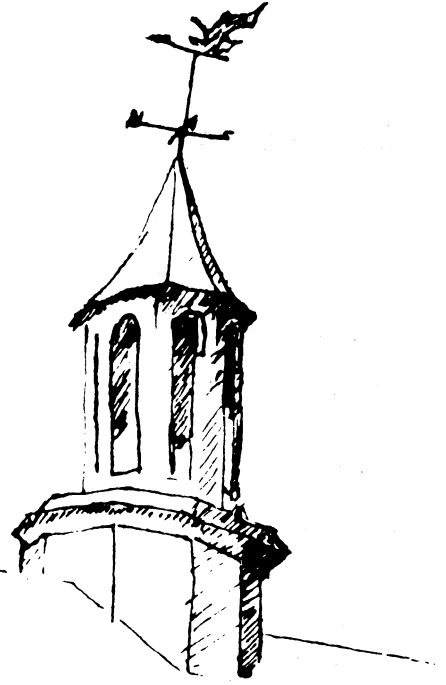


The Echo

The Town of
GLEN ECHO, MARYLAND
Chartered, 1904



AUGUST, 1986

Council Votes to Appeal Bryn Mawr Decision

By Gloria Levin

Concerned that the county Board of Appeals had decided the case on narrow, technical grounds, the Town Council last month unanimously voted to continue legal steps to prevent an alleged two-family dwelling at 6006 Bryn Mawr Avenue.

The Board ruled last month that there was no convincing evidence of two separate apartments at that location. It acknowledged, however, that its inspector had not been permitted to view the upper floor.

In voting to pursue the case on principle, the Council rejected the advice of the town attorney--as relayed by Mayor Kuster--that an appeal was unlikely to have practical benefit for the town. It expressed dismay that the case had been decided in a nonpublic hearing without prior notice to the town or the surrounding neighbors, with the excuse that the hearing was in response to an administrative error on the part of county staff.

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The Bridge is Here

The long awaited footbridge across the C&O Canal below Glen Echo has finally been reconstructed. It is no longer necessary for town hikers, joggers, cyclists and nature lovers to make their way to the towpath from Locks 7 or 8.

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FOOTBRIDGE NOW OPEN (from page 1)

The Glen Echo footbridge was washed away last November. It was scheduled to be replaced by the end of June, but there was a delay in obtaining a permit from the state Water Resources Board.

The new bridge is located 180 feet downstream from its earlier location, according to National Park Service spokesman Earle Kittleman. The new position was necessary because the water level was deeper at the former point and workers were unable to emplace the support beams there.

Access to the footbridge is possible via a path off MacArthur boulevard just townside of the one-lane bridge into Cabin John.

SEDIMENT, TRAFFIC, PERMIT PROBLEMS AT RESTAURANT CONCERN COUNCIL

By Gloria Levin

The town's consulting engineers, who recently examined the area around Glen Echo Station restaurant, have expressed concerns over sediment control and traffic patterns there. Councilmembers were dubious at the July 14 meeting about whether the run-off, siltation and storm sewer clogging which appeared to have been created by construction of the parking lot could be remedied simply by paving a problem area at Oberlin, as the restaurant owners plan.

"The street is a mess and it wasn't before [the construction]," Councilwoman Long said. Councilman Odell noted that if the area is this bad with minimal rainfall, one would expect much worse damage with heavier precipitation.

The town's consulting engineers will prepare a report on the source of the problem; a letter based on its findings will be sent to the restaurant owners requiring permanent resolution of the problem.

The opening of the restaurant also has created a traffic danger along Tulane and Oberlin at their intersections with MacArthur Blvd., the Council agreed. It will ask the consulting engineers to review this situation as well and make recommendations. One possible solution, which was suggested, would be to make the two streets one way, one serving as entrance and the other as exit to the area.

Councilmembers were also concerned because the restaurant owners did not get adequate permits for construction or grading, in contradiction to the claims and assurances made by their representative at an earlier Council meeting, and because a deck extending onto town land was constructed without either town or county permission. Mayor Kuster's explanation that the deck was built on the town's "right-of-way" rather than on its "land" was seen by Councilmembers as semantic hairsplitting.

The Mayor stated that the owners are under an obligation to tear down the deck, at their expense, if the town requests.

Councilmembers recommended that the town should have "an arm's length relationship with the restaurant owners," implying that this has not been the case to date.

Restaurant Working on Street Problems

Mayor Kuster has met with the owners of the Glen Echo Station restaurant, who are aware of the sediment and run-off problems at their site and taking steps to remedy them, he told The Echo.

Forty percent of the parking lot will be paved and the remainder will have a substance applied to the surface to keep the dust down, he was told.

The area of the run-off will be filtered by means of a screen as well as straw, which will be placed so as to prevent stones from moving into the street.

Until the parking lot is paved in August, the owners will clean the street once a week, the Mayor said. He said they were cooperative about alleviating the problems.

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Town Undergoes Fix-up Program

Councilman Harry Odell impressed the audience at the July Town Council meeting with the energetic manner in which he has undertaken his new duties of maintaining the Town Hall.

He has already cleaned out "a decade-long" accumulation of trash in the furnace room, organized plumbing and other repairs and arranged for regular, monthly cleaning of the Hall, with additional cleanings to be authorized as needed.

He also proposed a number of improvements:

--replacement of the furnaces and air-conditioning system, a move recommended by the town's consulting engineers. The most reasonable bid for this work was obtained from Stuart Petroleum for \$5,390. The Council agreed to accept this bid; sufficient funds were included in the town budget for this improvement;

--an extension of the recently-installed iron grate fence along the length of the Town Hall, at an estimated \$900, which was approved by the Council;

--reinstallation of shutters on three of the second floor windows. The shutters were removed several years ago to discourage bats which nested behind them. Construction methods are now available to discourage bats' visitations, Councilman Odell said. He recommended wood shutters over vinyl, despite the added maintenance involved.

Mayor Kuster reported that the lattice fence which is being installed along the entrance driveway to the Post Office will be level across the top despite the unevenness of the ground. The

Arbor Day Fund will be tapped for \$782 to plant shrubs at the Harvard Avenue end of the fence.

---Gloria Levin

PARKING LOT (from page 3)

The area used for a parking lot is owned partly by the restaurant, and partly by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and O. Roy Chalk, the Mayor said.

TOWN TO APPEAL (from page 1)

Councilwoman Long reported that she had attended a hearing where co-owner Tina Manatos had requested (but was denied) status for an accessory apartment. At that time, Ms. Manatos claimed on record that the house was maintained as a two-family residence. (The house is not eligible for accessory apartment status because the owners are not resident in the house.)

Residents present at the Council meeting objected that the county was using a double standard, in that others had been subjected to considerable expense and effort to comply with multiple and stringent rules for legalizing accessory apartments, from which the Manatoses were being exempted.

The Council also considered the case worth pursuing because the present housing agreement involves parking for five or six automobiles on a narrow street. It was on this basis that the Manatos appeal for two-family status for the house was rejected at an earlier hearing.

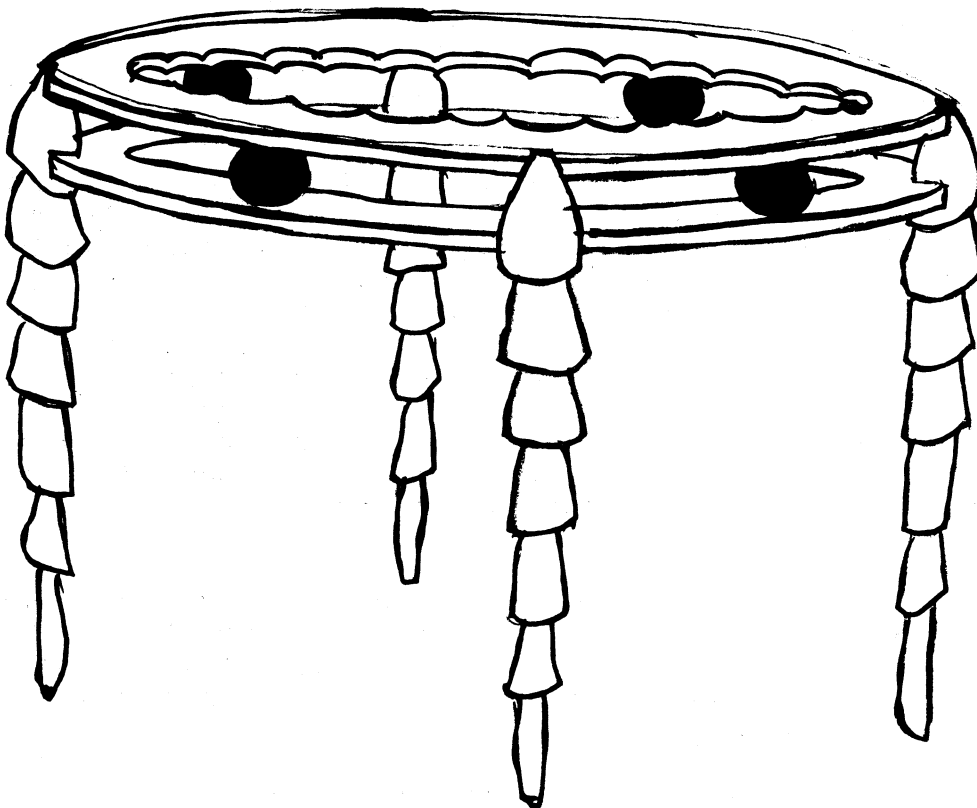
Town Furniture Designer Featured in *Post* Article

One of the local "daring and diverse...top-flight" furniture designers who "have breathed new excitement into the furniture scene" is how The Washington Post described town resident Henry Barrow in its July 17 "Home" section.

Henry's "sleek, postmodern lacquered cabinetry" is notable for its subtle colors, according to the article. Sometimes inspired by the changing colors of his pet iguana, Henry may layer up to 60 coats of lacquer on a piece, even mixing in metallic flakes. His furniture

may be turquoise, fuschia or whatever shade his experiments produce.

A resident of 6005 Yale Avenue since 1979, Henry graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1967 with a liberal arts degree. He began making furniture 15 years ago, now teaches woodworking at Glen Echo Park and makes furniture on commission. Prices for his original designs range from a few hundred to several thousand dollars, according to the article on "Washington's Cadre of Furniture-Makers."



One of Henry Barrow's current creations: a round glass top table in six colors with four planetoid bodies.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FIRST MAYOR OF GLEN ECHO John A Garrett, 1904 - 1909

By J. Manuel Espinosa

Sometime between 1902 and 1904, John A. Garrett, a prominent resident of the small community of Glen Echo, conceived the idea of seeking authority from the state to establish the community as an incorporated town. This was authorized by act of the Maryland General Assembly and the town was incorporated and chartered on April 8, 1904.

Garrett was an attorney-at-law who had purchased a home in Glen Echo when lots and houses on the site of the National Chautauqua were being sold by Edwin and Edward Baltzley, the first owners of the Chautauqua property, and their associates. Garrett envisioned the growth and development of the area, and some of his associates in the new town government had similar interests and expectations.

In 1891, the year Chautauqua was founded, the site had been surveyed and laid out, with streets in the residential sections named after colleges and universities in keeping with the original educational and cultural purposes of the Chautauqua movement. Blocks and lots were measured out for future home owners. By 1904, although most of the lots were still undeveloped, the town was dotted with houses, with others under construction. Water was piped in from a nearby reservoir, located just past the present intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Goldsboro Road. Glen Echo had the luxury of having two methods of transportation to the center of Washington, D.C.--by electric railway, and via Conduit Road (now MacArthur Boulevard).

On April 11, 1904, three days after the town charter was approved, the three judges of election authorized by the General Assembly of the State met at the home of William H. Roach, as chairman; Jacob J. Decker, treasurer; and F.L. Woodward, secretary. Like Garrett, all were substantial property owners in the town. The election of a mayor and town councilmen was set for May 2, 1904, to be held at the school house in Glen Echo. John A. Garrett was elected mayor for a two-year term, winning 36 of the 38 ballots cast. William H. Roach and Jacob J. Decker were elected to the town council for two year terms, and Guy E. Jenkins and Thomas A. Weaver for one year. It is estimated that the 38 ballots cast for mayor represented around 50 percent of the home owners in the town.

Mayor Garrett's first term in office, as to be expected, was primarily concerned with establishing the structure of the town government. Committees were organized, a number of town ordinances were issued, a town attorney was appointed. It was established that the town Clerk-Treasurer be the only salaried official.

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FIRST GLEN ECHO ADMINISTRATION (from preceding page)

The first meetings of the Mayor and Council were held once a week, and thereafter every two weeks in the smaller of the two rooms in the "school house," later referred to as the Council Room or Council Chamber of the "Town Hall." This was a one-story frame structure on the corner of Vassar Circle and Cornell Avenue just below the Cornell entrance to Glen Echo off Conduit Road. (The location is presently part of the property at 5 Vassar Circle.) In the early days the building served variously as the Town Hall, a school, a place of religious worship, and a center of community social events.

At the first meeting of the Mayor and Town Council, held May 7, 1904, the town Clerk-Treasurer and the Health Officer were appointed. At the second meeting, important three-member committees were established and their members immediately plunged into the work at hand: Water, Sewage and Plumbing; Streets and Improvements; Law, Order and Public Health; Railway, Light, Heat, and Power; Franchise and Licenses; and Finance.

It was the responsibility of the Town Marshal and Health Officer to enforce the ordinances. Later several deputy town marshals were also appointed. Equipment purchased by the Town for them included badges, a revolver, a blackjack, and handcuffs.

Complaints reported by town residents included: cows, horses, and dogs running at large; a dead animal lying within the town limits; a dog alleged to have hydrophobia; filthy cow pens and stables; a case of wife-beating; the shooting and killing of a dog running loose by the town marshal; noisy social events running late into the night held at the Town Hall by the Catholic parish; working on Sunday; fast driving; filthy and smelly plumbing both in residences with inside plumbing and outhouses; undesirable characters from outside the town, including a person who was spreading vicious rumors for which the marshal was allocated \$100 to investigate; and the noise of heavy blasts at the nearby Potomac Granite Company Quarry.

Civic, cultural and educational activities were an interesting sidelight on life in the town. The Musical and Dramatical Club held meetings in the Amphitheater of Glen Echo Park consisting of wrestling and boxing contests, and bicycle and Indian club exhibitions, as well as musical and dramatic



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The old school-house and Town Hall

HIGHLIGHTS
of the TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

July 14

Mayor Kuster proposed, and the Council agreed to, an administrative procedure which would limit citizens attending Council meetings to specific times in which to voice their opinions. The audience will not be permitted to interrupt Council proceedings, as has been considered disruptive on frequent occasions. Citizens may speak when addressed by the Mayor. The Mayor will also call for additional comments from citizens before moving ahead to a new agenda item...

Councilman Odell researched a question of town governance raised at the June Council meeting and discovered, much to his surprise, that neither the Town Charter nor state law provides recall of elected officials of a municipality. Instead, the Council is its own arbiter of standards for its elected members...

Street repairs are planned for the Bryn Mawr and Princeton Avenue landings off MacArthur Blvd. in mid-to late-August...

The paving contractor will be available to undertake private paving work while in town with paving equipment and materials. Residents can contact Craig Paving through David Williams of Nova Engineering at 354-9600.

---Gloria Levin

Extra Echos

The Echo is distributed to Glen Echo residents on the weekend before the Town Council meeting, which takes place on the second Monday of each month. If you should not receive a copy, you may find an extra one at the front counter of the Glen Echo Pharmacy. Just ask a clerk there.

FIRST MAYOR (from page 7)

entertainments. The Nomad Club, the Democratic Club, and the Baseball Club rented space in the Town Hall.

(To be Continued Next Month)

(Mr Espinosa is the Town Historian. He based this article on research done in the Town Hall archives. A more comprehensive version is available for reading at the Town Hall.)



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Hobby**

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Council Considers Action To Prevent Liability Claims

With the current crisis in obtaining liability insurance, insurers will be quicker to cancel policies in case of claims, Councilman Shultz warned the Council at its July meeting.

In surveying the town for potential hazards, he noted the following examples:

--sidewalk obstructions, including trash cans left out permanently and protruding shrubs and trees blocking sidewalks and forcing passersby to walk in the street;

--branches and shrubs obscuring traffic signs;

--low-hanging branches over streets.

Since these conditions are violations of town ordinances, Councilman Shultz called the town "remiss" in not enforcing them. Mayor Kuster said he would circulate a notice to town residents reminding them of the ordinances and advising them that the town will authorize (and bill the property owner for) removal of potential hazards, if necessary.

The Mayor pointed out that the last claim made against Glen Echo dated back to 1913. He noted that since the town has no sewers, police, schools, recreational facilities, or toxic wastes, and most of its operations are covered under the insurance policies of its contractors, it has much less exposure to possible liability claims than most jurisdictions. Nevertheless, the new coverage will cost approximately three times that of the former policy.

---Gloria Levin

(Ed. Since the Council meeting the Mayor has had all limbs and foliage trimmed back from signs, he said, and has talked to the owners of two properties where plant growth is obstructing the sidewalk.)

IS THERE A NEW BUS STOP PLAN?

There is no plan he knows of to use Oxford Road as a bus turnaround, said Mr. Daniel, an official of the county Transportation Division, Councilman Odell reported to the Council at its July meeting. Mr. Daniel said he had never seen or heard of such a plan and stands firm that there is no change planned.

Councilwoman Long reported that an employee at Glen Echo Park said such a plan had been forwarded to Park headquarters. But site manager Audrey Calhoun was unaware of such a plan, according to Councilman Odell.

Councilwoman Long agreed to try to track down the plan. She also reported that the proposal to use the Park's lot for overflow parking for the Army Map Service appears to be "a dead issue."

---Gloria Levin



NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 11 -- 8:00 p.m.
Glen Echo Town Hall

All residents encouraged to attend

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

Councilman's Letter in Post Makes Clarification about Town

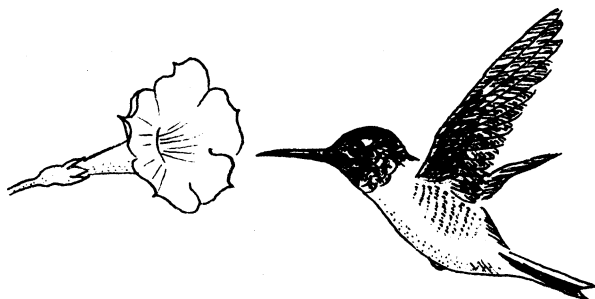
In a letter printed in the Washington Post on July 14, Town Councilman Harry Odell objected to an article about the possibility of commercial concessions in Glen Echo Park which referred to the "nearby town of Glen Echo." He clarified the relationship between the town and the park as follows:

"Glen Echo Park and the adjacent Clara Barton National Historic Site, which together constitute 16.8 acres between Tulane Avenue and Oxford Road, are wholly within the corporate limits of the town of Glen Echo, as defined in our 1904 charter from the state of Maryland.

"It is unlikely that these valuable properties, eight miles from the White House, would belong today to all the American people if this town and its residents had not decided some years ago to forgo the 'benefits of an increased tax base,' to oppose their commercial development and to play a leading role in bringing them under the stewardship of the Department of the Interior and the Park Service.

"We are indeed still concerned about their status and proper use.

Harry I. Odell
Town Councilman
Glen Echo"



Saving the Park From the Developers

The necessary papers have been filed to create a Glen Echo Park Foundation and the organizing group has been given 90 days from the end of July to present acceptable fundraising and organizational plans to the Park Service, Councilwoman Long told the Town Council last month.

No town funds have been used for the organizing efforts, she said, in response to a query from resident Bea Smith.

Mayor Kuster's suggestion that the town become a member of the Foundation (at \$50) met with little enthusiasm. His rationale for town membership--the possibility of the town having a seat on the board--was nixed by Councilwoman Long; the organizers voted not to establish designated seats on the board for specific entities such as towns and civic groups.

Councilman Shultz felt that the town "should maintain its own independent position with respect to the Foundation."

--Gloria Levin

RECIPE CLARIFICATION

In the recipe for Dill Corn Muffins in last month's issue, it was not made clear that you should follow the instructions on the corn muffin mix package as well as adding the other listed ingredients.

NOTICE

Anyone with an underground oil or septic tank which may be 15 years old or older should contact Mayor Fred Kuster. The federal government wants to test such tanks for a study; there is no cost involved to the owner.

At GLEN ECHO PARK

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL
Sunday, September 7

PUPPET SHOWS

August 13, 20, and 27
"Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp"
10:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

tickets \$3 - at the door

FREE PICNIC CONCERTS

Before the Saturday Night
Big Band Dances
September 6, October 4

DANCING

Friday evenings-Square Dancing,
from 8:30; \$4
Saturday evenings-Big Band Dancing,
9:00 to midnight, \$5
Sunday evenings-Folk Dancing, from
8:00 p.m., \$5

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION

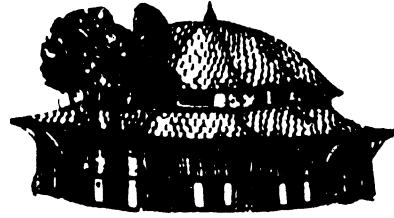
August 30, 31 & September 1
Call 492-6282 for an application
if you wish to exhibit.
Show open noon to 6 p.m. each day.

Short Takes

The new county cable-TV contractor is Hauser Communications, which has taken over the project from Tribune United.

The transfer of contract is expected to be approved by the County Council the end of September, according to Mayor Kuster. The new contractor is obliged to resume the work six months after the approval date.

The town must approve the new contractor by November 14, Mayor Kuster said.



Adventure Theatre

"Pinocchio" - puppet show
August 9 thru September 14

Weekends at 1:30 & 3:30
\$4. Call 320-5331

At the CLARA BARTON SITE

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A Historic Drama
Sundays, August 10, 17, 24
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FROM THE ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD:

To new pet owners who have moved recently to Glen Echo, I'd like to say welcome. You may not be aware, but in addition to any Montgomery County tags, licenses, etc., you may have previously obtained, the Town of Glen Echo ordinances require that you license your dog or cat. This licensing is intended to be of service to you AND your pet.

The recent deletions and additions to the Animal Control Board, which is your town enforcement arm in this area have resulted in the following:

GONE AND GREATLY MISSED: former Chairman Julie Milstein and former Secretary Edd Barrows

ADDED AND TRYING: Renny Springuel and Jane Eldredge (Jane actually has moved from alternate status to full time)

This leaves your chairman striving to plug all the gaps created by the resignation of our hard-working Animal Control Officer Darryl Kuster last spring.

The Board asks your cooperation in the following matters:

1. Please contact one of the members listed below to obtain a license for your pet. In order to do this, you must show a currently valid vaccination certificate against rabies. I'm sorry that the free clinic held by the Town in June was subject to a confusion of dates; however, the Town is not under any obligation to provide this service.

2. Please be understanding of the fact that we all work, and would like to do our best to be instantly available for your request, but that may be unlikely. The fee of \$4.00 for a male or spayed female dog or cat and \$8.00 for an unspayed female dog or cat pertains presently.

3. Currently the Town has the following owners registered as having obtained current licenses: Anderson, Bodnarchuk, Carroll, Deebo, DePaolis, Helmig, Lumsden, McNoldy, Odell, Rhein, Sadarangani, Springuel, Stevenson, and Winkler. All others must obtain licenses by August 31, 1986. The fee will double for applications made after that date.

Lastly, I'd like to remind all town residents that a current copy of the Town Ordinances covers such topics as:

Licensing, Dogs at Large, Dogs at Public Space, Owner Notification, Impoundment Fees, Nuisance, Humane Care, Injured or Ill Animals.

Just as we were about to go to print, a citizen called with a request to especially observe Section 2.5, Dogs at Public Space:

..Owners shall not allow their dogs to defecate upon public space within the Town unless they immediately remove the resulting waste and properly dispose thereof by burying on their own property or in an area officially designated for this purpose by the Town.

If you have questions regarding any of these matters, please get in touch with one of the Board Members below:

NANCY HELMIG - 229-0893
 JANE ELDREDGE - 229-4110
 RENNY SPRINGUEL - 320-2699

Sincerely,

Nancy Helmig

Nancy Helmig
 Chairman

SHORT TAKES

Town attorney Thomas Craven is the new president of the Bar Association of Montgomery County.

He is associated with the law firm of Lynott and Craven and has represented the town for many years.



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LATE NEWS: STOLEN--a 5' x 6' painting by Heidi Williams of a cloud sunset. Stolen from a yard in Glen Echo Park Monday, July 28, between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Value of painting \$1200. Any information, call Glen Echo Park office at 492-6240. Reward offered.

