

The Echo

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ELDER HOUSING ADVOCATE PRESENTS IDEAS TO COUNCIL

By David Sproul

Elder housing activist Grace De Palma and two supporters last month presented to the Town Council their side of the controversy surrounding the possibility of such housing on the grounds of Glen Echo Park. They had been invited to appear along with representatives from the National Park Service, and the Glen Echo Park Foundation.

Ms. De Palma said the idea for elder housing at the park originally came from a concerned neighbor of hers in Tulip Hill. Inspired also by difficulties encountered by older members of her own family, she vowed to do what she could to make the idea become a reality, she said.

She brought with her diagrams of a tentative layout of the proposed facilities. They appeared to require the destruction of the older buildings adjacent to the stone turret.

She maintained that no other suitable site exists in the county, or that if it does, it will probably be mired in commercial transactions as various governments try to get more money for it.

In a discussion of the survey that Ms. De Palma made of townspeople to determine their feelings on the subject, several people challenged the validity of such a small sample. She said that she had not been able to get more than 37 houses to respond, but that a majority of those conditionally supported the idea. Councilman Shultz suggested that such a survey would have to be conducted by a disinterested third party to have credibility.

The response to Ms. De Palma's presentation was negative, in some cases even derisive. James Lee, site manager at Glen Echo Park, politely but firmly reiterated the Park Service's view that housing projects of any kind have no place on this or any other

TOWN ROAD WORK TO BE COMPLETED IN AUGUST

Craig Paving Co. is currently doing nearly \$18,000 worth of repairs on town streets, including the widening of the upper section of Wellesley Circle near the Cornell Ave. entrance to town.

The repairs will be completed by mid-August, according to town councilman Bill Shultz. The work is being completed in phases, beginning with all excavations, then all the asphaltting, he said.

The job includes \$4,900 worth of excavating, filling and curbing along Oberlin Ave. as part of a storm water management and sediment control program.

Town engineers will also be looking at the problem of icing on the parking lot behind the Town Hall, according to Councilman Shultz. He said several people fell there last year and it is a potential liability problem for the town.

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COUNCIL DISCUSSES ELDER HOUSING (from page 1)

park land.

Carol Trawick, Chairman of the Board of the Glen Echo Park Foundation, read her organization's statement that the Park Service recognizes no other group in the planning for the park's future and that the foundation has no plans for housing on park grounds.

Mayor Kuster was concerned about the civic status of anyone living on federal land. He assumed they would be reduced to the status of disenfranchised "Indians."

Councilman Springuel said he favored elder housing, even "in my back yard," but not at the expense of destroying historic buildings.

Councilmembers Long and Odell regarded the whole subject as a "non-issue" in that it cannot be granted, no matter how convincing its proponents might get. They emphasized the land "simply isn't available for this use." After Ms. De Palma and her supporters left, council members discussed the subject further. Councilman Shultz said the question of elder housing ought to deal with the problems of parking, density and debt service to support the rental units.

Councilman Odell added "I hope everybody realizes how close we are to changes, with people talking about surplus military bases." Soon people will ask, "Why do we need parks?" he said. "Let's not kid ourselves. This could come up again and again."

—Jim Anderson also contributed to this report.

RESIDENTS WARNED TO REMOVE "ABANDONED" VEHICLES

Councilman Rene Springuel has sent out four letters to residents giving them a time limit for removing unlicensed or abandoned vehicles, he told the town council last month.

He told them that if the vehicles are not moved within 30 days after July 9, a municipal infraction ordinance notice will be issued, which would result in a \$25 fine.

Since the council meeting, one vehicle has been moved, he said. If the others aren't moved by the next council meeting on August 9, he will ask the council to authorize the paying of someone to serve citations, he told *The Echo*.

Councilman Springuel urged anyone who wishes the town to take action against vehicles which are in violation of town ordinances to contact him.

QUESTIONNAIRE TO ASK RESIDENTS IF THEY WANT HISTORIC DISTRICT STATUS

The town will be conducting a survey next month to determine if townspeople are interested in obtaining historic district status for Glen Echo, Mayor Kuster said. Information from the county about the possibility probably will be attached, he said.

When asked if the information would include pros and cons, he replied "I don't think there are a lot of cons to it other than that it puts another layer of government in there." He said it would probably lower taxes, rather than raise them.

Mayor Kuster thought the town would qualify for such status, but "we may not." The town has to give its response by the end of September, he said.

The September *Echo* will publish historic district status information. We solicit our readers for their research, financial advice and opinions on the topic. Please contact Bonnie Whyte at 229-3748 before August 12.

COUNTY SUGGESTS TOWN LAND BE USED FOR OPEN SPACE; WOULD PROVIDE MONEY

The town has long debated what it should eventually do with the land it owns between Tulane and Oberlin Avenues. Other than the fact that a basketball court is located there, the land is maintained but not used.

The other day Denise Boswell of the county Park and Planning division called Mayor Kuster and suggested the town propose a project for that area as part of the Open Space program. Among the uses which might be considered would be tennis courts, or a playground, perhaps along with the basketball court, according to Mayor Kuster. She indicated that funding would be available for such a project, he said.

"I was really surprised at such an offer," Mayor Kuster said. He said the only problem appeared to be agreeing on what the town would like there.

The suggestion ties in with the stress on developing more open space in the new Palisades Master Plan.

—Carlotta Anderson

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PART TIME POSITION AS CLERK/TREASURER FOR THE TOWN OF GLEN ECHO

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If interested, contact Mayor Kuster or a town councilmember.

The mayor is still soliciting applications for this position. He had received one by *Echo* deadline time.

There was no acting clerk/treasurer to take the minutes at last month's town council meeting.

SIXTEEN PETS "SHOT" AT TOWN RABIES CLINIC

Animal Control Officer Barbara McCoy was extremely pleased at the turnout for the free rabies clinic on June 29, she said. Sixteen cats and dogs received inoculations from veterinarian Dr. David Zeiler of Cabin John, who donated his time and services to the town.

Barbara said she was very appreciative of Dr. Zeiler's cooperation. Almost all town pets now have up-to-date rabies shots, she said.

A number of residents came to the clinic simply to buy town pet licenses. There are now 19 dogs which have current licenses and 15 which don't. Twenty-four cats are licensed and 20 are not.

The cut-off date for obtaining 1988-89 licenses had been set as June 30. However, because Barbara will be out of town on vacation for periods during July and August, and it might be difficult to contact her for a license, she said she will not start doubling the licensing fee until September 1. On November 1, the fee will be tripled, and if any resident is still remiss in obtaining a license for a pet after that, the case will go to the Animal Control Board, Barbara said.

All animals in Glen Echo must have annual town licenses, regardless of whether they also hold county licenses. The fee is \$8 for a male or spayed female; \$8 for an unspayed female.

Licenses may be obtained by dropping a check for the proper amount, made payable to the Town of Glen Echo, into Barbara's mail box at 6103 Bryn Mawr Ave. She will in turn drop the tags into your mail box.

AIRCRAFT NOISE ACTIVISTS ENCOURAGE LETTERS TO LIMIT NIGHTTIME FLIGHTS

CAAN, the regional coalition of antinoise activists, is asking citizens who object to flights from National Airport between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. to send written comments to the Airports Authority before August 5. That date is the deadline for comments before the airport authority board of directors votes on a proposal to allow airlines to schedule additional flights between those hours.

Currently, airlines are scheduling 21 flights between 10 and 11 p.m. and 6 and 7 a.m. by the "quieter" jets. Until recently, few aircraft could meet the lower decibel requirements for scheduling during those hours.

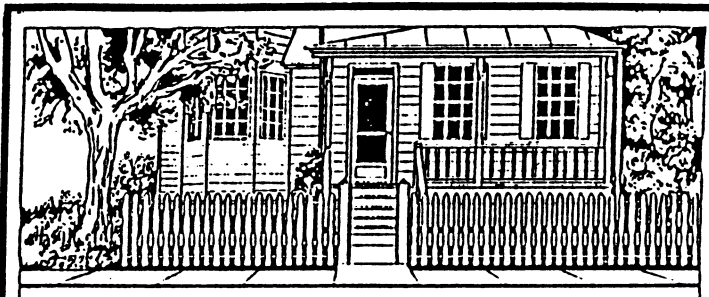
Written comments may be sent to: Aircraft Noise Rule (Ref. #MWAA-88-2), MWAA, Rm. 212, Hangar 9, Washington National Airport, Washington, DC 20001.

TOWN TO CUT BACK FOLIAGE

A lot of residents have cut back plantings that overhang town property since they received a community bulletin giving them until the end of June to do so, Mayor Kuster said.

He said he was pleased at the response to the bulletin.

The town will have a contractor take care of any work left undone and bill the homeowner, he said.



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at Shannon & Luchs. (O) 986-9292 (H) 229-3578**

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 8 -- 8:00 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

Contact the mayor if you wish to add an item to the agenda.

JEAN H. FENIMORE

Founder and former editor of *The Echo* and one-time town archivist Jean Fenimore died in Waynesboro, Pa. on July 16 at the age of 74. During the period she lived in Glen Echo, from the early 40s until 1970, she was a dynamic presence and avid volunteer in town activities. Her husband, Edward, who survives her, served as mayor from 1948-49.

Mrs. Fenimore was born in New York City and graduated from New York University. After she moved to the Washington area in 1942, she became the librarian for the Washington bureau of the Associated Press. She was later the assistant librarian at the National Academy of Science.

Jean and Ed Fenimore, and their children, Hugh, Anne and Cynthia (known as ChiChi) lived at 24 Wellesley Circle except during the periods when they followed Ed on his postings abroad as a foreign service officer. They were in Rome from 1949 to 1955 and in the Philippines in the early 60s.

Jean Fenimore originated the idea of a town newspaper in 1948. The first issue of *The Echo* was printed on May 29, 1948, when William Herson was mayor and Donald Canada, David Fessenden and Thomas Woltz were town councilmembers, along with Edward Fenimore. In December of that year Mr. Fenimore became mayor. Mrs. Fenimore continued as editor until mid-June of 1949, when the family left for Rome. When *The Echo* resumed publication for a period in 1959-60, Mrs. Fenimore served as editorial advisor.

After Ed Fenimore retired they moved to Blue Ridge Summit, Pa., where they had maintained a summer home. They held a magnificent yard sale before leaving Glen Echo, with the proceeds going to the "save the carousel" efforts.

As Nancy Long remembers her, Jean Fenimore was "a vibrant personality, a woman of sophistication in the true sense of the word. Because she was widely read and had superior intelligence, she was extremely interesting to talk to. She was a wonderful person to know, not someone you can forget easily."

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED TO RENT: Room in private house or apartment in Glen Echo starting September 1. Please call Annette Beaulieu, 229-3392.

Classified ads are free to Glen Echo residents. Fee to non-residents: \$.50 per line of 30 spaces or fewer. Display ads, \$2 per column inch. Ads may be left with Carolyn Reptsik, or mailed to *The Echo*, P.O. Box 598, Glen Echo, MD 20812. Deadline: 24th of each month.

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NANCY LONG APPOINTED TO C & O CANAL COMMISSION

Town Councilwoman Nancy Long was one of 19 members appointed by Secretary of the Interior Donald P. Hodel to the C & O Canal National Historical Park Commission. She is one of the two representatives from Montgomery County and will serve until January 8, 1991.

The Commission was established to meet in an advisory capacity with the Secretary of the Interior in relation to the administration and development of the park.

Nancy Long was appointed the commission's first chairman in 1971 and served for five years in that capacity. She then was appointed as one of three members-at-large.

HOT ENOUGH FOR YOU? JUST WAIT

By Michael Rodemeyer

Let's face it: it's been a miserable summer, what with record-breaking heat waves, air pollution alerts, and widespread drought. What's going on? Is this just an unusually bad year, or is it a vision of things to come?

An increasing number of scientists think that we are getting a glimpse of the future this summer. For years, they have warned that we are permanently changing our atmosphere. While our atmosphere naturally traps in some heat from the sun, mankind's burning of fossil fuels like coal and gasoline is increasing this "greenhouse" effect, leading to a global warming trend. The four warmest years on record have all been in the 1980s, with 1988 promising to be the hottest year of all. With this evidence, some scientists believe that we are already beginning to experience the "greenhouse effect."

What does this all mean for us? According to projections, over the next forty to ninety years, the earth will warm up between three and nine degrees Fahrenheit. That increase is far beyond anything we've ever experienced. Indeed, during all of human civilization, average global temperatures have never varied more than plus or minus two degrees.

While the term "global warming" sounds rather cozy and benign, its effects will be anything but that. The oceans will rise as much as five feet by the middle of the next century, flooding many coastal areas around the world. Rainfall patterns would be permanently disrupted. America's heartland will suffer chronic droughts and heat waves, destroying crops. There will be massive forest diebacks, and species loss would accelerate. These changes will have enormous social and economic impacts all over the world.

In Washington, 10-day heat waves with temperatures over 100 degrees will become commonplace. In Dallas, the temperatures will soar above 100 degrees 78 days a year.

Meanwhile, what about air pollution? Air pollution levels in the Washington metropolitan area, like those in most urban areas, often exceed EPA's air pollution standards. The primary culprit, ozone, is formed by the reaction of sunlight with emissions from cars and industry. (In D.C., cars are by far the most important source of ozone pollution.) Air inversions, typical in D.C.'s sweltering summers, help to trap and spread the ozone pollution. Because this has been such a hot, sunny summer, the number of days on which the pollution has gone above EPA's standards has increased this year.

Ozone irritates the lungs, and poses a particular hazard to asthmatics, children, and the elderly. Even at EPA standards, ozone impairs lung function in normal exercising adults.

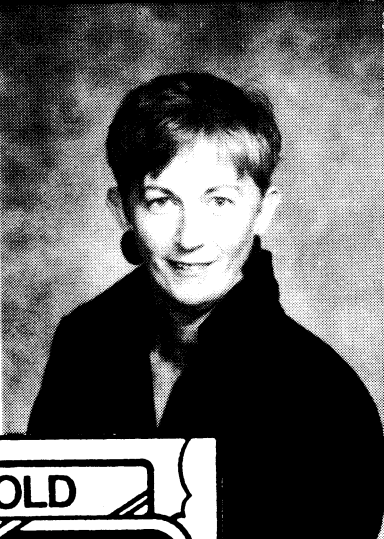
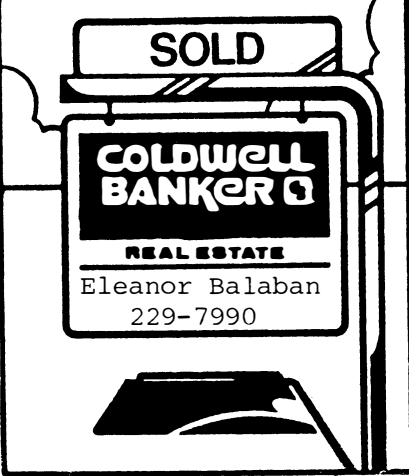
As the number of people and cars increases in urban areas, the emissions of pollutants that cause ozone will increase. An increase in hot, sunny days from the greenhouse effect will likely make the pollution problems worse.

What can be done? Tighter air pollution standards on new cars and trucks and other sources of air pollution are now being debated in Congress. While new controls can help reduce ozone pollution, it is probably already too late to stop the greenhouse effect completely. But we can slow it down, to give us urgently-needed time to plan for and to adapt to a warmer earth, and to develop alternative energy technologies.

Most immediately, we need to take new energy conservation measures, such as better insulated houses, energy saving lightbulbs and appliances, gas-saving cars and better public transportation. We also need to develop non-fossil-fuel power, including hydroelectric, solar, geothermal, and wind power. Nuclear power may also have to be reconsidered. And all of this will have to be done on a truly global level: the U.S. cannot do it by itself.

We can't wait until the scientists are sure that the greenhouse effect is here. By that time, it will be too late to do anything to slow the greenhouse effect down. We need to get started today. Below is a partial list of groups located in D.C. that are working to get Congr

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Let's talk about what's happening up and down MacArthur Blvd.

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Eleanor

GLEN ECHO PROPERTY SALES

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Lot in Block 22 G. Van Canada, Jr.

to Brockie Stevenson \$12,000

Information on town property transactions is provided by Rufus Lusk through his Lusk Reports, a real estate information service.

TOWN PROPERTIES ON THE MARKET

7313 University Ave. \$439,500

6004 Princeton Ave. \$441,000

5900 Oxford Rd. \$295,000

6113 Tulane Ave. \$249,900

FORMER HAUTE CUISINE PROPERTY BACK ON MARKET

The commercial property at Bryn Mawr and MacArthur is again being advertised for sale. A previous buyer was not able to get financing within the correct time frame stated in the contract, according to Ana Barbosa, Realtor for Shannon & Luchs Co.

The asking price for the property is \$525,000. Ms. Barbosa said she was sure it will be sold soon.

EXCERPTS FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT June 1988

Nova Assoc. (engineering service)	\$900.00
PEPCO (street lights)	\$322.61
Peyton's Tree Service (snow removal, spring clean-up)	\$2,672.00

WELCOME NEIGHBOR

A hearty welcome back to old-time residents Eleanor and John Lee, who returned to their home at 26 Wellesley Circle after an absence of eight years. The Lees originally moved to Glen Echo in 1956 with daughters Faith and Lana. They had been living in College Park to be near Faith and their three grandchildren.

GREENHOUSE (from preceding page)

to adopt tougher air pollution laws and respond to the threat of the greenhouse effect. You might also want to contact Congresswoman Connie Morella and Senators Paul Sarbanes and Barbara Mikulski.

National Clean Air Coalition
Natural Resources Defense Council
Environmental Defense Fund
World Resources Institute
American Lung Association

(Michael Rodemeyer, a resident of Glen Echo, is the Staff Director and Chief Counsel of the House Science, Space, and Technology Subcommittee on Natural Resources, Agriculture Research and Environment.)

GLEN ECHO PARK ACTIVITIES

DANCES UNDERWAY AT GLEN ECHO

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCES:

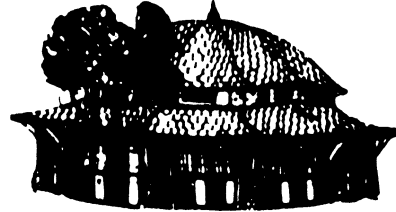
Squares, contras and country dances. Admission \$4. 8:30 p.m., Spanish Ballroom.

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES:

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH WARNING

The following information was compiled by the Montgomery County Police.

Local Incidents in June:

June 13 6500 Walkonding Burglary, day, chased off
June 20 MacArthur/Walhonding Theft from auto
June 29 5700 Bent Branch Burglary, day

House Numbers Save Lives:

Emergency responses to residences are often slowed because people do not have house numbers displayed. All houses should have house numbers at least three inches high to meet fire code requirements. Be sure numbers are visible at night.

SHORT TAKES

If you have been wondering about the purpose of the street work underway at Massachusetts Ave. and Goldsboro Rd., you may be relieved to hear that no massive widening plan is in the works.

All that is being done is eliminating the two ramps for safety reasons. Apparently some motorists coming off the ramps were not yielding to the oncoming traffic.

In addition, sidewalks were recently installed on the Massachusetts Ave. hill.

Susan Shultz has agreed to fill an empty seat on the Animal Control Board.

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