

The Echo

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Hockey Club Studying Feasibility of Ice Rink at Park

By Julie Milstien

The Montgomery County Amateur Hockey Association would like to build an Olympic-sized ice rink in Glen Echo Park on land leased from the government, a representative of the Association told the Town Council at its January 11 meeting.

The rink would be built with private capital, according to Barry C. Maloney, an attorney representing the Association, also known as the Wheaton Hockey Club. Three sites in the Park are under consideration, he said: the Crystal Pool area, the space at the end of the midway, and a parcel of land partially comprising the town basketball court on Tulane Avenue.

The Crystal Pool site is favored, Mr. Maloney said, because of its setting and easy access to the parking lot. He expects to have an engineering study made on the feasibility of the site.

An 85 x 200 foot area is required for an Olympic-sized rink.

Ice hockey has grown in popularity 480% in the last 10 years, he said, becoming the second fastest growing sport after soccer. Ice space is currently limited in Montgomery County. The club now uses 48 hours a week of ice time, he said.

The proposal was generally well-received by the Mayor, Town Council and six town residents who were present at the meeting. Councilwoman Bonnie Whyte was out of town.

Council members raised various concerns, including the design of the

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COUNTY SEEKS SEARCH WARRANT FOR BRYN MAWR HOUSE

The County zoning enforcement office has asked the County Attorney for an opinion on obtaining a search warrant to inspect the property at 6008 Bryn Mawr Avenue for R-60 zoning code violations.

A tenant at the property refused a previous attempt to inspect the house, which is suspected of having been converted to a two-family dwelling in violation of the zoning ordinance, according to Mayor Fred Kuster.

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COUNTY WANTS TO INSPECT HOUSE (from page 1)

The Mayor suggested at the January 11 Town Council meeting that the owners of rental properties in town which are in the process of changing hands should be reminded in writing of the limitations of R-60 zoning with respect to rental property.

Councilwoman Rex Borsari noted that under present zoning laws, the County should not have granted a building permit to the Bryn Mawr property owners to alter the dwelling for multiple apartment use.

There already are protective regulations which should be enforced, she pointed out.

The Council discussed the problem of parking the numerous cars belonging to tenants, which is a major problem stemming from these violations. It was suggested that better ticketing of parking violators in town would help the situation.

---Julie Milstien

WEATHER HAMPERS NEWSPAPER PICKUP

Holidays and weather conditions are the culprits that prevented newspaper pickup in the past few weeks.

Christmas and New Year's both fell on a Friday, the regular pick-up day. Since the trucks of the Silver Spring Newspaper Recycling Center operate six days a week, when the pickup date is a holiday the papers must wait until the following week.

Snowy and icy roads hampered pickup on some subsequent Fridays. The Center follows school schedulings; if school is cancelled, so are the pickups. Usually the trucks go out if school opening is only delayed, but sometimes run so far behind schedule that all stops cannot be made, according to Dallas Fowler, Plant Manager.

GLEN ECHO PROPERTY SALES

7308 University Avenue...\$75,000
Stan and Jan Lahargoue to
Bertha Smith

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Property sales in town are printed in THE ECHO after settlement date. The information is supplied by Realtor Louise Engelhardt.

ICE RINK (from page 1)

structure, alternative uses of the facility, access to other users besides hockey players and food services.

Mr. Maloney seemed open to discussion on all of these points to arrive at a facility that had town support. He also would welcome comments and suggestions from town residents, who may reach him at 293-1414.

A cost and feasibility analysis should be completed within two months, he told the Council, at which time he expects to meet with Park Service representatives. Mayor Fred Kuster requested that the town be represented at that meeting.

TOWN GRIPPED BY WORST STORM SINCE THE 1880s

Glen Echo grappled with a winter with a vengeance last month. Residents battled a dismaying series of snowstorms, freezing rain and sleet as the worst storm to hit America since the 1880s buffeted the town.

The storm--nicknamed the Siberian Express because it originated in the arctic region of the Soviet Union--brought with it the coldest January 17th on record. A temperature of five degrees below zero was recorded on that day at 7 a.m. at National Airport, the coldest day since February 9, 1934, when minus six degrees was recorded.

Northwest winds made it feel even colder, creating a wind-chill effect as low as 44 degrees below zero, the weather service said.

The Arctic blasts were felt most penetratingly by a number of Glen Echo families who woke up without heat after their oil pipes froze. The Stevensons, Larkins, Milstiens and Hansens were among those with a frozen pipeline leading from an outdoor oil tank. The oil in the outdoor segment of pipeline turned wax in the cold, Julie Milstien explained. She melted hers with a lighted, rolled-up newspaper.

Many automobiles could not cope with the wintry conditions and died. The editor counted 59 abandoned cars on the Beltway and the George Washington Parkway between College Park and Glen Echo on January 11th.

Even when the car started, it was sometimes not possible to get it up town hills and residents with foresight parked at the top. Exits from town were usually in sanded condition, but side streets were often barely negotiable. Sand was almost unavailable, according to Mayor Kuster, because supplies at local depots were frozen.

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MAYOR PURSUES "FIREGATE"

Mayor Fred Kuster will appeal to County Executive Charles Gilchrist as part of his ongoing battle with the Fire Commission.

He will cite the Fire Commission's refusal of the Glen Echo Fire Department's request for a new hook-and-ladder as well as demand a response on the splitting of Glen Echo for fire-fighting purposes.

Residents in the Glen Echo Fire District paid about \$1,259,000 in taxes to the General Consolidated Fire Tax District Fund in 1981, but received only \$1,046,000 of it back for use by the Fire District, Mayor Kuster told the Town Council at its January 11 meeting. This disparity in appropriations is a reflection of Fire Commission administration, he said.

The Mayor intends to further document where these monies are going and the relation between expenditures and representation on the Commission before new Commissioners are elected this summer, he said. (See also "Council Comments" in this issue.)

----Julie Milstien



YOUNGEST RESIDENT ARRIVES

Christin Els Polak, the youngest girl in town, arrived on December 17 at George Washington University Hospital and moved to her home at 6005 Princeton Avenue soon afterwards.

She lives there with her parents, Willem and Cathie, and brother Matthew, 2.

The second baby born in town in 1981, she weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces at birth, has a little brown hair, blue eyes, and "is growing like a weed," according to her mother.

Four babies were born in 1980 to Glen Echo families.

BULLETIN BOARD IN PLACE

Glen Echo now has a bulletin board.

It is located on the post office porch and will be restricted to official town notices.

Anyone who would like to see a notice pertaining to town business posted there should take it to the Mayor, any member of the Town Council or the Clerk-Treasurer, all of whom have keys.

NOTICE

Residents and visitors to town are reminded that it is illegal and subject to ticketing to park on sidewalks or in no parking areas as designated by yellow markings on the curb or by no parking signs.

SIDEWALKS NOT ALL CLEARED— WALKING HAZARDOUS

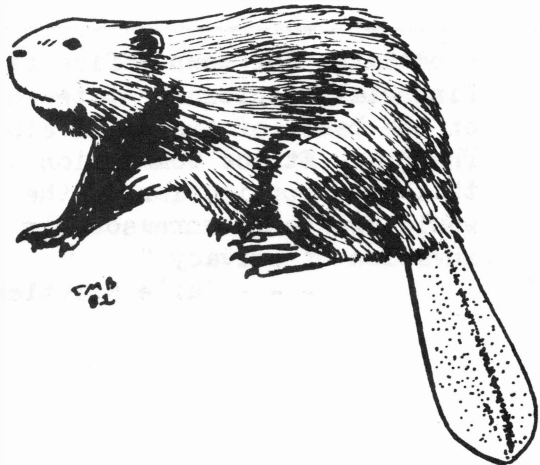
Residents who like to, or have to, walk through town found the going almost impossible on some days in January.

Roads and sidewalks were so icy at times that no soles seemed to have sufficient traction. It was then, especially, that those good souls who dutifully kept their sidewalks cleared through the periodic dumpings of snow that punctuated January were thought of with much gratitude.

Despite the notice in last month's ECHO that it is the responsibility of the property owner to clean the adjacent sidewalk of snow or ice within a reasonable time after a storm is over, only about half the resident complied. Particularly to be appreciated are those on corner lots who had a vast expanse of sidewalk to conquer.

The snowfalls appeared with such regularity that it was difficult for even the most conscientious shoveler to keep up with the treacherous conditions. Nevertheless, bravo for those who tried.

At least one pair of beavers was making its home in the canal directly below Glen Echo this winter. Before the canal froze over they were seen frequently swimming together, apparently unconcerned by nearby joggers, hikers, and dogs, between the footbridge and Lock 8 in Cabin John.



COUNCIL COMMENTS to Nancy Helmig

Mayor Fred Kuster:

The snow removal crew did as well as possible under the circumstances during the recent storms. The great difficulty of frozen sand hampered efforts and prevented spreading.

The Committee on Town Ordinances will be composed of Paul Alban, Jim Anderson, Frank Corder, Julie Milstien and Barbara Odell. They will be provided with a set of ordinances from Chevy Chase, Garrett Park and Somerset to begin a comparative study and recommendations.

I will report at a later date on a dinner we will attend on Feb. 22 with the Montgomery County Delegation.

Our appeal process with the Fire Commission should be finished by Feb. 10. I feel we must exhaust the appeal process before going to the Council.

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The Council members had no comments this month.

STORM PROBLEMS (from page 3)

The Mayor called three companies for sand without success; finally resident John Howe was able to order 10 tons from Baltimore, which he and the Mayor shoveled onto icy spots the evenings of January 26 and 27.

Mayor Kuster pointed out that it would not have been possible to substitute salt, since it does not melt ice well below 23°, and the temperature was rarely above that last month. He is going to suggest to the Council that containers of sand with covers be located at selected spots through town for emergency use by residents before sanding trucks come through.

The Mayor said he is also looking into the possibility of the town acquiring a machine which would remove ice and snows from the sidewalks either by hiring someone to operate it or loaning it to homeowners

Town Council Highlights

January 11

Mayor Kuster reported that Richardson Beard, developer of the Oakdale Villa property on Wellesley Circle, will go ahead with his request to the Montgomery County Council for abandonment of Radcliffe Lane behind the property. He would like a letter agreeing to the abandonment from the town, in return for which he will promise to move the two houses to be built back from Wellesley Circle 5 - 10 feet and save 3 - 6 trees.

The Mayor proposed a joint meeting at which the Council would present an agreement to this effect drawn up by town attorney Tom Craven and Mr. Beard would submit his site plans, without which the town would refuse to act.....

The town has the power to collect a personal property tax, according to town attorney Tom Craven. Thus inventories of commercial establishments located in town, such as Trav's and La Haute Cuisine, are taxable, and such taxes will be collected.....

In response to a complaint by a town resident, the Mayor said he would inform Trav's to clean up a pile of trash on property adjacent to it. The property is actually part of the O. Roy Chalk right-of-way, although the trash was not supplied by Chalk, he said.....

Repairs to the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park will begin in spring, Councilwoman Nancy Long reported. Bids have been requested for work in the Crystal Pool area, to be done in two stages: demolition of the locker rooms, and stabilization of the bank.....

Glen Echo town officials have qualified for an exemption from the Maryland state ethics law for public officials. The town applied for an exemption from the requirement that

Classified Ads

FOR SALE-- Town-owned ping-pong table. Best offer. Call Councilwoman Debbie Beers, 229-7308.

Classified ads are free to Glen Echo residents and may 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 checks payable to "The Town of Glen Echo" and mail to Ann Simpich, 23 Wellesley Circle, Glen Echo, MD 20812.

AD DEADLINE: 24TH OF EACH MONTH



candidates for town office file financial disclosure statements on the basis of its small size. The State Ethics Commission agreed that "the application of the Law would create an unreasonable invasion of privacy."

- - - Julie Milstien

THE KEYHOLE

By

Tillie McGoldy

The Millers of 6101 Bryn Mawr Avenue made another trip to Stone Mountain, Georgia, and Hardy, Arkansas--this time with two objectives in mind.

They spent the holidays with daughter Linda and children, and son Jimmy and family, and then they drove to Arkansas to "case" the Hardy area. If everything goes as planned, they hope to move there in Spring.

Jimmie and Janice have been Glen Echo residents for many years and their leaving will reduce the "old timers" roster by two more nice people. Those "far away places" seem to be calling to quite a few of our neighbors in recent years. Wonder who will be next?

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If prizes would have been awarded for home decorating during the Christmas season I'm sure the Monteleones of 6009 Princeton Avenue would have been one of the recipients. Their home sparkled with a large display of colored lights which truly added to the holiday atmosphere on that street. Makes one wish the season lasted longer!

Another recipient would have been the Sadarangani family of 6108 Bryn Mawr. While the lights were not in color, their home was very impressive. The style of their home, plus the lighting effect, gave one the impression of being in the Williamsburg, Virginia, locale.

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HAPPY "HEART MONTH" BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

- Jeri DePaolis-----February 7
- Thelma Fessenden-----February 14
- Jim Anderson-----February 18
- Billy Briggs-----February 19

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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 P.O.

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At the CLARA BARTON SITE

Children's Valentine's Day Party
February 14, 2-3:30 p.m.

Children ages 8-12 are invited to a Victorian Valentine's Day party. The party will include such popular 1900s parlor games as "Jingles" and "Drawing Room Tennis," and will conclude with a children's "Hands-on" tour of Clara Barton's home. Reservations required. Call 492-6245.

Working Women's Music Program
February 28, 2-3:30 p.m.

"Thilomela," a 9-member women's chamber consort, will present a musical history of women's occupations.

Daryl's Dog Corner

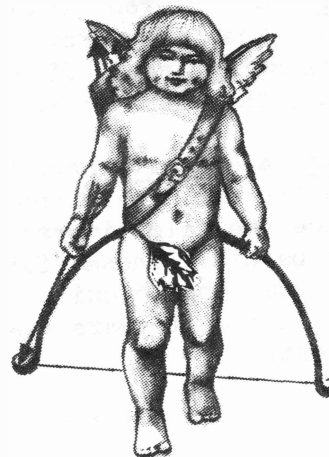


The only recent problem has been a town-based Beagle type hound from Bryn Mawr Avenue, whose owner declined to identify himself. This dog has been at large in public spaces several times lately. The job of the Animal Control Officer is made much more difficult when residents decline to cooperate. Anyone seeing this dog should please contact me.

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 8 - 8:00 p.m.
Glen Echo Town Hall
All Residents Encouraged to Attend

Those wishing to add items to the agenda of the meeting should contact Clerk-Treasurer Paula Wolff.



OUR ILLUSTRATORS

The Cupids and other Valentine's Day motifs in this issue are the artwork of Jackie Peed, who moved to 36 Wellesley Circle with her daughter, Colby, 7, in September. Jackie is the daughter of Jack Gunnell, of the same address.

Presently a graphics computer operator for B.D.M. Corporation in MacLean, Va., Jackie is an artist who has had to earn her livelihood in more commercial ways. She works in colored pencils and pen and ink, specializing in fantasy art and illustrations for childrens' books.

Jackie moved to Glen Echo from Cabin John. Colby attends the second grade at Bannockburn Elementary School.

For her illustrations in this month's ECHO, Jackie was inspired by a collection of Photographs taken by Eadweard Muybridge in 1884-85 at the University of Pennsylvania. These high speed photos of human motion, intended "for artists, doctors and researchers," are considered one of the

great monuments of 19th century photography. Jackie turned a cherubic little boy into Cupid and a dancer in a gauzy gown into the Valentine wish on page 9.

The skier on page 6 is the work of Amy Simler, who lives at 7325 University Avenue. Amy is a 12th grade student at Whitman High School presently enrolled in a "Fundamentals of Art" course. She has chosen to attend Montgomery College next year because of its outstanding art department.

"Bucky" Beaver on page 5 is the contribution this month of Edd Barrows, who has drawn many animal and plant species for previous issues of the paper, as well as several cartoons. Edd teaches Biology at Georgetown University, specializing in the biology of insects, and does painting and other art work in his spare time.



“F” STREET SHOW AT PARK

Phil Portlock will present his multi-image slide show, “F” Street: The Place on the Ridge, on Saturday evening, February 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Adventure Theatre Rehearsal Hall.

The first in a series of such shows, which depict the history and current life of several streets and communities in Washington, this performance includes 658 slides, narration, music and sound effects and lasts 47 minutes.

Phil is a local visual artist and historian committed to documenting both the historical significance and ongoing experiences of some of the most fascinating areas of our city.

Admission is free.

STUDIO SPACE AVAILABLE AT PARK

The National Park Service is accepting competitive proposals for studio space at Glen Echo Park. The spaces are offered free during the 1982 summer Chautauqua season.

In exchange for the studio space, residents are expected to use the space daily and to demonstrate their skills on Sunday afternoons from May through September. Residents will also exhibit in the Glen Echo Gallery during August.

Proposals must be postmarked no later than March 5, 1982. For information and a prospectus call Claudia Lampshire at 492-6282.

<p>Adventure Theatre presents</p> <p><u>HEIDI</u></p> <p>February 13 - March 14 Sat. & Sun., 1:00 & 3:30 \$3.00 Reservations: 320-5331</p>

**BANNOCKBURN NURSERY
ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

The Bannockburn Cooperative Nursery School, now in its 32nd year, is accepting applications for the 1982-83 school year.

Two, three and five day morning programs are available for children ages two to five years. There is an extended program for children three years and older.

Interested parents are invited to call Kitty Borisoff at 229-1526 for more information.

