

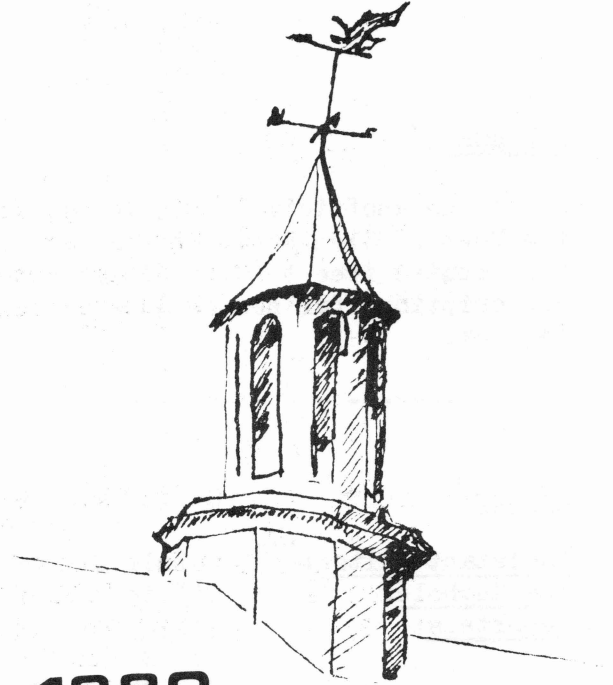
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GLEN ECHO MARYLAND

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COUNCIL REJECTS SUBDIVISION REQUEST

By Jim and Jan Shaut

The Town Council voted on October 23 to oppose a plan to resubdivide two lots on Wellesley Circle into a 5124 sq. ft. lot for the purpose of building a house on the land. The application to combine lots 29 and 30 of Block 16 was made by Louise Engelhardt and Hammond "Jack" Gunnell of 34 Wellesley Circle.

The Council and Mayor recognized that approval could set a precedent over what could be considered a buildable lot in Glen Echo. Currently there is a 6,000 sq. ft. minimum, unless it can be "grandfathered" as a 5,000-plus sq. ft. buildable lot. The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission had postponed a hearing, awaiting the input from town.

Discussion at the meeting made it clear that if the lot were approved, it would be difficult to later refuse a building permit. There was discussion of the potential for several more houses to be built in town if 5,000 sq. ft. were acceptable as a buildable lot.

Councilwoman Nancy Long moved that the Council not approve the resubdivision request. She and

TOWN DIRECTORY

A town resident will be visiting your home during the week of November 17-22 to collect the directory questionnaire that was included in the August issue of THE ECHO. Although information on the history of your house would be helpful, it isn't essential to the completion of the form.

Those of you who are former residents, please mail your questionnaire to:

Town Directory
32 Wellesley Circle
Glen Echo, Md. 20768

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COUNCIL OPPOSES SUBDIVISION (from page 1)

Councilman Kuster then voted in favor,
Councilman Vine opposed it and
Councilman Anderson, whose house adjoins
the lot in question, abstained.

Despite the Council action against
their request, Engelhardt and Gunnell
said they intend to pursue their appli-
cation to the Planning Commission. If
the Commission agrees to the resubdi-
vision over the town's objections, it is
likely that the matter would go to court.

Many houses in Glen Echo are built
on less than 6,000 sq. ft., since the
original lots were meant to be tent sites
in the Chautauqua days. Glen Echo is
among the densest built areas in the
County.

PUBLIC FORUM FOR YOUR CONCERNS

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Citizens
Advisory Board is sponsoring a public
forum for interested citizens to express
their concerns regarding regional issues
affecting the Bethesda-Chevy Chase,
Friendship Heights, Glen Echo and
Cabin John areas.

The Board will then relay the
concerns to the County Executive and
County Council so they will have a
better understanding of the major issues
confronting those areas.

Date: November 17 Time: 8:00 p.m.
Place: Bethesda-Chevy Chase High
School Auditorium

"ALADDIN" AND "LOLLIPOP" ENTERTAIN
AT HALLOWEEN PARTY

By Rex Borsari

As always, the Halloween Party was a huge success. Almost 50 people attended, most of them in costume, and enjoyed the festivities.

Paula Wolff, who organized the party, chose an excellent entertainment in the form of Aladdin the Magician and Lollipop the Clown. Their performance included magic using a live rabbit and dove and concluded with balloon-animal sculpture.

The Halloween atmosphere was created in the Town Hall entrance with the use of crepe paper streamers and candles in the windows. In the main room, more streamers and creatures on the wall set the stage for the party. These were arranged by Debbie and Jana Monteleone, Amy Helmig and Bill and Robby Borsari.

The "treat" part of the "Trick or Treat" was provided by townspeople and included pumpkin pie and cookies, cup cakes, gingerbread, peanut butter and chocolate chip cookies, macaroons and cider.

Three judges for the costume parade each selected a winner, each of whom won a decorated lollipop with the seal of the Town of Glen Echo attached. Councilman Ronnie Vine chose Billy "Darth Vader" Kuster, Joye Newman chose Tara "Lion" MacNeil and Bill Cole chose Cathy "Gypsy" Deebo.

Polaroid photos of the festivities were taken by Tom Wolff and handed out at the party to the participants.

The clean-up was done that night by Alberta Bartkus and the Borsaris, with additional work being done on Friday by the Monteleone sisters.

RIGHT-OF-WAY DISPUTE SETTLED

The boundary dispute over the question of who can use undeveloped town property was finally settled at the October 23 Council meeting. Adopted was a resolution drafted by Town Attorney Tom Craven that adjoining property owners share and maintain unused rights-of-way on a 50-50 basis and pay the town \$1.00 annually for use of the property.

The town reserved the right to use the property in the future and indicated that any improvements erected, such as fences, may have to be removed if the town gives notice. At issue was the question of the Sadaranganis of 6108 Bryn Mawr Avenue erecting a fence on the Wellesley Circle right-of-way that has never been developed, but has been used by the Deebos of Vassar Circle.

Councilman Jim Anderson moved that the resolution be adopted, and it was seconded by Ronnie Vine. The motion was adopted with three in favor, Councilman Fred Kuster abstaining.

---Jim and Jan Shaut

LIBRARY, BUS SERVICE THREATENED

Metro proposes to eliminate C-1 bus service from Glen Echo to Bethesda and Friendship Heights, and a sharp reduction in library services at Little Falls library is planned for 1981, according to the Bannockburn Newsletter.

A hearing on the Metro proposal was scheduled for November 10, according to the Newsletter.

The Newsletter stated that the library reduction includes cutting the staff from 13 to 8, consolidating all services on one floor and eliminating special services, such as the children's story hour.

It suggested that letters of protest be sent to Charles W. Gilchrist, County Executive, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Md. 20850.

DON'T MISS THE CABIN JOHN CRAFT FAIR — December 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Clara Barton School Building

TOWN COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS October 23 Meeting

By Jim and Jan Shaut

About 24 people attended the meeting and waited over 20 minutes for the Mayor's arrival. Councilwoman Nancy Long finally proceeded with the meeting by reviewing the minutes of the previous meetings.

Princeton Avenue Property Maintenance--Several days of work on 6005 Princeton Avenue by an electrician was done by the owner in response to neighbors' complaints that the property was a fire hazard. Louise Engelhardt and adjacent neighbor Willem Polak were satisfied that the property was no longer a threat to the neighborhood.

Cable TV--Mayor George R. Borsari, Jr., reported that the County cable TV advisory committee, of which he is a member, was sworn in. He expects there will be at least a two-year wait before there will be cable TV in the area.

Christmas or Holiday Party??--Councilman Ronnie Vine, during the review of the minutes, again reiterated his opposition to calling the upcoming party a "Holiday Party." He declared it is a celebration of a religious holiday, with Santa Claus and Christmas tree. Town resident Sheldon Milstien contended that it should be merely a party at the holiday season in order not to violate the separation of church and state. The party is now described in the minutes as a Christmas-Holiday party.

7315 Columbia Avenue--The Council approved street parking for the soon-to-be built house so that the existing stone wall would not have to be broken for a parking space. The house will be built by Howard Beaubien, Jr., and will be the second on the street. Councilman Kuster will arrange for the street to be cleared of encroaching bushes.

County Jurisdiction Rejected--The Human Relations and Consumer Protection Boards of Montgomery County asked the town to give them jurisdiction in town. The Council unanimously rejected the requests, which would deal with employment and products and services bought in town.

Abandoned Autos--Quoting Councilman Jim Anderson, "Like caterpillars and roaches-- they are back." The town previously had an agreement with residents of a University Avenue address to get rid of several abandoned autos stored on and around their property. Town attorney Tom Craven is sending a letter to the residents stating that the town is initiating court action.

Trash Problems--Clerk-Treasurer Paula Wolff reported that new resident Willem Polak was having problems with the town trash collector, Mr. Neal, in removing building material debris from his property. The town's contract with Mr. Neal calls for him to pick up such materials at no extra charge. In some cases, he has been reluctant and has charged for the service, residents claimed.

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

Town Maintenance--Councilman Kuster reported that contracts for snow removal and sanding have been signed for the winter with F.O. Day and Earl Wright. Replacements for missing and broken street signs are expected soon. There was discussion about changing the signs later on for easier repair. The hedges around the Town Hall are being trimmed. The overgrown bushes at the top of many streets leading to MacArthur Blvd. are to be trimmed to avoid accidents between autos leaving town and pedestrians and bikers on the path.

Street Repairs--Contractor John Howe is expected to repair the town streets by mid-November for approximately \$3,100. The work, which will be performed by the firm of Lallande, will be in five separate portions, each under \$1,000, so the necessity for bids does not exist. Separate approval for each of the various projects was voted by the Council.

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 17 - 8 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

All residents encouraged to attend.

TOWN HALL RENTAL POLICIES RECONSIDERED

The Council discussed various ways of raising more fees for maintenance and improvements of the Town Hall at its October 23 meeting.

Currently, town residents and civic associations use the hall free. The Council indicated that it should stay that way. However, it was suggested that the current fee of \$25 with a \$75 deposit for non-residents be raised to \$50 with a \$100 refundable deposit.

A proposal for raising the fee and possibly guaranteeing paid dates will be discussed at the next Council meeting. Additional revenues could be used for maintenance, as well as new chairs and tables, kitchen equipment, a movie projector or lighting.

---Bonnie Whyte

THE COUNCIL COMMENTS TO Bonnie Whyte

-- The town has to be able to back up its own laws. The town shouldn't have a court system, but it does need to follow up when laws are broken.
Councilman Jim Anderson

-- The sidewalk repair firm of Lisbon-Madeira is supposed to come back and fix 9 or 10 sidewalk blocks. Otherwise money may be deducted from their bill.

-- The yellow no-parking paint for the sidewalks may have to wait until next spring.

-- After the leaves have fallen, John Cooley will clear the drains in town and also cut the bushes on Columbia Ave. and at the town entrances.

Councilman Fred Kuster

-- The town ordinances should be reviewed and unenforceable ones eliminated. Otherwise, the town should enforce the law.

Councilman Ronnie Vine

TRASH COLLECTION TIMES

Regular trash collection--Tuesday and Friday mornings. Must be in closed plastic bags or in boxes which are tied.

Leaf and grass pick-up--Monday. Leafbags are available on the front porch of Clerk-Treasurer Paula Wolff, 6001 Yale Avenue.

Non-combustible objects or heavy household trash--the last Saturday of each month. You may have to help Mr. Neal, the trash collector, if the object(s) is very heavy.

Newspapers--Friday morning. Must be tied or bagged.

Especially large jobs--Call Paula Wolff, 229-2378, to arrange for a special pick-up. No charge for this service.

SAVE



Willem and Cathie Polak, along with their nine-month-old son, Matt, are now residing at 6005 Princeton Avenue. As friends of Chuck Benner, the former owner, they are already well acquainted with the town of Glen Echo.

Willem runs the Washington Boat Lines, which cruises the Potomac with sightseeing boats, and he has a great affinity for the river. His enthusiasm for the area is shared by his biker wife, Cathie. Willem was raised in the Cleveland Park area and Cathie has been in Washington since 1960. The Polaks' main interest is boating, but other hobbies include skiing, soccer and, now, home improvement.

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Across the street at 6004 Princeton lives the Aldridge family. Elizabeth and sons, John, 16, William, 12, and daughter, Lesa, 25, arrived in September. They have lived many places throughout the world, most recently Bangkok, Thailand. Their travels were first necessitated by the different posts of their minister father. After he died, they followed Elizabeth's brother, who is in the Foreign Service, to various parts of the world.

Lesa is a rock-and-roll singer with a 45-record to her credit. She has been playing with an all-girl band in Memphis called "The Klitz." John is interested in motorcycles, dirt bikes in particular, and is a boy scout. He attends Walt Whitman High School. William attends the French School and writes and illustrates his own comic books, which his mother has bound for him.

Richard and Cynthia Maggin and their son Joshua, born October 16, are the new residents of 7314 University Avenue. They moved here in August from Gaithersburg.

Richard is a general contractor and realtor; Cynthia teaches piano to young children and is a pre-school teacher. In their spare time, they are currently involved with finishing the re-modeling of their home.

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Daryl's Dog Corner

Fortunately, October was a slow month. I caught just one dog running loose, without tags, and returned him to his owners on Wilson Lane. If caught again, he will go to the pound; if the police catch him without tags, there is at least a \$25 fine involved.

There is a mysterious black and white English Setter getting into trash bags. He is not from town, and I haven't been able to catch him yet.

As a reminder, if you have complaints about animals, please contact the Animal Control Board. Written letters are appreciated. If there is an immediate problem, please call me and I'll see what I can do.

--- Daryl Kuster
Animal Control Officer

Adventure Theatre presents

A CHRISTMAS CAROL
November 29 thru January 4
Saturdays & Sundays
1:30 and 3:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$3 Call 320-5331

PARK SEEKS INPUT IN PLANNING PROCESS

By Bonnie Whyte

National Park Service representatives addressed residents about the planning process for Glen Echo Park at the October 23 Town Council meeting. Site Manager Audrey Calhoun and NPS Planning Team leader Dennis Piper said that the purpose of a public information meeting, scheduled for November 7, was to entertain ideas for the Park, but were vague as to what direction the Park was going in or had in mind.

The Council told them it intends to have a great deal to say about future Park plans but will not be formally represented at the meeting because it feels it is not just another citizen group and has a right to be represented separately. Individuals were encouraged to attend and voice their own views.

Of particular interest to the town was a paper entitled, "Glen Echo: overview/goals and objectives/issues" handed out at the meeting. It spells out the overall goals of the Park and the physical problems at the site, but gives no idea of what the purpose and activities at the Park are supposed to be.

It mentions the problem of who controls and owns Oxford Road. The land records are in doubt, and although the town has maintained the road, it is shown as being Park property on Park maps.

Other problems noted in the report are:

- difficult access due to O. Roy Chalk's ownership of the trolley right-of-way;
- bluestone containing asbestos, which still covers portions of the parking lot;
- Minne-ha-ha Creek, which is still being polluted by the parking lot. Its culvert running under the lot is eroding due to flooding from the aqueduct and heavy rains;
- need for better food and public facilities;
- infestation of fleas in the Spanish ballroom;
- once people figure out how to get to the Park, they can't figure out what's happening and where.

TWO PARK AREAS REEVALUATED

By Rex Borsari

By November 15 a decision will be made regarding the use of two areas in Glen Echo Park presently going through reevaluation.

They are the "Consumer Interest" area, which presently houses the automobile repair shop, and the Dance building. The present users, as well as potential replacements, are required to submit proposals for use of the areas in a complete reevaluation which occurs at the Park every four or five years. Present users are given no preferential treatment in the selection process. To date, there are approximately six proposals to be reviewed.

The steps in the procedure include announcing that space is available for artistic pursuits, which must include education and be responsive to the needs of the community.

No rent or utilities are charged, but a portion of each student's tuition and a percentage of all items made and sold in the Park must be turned over to the Park Service.

No requirements are set forth as to type of art or who may apply. A panel is then formed, based on the types of proposals received, since each discipline represented must have a qualified member on the decision panel.

Also included on the panel are community representatives and a member of the existing artistic community.

Comments may be offered in writing through December 7, mailed to:

Audrey Calhoun
Site Manager
Glen Echo Park
Glen Echo, MD 20768

SAGA OF A POTHOLE AND THE WSSC

By Rex Borsari

Princeton Avenue has one less pothole. The WSSC arrived in mid-October to repair the hole they made in mid-January.

After the initial excavation, the area was temporarily patched within days. Then the wait began.

After two months, the temporary patch began to sink. That is when the phone calls to WCCS started.

The main number connects you with an operator who politely takes the information and tells you someone will look into it. One month later, a similar call gets similar results.

The second step is to obtain the number for the maintenance department. The operator for that section politely takes the information and tells you someone will look into it. One month later, a similar call with similar results.

The final step is to obtain the name of Maintenance Director Mr. Stewart. He says something will be done soon and you are not the only one with a small job who has been kept waiting. The following day more temporary patch is added, raising the level of the pothole.

One month later another call to Mr. Stewart receives similar results. He explains that the repair will be made within three weeks. When asked if he could possibly have the work order moved up the line, he says it is moving up the line.

Within three weeks, the pothole is indeed fixed, nine months after it was made.

End of Saga

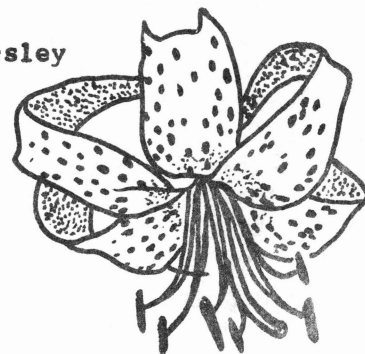
LET'S MAKE GLEN ECHO EVEN MORE ATTRACTIVE!

I would like to know if anyone else in Glen Echo would like to order flower bulbs to be planted in the spring. If we have a combined order of \$70 or more, we can obtain premium quality plants from Holland at 90% the wholesale price. The plants are on sale by Dutch Gardens, Inc., Lisse, Holland. The company will send the plants even before we send it the money. I have ordered bulbs, etc. from Dutch Gardens for two years now and have received excellent merchandise.

If you are interested, call me (229-3193) and I'll show you the catalog and price list.

Here is a partial price list; dinner plate dahlias--3/\$2.70; topline 14 cm/up named gladiolus corms--5/.85; topline double, carnation, crista, butterfly, or hanging basket begonias--3/2.55; named lilies--3/ 2.55-4.80; named cannas--3/1.50; peonies--2.60 each; anemone--10/1.50; tigridias--10/1.50. (If the order is \$70 or more, the prices are 10% less.)

Edd Barrows, 21 Wellesley



CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE--Matching bathtub, toilet pedestal sink--excellent condition--\$100. Navy blue bathtub, good condition--\$25. Call 229-6042.

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WANTED TO RENT--Garage for semi-dead storage of special interest automobile. Call 229-4379.

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WANTED--Garage space for 17-foot boat on trailer. Call Walter Helmig, 229-0893.

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FOR SALE--Winemaking kit, complete, \$100; Mimeograph machine, good condition, \$75. Call Rick or Mary, 229-3053 early in morning (before 8) or weekends.

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BABYSITTERS NEEDED--A sweet baby girl needs love and attention on occasional nights and weekends so her parents can enjoy a movie or dinner out. Please call Bonnie Whyte, 229-3392.

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ICE SKATES FOR SALE--Figure skates, naugehyde, good condition. Girls, size 3; boys, sizes 2 and 8. \$7 per pair. Call Anderson, 229-3748.

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(Classified ads are free to Glen Echo residents and can be left in THE ECHO box at the post office or given to Ann Simpich, 23 Wellesley Circle. Please do not phone them to the Editor.

Fee to non-residents: 50¢ per line of 36 spaces or fewer. Make check payable to "The Town of Glen Echo" and mail to Ann Simpich, 23 Wellesley Circle, Glen Echo, Md. 20768.

AD DEADLINE: FIRST OF EACH MONTH

LATE CLASSIFIED: I would like to buy any unwanted clay flower pots, especially those over 6" in top diameter. If you have pots for sale, call Edd Barrows at 229-3193.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Greetings from Idaho! I celebrated my 40th birthday this year canning 58 quarts of tomatoes with my neighbor! So far I have canned 104 quarts and 72 pints of fruits and vegetables.

We were so thrilled to be able to see our own beef steer be butchered on September 30. Jason was very brave watching them shoot and skin our steer. Remie and Nick were in school.

We have ended up with 217 pounds of meat at a cost of \$1.39 per pound.

No sooner will our meat arrive to go in our freezer and we will all spend October 11 killing our 49 chickens. Remie, Nick and Jason will have the job of "plucking" tons of feathers.

We are also happy to report as the first frost of the season has arrived that we all have worked very hard to cut, split, haul from the mountain top and stack in our woodshed our 10 cords of FREE wood from the Forest Service.

The children are very happy to be in the one-room Christian school with a total of 31 children. Bill is now busy getting wood for the school in lieu of paying tuition.

Again, we wish to extend a heartfelt invitation to anyone wishing to see beautiful Idaho.

God bless,

Bill, Linda, Remie, Nick and Jason
Cannon

(The Cannons were formerly residents of 7314 University Avenue.)

THE ECHO is distributed to Glen Echo residents around the middle of each month (a few days before the next Town Council meeting). If you should not receive a copy, you may find an extra one at the Post Office. Just ask a clerk for on.

By

Tillie McHolly

THE KEYHOLE

The National Presbyterian Church was the place, and Saturday October 18th was the date on which William "Buddy" Briggs gave up the single life for a married one. Barbara Fouch, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George Fouch of Tulip Hill, became the bride of "Buddy", son of Betty and Billy Briggs of 6105 Bryn Mawr Avenue, at a lovely ceremony at 6 o'clock in the evening.

Following the wedding, a reception was held at the Mayflower Hotel. Among the many guests present were several Glen Echo residents and two former residents. Elsie Beall Ferguson and her husband were seen mingling with the guests, also George Brocken and his wife. Both Elsie and George lived here for many years.

Following the reception, "Barbie" and "Buddy" left for the Virgin Isles. Upon their return they will be at home in Rockville. Best wishes to the newly weds!

With the wedding of Buddy, the list of Glen Echo's eligible bachelors has decreased. Maybe we should take a survey and see how many remain in case we ever have a Sadie Hawkins Day in town. For those not familiar with the cartoon "Li'l Abner," Sadie Hawkins Day was a day set aside in November on which single girls entered a race to pursue eligible bachelors. Woe to the ones who were caught!

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Ellen and William (Bailey) Briggs of Farnham, Virginia, have been putting a lot of mileage on their car recently. Not only did they return to their old home town to observe their wedding anniversary, and a bridal shower for the girl who was marrying their only grandson, but also for the "main event"--William Briggs III wedding day.

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Jimmy and Janice Miller of 6101 Bryn Mawr Avenue entertained Winnie Stubbs of Garland, Texas. Winnie and Janice worked together at the Pentagon years ago, so be-

tween visiting another coworker, and reminiscing about their former activities, and sightseeing in D.C., and playing UNO in the evenings, they managed to make two weeks go much too quickly.

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Elsie and Paul Alban of 6104 Bryn Mawr Avenue made their third flight to Buffalo, New York, this year when they attended another wedding there last month. After experiencing the October temperatures in one of our northern cities, they were glad to return "south" to Glen Echo and "thaw out" in ours.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE NEIGHBORS:

Carol Reptsik-----November 12
Edward Moreland-----November 24

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Please call Tillie at 229-4119 with any items of interest, or drop them into the "Town News Items" container in the Post Office.

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An exhibition of the first original print of Brockie Stevenson's "At Bradley's Place" will take place at the Fendrick Gallery at 3059 M St. N.W. from November 4-29. Brockie has some samples at his Harvard Avenue abode.

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GLEN ECHO BABY BOOM CONTINUES

New residents Richard and Cynthia Maggin of 7326 University are now proud parents of Joshua Keith, born at G.W.U. Hospital October 16 and weighing in at 7 Lbs. 13 oz. Joshua is the first boy born to Glen Echo residents in several years. This year the town has experienced a baby boom, with three girls born in the past three months!