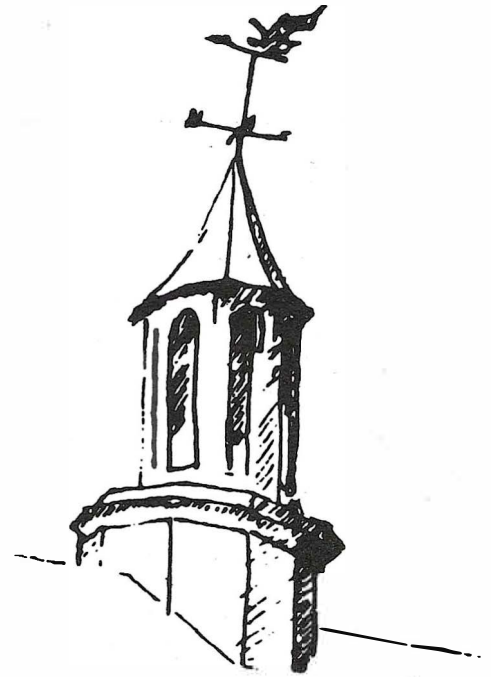


The Echo

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November 2001

CELEBRATION TO OPEN UNION ARCH BRIDGE NOVEMBER 17

By Carlotta Anderson

Parades beginning from the Glen Echo Town Hall and from Cabin John will meet at the Union Arch Bridge about 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 17 for a ribbon-cutting ceremony that will formally re-open the bridge. It has been closed for repairs since July 30 and it was necessary for over three months to use the Clara Barton Parkway to travel between the communities on either side of the bridge.

Speeches from local politicians and members of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, which did the latest restoration of the 1863 historic landmark, will be part of the festivities. Three panels with photographs and narrative celebrating the historic and cultural significance of the bridge which were prepared by Cabin John residents Gerry Quinn and Peter Vogt will be unveiled. That will be followed by refreshments either on the bridge itself (in nice weather) or in the Clara Barton Community Center.

There will also be entertainment for the children, "I Love the Bridge" stickers and t-shirts.

Town residents and those from nearby communities are invited to meet at the Glen Echo Town Hall at 2:00 for the parade to the bridge opening from the Glen Echo side. The ceremony was organized by the Cabin John Citizens Organization together with local communities.

The bridge will reopen for car traffic on Monday, Nov. 19.

Repairs were completed ahead of schedule. The

original estimate was for the bridge to be closed until the beginning of December.

At the time of its completion 139 years ago, Union Arch was the longest single span stone bridge in the world. The aqueduct within the bridge has carried drinking water to Washington, D.C. ever since.

RESIDENT ARTISTS FEATURED IN SHOW AT PARK GALLERY

The November show at the Chautauqua Tower Gallery at Glen Echo Park will feature work by artists who are residents of the Town of Glen Echo. More than 25 percent of Glen Echoans submitted their works for the show.

All residents who are artists, artisans, writers, or musicians were invited by town bulletin to exhibit their work in the month-long show.

Works were accepted for exhibit only, not for sale.

The Gallery is open weekends from 12 noon-5:00 p. m. and weekdays by appointment. The number to call is 301-492-6229.

This is the place to see how talented your fellow residents are.

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TOWN SEEKS YOUNG PEOPLE TO REMOVE SIDEWALK SNOW FOR SENIORS OR THE INFIRM

The town is looking for young people interested in shoveling snow off the sidewalks for residents who are elderly or infirm. Please contact Clerk/Treasurer Stacey Malmgren at 301-320-4041 if interested in the job.

The Pedestrian Winter Safety Act of 2001 requires Montgomery County homeowners to be responsible for removing snow and ice from their sidewalks within 24 hours after a storm.

The ordinances of the Town of Glen Echo also require that residents remove snow from the sidewalks that abut their yards.

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.

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Monday, November 12—8:00 p.m.

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MAILED ENVELOPES NEED COMPLETE RETURN ADDRESS

By Carlotta Anderson

A postal patron at the Glen Echo Post Office was surprised to be told by a clerk last month that he needed to add his first name to the return address on a parcel he was mailing.

A complete return address has always been required, according to Glen Echo's Acting Postmaster Yvonne Harrison, but the regulation was not enforced until now. She said that Federal Aviation Administration regulations (most interstate mail is sent by plane) now mandate that any mail lacking such a return address be considered "target mail" and returned to sender.

She said post offices will be checked periodically by FAA officials and if they accept such mail they will be considered in non-compliance and cited.

The Glen Echo Post Office is no longer directly reachable by telephone. Its old number has been changed and is meant for internal purposes only. To reach any post office or get any postal information, a patron will have to call 1-800-275-8777. This reporter was able to find out the new phone number that way, but according to Ms. Harrison, it is not supposed to be given out. Instead, a patron is instructed to leave a message for the post office and the Postmaster will receive a computer message asking her to return the call.

Postal employees have apparently found that the number of calls they receive interferes with their ability to do their work.

If a patron receives a mailing considered suspicious, he/she should call 911 and the Hazardous Materials team will be sent out to investigate, according to Ms. Harrison.

OCT. 17 POWER OUTAGES DAMAGE EQUIPMENT HERE

By Carlotta Anderson

A series of power outages the afternoon of Wednesday, Oct. 17, left many residents with damaged electronic equipment, ranging from computers, fax machines, surge protectors, televisions and microwaves.

Several residents said they are filing claims with Pepco. The claims department number is 202-872-2452.

There were a series of momentary outages between 12:36 and 12:53 p.m. originating in a feeder cable from the Woodacres sub-station which runs down MacArthur Blvd., according to Pepco spokesman Bob Dobkin. There were high winds that day, and the outages may have been caused by tree limbs brushing against the cable, he said.


A later outage knocked out power to hundreds of houses when wires wrapped around each other at the intersection of Goldsboro Rd. and MacArthur Blvd. Power was restored to all but 300 customers by 2:25 p.m., Mr. Dobkin said.

However, an additional problem which affected 50 customers was caused by a downed wire on Vorlick Lane in Fairway Hills. Their power was restored at 3:05 p.m.

He had no explanation for the outage that affected at least two Wellesley Circle houses and lasted until 9:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

The annual Town Holiday Party/Pancake Breakfast will take place on December 15th.



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TOWN WANTS INPUT OVER GOVERNANCE OF PARK

By Anne Lewis

Several main concerns remain unsettled over the governance of Glen Echo National Park, according to town council members who attended several recent meetings on the subject, including one with the Montgomery County Council.

Councilwoman Nancy Long reported at the Oct. 10 meeting of the town council that three issues are unresolved--the nature of the cooperative agreement, a transition plan, and the agreement between the county and the non-profit entity.

Council members showed concern about who would be responsible for maintenance of the property if the non-profit fails to act properly..

The county is stipulating that it must review the agreement before it is signed, "and we should have that privilege, too," Councilwoman Long said. (The agreement is being worked out between the county executive and the National Park Service).

The issue of town representation on the governing board was brought up at an earlier meeting. The decision then was that the town would submit 3-5 names and the board

would choose its preference. Ms. Long countered, however, that the town should select its own representative.

She pointed out that the town representative might have a conflicting role, representing the town but at the same time making decisions to ensure that the enterprise is successful.

The town has written a letter thanking Montgomery Council member Howard Dennis for representing Glen Echo's concerns at the Oct. 1 meeting. The letter asked that the town be represented on the Board of Directors of any new nonprofit entity formed to manage the park and that the town have the right to name its representative to the Board rather than having the representative selected by other members of the Board.

BANNOCKBURN NURSERY HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

The Bannockburn Cooperative Nursery School will be holding its annual Open House on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Everyone is invited to come to meet the teachers, see the classrooms, and submit an application for the 2002-2003 classes.

The nursery school is located at 6314 Bannockburn Dr.

POPULATION EXPLOSION IN TOWN CONTINUES

Kaia Elise Carter, the sixth baby to be born in Glen Echo this year, greeted the world on Sept. 26 at 3:28 a.m. at the Columbia Hospital for Women. She weighed seven pounds, twelve ounces and had blondish brown hair.

Kaia is the daughter of Amy and Alan Carter, who moved to 41 Wellesley Circle last November. Kaia means "the sea" in Hawaiian.

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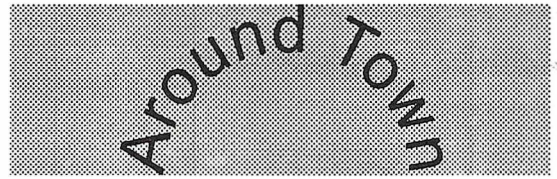
LADIES OF GLEN ECHO

You are invited to a Ladies Night

*by Nancy Long
at the Glen Echo Town Hall*

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

Please RSVP 301-332-3823



After many requests from the Town of Glen Echo, the Montgomery County Division of Highway Services painted **white stripes on the entrances to town** to designate the intersections of the bike path along MacArthur Blvd. with town streets. Pedestrian crossing markings were also painted across MacArthur at the Princeton Ave. intersection. The county says it is also planning to install "special traffic wands for bicycle facility separation" at the traffic circle at Goldsboro Rd.

CRAFT FAIR THIS SUNDAY

Artisans from Glen Echo, Bannockburn and beyond will sell pottery, jewelry, silk and woolen scarves, cards, candles, beads, toys, clothing and other gifts from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday Nov. 4 at the Bannockburn Club House, Bannockburn Dr. and Laverock La.

Debbie Lange of Wellesley Circle gave a presentation with co-author Richard Cook of their book "Glen Echo Park: A Story of Survival" at the Strathmore Hall Arts Center on Oct. 25. It was part of the Friends of the Library Literary Luncheon series. The book tells the story of the park from its Chautauqua days to the present and is available at the Chautauqua Tower Gallery store for \$29.95. The proceeds go to the Glen Echo Park Foundation to help restore the buildings at Glen Echo Park.

The U.S. House of Representatives last month approved **\$2.4 million for the continued renovation and revitalization** of Glen Echo Park. This is the final federal portion of the \$18.9 million total funding package, which was split between federal, state, and local government over a three year period.

The Potomac Conservancy held a Potomac Watershed Weekend on Oct. 20 at the Lock 8 Lockhouse on the C&O Canal. Its purpose was to celebrate a project to collect seeds from native trees throughout Maryland and the Watershed and give them to state nurseries which are experiencing a short of native sapling stock. Saplings from the seeds will be planted in two years along the banks of the Potomac River. Some Glen Echo residents collected seeds from their yards for the effort. An open house on Minnie's Island and other entertainment celebrated the river restoration project. The Glen Echo Town Council declined a request to be a sponsor for the event or contribute money for the refreshments.

Glen Echo Park Site Manager Karen Pittleman sent a letter expressing **appreciation to Councilmembers Nancy Long and Eve Arber** for their "TREMENDOUS" support of the park's 31st Annual Labor Day Art Show.

Coins Speke Wilson was keeping in the ashtray of his car was taken last month. The car was parked in front of his University Ave. home and was unlocked.

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STREET REPAIRS PROJECT READY TO BE BID OUT

By Anne Lewis

Specifications for street repairs in Glen Echo, now probably costing considerably more than a consultant originally estimated, will be bid out without a cap to see how potential contractors respond.

Depending on the bids received, the amount of work to be done could be revised downward, Mayor Debbie Beers said at the Oct. 10 Town Council meeting. The work would cover a wide variety of problems calling for different solutions, including base repair, milling, slurry sealing, and filling of cracks.

After another walk through for evaluation, Matt Willems of A. Morton Thomas, which is preparing the bid package, told the town council that more permanent repairs would increase his first estimate of \$86,000 to \$157,000. Of that total, \$121,000 would be for the streets west of the park, and \$36,000 would be for streets on the east side of the park.

The price increase is due to the streets being in worse shape than when they were originally inspected, almost nine months ago, as well as the fact that on closer site inspection it was seen that additional work needed to be done, according to Mr. Willems.

The larger amount, he said, would cover full-depth base repair on lower Wellesley Circle and 1 ½ -inch deep milling where needed. Some streets might only need slurry sealing, but he termed that to be "mostly cosmetic" and not extending the life of the street surfacing.

Winter weather may further erode street surfaces. Nonetheless, Mr. Willems said the town probably could save money on the project if it did not set a fixed time for completion. Contractors might be rushed to complete the work before cold weather sets in, and this would increase the cost.

The consensus of the town council (no vote was taken on the issue) was to extend the completion date to early summer. It might be possible, several council members noted, to spread the cost between two fiscal years. The bid will say the work should be completed no later than June 30, 2002.

Bid specifications will include two speed bumps—Bryn Mawr Ave. and Oxford Rd.—and one raised sidewalk—Oxford Rd. The sidewalk ramps will need to be shorter than the Montgomery County standard; thus they will cost less than in the estimate.

Mr. Willems also said that drainage at the corner where Oberlin abuts National Park property needs attention.

WELCOME, NEWCOMERS!

"Something led us here. Maybe it was divine providence," says Lee Mecericky, who moved to 6001 Yale Ave. on August 6 with her husband Frank.

Frank was recently hired as Vice-President for Client Service for the Georgetown advertising firm of Goldberg, Marchesano Partners. He left Lee in Cleveland while he came here to look for a house.

A friend who lived in the Palisades area drove him through that neighborhood, then through Brookmont, finally ending up on Glen Echo's University Ave. At Yale Ave., Frank, on a whim, said: "Let's see what's down that street."

Lo and behold, there was a "For Rent" sign which had just been put up. Although they'd been looking to buy, they thought it made sense to rent for a while to get to know the neighborhoods. Frank told Lee "what a great place it was" and they took it.

Now Lee says she can't imagine they could find a nicer house and she finds the residents "so pleasant, so comfortable to be around." She loves the fact that the house is surrounded by trees and that they need few curtains. She has already attended two Ladies Nights and gotten to know many Glen Echoans.

Lee was a social worker doing child abuse investigations before she got a law degree in 1999 at the Cleveland Marshall College of Law. She is now looking for a job as a lawyer.

The Mecerickys have an 18-year-old daughter, Laura, who is a freshman at The Ohio State College. Lee's hobby is cooking and Frank is a runner.

FREE HALL EVENTS FOR GLEN ECHO RESIDENTS

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

Sunday, Nov. 11—Folklore Society Family Dance and Concert.

Wednesday, Nov. 14—Welcome to Washington International lecture on "Gardens of Maryland," 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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.

KATE HORWITZ: ADVERTISING STAR

By Carlotta Anderson

Kate Horwitz was timing laps for a swim meet at the Bannockburn Swimming Pool a couple years ago when she turned to the woman next to her and asked, "What do you do for a living?" The woman replied that she was director of advertising for the Kaiser Permanente health plan. Kate told her enthusiastically "what a fan I was of theirs" and how pleased she had been with the treatment she received from Kaiser for breast cancer.

A few months ago the woman, Lisa Amans, called to ask if Kate would be willing to make an advertising testimonial for Kaiser. It was fine with Kate, and soon her house at 6109 Harvard Ave. was turned into a film studio. Her son's bedroom became a producer's office, the kitchen was a sound room, and scaffolding outside provided support for lights aimed inside the house.

An advertising crew from New York photographed all four members of the family—Kate, husband Jim, daughter Gillian, 15, and son Chris, 14, for two days, with scenes at breakfast, painting the fence and bicycling on the town right-of-way. The shots will be used for a television commercial, a radio announcement, a billboard in Baltimore and a newspaper ad.

The half-page newspaper ad, which features a large photo of Kate, and smaller photos including all members of her family, has already run several times in *The Washington Post*. It quotes her: "Having cancer makes you see how much your health plan really cares."

The television spot will run on major networks in the Mid-Atlantic region through November..

BREAK-IN AT CLARA BARTON SITE

A man broke into the rear apartment of the Clara Barton house on Sunday evening, Oct. 21. He tore down lights and wires and broke a number of objects before he was apprehended by U.S. Park Police from the Rock Creek Park station at 3:00 a.m. He appeared to be deranged and told officers he was trying to develop an alternative energy source, according to Glen Echo Park site manager Karen Pittleman.

He set off an alarm at 11 p.m. but police did not discover him until they later searched the house with dogs. No description of the man was immediately available.

TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

October 10

- The town council rejected a request from Jamie Platt to **reduce the rental fee** on the town hall for the family dance nights, suggesting, instead, that the sponsors increase their fee or that Mr. Platt supplement the cost by using his free rentals as a resident of Glen Echo...
- Mayor Debbie Beers said she thought the **town yard sale** was not a good use of the time of the town clerk/treasurer. Only 10 households participated in October and the amount of merchandise available was sparse. She said that in the future residents should do the organizing on a voluntary basis with the town picking up the cost of an ad.

--Anne Lewis



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GLEN ECHO PARK ACTIVITIES

PARK NEWS

Several bids are being considered for the renovation of the Spanish Ballroom and demolition of the North Arcade. A decision should be made by Nov. 15, Site Manager Karen Pittleman told the Glen Echo Town Council last month. The contract will not necessarily go to the lowest bidder, she said.

The new headquarters for the Park Police in Turkey Run is completed except for paving of a parking lot, and the police probably will move in November.

Resoration work on the carousel is underway by Rosa Ragan. There are plans to have a show of her work on the animals in the Chautauqua Tower Gallery in March.

--Anne Lewis

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DISCOVERY CREEK SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

A wide range of volunteer opportunities are available at the Discovery Creek Children's Museum in Glen Echo Park. They include teaching programs to elementary students, assisting with animal care, leading nature hikes, creating and assisting with art activities and working in the Children's Garden.

Potential volunteers are invited to attend an Open House on Wednesday, Nov. 7, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. to learn more about volunteer opportunities. To RSVP call 202-364-3111.

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