

# The Echo

## The Town of GLEN ECHO, MARYLAND

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### **ACCESSORY APARTMENTS APPROVED FOR THE COUNTY Many Town Apartments Would Not Meet Restrictions**

By Julie Milstien and Carlotta Anderson

The Montgomery County Council voted 5-2 on November 29 to allow "accessory apartments" in detached single-family houses in Montgomery County as of April 1, 1984. However, the legislation specified the following restrictions:

The homeowner must live in the house at least six months in every year.

The homeowner must have owned the house at least a year. The house must be at least five years old and on 7500 feet of property or more.

Any separate entrance cannot face the main street.

There must be two off-street parking places.

Only one unit is allowed in each house, and only one space -- either the apartment or the main house, -

can be rented.

Such apartments must win a special exception from the Board of Appeals. Each applicant must pay \$19 to file and \$75 for the special exception. The Board must decide if the conversion is compatible with the neighborhood.

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### **GLEN ECHO TO BE TERMINUS FOR MORE BUS ROUTES**

By Julie Milstien

When Metro opens stations in Montgomery County, Glen Echo will be served by three and possible four bus routes, the Town Council was told at the December 12 meeting by David Bone, a planner with the Division of Transit Services, Montgomery County Department of Transportation.

The N5 rush hour route to Federal Triangle will be maintained as it is except for the fare level, which will be about \$.50 more.

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## Town Celebrates Holiday Season

Holiday season events in Glen Echo began with the Christmas tree trimming in front of the Town Hall on December 17. The Kusters, Odells, Nancy Long and Debbie Beers and daughter, Laura, helped the Sadarangani family decorate the white fir which Rollina Sadarangani donated to the town in memory of her father.

The Pot-luck Holiday Party the following evening attracted a

large crowd to the Town Hall. The Hall was festively decorated by Nancy Long and Rollina Sadarangani, there was a Christmas tree procured by Fred Kuster, John Howe and Osamu Shimizu, and Santa Claus showed up, to the delight of the many small children in attendance.

The town provided wine and Rollina Sadarangani provided punch for the party-goers. Sally Atallah, Daryl Kuster and Sheila Sadarangani also helped with the party.

## APARTMENTS (from page 1)

The Board has the authority to waive most of these restrictions, especially those of the square footage and the parking spaces. Existing apartments that were created illegally must now either conform to the licensing and inspection requirements or be phased out.

The law does not contain provisions for enforcement. The Town Council, which was briefed\* on the proceedings leading up to the vote by the County Council, is waiting for a copy of the law to determine in what ways it could enforce the legislation, since a number of apartments in town do not meet the provisions.

However, under the new law the town has the option to license and inspect the properties instead of leaving it to the County, Mayor Kuster said. "We would have to hire someone to inspect each year," he said.

The town has given the County a list of all apartments in Glen Echo. Anyone with an existing apartment has one year to request a special exception. Mayor Kuster expects the County enforcement head to be at the January meeting of the Town Council.

\*by Frank Corder

## BUSES (from page 1)

The C1 route, which presently runs to Friendship Heights via Bethesda hourly during rush hour will be replaced by Ride-On service on January 22. When Metro opens in the County, the C1 will connect Glen Echo with the Bethesda Metro station at East West Highway via Whittier Boulevard and Wilson Lane, and will operate half hourly all day.

The N4 line will be abandoned when Metro opens. That line will be replaced by service to Friendship Heights via Massachusetts Avenue and Western Avenue to connect with Metro. Passengers wanting to go to points on Massachusetts Avenue further than Westmoreland Circle will have to transfer at 49th Street to Friendship Heights. Thus, a trip to American University would take considerably longer during non-rush hours, while a trip to Farragut Square using the bus-rail combination is estimated to take the same amount of time.

A possible fourth line to serve Glen Echo would be a rush hour only bus from the Bethesda station to the David Taylor Model Basin via Wilson Lane and MacArthur Boulevard. That line is questionable at present because of the restrictions on equipment over the aqueduct.

## COUNCIL CONSIDERS BUS STOP ALTERNATIVES

By Julie Milstien

Three possibilities for relocating the bus stop now adjacent to the Glen Echo Exxon Station on Goldsboro Road were discussed with the Town Council at its December 12 meeting by David Bone of the County Department of Transportation.

Two of these relocate the stop to the truck route next to the Glen Echo Shopping Center.

In one alternative, a bus only roadway would be constructed on the Park Service slope next to the Glen Echo Park parking lot for the bus to turn around. On the second, the bus would turn around in the service road to the Shopping Center, necessitating the loss of six to ten parking spaces.

The third alternative uses the Glen Echo Park driveway on MacArthur Blvd. as the stop. This alternative would be the most expensive, since a bridge would have to be built over the Aqueduct.

The Council generally seemed to favor the first alternative. There were questions as to whether this plan would encroach on the old trolley right-of-way. Mayor Kuster suggested that if the Department of Transportation tried to turn a bus around in this area, it might find no special roadway was needed. However, the bike path would be crossed by the bus.

In any case, meetings would be held with the Park Service before proceeding.

## SIXTY-FIVE RESIDENTS VOLUNTEERED FOR TOWN IN 1983

As we begin a new year, THE ECHO wishes to commend the many residents who volunteered their efforts to make Glen Echo the desirable locale for which it is known far and wide. The town government, the town newspaper, maintenance of the Town Hall, town beautification through the Arbor Day Committee, the playground, parties, art show and many other activities were possible either wholly or in part only because so many residents--a great proportion with full-time jobs and family responsibilities--were willing to devote some of their free time to the community. We counted 65, which is more than one-quarter of the population. Most likely, we left out someone, so if you were slighted, please contact the Editor and you will be added to the list in the next issue. Meanwhile, many thanks to the following:

Alban, Paul  
 Anderson, Jim, Carlotta, Eric, Julia  
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 Barrows, Edd and Julie  
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 Beers, Debbie and Don  
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 McNoldy, Tillie and Mac  
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 Milstien, Julie  
 Odell, Barbara and Harry  
 Peed, Jacque  
 Petty, Susan  
 Plunkett, Heather and Bud

Polak, Cathie and Willem  
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 Shaut, Jim and Jan  
 Shimizu, Holly and Osamu  
 Shultz, Bill, Susan, Kristen  
 Stevenson, Jane and Brockie  
 Talbott, Irene  
 Tannous, Tony  
 Toubman, Bob  
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## CHICKENS ONE BIRD GLEN ECHO GARDENERS DON'T MISS

By Carlotta Anderson

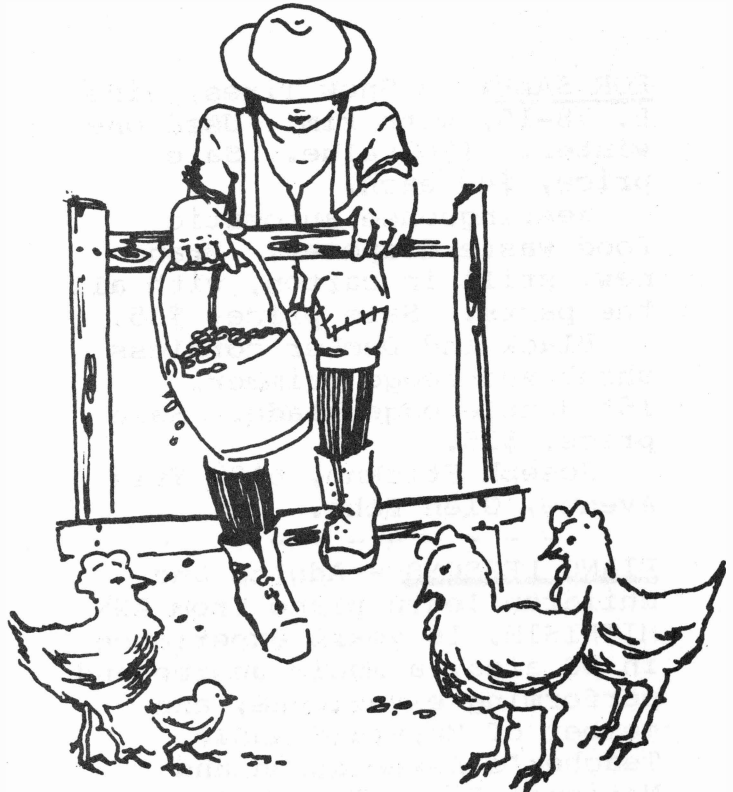
We still have an occasional neighbor dog or cat damaging town gardens, but at least we are spared chickens. Yet it was only about 30 years ago that the town fathers banned them by ordinance, and the situation was so bad in the late 40's that the Mayor and Council issued the plea on page 7.

Ronnie Vine, now of Princeton Avenue, but then a resident of Vassar Circle, remembers the family chicken coop from the early 20's. The chickens would occasionally break out and wander the town streets, he recalls. They also had a bantam rooster, "a very cocky bird," who would hang around like a dog and no doubt helped the neighbors get an early start on the day.

Paul Alban, whose family also lived on Vassar Circle in those days, remembers most people keeping their chickens in their own yards, but says that ducks ran free in the 30's. His pet duck would follow him to the post office, where residents had to pick up their mail at the time. Mr. Abrams, proprietor of the District Grocery Store (DGS), where La Haute Cuisine is now located, kept chickens to sell. Paul worked at the DGS while he was going to high school in the early 30's and when a customer ordered a chicken, he would go into the yard to catch one for Mr. Abrams, who would kill it on the spot, pick and clean it.

Most of Ronnie's chickens were laying hens, and having chicken for dinner was an "occasion" in those days, he recalls. Sometimes he would accompany his mother on the trolley to the Old Center Market at 5th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue in D.C. His mother carried a large net bag and would bargain at each stall-- "she drove me nuts." If she bought a chicken or a turkey, they would catch a streetcar back home "with the poor thing in the bag with his head sticking out."

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## Chickens Once Wandered Town Street (from preceding page)

His mother might butcher it the next day, or she might wait a few weeks. "She laid the poor animal's head across a block and cut it off with a hatchet. She would let the body loose and the headless chicken would flap all over the yard with blood squirting out. I was supposed to pluck it but I tried to be elsewhere at that time."

Mayor Fred Kuster, who remembers chickens running in the streets when he was a boy, thinks the notice on the next page was issued during the administration of Mayor Ed Fenimore in the late 40's. He said an ordinance forbidding them was passed in 1956.

On facing page: Town bulletin warning townspeople to keep their chickens at home was probably sent in 1947 or 48. It was found in the town archives by Julia Anderson, who was arranging them last summer.

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## Classified Ads

FOR SALE: 3 Snow Tires, size L. 78-15, with rim. Used one winter. \$90 value. Sale price, \$40 each.

Westinghouse automatic food waste disposer. Brand new, still in carton, with all the parts. Sale price, \$35.

Black and Decker cordless shrub and hedge trimmer. 16" double edge blade. Sale price, \$25.

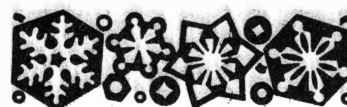
Joseph Stickno, 6107 Yale Avenue, Glen Echo.

PIANO LESSONS --Adults and children learn piano from ANN MITRISIN, 16 years experience in DC area, a music degree and performing experience, and member of Maryland Music Teacher's Association and National Piano Teacher's Guild, has a few openings. Call 229-7882.

Classified ads are free to Glen Echo residents and may be left in THE ECHO box at the Post Office or given to Carolyn Reptsik, 7309 University Avenue. Please do not phone them to the editor.

Fee to non-residents: \$.50 per line of 30 spaces or fewer. Display ads, \$2 per column inch. Make checks payable to "The Town of Glen Echo" and mail them to Carolyn Reptsik, 7309 University Avenue, Glen Echo, MD 20812.

AD DEADLINE: 24th of each month



## N O T I C E !

The Mayor and Council of Glen Echo have received so many complaints that they feel compelled, in justice to the taxpayers and other residents of the Town, to state that in future the ordinance prohibiting the running at large of chickens will be strictly enforced.

You are accordingly advised that, beginning at once, all chickens must be penned up or fenced in on the premises of their owners and not allowed to run at large. A fine will be imposed for each future violation of this ordinance.

Contrary to the prevalent belief, the chicken law is in force throughout the entire year. Many flower beds in Glen Echo have been destroyed this winter by chickens. This was caused by the digging up of bulbs or the scratching away of mulches needed by plants for winter protection.

It is asked that each person having chickens put himself or herself in the position of a neighbor who is trying to maintain a garden or a lawn with flower beds, and ask how he or she would like to spend much money and time, only to have someone's chickens within a few hours destroy the labor of days.

It is believed that, in most instances, it is due only to thoughtlessness on the part of the owners of the chickens and to the fact that they do not realize the extent of the damage caused to their neighbors' property by their permitting their chickens to range about; and, in view of the fact that the season is at hand when garden and grass seed will be planted, it is hoped that everyone will cooperate heartily in the effort to see that all chickens are kept upon their owners' premises.

It is requested that all complaints concerning chickens be put into writing and addressed to the Mayor and Town Council of Glen Echo, so that the law may be enforced and fines imposed.

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF GLEN ECHO, MD.



### MEANEST THIEF LOPS OFF BEAUTIFUL BLUE SPRUCE

The Washington, D.C. media is well represented by several new Glen Echo residents.

At 1 Wellesley Circle, acting manager of ABC radio Robin Sproul and member of the engineering staff of ABC-owned WMAL radio David Sproul live with their eight-and-a-half month old daughter Catherine.

Robin grew up on Whittier Boulevard and went to Pyle and Whitman. David grew up in Staunton, VA. They met at WMAL. They moved to Glen Echo from Bethesda on November 1. Although THE ECHO listed the selling price of their home as \$157,500, the actual settlement price was \$155,000, David pointed out.

David has a pilot's license and is now doing the preliminary paperwork to obtain a helicopter pilot's license. Although he has owned shares in flying club planes in the past, he now rents planes when he's in the mood to fly.

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Another media representative is Peter Laufer, who is a radio correspondent for NBC's Washington bureau. He, his wife, Sheila, and son Michael, 4, moved to 26 Wellesley Circle from Marin County, California, in December

Peter, who is a train buff, loves to travel in his free time. Sheila is interested in many crafts, especially quilting, and is planning to enroll in classes at Glen Echo Park. In California, she was studying the behavioral sciences. Michael is enrolled in the Cabin John Three and Four Year Old School.

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A hearty welcome to them and the other new residents THE ECHO has not yet been able to contact!

It's hard to believe, but it's true. Somebody's idea of how to celebrate Christmas was to grace their festivities with a majestic blue spruce cut down from the front yard of the Shultz residence on Wellesley Circle sometime during the night of December 8.

When the Shultz family drove home at 9:30 p.m. that Thursday, the 15-20 foot tall evergreen was there. Friday morning nothing was left but a three-foot tall stump. Since vertical growth is only possible through the terminal bud system, according to Bill Shultz, the tree was effectively killed.

What is left is probably gaily decorated with balls and tinsel in someone's living room.

"It was very hard on us," Councilman Shultz said. "I spent a lot of time nurturing that tree"

The tree appeared to have been cut down with a hand saw. Bought at a Christmas tree lot, it would cost more than \$50, he estimated. Replacement with a living tree will be several hundred dollars. Such a healthy blue spruce is very rare in this area, he said.

The Shultzes reported the theft to the police, but so far there has been no trace of it. Councilman Shultz requested that anyone having any information or suspicions should contact him at 42 Wellesley Circle or call him at 229-1269, evenings, or contact the Montgomery County police.

---Carlotta Anderson



## Town Council Highlights

At the approval of the minutes of the closed session held immediately after the November Town Council meeting, Town resident Carlotta Anderson queried the reason for the session. She said she had given Mayor Kuster a copy of the Maryland Code provisions specifying that one of the 13 legal reasons for calling a closed session must be recorded in the minutes of the next meeting. Mayor Kuster said he had not seen a copy of the law.

A letter was received from the Capital Program Administration indicating that the Maryland Board of Public Works had awarded \$11,816 of Project Open Space funds for the Glen Echo Park Playground Development. This amount is 75% of the \$15,755 budget for the playground...

Councilman Odell suggested that in case of snow only, cars be allowed to park on the sidewalks on University Avenue. Mayor Kuster said he hoped people would park on University in case of snow so that the lower streets could be plowed. A snow emergency notice will be sent to each resident...

Street repairs are now nearly finished. Mayor Kuster will ask Faith Construction Co for a price for sweeping the streets...

Councilmen Odell and Shults submitted a job description for a hired person to perform town maintenance duties. This will be discussed at the next meeting...

December 12

The Council passed a motion to attach to the minutes copies of letters set by the Clerk-Treasurer or the Mayor, as well as all incoming letters of substantial interest...

---Julie Milstien

### NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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

All residents are encouraged to attend.

Contact the Clerk-Treasurer if you wish to add an item to the agenda

### ELM TREE HOLE STILL NOT FILLED

Despite assurances to Mayor Kuster of prompt action, WSSC has still not completely filled the hole next to the elm tree on the Milstien property on Harvard Avenue. The hole, which begins three feet from the trunk of the tree, is about 20 feet in diameter and 4 feet deep.

On December 13, Mike Porter of WSSC said they hoped to have an easement document ready by December 16 to complete the work.

After WSSC finishes, the town will aid restoration of the health of the tree by fertilizing and mulching it.



*Tillie Mc Noldy*

# THE KEYHOLE

Eric Talbott, formerly of Glen Echo, and his wife Dana became the proud parents of a lovely baby girl, Erica Lynn, on October 28th in Sallisaw, Oklahoma. Eric is the son of Irene Talbott of Wellesley Circle who is now eligible to join our Glen Echo "Grandmom" society.

Congratulations to the happy family!  
\* \* \* \* \*

A neighborly luncheon reunion took place at the McNoldy home on Princeton Avenue when three former members of the Smith family visited--Lyree, who now lives in Arlington, Virginia, Leslie (Sissy), who came from Denton, Texas and Gary who came from Beltsville, Maryland. They, together with two other sisters, grew up at 6103 Princeton Avenue.

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Another former neighbor, Linda Cannon, wrote to tell us that she and Bill and children have moved. They left Bonners Ferry, Idaho, and are now living in Moscow, Idaho. She said the university there is so beautiful and they love the town.

Am sure when Paul Alban reads this, it will bring back pleasant memories as he spent three years at that university.  
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Good to learn that Janice Miller, another former neighbor, is recuperating nicely after spending several days in the hospital in Arkansas. Knowing Janice, she and Jimmy probably are either in Georgia, or will be there sometime over the holidays.

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A belated happy birthday to Sheila Sadarangani of Bryn Sawr Avenue whose special day was December 14th  
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## TOWN WANTS TO DISCUSS MAINTENANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY

The town has written to O. Roy Chalk, owner of the former trolley right-of-way which parallels MacArthur Boulevard adjacent to Glen Echo, requesting a meeting.

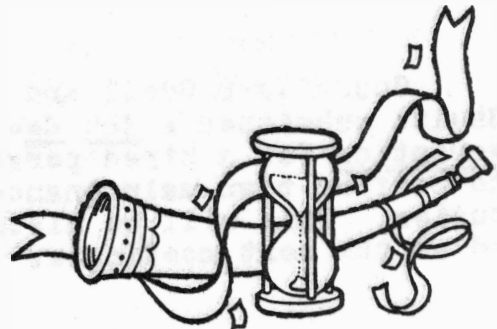
At issue is lack of maintenance of the area, which comprises 1.4919 acres. Last year the town spent over \$600 cleaning up the area, less than Mr. Chalk paid in property taxes.

In response to the town's letter, a representative of Mr. Chalk wrote Town Attorney Tom Craven in reference to Glen Echo's acquiring the right-of-way from Prospect Street in Georgetown to Cabin John. Mayor Kuster said our request was apparently not understood by Mr. Chalk's people.

Mr. Craven will reply by clarifying the request for a meeting. Councilwoman Long will attempt to determine if a title search has been done by the National Park Service on the property. Mr. Craven will look at the deeds to the property for reverter rights and title.

Mayor Kuster told THE ECHO that Mr. Chalk has sold some 75% of the right-of-way to the D.C. government for \$8.5 million. He suggested that Mr. Chalk might want to give the town the small portion that adjoins Glen Echo as a tax write-off and to avoid the threat of condemnation.

---Julie Milstien



## At GLEN ECHO PARK

### NEW SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERTS

The Bethesda Co-op and Glen Echo Park have joined to bring a series of folk concerts every Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. until mid-May. All concerts are held in the Arcade Classroom:

January 15 - Reed Martin, Dan Blum,  
Dave McKelway, \$3.50  
January 22 - Magpie, \$4  
January 29 - Rock Creek, \$4  
February 5 - Bruce Hutton, \$3  
February 12 - The Boarding Party,  
(sea songs), \$3.50  
February 19 - The Hesitation String  
Band (mountain music), \$3  
February 26 - The Hags, \$3.50

The National Park Service is accepting competitive proposals for studio space at Glen Echo Park in the yurts. The spaces are offered rent free and a small stipend will be provided for supplies. In exchange artists are required to use the space daily and offer free demonstrations to the public on Sundays from May through September.

For information call Claudia Lampshire, 492-6282. Applications must be postmarked no later than March 5.

### Adventure Theatre

"The Legend of Sleepy Hollow"-  
January 7 - February 5  
"The Secret Garden" - February 18  
through March 18

Saturdays & Sundays, 1:30 & 3:30  
Tickets \$3 Call 320-5331

### PUPPET SHOW

"Peter and the Wolf"  
Sunday, February 12, 1:30 p.m.

Glen Echo Dance Theatre - \$3

The following poem was submitted by Clyde Barrows, a cocker spaniel who resides at 21 Wellesley Circle:

### MY DAY AT COLLEGE

by Clyde Barrows\*



'Twas November 15th, a rainy day  
When I went to Georgetown U. to play.

The Biology Department, an odorous delight,  
All those cat cadavers, what a sight!

Meeting the Chairman was just keen,  
Until he bopped me on the bean.

I audited the ecology seminar  
Where student Tim was the star.

I was mute as a soggy moor  
'Til student Cliff approached the door.

AARRROOOOOOOOOOOOF!!!!!! I sounded.  
The students? A little astounded.

Then I sniffed many folks.  
Man, those humans are stinky blokes.

I smelled and growled at some.  
I know the meanies; I'm not dumb.

Trotted 'cross campus to see the vet.  
When I got there, I was wet.

In the exam room, I felt quite stable,  
Then Clyde Johnson lifted me to the table.

GGGRRRRRRRRRRRR!!!!!! I bit him on the arm.  
I didn't know he meant no harm....

It's just a dog's life I observe,  
But to live it takes ALL my nerve!

\*translated by Edd and Julie Barrows

### At the CLARA BARTON SITE

#### CHINA PAINTING DEMONSTRATION

Sunday, January 29, 2-5 p.m.

This traditional craft will be demonstrated by Margaret Dudley and Mary Catherine Cotier.