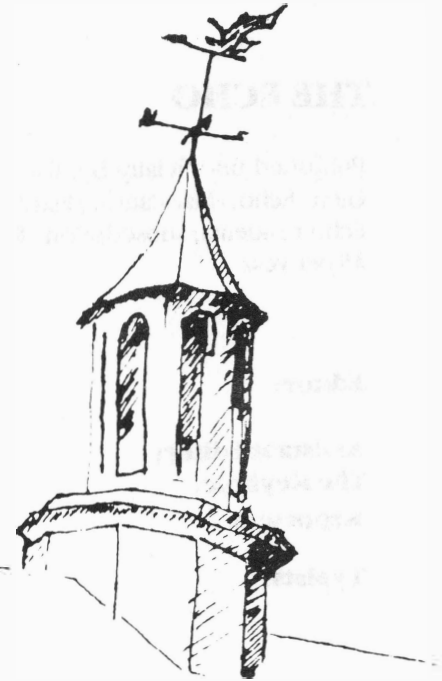


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COUNCIL HIRES NEW TRASH CONTRACTOR **Bid Differential Too Much to Ignore**

By Julie Milstien and Carlotta Anderson

Despite a sentimental inclination toward continuing the town trash services of Rudolph Neal, who has been a familiar figure to townspeople for some 15 years, the Town Council on October 12 voted to accept the trash contract proposal of Montgomery County Refuse Company on the basis of its low bid.

The difference between the two bids was calculated at over \$3,000. Montgomery County Refuse bid \$13,504 per year, including dumping fees but excluding special pickups. Mr. Neal's bid, which did not include dumping fees, was estimated at \$16,760 when projected dumping fees were included.

More precisely, the winning bid was \$9.95 per month per household including dumping fees versus \$10 per household plus dumping fees.

Mayor Kuster congratulated the Council on reaching a decision which he characterized as "a tough one." The subject has occupied the Council's attention for several months.

The Town Charter provides for contracts to be awarded "to the bidder who offers the lowest or best bid, quality of goods and work, time of delivery or completion, and responsibility of bidders being considered." Montgomery County Refuse was well recommended by several communities to which it provides refuse service.

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COUNCIL OPPOSES RADCLIFFE ABANDONMENT

by Julie Milstien

Contractor Richardson Beard at the October 12 Town Council meeting requested the abandonment by the town of the undeveloped portion of Radcliffe Lane which lies behind the Reading property (Oakdale Villa) on Wellesley Circle.

He stated that he had been directed to obtain either abandonment or a variance by the Park and Planning Commission to enable him to site the two houses he plans to build

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NEW TRASH COLLECTOR (from page 1)

The vote was 3-0 with Councilwoman Long abstaining. She explained that she was reluctant to vote against Mr. Neal because "he has given such good service" but she also found it difficult "to reconcile the difference in the bids."

Councilwoman Borsari said she thought the new company was able to give a lower bid because of "flexibility of equipment," citing the fact that they have several trucks and crews. The new contract is for one year.

Bidders submitted an amended contract last month to include building

materials in end-of-month pickups. Montgomery County Refuse changed its charge for those pickups from \$150 to \$200 per month.

The new service will begin November 1. The Council offered Mr. Neal continuation of his service until January 1, but he declined because he is not planning to renew his trash collector's license, which expires before that date.

There will be some changes in pickup days and times (see page 3), most notably in a much earlier pickup time of 7 a.m.

RADCLIFFE (from page 1)

Further from Oakdale Villa and to save as many trees as possible.

Mr. Beard contended that the variance method was unavailable to him, because to obtain a variance hearing before the Montgomery County Board of Appeals he must first be turned down for a building permit. Since he can site the houses without a variance, he would not be refused a permit, he said.

Showing a site plan, Mr. Beard said he could build two houses with the front elevations as previously presented to the Council and the loss of four of six two-foot diameter trees.

If abandonment is granted, he said, the setback could be to within five feet of the present back property line, allowing him more flexibility in siting with the possibility of turning the two houses sideways to face each other and saving two to three of the trees.

To Council requests that he first fail in an attempt to get a variance before asking for abandonment, Beard replied, "You're asking me to go an expensive and tortuous road to prove a point." He instead agreed to work with the town if it could find an alternate method for obtaining the five foot setback.

Mayor Kuster proposed obtaining from Town Attorney Tom Craven a letter detailing the town's power of abandonment, the power of the town to grant a variance and his opinion of Mr. Beard's contention on the unavailability of a variance under these circumstances.

Councilwoman Long will contact the Historic Preservation Commission to determine if, with their recommendations on the setback, the variance request could get a hearing.

Councilmembers generally opposed any consideration of abandoning that portion of Radcliffe Lane. Councilwoman Beers said that she was opposed to giving Mr. Beard "something for nothing."

NEW TRASH COLLECTION TIMESRegular Refuse:

Tuesday & Friday - 7:00 a.m.

Does not have to be bagged if in lidded receptacle. After it is emptied, the receptacle will be turned upside down, with the lid placed on top.

Garden Refuse:

Wednesday - 7:00 a.m.
(changed from Monday)

In plastic bags, or tied up in branches no longer than 4 feet.

End-of-Month Pickup:

Last Wednesday of each month, 7:00 a.m.
(changed from Saturday)

Large items, including furniture and appliances that can't be put into containers, as well as building materials, which must be containerized and loadable.

Special Pickup:

On one weeks notice from Clerk-Treasurer Paula Wolff (229-2378).

Need not be containerized. Includes large quantities of building materials. Residents limited to two truckloads a year; cost of additional truckload, \$200.

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW EARLIER COLLECTION TIMES!

ADVENTURE THEATRE

The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe

November 21 - December 20

Sat. & Sun., 1:30 and 3:30

\$3 -- Reservations 320-5331

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PETITION CHANGES PARTY DATE

When some of the town's young people learned that the Council had scheduled the Halloween party for Halloween night and Trick-or-Treat night for the evening before, they were up in arms.

It meant that they could not go trick-or-treating with their friends from other localities unless they skipped the town Halloween party.

When Sarah Milstien, 13, of Harvard Avenue and Kris Shultz, 12, of Wellesley Circle protested to Clerk-Treasurer Paula Wolff, organizer of the party, she realized that "most of the children would be extremely upset with the plans and, after all, the party was supposed to be for the children." She suggested that they circulate a petition requesting a change of date.

Forty-five minutes later, Sarah and Kris returned with 30 signatures, including some from adults. "There was no question about it then," said Paula, and the date was hurriedly changed.

The reason the Council had scheduled the party for Halloween night was that "it's easier to go to

a party on Saturday night," according to Councilwoman Rex Borsari. However the Council's decision changed the tradition of the past three years at least, when trick-or-treating occurred on Halloween night, with the party the evening before.

Paula enlisted the aid of many town residents in planning this year's Halloween party.

The flyer announcing it was designed by Raya Bodnarchuk, who hand-colored the pumpkins on each of the 100 sheets.

Decorations were carried out by Cathie Polak, Debbie Beers, Sarah Milstien, Kris Shultz and Billy Borsari, using dried corn and other harvest-type materials procured by Tom Wolff.

Rex Borsari got the cider from Tony's produce truck and Alberta Bartkus bought all the necessary paper products.

Entertainment was scheduled to be provided by the Modeling Muppets and costumes judged by Dennis Piper, Jane Stevenson and Frank Corder.



Inger Quorning, a 19-year-old Danish girl, is now a resident of the Whyte household at 39 Wellesley Circle, where she will be looking after baby Lindsay for the next year. Inger studied English in Denmark for eight years, and plans to study either journalism or architecture at a Danish university after her return.

Inger's main interest is sailing and she wants to join a sailing club. Both her father and her twin brother are professional boat builders in Skaebæk, Denmark. Her brother holds many sailing records. Several years ago her parents moved to Canada to learn new concepts of boat building, after which her father introduced the Trimaran type of boat to Denmark.

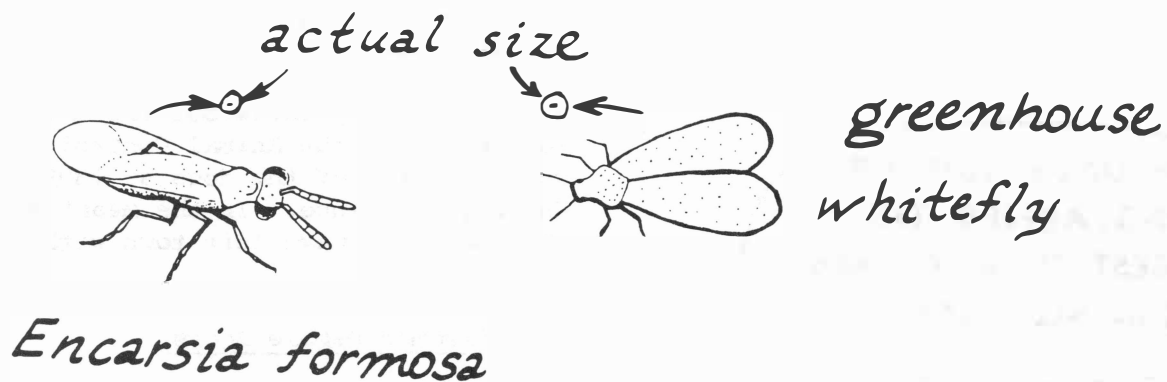
Inger is also looking for a badminton club. She was woman's champion in that sport for her province. She is also eager to make some American friends; "after all, that's why I'm here," she said.

RESIDENT TO RESEARCH WHITEFLIES IN TOWN GARDENS

If you grew tomatoes, cucumbers, or squash this year, you may have seen the greenhouse whitefly on these plants. The whitefly is not a true fly, but a relative of aphids and cicadas. When whiteflies are common, they fly up in clouds when disturbed. Because they suck plant juices and produce an exudate (honey dew) which harbors fungus, they are considered pests.

One way to cut down the whitefly population is to release a tiny, parasitic wasp, *Encarsia*, in your garden. *Encarsia* does not harm humans, pets or beneficial plants and animals. A Master's student and I are planning to continue studies on whiteflies and *Encarsia* during the growing season of 1982 in Glen Echo. We hope that our work will lessen reliance on polluting chemical pesticides.

Edd Barrows



Lock 7

The white empty lock house
 standing alone
 There used to be the faint pattering
 of tiny feet along the wooden floor
 It is empty now
 It echoes with every sound within
 A fragile shadow among the bare
 branches of the hard white winters
 It won't stay long now
 but it will always be rebuilt
 Nothing will replace the lonely lock house
 along the winding canal

Molly Cronin
 age 13
 October 1981

Daryl's Dog Corner

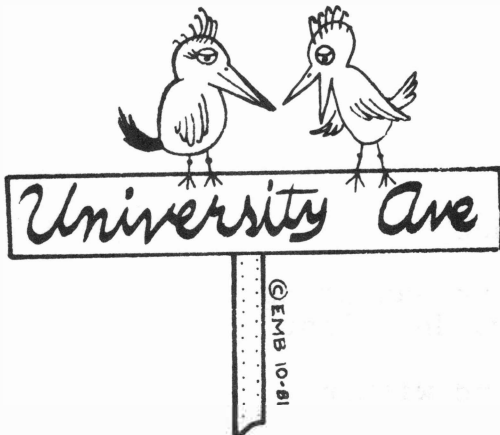
I caught five raccoons in a Have-a-Heart trap in a town yard last month. They were all healthy adults. I released them in other wooded areas.

I returned one out-of-town dog to its owner and notified one town resident about their dog running at large.

A dead rat was found in a town yard. Rats feed on animal excretia. They can be discouraged by cleaning up after your dog in your yard. When I had a dog I would bury his excretia at least once a week.

----Daryl Kuster

**BERMUDA IS FOR THE
LOONS, AGNES. THE
BIGGEST BREAD CRUMBS
ARE IN GLEN ECHO !**



COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Fred Kuster:

The Maryland Special Court of Appeals, in an interpretation of the Maryland Constitution, decided that when municipal and County laws conflict, the County law takes precedence. The vote was 4-3.

This decision in effect destroys the ability of a town to govern itself. Why exist as a town if the County law overrules yours? Chief Justice Judge Murphy, in a dissent, called the vote "taking away municipal home rule."

Our town attorney will probably prepare a letter stating the town's position which will be taken to the state legislature in January in the hope that the legislature will overturn the decision.

The County threw out the motion for appeal of the Animal Control Board by the owners of the dogs at 7308 University Avenue. In the meantime, the residents have left town with their dogs.

Councilwoman Debbie Beers:

The town bulletin board should be delivered in a week or so. Volunteers to hang it should call her at 229-7308.

Councilwoman Rex Borsari:

I am happy to see that the National Park Service has paved the entrance and exit to the Park.

Councilwoman Nancy Long:

If any town resident is planning a Christmas party at the Town Hall, please let me know immediately. I have been getting many requests from out-of-town residents for that period but want to give town residents first choice.

---Barbara Odell and Carlotta Anderson

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: TOWN HOLIDAY PARTY DECEMBER 19, 7 P.M.

THE KEYHOLE

By

Tillie McNolly

Congratulations to three of our local residents, all women, who have recently attained acclaim in various fields.

Molly Cronin, of 6102 Bryn Mawr Ave., won two ribbons in her first horse show at the Potomac Horse Center on October 3. Molly took second place in the Walk, Trot Division and third place in the Walk, Trot Canter Division. She was riding her favorite horse, Cinnabar. Molly has been taking lessons at the Potomac Horse Center for over a year. She also works at the Gale Force Stable in Provincetown, Mass. in the Summer.

Raya Bodnarchuk, of 6105 Harvard Ave., whose sculpture was on display at Jack Kasmussen's Gallery, 313 G Street, N.W. A picture of her work was recently seen in Washingtonian Magazine.

Councilwoman Bonnie Whyte, of 39 Wellesley Circle, who has been appointed by President Reagan to be Director of Public Affairs for the International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce. She will be in charge of public information, publications and Business America.

Congratulations to each of you!

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Not to be outdone by members of the opposite sex, artist Brockie Stevenson, of 6106 Yale Avenue, was also listed in the Washingtonian Magazine as a local artist whose work turns up in national museums. Fendrick Gallery, 3059 M Street, N.W., shows his works locally.

Congratulations to you too Brockie!

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The M Street Brass Quintet presented an entertaining evening of music at the Town Hall on October 9. While several of the selections were familiar, the one that

had the feet keeping time was the Washington Post March.

The Quintet and guests were later treated to cookies and lemonade by the committee of one--Alberta Bartkus.

Thanks to Nancy Long, one of our Council members, for helping to make these concerts possible.

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Just learned that Ronnie Vine, of 6010 Princeton Avenue, has undergone surgery at Sibley Memorial Hospital.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery Ronnie--bet KC* is wondering where you are!

* Ronnie's dog.

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HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY WISHES GO TO:

- Carol Reptsik-----November 12
- Edward Moreland-----November 24
- Rich Adams (who used to live here)--Nov. 30

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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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Congratulations also to Eddie Phyfe of Wellesley Circle, whose jazz group, the Eddie Phyfe Three, will be performing daily for a few months at the Capital Holiday Inn. They will be in Smithson's Restaurant there at lunch and cocktail hours. Eddie, who has lived in Glen Echo on and off for 10 years, has been a drummer since the mid-40s. He has performed with Billie Holiday, Lester Young, Billy Butterfield and Eddie Condon, among others, as well as on TV and in motion pictures, and made many recordings.

TOWN COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

October 12

Councilwoman Long reported that she met with Bruce Adams, "the celebrated author of the dastardly article" on Glen Echo Park and that though he felt the Friends of Glen Echo Park was a good idea and would like to become a member, he still intends to pursue his plan of contacting entrepreneurs about commercial enterprises within the Park.....

Concerning the request of Eddie Phyfe to use the Town Hall for a jazz series, Councilwoman Borsari said that his proposal was "overambitious for our facility." On this basis, the Council voted to deny his request, 3-0, with Councilwoman Beers abstaining...

The group, pictured in last month's ECHO, which painted the town curbs, Eric Anderson and friend, has been asked to submit a bid to paint the parking lot behind the post office, according to Councilwoman Whyte. She is looking for people to do weed removal and mowing as well as snow removal and sanding.....

Councilwoman Borsari reported that no other towns our size have considered a municipal infractions ordinance, but suggested the Maryland Municipal League conference in November as an ideal forum to probe the thinking of other towns' officials...

Clerk-Treasurer, Paula Wolff, reported that about half of the town property taxes levied, or \$10,836, have been paid. Currently the town has \$4,000 in savings, \$16,000 in a checking account and \$39,000 in two certificates of deposit.....

NEW BABY IN TOWN

Ky Hansen, born September 30, is the newest and youngest town resident, following his parents, Kathe and Eric by only 15 days.

Ky was scheduled to be delivered by a midwife at his home at 26 Wellesley Circle but after long labor and little progress, it was decided to use the back-up doctor for Family Birth Associates at Alexandria Hospital to ensure a safe delivery. The fact that Ky, a first baby, was a good-sized seven pounds, eight ounces also did not help matters.

Ky has blond fuzz and blue eyes and is apparently as satisfied with Glen Echo as his parents, who sought out a house here because they considered it "the nicest place in the whole Metropolitan area."

Ky's mother is also a midwife, who will be taking her licensing exam in Seattle, where the Hansen's formerly lived, on January 4. In addition to her clinical training in the Seattle home birth service, Kathe worked in a clinic in Texas and a hospital in the Caribbean. She also has taught pre-natal yoga, exercises for post-partum women, dance, and designed a class for men and women called "Energize Class."

Eric knew this area because he grew up in Woodacres. He is currently working toward a Ph.D. in Development Economics from M.I.T., and has a one year appointment with the World Bank working on a research project on national spatial policies in Brazil, in particular, industrial decentralization from Sao Paulo. He will visit Brazil in March.

Besides concentrating on being a new father, Eric plays on two local soccer teams.

The Council set Saturday, December 19, at 7:00 p.m. as the time for this year's Holiday Party.

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 9 -- 8:00 p.m.
Glen Echo Town Hall

All residents Encouraged to Attend

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOUND--Pearl necklace, found near Town Hall flagpole Saturday evening, October 17. Call Jane Fox, Writer's Center, 229-0930, and identify.

DANCE: After-work relaxation, limbering, improvisation.

Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m., Bannockburn Clubhouse. Call Marianne Ross, 229-6690 for details.

PART-TIME OFFICE HELP WANTED

for real estate office in the Glen Echo Shopping Center. Typing required. Call 229-2000 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

FREE GREEN TOMATOES, for relish pies, etc. Call Anderson, 229-3748.

HOLIDAY SHOW at the Glen Echo Gallery in Glen Echo Park opens December 6 with works from many artists suitable for gift giving, including a coloring book of the antique carousel.

CHRISTMAS PATCHWORK WORKSHOP at Glen Echo Park. Learn to make wreaths, stockings, tree skirts and more. Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9:30 p.m. beginning November 11. For more information, call 492-6282.

BANNOCKBURN BOOK FAIR

The Bannockburn Elementary School Book Fair will take place on November 9, 7-9:30 p.m. and November 10 and 11, 9-3:30 p.m. Books for children and adults, records, Unicef cards and gifts, Sierra Club calendars and more will be featured.

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AD DEADLINE: 24TH OF EACH MONTH

TOWN HOME RULE THREATENED

Municipal home rule in the state may be in jeopardy as a result of a Maryland Court of Appeals ruling that when municipal ordinances conflict with county ordinances, county law prevails. So says the Maryland Municipal League, which is asking Glen Echo and other municipalities for examples of such conflicts with the aim of asking the court to reconsider its decision.

FASCINATING TOWNS?

by Julie Milstien

While perusing the Book of Lists-- in this case, the lists of all the towns in Maryland, published by the Maryland Municipal League, I came across some fascinating names.

What is the story behind Secretary, a town of under 500 population? Is the town of Accident (101-250 population) so named because its founding was accidental, or is this a warning? I always take special care when driving through it!

Mardela Springs (251-500) and Marydel (101-250) are obviously somewhere close to the Maryland-Delaware border, but who decided how to combine the two state names?

And what was the family occupation giving rise to the name Kitzmillerville (250-500)?

Here is the list of towns with populations fewer than 250:

101-250--Accident, East New Market, Glen Echo, Burkittsville, Laytonsville, Goldsboro, Queen Anne, Hillsboro, Henderson, Marydel, Galestown, Barnesville, Church Creek, Brookeville.

26-100--Templeville, Eldorado, Brookview, Eagle Harbor, Port Tobacco

Under 25--Highland Beach, with eight residents

Glen Echo, incidentally, has a population of 229, according to the 1980 census.

But town attorney Tom Craven doubts that the ruling will be a problem for Glen Echo, since town laws were mainly taken from County laws. And he doesn't feel it would be worth the considerable expense to the town of his going through the statutes in a step-by-step comparison.

"I think it's more of a problem for the Maryland Municipal League than for Glen Echo," he said.

The League is also considering taking the case to the state legislature early next year.

Even if there were a conflict in some areas, town law would still prevail where county ordinances make provision for local ordinances, he said. Rockville and Gaithersburg, for example, have complete autonomy in zoning ordinances.

But apparently there is no such provision in Prince George's County regarding palm reading, which a township wished to ban and which county law permitted. This was the case before the Court of Appeals.

In a dissent from the 4-3 decision, Judge Robert C. Murphy, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, called it "completely at odds with municipal home rule" under the constitution and code.

At The CLARA BARTON SITE

Children's Music Program--

November 15, 2-3:30 p.m.

Children will learn how to make turn-of-the-century musical instruments. Ages eight and up. Reservations required, 492-6245

Victorian Christmas Workshop--

December 6 and December 12, and 13, 1-2 p.m. and 3-4 p.m.

Learn to make Victorian Christmas decorations. Ages 12 and up. Reservations required, 492-6245.