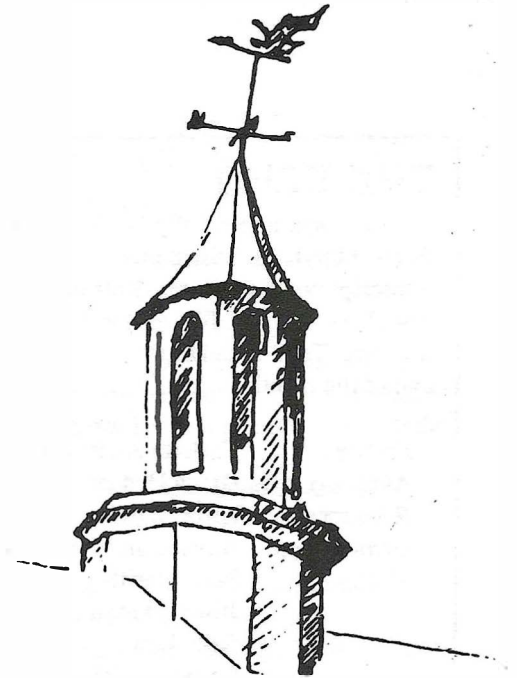


The Echo

The Town of
GLEN ECHO, MARYLAND
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December 1996

RIGHT-OF-WAY PURCHASE AWAITING COURT APPROVAL

By Carlotta Anderson

It seems that town officials and attorneys may have been worrying needlessly about the lack of feed-back from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) regarding Glen Echo's desire to purchase the former trolley right-of-way property. The agency is just waiting for approval from the court, according to spokesman Rod Burfield.

Sale of the "land at Glen Echo" is part of an implementation plan filed by WMATA with the Federal Court of Appeals several months ago concerning all the properties the court ordered turned over to it by the Riders Fund, he said. Because the court has not

signed or concurred with the plan, the sale is in "a limbo situation."

He said everything seemed fine with the sale, that there is "a previously agreed upon price" and that "WMATA has no reason to believe it is not a fair price and that settlement can proceed reasonably quickly following the court's approval."

The town had reached agreement with the Riders Funds to buy the section of the right-of-way that borders the town for \$90,000. After ownership was transferred to WMATA, town attorneys were reluctant to complete the sale with the Riders Fund.

TRASH PICK UP CHANGE

The bulk pick up for December will be on Dec. 18, instead of Dec. 25, due to the holiday.

HOLIDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, December 21

9:00 a.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

All townspeople invited

Pancakes, sausage, bacon, juice, coffee, and all the extras

Everyone will be asked to help during the event

If you can help in advance by purchasing items or setting-up, please contact Edie Springuel at the town hall, 320-4041.

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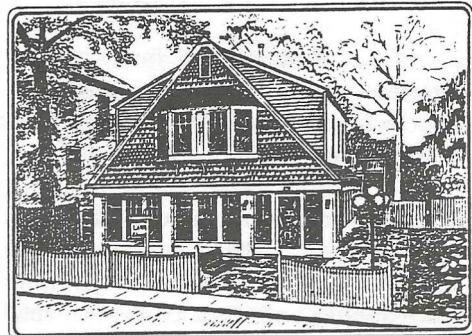
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NOTICE

Please be advised that the regular office hours at the town hall may be changed during the construction planned in conformity with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

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Heather Cottage

Financial Planning

COUNCIL APPROVES ADA LOAN

By Kirby Whyte

The town council voted at its Nov. 11 meeting to approve a \$70,000 loan from the county Department of Housing and Community Affairs for improvements to the town hall required under the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). The ten-year loan will have zero percent interest.

A "grant with strings," in layman's terms, the loan is offered on condition that the use policies of the hall do not change over the term of the loan and it conforms with ADA rules.

Councilwoman Long said that while she agreed that the work was necessary, she was uncomfortable with the strings on the loan. She voted against accepting it.

In light of the town's difficulties to date in getting the county to forward the necessary paperwork, Councilman Anderson expressed concern that there might be hang-ups in getting its approval for the required construction permits. He said that despite his reservations, he would vote to accept the loan.

The vote tally was two for and one against (Councilwoman Levin was absent). Mayor Beers noted that if her vote had been necessary she would have voted for the loan.

The council then voted unanimously to issue bids for the construction. They should be back in December. It was noted that it would be necessary to coordinate the impending construction with the post office and those who have already reserved the town hall. During the work, the kitchen and bathrooms will be out of service for approximately two weeks.

Although the loan agreement has been signed, the money cannot be spent until the town receives final approval from the county.

RESIDENT THWARTS HOUSE BURGLARY

By Carlotta Anderson

When Eleanor Balaban saw a young man sneaking behind the bushes of an unoccupied Glen Echo house the afternoon of Oct. 30, she swung into action. First she called police, then kept a watch from her front porch with cellular phone at hand.

It wasn't long before the man, about 20-25 years old, emerged carrying a red backpack packed to capacity and started walking up the street.

"What are you doing?" Eleanor boldly inquired.

"I'm cleaning the house out. It's abandoned."

"No, it's not," Eleanor insisted firmly. "You put those things back."

This is not the kind of crime story you often read in the paper. In his present state of criminal development, the culprit will not appear on the nation's most wanted list. He dutifully obeyed Eleanor's orders and soon emerged minus the backpack. When asked where he lived, he offered, "On MacArthur Blvd., near the Co-op," but balked at giving his name.

This did not satisfy Eleanor. She followed him up the street, urging the police to come quickly, until both her phone and the burglar were out of range. By then about a half dozen neighbors were on hand. One volunteered to chase the burglar in his car, but couldn't find him.

The police finally came and checked out the interior of the house, commenting that it should be secured and posted with no trespassing signs.

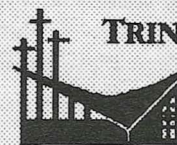
The house, which has been unoccupied for several years, has since been boarded up and posted.

LADIES OF GLEN ECHO

*You are invited to a Ladies Night
at 7309 University Ave.*

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 8:00 p.m.

R.S.V.P. Sarah Patton, 320-0037



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Around Town

We read with sadness of the death of television journalist **Rich Adams**, a former Glen Echo resident. Rich, who was editorial director of WUSA-TV (Channel 9) from 1975 to 1991, died Oct. 29 at Sibley Memorial Hospital of an autoimmune connective-tissue disorder. He was 53.

Rich lived at 6112 Oberlin Ave. for several years in the 1970s while he was assistant news director at WTOP. He occasionally reported for *The Echo*. He was a volunteer firefighter and a member of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad. He leaves his wife, Sherry, whom he married after moving to Silver Spring, and two children, Ben and Whitney...

Congratulations to Wellesley Circle resident **Chris Hewitt**, who celebrated becoming a U.S. citizen on Halloween day. Unfortunately, it wasn't soon enough for him to become eligible to vote in the November elections. Chris was born in Cheadle, Staffordshire, England, and has lived in Glen Echo with his wife, Maire, and daughters Sara and Victoria, since 1978...

Congratulations also to **Yvonne Chaney Harrison**, Glen Echo postal clerk for the past 12 years, who married Elton Harrison, Jr. on Nov. 2 at St. Paul AME Church in Washington, D.C. It was hardly a whirlwind romance. Yvonne and Elton, met at the church over 22 years ago, but have "only" been dating for the past five or six years. "I guess it just wasn't right years ago," Yvonne says. They spent their honeymoon in Cancun and are now living in Germantown...

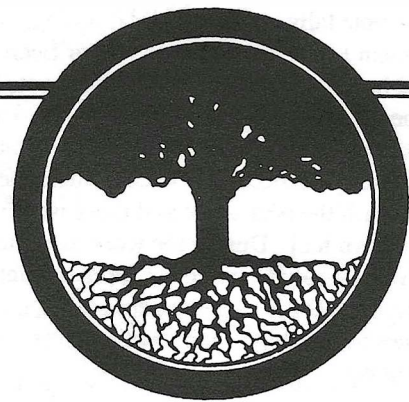
A new CD by nationally acclaimed country and folk singer Mary Chapin Carpenter contains an insert of **photos taken at Glen Echo Park**. The CD is titled "A Place in This World." Ms. Carpenter is a northern Virginia resident...

Cabin John resident Reed Martin and his wife, Barbara, amused themselves recently by photographing the nine different ways **MacArthur Blvd.** is written on street signs between the David Taylor Model Basin and Cornell Ave. Some are in all capital letters, one says "MaArthur Blvd.," and the Cornell Ave. one is, of course, in cursive letters. They suggest that residents "go out and enjoy the variation"...

The perilous crossing of busy River Road by hikers and bikers on the **Capital Crescent Trail** is dangerous no more. The new 260-foot-long footbridge is now open to pedestrian traffic. The 11-mile trail eventually will extend from Georgetown to Silver Spring via Bethesda...

The legendary **Bonfield's auto repair shop** on MacArthur Blvd. near the District line is closing down and the property is for sale for \$380,000, according to *The Washington Post*. A buyer will have to maintain the building's historic look because of its zoning. The garage at 6124 MacArthur Blvd. was opened in 1927 by Charles Bonfield when the street was called Conduit Rd., and taken over in 1934 by his son, Walter Bonfield, who plans to retire.

Bannockburn Elementary School is having what it calls a "Black Tie No-Show Fundraiser" to raise money for computers and related technology. Donations may be made to the Bannockburn PTA: Technology and are tax deductible. Any questions, call Maria Longo-Swiek, 365-7123.



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THOUGHTS ON PARKING

At the end of World War 2, Glen Echo had about 100 houses and about 300 people. We have about the same numbers of houses and people now. The big difference between then and now is cars, specifically cars per house parked on the street. Forty years ago, our streets were adequate. Now, with a house accounting for as many as five cars parked on the street, we are becoming congested. It is getting worse. It will get much worse when the snow flies.

As the Council member in charge of traffic and vehicles, I have been thinking about the issue and I would like to hear from citizens about their proposals. I have some questions.

Fairness: Given the pressure on our limited space and narrow streets, is it fair for one household to take a disproportionate amount of parking space on the streets? My personal test is two cars per household permanently on the street, but I am open to argument about what that number should be.

Compensation: If residents of one house take up more than a reasonable amount of curb space (such as two car spaces), should that household pay for that privilege, as is done in other communities.?

Method: How should that be done? By parking permit, by annual rent on curb space, or how? Who will enforce it and how?

My belief is that, given the trend in town, we have to deal with these questions soon. Anything else is playing musical chairs with cars. Somebody always loses in that game. I'd be interested to hear your ideas. Drop me a note at 38 Wellesley Circle, or in the Town Hall mail slot.

Jim Anderson,
Member of Council

DOG KILLS TOWN CAT

A loose black out-of-town dog ran into Susan Grigsby's rear yard on University Ave. on Oct. 10, grabbed her cat, Benjamin, apparently shook the life out of him and ran away carrying the cat in his mouth. This may not have been an isolated instance. University Ave. resident Carolyn Reeder said she saw a notice posted in Fairway Hills warning about a black dog who had killed a cat there and asking anyone who saw such a dog to call Animal Control.

In memory of Benjamin, who was just over six years old, Susan wrote a touching tribute, which is excerpted here:

"Ben was catching the last rays of the autumn afternoon sun in the back yard when he was attacked by a dog. Ben put up a noisy fight, but before anyone could reach him, there was a sudden silence.

"Ben was a large, powerful yellow tabby whose fur shot sparks of gold, blue, pink and green. His silky soft fur belied the coiled energy of a lean-muscle street fighter. He was not loath to use his sharp retractable claws to either supplement his diet or straighten out others—cats or humans—who interfered with his goals.

"Benjamin had his charms. He was an equal opportunity snoozer, alternating between the sun-warmed black top of the convertible and my bed in the winter sun. He was a considerate partner, providing companionship without intruding.

"The violence of a sudden death is a painful reminder of vulnerability and of unresolved potential. From the yellow fur still on top of the car to his bowl in the kitchen. Ben has a special place—that particular place in the heart for even the difficult creatures."

COSTUMED CHILDREN PARADE THROUGH TOWN

A fantastic parade of witches, ghosts, jesters, and all sorts of whimsically clad creatures carrying helium-filled balloons made its way down Harvard and University Aves. early Halloween night, astonishing all in its wake. Spirits were bubbling on this crisp, fall evening, and trick or treating lay just ahead.

But first came pizza and sodas at the town hall, arranged by Halloween Party organizers Michele Wells and Sarah Patton. This year's celebration was a great success, attracting at least 65 town residents of all ages.

Michele and Sarah were assisted by Meris and Mark Steele, who picked up the pizzas at Pizza Hut. Susan Grigsby helped dispense the food and drinks, and Julia Wilson was on hand for clean up the next day.



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ELECTION NUMBERS

Residents may be interested in how election results at our precinct (7-22) compared to the county as a whole. Numbers are in percentages, with the local precinct figures listed first:

President:

CLINTON (elected)	68	59
DOLE	27	35

Congressperson:

MORELLA (elected)	47	61
MOOERS	53	38

School Board:

GORDON (elected)	57	58
SIGNER (elected)	65	53

Question C (Ficker Amendment-failed):

FOR	29	44
AGAINST	71	55

Question E (County-wide Fire Dept.-failed)

FOR	57	49
AGAINST	43	51

<u>Turnout:</u>	80	76
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TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

November 11

The **Glen Echo Web site** being designed by John Wells should be ready in model form in early December, with the final site to follow. It will cost the town nothing. It will contain topics like "Around Town, Town Hall, The Park, and Business in Town." The latter topic would allow for advertising and would be a return on John Wells's time and investment. There would also be a "Featured Resident" topic that would be updated and changed regularly...

The town is considering the replacement of the current **street lights** with antique ornamental street lights which might be more in keeping with the history of the town. The American Streetscape Society would install the lights if the town buys the fixtures at \$20 each. Kate Horwitz, who suggested the lights, will look into the matter...

Councilwoman Long brought up the fees that were being charged for **use of the town hall**. She will prepare a report listing the amount of money being paid for use by non town residents. She also asked that there be a restriction on "teen parties" for non town residents. The council took no vote on the matter. There was discussion on cancellations by town residents and whether they are being made in the proper amount of time...

The town is trying to arrange with Mark Peyton to do a **town leaf pickup** the first week in December. **Street repairs** will continue in December, weather permitting, including repair of the sidewalk block at the town hall which was damaged when a car drove over the freshly laid cement...

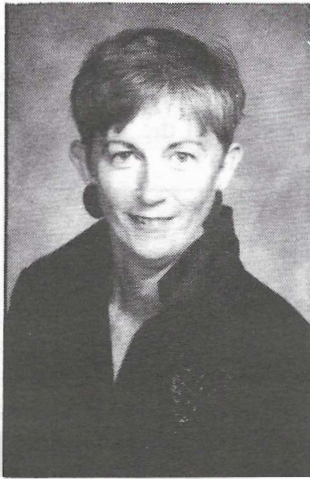
--Kirby Whyte

PHARMACY BURGLARIZED

Burglars unplugged the burglar alarm system and pried open the rear metal door to enter the Glen Echo Pharmacy on Nov. 14 around 5:30 a.m., according to the Bethesda police. Around \$300 was taken from a cash register and a large quantity of narcotics.

TRASH, RECYCLING PICKUP PROBLEMS?

Call Waste Management directly at 340-0774. Ask for Dispatch



Eleanor

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

907-7600
229-7990



FREE HALL EVENTS FOR GLEN ECHO RESIDENTS

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

Every Wednesday, 8:00-10:30 pm. English Country Dance. Live music. No experience or partner needed. Sponsored by Folklore Society of Greater Washington.

Saturday, December 7, 8:00 pm. FOLK MUSIC CONCERT. Music from Quebec, New England, Newfoundland, Ireland and Scandinavia performed by "Nightingale." Sponsored by Friday Night Dances. Free for the first 10 town residents who make a reservation by calling Jamie Platt, 320-7099. Pot luck supper, 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish of any sort.

Sunday, December 8, 3:00-5:30 pm. COMMUNITY FAMILY DANCE with "Nightingale." Caller: Mary DesRosiers. Sponsored by the Folklore Society of Greater Washington.

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION ON POLICE MATTERS?

John Wells is the representative from the Glen Echo area at the monthly Citizens Advisory Board meetings of the Bethesda Police District.

If you have any police-related matters you would like to have discussed, please phone him at 229-4503.

REMINDER FROM ANIMAL CONTROL

The Animal Control Board encourages pet owners to work cooperatively with neighbors to resolve pet related problems. If differences cannot be resolved personally, any resident in town may file a complaint about a pet in writing to the Animal Control Officer or Board.

The current Animal Control Board has created a three-step set of procedures to deal with serious problems in hope of providing consistency in resolving pet related problems.

This is currently being reviewed by the town attorney and will be made public pending his approval.

Kate Horwitz
Animal Control Board.

PROPERTIES ON THE MARKET

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22 Wellesley Circle	\$269,000

GLEN ECHO PROPERTY SALES

49 Wellesley Circle	\$410,000
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DANCES AT THE PARK

Dec. 7—The Uptown Rhythm Kings
Dec. 28—Tom Cunningham Orchestra
Dec. 31—New Year's Eve—The Sunset Royal Orchestra

Friday nights—country dances
No Sunday dances in December

ADVENTURE THEATRE

A Christmas Carol
 December 19- 31
 Daily at 11 and 1:30
 Tickets: \$5.00 Call 320-5331

THE PUPPET THEATRE

The Nutcracker
 Through December 31
 Tickets: \$5 Call 320-6668 for special holiday schedule

AT THE GALLERY

Annual Holiday Show
 December 7-29

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Sunday Morning: PRAYER 8:00, FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30, WORSHIP AND PRAISE, 11:00. All are invited!!

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.

WORK COMPLETED ON STORM DRAIN BASIN By Kirby Whyte and Carlotta Anderson

The storm drain catch basin at the side of the parking lot behind the town hall has been rebuilt.

The town had received three bids for re-building the drain, based on different methods of solving the drainage problem there. The council decided that the best bet for the town was concrete construction. The old basin was of bricks, which were crumbling.

Atlantic Paving & Sealing had the low bid for the concrete construction and was awarded the contract by unanimous vote.

Debris which had collected in the catch basin was previously removed and its full depth is now available to catch water run-off from the parking lot.

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 8—8:00 p.m.
 Glen Echo Town Hall
 Contact the mayor to add an item to the agenda