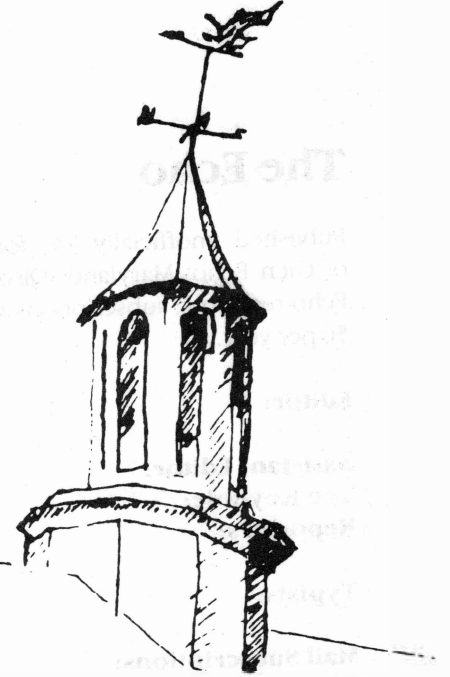


# The Echo

## The Town of GLEN ECHO, MARYLAND Chartered, 1904



**NOVEMBER 1984**

### **Town Donates \$200 For Fire/Rescue Equipment**

By Frank Corder

Glen Echo will be contributing \$200 toward the purchase of a mobile command unit and a four-wheel drive, river-rescue pick-up truck for the Glen Echo Fire Department.

Mayor Kuster pointed out that although the contribution amounted to only \$2 per household, it represented a valuable investment in more effective fire and rescue service to the community. The Town Council approved the expenditure at its October 8 meeting.

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### **Town Asks County to Investigate "Illegal" Apartment Construction**

Two apartments are being constructed in a house at 6113 Tulane Avenue, although one is the maximum that could be permitted, and no county or town building permits have been obtained, according to Mayor Fred Kuster.

He said the matter has been turned over to the Landlord/Tenant Office of the county for investigation.

In other accessory apartment news in town, application for a special exception to permit an apartment has been filed for a house at 58 Wellesley Circle.

A text amendment to the zoning laws was passed by the County Council in October modifying the definition of "cellar" to allow for habitation under limited circumstances. This makes it possible to have legal basement or cellar apartments so long as they conform to a variety of safety and other laws.

----Carlotta Anderson



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### FUEL BILL HELP AVAILABLE

Montgomery County residents who need help paying their home heating bills may apply for assistance with the county family resources department.

To qualify for assistance, residents must have monthly incomes ranging from \$623 for a household of one to \$1,710 for a household of six.

Appointments for fuel assistance may be scheduled by calling 279-1014.

This year officials hope to help 3,000 families.

### Mayor's Office To Be Remodeled; Regular Office Hours Planned

The Mayor's office in the Town Hall is scheduled for painting, paneling, carpeting and new curtains. A typewriter and new telephone will be added, and the town is considering leasing a table-top photocopying machine, according to Mayor Fred Kuster.

The Mayor also expects the town Clerk-Treasurer to hold regular office hours there two to three times a week, beginning before the end of the year.

## TOWN DONATES FOR EQUIPMENT (from page 1)

The Mayor told The Echo of recent changes in fire/rescue service districts in and near the town. Effective October 1, he said, servicing for Glen Echo became the sole responsibility of the Glen Echo Fire Department. The town was formerly divided at Harvard Avenue between that company and the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department.

Once in operation, the proposed mobile command unit will provide for quicker, better integrated, more effective response to local emergencies, according to the Mayor. One of its features will be the immediate availability of a complete set of "pre-plans."

Maintained permanently in the unit, these plans will provide vital emergency-response information, including special rescue measures needed where handicapped or infirm residents are at risk. To insure these plans are current, Mayor Kuster encourages Glen Echo residents to call in any special conditions at their homes that could impact the Department's emergency response.

The Mayor also informed The Echo that the Glen Echo Fire Department's river-rescue coverage has been extended from the Union Arch bridge over Cabin John Creek to Great Falls. It now has first-call rescue responsibility for the Potomac River from Chain Bridge to Great Falls, including the notoriously dangerous Little Falls dam area. To move quickly in and out of the often marshy and flooded areas along the shore, he said, the extra traction of a four-wheel drive vehicle is required, which the Department does not at present have.

The Department launched its public subscription campaign for funds to purchase the needed equipment because the County Fire and Rescue Commission did not approve a budget request for the funds, although it increased the Department's servicing responsibilities.

## CROSSWALKS TO BE PAINTED; STREET LIMIT SIGNS TO GO UP

Despite notification from the County police that town speed limit signs of 20 miles per hour will not be enforced, the Town Council voted at its October 8 meeting to proceed with their installation at selected spots.

"It's the right thing to do," said Councilman Bill Shultz, who is in charge of streets, noting that even if the town conformed to county designated 25 miles per hour speed limits, there is no stretch of street in town long enough to use radar.

"They still can ticket people for reckless driving," he noted.

The Council also voted to paint crosswalk lines where town streets intersect with MacArthur Boulevard, since drivers coming up the ramps often neglect to watch for pedestrians or bicyclists on the bike path, who have the right of way.

Since the areas in question are not town property, the town is waiting for approval from the Army Corps of Engineers.

Cost of the mobile command unit is estimated at \$11,500 and the river-rescue unit at \$10,000. The Mayor said \$4,000 has been collected, and the Department hopes to have the balance by May of 1985.

Tax deductible contributions are welcomed from members of the community, according to Philip M. Stillerman, Chief, Glen Echo Fire Department. Donation checks should be made to the "New Apparatus Fund" and addressed to the Fire Department at 5920 Massachusetts Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20816.



### THREE INJURED IN FOUR CAR ACCIDENT BELOW GLEN ECHO

Jolted by a resounding crash and a woman's screams, several town residents came to the aid of victims in a serious four-car automobile accident the evening of October 24 on the George Washington Memorial Parkway immediately below the foot of Bryn Mawr Avenue.

"It sounded like the end of the world," said Bob Toubman, who lives directly above the accident site and was the first to call the police. Two residents of 6003 Bryn Mawr, John Blakeslee and Paul Hadfield, rushed down the embankment to help and Gloria Levin called down to see if anyone needed CPR.

The emergency vehicles arrived within minutes, however, and took over aid to the three injured victims. A rescue helicopter arrived, and circled over the area for some 10 minutes before the Parkway was sufficiently cleared of vehicles to permit a landing. All together, about 40 rescue personnel were on the scene, according to Bob Toubman, and many townspeople were standing on the cantilevered portion of the Parkway to look down on the scene.

As reconstructed by Major Donald Rogers of Park Police Headquarters, the operator of the first car parked off the shoulder of the Parkway, possibly because he was out of gas or had a mechanical difficulty. A taxi pulled up to help, parking partially on the roadway. A third car struck the second car and overturned, and a fourth car struck the third car.

Most seriously injured was the operator of the first car, Ali Ghaffarzadeh, 26, who was standing in front of the second car when it was rammed. He had multiple bone fractures of the legs and hips and other possible injuries and was transported by helicopter to Suburban Hospital, where he was listed as in satisfactory condition at Echo deadline time.

William Ferebee, 43, driver of the taxi, was taken to Suburban with lacerations and possible internal injuries, and was charged for obstructing the roadway.

### STUDY PINPOINTS TWO SPOTS ON PARKWAY BELOW GLEN ECHO FOR FREQUENCY OF ACCIDENTS

A government commissioned traffic safety report has identified two locations on the George Washington Memorial Parkway immediately below Glen Echo as being in the top 20 for frequency of Parkway accidents.

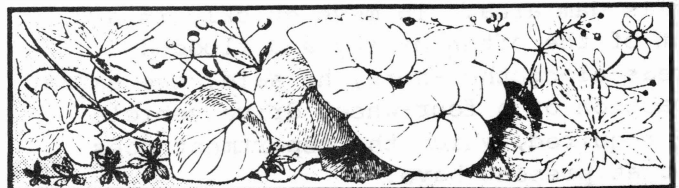
The point at which vehicles emerge from the Cabin John Parkway onto the George Washington Parkway in the direction of Washington had 47 reported accidents over the three-year period covered by the report, from 1981-83. Of these, seven involved personal injury, with no fatalities.

At the interchange just below Trav's tavern, where vehicles ascend a ramp to Mac Arthur Boulevard, there were 20 accidents in the period, with one fatality and two injuries.

The study was conducted to analyze traffic engineering from the standpoint of safety and improvement for the length of the George Washington Parkway, according to Lt. J.F. Smith of the Glen Echo substation, U.S. Park Police. Called the Bellomo-McGee Report on Traffic Safety after the private firm commissioned to make it, the statistical report has not yet come up with recommendations.

Any improvements will be made through the Federal Land Highway Program.

- - - Carlotta Anderson



Patrick Bedard, whose car overturned, had a contusion on the head and was also transported to Suburban Hospital. Rochelle Moranor, operator of the fourth car, was not injured.

All cars were east-bound.

- - - Carlotta Anderson



Metal artist Susan Tamulevich, a resident of 19 Vassar Circle since December, has been teaching at Glen Echo Park for the past five years and will have a studio there beginning in January.

A graduate of Catholic University and Trinity College, Susan started her career by making silverware. When silver prices increased, she turned to jewelry and now is making larger functional pieces. Articles about her and her work have appeared in Vogue, Harper's Bazaar, Women's Wear Daily, Washingtonian Magazine, and The Washington Post. Her jewelry is sold periodically at Saks Jandel (and is available from her at the Park;) her silverware sells at Henri Bendel's in New York City.

In addition to metal art, Susan likes chamber music and has a Grotrian grand Piano in her living room. She would like anyone interested in playing duos or chamber music to leave a note in her mailbox.

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Ann Benson, who moved to 20 Wellesley Circle in October, hails from Connecticut and became acquainted with this area when she attended American University, where she studied economics.

She originally resided in a townhouse in Chevy Chase, but moved to Glen Echo because she wanted a yard for her dog, Ying, a Chow-Chow.

Ann works in sales for Circuit City and spends much of her after-work hours helping people install consumer electronic goods in their homes. She said that any resident interested in equipment from microwaves to stereo should contact her and she would be glad to give them help.

An avid hiker, Ann also enjoys fresh-water fishing.

Barbara and Steven McCoy and their 17-month-old son, Alexander, moved to 6103 Bryn Mawr in September from Potomac.

Barbara and Steven met while attending high school in London, where both of their fathers were stationed at the time. After graduation, Barbara attended Tulane University in New Orleans as a fine arts major, and later did a residency program in medical illustration at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. She free-lanced in the field in Utah and elsewhere, then moved to Leland Miss., where she was born, and taught art and gifted children in an elementary school there.

Meanwhile, Steven attended the University of East Anglia in Norwich, England, with a degree in social anthropology. He followed with the equivalent of a master's degree in African studies at the University of London and is now staff economist for the House Agricultural Committee. His parents live in Mohican Hills.

Barbara, who is expecting another child in January, is hoping to get involved in art in the D. C. area. Steve likes tennis and both are interested in skeet and trap shooting.

**Newspaper Collection**

Please remember that newspapers are collected separately from other trash.

Put your newspapers in a shopping bag or tie them and leave by curb Friday mornings.

Separate newspaper collection enables the town to receive payment from the recycling firm and to reduce town trash dumping fees. Please cooperate.

## \$2.8 Million in Improvements Proposed for Glen Echo Park

By Frank Corder

A National Park Service (NPS) management and facilities plan for Glen Echo Park calls for \$2.8 million dollars to fund substantial upgrading of existing facilities.

The Town Council, at its October 8 meeting, registered agreement, in concept, with the plan, which is a broadly stated summary of rehabilitation objectives.

Councilman William Shultz drew attention to the reduced attendance at the Park during fall and winter months, and suggested the desirability of renovations to accommodate year around activities, such as big-band dances.

Mayor Kuster commented that the NPS plan focuses on accomplishing that goal. He told THE ECHO that the largest single project contemplated is rehabilitation of the Spanish Ballroom to serve as a multi-use, all-season facility. Included in that plan is installation of heating and air conditioning.

He reported that if the requested funds become available, there will be a new Park-wide

electric-power system, and structural deficiencies in such buildings as the Arcade and the Bumper-Car Pavillion will be corrected.

The Council authorized Councilwoman Nancy Long, its official representative to the Park, to draft a memorandum to NPS outlining its position on the plan for facilities improvement.

The Mayor emphasized that the document is not a master plan. It does not, he said, establish ultimate uses for specific structures. He promised there would be ample opportunity for community input to such a plan at a later time.

Mayor Kuster characterized as "positive" the impact of the proposed upgrading of Glen Echo Park on the town. "Glen Echo Park's acquisition and development by the National Park Service made a major contribution to revitalizing our community," he said.

"The proposed enhancement of the Park area should strengthen the Park Service's stewardship and along with it the stability and desirability of the town," he said.

### NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 12 - 8 p.m.

All Residents encouraged to attend.

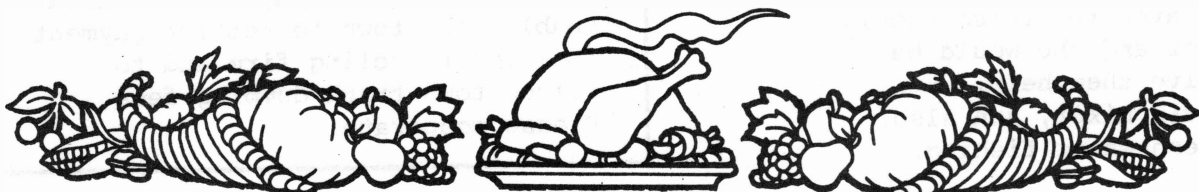
Agenda attached to this issue. Contact the Clerk-Treasurer if you wish to add an item to it.

Adventure Theatre presents

### The Cricket on the Hearth

November 17 to December 16  
Saturdays & Sundays, 1:30 & 3:30

Reservations: 320-5331, \$3



# THE KEYHOLE

It was grandchild number three for the McNoldys at 6100 Princeton Avenue when daughter Nancy had a little girl.

Suzanne Michelle made her debut on October 5th at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville. Brother Michael is already willing to play ball and can't quite figure out why she doesn't cooperate.

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Holly and Osamu Shimizu of 6102 Bryn Mawr Avenue also welcomed a new arrival, bringing the number of babies born this year in Glen Echo to at least five, with at least three more known to be on the way.

Bevan Harmar Shimizu was born September 22 at Georgetown University Hospital, weighing seven pounds and measuring 20 inches long. After they heard the news, Jane and Brockie Stevenson hung blue balloons from the Shimizu porch to signify the birth of a boy.

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Jim Anderson has taken a leave of absence from his normal job, as diplomatic correspondent for UPI, to go to Jamaica this winter to help that country establish a news agency and radio and television service. The other Andersons will be going down, in shifts, to join him from time to time.

In a preliminary trip in October, he discovered there will be very little beach time involved and a lot of hard work. But, on the other hand, the average snowfall in Jamaica is considerably less than in Glen Echo.

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Please leave items for "The Keyhole" in the Echo box at the post office.



Congratulations to Marjorie Lewis and Calvin Franklin, who were married August 27 in Rockville. Marjorie lived in Glen Echo from 1976-78 with Jane Stevenson and this year moved back, now residing at 7309 University Avenue.

Cal is an office manager for Merchants Terminal, a frozen food distributor in Landover. He will be moving from College Park to the Glen Echo address.

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## Classified Ads

HOUSE FOR RENT. Near Merrimack pool. 5 BR, 3 baths, LR, DR, kitchen, family room, laundry, yard, parking, CAC. Great for family with kids. One or two year lease. Call 320-5190.

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I am selling musical greeting cards for Christmas and birthdays. This is sponsored by Junior Achievement. They sell for \$3 each. They are about \$8 at stores. Please call me at 229-2521 if you are interested. Lindsay Lewis, 30 Wellesley Circle.

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TYPING SERVICES: Call Jennifer -- 229-9121.

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 Ave.. PLEASE DO NOT PHONE THEM TO THE EDITOR. Fee to nonresidents: 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

## From the ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Five town residents still have not obtained licenses for their cats, according to Animal Control Officer Daryl Kuster. They have all been notified that they are not in compliance with town Ordinances.

In the past month, Daryl caught a raccoon with a Have-a-Heart trap at the bottom of Princeton Avenue and sent one cat to the pound. She said she recognizes town cats and it did not belong to a town resident.

She would like to remind townspeople that they can obtain free horse manure at the MacArthur entrance to Glen Echo Park. Manure put on the garden now will have decomposed by next summer and provides excellent fertilizer.

There are now six horses at the Park, including an ex-race horse named Mikey, she said. It is her understanding that the Park Police are looking for a groomer for the horses at the rate of \$6 per hour. Horse-mounted police patrol the towpath, Great Falls and other National Park Service areas in metropolitan Washington.

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### Thanks to . . . .

Elizabeth Schar, who collated last month's issue.

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## Everyone Wins at Halloween Party

Twenty-five children attended the town Halloween party on October 28 and all of them won prizes for their costumes.

Judges were Barbara McCoy, Sally Atallah and Raya Bodnarchuk.

The children were also treated to a visit from the Fire Department, and were permitted to get up on the fire truck. Just as the visiting firemen were about to show the children how to bob for apples, however, they got a call and had to leave.

Decorations at the Town Hall were done by Mayor Fred Kuster, Debbie and Don Beers and Edie Springuel. Jim Horowitz carved the pumpkins.

Participants provided some of the refreshments and the town supplied beverages, some cookies and the prizes.

## TOWN CONTACTING CONTRACTORS FOR MORE SIDEWALK, STREET BIDS

Although several contractors were sent specifications for town street repair work, no bids have been received.

Only one bid for construction of the Wellesley Avenue sidewalk was sent in and the town is hoping to receive additional ones before the winter weather cut-off date of around December 15. The sidewalk could be constructed in two to three days, according to Mayor Kuster.

Major street repair will have to be put off until spring, he said, although emergency repairs on two spots will be done before March. Those locations are the upper intersection of Cornell and Wellesley Avenues and behind the Town Hall.

The town is calling contractors in an effort to get more bids for the major street repair job.

## Town Council Highlights

October 8

Montgomery County Refuse representatives will attend the November Town Council meeting to present their proposal for next year's trash contract and to clarify the holiday schedules.

Their new proposal will contain only one pickup per month for leaves and garden refuse, with no more special collections...

The County has passed a new noise control ordinance which will prohibit the noise disturbance of construction, lawn mowers, etc. from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. It will permit a police officer to cite a noise violation as a civil municipal infraction without having to take a decibel reading...

The town will purchase oil from Buyers Up for 85¢ a gallon this winter. Buyers Up is a non-profit organization. The new arrangements will be tried for a one-year period...

--- Jim Shaut

## Research History of Park Buildings Underway

Harlan Unrau, a research historian with the National Park Service, will be spending the next few months collecting information about the Glen Echo Park buildings as they were used during the Chautauqua era, the amusement park period and since the site became a national park.

The material will be joined by data on the architecture of the Park buildings during the various periods to form a Historic Structure Report. The report, which will be of short book length, will be printed in about a year.

Purpose of the "mission-oriented" history will be as an aid to Park management in preservation, restoration and further construction of buildings on the site.

Mr. Unrau has been using town archives, articles printed in The Echo, the Washingtonia Collection of the Martin Luther King Library and the Library of Congress to compile the history.

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### SUNDAY FOLK CONCERTS CONTINUE AT PARK

November 18--Ken Perlman, claw-hammer banjo and fiddle, \$4

November 25--Reed Martin and friends, old timey music, \$4.

Concerts are held in the Arcade Classrooms at 2:30 each Sunday through May.

### At THE WRITER'S CENTER

November 18, 2 p.m.  
Special Poetry in Translation.  
Readings of translations of poets from East Germany, France, Bolivia, and more.

### At the GALLERY

Raya Bodnarchuk--featuring sculpture and drawings of Glen Echo Park. November 2 through November 28. This show overlaps a solo show of her work at Artists' Space in Georgetown.

Holiday Show--Many gift items will be available for purchase. Beginning December 1.

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### HOLIDAY WORKSHOP FOR CARDS AND WRAPPING

November 17, 9 to noon, \$23.  
A one-time, three-hour workshop to make holiday cards and wrappings with Raya Bodnarchuk.

**AGENDA  
COUNCIL MEETING**

**TOWN OF GLEN ECHO  
MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER 1984**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Status Report
  - (a) Adoption of New Ordinances
  - (b) Town Streets and Signs
  - (c) Town Office and Xerox Machine
  - (d) Property Taxes
4. Glen Echo Park Report - Long
5. Town Hall Use - Long
6. Town Hall Maintenance - Beers
7. Town Maintenance - Shultz
8. Maryland Municipal League - Kuster
9. Additions to the Agenda
  - (a)
  - (b)
  - (c)