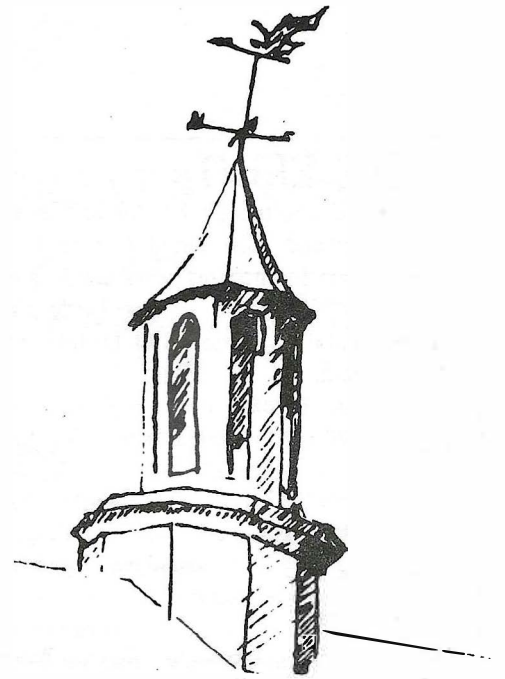


The Echo

The Town of
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January, 1991

PARK PARKING LOT CLOSED UNTIL MAY

By Carlotta Anderson

Easy pedestrian access to Glen Echo Park and a fine grassy area to run dogs were off-limits to local residents beginning in late November when construction work on the storm-damaged parking lot got underway.

The contractors have 180 calendar days to complete the work, which puts re-opening of the lot in late May. In case of "unusually bad weather," the completion date could be extended, according to park facility manager Ron Blaine.

Meanwhile, an orange plastic construction fence blocks the entire area to both vehicular, pedestrian and animal traffic.

A downsized Clara Barton site parking lot will remain in use at its present location, Mr. Blaine said. Plans for the parking lot construction called for reducing the size of that lot.

The work is being done under two separate contracts. Seascape, Inc., a firm which specializes in excavation and reinforcement of waterways, will be stabilizing the creek bed and constructing and landscaping the parking lot for \$996,816, according to Joanne Hanley, park site manager. The wooden bridge across Minnehaha Creek will be constructed by another firm under a \$186,762 contract.

Because the work will involve moving piles of large rocks and will create a hazardous situation, it was not possible to leave the causeway across the creek area open to pedestrian access, Mr. Blaine said.

NOTICE

Christmas trees may be discarded by putting them at curbside for Waste Management haulers to pick up.

NEARBY BRIDGES TO BE REPAIRED

By David Sproul

Glen Echo and Cabin John commuters will soon encounter another obstacle to easy driving. The bridges carrying traffic over the Clara Barton Parkway at Cabin John Gardens and the David Taylor Model Basin will be closed for repairs beginning January 3.

This work, which is not scheduled for completion until September, 1991, will eliminate the lone access to the parkway towards Washington for residents of this area.

Concrete General, Inc. of Gaithersburg is performing the work. The roadbed will be replaced and cosmetic repairs made to the railings, according to Kitty Roberts, superintendent of the George Washington and Clara Barton Parkways.

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TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

December 10

Councilman Shultz suggested the town might soon have to ponder writing some sort of ordinance restricting the parking of unusual vehicles on town streets. He cited the boat and trailer on Columbia Ave. and other larger than average vehicles as being dangerous. His proposal was to possibly have owners of these vehicles park them on town property near the Inn at Glen Echo...

Mayor Borsari said the park service sent a letter assuring the town that its property near the Inn at Glen Echo, which is being used as a temporary parking area during construction of the Glen Echo Park parking lot, will be returned to the town in its original condition after construction is completed...

—David Sproul

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KIDS' GALA, ADULTS' DANCE PARTY GREAT SUCCESSES

TOWNSPEOPLE CONGREGATE FOR HOLIDAY CHEER

The town hall was the scene of a gala celebration when some 60 residents gathered on Dec. 28 for the annual town holiday party. Food and drink were plentiful and a DJ provided rock music for some energetic dancers in the crowd.

"I was very pleased with the turnout," said organizer Nancy Long.

Many town residents cooperated to make the party possible. Decorations put in place for the children's party six days earlier did double-duty at the adults-only party.

Fred Kuster, who obtained the beer and wine, was as convivial as usual in his customary place as town party bartender. Nancy provided deli-trays and cookies, helped by Daryl Kuster. Kate Horwitz arranged for the DJ.

Raya Bodnarchuk designed the flyer advertising the event, which was distributed by Nancy, Harry Odell and Jim Horwitz also served as helpers.

—Carlotta Anderson

TOWN RESIDENT PLANS ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Glen Echo resident David Sproul, an engineer for WMAL and MIX 107.3 radio stations, has indicated an interest in starting an informal project to record the history of Glen Echo in the voices of some of its longtime citizens.

The project will be loosely scheduled over a number of months. Anyone wishing to participate is encouraged to call David or leave a message at 320-2665.



CHILDREN CREATE DECORATIVE SWEATSHIRTS

Forty-four town children, their parents and interested observers had a wonderful time at a lively town holiday party at the town hall on Dec. 22.

Organized by Kate Horwitz, the party featured the creation of individualized sweatshirts. Each child was given a plain white sweatshirt, which he or she decorated with glitter, bells, tassels, ribbons and other decorations, using washable glue. Most of them wrote their names on the shirts.

Other highlights of the party were playing the Dreidel game, the arrival of Santa Claus and the singing of Christmas and Hannukah songs. Lynn Dworsky brought a Menorah and told the children about Hannukah.

Tom Wolff took a group photograph of the children in their decorated sweatshirts. Copies of the photo will be available at cost to interested parents who contact Kate at 320-2171.

The town hall was decorated for both town parties by Kate, Holly Shimizu, and Kathleen Loveland. Jim Horwitz and Fred Kuster obtained the Christmas tree and other greenery. Lisa Greenberg wrapped the sweatshirts for distribution to each child. Bonnie Whyte headed the refreshment committee, Kirby Whyte served the Gatorade and many parents brought cookies. Jim Shaut and Dorrit Green also helped with the event.

Kate said she wanted to express her thanks to the many residents who worked on the party. "I never had such a pleasant experience working with people," she said. "Everyone did what they were asked to do."

CLASSIFIED ADS

BED AND BREAKFAST near Glen Echo Fire Station. Very low rates. 15% goes to your favorite charity. 301-229-4835.

BABY-SITTING. European woman psychologist, temporarily residing in Glen Echo, available beginning late January for daytime or evening baby-sitting. Has own transportation. Call Anita at 320-2887.

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TYPING, word processing. FAX services. Experienced, good references. Call Jennifer, 229-9121.

MAYOR DISTRIBUTES LETTER

On Dec. 28, Mayor Borsari distributed to each Glen Echo household a four-page letter objecting to complaints made at the November town council meeting by councilmembers and two residents, which were reported in the December *Echo*. Mayor Borsari was out of town and could not be present at that meeting.

Neither the mayor nor the councilmembers raised this subject at the December council meeting, at which Mayor Borsari presided, so the issue is not covered in this month's paper.

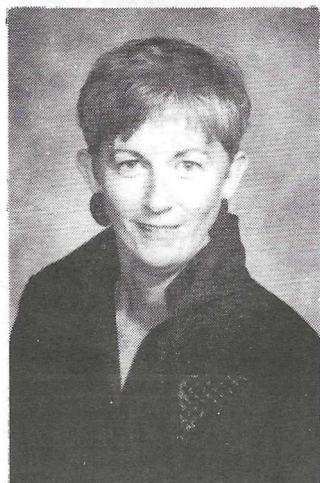
SNOW ON SIDEWALKS

Snow blanketed the area for the first time this year on Friday, Dec. 28, catching many people unprepared.

There were a few town residents who cleared their sidewalks immediately, but they were in the minority.

This is a responsibility of each household, and one which often determines whether townspeople can walk through town or not.

Let's hope all residents will be considerate of their neighbors during the rest of the winter season and clear their walks of snow as soon as possible.



Eleanor

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Inasmuch as the Mayor has chosen to go to the expense of distributing a rather lengthy letter to explain his conduct on a number of issues, we wish to share the following observations with our fellow townspeople:

1. We support the efforts of *The Echo* to accurately portray official and other public events which affect the town. We feel well served by the volunteers and have generally found *The Echo* to be reliable. An independent, dispassionate accounting of town business to our residents is a "must."

2. Opinions should be formed from other resources as well. Accounts by community journalists and hearsay recollections by others with "set agendas" are part of opinion making but nothing replaces first hand witnessing. Put simply, come to town meetings regularly (2nd Monday, each month, 8 pm), ask for agendas and treasurer's reports, voice a concern, ask a question. Listen to the discussions. See what gets implemented.

3. Have reasonable expectations about what problems the Mayor and Council can solve. By the same token, is it incumbent upon the appropriate parties, whether elected or employed, to be accountable for the duties they are charged with under the Town Charter? We think so.

4. Consider getting involved. Elections are coming up in the Spring of 1991. It seems to us that there are a number of quality, multi-talented residents who could put their considerable skills to use on behalf of the town. Call us at home if you would like to learn more about what's involved. In any case, please come out and vote on election day.

Lastly, we feel no sense of urgency to explain "our side" of the issues. We urge everyone to make a reasonable effort to be informed, participate directly and expect accountability. Our case will be made. Many times over.

Sincerely yours,

Deborah Beers, Councilwoman
William D. Shultz, Councilman

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 14—8:00 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

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

REMEMBRANCE OF GEORGE F. DENNIS

George Dennis, who died on November 24 at Sibley Hospital, was a longtime resident of Glen Echo.

He and his wife, Becky were married nearly 50 years. They met on a train while traveling to Hagerstown, Md. After their marriage on October 18, 1941, they built a home at 5808 Oxford Rd. on a building lot that was a gift of Becky's parents, who lived next door. After the death of her parents, they moved to 5806 Oxford Rd.

In their early years here, Glen Echo was very slow, Becky says. People stayed pretty much to themselves, and the Dennis's did not mingle with folks residing at the other end of town.

George was a butcher with A&P and Safeway prior to his retirement. In later years he enjoyed designing and crafting in leather. He and Becky traveled over the East Coast for many years going to craft shows.

George and Becky had two children. Becky says George was firm with the children, but understanding and kind.

George was born and lived his childhood in Arlington, Va. He was one of three children. In addition to his immediate family, a sister survives him.

--Bea Smith

TULANE PROPERTY GETS COMMERCIAL-TYPE STATUS

By David Sproul and Carlotta Anderson

An application for commercial use of a house at 6113 Tulane Ave. was approved unanimously in November by the county planning board. The house is currently being remodeled and Ms. Sally Law intends to use the 2,098 sq. ft. structure as office space, according to the notification sent the town of Glen Echo.

The board approved the application on condition that a tree preservation plan be prepared by a qualified expert and that "tree-save areas and protection devices" be inspected by its staff prior to any clearing and grading.

The board commented that it considered the building and its projected use compatible "with existing and proposed adjacent development." In keeping with the 1990 Bethesda-Chevy Chase Master Plan recommendations, the southeast section of town adjacent to the Inn at Glen Echo was re-zoned C-T (commercial transitional) earlier last year.

Councilwoman Nancy Long objected at last month's council meeting that this zoning category does not provide an opportunity for interested parties to comment when a property owner seeks to convert to C-T status.

NEWSPAPER RECYCLING PICKUP RESUMES

By Carlotta Anderson and David Sproul

The newspaper recycling program will resume on Jan. 10, with weekly Thursday morning pick-ups, according to Mayor George Borsari.

The contractor, Southeast Recycling Corp., has requested that papers be put out by 7 a.m. with pickup to take place not before 7:30 a.m., the mayor said.

The cost to the town, as specified in a proposed contract from the firm, will be \$1.40 per household. Mayor Borsari said he has not yet signed the contract, which would expire at the end of 1991.

Newspaper recycling was discontinued in April when Southeast notified the town that it would no longer be able to pick up the papers free because of the current low prices being paid for used newspapers. A poll of town residents in September indicated that a large majority of those who responded were in favor of the resumption of recycling even though the town would have to pay a fee.

The mayor said that because in the past Southeast had sometimes missed a pickup, he was instructing Waste Management, the town's trash hauler, to pick up any newspapers remaining in front of houses on Fridays.

At last month's council meeting Mayor Borsari said he wanted to speak with a representative of Southeast to resolve some concerns before signing a contract. Councilwoman Beers, visibly annoyed, reminded him that all the necessary information had been gathered before, in fact more than once. She urged him not to delay any longer in making arrangements for recycling.

The council unanimously passed a motion giving the mayor authority to sign a contract, provided pickups were performed on a weekly basis and a designated day. The mayor said he would make this clear to the contractor and do his best to sweeten the contract in the town's favor.

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BICYCLE RACING CLINIC AT LOCAL CENTER

The Clara Barton Community Center in Cabin John is offering two free bicycle racing clinics under sponsorship of the National Capital Velodrome Club.

The clinics will be held on Sunday, Jan. 27 and Sunday, Feb. 24, from 1-4 p.m. and are open to the public without charge. The Clara Barton Center is located in the former Clara Barton school on MacArthur Blvd.

STUDIO SPACE AVAILABLE AT GLEN ECHO PARK

The National Park Service is seeking competitive proposals from qualified individuals or groups to fill three Chautauqua Artists positions at Glen Echo Park.

Once selected, the artists are expected to operate studios from April 1991 through March 1992, with the potential to renew for a second year. Studios must be open to the public 30 hours per week from April 1 through November 15, and the artists must present classes and demonstrations for the public.

The space is provided rent-free, but a fee will be charged for utilities costs. Applications will be considered in the fine arts, performing arts and the humanities.

Proposals must be postmarked no later than Feb. 1, 1991. For further information call the park program director at 492-6229.

TOWN ACTIONS PENDING

--Correction of low curb problem at lower intersection of Wellesley and Cornell

--Ordinance making *The Echo* an official organ of Glen Echo

--Installation of stop sign at upper intersection of Cornell and Wellesley

--Installation of stop signs at Harvard and Columbia

--Organization of town records by Infomanagement

--Sound system at Town Hall

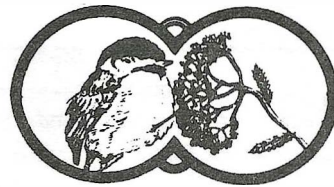
--Street and sidewalk repairs

--New chairs at the Town Hall

PROPERTIES ON THE MARKET

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6108 Bryn Mawr Ave.	\$399,000
22 Wellesley Circle	\$349,950
12 Wellesley Circle	\$215,000

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