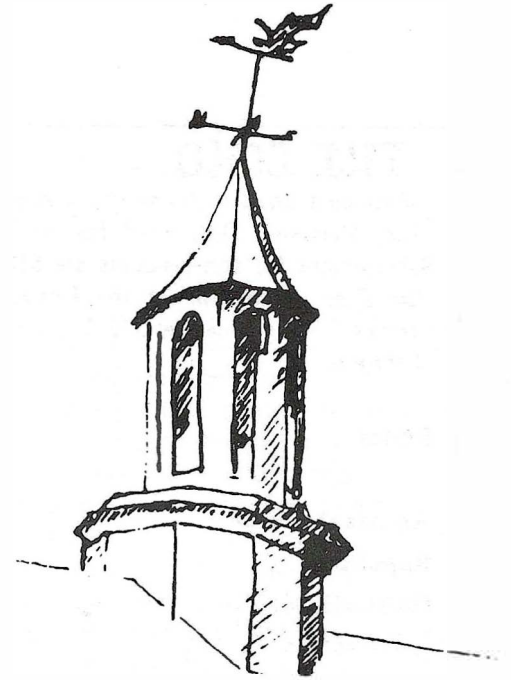


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COUNCIL TAKES NO ACTION ON PLAN TO CUT TREES

By David Sproul and Carlotta Anderson

Town officials expressed their reactions at the March council meeting to Peter Garfield's announced intention to cut down two large sycamore trees on his Bryn Mawr property to provide parking space. However, they took no action on the grounds that the town lacks any power to stop tree removal.

The town ordinances require that the council receive 60 days notice of intention to cut or "top" any tree on private property "in order to give the Town Council time to consider alternatives..." No alternative action was discussed at the meeting. Mr. Garfield's notification to the town was dated January 28.

A resident asked the council why there was a statutory requirement for advance notice if the town could not use the notice period to stop the destruction of a tree. Councilman Odell said it was to provide for a "cooling-off period," an interval for questions to be asked and alternatives proposed.

Mr. Garfield and the town government have been disputing for nearly two years over Mr. Garfield's construction of front parking spaces for the Garfield Studio across an area which the town contended was its use-established right-of-way and which had created dangerous traffic conditions.

Councilwoman Beers said that she thought Mr. Garfield, in announcing that he planned to cut down the sycamores, was looking for a compromise that would allow his "bump in the road" to remain, a compromise she is "not inclined to make."

Councilman Odell said "there's an unpleasant name" for what

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TWO COUNCILMEMBERS TO BE ELECTED MAY 6

A municipal election will be held at the Glen Echo Town Hall on Monday, May 6, to elect two councilmembers for four year terms.

The council seats are currently held by Nancy Long and William Shultz. Councilman Shultz said he intended to run for re-election and Councilwoman Long said it was "likely" that she would do so.

All registered Glen Echo voters who are at least 25 years of age and have resided in town for at least two years before May 6, 1991, are eligible to become candidates for the offices. They should declare their candidacy in writing to Paul Alban, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Elections, 6104 Bryn Mawr Ave. His telephone number is 229-3892.

All residents who are U.S. citizens and at least 21 years old may vote in the election.

Polling hours will be announced in a forthcoming town bulletin.

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TOWN ACTIONS PENDING

- Correction of low curb problem at lower intersection of Wellesley and Cornell
- An ordinance making *The Echo* an official organ of Glen Echo
- Installation of stoop signs at Harvard and Columbia
- Organization of town records by Infomanagement
- Sound system at Town Hall
- Street and sidewalk repairs
- New chairs at the Town Hall

TIMBERS TAKEN FROM YARD

Eighteen old timbers used as the perimeter of a vegetable garden were taken from the back yard of a Harvard Ave. house in February, owner Fred Bartlett reported.

The ten-year-old pressure-treated timbers were each eight feet long and would cost \$3 each to replace. Some had nails to hold them in place. They were removed around Feb. 25, Mr. Bartlett estimated. A rotten one was left behind.

"What will they take next?" he questioned. He wondered if the culprit thought the house at 6101 Harvard Ave. was abandoned, since it is currently between tenants. However, the back yard is enclosed with a picket fence and it was necessary to open the rear gate in order to remove the timbers.

Mr. Bartlett said he found the theft "infuriating" and planned to report it to the police, but that there would be "no further trouble if they are returned."

—**Carlotta Anderson**

SYCAMORES (from page 1)

was being proposed but that the council should do no more than "shrug its shoulders."

Councilman Shultz suggested it might be a good idea for someone to ask Mr. Garfield to explain why he could not build his needed parking spaces along the north side of the building near the windows.

Mayor Borsari said the council was dealing with the kind of person who "just wants to lash out and destroy a 100-year-old tree for spite."

Councilwoman Long was not present at the meeting.

However, Mr. Garfield's closest neighbors saw the issue differently. "I think he has gotten a raw deal from the town all the way around," said Billy Briggs, who lives next door. "The road [Bryn Mawr Ave.] is half again as wide as anywhere else in town. They don't understand what they're looking at."

Former mayor Paul Alban, who lives across the street, said Mr. Garfield had been a "very good neighbor" and that "Peter has been so cooperative with the town, I'm a little embarrassed the town has given him so much trouble. I'm all for whatever Peter wants to do."

He said that although the sycamores gave shade in summer, he considered them "dirty" trees, shedding bark, and balls of fluff on his front porch, and that he didn't much care if they were cut down.

Mr. Briggs said he thought Mr. Garfield "has every right to do what he wants on his own property," and that, if Mr. Garfield wished, "I will help him remove them."

COUNCIL VOTES SURVEY FOR PROBLEM CORNER

By David Sproul

The town council last month unanimously approved the spending of \$450 for a survey of the property lines at the upper intersection of Cornell Ave. and Wellesley Circle. A staking of the lines by a survey company would presumably settle the question of whether the town's right-of-way extends into an area that David and Gail Robinson believe is their property.

The council suggested in January that some pine trees be cut back to improve visibility at the intersection, but the Robinsons objected that the trees offered them privacy.

Mayor Borsari presented the council with a letter from town attorney Tom Craven saying that the town has the right to order trees and shrubs trimmed if necessary for the public good when the plants are on an unpaved right-of-way.

The mayor also suggested that someone make an informal measurement to determine if the offending trees appear to be more or less than 15 feet from the center of Cornell Ave. Since most of the town street rights-of-way are 30 feet wide, this could help establish whether a professional survey was necessary.

Councilwoman Beers, who had researched surveying prices for the council, offered to make this measurement.

Mayor Borsari also asked Councilman Odell, who has been organizing town maps and plats, to see if the town might already have a plat showing the contested property lines.

BURGLARY CALLED "UNUSUAL"

By Carlotta Anderson

The February 2 burglary of a Radcliffe Lane house did not fit any pattern of break-ins in the area, police say.

"Most burglaries are in the daytime or early evening, and had property stolen," said Detective Jim Hennessey of the county police investigative services division. "This was an unusual thing." The Glen Echo break-in occurred at 4:07 a.m. The resident screamed and the burglar fled without taking anything. There have been no other similar burglaries in the area, he said.

Resident Tracy Hoye, who lives next door, was awakened around that time by her dog, who was growling. She heard someone walking up and down on the walkway in front of her house at the intersection of Radcliffe and Wellesley Circle. She said she was alarmed, but was afraid to go downstairs to investigate.

"Then he walked up the street and two minutes later the police came," she said.

Despite a description of the burglar given in the original police report, the Radcliffe Lane resident was unable to give any detailed information about his appearance, Det. Hennessey said.

The Radcliffe Lane house is now for sale.

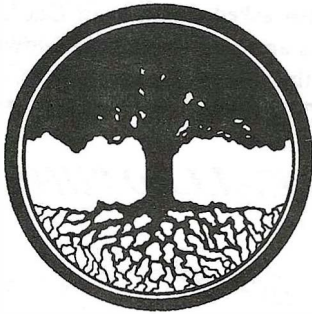
COUNTY PLANS NO NEARBY GYPSY MOTH SPRAYING

Glen Echo is not listed among the areas included for spraying in this year's county Gypsy Moth Program. The nearest areas targeted for spraying are at the Congressional County Club and off the northern end of Persimmon Tree Rd. A bacterium, B.t., will be used at those locations.

About 10,500 acres, about half the local area sprayed last year, will be sprayed by the county this spring. A natural decline in the gypsy moth population and spraying in past years account for the county's greatly reduced spraying, according to *The Washington Post*.

Some Glen Echo trees were sprayed at town expense last year, but no plans for spraying this year have been announced by the town council.

Town residents who have had a problem in the past and wish to protect vulnerable trees themselves can put up sticky barrier bands now and burlap hiding bands by May 1. Caterpillars caught in hiding bands should be removed daily and drowned in soapy water.



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TOWNSPEOPLE VIOLATING FENCED-IN PARKING LOT, PARK OFFICIAL COMPLAINS

By Carlotta Anderson

Glen Echo residents who are entering fenced-in areas of the Glen Echo Park parking lot "could get hurt," site manager Joanne Hanley warned last month. Apart from other dangers, they could find themselves in an unstable soil area, she said, and the park service doesn't want to be held liable.

Ms. Hanley said she was sure that most of the people asked to leave the restricted areas were townspeople. She said some tell park personnel that they live in Glen Echo; others are recognized as town residents or are seen returning to houses in town. One Saturday there was a large group of Glen Echo children in uniform inside the barriers, she said. She declined to be more specific as to the identity of these uniformed town children.

Some intruders apparently want to walk their dogs in the areas that previously were open, but others say they just want to look at the construction site, she said. In order to enter those areas, they must push down an orange fence of plastic netting.

Ms. Hanley said some people refused to leave the areas. "We have no authority to write tickets," she said, but in the future "we are going to inform them that the park police will be issuing tickets."

She added that the construction is "going fine," with no significant delays, but that it may continue past the May 19 target date. "I won't venture to guess the completion date," she said.

The park service hopes to reopen the lot in time for the Annual Folk Festival in June, according to the newsletter of the Glen Echo Park Foundation. It noted that bulldozers had unearthed the walls of the old Chautauqua amphitheater, which will remain as part of the new banks of Minnehaha Creek.

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TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

March 11

Mayor Borsari discussed a letter asking for the council's comment regarding a request by Sally Law to have two lots under her property on Tulane Ave. re-subdivided into one lot to conform with current zoning requirements. The council gave the mayor permission to tell Ms. Law to proceed without fear of objection from the town...

Mayor Borsari promised the council that he will schedule street sweeping and issue a notice to townspeople in advance so that cars can be moved. He also said he will schedule drain cleaning and pothole repair. He said later that he has been trying to coordinate a street sweeping date with Mark Peyton for several months, and that the date set would depend on equipment and weather conditions...

Councilman Odell showed the council new shelves in the council room for storing important plats, maps and blueprints...

Mayor Borsari reiterated that Kitty Roberts, superintendent of the George Washington Memorial Parkway, gave him little hope for relief from inconvenience generated by Clara Barton Parkway overpass construction...

Councilman Shultz asked that the agenda for each meeting include a status report of pending council projects. The mayor said that he would consider any such motion advisory, since he has control of the agenda. Councilmembers Beers and Shultz voted for the measure, but Councilman Odell voted no. Councilman Shultz then asked the mayor to include such reports in future agendas...

Two Boy Scouts, Pascal Dobert and Jeff Olsen, attended the meeting at the invitation of Councilman Shultz as one requirement for their citizenship merit badges...

—David Sproul

TOWNSPEOPLE INVITED TO SEE OLD-TIME DANCES

On Saturday, April 20, there will be an English Country Dance at the Glen Echo Town Hall. This is an elegant and flowing dance form that flourished from about 1650 to 1850, and from which our modern contra and square dances evolved.

This was the form of dance that was enjoyed in the colonies, and Presidents Washington and Jefferson were noted for their dancing ability.

Compositions by Handel, Corelli and Purcell, performed by violin and piano, will provide music for the dance.

Most of the dances are line dances and are not difficult, but you must know the figures in order to be able to do them.

I would like to invite the townspeople to drop by to observe the dances, listen to the beautiful music, partake of refreshments, and get a feel for this wonderful dance form.

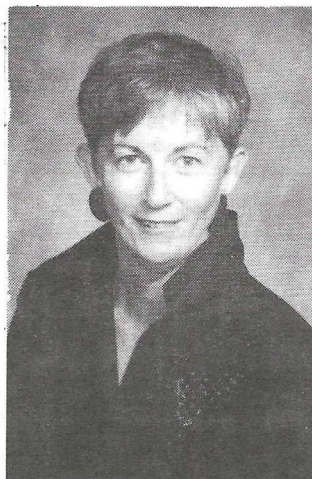
Townspeople would also be welcome to observe the workshops from 1:30-5:00 pm. The dance will take place from 8:00-11:00 pm.

Any townspeople who are experienced in this form of dancing and would like to participate in the dances should call me, as well as anyone with any other questions.

Norm Bernhardt

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320-2469



Eleanor

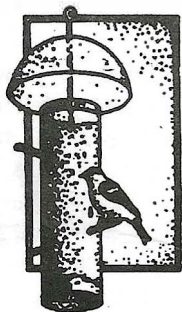
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BRIEFLY NOTED

Bob Levey's column in *The Washington Post* last month listed Glen Echo as one of the six most pleasant "**undiscovered**" neighborhoods in the metropolitan area...

Buddy Briggs, who grew up in Glen Echo, was the electrical contractor for the new fire suppression system on the carousel at Glen Echo Park. It was funded under a grant from the county Department of Housing and Community Development and the Mercedes Benz Dealers, according to the Glen Echo Park Foundation newsletter. His parents, **Betty** and **Billy Briggs**, still live on Bryn Mawr Ave. Buddy does government contract and commercial electrical work.

The **Bethesda Coop** in Cabin John will be giving away approximately 1,000 **tree seedlings** around the beginning of April, according to its newsletter. White pine, sawtooth oak and tulip poplar seedlings provided by the Maryland State Forestry Service will be available in time for planting on Arbor Day, April 14. The seedlings range in size from 18 inches to three feet...

County Executive Neal Potter has submitted a Capital Improvements Budget which includes an \$18,000 item for design costs for **widening and restriping MacArthur Blvd.**, according to *The Village News* of Cabin John...

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 8—8:00 p.m.
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STATE AGREES TO IMPROVE CRASH SITE ON PARKWAY

By Carlotta Anderson

Residents who wince at the skidding and smashing noises on a parkway ramp below Glen Echo every time it rains can take heart. State highway officials have agreed to make some safety improvements which can be fitted into their limited funds.

Responding to a request to resolve the problem from Bill Shields, assistant superintendent of the George Washington Parkway, they said they would be willing to make the following changes:

—Channel traffic to the inside curve of the inbound ramp of the Cabin John Parkway where it intersects with the Clara Barton Parkway. This would be done by removing the present traffic lines and painting new ones. The present striping leads cars to the outside of the ramp.

—Eliminate one lane on the curve of the outbound ramp of the Cabin John Parkway just below Glen Echo. Having only one lane will widen the shoulder areas on each side and make what Mr. Shields described as a "more forgiving alignment."

—Mill certain areas of of both ramps to roughen them up. This provides a warning to motorists prior to their entering the curve.

The work will be done by the Maryland State Department of Transportation, which has jurisdiction over those roadways. "I assume they would put it high priority," Mr. Shields said.

THE KEYHOLE

By Tillie McNoldy

Our best wishes for a complete recovery to two of our neighbors who were recent victims of leg problems.

Eleanor Balaban, of Bryn Mawr Ave., is recovering from a leg injury and is ambulatory with the aid of crutches.

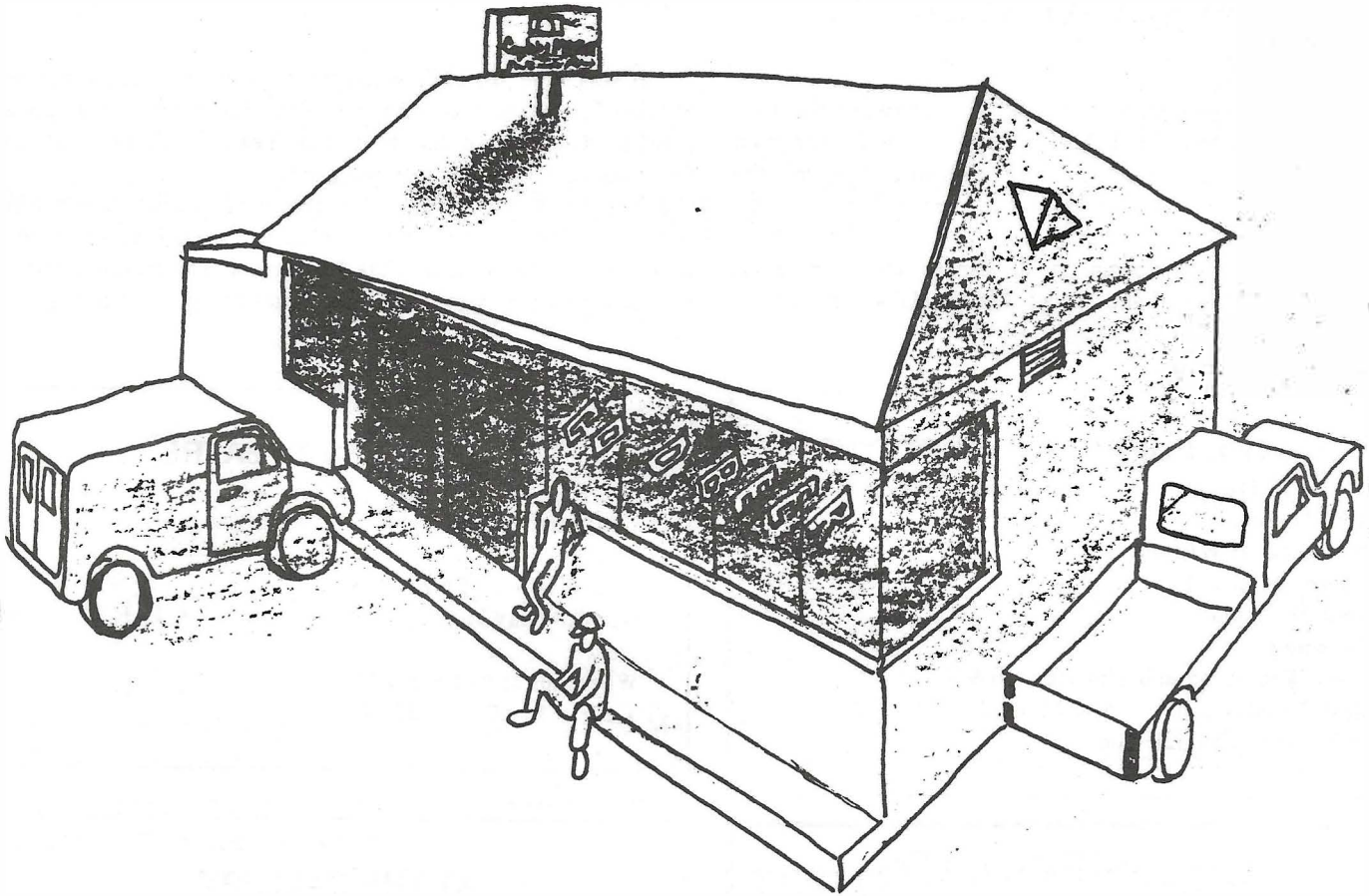
Paul Alban, also of Bryn Mawr Ave., is once again back in action after undergoing leg surgery at Suburban Hospital. Known to many as "Available Alban," he could not remain on the inactive list indefinitely.

Any Bryn Mawr leg injuries I missed?

Becky Dennis, formerly of 5806 Oxford Rd., is now residing at the Asbury Methodist Home in Gaithersburg, Md. She is well, involved in the Home activities, and sends a "hello" to her friends and former neighbors.

Her address is: Rebecca Dennis, Room 224, Asbury Methodist Home, 201 Russell Ave., Gaithersburg, MD 20877. Phone: 330-3224.

RECYCLE YOUR NEWSPAPERS -- THURSDAY MORNINGS



"Cold Beer" Captain's Market in Cabin John

By David Sproul

BANNOCKBURN ARTFEST

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GLEN ECHO PARK ACTIVITIES

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Free dance lessons begin at 8; dances are from 9-12. Admission is \$7. Sodas and juices are available and casual clothing is suggested.

PARK NEWS

It was June 16, 1891 when the original Chautauqua opened at Glen Echo. One hundred years to the day afterwards a special exhibit, "Glen Echo: the First 100 Years," will open at the Chautauqua tower for a two week stay.

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