

The Echo

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NEW VEHICLE ORDINANCE ON AGENDA THIS MONTH; INCLUDES PROVISION FOR SPEED BUMPS

By Phyllis Fordham and Carlotta Anderson

A new town vehicle control ordinance which will include a section authorizing some speed bumps will be introduced at the next town council meeting on Monday, Feb. 14 at the Glen Echo Town Hall. The proposed ordinance would also give the town full statutory authority to issue traffic tickets and tow illegally parked vehicles.

Residents who wish to comment on the new ordinance (Article 19) are urged to be present at the next council meeting, which will serve as a public hearing. By law, the ordinance must be publicly introduced no more than 60 days before it is finally approved by the council and becomes law.

The proposed ordinance was discussed at last month's council meeting, but council members agreed that a first draft of it was inadequate and that many changes needed to be made before its formal introduction.

Subsequently town attorney David Brown submitted a revised draft of a "Fair Summary" of the proposed ordinance, which will be distributed to town residences. The full text of

the ordinance will be available during office hours at the town hall.

The exact locations for speed bumps must be stated in the new ordinance. Lower Oxford Rd. and Oberlin Ave. were the only sites specified by council members last month.

**Make Your Own Valentines
at the
Town Valentine's Party
Sunday, Feb. 13, 5-7 p.m.**

**Bring wine, cheese or hors d'oeuvres
to share
Beer (left over from New Year's party)
provided by the town**

**All Residents Invited
Volunteers Needed—Please call Nancy
Long at the Town Hall, 301-320-4041**

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NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 14—8:00 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

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FREE HALL EVENTS FOR GLEN ECHO RESIDENTS

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

Thurs., Feb. 3, 8 p.m., American Indian Intertribal Council Organization meeting

Sunday, Feb. 6, 12:30-5 p.m., C&O Canal Assn. Board meeting

Sunday, Feb. 13, 5-7 p.m., TOWN VALENTINE PARTY

Friday, Feb. 25, 8 p.m.—Folklore Society concert, Anita Best, folk singer

Sunday, Feb. 27, 3:30-5 p.m.—Folklore Society family dance. Lou Shapiro and Mortal Wombat

Sunday, Mar. 5, 1-3 p.m.—Folklore Society concert, Footloose, folk group.

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

SNOW STORM VIGNETTES OF GLEN-ECHOANS

It was late afternoon on Tuesday, Jan. 25. After nearly a foot of snowfall and even major roadways unplowed, traveling anywhere was daunting. National Airport was closed. But Wellesley Circle resident Sarah Hewitt had to catch the 6:05 p.m. KLM flight from Dulles to Amsterdam and then on to Copenhagen, where she will spend her Junior Semester abroad studying mechanical engineering at the Danish Technical University. Her mother, Maire, was fearful that they could not get to Dulles in their Toyota sedan. In desperation, they called upon Tim Maloy of Oxford Ave., who owns a four-wheel drive SUV. Known to be generous to a fault, Tim drove them there in "absolutely terrible weather" and slippery roads, with only one or two lanes of the Beltway passable. They arrived, the flight took off, and within minutes Dulles Airport was closed down....

There was only one-quarter inch of snow on the ground Tuesday, Jan. 18, but that proved enough to bring traffic conditions throughout the Washington area to utter chaos. It was 5:30 p.m., the usual time for Norman Hudson-Taylor to leave Hyattsville for his Wellesley Cir. home. But when he looked out the front window and saw no cars moving, he knew the cause was hopeless. He stayed put until 10:30, finally arriving home at 11:30 p.m....

Andy Malmgren of Wellesley Cir. was able to hop an N-7 bus from 17th and K Sts. at his usual time, but didn't arrive at the Glen Echo station until three-and-a-half hours later....

That same night Jim Anderson made it from downtown D.C. to the Bethesda station by Metrorail with no problem, arriving around 5 p.m. He waited 40 minutes for a Ride-On bus to Glen Echo, then looked fruitlessly for a taxi. He saw no point in asking his wife, Carlotta, to pick him up and then having her caught in the traffic turmoil. And so he trudged home from Bethesda through sleet and icy roads. He followed the most direct route, which led him along Maiden Lane, Pyle Rd, across River and down through Bannockburn to MacArthur and his Wellesley Cir. Home. It took him an hour...

TOWN JOBS AVAILABLE

The town is looking for residents age 10 and over able to shovel snow off town walkways and/or deliver occasional town bulletins. Good pay. For details contact Clerk/Treasurer Betsy Platt at 301-320-4041.

FOUR SNOWFALLS KEEP RESIDENTS SHOVELING

Winter came into town with a roar last month. A sprinkling of snow Tuesday, Jan. 18, which brought metropolitan area traffic to a standstill for hours, was followed by three inches of snow two days later. On Tuesday, Jan. 25, residents had to confront eight or more inches of snow, only to have their cleared driveways and walkways blanketed on Sunday with several inches of new snow covered with a layer of sleet and freezing rain.

"Enough, already!" appeared to be the prevailing sentiment in town.

It could have been much worse. Glen Echo was outstanding for having its streets promptly plowed and sanded, while those across MacArthur Blvd. in Fairway Hills and Bannockburn (as well as most side streets in Bethesda) remained unplowed for as many as two days. Early Tuesday morning, after the heaviest snowfall, the postal carriers showed up at each house, slogging through the drifts to honor the post office vow that "neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gleam of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds."

So we got through January. The question now is: What does February have in store for us?



Eleanor

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

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CLEARING SNOW OFF SIDEWALKS IS RESIDENTS' RESPONSIBILITY

Residents found keeping their sidewalks clear of snow quite an arduous task last month. It seemed that just as they performed their civic duty the forces of nature dumped more snow on.

Nevertheless, residents are reminded that it is their obligation to clear the snow from all sidewalks abutting their property. This is not only required by town ordinance but is a courtesy to their neighbors.

If sidewalks are not cleared within the 24 hours allowed and the weather remains cold, pedestrians are sometimes inconvenienced for days or even weeks.

Some industrious citizens cleared their sidewalks and experienced considerable frustration when a snow plow dumped snow back over them, necessitating re-shoveling several times.

Most residents did an excellent job last month and are to be commended. However, if just one resident in a block leaves his or her sidewalk—or even part of it—unshoveled, the work of the more persevering citizens is diminished, since pedestrians will have to go into the street to bypass that uncleared section.

TOTAL RENOVATION BEGINS AT LITTLE FALLS MALL

Little Falls Mall, the closest mall to Glen Echo, will be transformed this year into "Shops at Sumner Place" with Safeway doubling in size and the CVS Pharmacy space substantially increased.

Construction is already underway, with a projected grand opening of the completed mall around Thanksgiving, according to the W.C. and A.N. Miller Companies, which built the mini mall in the 1960s. It is located off Sangamore Rd. between Massachusetts Ave. and MacArthur Blvd.

An additional 40,000 sq. ft. of space will be built for new shops, restaurants and services "based on a village concept," according to the Miller Companies.

Original plans call for Safeway to close from April through October. When it reopens in expanded form it will be known as the Safeway Marketplace and will occupy about two-thirds of the present main floor.

During construction, CVS and the two banks—Potomac Valley Bank and Chevy Chase Bank—will remain open and occupy temporary facilities.

There will also be an area set aside to be used as a community room for special events and gatherings.

Future tenants will include a mixture of existing shops and other retailers. Miller Realtors will relocate to the lower level.

SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTE

University Ave. is the designated Snow Emergency Route for the Town of Glen Echo in conformity with Federal Emergency Management Agency requirements.

When snow is anticipated, residents are asked to park only on the northeast side of University Ave., the side nearest MacArthur Blvd. or on the side streets.

There should be **NO PARKING** on the river side of University Ave..



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LOCAL CRIME NEWS

Two commercial break-ins were reported by Bethesda police at the citizens' advisory meeting on Jan. 12:

The night of Dec. 26/27 a front window was smashed at a business in the 7600 block of MacArthur Blvd. Nothing was taken. Following leads developed from the scene, police arrested an adult and a juvenile while they were driving a vehicle they had stolen in a prior burglary. At least six burglary cases were closed due to this arrest.

On Jan. 5 at 3:30 a.m. alarms sounded as the front window of a building in the 7300 block of MacArthur Blvd. was broken. Tools were taken. No suspects were identified.

The next beat meeting, open to the public, will be held Friday, Feb. 18 at 3 p.m. at the Friendship Heights field office.

There also was a break-in at the Glen Echo Park Police substation in December and an electric vehicle was taken, but later found at the Mohican Pool.

--Norman and Diana Hudson-Taylor

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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.

LADIES OF GLEN ECHO

You are invited to a Ladies Night

*at Carlotta Anderson's,
38 Wellesley Circle*

*Wednesday, Feb. 23, 8:00 p.m.
Surprise entertainment at 8:30 p.m.*

BANNOCKBURN NURSERY HOLDS FUNDRAISING AUCTION

The Bannockburn Cooperative Nursery School invites all community friends to the BNS annual fundraising auction. It will be held at the Bannockburn Clubhouse on Saturday, March 18, from 7-11 pm.

There will be a generous selection of tapas, a dessert bar and champagne, and will also include a cash bar.

A silent and live auction will feature items donated by local businesses and the Bannockburn community.

Tickets are \$20 per person. For more information, to purchase tickets, or to make a tax deductible donation, call June Solonsky at 301-263-0123.

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TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

January 10

Mayor Beers has named Councilwoman Long to be the town's representative on the **Architectural Review Board** the National Park Service has set up to review designs for the reconstruction of buildings at Glen Echo Park. The board will also include a representative from the county, the Glen Echo Park Foundation, and the National Campaign to Save Glen Echo Park...

Councilwoman Long reported that the Long Range Planning Committee is now in the process of **inventorying capital projects** in town. The mayor said it would be helpful to have a written report on buildings, streets and retaining walls. Ms. Long said a survey of undeveloped land should be made so the future of those undeveloped plots could be considered and the town could take a constructive role in the process...

Mayor Beers asked that a letter of appreciation be sent to **Betty Anne Kranke**, who is resigning from the county Council due to ill health, and who has been helpful to the town on a number of issues...

The town officially thanked Stacey Malmgren, who did a wonderful job leading the effort for the **New Year's Eve party**, which was a great success...

The council asked that the **Town Hall Use Committee** continue to work on their report. There was a recent event at the hall in which there was very loud music which disturbed town residents...

Councilman Bernhardt offered to **re-stripe** some areas on curbs that are in immediate need of repair. He will be getting estimates for the whole job from several contractors...

Mayor Beers directed Clerk/Treasurer Betsy Platt to have the **town hall** exterior power-washed. She noted that grounds maintenance may have to be rebid due to lack of performance by the current contractor, Landscape Projects, and directed Ms. Platt to get two bids by the February council meeting. Councilman Brintnall agreed to get estimates to fix the flashing on the entrance to the post office...

Councilman Maloy submitted for the record photos he took of the former trolley **right-of-way** alongside MacArthur Blvd. There was no movement last month on the town's acquisition of the property...

—Phyllis Fordham

80 PARTYGOERS CELEBRATE MILLENIUM AT TOWN HALL

Champagne flowed freely as more than 80 residents dined and danced under a revolving mirror ball and 50 silver balloons as they cheered on the New Year at the Glen Echo Town Hall on Dec. 31. The party, organized by Stacey Malmgren, was in swing until 1:30 a.m.

At least half the partygoers learned what the new year holds for them by consulting the fortune teller in the entrance alcove. Others made fantastic masks with feathers, sequins and beads provided by Kathy Polak.

Jamie Platt set up the sound system, with CDs furnished by townspeople.

The party was catered by Ridgewells with substantial contributions from the guests. Susan Grigsby and Nancy Long provided additional turkey and ham, Tim Maloy contributed some champagne, and other residents brought a wide variety of delectables to savor.

Some extras from the New Year's Eve party will provide drinks for the Feb. 13 Valentine's Party.

Jim and Carlotta Anderson won the door prize for best dancers. Other guests took home some of the 100 glass-enclosed candles lining the entrance path and glowing from the windows.

Stacey Malmgren would like to thank the following volunteers who helped make the party a success: Eve Arber, Carlotta and Jim Anderson, Debbie Beers, Elaine Bodlander, Susan Grigsby, Ed Hunter, Debbie Lange, Anne Lewis, Nancy Long, Tim Maloy, Andy Malmgren, Jamie Platt, Cathie and Willem Polak, Jan Shaut, Peter Somerville, Jane Stevenson and John and Michele Wells.

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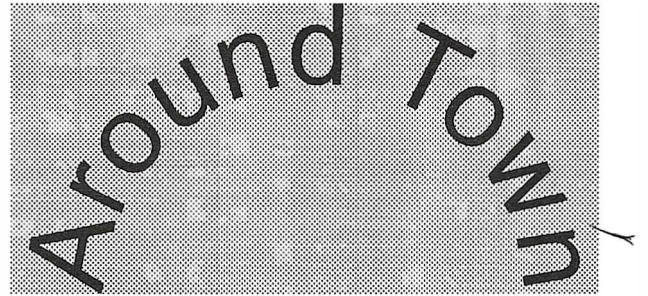
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
FOR GLEN ECHO RESIDENTS

Conduit Road Fire Board would like a representative from Glen Echo to sit on the board. The Fire Board oversees the operation of the local fire departments. Involves attendance at approximately one meeting per month. Anyone interested may contact Lenore Clarke at 202-874-3423 or Mayor Debbie Beers at 301-229-7308.

Animal Control Board will soon be short two members. This three member town board establishes regulations and procedures for enforcement of the Animal Control Ordinance, hears complaints of violations and prescribes action to be taken. If interested, please contact Mayor Debbie Beers at 301-229-7308.

Animal Control Officer: Duties include enumerating town pets, citing violations of the Animal Control Ordinance, issuing licenses and performing functions related to animals found at large, injured, abandoned, suspected of being rabid or ordered impounded by the Animal Control Board. If interested, please contact Mayor Debbie Beers at 301-229-7308.



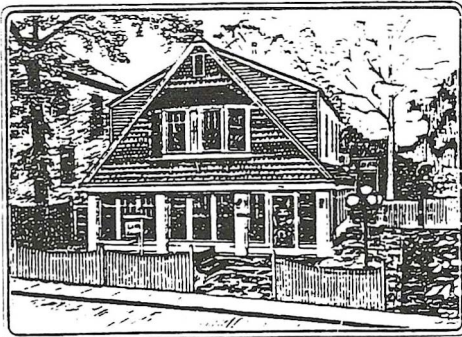
Clerk/Treasurer Betsy Platt has been writing **\$25 traffic tickets** under the town municipal infraction ordinance for vehicles parked illegally in front of the town hall. She has collected over \$200 for the town...

The Bannockburn Civic Assn. has joined forces with the Glen Echo Exxon station and Glen Echo Hardware to provide a **new trash can at the Glen Echo bus stop**. This one is chained and locked (previous ones were stolen) and the Exxon staff has volunteered to empty the can and replace the trash bags, the *Bannockburn Newsletter* reports. The Civic Assn. installed the trash can and paid for the supplies, which the hardware store deeply discounted...

In a **survey of Bannockburn residents** carried out by its Civic Association, about one-third of the households rated the stewardship of Glen Echo Park as top priority for the community, the *Bannockburn Newsletter* reports. The paper's editor also interviewed the presidents of other local communities to inquire about their priorities. For the Cabin John Citizens' Association, it is eliminating the "stinky smell" from sewer vents along the C&O Canal, rehabilitating the MacArthur Blvd. bike path and improving pedestrian safety along MacArthur. For the Glen Echo Heights Citizens Association, it is stopping the sale of the Brookmont School property, opposing "mansionization" of the community, controlling increased traffic and improving pedestrian safety.

Two nearby **canal lock houses** have been rented after being put up for lease last summer by the C&O Canal National Historical Park, the *Washington Post* reported. Lock house 6 and lock house 10 are both two-bedroom, 150-year-old stone structures that once housed families of the lock tenders. The tenants have been given about three months to do renovations and will probably move in around March or April. The park announced that it is putting five more lock houses up for rent elsewhere along the canal. Anyone interested may call 301-714-2220.

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Financial Planning

MAJOR RENOVATIONS UNDERWAY AT PARK

By Phyllis Fordham

The next total renovation at Glen Echo Park will be of the restroom building adjacent to the carousel. That building will be closed until April, but is expected to be completed by the time of the spring festivals, National Park Service official Karen Pittleman told the Glen Echo town council at its Jan. 10 meeting.

Two yurt roofs already have been replaced as well as the roof of the Hall of Mirrors. The Cuddle-Up roof will be started soon, she said.

As the renovation continues, there will be a domino effect, with programs moving to available spaces. The Arcade building will be demolished this fall, with completion of its replacement possible in 2002. During its construction, the park

offices will move to Yurt Village, with some offices placed temporarily in the Clara Barton house.

The Puppet Theatre will eventually move into the new Arcade building.

Target completion date for all the renovations, which are budgeted at \$3.7 million, is the beginning of 2003.

The Bumper Car Pavilion will be finished in April, Ms. Pittleman said. The Spanish Ballroom will be out of service in June and dances will be moved to the completed Bumper Car Pavilion. The Labor Day art show may be held there as well.

The park police will not leave the substation before September, she said. Once the substation is moved, park police will still be driving through the areas occupied by the park and the Clara Barton site.

The NPS is considering replacing the floor of the ballroom, but the cost of a new floor would be about \$300,000-400,000, according to Ms. Pittleman. Councilman Norman Bernhardt suggested replacement of the floor might be unnecessary if a rule to wear soft-soled shoes while dancing was imposed and enforced. Councilman Brintnall thought there should be a "no stomping" policy. Ms. Pittleman said that due to the public nature of the ballroom, with both experienced and inexperienced dancers, such policies might be difficult to enforce.

Ms. Pittleman said the Business Plan for the park is now in final draft, but the dollar amounts differ from those of the county because the county and federal governments are using a different basis for their estimated revenues. The NPS is working on a Management plan which will come before the public in February, although dates have not yet been set.

There will be hearings at Glen Echo Town Hall and at Pyle Middle School.

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Spencer Steele (flyer delivery)	\$15.00
New Year's Eve party	\$2,500.00
Landscape Projects (Dec. maint)	\$754.08
Pancake breakfast food	\$579.57

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