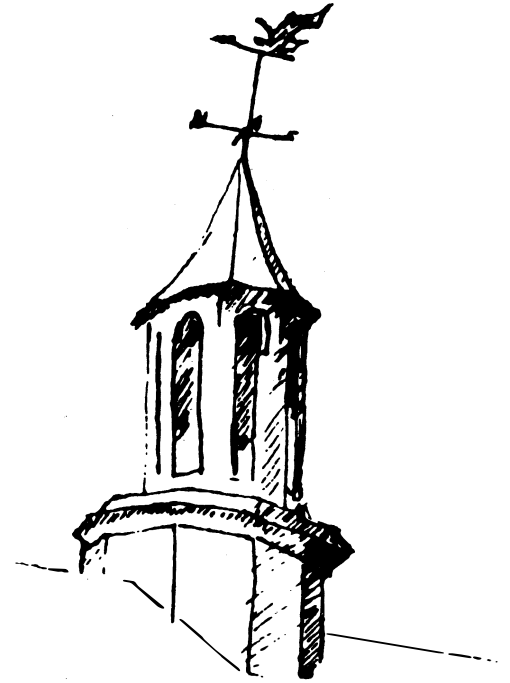


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TOWN SPRAY-PAINTED IN ACT OF VANDALISM

By Don Dworsky

A number of street signs, sidewalks, license plates, and walls in town were spray-painted with red paint in an act of vandalism that took place in late June.

A similar incident, also with red paint, took place in April, 1988.

While the culprit in the latest incident is not known, Mayor Borsari said he spoke to someone whom he thought might have been involved. At the last council meeting, he reported that he believed the problem had been resolved.

Others report that they spotted spray cans of red paint in open garbage cans set out for trash pickup.

Resident David Sproul has volunteered to help remove the paint if the town buys a spray-paint remover which he informed Councilman Shultz about.

Due to the evident immaturity of whoever committed these acts, parents are requested to be observant for spray-paint cans, and are urged to let their children know that destruction of property is a criminal offense.



PARKING LOT CONSTRUCTION SLATED FOR LATE SUMMER

By Shirley Strong

Plans for the rehabilitation of the Glen Echo Park parking lot are in the process of being offered for contract bidding, and only very minor changes can still be made, three representatives of the National Park Service told about 15 townspeople at a June 26 informational meeting at the town hall.

The timetable requires a 30-day bid period, but work might begin as early as late August, according to Joanne Hanley, the park site manager.

After earlier objections from the town, a parking lot for the Clara Barton site was reduced from a projected 24 spaces to 11 spaces. Although the town also opposed moving this lot from its current location, it will be re-located to a site parallel to Oxford Rd. in order to provide what NPS representatives called an open "viewshed" from the porch of the house.

The entrance road to the main parking lot will be located closer to the Clara Barton site grounds, between that site and its parking lot. Some residents expressed concern that this new entrance road would create a safety problem for pedestrians crossing it to go to the Clara Barton house.

Residents also stated that it would be difficult for large vehicles such as buses or trucks to maneuver the sharp curve from Oxford Rd., especially in view of the residents' cars parked there. Lynn Pilgrim, NPS Denver Service Center planner, said the road could not be moved back to its current location because of

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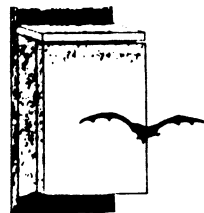
The dates for the Halloween and Holiday parties were set by the town council at last month's meeting.

The Halloween party will take place at the town hall on Saturday, Oct. 27.

There will be two holiday parties for townspeople. The children's party will be held on Dec. 22 at 3:30 pm. The adult holiday party will take place on the evening of Dec. 28.

—Jim Horwitz

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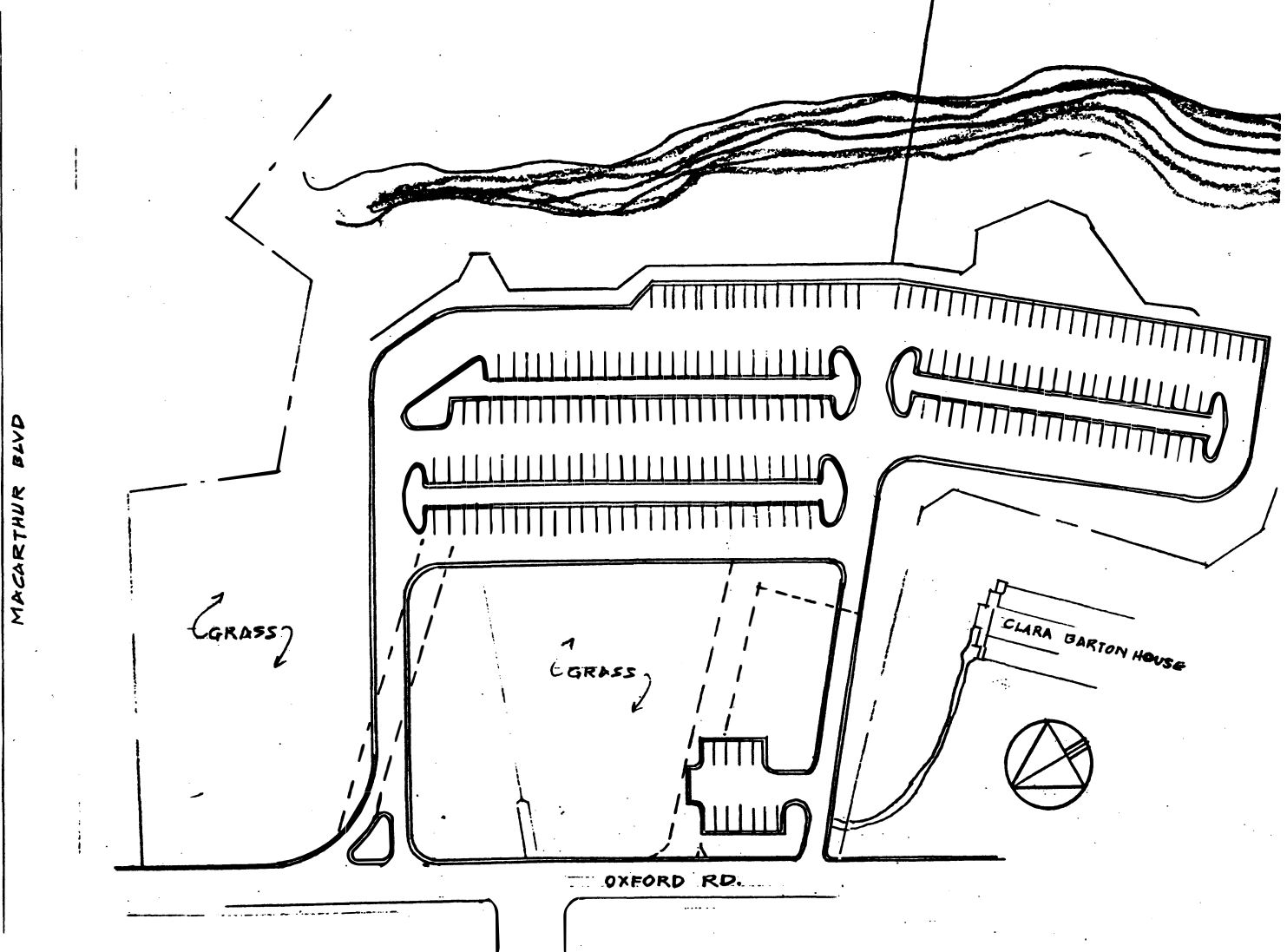
PARKING LOT CONSTRUCTION STARTS SOON (from page 1)

plans for underground drainage pipes, but that she would check to make sure that the curve is maneuverable.

Objections were also raised to the triangular island set into the exit road near its intersection with Oxford Rd. Residents questioned the need for it and suggested it could be hazardous.

Other aspects of the plan presented by the NPS representatives, including Kitty Roberts, Superintendent of the George Washington Memorial Parkway, were:

- Minnehaha Creek will be left open, with plantings on slopes to create more green space and to prevent erosion. This will return it to its original status as an open waterway before the creek was covered to enlarge the parking lot. Access to the park will be over a 10-foot wooden bridge.
- Access to the streambed will be discouraged by heavy vegetation on the slopes. A boardwalk will extend along the edge of the parking lot to the bridge and will include a viewing point of the creek. —The area between the creek and Oxford Rd. will be regraded and raised using dirt and fill from digging out the streambed. This will produce a more gradual slope and hopefully less water run-off.
- The paved parking lot will have delineated spaces for approximately 200 cars. Three medians will be planted with red oak trees and shrubbery and lighted with 12-foot-high double lights. Because of cost limitations, these will be regular parking lot style lights.
- After residents expressed a preference for open space rather than vegetation to screen the parking lot, the NPS representatives agreed to keep an informal planting design along Oxford Rd., with low plantings and scattered trees.



This sketch of the parking lot plans was prepared by Chris Papadopoulos.

HOW MUCH RECYCLING DOES TOWN WANT? COUNCIL WONDERS

By Carlotta Anderson

The town government is unclear about the extent of town enthusiasm for recycling, according to Mayor George Borsari. "I have received not one comment on the lack of newspaper recycling," he said.

Curbside newspaper recycling was discontinued in April when the collection agency was no longer willing to pick up the papers free. The council did not choose to continue the recycling program at the charge of \$1.25 per house per month.

The mayor said he would like to see a referendum to gauge the feelings of townspeople regarding future newspaper recycling as well as the separate pickup of glass, cans, garden refuse and other wastes. An extensive recycling program including all these items will be mandatory in the county by the middle of next year. Municipalities will be invited to join the program.

"We are small enough to react to what the people want," the mayor said. After the county completes its new recycling center, scheduled for mid-1991, municipalities will be offered the opportunity to be incorporated into the county's collection contract at no cost, according to Esther Bowring, the county's environmental planning manager. The only requirement will be that they agree to use the county's dump and recycling facilities, since the dumping fees will fund the recycling program.

She said that in the unlikely event the county got into a financial position that required some charge for recycling, it would be an insignificant amount.

Another option, she said, would be for a town to contract with a separate hauler for a program at least as inclusive as the county program. The county would then offer the town a rebate of around \$2.75 per household per month.

Ms. Bowring said this would be unlikely to be as cost-effective for Glen Echo as the former option.

The county now has mandatory newspaper collection in all locations, with grass and leaf collection in some areas.

COUNTY BUILDS SIDEWALK AT BUS TERMINAL

By Carlotta Anderson

The county has constructed an asphalt sidewalk alongside Goldsboro Rd. at the Glen Echo bus terminal, the culmination of five years of citizen efforts to get upgrading of the facility. Building the sidewalk, Mayor George Borsari pointed out, is "all they said they would do." No further improvements are planned.

According to Mayor Borsari, representatives of local civic associations met in late June with county council member Bruce Adams and county transportation chief Robert S. McGarry and proposed once again that the terminal be re-located to the west side of MacArthur Blvd. near Oxford Rd. This is a site the town of Glen Echo previously opposed.

"I am not happy that they again raised the issue of putting the stop where Glen Echo didn't want it," he said.

The mayor said he was surprised that the representatives did not put forth proposals for lights or other improvements at the present location.

He said that he didn't know if he would carry out his announced plan to organize private funding for the building of a small shelter at the bus terminal. "At this point, I'm not sure what the best move is," he said.

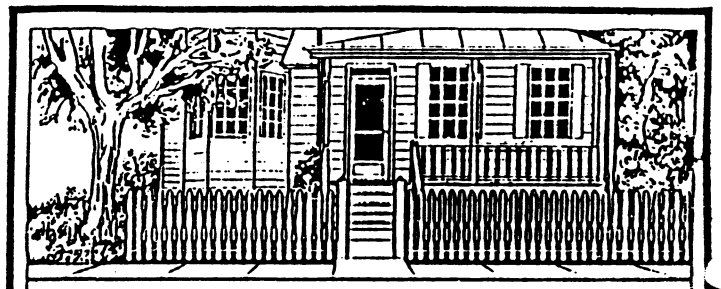
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THE KEYHOLE

By Tillie McNoldy

Although our former mayor Frank Corder and his wife Ruth are no longer town residents, they are still active in Fredericktown, Ohio, their current home.

Both Ruth and Frank are graduates of Mount Vernon Academy, Mount Vernon, Ohio, Frank in the class of '38 and Ruth in '43. Her 50th class reunion will be in 1993, the centennial of their alma mater.

As president of the Alumni Association, Frank is responsible for getting all the planning underway for the centennial celebration. Knowing Frank, I'm sure he will do an excellent job. The school recently celebrated "Homecoming 1990" and Ruth was in charge of the banquet decorations. Their daughter, Michelle, who grew up in Glen Echo, has been accepted in the graduate school of the University of Hawaii, Honolulu, where she will pursue a master's program in Library and Information Science.

Congratulations, "Michy."

Mr. and Mrs. H. Milton Gilliam of Stephens City, Va., announced the engagement of their daughter Vivian Kay to Stephen Fessenden, son of Dave and Thelma Fessenden of 6005 Bryn Mawr Ave.

Vivian is a graduate of Lord Fairfax Community College and the National Academy for Paralegal Studies. She is employed by Glaize Home of Winchester.

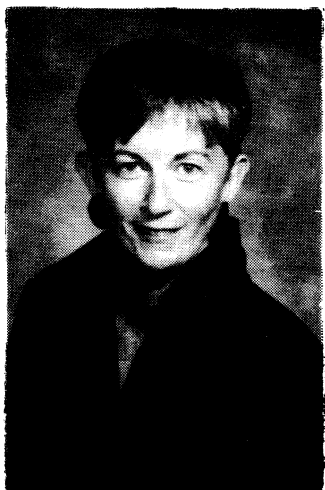
Steve, who grew up in Glen Echo, is a graduate of Montgomery College and George Washington University. He is employed by the U.S. Postal Service.

The wedding will take place in Winchester, Va., on August 26.

Our congratulations and best wishes to Steve and Vivian.

Susan and Bill Shultz spent their vacation trout fishing and hiking from a ranch in Paradise Valley, 30 miles north of Yellowstone National Park. It was, Bill Says, "sublime, the best vacation we ever had." Son Rusty is spending the summer as a camp counselor near Stanton, Va. Daughter Chris attended summer school at St. Mary's College.

Jim and Carlotta Anderson, joined by their son, Chris, met up with daughter, Julia in Brussels, where she had been working for the past year. They then spent three weeks in Florence, Vienna and Budapest.



Eleanor

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

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BRIEFLY NOTED

- A large and enthusiastic turnout assembled for the **annual town picnic** on Sunday, June 24. The weather was lovely, the potluck offerings delicious and Brockie Stevenson created another beautiful cake, as he traditionally does for this annual event...
- The **Little Falls Library** on Massachusetts and Westbard Aves. reopened on July 9 after a year and a half of renovation. The library now has additional room for its book collection, an elevator, a meeting room and a separate reference room. Its hours are 10 am-9 pm Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; 1-9 pm Thursday; 10 am-5 pm Friday; and 9 am-5 pm Saturday. The Chevy Chase Library on Connecticut Ave. is now closed for renovations and will reopen in fall of 1991...
- A group of Cabin John residents told the county appeals board last month that they opposed the construction of a 15,000 sq. ft. office and retail building at **MacArthur Plaza**. About a third of the Cabin John residents wrote letters opposing more development...

MOVIE RENTAL MOVES TO GLEN ECHO PHARMACY

By Judit Szilagyi

The bad news is that video movie rental is no longer available at High's. The good news is that it is now available at the Glen Echo Pharmacy.

The concession is still being run by Jack Marble, former owner of High's. For a time after the High's chain was taken over by Southland, which operates the 7-11 stores, Mr. Marble continued to rent space in the store for the movie rental. He recently moved this operation to the pharmacy and rented space there, according to Stan Brown, the pharmacy's assistant manager.

The old membership cards are no longer valid, and movie rental patrons will have to re-register, Mr. Brown said. The new price for one night's rental is \$3, including tax, 16 cents more than previously. Renting for the second night costs \$2 additionally.

Mr. Marble also owns the Good Guys Pizza store. He is now offering free movie rental for one night with the purchase of a pizza, according to Mr. Brown.

Pharmacy hours are 8:30 am-8 pm weekdays; 9 am-6 pm Saturdays; and 9 am-2 pm Sundays.

COUNCILMEMBERS SEE GYPSY MOTH IMPROVEMENT

By Jim Horwitz

Councilman Bill Shultz told the town council last month that he saw a tremendous improvement concerning gypsy moth activity compared to the last three years since his oak trees were sprayed by the town this spring.

Councilman Harry Odell also said he saw an improvement over last year on his property.

Mayor Borsari said he did not have to sweep moth excrement from his patio as he has done in past years.

Councilmembers said they would appreciate input from residents as feedback for future possible sprayings.

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TOWN RABIES PROGRAM STILL TO BE ARRANGED

Arrangements for town residents to get free rabies shots for their pets from a local veterinarian will be made soon, according to Mayor Borsari.

The new program will replace the town's outdoor rabies clinic, which was previously held every June. The mayor said the town clinics did not attract enough residents to justify asking a veterinarian to come to town for that purpose. About 10 pets were inoculated at last year's clinic.

Inoculations of adult animals are usually valid for three years. Thus, approximately one-third of town pets are now in need of rabies shots.

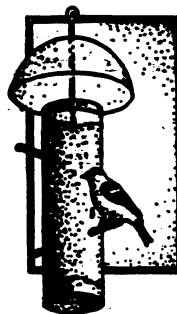
In the past, residents also came to the clinic to get licenses for their pets. Glen Echo tags are required for all town dogs and cats. The fee is \$4 for males and spayed females and \$8 for unspayed females. Proof of current rabies vaccination must be submitted. Last year's tags expired at the end of June. Mayor Borsari said residents should remember that licensing their pets is in their own interest, since the county will not consider an animal abandoned and thus hold it only eight days if it has a Glen Echo town tag. Instead, the town will be notified and the pet will be able to be traced and returned to its owner by means of the license number, he said.

The mayor said licensing will be handled by Clerk-Treasurer Ilona Moreland. The town has had no animal control officer for the past year.

—Carlotta Anderson

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10K RUN SCHEDULED FOR WILSON LANE

A certified 10K run up Wilson Lane to Bethesda and back to the Bumper Car Pavilion in Glen Echo Park will take place on Sunday, Oct. 14 at 8 am. There will also be a one-mile jog and one-mile walk. Breakfast will be served following the three races.

The event is co-sponsored by the Glen Echo Park Foundation, the Bethesda Chamber of Commerce, the Montgomery County Roadrunners Assn., the National Park Service, and Wilsafe, an organization of a group of citizens living on Wilson Lane. Registration forms will soon be available in the brochure rack at the park or from Diane Leatherman, 320-2330. The fee for the 10K race, including T-shirt and breakfast is \$12. Price for the breakfast alone is \$3.

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BRYN MAWR RESIDENT GETS TAX REDUCTION

By Carlotta Anderson

By taking her case to the property tax appeals board, Glen Echo resident Eleanor Balaban was able to get 10 percent taken off her property taxes on the basis of land value. She had already received an \$8,000 reduction from the assessor on the value of her house at 6003 Bryn Mawr Ave. because of its damp basement.

The appeals board reversed the previous \$204,000 tax assessment on her land because of the "adverse effects" of its proximity to the noise of the Clara Barton Parkway. It ruled that the land is only worth \$183,700.

Ms. Balaban argued that \$204,000 was the average value put on Glen Echo lots, but that her lot was not average because it was so close to the parkway. She was elated by her success at the appeals board level and said the hearing took only 15 minutes.

TOWN ACTIONS PENDING

—Correction of low curb problem at lower intersection of Wellesley and Cornell

—Free rabies program for pets

—Ordinance making *The Echo* an official organ of Glen Echo

—Installation of stop sign at upper intersection of Cornell and Wellesley

—Organization of town records by Infomanagement

—Sound system at Town Hall

—Street and sidewalk repairs



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GLEN ECHO PARK ACTIVITIES

COMING EVENTS

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A concert (non-classical) is planned for Sunday or Monday afternoon outside the Bumper Car Pavilion.

PROPERTIES ON THE MARKET

6108 Bryn Mawr Ave.	\$425,000
16 Wellesley Circle	\$350,000
22 Wellesley Circle	\$379,000

PARK FOUNDATION HAS NEW CHAIRWOMAN

The Board of Directors of the Glen Echo Park Foundation has elected Carolyn Brown as its chair to replace Carol Trewick.

Ms. Brown says her main goal is to raise \$150,000 to match a grant from the State of Maryland for restoration of the Spanish Ballroom. The Foundation was given two years to raise \$300,000 of the estimated \$600,000 needed for the work. Half of that amount was in hand at the end of the first year. The final date for raising the remaining amount is June 1, 1991.

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 13—8:00 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

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