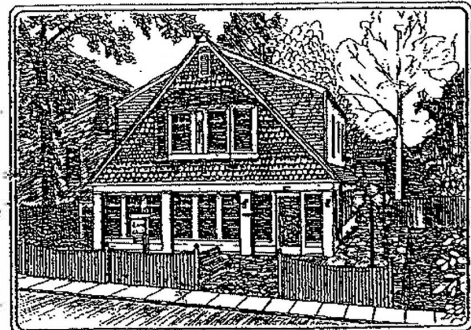
NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 12—8:00 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

Contact the clerk-treasurer to add an item to the agenda

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TOWN STORM DRAIN PROJECT TO BE IN 2008 COUNTY BUDGET

By Sophie Keefer

Mayor Beers reported at the Feb. 12 town council meeting that on January 12, 2007, she wrote to everyone who was at the Sept. 27, 2006 meeting in Glen Echo to note that the Chevy Chase storm drain project is moving forward and to remind them "that the Glen Echo project also needs to be (i) designed, and (ii) included in the upcoming capital budget." Michael F. Mitchell, Senior Engineer, Department of Public Works and Transportation, responded on the same day as follows:

"I understand your concern. Some background work has already been done on the storm drain evaluation for the Town of Glen Echo. However, given the funds needed to do the comprehensive, evaluation/design have been depleted, we need to wait until July 2007 (FY '08) when additional funding will be provided to Storm Drain General (CIP 508180). I have already earmarked [a] portion of those funds to conduct the drainage study for the Town of Glen Echo. Once the study commences, I will keep you abreast of further developments."

He gave his phone number and said to contact him with any questions.

PROGRAM OF CLASSICAL MUSIC RESCHEDULED FOR APRIL 22

A program of classical music will be presented by Glen Echo resident Phyllis Daen and two other instrumentalists at the town hall on Sunday, April 22, at 3:00 p.m., as part of the ongoing Chautauqua series of events. This program was originally scheduled for March 4.

The other performers will be Al Vecchione, clarinet, and Beth Lawrence, soprano. Ms. Daen will play the piano. The program will include Schubert's Impromptu No. 1, excerpts from the Mozart Clarinet Quintet, a Donizetti Concertino, and three songs by Gottfried Herrmann, a contemporary of Beethoven. Refreshments will be served after the concert.

The program is free and sponsored by the Town of Glen Echo.


CABIN JOHN SPONSORING WINTER TRAIL HIKE

The Cabin John community is sponsoring its annual winter hike on Sunday, Mar. 4, at 2:00 p.m. on the Cabin John Creek Trail. Hikers should assemble with the group at the trail head on Seven Locks Rd. and finish at the playground next to the Cabin John Bridge with hot chocolate and cider, according to *The Village News*.

The starting point is just across from Cypress Gove Rd. and AME Church, just before Seven Locks crosses under the Beltway. Children are encouraged to attend with the adults.

PLEASE KEEP SIDEWALKS CLEAR

In order to make it possible for pedestrians to safely walk in town, residents are reminded to clear snow from sidewalks adjoining their property within 24 hours and remove all trash cans and recycling bins from the sidewalk/curb after each collection. Thank you.



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LADIES OF GLEN ECHO

You are invited to Ladies Night
at Susan Grigsby's
7325 University Ave.

Tuesday, March 13, 8:00 p.m.

Please RSVP 301-229-7735

PROTECTIVE FENCES INSTALLED ON OLD TROLLEY TRESTLES

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) is installing wire fences topped with barbed wire to block access to the former trolley streetcar track trestles at several locations next to MacArthur Blvd., *The Mohican Citizen* reported last month.

One is above the path that leads from MacArthur Blvd. down to the C&O towpath and Sycamore Island. A second is at the other end of the old track that crosses Walhonding Brook. Signs announce: "Private Property—No Trespassing—Violators Will be Prosecuted—Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

Citizen editor Virginia Douglas was told by a WMATA official that similar fences will be installed at two other trestles on that old trolley line, one near Georgetown University, and the other in Glen Echo where the trestle crosses Minnehaha Creek. WMATA intends to transfer the latter trestle, which is part of the trolley right-of-way between Oberlin Ave. and Oxford Rd., to the National Park Service in an exchange of property, she was told.

The official said that one-time plans to demolish the old trestles, or restoring the Glen Echo trestle and tracks so that a trolley could be run back and forth for a short distance, had to be abandoned because of the high cost involved.

Strangely, no mention was made of the trestle that exists between Glen Echo and the one-lane bridge into Cabin John and which crosses Whisky Creek.

BANNOCKBURN SWIM CLUB SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

The Bannockburn Swim Club, located at the end of Laverock Lane (a block from the Bannockburn Club House), offers a heated 25 m. pool with 1-m board, an adjacent non-swimmer's "Eli" and a separate baby pool. The swim team is very active, there are swim lessons, and biweekly potluck dinners as well as an annual crab feast. The swimming season starts on the Memorial Day weekend and ends a few weeks after Labor Day.

If you are a neighbor in Bannockburn, Glen Echo, or Cabin John, you may be entitled to a permanent membership. There are also seasonal memberships available. Several Glen Echo families are active members of the Bannockburn Swim Club -- the Chitwood family on Cornell Ave. and the Steele family on Bryn Mawr Ave. For details, please contact the membership co-chairs, Claire Kelly at ckelly@icmarc.org or Patricia Ferrari at pferrari@comcast.net.

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AROUND TOWN

The C&O Canal provided excellent conditions for **ice-skating** last month for several days. Local residents assembled just below Glen Echo and at Lock 7 for hockey games or just blissful cruising between them. Newspapers reported people skating to work in Georgetown.

After a warmer than usual January, February brought several **snowfalls and** heavy icing which remained for days. After the first day, the ice was too heavy to lift and residents who enjoy a walk through town were very grateful to those public-spirited citizens who cleared the sidewalks in front of their houses before it was too late to do so. Especially to be commended are most residents whose homes border University Ave. and Wellesley Circle, although throughout town many residents made the effort to do their civic duty.

Several town residents are participating in the useful Bethesda-Chevy Chase **freecycle website**, it appears from seeing their email addresses pop up. Freecycle is a recycling project that exists throughout the U.S. and abroad as a way of keeping useful objects from trash bins or landfills. If you become a member of this listserve you may post information about items you wish to have or those you wish to give away, stressing that these should be items that would otherwise be thrown away. This editor has acquired doll houses, a bagful of pens, a typewriter (from a town resident) and photo equipment and given away books, maps, posters and even a cake still in its Safeway packaging. No money is ever involved. To become a member, visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/freecycle-bcc-md/>

Michelle Brafman of Oxford Rd. gave a reading of her story, "Sylvia's Spoon," which was published in *Lilith Magazine*, at the Sharon Fine Gallery in Bethesda on Feb. 11. Several Glen Echo residents were there to hear her. She was also the subject of a feature article in last month's *Washington Jewish Week*...

Michelle's husband, **Tom Helf**, will be performing with the band, "Cravin' Dogs," at Jammin' Java, a music room in Vienna, Va., on Friday, Mar. 9. For information, please visit www.jamminjava.com.

The forthcoming book by Melinda Henneberger, "If They Only Listened to Us: What Women Voters Want Politicians to Hear," was featured in an article in the February issue of *Next Door News*. She will host a book discussion of it at Politics & Prose bookstore on May 19 at 1:00 p.m. For her first book, Melinda spent 24 months in 20 states asking groups of women their political opinions and whether they felt ignored

LOCAL CHURCH SPONSORS SUMMER MUSIC CAMP

The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, Bethesda, is pleased to announce its one-week Summer Music Camp 2007. It will take place from Monday, June 25 through Friday, June 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily.

The camp is designed for children and youth ages 6-15 and will be staffed by four professional musical educators from the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Tuition for the week is \$300. This includes a non-refundable fee of \$100 due at registration. The camp will utilize portions of the Orff and Dalcroze methodologies, introduce musical notation and study rhythm through motion. It will also include arts and crafts and Camp highlights include lunch and a snack daily.

Information from Thomas Smith, Director of Music, at (301) 229-3770, or by e-mail at music.redeemer@verizon.net. Deadline for registration is May 1, 2007.

by politicians. The Oxford Rd. resident is the new political editor of *The Huffington Post*; she formerly was a *Newsweek* editor and a *New York Times* reporter.

Washington Post reporter **Andrea Rouda** attended last month's Ladies Night at the home of Debbie Beers to learn more about Glen Echo for an article she will be writing for the *Post's* regular "Where We Live" column...

County Councilmembers Marc Elrich and Roger Berliner are leading efforts to write legislation controlling **clear-cutting of trees** on lots that have not been subdivided, *The Mohican Hills Citizen* reported last month.

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The Clara Barton Community Center in Cabin John is looking for a Summer Fun Director. Requirements are one to two years of college and experience with children ages 5-12 and the ability to work well with people of all ages. Also required are first aid and CPR certificates.

The candidate must be able to edit and produce a news letter of activities each week. There will be an assistant director, counselors, and Counselors in Training (CIT's). The job is for a 40 hour work week, five days a week from 8am-4pm plus weekly staff meeting. The pay rate is \$12.93 an hour.

For more information please contact Modestine Snead at: Clara Barton Community Center, 7425 MacArthur Boulevard, Cabin John, Maryland 20818, (301) 229-0010, or via e-mail at modestine.snead@montgomerycountymd.gov

COUNSELORS NEEDED FOR SUMMER FUN CENTER

The Clara Barton Community Center in Cabin John is looking for counselors for its Summer Fun Center. The candidates must be at least 15 years old with a work permit and have experience with children 5-12 years old. They must also have First Aid and CPR certificates.

The job is for Monday-Friday, from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 pm. Or 2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. The pay is \$7 an hour (if you have more experience the salary is negotiable.)

The Community Center is located at 7425 MacArthur Boulevard, Cabin John MD, 20818, 301-229-0010. For more information please contact Modestine Snead at: modestine.snead@montgomerycountymd.gov

NEED NEW RECYCLING BIN?

If your green recycling bin has been damaged, or if you are a new resident, and didn't find a bin when you moved in, or if you need an extra bin, you will find extra ones for your use in the parking lot behind the town hall.

TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

February 12

The Town has signed an agreement with Condon-Reed to update the **AC/heating system in the town hall**. Mayor Debbie Beers expressed her pleasure at getting the agreement done. Councilmember Long noted that the council had tried to do it in an environmentally friendly (or, green) manner but that the facility was just not compatible with this. Councilmembers anticipate that the back parking lot may need to be shut down for a short time to accommodate the work; the timing of this has yet to be determined

Mayor Beers reported that a letter was sent to **Frank Bell** on Jan. 24 asking him to restore the right of way to its previous condition within 30 days of receiving the letter. No response had been received to date. If the work is not done, the town will do it and bill Mr. Bell. There could be a lien against the property if the town were to subsequently get a judgment against Mr. Bell.

Councilmember Long noted that the area around the **flagpole in front of the town hall** was only partly planted and that it would be better if the area could be planted more fully, with a stepping stone to stand on for access to the flagpole. Councilmember Arber agreed to provide the stepping stone. She also asked if Chapel Valley could be instructed to use environmentally safe products, not Round Up.

Mayor Beers noted that last year the town did not make a **contribution to Glen Echo Park**. The council agreed that the contribution this year would be \$1,500 to make up for missing last year (in previous years, the town has contributed \$1,000 to the park). A motion was introduced and passed unanimously to contribute \$1,500 to GPPAC for 2007. The budget for community contributions (before the above contribution to the park) is \$2,900, Mayor Beers reported.

Clerk/treasurer Polak reported that the **display case for the town hall** entranceway has been sent back to the shop for the hinge to be redone.

--Sophie Keefer

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 2007

Holiday Party	\$206.27
Washington Gas Energy Services	\$689.74
Knopf & Brown (legal)	\$2,690.35
Fence at town hall driveway	\$3,795.00

GLEN ECHO PARK ACTIVITIES

PARK NEWS

Glen Echo Park does not yet have a budget for 2007, although the President has set forth the budget for 2008, park site manager Kym Elder told the Glen Echo Town Council last month. She said the 2008 budget looks promising, with many projects slated, including demolition of the maintenance shed and its replacement by a new building.

She stated that the park is moving forward on plans for the newly-remodeled Candy Corner, which will have an exhibit focusing on civil rights and integration of the park.

--Sophie Keefer

YELLOW BARN STUDIO & GALLERY

Individual and group art exhibits can be viewed every Saturday and Sunday from noon-5:00 p.m.

Exhibits change weekly.

(The Gallery is temporarily located on the third floor of the main arcade building.)

ADVENTURE THEATRE

**Alexander Who's Not Not Not Not Not Not
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Weekends at 1:30 and 3:30

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RECONSTRUCTED YELLOW BARN OFFICIALLY OPENS MARCH 1

The Yellow Barn studio, which was reconstructed in the last year, will officially open March 1 for art classes under the direction of Walt Bartman. It will be one of the major art spaces in the metropolitan area. A grand opening celebration is planned for late spring, according to Glen Echo Park site manager Kim Elder.

With the addition of its upstairs area, there will be at least two new spaces for resident artists. The spaces are quite small -- one on the first floor and one on the second. Because of the unusual configuration of the second floor space, it might be able to serve as two studios, although each would be very small. The spaces would not be suitable for classes, but could perhaps be used for demonstrations to incorporate the required educational component in this way. The period for applying for these spaces is now over.

--Sophie Keefer



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