

The Echo

The Town of
GLEN ECHO, MARYLAND
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Town Speed Limit Can Be Enforced

Glen Echo's 20-miles-per-hour speed limit is legally enforceable, according to research by Councilwoman Debbie Beers. The Maryland Traffic Code stipulates that speed limits in effect prior to 1974 can continue to be enforced, even though they do not meet current minimums.

In another development, Mayor Fred Kuster reports that Joanne Robertson, assistant county attorney for Montgomery County, is researching the state traffic code to see if Glen Echo's lower speed limit can be enforced by the county police. In addition, new traffic control signs are ready for installation throughout the town. About half of the "stop," "no parking" and "speed limit" signs will be replacements, according to the mayor. The rest will be new installations.

"No parking" signs for Tulane Avenue will replace the town's distinctive signs because the police said they do not comply with the color and style prescribed by Montgomery County.

By Frank Corder

Robbery, Injuries Shock Glen Echo

For the first time in the memory of many old-time residents, a robbery occurred in a Glen Echo residence which resulted in bodily injury.

The shocking event happened early in the morning of Dec. 29 when David and Thelma Fessenden were accosted by two disguised intruders in their home at the corner of Bryn Mawr and University Ave. Thelma was treated for head and hand injuries at Sibley Hospital and released.

Two men, attired similarly in black masks, stocking gloves, stockings over their shoes, blue jackets and bluejeans, had entered the home about 6 a.m.. Thelma was downstairs and resisted when one of the robbers threw a towel over her head. She was hit on the head with a crystal candlestick, according to neighbors. David was accosted upstairs but was not injured.

According to the police report, the robbers took jewelry and other items and fled. Detective Troutner is working on the case, but at press time, there were no suspects.

Mayor Fred Kuster has asked a representative of the police to attend the Jan. 14 meeting of the Town Council to discuss the incident.

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Thanks for Christmas Cheer

Thanks to all who made the Town's Christmas celebrations gala affairs, especially Santa Claus and his delights for the children at the annual Christmas party and potluck supper. Those were Sally Atallah, Charlie Yuster, Rene and Edith Springuel, Debbie Beers and Fred Kuster who decorated both the Town's six-foot Christmas tree and the living white pine tree near the entrance to the Town Hall.



RIDE-ON ROUTE 31 (on Jan. 27)

TO BETHESDA METRO STATION

Glen Echo (MacArthur & Goldsboro Roads)	River and Goldsboro Roads	Wilson Lane and Whittier Boulevard	Bethesda Metro Station
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TO GLEN ECHO

Bethesda Metro Station	Wilson Lane and Whittier Boulevard	River and Goldsboro Roads	Glen Echo (MacArthur & Goldsboro)
6:05	6:12	6:16	6:19
6:35	6:42	6:46	6:49
7:05	7:13	7:17	7:20
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ROUTE 31 TO BE ALL DAY

On Jan. 27, Metrobus and Ride-On routes in Montgomery County west of Connecticut Avenue will be realigned to feed the eight new Metro red line stations and to improve cross-county bus travel.

The N-5 buses will continue to operate between Glen Echo and downtown Washington, D.C., on their previous schedules.

The Ride-On Route 31 buses will operate between Glen Echo and the Bethesda Red Line Metro Station at 30-minute intervals all day long, from 6:05 a.m. (leaving Bethesda) to 8:19 p.m. (arriving Glen Echo) or from 6:25 a.m. (leaving Glen Echo) to 8:10 p.m. (arriving Bethesda). See schedule in other column.

A representative of the Montgomery County Department of Transportation, Division of Transit Services, will be at the Jan. 14 meeting of the Town Council to explain the new transit routes and schedules. Also to be discussed are the proposed locations for the Glen Echo bus stand, now temporarily situated along Goldsboro Road.

The Division of Transit Services also will have a complete supply of printed timetables and a new county-wide bus map available this month.



TOWN HALL TO GET NEW LOOK, IN AND OUT

Town Hall renovations and repairs will begin soon with the acceptance of a low bid to repair the Town Hall roof area facing Harvard Avenue.

While no official action was taken at the December Town Council meeting due to the lack of a quorum (two council members were ill), the emergency action was discussed. The east-facing portion of the roof, according to Mayor Fred Kuster, is damaged to the point where leaks and water damage could occur.

The Town Council was to consider the low bid, from Bethesda Roofing for a cost of \$2,348, at a special meeting. The existing two layers of roofing will be removed and replaced by matching asbestos shingles. The west side of the roof, estimates the mayor, should last five to 10 years. Council members Debbie Beers and Bill Schultz and the mayor discussed other improvements for the Town Hall.

Work will begin in early January on renovating the mayor's office,

including new shelving, paneling, carpeting and electrical fixtures and repainting of the ceiling.

Also, the office will be equipped with a message recorder and a new electric typewriter. The work will be done by James Seavy, the town's maintenance employee, and Jim McKenna, a carpenter.

A new 120-volt circuit now services the kitchen. The previous wiring was overloaded because it also served the post office.

Frank Corder

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Town Council will be Monday, Jan. 14. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. The outline of the agenda is attached. If you wish to add agenda items, contact the Clerk-Treasurer, Lois Carroll, at 229-3780.

Protesting with a Protractor

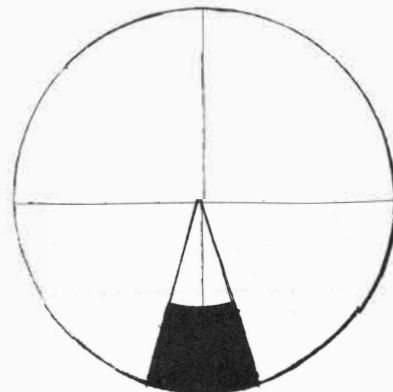
A year or so ago when our local Tax Assessor, Don Walker, visited Glen Echo, I spoke with him about the property tax on our home at 21 Wellesley. I mentioned that I thought I was getting taxed for a much bigger lot than I have. And this is not saying much, because the lot is tiny, being analagous to the smallest U.S. postage stamps.

When I received my 1984 tax form from the mortgage company and once again saw the size of the lot listed as 4,564 square feet. This caused me to dust off my geometry book and use it to help me compute the size of the lot. The lot is shaped like a wedge of a round pie with a piece removed from its tip, so calculating its area took a few minutes. I sent a copy of the house blueprint with its lot and my calculations to the Montgomery County Division of Revenue. In December, I received a new tax notice of assessment that stated the lot is 3,950 square feet (almost what I had calculated), or 13% smaller than its previously recorded size.

Because no letter of explanation accompanied the form, I contacted the supervisor, Mark Bortz. He confirmed my math, but could not give me a tax reduction because the property already was receiving a 15% deduction for "crowded conditions." I hope that my junior high geometry teacher (wherever he is) might be proud of me anyway.

Further, this experience makes me wonder which other Glen Echo lots have miscalculated sizes.

Edd Barrows



THE KEYHOLE

Because the KEY HOLE news for November was so scarce, we will combine it with our December column.

I realize not all the "Trick or Treaters" who come around are from our town, but I was sure surprised to see one who came from Melbourne, Fla.! That's rather far to come for a treat. Actually, it was Rex Borsari who was visiting here and accompanied her youngest son and friends on their rounds for "goodies." Rex formerly lived on Princeton Ave. so had no trouble finding her way around town.

Belated congragulations to George and Bobby Bolton of Oxford Rd. who celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on Oct. 1. In honor of the occasion, they were given a party by daughters Denise, Donna and Debbie.

Ed and Irene Cannon, who lived on Vassar Circle before moving to Sun City, Ariz., are still keeping busy. Retirement for Irene meant leaving as the postmaster of Glen Echo and devoting her energy to other fields.

When she is not drawing sketches for a cookbook (always told her she should have been a commercial artist), she assumes other jobs. She had charge of decorating the dance hall for special dances and put crews together to serve cake and coffee at the 6th Birthday Party for Sun City West. A 6-foot high cake, 3 bands and about 2,000 guests. Must have been quite a party!

Another party held recently was a shower given for "Gigi" Nash, formerly "Gigi" Depaolis of Vassar Circle. She was honor guest at a baby shower given by the women from Glen Echo Baptist Church.

Following the "grand opening of baby gifts," the guests were treated to a sumptuous display of tasty and

By

Tillie McGoldy

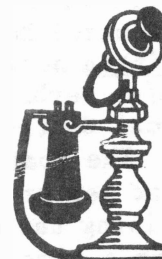
attractive food. It was not only a baby shower, but a reunion for many guests who had not seen each other for a long time. Needless to say, "a good time was had by all."

Best wishes to a former neighbor, Marie Hertstein, who lived on Princeton Ave. She recently underwent a second cataract operation and another implant and is recuperating at her home in Macon, Ga.

Classified Ads

ABSOLUTELY DELIGHTFUL, responsible, fabulously careful family of three seeks house for rent in the Glen Echo neighborhood; we will maintain your home and garden immaculately, and pay you up to \$700 monthly rent besides. Telephone 244-1822 evenings, request Dr. Free.

Classified ads are free to Glen Echo residents and may be left in THE ECHO box at the Post Office, or given to Carolyn Repstik. PLEASE DO NOT PHONE THEM TO THE EDITOR. Fee to non-residents: \$.50 per line to 30 spaces or fewer. Display ads are \$2 per column inch. Make checks payable to "The Town of Glen Echo" and mail them to Carolyn Repstik, 7309 University Ave., Glen Echo, MD 20812. AD DEADLINE: 24TH OF EACH MONTH.



Procedures on Pets: New Animal Control Regs

The Town of Glen Echo has a newly constituted Animal Control Board to serve you. You will find their names and phone numbers listed on the second page of the ECHO. Under the new Animal Control Ordinance, the Board will determine its own rules of action. We have thus decided to have all four members, including the alternate, take part at each meeting, so that when action is necessary, there will always be at least three people present who are familiar with the history of the case.

Other changes in the new Animal Control Ordinance include a requirement for dogs to be leashed or on their own property, as well as being "under control," and for cats to be licensed as well as dogs. This is in accordance with Montgomery County regulations requiring rabies vaccination for cats and is to deal with the large increase in the incidence of animal-borne rabies in the past few years.

The Animal Control Ordinance will now be enforced under the Municipal Infractions Ordinance. This means that the Animal Control Officer may issue a citation requiring payment of a fine for violation of the ordinance, collectible in much the same way as a traffic ticket. Because this is a new situation, the Animal Control Board has set the following procedures:

* If a resident suspects a violation of the Ordinance, he or she may report it to the Animal Control Officer, Ms. Kuster. Although she will act on a verbal complaint and try to resolve it, she cannot refer the matter to the Animal Control Board as a complainant unless she witnesses the apparent violation.

* The Animal Control Board will act on receiving written notification from a resident and/or verbal notification from the Animal Control Officer of a violation. The Board will then send a certified letter to the animal owner, describing the alleged violation and setting a time period

for resolution of the matter.

* If there is no response or if no resolution is achieved within the time period, the Board will call a public hearing to determine whether or not a violation exists which should be subject to a fine under the Municipal Infractions Ordinance. This hearing may result in the Board's directing the Animal Control Officer to issue a citation.

Residents are reminded that Ms. Kuster is the Animal Control authority in Glen Echo and are requested not to call in Montgomery County officials, who do not have jurisdiction here.

The Animal Control Board is here to serve you, the citizens of Glen Echo, when necessary, and will attempt to be a fair and neutral party in a dispute involving animals owned by Town residents. The Board urges citizens, however, to first try the channels of neighborly communication.

Copies of the Ordinance can be obtained by interested citizens from Town Clerk-Treasurer Lois Carroll.

Julie Milstien, Chairperson

NO CITATION

The Animal Control Board declined to direct the Animal Control Officer to issue a citation at this time to the owners of the dog residing at 21 Vassar Circle for any violation of the Town Ordinances, Article 2, Animal Control.

This decision was reached in closed session after a public hearing on Dec. 11, 1984, at which testimony was taken from statements read from Barbara Odell, Frank Corder, Edd Barrows, Rene and Edith Springuel and Nancy Helmig. A statement from the Animal Control Officer, Daryl Kuster, was read in her absence.

May in December, or Why Head For Bermuda?

"Mother Nature" fooled some plants and animals this past December in Glen Echo. She produced late-season "body heat" again this winter, breaking some records and giving us some lovely days.

Her warmth stimulated some flowers to bloom in December. On Dec. 23, I found alyssum, wild aster (the Town wildflower), a kind of bridal wreath spirea, dandelions, forsythia, oxalis and robin's-eyes blooming in Town. No doubt, other kinds of flowers would have bloomed also if the hard frosts had not singed their buds in November.

By Nov. 15, the frosts also had killed the large female Chinese praying mantid in my garden. Sometimes they are killed by early October, however. The smaller, more fragile male matids usually die before the hard frosts.

Speaking more about my favorites, the insects, some kinds were

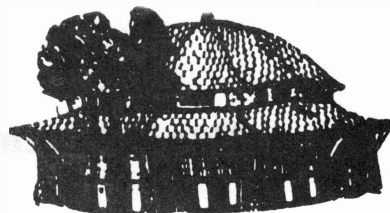
active in late December, including boxelder bugs, small moths, midges and other kinds of flies, and carabid beetles at night, not to mention myriad soil citizens. Spiders (not insects, of course) were doing a little web spinning under lights at night in the Park.

Maybe it was Santa who said, "Life is a mixed bag: along with the pleasant comes the pestiferous." Unfortunately, the outdoor flea season continued robustly throughout December. Clyde, the cocker, picked up scores of these champion jumpers during his visits to doggie stops in the Park. No doubt, he swapped some of his "pets" when he closely greeted other hounds. It will probably take a frigid January to kill off the outdoor fleas and stop them from disembarking and embarking at the barkers' sign posts.

Edd Barrows



Happy New Year!



At GLEN ECHO PARK

Studio Space Open

Applicants for summer studio space at Glen Echo Park, which is offered rent-free to encourage artists to be part of the summer festivities, may now submit competitive proposals to the National Park Service.

The studios are round, wooden huts with roofs and skylights, three of which are 16 feet in diameter and the fourth, 32 feet in diameter.

Either individuals or groups may apply. There is a small utility fee, but the National Park Service provides a small stipend for supplies.

In exchange for the studio space, the artists must use the space daily and offer free demonstrations to the public on Sundays, from May through September.

In the past, the artists have included painters, sculptors, graphic artists, craftspeople and theatrical groups.

For more information and a prospectus, contact Claudi Galagan at 492-6282. The application deadline is March 8, 1985, at 5 p.m.

The Concert Calendar

Glen Echo Park and the Bethesda Co-op have scheduled the following concerts for the rest of January:

* JAN. 13--Joe and Kathy Hickerson, with a wide range of traditional folksongs from North America and the British Isles, accompanied by guitars, dulcimer and cello. \$4

* JAN. 20--Betsy Small, Robert Crim and Jesse Lipkoff, bringing the music of the Renaissance and Baroque periods alive with lutes, recorders and theorbo. \$4

* JAN. 27--Eleanor Ellis, country blues guitarist with music from around her native New Orleans. \$3.50

A Show of the Best

The best of the best students who have studied under the Creative Education Program at Glen Echo Park in the past year will be shown in a special exhibit at the Glen Echo Park Gallery during January.

The show opened Jan. 5 and will continue through Jan. 29.

Works featured include pottery, photographs, wood pieces, painting, drawing and printmaking, sculpture, basketry, rug-hooking, fabric art, weaving, spinning, enamels, metalwork and jewelry.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and weekends, 12 noon until 5 p.m.

Adventure Theatre

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS AND WHAT ALICE FOUND THERE is now playing at Adventure Theatre, through Feb. 10. This marionette production of the famous Lewis Carroll story features more than 40 puppets by puppetmaster Allan Stevens.

Upcoming productions include:

* THE HOBBIT, J.R. Tolkien's tale of Middle Earth, Feb. 23-March 24.

* THE RELUCTANT DRAGON, a most unusual creature inhabiting the English countryside, April 6-May 5.

Adventure Theatre performances are at 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. on weekends, \$3; group rates are available. Call 320-5331 for reservations.

Winter Schedule

The winter brochure of classes and activities at Glen Echo Park is off the presses. Among the new classes offered is one in monoprinting by Carla Elevelen.

For a brochure, contact Diane Leatherman or Claudia Lampshire at 492-6282

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COMMUNITY BULLETIN

Energy Scan Project Revived

The town of Glen Echo will participate in an innovative energy conservation project this winter. The project was originally scheduled for last winter, but was postponed because of administrative problems.

One of the biggest problems with trying to conserve energy and cut down your heating bills is knowing where to start and what to do. This project will help by taking a heat loss videotape of the homes in Glen Echo. Individual heat loss photographs of each home will be made and distributed to residents at a community meeting this winter. These photographs actually show where heat is escaping from homes.

The heat loss videotape will be filmed by a specially trained crew using sophisticated, infra-red equipment. This equipment is installed in a special van which will travel through Glen Echo filming the street fronts of all homes. To get the best results the videotaping is done on a cold, windless night. Depending on the weather and other conditions this work will be done in December or January.

At the community meeting the heat loss photographs will be explained. Representatives of PEPCO and Washington Gas Light will be at the meetings to talk about low cost ways to conserve energy and additional services the utilities can provide such as on-site residential energy audits which provide detailed information on home heat loss and the best, most economical ways to stop that heat loss. The utilities can also help to arrange cooperative, bulk purchases of insulation and other weatherization materials. If there is sufficient interest among residents, the utilities will hold workshops which give hands on instruction in installing weatherization materials.

Glen Echo is one of six towns in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties which is participating in the project. The project is being sponsored by the Maryland Municipal League with major funding provided by the Maryland Energy Administration.

Platted in 1891 as the site of the National Chautauqua of Glen Echo

AGENDA
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
OF
JANUARY 14, 1985

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Status
 - a) Energy Scan
 - b) Town Hall Repair
 - c) METRO Report
 - d) Montgomery County Police
4. Glen Echo Park Report
5. Town Hall Use
6. Town Hall Report
7. Town Maintenance
8. Maryland Municipal League
9. Other
 - a)
 - b)
 - c)