

The Echo

The Town of
GLEN ECHO, MARYLAND
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February, 1992

SUSPICIOUS VISITORS?

Several residents reported that they were visited last month by persons whose behavior they found suspicious. In one case, a well-dressed woman and two men said they were checking security systems in town. When asked for literature about their firm, they had none. Another resident said she was told by a similar group that they represented Jehovah's Witnesses, but again, they could produce no literature from that group.

Residents also were leery about the credentials of a young teenage girl who came selling candy the evening of Jan. 22. She said she was raising money for Eliot Jr. High School in northeast Washington and that her counselor had brought her to Glen Echo. She displayed some form of identification.

When University Ave. resident Tony Huff learned that his wife had bought some candy from the girl, he immediately suspected a scam. As a clinical social worker who has worked with schoolchildren, he knew it was unlikely that a counselor would take a child out on a school night 15 miles away to sell candy.

He called the school the following day and learned that no candy fund-raiser was taking place at the time. Both he and his wife, Elizabeth, spoke to the principal, described the girl and gave her first name, Stacey. The principal said no one who met that description was enrolled.

Elizabeth Huff learned that several neighbors had also been asked to buy candy by both the girl and a boy that evening.

NEWSPAPER RECYCLING STOPS; WILL RESUME IN MARCH

By David Sproul

The town was obliged to discontinue newspaper pickup for recycling on January 31 because Southeast Recycling Corp., the company involved, has ceased this operation.

Clerk-Treasurer Paula Wolff told the council last month that the firm lost most of its routes when county-wide recycling began. It continued service in January with rented trucks as a public service.

The mayor said he would distribute a bulletin notifying the townspeople that they would be without newspaper pickup for a month or so.

However, newspapers will be picked up along with other recyclables when Glen Echo begins its comprehensive recycling program in March. Bids from interested firms are due by the end of January; the council will choose a contractor after that date.

Meanwhile, newspapers and other recyclables can still be taken to the Sunday morning recycling center at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

(See related articles page 5)

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NEW BABY ON WELLESLEY

Carolyn and Francis Grant-Suttie of Wellesley Circle are the proud parents of a baby boy, **Ian Hamilton**, born the evening of Dec. 28 at Sibley Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, and the delivery was "pretty easy," according to his mother. She said his sister, **Katie**, is thrilled.

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NEARLY \$5,000 SPENT ON YEAR'S AUDIT

By David Sproul

Councilwoman Beers pointed out to the council and clerk-treasurer last month that while the budget allocates \$4,500 for auditors, \$4,985 has already been spent on them. She said that spending more than is budgeted for an item is "an indictable offense."

The consensus of the council was that the higher amount had been approved at an earlier meeting, but that the minutes did not accurately reflect this fact.

Councilman Shultz complained that by taking such an active role in the town's accounting difficulties, the auditors were putting themselves in an unattractive ethical dilemma. He suggested that paying them additional funds might be a case of "throwing good money after bad."

He noted that they had been hired two-and-a-half years ago at the rate of \$29 per hour, according to a report at the time in *The Echo* and that on that basis, the number of hours they had billed for would appear to be exceedingly high.

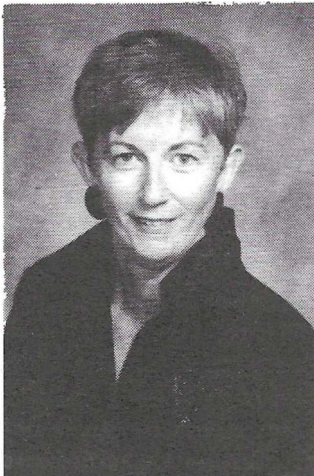
Mayor Borsari said that he would ask for clarification of recent bills they have submitted.

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 10—8:00 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

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



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TOWN MUST CONFORM TO DISABILITIES ACT

By David Sproul

In line with the provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act, the town hall will need major structural changes in place by Jan. 26, 1995. These will probably include a small elevator and bathrooms at the rear of the building, according to Mayor Borsari.

Councilman Shultz urged at the January town council meeting that the town proceed with compliance without delay. He said this would be more consistent with the spirit of the legislation than delaying the construction.

The mayor said he would consider the suggestion.

TOWN'S INVESTMENT STRATEGY DISCUSSED

Councilman Shultz objected to the fact that signature cards for some town bank accounts have names of former town officials. This didn't seem to trouble most of those in attendance at the January council meeting, who said that signature cards usually stay unchanged during the life of Certificates of Deposit.

Mayor Borsari said that the town will probably move toward shorter term CDs, operating under the assumption that rates will probably be heading up as the economy begins to recover and that the town shouldn't be tied to lower rates for long periods.

He said that some checking accounts are now actually earning higher rates than savings accounts.

—David Sproul

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NEW BUS SCHEDULES

The N5 route from Glen Echo to D.C. has been replaced by the N7, which now originates at Montgomery Mall. It has six runs weekdays in each direction (see below). The fare is \$2.65, 50 cents more than the old N5 fare.

The N8 to Friendship Heights, connecting with the Metro, runs every half hour or less weekdays. It begins at 6:02 a.m. from Glen Echo. The last bus from Friendship Heights leaves at 10:40 p.m.

Weekend service on the N8 is operated by RIDE-ON. The trips are less frequent than weekdays. The last bus from Friendship Heights on Saturdays leaves at 9:15 p.m., and on Sundays at 7:15 p.m.

For more detailed information ask the driver for a schedule.

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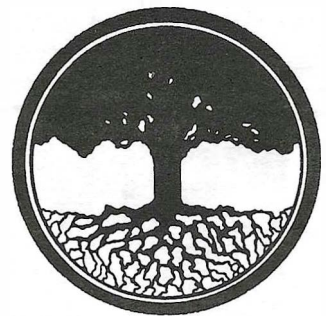
Route Number	Mont. Mall (Westlake & Auto Park Ave.)	Goldsboro Rd. & MacArthur Blvd. (Glen Echo)	West-merland Circle (D.C. Line)	Ward Circle (American University)	Massachusetts & Wisconsin Aves. NW	Massachusetts Ave. & 20th St. NW (Dupont Circle)	K & 17th St. NW	12th & Constitution Ave. NW (Federal Triangle)
AM Service								
N7	6:36	6:50	6:58	7:02	7:04	7:09	7:15	7:25
N7	7:06	7:20	7:28	7:32	7:34	7:39	7:45	7:55
N7	7:24	7:40	7:48	7:52	7:55	8:01	8:09	8:18
N7	7:44	8:00	8:08	8:12	8:15	8:21	8:29	8:38
N7	8:04	8:20	8:28	8:32	8:35	8:41	8:49	8:58
N7	8:29	8:45	8:53	8:57	9:00	9:06	9:14	9:23

Monday thru Friday inclusive except holidays Northbound

Route Number	12th & Constitution Ave. NW (Federal Triangle)	K St. & Connecticut Ave. NW	Massachusetts Ave. & 20th St. N.W. (Dupont Circle)	Massachusetts & Wisconsin Aves. NW	Ward Circle (American University)	West-merland Circle (D.C. Line)	Goldsboro Rd. & MacArthur Blvd. (Glen Echo)	Mont. Mall (Westlake Terrace)
PM Service								
N7	4:31	4:42	4:49	4:58	5:01	5:04	5:12	5:30
N7	5:00	5:11	5:18	5:27	5:30	5:33	5:41	5:59
N7	5:19	5:30	5:37	5:46	5:49	5:52	6:00	6:18
N7	5:36	5:47	5:54	6:03	6:06	6:09	6:17	6:35
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N7	6:30	6:41	6:50	6:58	7:01	7:04	7:12	7:32

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RECYCLING SURVEY OF OTHER TOWNS

By Carlotta Anderson

An informal survey of 10 nearby municipalities found that all of them have already begun comprehensive recycling of cans, bottles, plastic containers and newspapers. Glen Echo expects to begin its program in March.

The county program, which started in the Bethesda area last month, now includes all of Montgomery County. The municipalities were surveyed by four town volunteers: Sarah Patton, Kathleen Loveland, Bonnie Whyte and Isabelle Umpleby. They found that the towns reported excellent community response and enthusiasm for the program, with few problems.

Compliance was mandatory in four towns and voluntary in the rest (it is mandatory in the county program, but will be voluntary in Glen Echo). It ranged from an estimated 76-100%.

The size of bins provided householders ranged from 14-18 gallons.

Contractors chosen included Waste Management (one); BFI (two); Wildcat Refuse (four); Wright Away (one) and U-Call, We-Haul (one). Takoma Park, which started its program in April 1989, uses town employees. Towns surveyed were: Town of Chevy Chase, Chevy Chase Village, Kensington, Martin's Addition, Garrett Park, Laytonsville, North Chevy Chase, Takoma Park, Rockville, and Somerset.

(Town residents who wish to recycle their containers before the Glen Echo program begins in March can take them to Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Sunday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Newspapers are also collected at that location. The recycling center there will remain open because residents of condominiums and high-rises are not included in the county program.)



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WHAT'S RECYCLABLE?

Here's what you should be putting in your blue bin when recycling starts in Glen Echo. You do not need to separate the items:

GLASS

Jars and bottles of all colors

Discard caps and lids—labels o.k.
Empty and rinse containers
Do not break glass

No mirrors, windows, dinner or cookware, light bulbs, broken glass.

METAL

Cans and aluminum foil products

**All aluminum and steel food and beverage cans
Foil cookware, TV dinner trays, balled foil wrap**

Empty and rinse
Leave lids on

No pots, pans, furniture, siding, automotive parts

PLASTIC

**Plastic beverage bottles
Plastic container bottles**

Empty and rinse bottles
Discard caps.

No food containers, plastic wrap or bags, styrofoam, microwave plates, plastic toys/gadgets, automotive product containers

NEWSPAPERS

In paper grocery bags or tied with string

No magazines, plastic bags, catalogues, junk mail, phone books

1992 TOWN CALENDAR OF EVENTS APPROVED

The town council last month approved a list of town events to be held in the coming year which Mayor Borsari has proposed (see below).

The mayor also broached the idea of regular receptions for the purpose of welcoming newcomers to town. The idea was enthusiastically received, especially by three newcomers who were in attendance.

Suggestions were made that newcomers be welcomed individually as well and given printed information about the town and its government.

The first newcomers' welcome party will be held Sunday, Mar. 15.

—David Sproul

TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

January 13

Councilwoman Long reported that the new bus route downtown is usually badly crowded and that many people have to stand. She said that articulated buses—which have a sort of center fold—had been promised at an earlier hearing, but that the Metro board had decided against using them on the route. She said she would draft a letter of protest...

Councilmembers Beers and Odell and Clerk-Treasurer Paula Wolff will form a committee to more clearly define the clerk-treasurer's job responsibilities...

Several present at the meeting said that all roads of complaint about power outages seem to meet at the same PEPCO employee, Kim Watson. In the opinions of some, Ms. Watson, who visited an earlier town council session, deliberately keeps her answers safely vague. Mayor Borsari said that although inquiries directed to both PEPCO and the Public Utilities Commission wind up in Ms. Watson's office, those channeled through the latter agency require a more thorough accounting on her part...

Councilwoman Long said the use of the town hall is up and so is the proportion of use by town residents. She reported that former Congressman Gilbert Gude has reserved the hall for use by the Maryland Humanities Council in September...

—David Sproul

VOLUNTEERS?

Mayor Borsari intends to distribute a list of the town's community service jobs with an emphasis on those needing fresh volunteers, he told the council last month.

Councilman Shultz mentioned that although his wife, Susan, is listed as being on the Animal Control Board, she was appointed several years ago by former mayor Fred Kuster and has not been re-appointed. He pointed out that according to the town ordinances, appointees serve only for a two year term.

The mayor responded that according to state law, people appointed to boards and committees technically serve until successors are sworn in, regardless of the length of term.

—David Sproul

FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1992

Beaubien Property Tax Refund	\$290.90
Anderson Property Tax Refund	\$ 51.93
Town Holiday Parties	\$692.37
Paula Wolff, salary	\$417.00

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CONTRACT PENDING FOR STREET SWEEPING

By David Sproul

Browning Ferris Industries has been approached about sweeping or vacuuming the town streets, Mayor Borsari told the council last month.

A one-time trial of the service was scheduled for Jan. 21, the mayor said, unless a snag regarding town liability for BFI trucks wasn't resolved. As of *Echo* deadline, the streets had not been swept.

The company had submitted a contract which held the town liable for any damage the trucks might inflict, a provision that was clearly unacceptable, the mayor said.

The cost per visit was to be \$200 for the street cleaning and \$100 for disposal of the collected material.

BRIEFLY NOTED

On New Year's Eve, around midnight **eggs were thrown** at the Yale Ave. house of Henry Barrow, and streamers, toilet paper and cut up apples were thrown in his front yard and on the street, he said. The two young people responsible have since apologized to him...

Graffiti has been spray-painted in black and red on public signs and the sides of buildings in Glen Echo and the surrounding area...

Town streets were promptly plowed and sanded after the **first snow storm of the winter** the evening of Jan. 25.

ANOTHER NEARBY TOWPATH INCIDENT

Sunday afternoon, Nov. 29, C&O Canal towpath, Marsden Tract area.

White male exposed himself where several similar incidents have taken place. Ht. 5'10", 165 lbs., wearing blue running pants.

--Road Runners Club of America, Bulletin #28

COUNCIL TAKES NO POSITION ON ZONING EXCEPTION

By David Sproul

The council voted unanimously last month to take no position on an application for a zoning variance at 6005 Cornell Ave. Edward Hertz has filed for the exception in order to build a one-story addition to the rear of his house.

Mayor Borsari recommended to the council that if there were any objections to the application a special meeting be called to allow Mr. Hertz to present his position, but if there were none, the council go on record as having no objections.

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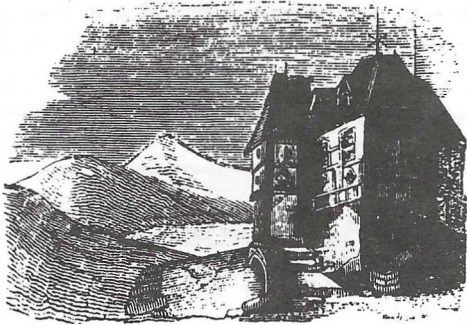
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PARK SERVICE TO CONTINUE LOT USE

By David Sproul

The Park Service may continue to use the town-owned area on Tulane Ave. as a temporary parking lot, the town council voted last month.

Continued access to the town land was requested for six more months until the grassy areas adjoining the main Glen Echo Park parking lot have stabilized. At that time, these areas will serve as overflow parking spaces.

The permission was contingent on a reminder to the Park Service that the lot be returned to its original "pristine" condition when use is discontinued.

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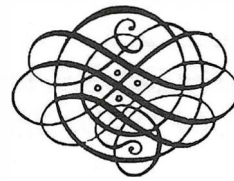
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41 Wellesley Circle	\$289,000
13 Vassar Circle	\$397,000
15 Vassar Circle	\$417,000

TOWN ACTIONS PENDING

- Ordinance making *The Echo* an official organ of Glen Echo (since 7/89)
- Installation of stop signs at Harvard and Columbia (since 10/1990) --Organization of town records by Information Management (since 6/89)
- Sound system at Town Hall (since 6/89)
- New chairs at the Town Hall (since 6/90)