

The Echo

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November 2003

YARD SALE DELIGHTFUL COMMUNITY EVENT

The Town Yard Sale on Saturday morning, Oct. 25 was a delightful success for all, whether buyer or seller. The weather was a beautiful treat and business brisk.

Thirteen households from all corners of town hawked their wares and then took their turn strolling during the sunny morning to check out treasures or just visit with neighbors. It was a town alive with itself.

The town council agreed to subsidized the advertising of the event to the extent of \$100 over costs, but since sellers compensated by paying \$5 per household the cost will be substantially less than that. It was organized by Diana Hudson-Taylor with huge thanks from all the participating households to Anna and Lillie Bayer for their help with signs and balloons.

--Diana Hudson-Taylor

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 10—8:00 p.m.
Glen Echo Town Hall
Contact the mayor to add an item to the agenda

AGENDA ITEM: Possible parking restrictions. The town attorney will be present.

GLEN ECHO HIGH SCHOOLER ASSAULTED AT BUS STOP

By Carlotta Anderson

A Walt Whitman High School senior who lives in Glen Echo was grabbed by a man at 6:40 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 13 while she was waiting at the school bus stop across MacArthur Blvd. at Dunrobbin Rd. It was Columbus Day, there was not much traffic and no other students waiting there with her. It was still dark.

While she was standing there a Barwood cab pulled up and stopped a few minutes. After it pulled away she heard a rustling in the bushes and then a tall man with a dark baseball cap pulled low over his face emerged and started talking to her.

She immediately pulled out her cell phone, called her mother and said, "Please come right now."

The man grabbed her arm, she screamed and he released her and ran in the direction of Glen Echo Park. Her mother arrived momentarily, then rode around the park trying to see if she could spot the assailant.

The man is described as black, over six feet tall, in his thirties, and medium build.

Whitman principal Jerome Marco sent out a letter to Whitman families notifying them of the incident and asking them to urge their students to exercise caution while traveling to and from school.

The Glen Echo girl's mother plans to drive her daughter to school from now on.

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

Please note that the deadline for the following month's issue can always be found on the masthead on page 2.

This is the deadline for ads as well as articles and items of interest to townspeople.

COUNCIL RE-CONSIDERING TRASH CONTRACTOR

By Jake Quinn

Waste Management Inc. (WMI), the town's trash collector, recently informed the town that it discovered that its contract with the Town had not changed in years, and that they were reviewing it. The Town currently pays WMI \$2,162 per month (\$23 per house), and budgets \$30,000 annually for waste collection.

Resident Gloria Levin told the Town Council at its October meeting of her dissatisfaction with WMI. She said that WMI regularly fails to pick up her trash, a problem that has persisted for years. She said she found that it had become difficult to reach the company by phone, adding to her frustration. Councilmembers noted that other Town residents have encountered similar problems.

The Council asked Clerk/Treasurer Cathie Polak to look into alternative service providers, specifically mentioning BFI and Wildcat.

FIRE ON VASSAR LIMITED TO KITCHEN

Several emergency vehicles from the Glen Echo Fire Department roared into Vassar Circle last month to extinguish a mid-afternoon kitchen fire. The fire, caused by unattended cooking, was confined to the stove, although there was smoke damage throughout the house.

Firemen sprayed fire retardant chemicals into the kitchen at 11 Vassar Circle and made a hole in the kitchen ceiling to insert devices to fan out the upper floor. They responded very quickly to a 911 call, according to a resident.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION TO BEGIN NEW YEAR'S DAY

The Town's Centennial observation will begin on January 1 and extend through the year, the Town Council decided at its Oct. 13 meeting. The actual "birthday," or charter date, is April 4, and a special event will be scheduled for that day.

Glen Echo Centennial t-shirts are available at the Town Hall. They are \$15 each and come in white or beige and various sizes. Shirts will be for sale during the annual Pancake Breakfast.

The Centennial Committee is considering producing a batch of sweatshirts with the same art work. The Centennial Committee holds its meetings on Thursday nights.

--Jake Quinn

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REQUEST FOR TOWN PHOTOS

The town is looking for photos of scenes of houses, people and activities in the Town of Glen Echo in its early days (1900-1970). There are very few in the town archives and almost all the photos collected by the National Park Service are of Glen Echo Park, not the town.

If you or your relatives have any photos, the town would like to copy them and possibly use them for the forthcoming Walking Tour of Glen Echo and History of Glen Echo that are being prepared for the town's Centennial next year.

Please contact Carlotta Anderson, 301-229-3748, or Carlotta.ra@verizon.net if you have any photos or have suggestions of where any might be located.

WALKING TOUR NEARLY READY

Carlotta Anderson reported at the October Town Council meeting that she has completed a draft of her "Walking Tour of Glen Echo." It needs to be reviewed and supplemented with photographs, but the text currently runs 20 single-spaced pages. It covers every house in Town, and is designed as a self-guided tour.

She noted that she has not been able to identify any houses as having been erected during the Chautauqua period of 1891-93. Her review of records has revealed that many houses are identified as being built in 1903 and several before 1891. The Baltzleys reportedly directed their architect to construct 40 cottages around 1891, but she has not uncovered any evidence of these.

As soon as the "Walking Tour" is completed, Ms. Anderson indicated that she would resume work on the "History of Glen Echo" project, which she anticipates completing during 2004.

--Jake Quinn

STORYTELLING PROGRAM AT TOWN HALL NOVEMBER 22

All residents are invited to an evening of storytelling by five local tellers at the Glen Echo Town Hall on Saturday, Nov. 22, at 7:30 p.m.

The program for adults and children-who-can-listen-like adults is free

Storytelling will be by Jane Dorfman, Tim Livengood, Bill Mayhew, Anne Sheldon, and Ellouise Schoettler. Light refreshments will be served.

FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT September, 2003

Griffith Energy Services (p.o. air cond repair)	\$114.31
T-shirt art work	\$441.00
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AROUND TOWN

Michael Beers, a senior at Walt Whitman High School, has been chosen as one of Maryland's Distinguished Scholars who will receive \$3,000 per year for four years to pay for tuition at a college in Maryland. Finalists are chosen based on standardized test scores and academic performance. There were nine finalists from Whitman. Michael is the son of Debbie and Don Beers of Wellesley Circle.

Chris Hughes, owner of **The Irish Inn at Glen Echo**, expects the restaurant to be ready for opening by the last week of November.

Do the mornings feel cold? Are you focusing on winter being just around the corner? Well think ahead! Glen Echo will be having a **garden tour** this spring, on May 8. This is the time to be planting any bulbs you want to grace your garden in spring.

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MISSING ECHO?

If you don't get an *Echo* on time, please call Jane Stevenson, 301-229-3578, who is in charge of delivery. You can also pick up an extra copy at the postoffice by asking a clerk for one.

RESIDENTS INVITED TO COUNTRY DANCE PARTY

When George and Martha Washington held a dance, what did it look like? See for yourself at a free English Country Dance Party at the Town Hall on Saturday, Nov. 15, from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Norm Bernhardt, whose English County Dance group meets every Wednesday evening, has organized this special party exclusively for all town residents. The dances will be simplified versions of dances from the 17th and 18th centuries—not formal court dances like the minuet and galliard, but easy, patterned "fun" dances. A caller teaches each dance as it progresses, and you may change partners as the patterns develop.

The party is being given to acquaint Glen Echo residents with this form of social get-together. You don't need to dance; you can just listen to the live music and watch the action.

There will be live music and refreshments will be served.



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WINTER COATS NEEDED FOR REFUGEES

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There will be a collection box on the Steele's front porch at 6103 Bryn Mawr Ave. through November.

This is a good time to look through your closets to see if you have some winter outerwear you haven't been using and don't need anymore. Items for all ages and sizes are needed.

FREE HALL EVENTS FOR GLEN ECHO RESIDENTS

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

Thursday, Nov. 6—7:00-10:00 p.m. Amer. Indian Intertribal Council

Sunday, Nov. 9—3:00-6:00, FAMILY DANCE

Monday, Nov. 10— 8:00 p.m. TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday, Nov. 15, 1:00-5:00, ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE PARTY

Saturday, Nov. 22, 7:00-10:00, VOICES IN THE GLEN

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.

LADIES OF GLEN ECHO

You are invited to a Ladies Night

*at Julia Wilson's
7309 University Ave.*

Thursday, November 20, 8:00 p.m.

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COUNCIL LIMITS SOME REPEAT TOWN HALL USERS

By Jake Quinn

The Mayor and Town Council decided at their Oct. 13 meeting that some limits need to be imposed on Town Hall repeat users.

The Council decided by a 3-1 vote (Councilman Dan Macy opposing) to inform Ivan Dimitrov of the Bulgarian dance group that is regularly scheduled for Monday evenings that they would have to find some other place for 2004. It was noted that no Town residents participate with the group and that often no one shows up except for Mr. Dimitrov.

Because some groups have succeeded in obtaining standing weekly reservations of Town Hall, residents are finding it difficult to get the space themselves. Particular concerns were expressed about dance groups preventing other uses of the facility. Mayor Debbie Beers indicated her interest in seeing greater variety in the uses of Town Hall.

Councilmember Macy concurred in the Mayor's view, but suggested that the demand is light. Resident Gloria Levin said that residents should know that they get three free uses of the facility per year.

Resident Norm Bernhardt, whose English country dance group meets every Wednesday evening, said he has planned a special free dance for Town residents (see p.5) and is inviting one and all for the afternoon of Saturday November 15. He noted many benefits of dancing, citing recent articles that report that dancing prevents dementia. He indicated that his group is very flexible about yielding their reservation of the Town Hall because the Town has first call on the facility.

He said that his group has been trying to manage parking, noise and loitering carefully so as not to impose on Town residents. It was noted that the Pilates exercise class uses the Town Hall four times per month.

GLEN ECHO PARK GALA TAKES PLACE NOV. 15

The celebration of Glen Echo Park's rebirth has been re-scheduled to take place on Saturday, Nov. 15, at the restored Spanish Ballroom.

The Gala will support the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture Inc., the new non-profit dedicated to managing the Park and its programs. Tickets at \$250 per person for dinner, dessert and dancing are sold out; there may be a few tickets left at \$75 per person for dessert and dancing only (8:30 to 11:30 p.m.).

Contact (301) 320-7757 for more information.

TOWN COUNCIL NOTES


October 13

The Town Council planned to continue to work on the Town's **web site redesign project** and hold a meeting on Monday, Oct. 27...

Some **street signs** need to be replaced, notably the one flattened at Cornell and MacArthur (this has since been replaced). The Council noted that street signs disappear with high frequency because the Town's street names make the signs particularly attractive targets for vandals...

--Jake Quinn

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GLEN ECHO PARK ACTIVITIES

EVENTS AT THE PARK

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Saturday Night Dances—swing, cajun/zydeco, salsa. \$10. 9:00-midnight

Sunday Afternoon Tea Dances—waltzes, swing, cajun/zydeco. \$5. 3:30-6:00

Sunday Night Dances—contra, square, folk. Forexperiences dancers. 7:30-10. \$8

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LAMPLIGHT OPEN HOUSE AT CLARA BARTON SITE

A special event at the next Open House program on Saturday, Nov. 15 at the Clara Barton house will be the opportunity for collectors of the National Park Passport Cancellation Stamps to obtain the new Clara Barton Parkway stamp before its official release date on Nov. 28.

There will also be a special exhibit, "Clara Barton—a Lifetime of Service," a photographic exhibit of the collection at the Library of Congress.

The house will be open from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and the program is free. This is an excellent opportunity for children who are studying Clara Barton in school to visit the site.

CONSTRUCTION, CHANGES STILL UNDERWAY AT PARK

By Jake Quinn

The Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts & Culture (GEPPAC) assumed responsibility for the Park's arts and crafts programs as of Oct. 1. With GEPPAC handling the catalog and scheduling, Park Service staff are developing interpretive programs about Glen Echo Park.

One aim is to increase tours, which are currently run at 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays from the Spanish Ballroom and Sundays from the Carousel. Space in the North Arcade will be ready mid-to-late January and the Park Service expects to move into their new office space then. An exhibit will open in the arcade in November and a reception desk will be installed in mid-January.

A trailer to house the Park Police substation will be placed between the Yellow Barn and Discovery Creek.

To improve visibility and enhance safety, the Park Service will be replacing the bollard lights on the path from the bridge with street lights. There have been a number of complaints about inadequate lighting at night and sometimes the lights that exist have not been operational.

Plans for the old stone tower have not been finalized, and work will not begin until spring. Meanwhile, the Yellow Barn will be taken down and rebuilt, and repairs will be made to the tower roof. Renovations will create a passageway from the Yellow Barn into the tower.

DISCOVERY CREEK OFFERS CLIMBING WALL FOR KIDS

In Discovery Creek's "Climb On," program children can strap on a harness and try reaching the top of a Climb Wall. A belayer helps them "learn the ropes" of climbing.

The program is offered weekends from 10:00-3:00 Saturday and 11:00-3:00 Sunday on Nov. 1-2 and Dec. 6-7.

"Climb On" is free with museum admission, which is \$5; children under two free.

Discovery Creek's Children's Museum is exhibiting "Rotten But Not Forgotten" through Dec. 21. It helps children understand the mysteries of decomposition by crawling inside a rotting log, diving into a pile of dead leaves and discovering some of the creatures who aid in decomposition.