

The Echo

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SURVEY SHOWS STRONG SUPPORT FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY PURCHASE

By Carlotta Anderson

Of the 100 questionnaires delivered to town homes requesting thoughts on possible future use of the former trolley right-of-way, 20 were returned. Councilman Jim Anderson characterized the 20 percent response as "extraordinary."

They reflected strong support for the town's purchasing the property, but also for leaving the area much as it is, he said.

He said the responses gave the impression that people had thought hard about the issue. Several took the trouble of writing their own letters.

He gave a summary of the returned questionnaires at the Jan. 10 town council meeting. Town Councilman Brintnall, who had also studied them, said he was in full agreement with the analysis.

There appeared to be an "overwhelming desire" to maintain the area as a barrier or buffer between the town and MacArthur Blvd. There was a frequently expressed view that the barrier be thickened or that there be a walkway, but also general opposition to such things as benches or playground equipment.

Several responses said the town should sell parts to adjacent owners if they desired to purchase it, although more said the town should never sell any of it off, Councilman Anderson said.

Regarding parking, some were in favor of leaving it as is, some favored annual rental fees ranging from \$1-500 per year, still others believed no parking should be permitted.

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RIGHT-OF-WAY PURCHASE VIGOROUSLY DEBATED

By David Sproul

With results in hand from a recent town survey, Mayor Debbie Beers opened the floor at the Jan. 10 town council meeting to a discussion of the plan to purchase the old trolley right-of-way land adjoining the town. The occasion brought into the open a long-simmering division between the council and owners of property bordering the right-of-way, some of whom had begun negotiations to purchase the land themselves.

Some 30 townspeople attended. They were tightly crowded into the council chambers, with several forced to stand. Comments were numerous and loud, and the debate was frequently contentious.

The mayor and councilmembers seemed to be looking only for guidance in deciding how to use the property if a purchase were consummated. The property owners, representing nine of the 11 parcels bordering the right-of-way, were openly suspicious of the council's motives and repeated charges that they were not adequately consulted or assured regarding possible uses of the land.

They said they did not want the council to proceed with the purchase because the offered price of \$40,000 was probably too high, taxpayer funds should not be spent on "just another path to the 7-Eleven," and there was no promise that the town would not institute objectionable activities on the land.

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BIDS WANTED

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upgrading the town hall electrical system

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SURVEY (from page 1)

University Ave. resident Jim Beaubien wrote the town council offering \$250 toward the town's purchase of the land and saying he would take responsibility for the maintenance for one year.

Any resident who would like to examine the questionnaires is invited to do so by contacting Councilman Anderson. In the cases where residents signed their forms, the copies made available will have the names blocked out, he said.

NOTICE

Any home construction that requires a Montgomery County building permit also requires a Glen Echo building permit.

Contact Kate Horwitz, 320-4041, for details.

HISTORY OF TOWN'S ATTEMPTS TO ACQUIRE RIGHT-OF-WAY

The Washington-Glen Echo trolley, which had brought visitors to the Glen Echo Amusement Park for more than a half century, stopped running in 1959. The old trolley right-of-way, which belonged to O. Roy Chalk and D.C. Transit, has remained in disuse—at least for transportation purposes—ever since.

The town has made various attempts to acquire the land bordering Glen Echo since at least 1966. The history of those attempts to the present day, culled from *Echo* files, follows:

November, 1966—The town commissions a survey of the “Proposed Portions of the Lands of O. Roy Chalk to be Annexed to the Town of Glen Echo.” Made by Sterling R. Maddox & Associates, it indicates that the portions from the trestle to Oxford Rd. comprise 56.093 sq. ft. *The Echo* has not been able to learn how the town was planning to annex the property.

Summer, 1977—Mayor Borsari, Councilman Kashi and O. Roy Chalk meet to discuss acquiring rights to the land “for the purpose of cleaning it up and perhaps turning it into a walking park. Mayor Borsari later reports to the council that Chalk might be willing to donate the property to the town and suggests the town take no action which might jeopardize that possibility.

mid-1980—Mayor Kuster tells the council that Chalk had been offering the land to adjacent property owners at \$7.50/sq ft. He and Councilwoman Long meet with Chalk’s attorney and discuss the possibility that if Chalk donated the land, the town could use it as open space, dedicate it to him and he could take a tax write-off. Nothing comes of these discussions.

COUNCIL MEETING (from page 1)

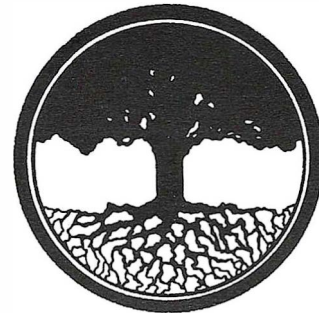
Mayor Beers hinted that she had received threats of expensive litigation if the town continued with its announced plan, but reasserted the town’s determination to see it through. She said there was ample evidence of a longstanding desire over the years for the town to buy the land if and when it ever became available.

Tension in the meeting rose palpably when she pointed out that the town has condemnation powers over land within the corporate limits “for any public purpose.” The tone of the meeting changed with a plea from a (non-bordering) resident for the dissidents to remember that the council is seeking a plan in the best interests of all town residents and that the town as a whole has an interest in maintaining the distinctive feel bestowed by the right-of-way left in its natural state. There was a discussion of the possibility of agreeing on some type of conservation covenant. Mayor Beers instructed town attorney Tom Craven to explore appropriate documents that could be drawn up to govern uses to be made of the property once it is acquired. She said there would be another public meeting to review his findings before any purchase would be finalized.

She asked the dissidents if they could agree on what restrictions they would want on use of the land, and if they would be willing to avoid a bidding war in exchange for such a covenant. They implied that if agreement on the provisions of such a document could be reached they would not engage in a bidding war with the town. (*Editor:* For developments since the council meeting, see exchange of letters and other articles in this issue, pp. 4 and 5)

fall, 1988—Henry M. Obst, Chalk’s representative, suggests that the town buy the land at \$12/sq ft. Similar offers had been made to adjacent property owners as early as 1986. The council agrees the price is excessive, but authorizes Mayor Kuster to meet with Obst. Obst is invited to a special meeting, but apparently never comes.

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HISTORY (from page 3)

early 1989—The county transportation department pays Chalk \$14,850 for a perpetual easement for a bus turnaround near the intersection of MacArthur Blvd. and Oxford Rd., paying \$4.70/sq. ft. for a total of some 11,000 sq. ft. It was a lease, not a purchase. The idea of a bus turnaround was subsequently abandoned.

March-May, 1989—The council votes to apply for Open Space funds, and possibly use them to purchase the section of the right-of-way bordering Glen Echo. The council authorizes Mayor Kuster to meet with a Chalk representative for this purpose. The town is told to make an offer. Town attorney Tom Craven reports that he has checked the original deed, which suggested that the easement for the right-of-way might be lost if abandoned, and that perhaps Chalk might not hold clear title. One property owner begins attempts to acquire the abutting land under the principle of "adverse possession."

Mayor Kuster reports that a developer has offered Chalk \$1 million for a wide section adjoining Brookmont which could provide three to five buildable lots. He says the Park Service is interested in the section between Brookmont and the Parkway access road and in front of Glen Echo Park.

May, 1989—A few months after Mayor Borsari replaces Mayor Kuster. Mr. Craven reports that the town is no longer pursuing a possible purchase.

June, 1993—A three-mile section of the right-of-way is sold at auction to the Riders Group, which had finally won a 1960s class action suit against D.C. Transit and Chalk.

September, 1993—The Glen Echo Town Council votes unanimously to make an offer to purchase the entire stretch from the east side of Oxford Rd. to the end of Radcliffe La., with a width of approximately 30 feet. The bid of \$40,000 represents a price of approximately \$.71/sq ft.

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OPEN SPACE FUNDS THERE FOR LAND PURCHASE

By Carlotta Anderson

A bit of good news came to town last month when Mayor Beers determined that more than \$14,000 in Open Space funds have been allocated to Glen Echo for land acquisition or development.

The money is automatically set aside annually by Montgomery County for each municipality on the basis of its population. Glen Echo previously used \$7,110 of its funds for construction of the playground at Glen Echo Park.

The funds can be tapped at any time, but in order to purchase land the town must get it appraised by two independent appraisers and submit a form to the state for approval.

Getting appraisals of the right-of-way lands which the town wants to buy might be an expensive proposition, Mayor Beers pointed out. She has given preliminary notice that the town is interested in using its Open Space allocation for acquisition of the right-of-way when and if it becomes possible, but has not yet submitted a formal application to the park and planning commission.

WINTER COMES IN LIKE A LION

A ferocious ice storm hit Glen Echo and the entire metropolitan area the evening of Martin Luther King Day, Monday, Jan. 17.

Town streets were plowed and sanded, but on Wednesday several inches of snow fell. By Thursday, temperatures were below zero degrees and all streets and sidewalks were covered with a thick blanket of ice. Federal government offices were closed and there was no mail delivery in town, although the newspapers were delivered as usual.

Although streets were plowed and sanded again, walking continued extremely treacherous for days. The good news was that there was ice skating on the C&O Canal.

Just when most of the ice had melted, another layer of sleet and ice was deposited on the town on Jan. 27 and did not begin to melt until the next afternoon. It created a winter wonderland of iced trees and bushes, but even walking to one's car was all but impossible without first laying down a pathway of sand.

Mr. Peyton, who is responsible for sanding town streets, reported on Jan. 29 that he had run out of sand and that none was available from regular sources. Snow fell again the following day.

What is all this talk about global warming?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

WHAT A R.O.W.

“Council proposes ferris wheel and boating center for r.o.w.”

“Adjacent homeowners seek to erect skinhead biker bar and office complex on r.o.w.”

If Leonard Bebchick, the Riders Group representative and legal top gun (they own the r.o.w.) had monitored the first hour of the January 10 town council meeting, he would have been gleefully doing cartwheels at the prospect of adjacent property owners and the town squaring off on a no-holds-barred bidding war.

However, after the initial bloodletting, it was clear that we all agree on one important concept—that the trolley right-of-way provides a beautiful and unique quality to our lives here in Glen Echo. To all members of the community it represents graceful entranceways into the town and a garden-like protective screen from MacArthur Blvd. traffic. To the adjacent homeowner it is all these things and more. It is property within inches of our front doors and windows, property the use of which profoundly affects our way of living every day in a direct and personal way. Rumors, imagined and real, of proposed well-intentioned council public projects have provided a strong motivating force for the adjacent home owners to want to purchase this land for protection. The council, fearing unknown future uses, is attempting to act on behalf of the public. Is there common ground? We think so.

Compromise! Compromise! Compromise! No one is happy—everyone wins.

We, the adjacent property owners, propose that the council consider a position which allays permanently, through a conservation covenant, our fears as to the future use of this land, preserving the current greenspace status for everyone with no permanent structures, recreation or municipal facilities allowed. Additionally, we propose the formation of a landscapae committee to work with the council in an attempt to preserve and promote the beauty of the r.o.w. In return for such legal assurances we property owners would sublimate our legitimate desire to own this property.

Trust. Communicate. Compromise. We all win.

Jane and Brockie Stevenson, Jim and Kate Horwitz, Peter and Judi Garfield, Ann Ford & Nicholas Frabotta, Madeleine Carter & Alex Graham, Dave and Gail Robinson, Robin Hume, Doug Davies

THE MAYOR'S RESPONSE

First, I would like to thank all of those who took the time, over the busy holiday season, to respond to the questionnaire on the future use of the right-of-way. The rate of response was impressive as was the range and thoughtfulness of opinion presented.

I am sure that I speak for the council when I say that we welcome the adjoining property owners' willingness to work with the town government to reach a mutually acceptable compromise on the ownernship and use of the former transit right-of-way. It certainly is not in the interest of either side to engage in a bidding war which ultimately will benefit no one but Mr. Bebchick.

The right-of-way represents virtually the last available piece of open space within the corporate limits of the town. It is an aesthetic and acoustical barrier against an increasingly busy MacArthur Blvd. which enhances both the value of all of our properties and the quality of all of our lives. In voting to attempt to purchase this piece of property, the council acknowledged its value to all of our citizens. It is the council's position that the title to property which provides a predominantly public benefit is best held by a public entity, rather than by private individuals.

Within the framework of this minimum stipulation, the council is willing to work with the adjoining property owners to restrict development and use of the right-of-way in a manner consistent with its preservation as open space. Indeed, if the town is successful in its attempt to obtain Project Open Space funds from the State of Maryland to fund, in part, the acquisition of the right-of-way, the deed to any property thus acquired will have to contain covenants acceptable to Project Open Space which dedicate the land in perpetuity to uses consistent with that program's objectives.

In closing, I am sure that the council will welcome any suggestions offered either by adjoining property owners or others on the maintenance and landscaping of the property once it has been acquired. We should all remember, however, that the first step in implementing such plans is the acquisition of the land itself.

Deborah M. Beers
Mayor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I came home at 11:30 p.m. on Jan. 22, following sub-zero temperatures, to the sound of gushing water. Water was pouring between the walls to the crawl space beneath my house from a visible split in the intake pipe. I turned the turn-off valve to no avail.

I woke up my plumber, who advised me to call WSSC to turn off the water from the street. I was on hold for an hour, listening to the water pour. The woman who finally answered advised that it could be 24 hours before anyone could come due to the enormous volume of calls. She suggested calling the fire department.

I did just that, and within 15 minutes two friendly young men appeared and started chipping away at the 6-8 inches of solid ice covering the sidewalk, looking for the round metal cover.

When they turned off the water, we found an unbelievable sight—the entire four-foot high crawl space was filled to the brim with water. A few more inches and it would have come up through the floors or lifted my house off its foundation to float down Wellesley Circle.

"Don't worry ma'am, we have a sump pump." They switched it on and the water flowed out. By 4 a.m. the crawl space was dry.

I got up the next day filled with gratitude for the guys from the Glen Echo Fire Dept. who had saved me from an un-imaginable disaster. I'll buy a lot of their dance tickets next year!

I'd also like to sound a general note of gratitude to the people of Glen Echo. Since I moved here two-and-a-half years ago, they have come to my rescue many times. Gloria Levin and a man whose name I don't know helped me break in when I locked myself out. When my front door was left open, the postman called the mayor to make sure that nothing was amiss and the Andersons came over and closed it. Over Christmas, the Meyers checked my house daily to make sure all was well. And perhaps most meaningful to me, when I had a young girl from Ukraine staying with me, the Andersons, Wilsons, Meyers and many others helped to enrich her experience here and relieve me when I couldn't manage.

I travel a lot for my job, but if my lights are on and you have an emergency, call me. I'll be glad to help!

Leila Webster



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At the time of the tragedy, although much concern was expressed by the then mayor and other members of the town council, no action was taken. Because the town theoretically has its own animal control system, I could get no support from Montgomery County. Since I have moved away from Glen Echo, I do not know what the current status of animal control is in town. I only hope that things have improved. And I hope that my suit will deter others from letting pets loose in Glen Echo. My attorney, Shelah Lynn, will make the records of my suit available, should another such unnecessary incident occur.

Susan Tamulevich

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COUNTY TAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR TOWN'S STORM SEWERS

By Carlotta Anderson and David Sproul

If storm sewers break in Glen Echo in the future, the county department of transportation has agreed to fix them, town attorney Tom Craven determined last month. He has been asked to get this promise in writing.

Had the county been called at the time of the break that caused a sinkhole in the Shaut backyard, it would have assumed responsibility, Mayor Beers learned. She told the council last month that the county accepts this responsibility in municipalities where a special minimal tax is collected and forwarded to the county, but that Glen Echo has not been collecting this tax. She intends to make sure this non-payment will not cause a problem and to find out how to pay the tax in the future.

Apparently the county declined responsibility for a break in a town drain pipe last year.

Although the county has agreed to fix breaks, it will not replace the line unless there is a series of breaks.

Mayor Beers told the council that the leak which made such a chasm in the Shaut yard needed a long-term solution. However, in light of the county's stance, the town will abandon any plans to lay a new pipe at a shallower depth, she said.

Spartan Plumbing was able to get a firm to attempt a camera survey, but it was not able to get more than 20 feet into the storm drain in either direction. The council had voted to spend up to \$2,000 for camera work, but the town will not hire another camera crew, according to Mayor Beers.

The engineering report will be forwarded to the county, and the town will replace the landscaping at the Shaut and Rodemeyer yards, she said. However, in the future, it looks like storm drain breaks will be a problem between the homeowner and the county.

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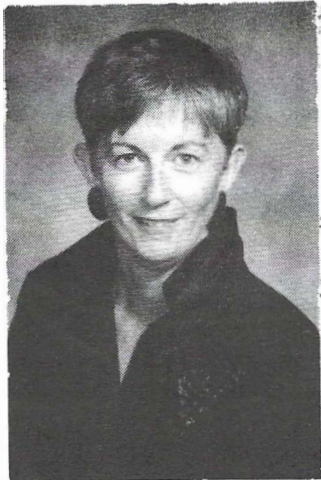
The council decided at last month's meeting to put off the idea of an **adult Valentine's Day party** in favor of one closer to St. Patrick's Day...

The role of **town attorney Tom Craven** was discussed at the meeting. He said he would appreciate timely warning from residents or councilmembers regarding upcoming hearings which may impact town interests...

Anyone wanting a free copy of the **holiday party photo** should call the town hall (320-4041) and leave a message...

A belated thank you to the holiday party clean up committee—**Susan Grigsby, Edie Springuel and Francis Grant-Suttie**...

Home fire extinguishers should be checked annually. Maryland Fire Equipment Corp will be at the town hall council chambers on Saturday, Feb. 26, from 10-11 a.m. to check any resident's fire extinguisher or sell them a new one for \$17 (2.5 lb. size) or \$28 for the 5 lb size. They will provide residents with a loaner for one week, while they recharge the old one for \$11.20 (small size)...



Eleanor

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FIRE BOARD SUED TO KEEP LADDER TRUCK

By John Barrett

The board of directors of the Conduit Road Fire Board, Inc. (legal name of the Glen Echo Fire Dept.) filed an injunction, a temporary restraining order, against the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Commission to prohibit it from moving Glen Echo's ladder truck to Potomac's Cabin John station on River Road.

The injunction was denied.

The commission had voted 7-0 to remove the truck and crew from Glen Echo on Mar. 8, 1994.

A four-plaintiff lawsuit, representing the fire board, the Bethesda Fire Department and two area concerned citizens groups has been initiated against the commission to force it to leave the truck at Glen Echo. The suit was filed against each commissioner individually as well as the group.

The document the commission is using to justify removal of the truck and personnel is the Master Fire Defense Plan, which was written in 1988. The out-of-date and antiquated information contained in it has been determined by several county authorities, including Betty Anne Krahnke, to not substantiate by a long shot the truck's removal.

I'm sure the concerned citizens of the Glen Echo fire demand district as well as all citizens of Montgomery County hope the commission will come to some equitable agreement concerning the matter and use "our" hard-earned tax dollars for something much more worthwhile than defending the commission and commissioners in an expensive and protracted lawsuit.

(John Barrett is the Town of Glen Echo's representative on the fire board.)

A HEARTENING STORY

For over a month, Reed Martin of Cabin John watched motorists pull into oncoming traffic to miss a "horrendous pothole" on MacArthur Blvd. about 50 feet from the Bannockburn Dr. intersection. After his car was jolted, and a friend had to have his car re-aligned after hitting the hole, he called the county transportation department.

They said the pothole had not been reported before, but they would come out that day or the next. The following day, it was repaired.

Mr. Martin wanted Glen Echo residents to know how effective a call to the road repair department can be. Their number is 217-2159.

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Glen Echo Town Hall
Contact the mayor if you wish to add an item to the agenda

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Free shredded wood mulch is available at the county's recycling center, Rt. 355 and Shady Grove Rd. The center processes brush and yard trimmings into a coarsely textured mulch suitable for garden beds, pathway material, children's play areas or around trees and shrubs.

The mulch is available in unlimited quantities weekdays from 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Please use the Rt. 355 entrance.

The Dept. of Environmental Protection is looking for communities that would serve as hosts for a pilot Neighborhood Mulch Preserve program. The sites desired would be small, unobtrusive parcels of less than 400 sq. ft., where a free supply of wood mulch would be made available to neighborhood homeowners. Examples of suitable sites include church grounds, neighborhood parks, common areas and closed school lots.

Interested groups are asked to call the DEP at 217-2770.

POLICE CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

By David Sproul

Montgomery County had a record **32 homicides** in 1993. Capt. Fred Ailes told the board at its January meeting. The most disturbing trend was that five of the victims were children under the age of three, he said. Most of the homicides were the result of domestic disputes; there were few drug or robbery related homicides...

The **traffic violation and graffiti** squads continue to ticket aggressively, but both areas have shown little change...

In an innovative system, costing more than \$200,000, **computers will automatically monitor** the origin of telephone calls to police and prepare summaries which will be used to allocate police resources according to where they are needed most. Since the Bethesda District is a relatively peaceful one, the impact of the soon-to-be-inaugurated system, will almost certainly mean a reduction of resources or expansion of territory for the Bethesda staff, Capt. Ailes said...

New fees levied against repeat **false alarms** of home security systems have not yet been enforced and the huge problem has not yet abated, he said. If they take the form of additional charges on a homeowner's tax bill, the chastening effect might be delayed for months...

TRAFFIC "HOT SPOTS"

Here are some nearby areas where traffic enforcement is most requested in the Bethesda District:

River Rd. and Little Falls Parkway, as well as along the 5200 block of River Rd., where the speed limit is being enforced.

MacArthur Blvd. between Seven Locks Rd. and the Clara Barton Parkway. Cars are driving on the bike path and posing a threat to pedestrians and bicyclists.

Wilson Lane near Pyle Jr. High School. Excessive speed here, a potential danger to pedestrians and students, has led to ongoing enforcement

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HOW TO RECYCLE TIRES

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FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT

December 1993

Spartan Sewer Raiders (sink hole)	\$5,500.00
A.B. Viers (asphalting)	\$9,925.00
Gollub & Brandon (update computer)	\$1,000.00

BRIEFLY NOTED

Artist and Yale Ave. resident **Carol Barton** graced the cover of *The Washington Post's* Home section on Jan. 13, and was one of the subjects of an article, "Mapmaker, Mapmaker," written by former Wellesley Circle resident **Susan Tamulevich**. It described Carol's one-of-a-kind books in which she incorporates maps into formats using three-dimensional or pop-up devices and accordion-like "tunnels."...

An attempt to oust the *Bannockburn Newsletter's* irreplaceable editor **Morris Cobern** failed when more than 100 Bannockburners protested the action taken by members of their civic associations's board. The board had dismissed him because he "reported civic news with more candor than tact," according to the re-installed Cobern, especially in regards to the fight with the county over improvements at the bus stop terminal...

BIRDWALKS OFFERED

The Cabin John Wild Bird Center is offering two Saturday morning birding field trips for those interested in observing winter birds.

Meeting place is at 8 a.m. at the Wild Bird Center on MacArthur Blvd, and return time is 10:30 a.m., when coffee or tea will be served in the store.

The scheduled walks, which involve car pooling to the designated site, are February 5--Seneca Community Park, and March 5--Violette's Lock.