

The Echo

The Town of
GLEN ECHO, MARYLAND
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December, 1992

TASK FORCE DRAFTING CAR VIOLATION NOTICES

By Gloria Levin and Carlotta Anderson

In an effort to develop a standardized procedure for enforcing the town's vehicle control ordinances, Mayor Beers asked a task force to draft violation notices which would be sent to residents whose vehicles were not in compliance.

The notices would state voluntary remedies for residents, deadlines for compliance, and sanctions. The task force includes councilmembers Don Moran and Michael Brintnall, and resident Jim Anderson.

The mayor said that there is an accumulation of violations that should be dealt with quickly, so a short-term solution is needed. If the task force wants to recommend changes in the town ordinances for later consideration, these should be submitted to the town attorney for review, she said.

Councilman Moran proposed a "*de minimus* approach," saying, "What we're after is cars, not people." Councilman Brintnall agreed, supporting an emphasis on "self-enforcement." Both were skeptical that a municipal infractions approach would be best for the town. [Ed: A municipal infraction notice is a document sent to a violator, giving a deadline for removal of the violation. If the deadline were not met, a fine would be assessed by the county court.]

Jim Anderson, who represents Glen Echo on the Bethesda Citizens Policy Advisory Board, recommended that a municipal infractions notice be part of the system. In this case, an initial

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TOWN HOLIDAY PARTIES

**Pancake Breakfast
A Whole Family Event
Saturday, Dec. 19 -- 9:30 a.m.**

**Evening Party for Adults
Ring the New Year in Twice
Dancing, Beverages & Snacks
Saturday, Jan. 2 -- 8:00 p.m.**

***All Residents Invited
Both events at the Town Hall***

PARTY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Kate Horwitz is eager to hear from anyone willing to help with the town holiday parties. Dads are especially sought to do the cooking for the pancake breakfast on Dec. 19.

Please call Kate at 320-2171.

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FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT

October 1992

Albert Paving (sidewalk repair)	\$725.00
Kate Horwitz (Halloween party)	\$164.21
Carlotta Anderson (Echo printer)	\$400.00

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

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, December 14—8:00 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

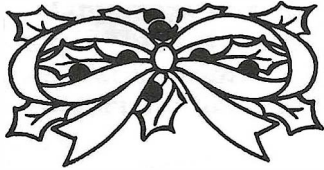
Contact the mayor if you wish to add an item to the agenda.

SECOND LEAF PICKUP SECOND WEEK DECEMBER

Residents wishing to get rid of the last of the fall leaves will be happy to hear that there will be a second leaf pickup on town streets sometime between Dec. 7-11.

Although the exact day is not yet determined, it would be wise to rake the leaves into piles in the street before Dec. 7 and to keep cars off the road when possible.

Should there be a heavy snowfall before those dates, the leaf pickup will be cancelled, Mavor Beers said.



VEHICLES (from page 1)

letter would be sent to the violator giving a date by which the violation must be corrected; if it were not, a municipal infractions notice would be sent. In the last step, the town could call the county police to tow the vehicle, and the offender would be liable for the towing cost as well as the fine.

Councilman Brintnall proposed to forego the municipal infractions notice. He suggested that the town send a form letter to the resident, advising of a violation and the town's intent to report it to the police within a set time. Thereafter, the police would be asked to tow the vehicle if it were not removed within 48 hours.

The task force members were asked by Mayor Beers to review the town's ordinances concerning vehicle violations and will make recommendations for dealing with them.

COUNCIL TO RECONSIDER TOWN HALL RESIDENT USE

By Gloria Levin

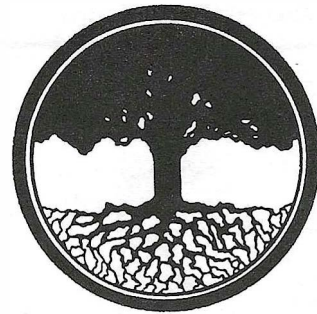
Should town residents have unlimited free use of the Town Hall rather than just the two times per year currently permitted? Councilwoman Nancy Long suggested that they should at last month's town council meeting.

Under the current policy, each residence is allowed two uses with a \$50 refundable deposit if the premises are left in good condition; thereafter, the charge is \$400 (minus the refundable deposit.)

Noting a steep increase in resident usage of the hall, Councilwoman Long suggested a relaxation of the policy to allow residents unlimited use at no cost other than the deposit. She reported that, on the whole, residents have used the hall responsibly. She reminded the council that the hall was constructed for citizen use at a time when houses were too small in which to entertain.

There was some concern among council members that a few residents should not monopolize the hall and that some reasonable limit should be set. Councilman Bill Shultz cautioned that increased use involves wear and tear on the facility.

Councilwoman Long will review the 1992 pattern of usage and make a report at the council's January meeting.



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GLEN ECHO FIRE DEPT. MAY LOSE LADDER TRUCK

By John Barrett

The Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Commission has voted unanimously to recommend sending the Glen Echo Fire Department's hook and ladder truck to either the Cabin John or Kensington Fire Departments.

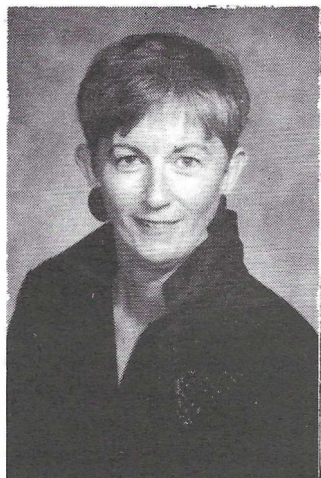
This decision will eventually be made by County Executive Neal Potter, who can decide to hold hearings. If he chooses not to, the matter will go to the Public Safety Committee of the County Council for hearings. This committee is chaired by Betty Ann Kranke.

Glen Echo, as well as all the other communities serviced by the Glen Echo Fire Department should support its efforts to keep the truck.

The fund-raiser for renovation of the Glen Echo fire station has netted approximately \$60,000 to date. The volunteers at the Nov. 5 meeting of the fire board hadn't decided to go with a complete renovation or a smaller one to address specific shortcomings.

Because of budgetary constraints imposed on all the fire stations, we are forced to tighten the belt and get as much for the dollar as we can.

(John Barrett is Glen Echo's representative to the Conduit Road Fire Board, which administers the Glen Echo Fire Department.)



Eleanor

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

907-7600
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LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS

Of the 1,953 registered voters in Precinct 722, 86% voted in the Nov. 3 election. The precinct boundaries, which include the town of Glen Echo, stretch from Goldsboro Rd. to Wilson La., and from River Rd. to the Clara Barton Parkway.

The election results, obtained from Democratic Precinct Chair Madeline Sigel, were as follows:

President/Vice President

Clinton/Gore (D)	1219 73%
Bush/Quayle (R)	334 20%
Perot/Stockdale (Ind]	109 6.5%
Marrou (Libertarian	6
Fulani (New Alliance)	1
Write-in votes	4

U.S. Senate

Barbara Mikulski (D)	1315 80%
Alan Keyes (R)	315 19%

U.S. Congress, District 8

Constance Morella (R)	1054 65%
Edward Heffernan (D)	545 34%

Question 6 (Abortion Law Rcvision)

For	1429 87%
Against	211 13%

Question A (Ficker Amendment)

For	476 31%
Against	1061 69%

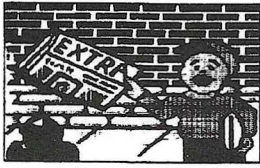
Glen Echo resident Paula Wolff serves as Republican precinct chair.

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The Kids' Section

A Ghastly Glen Echo Get-Together by Joshua Gruenspecht



It was All Hallow's Eve, and the wind whistled through the trees. Phantasmic beings wound their way through narrow alleys. Chilling screams abounded. Horror ruled the day!

Well, perhaps it wasn't exactly like that, but the Glen Echo Halloween Party this October 31st was a lot of fun. A witch wandered about, finding unsuspecting visitors to give her spare eyeballs to. In the haunted house, children felt the ghastly guts of ghouls and goblins, and ran headlong into the coffin of a hideous Dracula. Some also found an all-new way to go apple-bobbing.

Many more residents attended this year's party and following parade than last year. There were fairies, vampires, dangerous ninjas, animals, and even a couple of future sports heroes. Some adults also came as their favorite strange or scary characters, like the Living Hand. Near the end of the party children received flashlights.

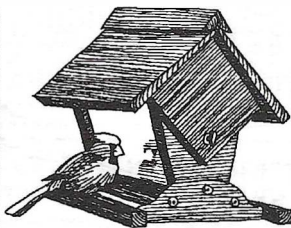


There were bats' wings to gnaw on, as well as spiders and pumpkin cake. These were made by the Refreshment Committee, which included Sarah Patton, Cathie Polak, and Kathleen Loveland. Carolyn Grant-Suttie supplied the cookies.

But this was only one of the many committees that helped out. Debbie and Ned Sacks, the DePaolis family, and Neil and Jan Shaut all helped build the haunted house. Entertainment was provided by Ned Sacks as the aforementioned vampire, Holly Shimizu as the witch, Mike DePaolis, and Isabel Brintnall. JoAnn Murray and Mark Levenson did the balloons, Tom Lorenzen and Holly Shimizu decorated, with Misha and Lynn Dworsky, and Christo Rodemayer helping out. Randa Papadopoulos, Don Moran, David Sproul, and David Robinson cleaned up.

The apple biting machine was built by the Robinsons, and Mike DePaolis made the coffin. He also made the wooden gravestones, which were painted by Jillian, Christopher, and Jim Horwitz. The styrofoam gravestones were made by a group of local teenagers headed by Marie Hewitt. They were Sara Hewitt, Lindsay Whyte, Emily Beers, Laura Beers, and Joshua Gruenspecht. All in all, said Kate Horwitz, who coordinated many of these efforts, the party has never been more fun and easy to do, and everyone was willing to participate. She thanks everyone who got involved.

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TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

Councilman Shultz expressed his appreciation to Mayor Beers and Clerk-Treasurer Kate Horwitz for their enthusiasm and professionalism in **administering the town** in the past few months.

He said he was pleased to be better informed about town business and with the smooth functioning of the town...

At the end of the Nov. 9 session, the council went into **closed session** with town attorney Tom Craven to discuss "pending litigation"...

--Gloria Levin

TOWN VISITORS RESCUE DOG ON TOWPATH

By Carlotta Anderson

Rosanne and Cyrus Toll, residents of Albuquerque, N.M., came to town last month to celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Gruenspecht, which took place at the Glen Echo Town Hall.

On a late afternoon walk on the towpath, the Tolls came upon a trembling and frightened little terrier sitting forlornly on the footbridge below Glen Echo. No owner was in sight.

After waiting a while, they carried the shaking animal up the stairs to the Gruenspecht's Princeton Ave. home. They called the phone number on the dog's identification tag, but reached only an answering machine.

The Tolls then decided to take the dog to the owner's home. It required some resourcefulness to locate it one-quarter mile up a winding road to the bluffs overlooking MacArthur Blvd. Since no one was home, the dog was left with a neighbor.

Meanwhile, Penny and Dick Doolittle were desperately searching the towpath area with flashlights for their dear Rummy, who had run away when he saw a deer. As time went on, they became increasingly despairing, and eventually decided the search was futile.

When they returned home, they were overjoyed to find a message that Rummy was next door and that they were invited to share a turkey dinner with their neighbors when they retrieved him.

Rosanne and Cyrus Toll, it turns out, are experienced animal rescuers as well as animal lovers. Once they spent days making long distance calls to Oregon to try to find a dog's owner, Rosanne said.

The couple owns eight cats, the maximum they felt they could adopt from the many alley cats that roamed their neighborhood near Howard University several years ago. At that time, they trapped about 20 cats and took them to the Humane Society for neutering and spaying at their own expense.

Some they found homes for, others were too wild to tame. Rosanne said they let the feral cats back into the alleys on the theory that they were probably street-smart enough to survive and at least would be in no condition to reproduce.

In light of her experience, she advises pet owners to make sure their dogs and cats have I.D. tags carrying an address and telephone number. This is the key, she stresses, to getting a lost animal back.

HOMEOWNERS MAY APPLY FOR FREE HOME REPAIR

"Christmas in April" is an all-volunteer program dedicated to renovating and repairing the homes of low-income, elderly and disabled homeowners. The repairs are limited to work that can be accomplished in one eight-hour day. The date next year will be Saturday, Apr. 24.

Low-income senior citizens and disabled homeowners who are not able to do the needed repairs themselves are eligible for the program. They must fill out a simple one-page application to be considered for the program.

The work is done under the supervision of skilled craftsmen, who are also volunteers.

If you wish an application, or know someone who might wish to submit one, please call "Christmas in April Montgomery County," 320-9466.

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(Your Neighborhood Presbyterians)

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(Between MacArthur Blvd. and River Road)

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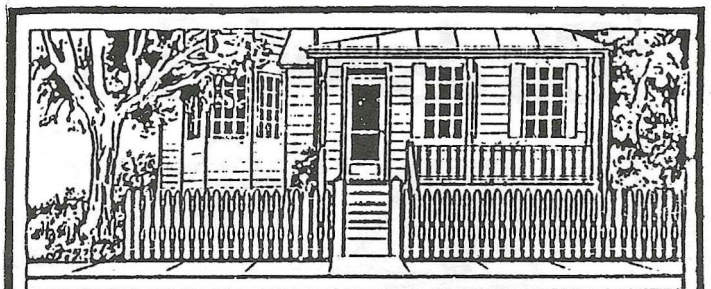
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THE KEYHOLE

By Tillie McNoldy

The Town Hall was the scene of a 50th birthday celebration on Nov. 7. **David "Copy" Fessenden**, son of **David** and **Thelma Fessenden** of 6005 Bryn Mawr Ave., was the surprised honored guest at a party given by members of his family. "**Copy**," as he is known to most old-time residents, grew up in Glen Echo. He and his wife, **Amy**, and three children now reside in Rockville.

Janice and **Jimmy Miller**, two other former residents of Bryn Mawr Ave., were also in town recently. After a stay in this area, they will visit family in Virginia and Georgia before returning to their home in Arkansas.

Any Glen Echo residents who remember **Marie Hertstein** may be interested in her new address. She is now a guest at the Summerfield Retirement Residence, 3409 26th St. West, Bradenton, FL 34205. **Marie** and **Bill**, who was a former mayor, and their three children lived at 6108 Princeton Ave. for many years.

(Tell Tillie about your doings so she doesn't have to peer through your keyhole. Call 229-4119 or drop off a note at 6100 Princeton Ave.)

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WELCOME NEIGHBOR

Michael Andry, who moved to 6103 Princeton Ave. with **John Howell** in August, is very much an outdoorsman, who enjoys hiking, rock climbing, canoeing, golfing and biking.

He also likes to rehabilitate homes, and is on the Board of Directors of "Christmas in April of Washington, D.C.," an organization which renovates and repairs houses owned by low-income, disabled or elderly people. This organization celebrates the last Saturday in April as "Christmas Day." At that time, as many as 3,000 volunteers work on 100 deteriorating houses in D.C. Michael joined the program four years ago because "it sounded like a worthy cause."

Hailing from New Orleans, Michael attended Vanderbilt University in Nashville. He is a corporate banker for Nations-Bank, functioning as a loan officer for large corporations.

His housemate John, who has known Michael since high school, will begin studying turf management at the University of Maryland in January with the aim of becoming a golf course greens supervisor.

A recent arrival at the house is Chicory, a nine-week-old kitten, whose aim is to be as mischievous as possible.

A hearty welcome!

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Clara Barton Recreation Center in Cabin John is setting up a five-eleven person advisory council and is looking for a representative from the town of Glen Echo.

If you would be willing to represent the town, please contact Mayor Debbie Beers (229-7308) or Diane Leatherman, Cabin John Citizens Association president (229-7412).

The purpose of the board is to direct the spending of funds that are being earmarked for the Center.

FORMER TOWN OFFICIAL CHARGED WITH THEFT

Fred Kuster, who served as Glen Echo's elected representative to the Conduit Road Fire Board from 1981 until he resigned this year, was charged last month with felony theft of \$28,000 while he served as its treasurer.

Mr. Kuster, who was mayor of Glen Echo from May, 1981-May, 1989, has agreed to plead guilty, Assistant State's Attorney Edward J. Barnes said.

No date has yet been set for sentencing, he said.

GLEN ECHO PARK ACTIVITIES

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GLEN ECHO PARK REPORT

Two trailers have been moved onto the parking lot close to the Clara Barton House for the purpose of repairing the **cantilevered sections of the parkway** (both upper and lower levels). The work is expected to take three years, according to Frank Cucurullo, Glen Echo Park site manager. One lane of the parkway will be closed while the work is underway.

The **Irish Festival** will probably be held at Wolf Trap in 1993 rather than at Glen Echo Park.

There will probably be a three to seven percent **budget reduction** for managing Glen Echo Park next year, Mr. Cucurullo said. He noted that Glen Echo is in a better position than many other national parks because it receives some income from dances, classes, etc.

A new **fire and security system** is being installed in the Clara Barton House. Mr. Cucurullo asked that town residents not block road access to the facility.

--Gloria Levin

POST OFFICE LEASE NEGOTIATIONS UNDERWAY

By Gloria Levin

The current lease of Town Hall space by the post office terminates at the end of December, 1992. The U.S. Postal Service has proposed a renewal option for two years with no increase in rent, it was reported at last month's town council meeting.

The proposal includes a provision for the Postal Service to make the necessary structural changes for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act at no expense to the town. This would primarily involve construction of a ramp to the front entrance of the post office.

Citing the low vacancy rate for commercial space in the area and increased utility rates, the council voted to counter-offer with a "modest" five percent increase in rent. The Council also voted to require that the town be given veto rights over any changes made to the exterior of the building and that the lease include a hold-harmless clause for any changes made.

BRIEFLY NOTED

Glen Echo was included in the Washington Post's "**What's Hot**" category of neighborhoods which are expected to be especially attractive to the "soon-to-be power-elite" of the Clinton administration. Real estate people expect Maryland and D.C., because of strong Democratic traditions, to be favored over Virginia, the Nov. 14 article stated. Unfortunately for those panting to live in Glen Echo, there are no houses on the market here now...

Those hordes of people strolling through Glen Echo the weekend of Nov. 21-22 were participants in a "**Volksmarch**," a non-competitive six mile walk designed for enjoyment of the sights and sounds of the Potomac region.

The walk began at the Glen Echo Town Hall and was sponsored by the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club.

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