

The Echo

The Town of
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VENDORS TO BE EVICTED FROM WILSON LANE LOT

By Carlotta Anderson

No fresh produce from Tony's fields, no fresh fish from a seafood van, no Amish quilts or rocking chairs, no boxwoods or rhododendrons from the vacant patch at MacArthur Blvd. and Wilson Lane--that's how 1995 will begin.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced last month that, effective Jan. 4, the lot will be closed to all vendors and barricaded up to the right-of-way of MacArthur Blvd.

Any vending that might be possible will have to take place within that right-of-way as a mobile land use.

Why is this action being taken? The Corps said that local residents have complained that the vending activities are "a nuisance to the community." However, an article in the Nov. 23 *Washington Times* says that there have only been a couple of complaints since 1992 and none in recent months. It says the few letters received have been forwarded from the Bannockburn Civic Association.

On the other hand, the seafood vendor collected more than 1,000 signatures on a petition of support last summer, the paper reported.

It quotes a number of residents who love the open-air market. A spokeswoman for Rep. Connie Morella is quoted as saying that the congresswoman would "be happy to do what she can to resolve the problem, if we are contacted by someone in the community."

Tony Dicarantonio, the 93-year-old produce vendor, has been selling from the site since 1966.

KUSTER NEW ANIMAL OFFICER; HORWITZ APPOINTED TO BOARD

By Diana Hudson-Taylor

Daryl Kuster was appointed new Animal Control Officer at last month's town council meeting.

Kate Horwitz replaces her on the Animal Control Board. Its other members are Barbara Odell and Sarah Patton.

Mayor Beers expressed thanks to Bea Smith for her previous work as Animal Control Officer.

DON'T FORGET THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST DECEMBER 17

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BID ACCEPTED FOR REPAIR OF STREET SEALING CRACKS

By Diana Hudson-Taylor

The town has received two bids for repairs of cracked sealing of the streets, both under the estimate by town engineers of \$1/linear foot. A total of 7,700 linear feet need to be done. Both firms are reputable, according to the engineers.

The lower bid of 60 cents by E.E. Lyons Construction Co. was accepted by the town council at its November meeting, provided the company can do the work right away. If not, the town will accept the bid of 87 cents by Blacktop, Inc.

The council was concerned that the cracks be sealed immediately. The projected work does not include repairing potholes.



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NEW POST OFFICE LEASE CONSIDERABLY HIGHER

By Betsy Platt

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It was noted that post office employees have disconnected the energy-saving setback device and turn the heat up to 78 degrees. The council agreed that the device must be reconnected and the mayor will propose that the new price be contingent on the exercising of utilities conservation.

THE KEYHOLE

By Tillie McNoldy

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By Betsy Platt and Carlotta Anderson

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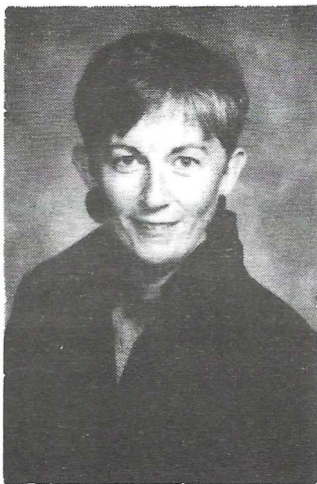
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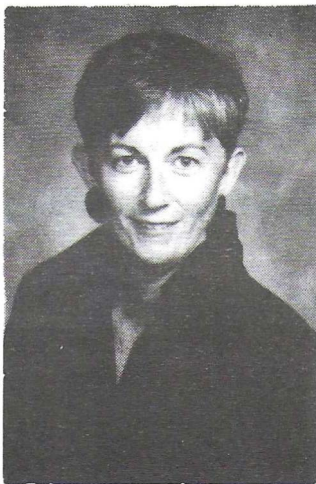
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TOWN HAS NO AUTHORITY OVER RIGHT-OF-WAY FENCE

By Diana Hudson-Taylor and Betsy Platt

Bryn Mawr resident Ann Ford explained to the town council last month her reasons for erecting a cedar fence across the former trolley right-of-way near her house.

She pointed out that the fence replaced a previous white board fence which had been there for years and was in decrepit condition. A fence at that location is a convenient barrier, she said, which serves to prevent vehicles from parking there or driving down the right-of-way for dumping purposes.

Councilwoman Gloria Levin said she thought the right-of-way should remain open space and that structures on it would "chip away" at preserving access for all.

Mayor Beers noted that since the town does not own the right-of-way, it has no authority to enforce any rules concerning it. She said once the property is acquired, the issue can be re-visited.

CHANGES IN TOWN HALL USE ON DECEMBER AGENDA

By Diana Hudson-Taylor

With a cost of approximately \$8,000 annually to maintain the town hall, according to an estimate by Councilman Mike Brintnall, the council is looking into ways to make it more self-supporting.

It was agreed that use of the hall is intended primarily for town residents. Councilwoman Nancy Long proposed that there no longer be a limit of two uses per year by residents.

Proposals to increase the fee for non-profit organizations and other changes will be acted upon at the December town council meeting.

The council unanimously passed a motion to deny further free use of the hall for Tai Kwon Do classes, since no one from Glen Echo participated in them and the resident who organized them no longer lives in town.

A user survey prepared by Councilwoman Long is available at the town hall during office hours.

WELCOME, NEWCOMERS

The "charm of a small village community," easy access to D.C., and being in the Walt Whitman High School district were the main attractions of Glen Echo for **Jake** and **Tina Quinn**, who moved to 15 Vassar Circle in September, with **Ian**, 17, and **Conor**, 14.

After 13 years in Takoma Park, they moved to Boulder, Colo. two-and-a-half years ago, where Jake worked in the Denver regional office of the Resolution Trust Corporation. Tina, who had been running the Takoma Doll Shelter for 10 years, continued making dolls, as well as painting and drawing.

Jake is now assistant director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) research division in D.C., and Tina is looking for studio space where she can make and repair dolls.

Both boys attend Whitman High School. Ian spends his free time studying philosophy, existentialism in particular. Conor is involved in basketball, baseball, football, soccer and roller hockey.

The family loves being near Glen Echo Park, as well as the river and bike paths. They say they are "very pleased to be here" and expect to participate in many town functions.



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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.

WEEKEND DANCES AT THE PARK

Saturday, Dec. 3—CONJUNTO DANCE with music of La Fuerza, \$10

Saturday, Dec. 31—NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL, The Crabtown Big Band, admission \$15.

EVENTS AT THE PARK

Saturday, Dec. 3, 8 pm—SONGWRITERS CIRCLE, original acoustic music

Sunday, Dec. 11, 4 pm—Fieldwork Showing, outcome of ten week workshop of choreographers and performing artists.

Hall of Mirrors, \$8. Reservations: 229-6022

STUDIO SPACE AVAILABLE

The National Park Service at Glen Echo Park is seeking competitive proposals from qualified artists or groups interested in studio space in the park.

The studios are one year residencies. They are rent-free, with a small fee to cover utilities costs. Resident artists are expected to participate in some park events and are encouraged to teach if qualified.

Proposals must be received in the park office by Jan. 9, 1995. For more information, call 492-6229.

BRIEFLY NOTED

Jim Anderson, a Glen Echo Town Councilmember, described the costs to a small town of conforming with the **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)** in an article in *The Hill*, a Capitol Hill newspaper, on Nov. 10. He noted in "Disability act causes echoes of distress at Glen Echo," that town citizens are facing expenses of some \$90,000, or some \$900 per household, and that this is likely to cause town taxes to "rise dramatically." His point is that "Congress and the executive branch have derived the political benefits of creating greater access for disabled Americans without assuming the financial responsibility," but rather shifting the burden to others.

The **gubernatorial vote** at the local precinct (07-22) in the Nov. 8 general election was 1,045 for Glendenning and 313 for Sauerbrey, according to *The Washington Post*...

Richard Sablowsky, a resident of Cabin John, is campaigning to get Washington Gas to provide **natural gas** to the communities on the river side of MacArthur Blvd....

TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

November 14

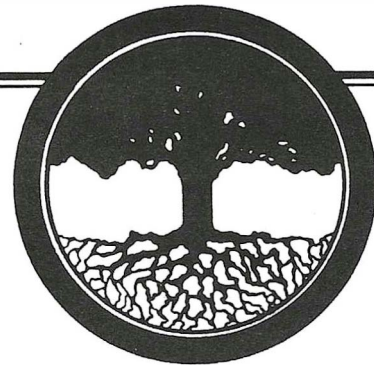
A survey of needed **street repairs** by A. Morton Thomas estimates an expenditure of \$83,000, plus an additional \$23,000 for recommended slurry seal. It can be phased in over several years. Councilmembers Brintnall and Levin surveyed the streets to determine what repairs should take priority...

The town owes Pepco \$1,000 for connecting the **electrical wires** from the town hall to a new pole in an upgrading of the electrical system (see article, p. 3)

Councilwoman Gloria Levin will write a letter to WSSC complaining about **poor patching** they have done on town streets...

Resident Renny Springuel asked to have **crosswalks** painted across MacArthur Blvd. at Oxford Rd. The mayor said the town can repaint lines at the town stop signs but has no authority over MacArthur Blvd...

—Diana Hudson-Taylor



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