

# The Echo

## The Town of GLEN ECHO, MARYLAND Chartered, 1904

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August 1997

### **NEW POST OFFICE LEASE STILL UNDER NEGOTIATION** By M. Grigsby and Carlotta Anderson

The Glen Echo Post Office has agreed to a new three-year lease for its rental of the town hall which raises the rent to \$26,000 per year beginning in 1998. The town proposed an addition to that rent equal to the cost of utilities beginning January 1, 1999. This proposal was rejected July 30.

The rent is currently \$23,500, with utilities included. Mayor Beers calculated that the town is paying about \$4,000/year in utilities on the building.

Councilman Bernhardt said he thought the post office was the major consumer of energy in the building because of the number of hours it was open and nature of its business. He said he did not feel the post office was paying market rates for its rent, and that our paying of its utilities was a bad idea because we could not control their use.

Councilman Brintnall suggested negotiating a clause whereby the town could, after one year, exercise an option to have the post office pay for its own utilities. The one year lag would give the town sufficient time to separate the metering. His motion was approved unanimously.

### **TOWN TO ASK FOR ACTION ON RE-WATERING OF CANAL** By M. Grigsby

Representatives of the C&O Canal Preservation Coalition last month asked the Town of Glen Echo to join their organization's efforts to address the apparent lack of canal repairs in the local area. Brookmont resident Steve Malloch told the town council that the eight-mile stretch between Old Angler's Inn and Lock 5 was not receiving its promised share of flood reparations and expressed concern that the park service seemed to be "reneging on [its] commitment" to this sector.

Mr. Malloch was accompanied by other coalition members, including its chair, Melissa Andrews. The coalition is a non-profit organization comprised of 13 neighborhood groups. Its purpose, Ms. Andrews said, is to ensure that certain sections of the canal are not "cannibalized" in favor of other sections. In particular, the coalition is interested in protecting the "last 22 miles of the canal."

From the outset, the park service has maintained that its first objective was to mend "areas of highest use," namely, Georgetown and Great Falls, which receive a large volume of tourist traffic each year. Mr. Malloch objected that the span between Lock 5 and Old Angler's Inn has received the lowest percentage of repair money and shows the lowest percentage of

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## FOLIAGE OVER SIDEWALKS REMOVED BY TOWN

Overhanging plant materials that were obstructing pedestrian use of town sidewalks were removed by the town landscapers last month at town expense.

Residents had been asked to do this work themselves by June 30. A minority did not comply sufficiently to enable pedestrians to use sidewalks without either ducking overhanging foliage or dodging foliage that blocked use. The town council had decided to cut what remained at town expense rather than engage in protracted requests or warnings to those who were in violation of the ordinances, as it has done in the past.

Clerk/Treasurer Betsy Platt walked around town with the foreman of the landscape crew to explain what needed to be done. In particular, she stressed that corners of sidewalks should be easily turnable and all street signs should be unobstructed.

## CANAL (FROM PAGE 1)

completed repairs for any of the regions discussed in the Flood Recovery Plan released in June.

Councilwoman Long noted that a good portion of the \$22 million designated for flood repairs has been spent researching ways that future flood damage can be mitigated, and that this type of investment does not show up on progress updates as any kind of "repair." The park service's decision to pursue sustainable reparations, rather than opting for what it calls "band-aid" solutions, is the slower (and ostensibly more expensive) alternative.

This point is particularly relevant locally, where many repair timetables are contingent upon successfully countering damage that occurred further upstream.

C&O Canal National Historic Park Assistant Superintendent Kevin Brandt said the park service's minimum goal is to restore the canal to the standards of two years ago, before the flooding. He acknowledged that the coalition was correct in asserting that fundraising plans to raise money for the "High Priority [Unfunded] Projects" was not final. But he added that current plans and funding should be sufficient to restore the canal, including the area between Old Angler's Inn and Lock 5, to its previous state.

Coalition members presented the town council with the draft of a letter endorsed by its member civic associations requesting that the park service "revisit its priorities" and "fix more things in this section," and invited Glen Echo to sign the letter. The coalition planned to send the letter to Congressional delegates as well as the park service.

The town council decided instead that as a municipality it should write its own letter. Mayor Beers has asked Councilwoman Long to draft it.

The coalition's efforts were outlined in a front page article, "Delays Leave Part of C&O Canal Dry," in *The Washington Post* of July 14.

## CAROUSEL STAMP SHEET NOW HUNG IN TOWN HALL

By M. Grigsby

Councilwoman Nancy Long at last month's town council meeting officially accepted a commemorative frame of the sheet of carousel stamps presented to the town by the U.S. Postal Service in October 1988. Residents Deborah Lange and Peter Somerville donated their computer and craft skills and materials to mat and frame the set, which had been stored in the town hall office. The framed set is now displayed upstairs in the town hall.

It was because of the town's efforts to save the carousel at Glen Echo Park, which were spearheaded by Councilwoman Long, that the postal service presented the town with the sheet of its 25-cent Carousel Stamp Series (the second set was 32-cents), as well as a proclamation establishing October as National Stamp Collecting Month, and a certificate of franking.

Of particular interest is the "cover" which is visible on the proclamation. A "cover" is the ink stamp used by post offices to indicate, among other things, a letter's place of origin. "First day covers," which come from the city where the postage stamp is actually issued are of the highest value to collectors.


First day covers of the carousel stamp are postmarked from Sandusky, Ohio. While there is generally no recognized value held by "second day covers," Glen Echo's cover that day was a specially designed depiction of the park carousel.

### NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 11—8:00 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

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Longtime resident and town volunteer Barbara Odell died July 3 at her home at 7317 Columbia Ave. of a liver ailment. She had lived in Glen Echo with her husband, Harry, since summer 1971, and worked part time at the Glen Echo Post Office in the 1970s. Barbara also served on the town Animal Control Board, the Board of Supervisors of Elections, and as a deliverer of *The Echo*.

Barbara was a native of Brooklyn, N.Y. and a graduate of Columbia University, where she also received a master's degree in education. She taught health and physical education at public and private schools in New York, New Jersey and Rhode Island in the late 1940s.

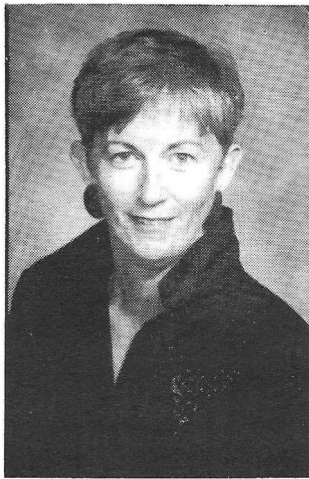
She and her husband moved to the Washington area in 1949 and also lived in Germany, Israel, Sri Lanka, Greece, Jordan and Switzerland, where Harry served at Foreign Service posts. She was co-chairman of the German Study Group of Washington and a member of the Association of Foreign Service Women.

In addition to her husband, she leaves a daughter, Deborah Odell, of Alexandria; a son, David Odell, of Baltimore; and three sisters.

Barbara was an agreeable and unassuming woman with a ready smile, always ready to help and carry out her duties conscientiously. She was a well-respected and cherished member of the Glen Echo community and will be sorely missed.

### PIANO WANTED

The town needs a new piano for the Glen Echo Town Hall. If you have one to donate, please call Clerk/Treasurer Betsy Platt at (301)320-4041 or (301)



*Eleanor*

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

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### PRODUCE VENDOR SETS UP AT WILSON LANE SPOT By Carlotta Anderson

Fresh fruits and vegetables are again being offered to the local community from a picturesque cart parked in the lot at MacArthur Blvd. and Wilson Lane. Vernon Lingenfelter was approved by the county as a site specific vendor to sell produce at that location. No other vending will be permitted there, however.

A law passed two years ago prohibited vending less than 200 feet from any intersection, and the vendors previously ensconced at that location had to move. The distance was reduced by executive regulation last November to 100 feet, according to Hal Phipps of the Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Lingenfelter's cart is 100 feet from both Wilson Lane and the Union Arch Bridge, and 50 feet from the center of the roadway, as required.

Mr. Lingenfelter years ago worked at the van that sold shrimp there, when the only other vendor was the well-known Tony Dicarantonio, some of whose produce came from his own farm on MacArthur Blvd. near Angler's Inn. Tony died in December at the age of 95.

## TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

July 14

Animal Control Board member Kate Horwitz said **licensing of pets in Glen Echo** was roughly two-thirds complete. (Townsppeople were notified that licenses were to be obtained by June 30, with fees doubling by August 1 and tripling by September 1.) Resident Renny Springuel expressed concern that the town had not specified the appropriate procedure for filing animal complaints. The council set a timetable for the next town meeting, pending the response of the town's attorney to the latest animal control policy draft...

Susan D. Grigsby was sworn in as **Elections Officer** for Glen Echo...

There have been no changes made regarding the **Glen Echo website** because the decision to use George Linzer's commercial system has not been finalized...

Clerk/treasurer Betsy Platt is continuing to research alternatives to the town's **current banking policies** because of the potential impact of the CRESTAR merger...

Mayor Beers asked for a moment to remember **Barbara Odell**, a longtime Glen Echo resident who served the community in many ways and who died July 3...

Mayor Beers will not be present at the August meeting...

--M. Grigsby

## WELCOME, NEWCOMERS!

It was while browsing the Internet one evening that Andy and Stacey Malmgren called up the Glen Echo website and learned that a house in town was for rent. For several years they had been visiting houses for sale in Glen Echo, never finding what they were looking for, but eager to move here.

In April, they left their Alexandria condo and moved to 42 Wellesley Circle with the idea that renting was a good way to check out the community. "Everything was just what we had been looking for," Stacey reported.

As a child, she had visited Glen Echo Park while living in Rockville. Andy grew up in Clifton, Va., a town of Victorian homes in Fairfax County that is about the same size as Glen Echo. They met while attending St. Mary's College, a state college located in southern Maryland near the Patuxent Naval Air Base, and married three years ago. Another member of the family is Pepper, a two-year-old Boston terrier. They expect a child in December.

Stacey, who has already attended several town Ladies' Nights, is conference director for the Special Libraries Association. She puts together conference and trade shows for law librarians, pharmaceutical librarians and other information professionals.

Andy is Senior Program Leader for the environmental health center of the National Safety Council, a non-profit organization. He manages a technical support hot-line for CAMEO, a chemical data base used by fire and police officers who need to know the hazards and health effects of chemical spills and the like.

Stacey and Andy invite Glen Echo anglers to come fishing with them in their 22-foot fishing boat kept on Chesapeake Bay near Solomon's Island. Stacey also indicated she would be available to help with Glen Echo's coming centennial celebration.

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## LADIES OF GLEN ECHO

*You are invited to a Ladies Night*

*at Carlotta Anderson's,  
38 Wellesley Circle*

*Wednesday, Aug. 13, 8:00 p.m.*

## Around Town

**Henry Barrows** and **Carol Barton** are raising the roof. In this case, it is the roof of their house at 6005 Yale Ave. and the purpose is to construct and additional two bedrooms and a bathroom. After the work is completed, they will be putting new siding on the house...

A resident whose house abuts park land saw a **red fox** in her yard last month. It was very mangy and had lost a lot of fur, but otherwise seemed healthy. She was able to shoo it away...

An obliging council member with a washing machine possibly saved the town several thousand dollars in the past weeks. The dingy **curtains in the town hall ballroom** came back from the dry cleaners looking even worse than before. The council discussed the possibility of having new ones made for the 10 windows, an expenditure estimated at more than \$200 per window. Councilman Norm Bernhardt offered to wash the existing ones instead. They turned out looking bright and new and are again hanging in place...

**Glen Echo Park** was profiled on **Channel 4** on July 22. If you missed the broadcast and would like to see it, bring a tape to Debbie Lange and Peter Somerville at 49 Wellesley Circle and they will make a copy for you...

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### THEFT FROM AUTO AT GLEN ECHO PARK

A two-way portable radio was stolen by two men from a car parked in the Glen Echo Park parking lot on June 19 at about 5:00 p.m. The owner of the vehicle saw the crime in progress when he returned to the parking lot. When the suspects saw him approaching, they jumped out of the car, but he was able to tackle one and hold him with the aid of bystanders.

Police officers from the park police station arrived and arrested that suspect. The other fled with the radio in a maroon Nissan Maxima. He was described as a white male, with short dark hair, and the nickname of "Gus." The suspect arrested is an 18-year-old from Wheaton, 6'2", 280 pounds, according to the U.S. Park Police.

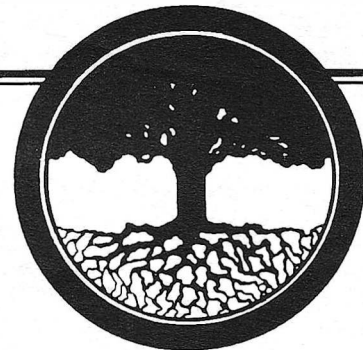
### TEEN PARTIES A PROBLEM

By M. Grigsby

Two requests by non-residents to use the Glen Echo Town Hall for "teen parties" last month spurred the town council to a discussion of an apparent conflict between the town's own interests and its responsibility to the general public.

Teen parties are not very popular with town residents, Councilman Norm Bernhardt said, because of the "noise and destruction" which have accompanied them in the past. He suggested that such parties be denied use of the hall. Councilwoman Nancy Long added that this undesirable behavior occurs even though the adult sponsors of the parties invariably promise their party will be different.

Last month the council voted to deny use to the Synergy Dance Group because its frequent use of the hall would curtail the use by others. However, since two teen parties over a six-month period could not be interpreted as causing any scheduling restrictions for others, the council took no action.



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Raccoons have taken up residency in Glen Echo and environs and have targeted town trash cans for their late evening/early morning meals. If you don't **very firmly** affix the top on your trash can, they will pick and choose among your leftovers, strewing less delectable morsels on yards, streets and sidewalks.

The best way to thwart their foraging is to get trash cans with lids that can be tightly closed with handles and then hook bungee cords from handle to handle. Even that doesn't always work, and raccoons sometimes roll cans all the way into ravines to dislodge the tops.

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**Sunday, August 23, 10:00-12:00 a.m. Win-Win**

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The **senior program** meets Wednesdays from 10:00-2:00.

The **exercise program**, open to anyone 55 or older, will continue on Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:00-noon.

**Discounted theme park tickets** are available for purchase at the center. To avoid disappointment, call first. Tickets for Kings Dominion, Six Flags, Hershey Park, Adventure World, Busch Gardens, Water Country, Dorney Park and Sesame Place are all available at great reduced prices.

For information on any of the programs call (301) 229-0010.

The Center is located at 7425 MacArthur Blvd. Cabin John.

## ARTISTS FROM KYRGYZ PERFORM AT TOWN HALL

By Peter Somerville

On Saturday, July 12, Glen Echo Park and Glen Echo Town Hall hosted the Kambarkan Folk Ensemble from the Kyrgyz Republic, a small mountainous country north of the Himalayas to the west of China. The group was here to celebrate the visit of its country's president, Askar Akayev, to the U.S.

On Saturday afternoon in the park, the ensemble performed an exciting program of music, song, and dance. The dances depicted traditional folk stories and were very lively and expressive. The costumes were extremely colorful. On Saturday evening an informal party in the town hall provided an opportunity for local residents to meet the group and offer hospitality with a pot-luck supper.

Through an interpreter from the embassy, the few English speakers in the group, and an album of photographs of the country and its people, we found out more about this remote area. The group is composed of the country's leading instrumentalists, singers and dancers and has performed in Asia and Europe.

Thanks partly to the efforts of local residents Betsy and Jamie Platt, the group performed at four concert events in the Washington area before moving on to North Carolina.

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# GLEN ECHO PARK ACTIVITIES

## COMING EVENTS

Saturday, Aug. 9—Bcausolcil with Michael Doucet  
 Saturday, Aug. 16—The Lone Starlets  
 Saturday, Aug. 23—The Tom Cunningham Orchestra  
 Saturday, Sept. 6—The Sevilles

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 Second and fourth Sundays. traditional American  
 and international dancing for all ages and abilities.  
 3:00-5:30 pm

## FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Knopf & Brown (legal Mar., Apr., May )	\$3,917.34
Landscape Projects (June & July)	\$1,579.59
James H. Brandon (Quickbooks training)	\$750.00

## FREE HALL EVENTS FOR GLEN ECHO RESIDENTS

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

**Friday, August 8, 8:00 p.m.** Ed Trickett, singer and songwriter. A recording artist since the 1960s, he collects and interprets ballads, sea songs and other folk songs and accompanies himself on six- and 12-string guitars, hammer dulcimer and piano. Sponsored by Folklore Society of Greater Washington.

**Sunday, August 24,** afternoon and evening. **Sacred Harp Singers.** Sponsored by Folklore Society of Greater Washington.

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## ADVENTURE THEATRE

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**Cinderella**  
 Through August 31  
 Wednesday through Friday, 10:00 & 11:30  
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