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TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

Mayor Costello, Town Manager Beth Stickler, and all four Council Members met on October 9 at Town Hall. They were joined by the Town’s auditor Eva Webb of LSWG and several residents.

Town Audit

Ms. Webb presented her findings to the Council as she does each year. Once again, it was a clean audit. Ms. Webb reported that the Town has assets equaling \$2,170,000, with a net position of \$1,957,000. Expenses increased \$96K over last fiscal year, but revenues increased by \$144K. The Town’s net position increased by \$219K in FY23. Increases in spending and revenue can be attributed to American Rescue Plan Act funds, grants from Chesapeake Bay Trust, and rebounding rental income. Ms. Webb said it was a good year financially for Glen Echo.

Resident Comments

Resident Aaron Hirsch re-

ported that he is drafting a proposal to use the Town land over by the Irish Inn for a community garden. He said he has about a dozen residents interested in participating. He’s looking into water sources and hopes to have a proposal at the November 20 meeting (yes, it is planned for the third Monday).




Resident Gloria Levin asked if the Mayor and Council could issue a proclamation recognizing former resident Nancy Long for her service to the Town—she served on Council for more than four decades. Ms. Long, who turned 95 in October, lives in a nearby memory care facility. Mayor Costello said they would create something that can hang at her home.

Mayor Costello also mulled whether it made more sense for official Town missives, like those on Constant Comment, to stay off of the more casual Town listserv. Some Council Members agreed that the two should be separate and that members of Town government shouldn’t get involved in heated discussions amongst residents. That said, it is a small Town where people know their neighbors and sharing information is mostly seen as a positive. Mayor Costello said she still feels strong-

LEAF PICK-UP SCHEDULE

MONDAYS:
November 6, 20, 27
December 4, 18

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ly that it is appropriate for misinformation to be corrected when it arises.

Fence Ordinance

After months of discussion, the no-fee permit required for any fence—new or replacement—passed. Any resident putting in a fence will need to let adjoining neighbors know. [For administrative reasons, the new ordinance will need to be re-adopted at the December Council meeting.]

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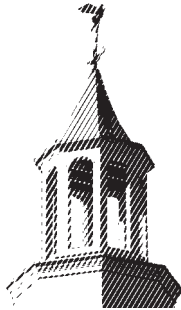
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Next Council Meeting: November 20, 2023, 7:30 PM

Trees Ordinance

The Mayor and Council are considering toughening the Town's tree ordinance, so that instead of having no input at all about tree removal—as it currently stands—the Mayor would be able to prohibit an owner from removing large, healthy canopy trees that don't pose a danger. After the proposed changes were shared with residents, there was a lot of worried discussion on the Town's listserv. Some of the Council Members felt that the intention, the goal, of the proposed changes hadn't been properly conveyed. Council Member Tanner said that perhaps the Mayor should include in the ordinance a statement of commitment to protecting the green canopy when possible for the common good. Council Member Spealman agreed, saying that other municipalities had such statements of intent within their ordinances. When the Mayor asked if Council thought simply having the statement would suffice, no one agreed that it would. Resident Mary Parsons suggested that the language could be clearer about what trees could be impacted—perhaps listing the types of trees and making the size cutoff larger. Mayor Costello is reworking the language, but the amended ordinance was reintroduced. Council Members Spealman, Tanner, and Wilson

all expressed openness to strengthening the tree ordinance. Council Member Stiglitz remained unsure. The new language will be shared with residents for a public hearing and possibly a vote at the December meeting.

Odds and Ends

The amended language for the ordinance regulating trailers and RVs is still being worked on and will be presented at a future meeting. Ms. Stickler has created an Employee Handbook, which will be especially helpful when a new Town Manager is hired. Rolling Acres contract for the Town's snow removal has been renewed. Asbestos has been removed from the electrical room at Town Hall. Forty people attended the flu clinic in September. And, note, the next Council meeting will be on November 20, the third Monday of the month (a change from its normal day).

Town Expenses

In October, the Town paid \$23,517 to BusyService (repaired a water main break on Oxford that was reimbursed by WSSC), \$7,306 to Key Sanitation (for two months service), \$3,875 to Mulheron Tree Experts, \$3,250 to Capital Abatement (asbestos remediation) \$3,000 to LSWG (audit), \$1,699 to Level Green Landscape, and \$1,494 to PNC Bank. —EMILY PARSONS



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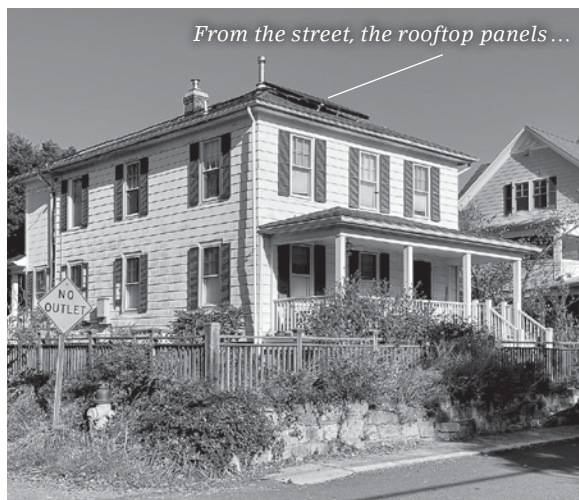
Julia and I get many questions from neighbors who see the solar panels on our roof and would like to know more about our experience with solar power. We installed our 10 roof panels over a decade ago, and they currently defray about 5 percent of our electricity use. Despite having no more space on our roof, we wanted to generate more of our electricity with solar power.

Fortunately, we had options. In 2015, the Maryland legislature passed the Community Solar Energy Generating System Pilot Program. Community solar programs allow companies to build large solar arrays in remote areas of a utility's territory where land is inexpensive then credit the power to residents who enroll in the program. A number of companies have gotten into the community solar business and worked out deals and integration with Pepco and other Maryland utilities. We decided to try one out.

By subscribing to a community solar provider, we helped them get financing for the large capital outlay needed to buy or lease the land and install the panels. We chose Neighborhood Sun, but there are other community solar companies

HOLLY IN THE IVY

GUEST COLUMN BY SPEKE WILSON



From the street, the rooftop panels ...



... cut a low profile.

such as SaveSolar, Ampion, Groundswell, and Arcadia.

Because the cost of solar panels has fallen so much, our community solar provider was able to offer us a 10 percent discount on our power costs (this number varies depending on the project and one's income) compared to Pepco's rates. The company makes money by pocketing the difference between what it costs them to produce the power

and what we pay them.

Our journey began when we added our name to a reservation list for a project that was under construction. After nine months, we signed an agreement with Neighborhood Sun to take their power.

Now they charge our credit card each month for the power that they generate for Pepco—at a 10 percent discount to what Pepco would have charged us.



The ten solar panels are on the southeast side of the house, the two panels facing University are solar hot water panels.

I'm not sure how all of the community solar programs work, so I will describe our experience. When we signed up, we sent Neighborhood

Sun our recent Pepco bills. Our goal was to subscribe to enough panels to cover around 90 percent of our usage. We don't hit 90 percent each month, but over the year it averages out. If we use 1000 kWh and our panels only generate 700

kWh, then we are going to pay Pepco rates for the 300 kWh we did not use from the community solar panels. If our panels, in this example, generate 1100 kWh, then we would get a credit, not a refund, for the extra 100 kWh on our Pepco bill.

Pepco's monthly bill details our solar power generation and enables us to calculate our savings, which has been about \$150 in the last 12 months. We have been very happy with the program. It was a bit of a wait to get connected, but, at this point, we don't think about it at all except for periodically reaching out to Neighborhood Sun to adjust our allotment to align with the 90 percent goal. Neighborhood Sun is currently sold out in active Pepco projects but does have a waitlist. —SPEKE WILSON, 7309 University Avenue

OUT AND ABOUT

Living near a city as vibrant and diverse as Washington, DC, means there are many options for amazing dining experiences no matter what your preferred cuisine may be. If you find yourself stumped ahead of your next dinner out, consider one of these options that we've either recently enjoyed or have at the top of our To-Dine list:

Lutèce is a New French restaurant in Georgetown. The setting is extremely cozy with a small, intimate dining room and a Chef's Table right next to the kitchen in the back. We thoroughly enjoyed the four-course tasting menu, and although the offerings change with the seasons, you can expect the inclusion of fresh oysters, amazing homemade sourdough bread, fresh pasta, seasonal veggies cooked in exciting



Villa Yara in Georgetown

ways, and lots of lick-your-plate-clean sauces. We had a great time and appreciated the entire experience.

Also in Georgetown is **Villa Yara**, a new Lebanese restaurant. This restaurant is definitely more of a "scene" with a back patio that screams "Instagram this" (as proven by the number of real and aspiring bloggers we saw documenting their meal). We had a pleasant experience, but the food was not as impressive as other Lebanese

establishments in the city. Go for the setting and the flatbread.

I have a standing reminder to try and snag a reservation at **Kappo**, right down the street in Palisades. With 21 seats and just two daily seatings, it's difficult to get in at a desirable time (if at all). Kappo is a Japanese restaurant, offering an 8-course dinner centered on wagyu beef—down to the cocktails! I can't wait to check it out.

Lapis, in Adam's Morgan,

serves delicious Afghan food in a bistro setting. Both brunch and dinner are delicious, and while everything on the menu is good, we love splitting a bunch of sambosas, kabobs, and kofta, family-style.

A classic spot I recently rediscovered in the category of Global food is **Compass Rose**. The menu is based around classic street foods from around

the world, and it doesn't disappoint. My favorite—and perhaps what they are best known for—is the Khachapuri from Georgia. While we're still experiencing mild fall temperatures, make a reservation to dine in one of their bazaar-themed tents.

Some other international spots to check out this fall: **Yellow Cafe** (French-Middle Eastern in Georgetown and Navy Yard) and **Love, Makoto** (Asian in NoMa).

—EMILY ELLIS

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The Avalon: Over in Chevy Chase, the Avalon will debut *The Holdovers* on November 10. It once again pairs Paul Giamatti at his curmudgeonly best with Alexander Payne, who directed him in *Sideways*. The film is getting a lot of early Oscar buzz for its funny and heart-warming tale of boarding school employees and students stuck with each other over the holidays. Also, the 90s will be the last decade revisited as part of the Avalon's 100 Years of Cinema Magic Series. This month on November 19, the theater will be showing the instant classic *Shakespeare in Love*. The film won seven Academy Awards, including Best Picture and Best Actress for Gwyneth Paltrow, who portrays a woman posing as a man in order to be able to play a woman on stage in Victorian England. And keep an eye out for one last Cinema Magic surprise coming from the Avalon in December.

AFI Silver: The annual silent film festival takes place this month, and as al-



Harold Lloyd in *Safety Last!*

ways, each film will be accompanied by live music. You can't go wrong with the 100th anniversary of the Harold Lloyd classic *Safety Last!* (11/4). It features the

iconic image of Lloyd dangling from a clock tower after scaling the outside of a building to impress his boss and his girlfriend. It's both funny and surprisingly

suspenseful, with impressive, practical special effects that made inventive use of camera angles. And speaking of inventive films, *This is Spinal Tap* (11/20) takes the mockumentary style to its hilarious, absurdist extreme as it follows a heavy metal rock band and their misadventures.

Landmark E Street:

The downtown movie house is featuring Tom Hanks this month. You can catch the quirky and tender *Joe Versus the Volcano* (11/14), the fun and feminist *A League of Their Own* (11/21), and the serviceable romantic comedy *Sleepless in Seattle* (11/28). In an entirely different vein, *The Anatomy of a Fall* (11/13) is a tense examination of the inner secrets of a family whose patriarch may or may not have been defenestrated from the top floor of their house. And *The Marvels* (11/10) is the latest installment of the Marvel Cinematic Universe, featuring a trio of tough female superheroes saving the world. —DAN SPEALMAN

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The Livable Town Committee has rescheduled its annual **Minnehaha Creek and Glen Echo Park cleanup** for Saturday, November 4, from 9:30–11 AM. Come for however long you can! They will provide gloves and trash bags for all and SSL hours for students. Wear your waterproof boots! Volunteers will meet at the pedestrian footbridge that connects to the parking lot. Email Julia Wilson at julia.wilson@me.com with questions and be sure to fill out the NPS volunteer form found on the Town website if you are coming.

Speaking of rained-out events, this year's **Town-wide yard sale** essentially was one, though a few resi-

HAVE YOU HEARD?



Emily Beers and Brandon Parris



Mallory Polak and Alex Appleman

dents set up stands of wares and a handful of potential customers braved the drizzly October 14. Many thanks still go to **Jan Shaut** for overseeing the event and for her steadfast optimism that it was going to be a sunny day!

Emily Beers, daughter of **Don and Debbie Beers** of Wellesley Circle, was married on Saturday, October 7, to Brandon Parris of Johns Island, South Carolina. The outdoor wedding and reception took place at

the groom's home, where the couple will reside. The weather was perfect and a great time was had by all.

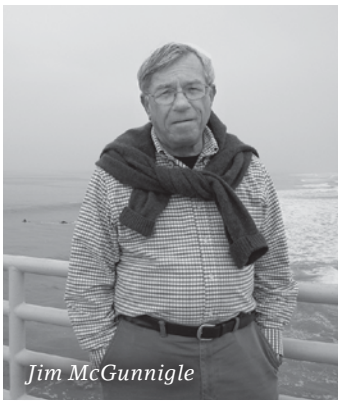
Mallory Polak, daughter of **Willem and Cathie Polak** of Princeton Avenue, married Alex Appleman on October 5, at Glenview Mansion in Rockville.

Former resident **Jim McGunnigle** passed away on September 8 at his home in Bethesda. Jim and his wife **Sally** lived all over the world, first with the Peace Corps and then in the U.S. Foreign Service. We were lucky to call them neighbors when they lived in Glen Echo from 2005 to 2016 at 15 Vassar Circle. They even served two years as co-

SIGHTS OF THE SEASON



This year, the Khalifas hosted a baby spider crafting event for the neighborhood children. It was so successful that Joci says it will be an annual event!



Jim McGunnigle

editors of *The Echo*. Jim is survived by Sally, his partner of 61 years, as well as their 3 children and 3 grandkids.

Mayor Costello is now accepting applications for the soon-to-be-open Town Manager position. After serving four years, Beth Stickler is moving to Maine in February.

Real Estate

6008 Bryn Mawr Avenue sold last month for \$699,000. Seller Norman Bernhardt, who will be moving in November, bought the house in 1990.

OUR TOWN PARK

The Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts & Culture (GEPPAC) board met on September 20, with many new board members and a new board president, Dan Hanlon, who shared strategic priorities for the 2024 fiscal year. Priorities include continuing efforts to collaborate with partners across the County, state, and NPS. In addition, it is committing its efforts to ensure the Park welcomes all through a newly formed DEIA Committee. One such effort is the Park's Youth Outreach and Scholarship Fund, which has become a source of designated funding for activities at Glen Echo Park for youth who individually or through group organizations demonstrate financial need.

Short- and long-range planning are also top priorities for the board this year. Emily Rogers, COO of

GEPPAC, is working closely alongside the board and staff members to oversee assessments of a number of Park facilities. One such project includes an assessment of the Crystal Pool area to determine paths forward for its utilization. Resilient Maryland is also conducting a study on energy use to keep the grounds of the Park operating sustainably.

While the playground continues to get minor repairs, GEPPAC is evaluating potential improvements through an initial study of what other neighboring community playgrounds are doing and what allowances and restrictions are unique to the property as a parcel of federal land.

With the carousel season concluding at the end of September, post-storm repairs on damaged horses and the organ are priorities during the closure period.

—MONA KISHORE

GOINGS ON

Town Hall Events

Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
8-10:30 PM, FSGW English Country Dance, Wednesdays, free to Town residents
Looking Ahead: Dec. 9
10-11:30 AM, Glen Echo Holiday Brunch



Local Events

Nov. 4 9:30-11 AM, Minnehaha Creek Clean Up

Glen Echo Park Events

Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 11 AM Aquarium kids story time
The Puppet Co. www.thepuppetco.org; 301-634-5380
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Nov. 19, **Cristina Hooper**, 13
Nov. 19, **Caroline Koonce**, 14
Nov. 23, **Gabriel Fiedler**, 1

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