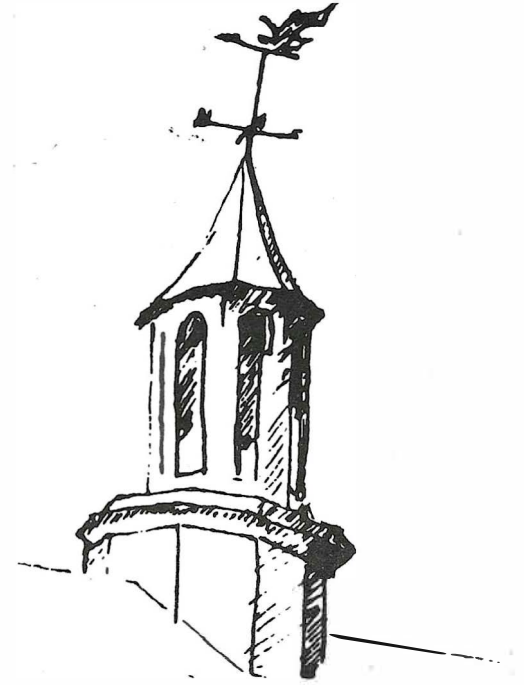


The Echo

The Town of GLEN ECHO, MARYLAND Chartered, 1904



April, 1995

CONFORMING TO ADA NOT A CHOICE, COUNCIL TOLD

By David Sproul

An Americans With Disabilities Act compliance officer for the county told the town council at its March 13 meeting that ADA requirements leave Glen Echo with three strategies from which to choose: make necessary improvements to its facilities, move activities to structures that conform to ADA requirements, or cancel the activities.

Although implementation of the act is still in flux due in part to pending case law, Joanna Clark said, state and local governments are obligated to make progress in improving access by handicapped citizens to public programs, activities and facilities.

Although the town has installed some sidewalk ramps, the town hall has no type of lift to bring the disabled to the upper floor or the restrooms, which would also need to be modified under act requirements. The cost for such changes might be as high as \$86,000 or more, according to estimates made by architect Joanne Murray, a resident of town.

Answering questions from an audience of about eight residents, Ms. Clark said she was unaware of any provision in the law that would permit the town to avoid compliance by requiring patrons requiring special arrangements to notify the town in advance. She said even in the case of a private party, conformity with ADA requirements would be necessary if a guest required an elevator or handicapped-accessible restroom.

Councilman Anderson said that his perception of "the new political climate" led him to believe that the town could decide to temporarily close the town hall and delay outlays for building improvements until it could be determined if all the requirements of the act were going to be enforced. He suggested making only council chambers handicapped-accessible as an interim measure.

He asked that the town be allowed to vote in a referendum on which course the council should pursue.

Mayor Beers vigorously objected to the idea that non-compliance was an option, regardless of whether it was sanctioned by a town referendum. She said that in such a case, if

BE SURE TO VOTE MAY 1

The poll at the Glen Echo Town Hall will be open on Monday, May 1, from 5-9 pm for the election of two councilmembers.

All residents currently registered to vote in Montgomery County are eligible to vote in this election, as are all those who have previously registered to vote in Glen Echo.

Anyone else who is a U.S. citizen, at least 21 years of age, and has resided in town for at least one year prior to the election, may register immediately before voting. These requirements, which are different from the county's, are those still provided for in the Town Charter.

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PLEASE KEEP SIDEWALKS CLEAR OF TRASH CANS

Residents are asked to remember that trash cans on sidewalks force all pedestrians, including the disabled and those pushing strollers, to walk in the street.

Please keep trash cans on your own property or in your driveway whenever possible.

If it is necessary for your trash can to be placed on the sidewalk, please position it as far back from the curbway as possible, and place it back on your property as soon as you can after the trash has been picked up.

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STREET REPAIRS PROCEED

By David Sproul

After analyzing street work needs throughout town, Councilmembers Levin and Brintnall approved the suggestion of town contractor Mark Peyton that unskilled labor be used to tamp and smooth minor potholes and imperfections in the streets before the final slurry-seal (coverage with road sealant) is applied.

They also felt that road work on the eastern portion of town near the Inn at Glen Echo should be postponed until the pending repairs to pavement and nearby drains are completed.

The town council unanimously approved this plan at its March meeting.

ECHO CELEBRATES 21ST YEAR

This month marks the beginning of the 21st year of continuous publication of *The Echo* under the editorship of Carlotta Anderson.

David Sproul has been assistant editor since 1989, and Tillie McNoldy has been a columnist since 1974.

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 10—8:00 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

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

DISABILITY ACT (from page 1)

the town later opened the town hall without making the required changes, it would be vulnerable to a law suit which would probably cost more than the total bill for compliance.

Councilman Anderson's motion failed for lack of a second. He then asked for an explanation of the council's intention.

Mayor Beers said that she intends to see the improvements made in the most cost-effective manner possible.

Councilman Brintnall pointed to some of the benefits of the requirements. Their cost will be returned to citizens and visitors for years to come in the form of improved access, he said.

Ms. Clark asked if the council had considered taking advantage of community block grants. Councilman Brintnall explained that the town had chosen not to become involved in such an agreement with the county for fear of getting trapped in many other programs, but that a second look at the program might be in order.

Councilman Brintnall moved that the mayor be required to get the best current cost estimates for construction work in time for the next meeting. The motion passed three-to-one, with Councilman Anderson dissenting.

TWO COUNCIL MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED MAY 1

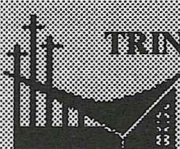
A municipal election will be held on Monday, May 1, to elect two councilmembers for four year terms. There is no salary for the offices.

Members hold a monthly public meeting at the town hall and usually take responsibility for overseeing some town function, such as street maintenance, town hall scheduling or maintenance, vehicle law enforcement, or other duty.

The seats up for election are currently held by Councilmembers Nancy Long and Gloria Levin. Neither of them had formally declared candidacy by *Echo* press time. Nancy Long said she had not yet decided to run; Gloria Levin said she was "leaning toward running."

All registered Glen Echo voters who are at least 25 years of age and have resided in town for at least two years prior to May 1 are eligible to run for the offices. Anyone interested in running for the office must file a written declaration of candidacy at least 10 days prior to the election (April 21) with the chairman of the board of supervisors of elections. Since Paul Alban, who holds that post, is ill, Mayor Beers has designated Clerk-Treasurer Edie Springuel to receive such notices. She can be reached at the town hall during regular office hours (see p. 2), or by phoning 320-4041.

Any candidate who wishes to have a statement regarding his or her qualifications and views published in the May issue of *The Echo*, which will be distributed the weekend before the election, should submit it to the editor no later than Friday, April 21.



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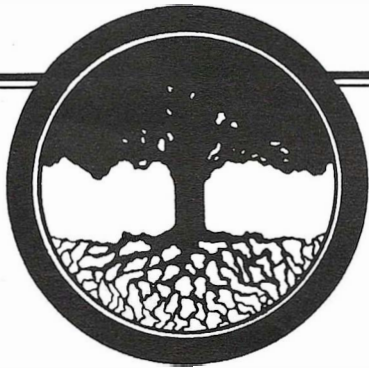
IDEAS FOR TOWN HALL USE?

The town council is in the process of drafting new regulations for the use of the town hall and is interested in receiving input from town residents.

Some of the questions to be decided are:

1. Who should be allowed to use the town hall free, and how many times a year?
2. Should a town resident be permitted to reserve the town hall for free and not be present at the function?
3. What fee (if any) should be charged for non-profit users? Should they be allowed to charge admission or sell wares?
4. What fee should be charged for non-resident social events?
5. How about public educational/cultural programs open to town residents?
6. What deposit should there be for cleanup should that become necessary?

If you have ideas on these subjects, please give them to the mayor or any member of the town council before the April 10 council meeting.



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HARVARD DRAIN REPAIRS STILL A PRIORITY ITEM

By Carlotta Anderson and David Sproul

Fears that the Harvard Ave. storm drain repair project was to be postponed by the county were allayed when the county council in a March 21 work session approved going ahead with the project on an accelerated schedule, if possible.

Mayor Debbie Beers and Councilwoman Nancy Long were present at the session.

The Transportation and Environmental Committees recommended that the work not be delayed in view of its emergency nature. Earlier, a newly-hired official proposed that the project be postponed because it had been placed above older, incomplete projects on a list of planned repairs, according to Mayor Beers.

County Councilmember Betty Ann Krahnke had protested to the county when her office noticed that the project had lost its priority position.

Mayor Beers told the council last month that the county's options on the Harvard Ave. project are to improve the present pipeline, build a new line over the existing one or build a new line on another path along existing easements.

WOMEN OF GLEN ECHO
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WELCOME, NEWCOMERS

Originally from Canada, but most recently from the Palisades area of D.C., **Veronique Marier** and **Bill Rahill**, and their daughter, **Bianca**, moved to 7306 University Ave. in January.

They left Montreal three years ago when Bill was given what was described as a "short-term" assignment with the World Bank in D.C. The term kept lengthening and now he is a permanent staffer in Washington, specializing in global environmental issues.

Veronique, an environmental engineer by profession, is working as a consultant for CARE, serving as liaison with international financial institutions like the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank.

Four-and-a-half year old Bianca is in the pre-kindergarten class at the Rock Creek International School. She has already become good friends with Sophie Mondale, who lives across the street and is the same age.

Veronique and Bill are avid skiers, and Bill can be seen jogging through town and in the area. In fact, he came to know Glen Echo by jogging here when the family lived in Palisades.

PROPERTIES ON THE MARKET

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Sunday Evening: 6:00 WHY WE BELIEVE THE JEWISH BIBLE, 7:00 PRAISE, TESTIMONIES, WORSHIP, SINGING.

Wednesday Evening: 7:00 PRAYER, TESTIMONIES, BIBLE QUESTIONS

Friday Morning: 10:00 COMMUNITY PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY

Collecting food and clothing for the homeless and needy.

THE KEYHOLE

By Tillie McNoldy

Our sincere sympathy to the family of **Gilbert Bolton**, who died on Mar. 12. "Butch," as he was more familiarly known to us, grew up in Glen Echo.

He was a baby when his family moved into town and resided at 7300 University Ave. Several years later, when the home was built at 5900 Oxford Ave., they moved there.

Beside his wife Sally, he leaves two daughters, one son, and four sisters...

Dear friends of Glen Echo:

Thank you for coming to the birthday celebration for Jimmy, who was 81, and his sister, Evelyne, who was 80. Sorry some of you were out of town and we did not get to see you. It was wonderful to see old friends from Glen Echo, from the Glen Echo Baptist Church and from school days.

It was a double celebration for us as we were married at the "little church" December 16, 1944. Our church in Cherokee Village, along with one daughter, gave us a surprise celebration at the church.

We miss Glen Echo and our friends, but love it in Cherokee Village where we have met many new friends. I want to thank Holly and Osamu for showing my niece and me how they had remodeled my former home at 6101 Bryn Mawr Ave. where we raised our family from 1950 to 1982.

We loved it in Glen Echo and I loved working at the post office.

May God bless you all.

Janice and Jimmy Miller

(Don't make Tillie peek through your keyhole. Tell her about the interesting events in your life by dropping a note in her mailbox at 6100 Princeton Ave.)

FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT

March 1995

Peyton's Tree Service	\$3,262.50
Knopf Law Offices	\$88.15
Daycon	\$313.85

(A full accounting of all bills paid and payments received is available as part of the town council minutes.)

TO THE EDITOR,

Recently the town lost three beloved residents. Sadly, the life-span of man's best friend is woefully too short when considering the abundance of devotion and joy they share with us.

1. Claudia, a 16-year-old part poodle, part Scottie, who was a "wonderful, charming, smart, constantly evolving little being," as Raya Bodnarchuk remembers her.

2. Bear, the precious, free-spirited member of the Shimizu family.

3. And lastly, my 12-year-old Happy. He was just a small ball of black fur upon his arrival. He grew into a 65-pound lovable, mischievous companion.

We will miss our lovable tail-waggers.

Bea Smith

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG

It seems that some residents are taking their dogs for a walk without a pooper-scooper, or the equivalent. This practice is offensive to all.

The town ordinance regarding "Dogs at Public Space" provides that owners who allow their dogs to defecate upon public space without removing the resulting waste are subject to citations of municipal infraction. Violations could subject the animal to impoundment and removal from town.

CLASSIFIED ADS

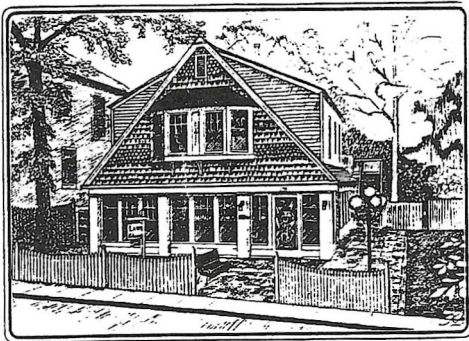
GIVEAWAY—50 professional cardboard moving boxes. Call 320-0317.

WANTED TO BUY—Portable playpen/crib. Call Julia and Speke Wilson, 320-2331.

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Classified ads are free to Glen Echo residents. Fee to non-residents: \$.75 per line. Display ads, \$3 per column inch. Ads may be left with or mailed to the editor at 38 Wellesley Circle, Glen Echo, MD 20812. Make checks payable to: Town of Glen Echo. Deadline: 24th of each month.

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FOLK MUSIC CONCERT FREE FOR RESIDENTS

"The Short Sisters," a three-woman vocal group, will give a performance on Saturday, April 29, at 8:30 pm, at the Glen Echo Town Hall.

The concert, sponsored by the Washington Folklore Society, will be free to Glen Echo residents. The group specializes in folk music, hymns, ballads and rounds.

ORGANIZATION SEEKS FAMILIES TO HOST SPANISH TEENS

EF Educational Homestay Programs (EHP), a non-profit organization that encourages international education through cultural exchange, is seeking volunteer families to host teenagers from Spain for eight weeks this summer (June 30-August 24).

The teenagers will be taking classes four mornings a week in English as a Second Language and will be involved in structured activities and sightseeing in the afternoons.

If you are interested in finding out more about hosting a foreign student in your home, please call Linda Yarr, 320-4028, between 7-10 pm.

BRIEFLY NOTED

The Clara Barton Teen Center is a place for middle and high school teens to drop in after school to listen to music, watch television, snack and play games, according to *The Village News* of Cabin John. There are also Friday evenings parties, except for spring break (Apr. 14-28). A schedule of events is available at the center, located in the former Clara Barton Elementary School...

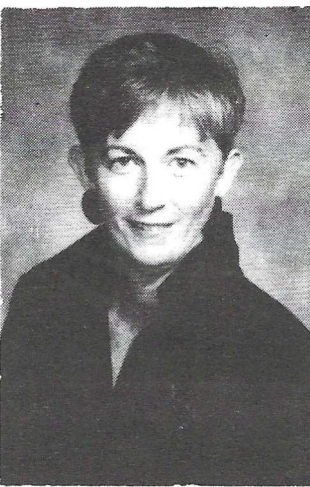
A petition signed by 322 people to **close alternate ramps** from the Clara Barton Parkway into Cabin John during commuter rush hours has been forwarded to officials, according to *The Village News*. Another petition to oppose the erection of a traffic signal at the intersection of MacArthur Blvd. and the Clara Barton Parkway was also forwarded...

Seen on Thursday, Mar. 16, at 9 am: **Two deer bounding across MacArthur Blvd.**, between Glen Echo Park and the Sycamore store...

An article on gardening in containers, "The Connoisseurs' Touch," by Bryn Mawr Ave. **resident Holly Shimizu** and Adrian Higgins, appeared in the *Washington Post* Home Section on March 23...

"Science and the Artist's Book," an exhibition co-curated by **Yale Ave. resident Carol Barton**, will be on view at two locations--the National Museum of American History and the Washington Project for the Arts--through April of next year. It explores links between scientific and artistic creativity and includes such works as **Denis Diderot's Encyclopedia**, and **Charles Darwin's On the Origin of Species** along with an artist's book inspired by each...


Clara Barton Parkway repairs are "right on schedule." with the target finish date still November, 1995, according to a Mar. 15 article in *The Almanac*: The initial cost of the project was estimated at \$2.38 million...



Eleanor

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

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CANAL LOCKS BOAT TOUR

Brookside Nature Center is offering a historic C&O Canal locks tour on April 19 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm for ages 5-Adult. Participants will experience an interpretive boat tour on the Canal Clipper, an authentic mule driven-boat and hear tales of the life of a canal boat captain in the 1800s.

A hike to Great Falls Overlook is included in the \$6 fee. For further information call the center at 946-9071.

GLEN ECHO PARK ACTIVITIES

COMING EVENTS

- April 5—Family Dance in the Spanish Ballroom
 April 12—Afternoon Ballroom Dance with the Starlight Orchestra
 April 22 & 23—Prosser Stirling, performance art. Hall of Mirrors. Fall 229-6022 for .
 April 22—The Tom Cunningham Orchestra, swing dancing
 April 23—Multiple Sclerosis Society's Super Cities Walkathon
 April 29—Annual Waltzing Ball—An Evening with Strauss
 April 30—Hispanic Dance Program, Spanish Ballroom
 April 30—Carousel opens

SUNDAY AFTERNOON DANCE SERIES

A Sunday afternoon community dance series for children and adults begins April 2 in the Spanish Ballroom. There will be a variety of dances taught. No experience is necessary as you do not need to bring a partner.

Dances take place from 3-5:30 pm and cost \$4 for adults and \$3 for children four and older. For further information call Jamie and Betsy Platt, 320-7099.

TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

March 13

Councilman Anderson reported that **two cars in violation of town ordinances** have been removed from town and that he expects to see another go soon. He wanted to thank those who recently complied with letters the town has sent...

Mayor Beers asked for council approval of an assortment of **adjustments in the budget** required to cover overages in certain categories. She said that the town charter bars the council from going over approved budget limits and that the auditors have frequently criticized the town for being careless in this respect...

At the end of its meeting the council went into **executive session** to discuss an undisclosed topic...

—David Sproul

ADVENTURE THEATRE

The Magic of Language

April 10-April 14, two shows daily

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April 17-April 21, two shows daily

Excalibur: The Story of Young King Arthur

April 22-May 28

Weekends at 1:30 and 3:30

Tickets: \$5.00 Call 320-5331 for reservations

ECHO REP (the new adult division of ADVENTURE THEATRE)

BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS

March 23-April 9, 8 pm

Tickets: \$6.50. Call 320-5331 for reservations

THE PUPPET COMPANY

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April 12-May 28

Every Wednesday and Thursday, 10 & 11:30 a.m.

Saturdays and Sundays, 11 a.m., 1:00 & 2:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$4. Call 320-6668

PUBLIC MAY USE STUDIO WITH LIFE MODELS

The newly renovated and restored Yellow Barn in Glen Echo Park now offers the facilities of its painting studio to the public on Friday evenings from 7-9 pm. for those interested in painting and sketching from a life model.

Artists need only bring their own supplies. The charge is \$5.

The once-dilapidated building is now an art center, the Bartman School of Painting. It houses many art classes and art shows, with writing classes and readings planned for the future.

Walt Bartman has taught art classes at Glen Echo for many years and is a much-praised art teacher at Walt Whitman High School.