

The Echo

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ELECTION MONDAY, MAY 7 FOR TWO COUNCILMEMBERS

Four town residents have indicated they will run in the municipal election to be held Monday, May 7, to elect two councilmembers for four-year-terms. They are Gloria Levin and Nancy Long (incumbents), Timothy K. Maloy and Peter Somerville.

The candidates' statements may be found on pp. 5-6.

The town charter requires that anyone wishing to run for office must file a written declaration of candidacy by no later than 20 days prior to the election, which will be April 13. Contact Clerk/Treasurer Betsy Platt at the town office (301) 320-4041 for further information.

Candidates must be registered Glen Echo voters who have resided in the town at least one year prior to the election and be at least 25 years of age. They are not required to be U.S. citizens.

The election will take place at the Glen Echo Town Hall on May 7 between the hours of 5:00-9:00 p.m. It will be under the supervision of Betty Briggs, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Elections, assisted by Lee Clune, Susan Grigsby and Dorothy Lumsden, members of the Board.

All residents currently registered to vote in Montgomery County are eligible to vote in this elections, as are all

those previously registered to vote in Glen Echo and currently resident here. Those wishing to register should contact Clerk/Treasurer Betsy Platt at the town office, (301-320-4041) in advance of the election. It is also possible to register with her at the town hall immediately prior to voting, if otherwise qualified. Voting age is 18. U.S. citizenship is no longer required.

BURGLARY ON WELLESLEY; JEWELRY, CASH STOLEN

On Saturday, Feb. 27, sometime between 6:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., an individual or individuals entered 39 Wellesley Circle and stole jewelry, a CD player, some CDs and a Walkman, and a small amount of cash. The jewelry had extreme sentimental value.

Residents discovered the theft when they noticed furnishings strewn around their bedroom that evening upon their return. Police responded promptly and spent more than an hour taking fingerprints and information. Police have been in touch to determine if additional items were taken.

Residents said that if the items are returned they will not press charges.

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ECHO CELEBRATES 25 YEARS PUBLISHING

With this issue *The Echo* begins its 26th year of continuous publication as Glen Echo's town newspaper under the editorship of Carlotta Anderson.

Over the years, many town residents have served as reporters and assistants to the editor, or have assisted in *The Echo*'s publication or distribution. In addition to those currently listed on the masthead on p. 2, there are six reporters who each agreed to cover two town council meetings in the last year: Jerry Bodlander, M. Grigsby, Anne Lewis, T.K. Maloy, Sarah Patton and John Wells.

The first issue of the current incarnation of *The Echo* came out in April, 1974. In the first years, it was mimeographed at the town hall and collated by residents. It has been printed by Morris Cobern of Allied Printing in Bethesda since 1978.

TOWN CONSIDERS POSSIBLE Y2K PROBLEMS HERE

By T.K. Maloy

Early last year the average American might have said: "What the heck is a Y2K bug?" But by the time 1998 ended, the Y2K bug had become common conversation and the cause of widespread concern. Now that it is 1999, the level of worry has reached the red level.

Will the lights go out, the banks close, the supermarkets run out of food, airplanes crash, all because when the clock strikes the year 2000 a myriad of aging computers suddenly shut down because of a computer-clock glitch?

In short, the concern has been that many older computer systems may cease operation on New Year's Day because they were originally programmed to only recognize abbreviated dates from 1900 to 1999 and not any dates from the year 2000 and on into the 21st century.

The Glen Echo Town Council has begun looking at any potential problems that might stem from the Y2K, not only to such largely un-computerized facilities as the Glen Echo Town Hall, but also resulting from potential problems in the region.

"I think we should look at buying a backup generator, if not for Y2K, then just for general emergency usage," said Gloria Levin, a Glen Echo councilwoman.

At the March 9 meeting of the Town Council, questions over Y2K were prompted by town Clerk/Treasurer Betsy Platt, who presented to the council a short report on a Y2K seminar she had recently attended sponsored by the Local Government Insurance Trust (LEGIT).

The focus of Ms. Platt's report dealt mostly with any possible insurance liability the town might face from Y2K-caused problems. She praised the LEGIT Y2K seminar for the course handbook that was distributed that not only covered questions of insurance liability, but had a variety of checklists and procedures which municipalities of all sizes could use to examine their own Y2K preparedness.

"It suggests calling all your town's various service providers (power, emergency services, financial services) to make sure that they have been preparing for any Y2K problems," she said.

In terms of computerized town functions, Ms. Platt said that while town checks are printed using Quicken software and a desktop computer, both the software and the town computer were "Y2K compliant."

She added that Montgomery County has received top ratings for its efforts to check its computer systems.

The county ran comprehensive tests on its 911 emergency phone system, traffic light controls, and on its payroll computers at the end of last year. These tests -- which were widely covered by the news media -- acted as a test for any

potential problems related to the Y2K bug.

Because so much of modern life is now operated or administered by computer networks, desktop computers, or by embedded chips, the concerns over the Y2K bug began rising in volume last year, although a recent USA Today/Gallup poll (3/10/99) reported that only 21 percent of Americans now expect major problems from the Y2K bug in 2000 compared to 34 percent two months ago.

"A large sub-industry has developed which is feeding off doom scenarios" said Glen Echo resident Peter Somerville, a computer industry consultant, commenting on much of the Y2K publicity.

For those interested in reading more about Y2K preparedness, the American Red Cross has an informative website on the subject, including tips on coping with electrical outages and food shortages.

To read the Red Cross Y2K page, click on this URL:

<http://www.redcross.org/disaster/safety/y2k.html>

Montgomery County also has a website with a great deal of informative background, both about local efforts to check all computer systems, and prepare for any problems; and about the Y2K phenomenon, in general. It is at:

<http://www.co.mo.md.us/>

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WELCOME, NEWCOMERS!

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They moved here in February from Portland, Oregon, where both were attorneys working for the state government.

They chose the Washington, D.C. area, where Karin is now working for the Environmental Protection Agency's Superfund as an attorney, because this is where her family is located. She grew up in Gaithersburg and her family is now mainly located in Bethesda. Tom grew up in Massachusetts.

Both like biking, for which their new home is ideal, close to both the bike path and the towpath. Tom also likes to do carpentry, but his principal project is a pale-blue 1969 Karmann-Ghia, which he describes as a work-in-progress.

Their arrival in Glen Echo brings the number of professional attorneys in town to more than a dozen, vying with the other professions many Glen Echoans have in common, such as journalism, arts and crafts, medical and psychological, and computer/Internet related fields.

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Classified ads are free to Glen Echo residents. Fee to non-residents: \$.75 per line of 55 characters or fewer. Display ads: \$4 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.

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 12—8:00 p.m.

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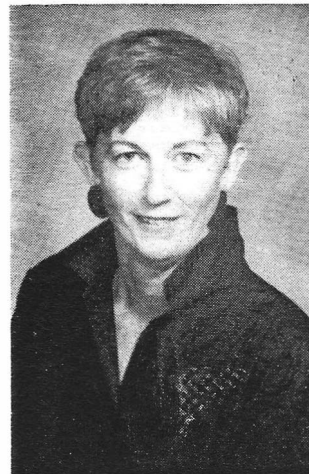


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CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF GLORIA LEVIN

First appointed to a Council vacancy, replacing the late Bill Shultz, I assumed his role in maintaining our streets. After approximately two years of service, I was elected to a four-year term, now ending. I took the lead in two major construction projects -- street repairs/slurry sealing and WSSC's relining of the water pipes. In addition, I have actively participated in the town's major achievements during my term -- revising the Town's charter (completed) and ordinances (underway); bringing the Town Hall into compliance with ADA requirements (completed); purchasing the trolley right of way (in final stages); representing the town's interests in the future of Glen Echo Park (long term), etc.

I am a research administrator at NIH, but my professional background as a community psychologist and decades-long community activism are what draw me to public service on the community level. I have a special interest in building "community" in Glen Echo. Eleanor Balaban and I initiated the popular Ladies' Night Out, and this winter I initiated the daytime Virtual Water Cooler, another informal gathering of town residents. My future plans involve re-activating the town's Web site, both for town residents and for improving communication among town officials and among municipalities, as well as planning celebrations for the town's Centennial.

Being overscheduled and overcommitted as an NIH research administrator and in my other professional and personal roles, I have limited time to devote. But I have, after initial reluctance, decided to seek re-election so as to continue to offer a steady hand. I try to be a faithful councilmember who can be counted on to show up, prepared and contributing. To listen to diverse viewpoints, with few preconceptions and no personal agenda on any issue confronting the town. To strive to make informed and honest judgments. To be a behind-the-scenes facilitator, volunteering for the unheralded tasks that nevertheless help move things along. Finally, I seek re-election as a demonstration of support (and a helping hand and complementary skills) for our excellent but overworked Mayor, Debbie Beers.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF TIMOTHY K. MALOY

By way of introduction, I am Timothy K. Maloy, Oxford Road resident, citizen of Glen Echo for three years, and I am running for Glen Echo Town Council this spring. A 38-year-old Montgomery County native, I returned to Maryland around four years ago after a stint as a financial journalist in New York City and several years as a small town reporter for newspapers in Hanover, PA, and Dover, Delaware.

One late-winter day in 1996, I spotted a "For Sale" sign lying in the snow at 5808 Oxford Road and have been a happy resident of Glen Echo since buying that house. Today, I can often be found reading books on my front stoop after work or spending weekends working on my vegetable garden. And every July, I throw my annual Hawaiian Shirt Party.

As a journalist, I have covered everything from fires and crimes to city halls, township supervisors, borough councils and school boards, to many local Chambers of Commerce. I have also covered Capitol Hill. My years of attending various municipal, county-level, and congressional meetings have given me a good education in government (besides my political science degree) and I would bring this education, along with a desire to work hard, to the Glen Echo Town Council.

My own political and government philosophy travels along a strong middle of the road -- which I think is a good thing.

It is my belief that the current Town Council has done a good job with the many issues it has faced and faces --- from acquiring the old trolley right-of-way, to Town Hall use, handicap access, parking, town landscaping, and fostering the spirit of community in Glen Echo.

Not everyone may agree with everything that the council has done, but this local municipal body offers an opportunity for democracy at work where all residents can have their say; and all considerations, debates, and votes are open and fair. I would like to continue the good work that the council has done, and add my own voice and deliberations to issues facing the Town of Glen Echo in the future.

I now work as a technology journalist. And, I also own a small publishing business whose flagship publication is "The Internet Newsroom," a newsletter which is utilized by hundreds of news organizations and corporate libraries as a guide to using the Internet for research. In addition, I have had several books about the Internet published by Allworth Press (NYC) with the latest --- "The (revised) Internet Research Guide" -- just released in February.

I am also a member of the adjunct faculty at American University, where I teach in the journalism department. And, I occasionally teach abroad for the United States Information Agency, including work in Sri Lanka and Gaza/West Bank. And lastly, but not least, I also often report for *The Echo*, our town newsletter. My personal activities include longtime volunteer work with (Martha's Table) McKenna's Wagon, a mobile soup kitchen that serves the homeless in the District.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF NANCY LONG

Initially, I had not planned to run for re-election to the Town Council for the upcoming term. However, there are two matters of major concern to the Town that I would hope to see brought to completion and I wish to continue to be involved in those efforts as a Town Council member. They are the development plan for Glen Echo Park, and the Town's purchase of the trolley right-of-way.

First elected to the Town Council in 1969, I have been privileged to serve as Councilwoman since that time, and have gained knowledge, experience, and expertise with participation in local government in Glen Echo. My interests lie in conservation, preservation, and protection of our precious resources. Our Town and its environs and its people are our most precious resources.

My activities on behalf of the Town, both ongoing and in the past, include working for the rezoning of Glen Echo Park from its previous commercial status, and working for its establishment as a public park whose buildings became adaptively re-used as art studios and classroom space for a variety of activities consonant with the Town's and the park's Chautauqua heritage; monitoring and participating in the development of the park with Town government, the Congress, and the National Park Service; managing the successful fund-raising drive that resulted in the purchase of the Glen Echo carousel; and working toward the acquisition by the Town of the trolley right-of-way to provide a buffer area for protection of the Town.

Continuing my interest in environmental matters as they relate to the Town, I was appointed by the Town to be the Town's delegate to the Potomac Valley League, an umbrella organization comprised of 22 citizens associations along the Potomac River corridor in Montgomery County that was involved in planning, zoning, and environmental concerns: the year that I was PVL president, the League successfully fought County plans to straighten the alignment of MacArthur Blvd. and turn it into a multi-lane commuter highway.

My active involvement with the C&O Canal began with membership in the C&O Canal Association for which I served a term as president and have continued membership since: I was appointed the first chairman of the C&O Canal National Historical Park and am currently one of two Montgomery County representatives to the commission: I have hiked the full length of the canal three times and expect to do so again this spring.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT OF PETER SOMERVILLE

I am declaring my candidacy for a seat on the Glen Echo Town Council. For those of you who don't know me, I would like to introduce myself. For all of you, I would like to present my reasons for running.

My wife, Debbie Lange, and I moved to Glen Echo nearly three years ago from a small town in England where I had taken Debbie for five years. We chose Glen Echo for various reasons. Debbie had lived in Bethesda since the early 70's and had regularly brought her children to Glen Echo Park. I had lived in small villages (even smaller and more traditional than Glen Echo) in England for about 25 years and appreciated the life style afforded by small communities. I served as a governor of the village school and chaired the group that restored the 500-year-old village hall. I am English and appreciate that Glen Echo updated its charter to allow non-US nationals to participate in the politics of their chosen home.

After nearly 30 years with IBM, I am now an independent computer consultant. My hobbies are craft-based and I enjoy restoring buildings. I also maintain web sites as volunteer webmaster. Glen Echo provides the opportunities for participation in the community with activities that I most enjoy.

The Glen Echo Park Internet web site is my design (it grew from meetings I had with other town residents some two years ago) and is one of the most extensive of all the National Park Service web sites. About five percent of park class bookings now come from the site. I also maintain the town web site using material that is provided by residents and the council.

Since moving to Glen Echo, I have observed the town democracy at work by attending many town council meetings as well as special town meetings about Glen Echo Park and the C&O Canal. The most successful meetings are those where a number of town residents are present and expressing their views. A small town needs the views of its residents to be heard and in many cases acted upon. The feeling of participation in the community is vital in a world of greater and greater centralization and I believe that there is opportunity for this participation in Glen Echo. I am a doer, and if there is consensus to do something I will help get it done.

A great challenge for the town during the next three to four years is participation in and understanding of the restoration of the structures at Glen Echo Park and guidance in the potential move of the management of the programs at the park from the National Park Service to another entity. Whilst we in the town want the park to thrive, we do not want it to overwhelm us. For over two years I have worked closely with the Park Service management both formally as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Foundation and informally as one of the main volunteers at the park, contributing several hundred hours of volunteer work per year. I believe that I understand the park and its denizens, its users, and its potential impact on town residents. It is a unique facility, a center of excellence for local and nationally known artists. Its presence in our midst enhances our property values and with the appropriate

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HOW TO DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE

Pesticides, paint thinner, oil-based paint, used antifreeze, motor oil, and other automotive products, "dead" rechargeable batteries, burned-out fluorescent light bulbs—does your home harbor a supply of these types of leftovers?

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Never dispose of these products by putting them into your regular trash or by pouring them down the drain.

Montgomery County holds regular Household Hazardous Waste Collections through most of the year at no charge. The dates for the next months are:

April 11—Shady Grove Transfer Station

May 2—Shady Grove Transfer Station

June 6—Shady Grove Transfer Station

June 19—National Institutes of Health (Rockville Pike at Wilson Drive)

SOMERVILLE STATEMENT (FROM P. 6)

town advice brought to bear, will continue to delight thousands of visitors every year with its arts, theater, dance and environmental programs. Where else in the country can you live within a short walk of such a facility?

Our town has a number of other major projects to tackle as well as the numerous smaller day-to-day tasks required to keep a small town going, and with my broad business and technical knowledge, willingness to volunteer and deliver, and my park contacts, I believe that if you will elect me to the town council, I can help the town maintain its unique position in Maryland.

Please cast your vote for me on May 7.



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How events in Cuba in 1899 impacted Clara Barton and the American Red Cross

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LADIES OF GLEN ECHO

You are invited to a Ladies Night

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IN MEMORIAM: EDWARD W. CANNON

Ed Cannon, 91, longtime resident of 5 Vassar Circle and a mathematician and pioneer in early computer development, died Feb. 24 in Arizona from injuries after a fall. He is survived by his wife, Irene, and two sons, John and wife Laimon of Gaithersburg, Md., and Ray of Kirkland, Washington.

Ed and Irene moved to Glen Echo in 1946 after he left the U.S. Navy. He took a position at the National Bureau of Standards, Mathematics Division, due to his interest in computer development and became Chief of the Division in 1955. In 1953, he served as principal investigator on the Logistics Research Project at George Washington University.

In 1979, Ed and Irene sold their Glen Echo house and moved to Sun City West. Ed had retired two years before. Irene served as Glen Echo Postmaster from 1964-1977.

Ed's hobbies included music, "ham" radio, restoring old player pianos and ice-skating on the C&O Canal when it froze.

Ed received his Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University in 1935 and taught math and engineering at Delaware University until 1942, when he enlisted in the Navy, leaving four years later as a Commander. In 1962 he was awarded a gold medal for exceptional service by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

RESIDENT BOOK-SIGNING AT TOWN HALL APRIL 25

By M. Grigsby

Carolyn Reeder, award-winning author of children's books and University Ave. resident, will be signing copies of her latest book, "Captain Kate" (Avon Books), at the Town Hall on April 25th from 3-5pm.

"Captain Kate" is the fictitious account of a 12-year-old girl who captains her late father's canal boat down the length of the C&O Canal from Cumberland to Georgetown. Ms. Reeder said the book was inspired by her own interest in and affection for the C&O Canal. Here are her answers to some questions *The Echo* posed about the writing of the book.

As an author, what attracts you to writing children's novels?

Children's novels are about telling a story that's just a good read - no symbolism, no gratuitous sex or violence. As a teacher and a mother I saw how much good stories meant to

kids, and that's part of why I was drawn in that direction.

What kind of research did you do for this book?

I read a lot of oral histories and National Park Service publications. I visited an old boat at a Canal Day festival and also took the canal boat tours at Georgetown and Great Falls. A friend and I bicycled the length of the towpath over a series of weekends. At one point, I walked through the tunnel described in the book. Honestly, that tunnel was not fun. It was surprisingly dark, the ceiling was low and the walls dripped. It felt like a very long three-quarters of a mile.

Is that level of research pretty standard for all your books?

Actually, other books have demanded more research than this one. It's very important to me that my books are historically and culturally accurate. Consequently, I've investigated everything from the nuances of the Appalachian dialect to whether or not paper bags existed in 1865 (they didn't). For one book I interviewed a moonshiner - retired.

I noticed a few comments in "Captain Kate" which would be considered sexist by today's standards. Was that intentional?

Yes. I don't like revisionist history. Kate lived in a sexist time.

Did you learn anything from your research which surprised you?

I was not aware of the amount of Civil War action that had taken place along the Canal. It doesn't surprise me, now that I think about it, but we tend to hear about the major battles only.



Around Town

TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

March 9

State funding for the **renovation of Glen Echo Park** was in doubt after the Maryland State Senate capital budget subcommittee last week voted against contributing the first \$2 million for the project, *The Washington Post* reported. Inclusion of the appropriation in next year's capital budget had already been approved by the House of Delegates subcommittee. The two legislative bodies will now have to thrash it out. Elsewhere, Sen. Thomas M. Middleton, chairman of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee's Capital Budget subcommittee, was reported as saying that senators would not consider contributing the total of \$6 million for the project over three years unless the federal government guarantees to sustain the park with operating revenue and not continue seeking state aid. In an editorial, "Don't Let Glen Echo Park Die," the *Post* urged both houses of the Maryland General Assembly to approve the money...

A **snowstorm** dumped nine inches of snow on Glen Echo Wednesday, Mar. 10. As usual, the vast majority of residents did a good job shoveling the sidewalks abutting their property, and only a few neglected their civic duty, forcing pedestrians into the street...

Birdwalks now leave from the Wild Bird Center at the historic Bonfield's Garage site (6124 MacArthur Blvd.) every Saturday at 8:00 a.m. For further information, call 901-229-2600...

The Cabin John Citizens Association will request that Montgomery County provide it with any studies done on the **health impacts of aircraft emissions** over the Potomac River corridor, and if no useful study exists, to request that the county conduct one. *The Village News* reported. The Association also will write Sen. McCain opposing his bill to add 48 more slots to Reagan National Airport and change the so-called "perimeter rule"...

A planned contract meeting with the **Landscape Projects** company was canceled after the representatives failed to attend the March 9 Glen Echo Town Council meeting...

Glen Echo Park supervisor Karen Pittleman told the town council that **renovation** would begin on the "arcade" buildings in the park starting in the summer of 2000, and then continue over a three year schedule.

This kickoff of Glen Echo Park reconstruction comes after a long public commentary period, and the recent pledging of funds from Montgomery County officials, state officials, and inclusion of large funds in the recent U.S. Federal Budget. During this time, park administrative offices are slated to move to a temporary trailer facility, which will be located in the yurt village area of the park. Some park offices may also be temporarily housed in the Clara Barton House.


"We plan on a bare minimum of disruption (to the park) " during the next three years of construction work to various park buildings, Ms. Pittleman said...

Questions arose among council members regarding the **right-of-way survey** of the old trolley car route, since surveyors submitted maps to that town that several councilmembers criticized for having mistakes. Councilwoman Long said that the maps did not include Oxford Rd. and reversed the names for Bryn Mawr and Radcliffe Aves. Resident Peter Somerville ask whether the bamboo stand at the corner of Oxford Road and MacArthur was "town bamboo" to which Mayor Beers said that part of the bamboo was on common town property...

With planning continuing for the Town of **Glen Echo's official centennial**, Mayor Debbie Beers said that she has recently seen residents of Garret Park wearing sweatshirts with the town name and logo and that the town council might want to consider something similar for Glen Echo. Councilwoman Long suggested getting enlarged versions of the original town map for use during the centennial celebration...

--T.K. Maloy

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COUNCIL GIVES \$1,000 FOR PLAYGROUND AT PARK

By T.K. Maloy

The Glen Echo Town Council voted unanimously at its March 8 meeting to contribute \$1000 to the rebuilding and improvement of the children's playground at Glen Echo Park.

This action was taken in response to a letter from town resident Carlotta Anderson (editor of *The Echo*) who asked that the town consider making regular contributions to a variety of community groups.

She pointed out in her letter that the Cabin John Citizens Association voted at their January meeting to make a number of charitable contributions. "I think this shows a commendable attitude regarding supporting organizations that benefit the local communities and I would like to urge the Glen Echo Town Council to consider making donations to several of the same organizations," she wrote.

Other groups mentioned in the letter included The Potomac Conservancy, which works to protect the preserve the Potomac riverscape; CAAN-Citizens for the Abatement of Aircraft Noise, which actively lobbies Reagan National Airport regarding the control of flights over the Potomac corridor; and the Glen Echo Fire Department.

The Town of Glen Echo has not had regular provisions in its budget for any such contributions on an annual basis.

Prior to voting on the matter, Councilwoman Gloria Levin questioned making the contributions, saying "town residents can give as individuals, but do they want their tax money used" to support certain groups?

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR POLICE ADVSORY BOARD

A volunteer is needed to serve as the town's unofficial liaison with the Police Advisory Board. The board's mission is to promote and improve communication between the Bethesda police department and the local communities they serve.

Our town's unofficial representative will attend monthly meetings that summarize recent crime patterns, discuss developments within the police department, and provide a forum for citizens to air issues and concerns with police officials. The meetings are usually held at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the Bethesda District Station in downtown Bethesda.

The liaison position was filled for the last two years by John Bruce Wells of Bryn Mawr Avenue. John is unable to continue the duties due to new job responsibilities. Residents interested in serving as unofficial liaison should contact Mayor Beers, and are also welcome to contact John (301-229-4503) for questions about the position.

Councilwoman Nancy Long noted that the town had contributed not only to the playground in the past but also to the CAAN group and to the Glen Echo Fire Department, and that this should be noted.

The town council, however, took no action regarding contributions to these two latter groups.

The Echo earlier reported that the goal of the Playground Committee, which includes local residents Madeleine Carter, Stacey Malmgren, Debbie Lange, Julia Wilson, William and Katherine Ward, Polina Grant and Claire Kelly, is to raise at least \$15,000 and have the playground under construction by summer 1999.

As of Mar. 24, \$3,707 has been raised, not including \$1,000 pledged recently by the Glen Echo Town Council and another \$1000 pledged earlier by the Glen Echo Park Puppet Company. A number of town residents already have contributed to the playground fund, several in amounts of \$100 or more, according to committee members.

Any questions about the Playground Committee can be directed to Madeleine Carter at (301) 320-7720. Tax-deductible contributions may be mailed to Glen Echo Park Foundation—Playground, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, MD 20812.

FREE HALL EVENTS FOR GLEN ECHO RESIDENTS

The following activities booked at the town hall are free for town residents:

Sunday, April 18, 3:00-5:30—Family Dance

Friday, April 23, 6:00—Bannockburn Havurah

**Sunday, April 25, 3:00-5:00—Book-signing for
Carolyn Reeder**

Every Wednesday, 8:00-10:30 p.m. English Country Dance. Live music. No experience or partner needed.

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