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CHILDREN'S BAKE SALE RAISES \$220 FOR RED CROSS

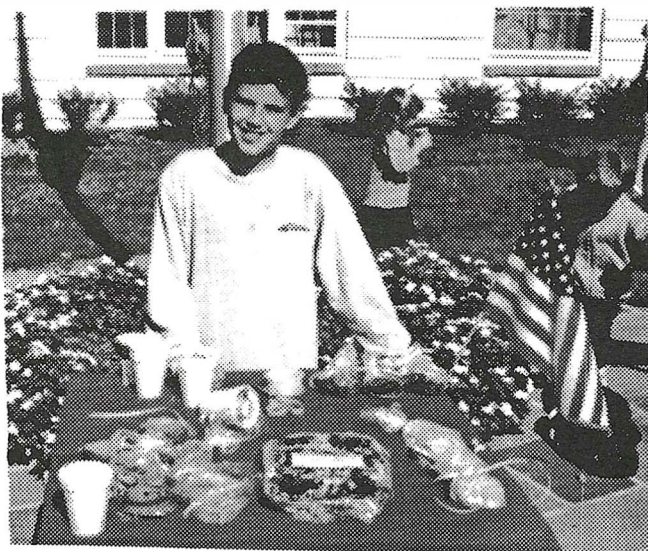
By Julia Wilson

Standing in front of a table festooned with American flags, a group of Glen Echo children and their parents raised \$220 for the Red Cross with a bake sale on Saturday, Sept. 15.

The children baked cookies and sold them for three hours in front of the Glen Echo Post Office so they could make a contribution after the Sept. 11 tragedy. Some of children also took a red, white and blue-decorated wagon around town for

Some of the children who participated in the bake sale are shown in the photos below. —PHOTOS BY JULIA WILSON

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LADIES OF GLEN ECHO

You are invited to a Ladies Night

*at Eve Arber's
24 Wellesley Circle*

Thursday, October 18, 8:00 p.m.

Please RSVP 301-263-0016

All women in Glen Echo invited

BAKE SALE (FROM PAGE 1)

door-to-door sales.

It was an opportunity for the children, aged three to 11, to channel their concern into something positive and realize how they, too, could help. All the town residents and post office patrons passing were very supportive.

The bakers were:

Liselotte and Roseline Bakker
Ian Costello
Kat Frabotta
Isabel Gibney
Aleya and Zach Khalifa
Ben Malmgren
Spenser, Kellan and Bryna Steele
India and Charlie Wells
Maya and Alec Ward
Allegra and Bram Wilson

In a heartwarming gesture, four of the children, India and Charlie Wells, Kat Frabotta and Spenser Steele, also donated \$60 they earned from bake sales they had this summer. They had planned to use the money to attend the Renaissance Festival but decided instead to give the money to the search and rescue effort.

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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

ELEANOR BALABAN ACCOSTS ILLEGAL WOODCUTTERS

By Carlotta Anderson

Lower Bryn Mawr Ave. resident Eleanor Balaban was alerted by men's voices in the woods below her house on Monday afternoon, Sept. 17. She found a good vantage point in the woods and saw that two men carried ropes and had parked a large truck with trailer and a backhoe on the Clara Barton Parkway.

Being a woman of spunk, she immediately raced down to the parkway and stopped her car behind the vehicles. They bore no identifying markings. "What are you doing?" she challenged. One replied that he'd "talked to some guys in Glen Echo who were working for the county government and they said we could cut dead trees."

"Oh no, you can't," Eleanor replied. "You can't take anything from park lands. I've called the park police and they are right behind me." (which wasn't exactly true)

She asked for identification, and one of the men gave her his name, cell phone and pager numbers. They then made a U-turn and sped away.

Eleanor and Nancy Long called the park service and Park Ranger Sean McCabe came to investigate. He said it was illegal to take anything, including downed wood, from a park area except with a permit from the superintendent.

He turned the matter over to the park police for further investigation. He said Eleanor was very brave but he'd prefer that residents call the park police first so that culprits might be caught in the act.



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TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

September 10

Clerk-Treasurer Malmgren reported that she had met that morning with Dennis Alexander, the CPA performing the **town's financial audit**, and that he had submitted a draft audit for the 2000-2001 fiscal year and wanted the mayor and council's review and comment. The mayor and council agreed to hold a full discussion of the draft audit at the October town council meeting.

There will be a discussion of the new rates for **rental of the town hall** at the October meeting, Councilwoman Nancy Long reported...

Clerk-Treasurer Malmgren reported that the **leak in the copper tubing** from the oil tank behind the town hall had been "99% addressed." A slow leak resulted in approximately 20 gallons of oil seeping into the ground beneath the parking lot. Remediation efforts have cost \$2,300 to date, but will run higher. The project has required excavation and removal of the contaminated soil, and filling and paving the excavated area. Testing is on-going, but all appropriate agencies have been notified and are satisfied with the work's progress. The old tank is being replaced with a new one with stronger tubing. Consideration is being given to erecting barricades in

the parking lot around the new tank

Councilwoman Long reported that most of the last meeting of the Glen Echo Park Implementation Committee was devoted to a discussion of whether Glen Echo and Bannockburn should be represented on **the new governance board of Glen Echo Park**. She indicated that the Bannockburn Civic Association was threatening "an avalanche of letters" if it is not represented on the park board. She reminded the council that the committee's recommendations would be submitted to the County Executive for consideration, but that he was under no obligation to follow them. A working session was scheduled for 9:15 a.m. on Monday, October 1, for the cooperative agreement between Montgomery County and the National Park Service. Councilwoman Long stressed the importance of this session, and encouraged the mayor and council to attend, as well as to provide input for the Implementation Committee generally.

Mayor Beers reported that she had sent a letter to the county's chief of traffic operations about **re-striping MacArthur Blvd.** because the promised work still has not been completed. Subsequently she wrote him again and he replied that bike path striping, including the crosswalk at Princeton Ave., should be done in October. Clerk-Treasurer Malmgren reported that Diana Hudson-Taylor, who has been after the contractor to perform the striping, had been told that currently schools have first priority. Councilwoman Long noted the dangers introduced by the removal of the stanchions separating the bike path from the roadway, and expressed dismay that the situation has persisted for so long.

Mayor Beers distributed copies of an e-mail she had received from Burton Gray of the Cabin John Citizens Association expressing interest in coordinating a ceremony to celebrate the **re-opening of the Union Arch Bridge**. He describes plans to prepare exhibits for display at the bridge describing its history. He noted that the work is scheduled to be completed in December, and that it may be completed early. The council agreed to participate, and Mayor Beers indicated that needed funds could be found in the budget. She will follow up with Mr. Gray.

Mayor Beers reported that she had received an inquiry regarding the construction of a **cellular communications tower** in Glen Echo. Although she was able to put off the caller, she expressed concern that the county or Glen Echo Park may be approached, too.

--Jake Quinn



Eleanor

"Let's talk about what's happening up and down MacArthur Blvd."

907-7600
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PUMPKIN OF 110 POUNDS GROWS ON WELLESLEY

By Andy Malmgren

(Andy's pumpkin is at home in the front yard of his 42 Wellesley Circle house.

I started the pumpkin from seed (Dill's Giant Atlantic variety) in April. Once the vines formed, I gave the plant daily doses of phosphorus fertilizer for root development. After the vines were established, I switched to nitrogen rich fertilizers for strong vine growth.

At the end of June the vines were about 50 feet long. Once the vines flowered, I switched to a fertilizer high in potash to encourage blossoms and fruit set. By mid June I had a fruit set, and at the end of June I culled all other fruit from the vines.

By the beginning of July, the pumpkin was gaining between 10 to 20 pounds a day. It was really quite amazing, you could almost see it growing. Unfortunately, in mid July the vines got ravaged by stem boring worms and pumpkin growth slowed dramatically.

The pumpkin currently weighs around 110 pounds and is about 7 feet in diameter. If it had not been for the worm infestation, I think the pumpkin would have grown to the 500 - 800 pound range. The world record is around 1,200 pounds! This is the first time I have grown Giant Atlantic pumpkins, and it is a lot of fun. I am already looking forward to next April!

As Halloween draws near I will carve the pumpkin where it grew and move it via wheelbarrow to the porch.

If you are interested in growing a giant pumpkin, here are some good links for more information:

<http://www.Howarddill.com> - The originator of the Giant Atlantic pumpkin

<http://www.backyardgardener.com/secert.html> - Good pumpkin growing tips

<http://www.pumpkinnook.com/growing.htm> - More growing tips

CLASSIFIED ADS

INDEPENDENT, MATURE WOMAN seeks simple accommodations with kitchen access during the re-building of her home. Approx. mid-Oct. 2001-May 2002. Please call 301-263-1022.

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COUNCILMAN HAS IDEAS FOR IMPROVING THE BIKE PATH

By Jake Quinn

Councilman Tom Lorenzen has received many good suggestions for refining the recently refurbished bike path, he told the town council last month. He noted the following as the "most significant problems:"

The barrier at the Goldsboro Rd. traffic circle needs to be stronger than what was previously there (since the resurfacing of the roadway there has been no barrier);

Striping and limit lines need to be applied, and "STOP" should be painted on the path at appropriate spots;

Drainage needs to be improved on the path where no provision has been made for pooling water;

The grass that was inexplicably paved over on the stretch between Harvard and Princeton must be freed from its macadam bonds;

Parking at the Inn at Glen Echo intrudes dangerously on the path, especially on Sundays.

Mayor Beers recommended that Councilman Lorenzen contact Albert Gianetti of the County Department of Transportation with these suggestions

He noted that some suggestions he had received have been overtaken by events, while others were unrealistic. He indicated his disagreement with the suggestion to remove the "dismount" signs at the Clara Barton Parkway entrance. There was some discussion about the advisability of erecting "dismount" signs at each entry point to the town from MacArthur to protect cyclists and, especially, town residents (from liability). Councilman Maloy suggested placing only one at Harvard Avenue, but was leery of overkill.



AERIAL PHOTOS OF TOWN ECHO AVAILABLE ON WEB

Mapquest now offers aerial photographic coverage of many areas in the U.S., as well as maps, on its web site.

To get an aerial photo of Glen Echo:

Go to www.mapquest.com; follow the prompts from there, or

(1) enter Glen Echo, Maryland, or more specific address information, then click "Map It" button;

(2) zoom in to the closest setting;

(3) click "aerial photo" tap above map;

(4) click "big map" for the most detailed image.

There are various ways to get different maps by following the prompts around the image.

You may also zoom out until North and South America are pictured, and then zoom in from there to any area, although not all areas are covered photographically. As might be expected, most of the photos seem to have been taken in winter in order to provide maximum data on objects other than vegetation.

You can also get live traffic reports, directions to your address, yellow pages in the area and other information at Mapquest.

--- Rob Howe

FOLIAGE STILL GROWING; INTRUDING ON SIDEWALKS

The foliage hanging over sidewalks was cut back, but as is its way, it immediately started growing back.

In some cases it is already partly blocking free pedestrian passage and needs to be cut back again.

Residents are reminded that town ordinances require that "all foliage shall be kept trimmed and maintained in such manner as not to project or reach over or beyond the private property...adjoining any sidewalk or street."

TRASH, RECYCLING PICKUP PROBLEMS?

Call Waste Management directly at 301-340-0774.
Ask for Customer Service

TOWN YARD SALE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

The annual Town yard sale has been scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 6, lasting from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Town residents may set up sales in their own yards or in the Town park.

Clerk/Treasurer Stacey Malmgren is planning to "beef up signage" to get passersby to pull into the sale from MacArthur Blvd. She said advertisements would run in the Post and the Gazette.

FREE HALL EVENTS FOR GLEN ECHO RESIDENTS

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

Thursday, Oct. 4, 7:00-10:00 p.m.--American Indian Inter-Tribal Council meeting

Sunday, Oct. 7, noon-5:00 p.m.—C&O Canal Assn. board meeting

Sunday, Oct. 28, 3:30-5:30 p.m.—Folklore Society Family Dance and Concert. Sue Trainer in concert followed by dance with caller Lou Shapiro.

Wednesday, Oct. 31, 5:00-6:30—TOWN HALLOWEEN PARTY

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.

TOWN HALLOWEEN PARTY All Residents Invited

**Wednesday, October 31
5:00-6:30 p.m.
Glen Echo Town Hall**

Trick-or-Treating from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Those willing to volunteer are asked to phone Clerk-Treasurer Stacey Malmgren at the town hall, 301-320-4041.

HAZARD SURVEY NOTES RISKS & RECOMMENDATIONS

A Hazard Evaluation Survey prepared for the Town of Glen Echo by Vance Petrella of Local Government Insurance Trust offers 19 recommendations for the town to consider in dealing with various risks it identified.

Several of the recommendations had been implemented by Clerk/Treasurer Stacey Malmgren prior to the September town council meeting. They were: servicing and monthly inspection of fire extinguishers; purchase of an additional larger fire extinguisher; removal of combustible materials in the furnace room; and removal of stored items around the elevator door.

The mayor and council identified several others for immediate attention: Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters installed in the vicinity of water and sinks; covering of an open electrical junction box in the furnace room; putting warning signs on the heating oil tank; and resealing gutters to the town hall.

Councilmember Tim Maloy suggested that digitizing the town's records could go a long way in addressing the recommendation that storing combustible materials such as old, unused, outdated records and cardboard materials that could contribute to a fire should be discontinued.

--Jake Quinn

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DANCES

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 Every Saturday, swing dancing, 9:00-midnight
 Every Sunday, contras, square and folk dances
 Sunday afternoon tea dances, 3:30-6:00:
 First & third Sundays, waltzes,
 Second Sundays, western swing dances
 Fourth Sundays, cajun and zydeco

ADVENTURE THEATRE

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow
 Through October 28
 Weekends at 1:30 and 3:30
 Tickets: \$5.00 Call 301-320-5331

The Denzel carousel is now closed for the winter

THE PUPPET THEATRE

Hansel and Gretel
Through October 21
 Wednesday through Friday, 10:00 & 11:30
 Saturdays & Sundays, 11:30 & 1:00
 Tickets: \$5 Call 301-320-6668

REVISED N-7 BUS SCHEDULE

From Glen Echo, mornings—6:44, 7:19, 7:41, 8:03

From 12th and Constitution, afternoons: 4:50, 5:30, 6:10

From 17th and K St. afternoons: 5:02, 5:42, 6:25

AT THE GALLERY

Cast of Characters: 18th Anniversary of the Puppet Co.

OPEN HOUSE AT CLARA BARTON SITE

An evening lamplight open house program will be held at the Clara Barton house on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

This is an excellent time to visit the site, during the twilight hours of the evening, especially for families with children who are studying Clara Barton in school. The soft glow of reproduction Victorian style lamps will light the rooms, creating the atmosphere of home life a century ago.

The event is free.

CONSERVANCY SEEKS SEED COLLECTION SITES

The Potomac Conservancy and other conservation groups are organizing neighborhood seed collection sites to collect acorns and seeds that will be used to increase the diversity of native tree stock for local restoration projects. They are seeking sponsors of these sites.

State nurseries are experiencing a shortage of native sapling stock due to the ever increasing demand for trees, particularly for ecological restoration projects.

The seeds collected will be planted and ready to transplant in approximately two years.

The collection sites will be set up Oct. 20-21. The groups will provide all the materials and assistance local groups need to sponsor a site. Anyone who would like to help organize or volunteer at such a site is asked to contact Christine Rodick at 703-276-277. Ext. 208 or at trees@potomac.org.