

# The Echo

The Town of  
**GLEEN ECHO, MARYLAND**  
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July, 1992

## MAYOR BORSARI RESIGNS SUDDENLY Council Expected to Appoint New Mayor July 13

By Carlotta Anderson

Mayor George Borsari abruptly resigned on June 30, with less than a year of his four-year term remaining. Townspeople learned of his resignation by means of a letter circulated to each household that same date.

Town officials were as surprised as other residents by the suddenness of his move. An attempt by *The Echo* to contact him for further comment was unsuccessful. In his letter, Mayor Borsari cited business interests requiring extensive travel and a lack of time to devote to town affairs as reasons for his move. He had not attended the April or June council meetings nor the June 17 budget hearing (see adjacent story).

The town charter provides that when less than two years of the mayor's term remains, the council shall elect "a qualified person." It is expected that the council will do this at its regular town council meeting on July 13, after which the newly-elected mayor must be sworn in in Rockville by a clerk of the circuit court of Montgomery County.

Councilwoman Nancy Long stated that she is not interested in being mayor. "My professional responsibilities don't allow me time to do the job properly," she said.

The new mayor would be responsible for choosing any new councilmember[s], subject to approval by the council. If the

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## COUNCIL REJECTS BUDGET IN MAYOR'S ABSENCE

By Gloria Levin

"There will be no white smoke coming from the Town Hall tonight," Councilman Bill Shultz quipped at the end of the June 17 public budget hearings.

This remark reflected the council's annoyance at its inability to adopt a town budget for the 1992-93 budget year. With the mayor out of town, councilmembers said they had insufficient information upon which to determine the rationale behind his budgetary recommendations, and they questioned the accuracy of several of his estimates.

Councilwoman Beers noted that the budget, which was dated June 1 and circulated to town residents, was not distributed 32 days before its proposed enactment, as required by the town charter.

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## **BRYN MAWR RESIDENTS WANT "NO OUTLET" SIGN**

By David Sproul

Councilwoman Nancy Long, acting chair at the June 8 council meeting, presented a request for the town to install a "NO OUTLET" sign at the entrance to the dead end section of Bryn Mawr Ave. below University Ave.

She said there have been close calls with drivers speeding down the street, apparently thinking it provided access to the Clara Barton Parkway. When they realize their error, it is difficult for them to turn around at that location, she said.

The request was in the form of a petition signed by 10 residents of the block.

Councilwoman Long asked Councilman Shultz to look into having the sign installed. He replied that he has been reminded often that "George Borsari is the chief administrative officer of the town and taking any action that infringes on that is not something I want to do." He noted that the council had approved erecting stop signs at Harvard and Columbia Aves. one-and-a-half years ago and the signs had not been put up.

Councilwoman Beers moved that the council direct Mayor Borsari (who had not yet resigned) to install the sign. The motion passed unanimously.

## **PETITIONERS CLAIM TOWN GROUNDS NOT WELL-MAINTAINED**

By David Sproul

Thirty-three town residents submitted a petition to the council at its June 8 meeting questioning "the lack of interest and commitment by this present administration in providing improved and regular maintenance to the town's public grounds."

They asked for better upkeep of all street entrances into town, the area between Harvard and Bryn Mawr Aves., the slope above the town hall and an area at Yale and University Aves.

The petition was organized by Bea Smith, who told the council that she suspects Mark Reeves, the contractor, is unwilling to perform this work without a signed contract and has not been able to reach the mayor.

Councilman Shultz asked Clerk-Treasurer Horwitz to draft a letter to Mr. Reeves authorizing him to get on with the work. She said she would send such a letter with the permission of Mayor Borsari, who subsequently resigned on June 30.

## **MAYOR RESIGNS (from p. 1)**

council elected either councilmembers Debbie Beers or Bill Shultz as mayor, only two members would remain, since Harry Odell resigned in April. It is not clear whether this would constitute a quorum required for conducting town business. Town attorney Tom Craven is researching this issue.

The council has not acted on Mayor Borsari's May nomination of Donald Moran to the council seat vacated by Mr. Odell. Last month resident Gloria Levin wrote the mayor offering to place her name in nomination for appointment to the post.

George Borsari was elected to the council in 1969, but resigned in February, 1975, during his second four-year term. He was elected mayor in May, 1977, and served until 1981, when Fred Kuster took office as mayor.

He was elected mayor a second time in May, 1989, in an unopposed election. His current tenure has been marked by complaints by some councilmembers and residents that council decisions were not implemented, that they were not sufficiently informed regarding town business, and that there was inadequate oversight of the town's operations and finances.

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## COUNCIL FINDS BUDGET INACCURATE, INCOMPLETE (from p. 1)

Councilman Shultz registered a strong protest to the "entire premise of the hearing without the presence of the mayor," and stated that the budget items were developed unilaterally by the mayor without his having informed others how the estimates were arrived at. However, with Councilwoman Long presiding, the three councilmembers met for two-and-a-half hours in a general work session and solicited comments from the three town residents in attendance in addition to this reporter.

In anticipation of further information from the mayor about his proposed budget, they set July 6 as the date for a hearing to adopt an amended budget. After the sudden resignation of Mayor Borsari on June 30, they decided instead to take the matter up at the regular July 13 monthly council meeting. Meanwhile, Clerk-Treasurer Kate Horwitz was instructed to collect information pertaining to errors or omissions in the original budget proposal.

Problem items included the following:

- income from personal property taxes listed as more than double the amount budgeted;
- inaccurate figures for interest income from capital investment fund, for both recycling income and expenses, and for expenses for maintenance of public space.

Councilmembers rejected Mayor Borsari's proposal for no collection of real estate taxes for 1992-93 and agreed on a continuation of the current rate of \$.33 per \$100 assessed value. They thought the current rate reasonable and consistent with the town's needed level of services. Councilwoman Beers noted that the rate has been repeatedly reduced, from a high of \$.72/\$100 valuation.

The council agreed with the position of resident Tom Kenney, expressed in a letter to the mayor and council, objecting to counting surplus as income. Members also supported his suggestion for a study of the lifetime expectancies, replacement costs, etc. of town property assets and equipment. Such a study had been discussed at earlier hearings, and they expressed frustration that it hadn't been done this year.

They allocated \$2,000 for street sweeping, which the mayor had eliminated as an expenditure.

The council found the mayor's estimates for two capital projects to be far too low and wanted to see plans. Mayor Borsari had estimated street resurfacing at \$20,000 and installation of an elevator and additional bathroom at the Town Hall to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act at \$50,000. Resident Renny Springuel said he had obtained an informal estimate of \$75,000 as a partial cost for the elevator, exclusive of electrical work.

Of more concern to the councilmembers was the mayor's inaction on items included in prior budgets, resulting in a deceptively large surplus. They called it "illusory," since it was the result of needed expenditures being deferred. Councilwoman Beers totalled unexpended but budgeted items in the past three years' budgets at approximately \$56,000, \$38,000 and \$54,000.

Among the unmade expenditures were a new sound system and new chairs for the town hall, driveway cuts for offstreet parking, and the perennially-budgeted street repairs. Councilman Shultz said that "the town has been very patient" and that residents "don't mind paying taxes but want to see something happening."

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## UNPAID AUDITORS STOP SERVICES TO TOWN

By Gloria Levin

The town's auditing firm is no longer providing services to the town because of Mayor Borsari's refusal to pay a past bill. Clerk-Treasurer Kate Horwitz told the town council last month.

Councilwoman Nancy Long acknowledged that this was the result of "unbelievable performance" by the auditors, including an unsatisfactory presentation before the council at its Dec. 9 meeting last year.

The unpaid bill is for \$3,600 for 90 hours of work from Nov. 1, 1991 to Jan. 3, 1992. The town had previously spent \$4,985 on auditing for the last fiscal year, exceeding the \$4,500 allocated in the budget.

Councilmembers learned that the firm, Cohen & Smith, came to town monthly to balance the books for the previous clerk-treasurer, Paula Wolff. However, the firm failed to perform some services contracted for, such as providing quarterly updates to the council.

Councilmembers concurred that a priority item of business is to find a new accounting firm. They directed Ms. Horwitz to seek assistance in identifying qualified firms from the Maryland Municipal League staff.

## CLERK-TREASURER'S ROLE TO BE EXPANDED

By Gloria Levin

A proposal by Clerk-Treasurer Kate Horwitz to expand her duties considerably was preliminarily approved by the town council at its June 17 budget work session.

The council approved an increase in her salary, from the current \$5,000 to \$10,000 to permit her to undertake the extra duties. She agreed to accept the arrangement on a one-year trial basis. It would involve a heavy involvement over the summer and part time during the school year.

Among the proposed additional duties are: regular office hours, supervising town contractors, purchasing supplies and organizing town social events.

Councilmembers appeared enthusiastic about this plan and likened it to a town manager. They instructed Ms. Horwitz to undertake several tasks consistent with her expanded role. One was to provide a monthly status report. They encouraged her to be candid about any problems she might encounter.

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## THE KEYHOLE

By Tillie McNoldy

**Sparky**, a 10-year-old basset hound, was wandering around Glen Echo last month without a tag and looking lost. After he followed **Peter** and **Kathy Godfrey** and their dog to the park, Peter carried the 50-pound animal to dog-lover **Bea Smith's** on University Ave. for temporary refuge. Bea sent word to the humane society and kept Sparky overnight. The next day he was reunited with his owner, who lives near Pyle Jr. High School, and who had driven around looking for him into the wee hours of the night...

While some of our neighbors vacationed at beaches, mountains and elsewhere, others entertained friends and relatives who chose this area for their vacations.

**Carlotta** and **Jim Anderson** and daughter, **Julia Wilson**, traveled to Ouray and Telluride, Colo. with son, **Eric**, who lives in Denver. The parents went on to South Dakota's Pine Ridge Indian Reservation for the graduation ceremony at Oglala Lakota College, an institution with which they are involved...

**Sarah Patton** and **Leo Mondale** and daughter, **Sophie**, of University Ave., vacationed in Duck, N.C. While there, they celebrated Sophie's second birthday on June 14. Happy birthday, Sophie!...

**Sharon** and **Jim Kleinfelter** and daughters **Christina**, **Leslie**, **Rachel** and **Lara** from Arcadia, Ind. visited the McNoldys on Princeton Ave. Sharon was formerly a "McNoldy." grew up in Glen Echo, and returns every year to visit relatives and friends...

**Lois Carroll**, formerly of Yale Ave., visited her son **Richard** in Indonesia. One of the places they toured was Bali, which she said is beautiful. She was surprised and amused to see McDonald's, Wendy's and Burger King represented in Indonesia, and very popular, too...

*(Leave your news for The Keyhole in Tillie's mailbox at 6100 Princeton Ave.)*

### FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT

May 1992

Lynott & Craven (attorney)	\$775.25
Mutual insurance	\$350.00
Galloway (floors)	\$135.00
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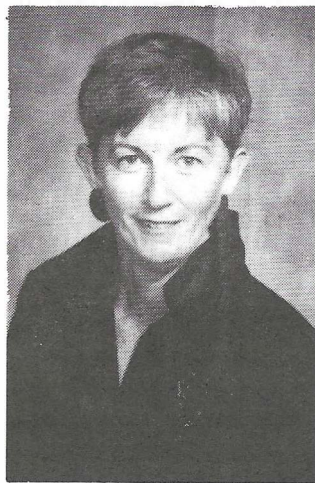
## MEMORIAL SCULPTURE HONORS KELLIE PIERCE

By Carlotta Anderson

A bronze sculpture of a sitting cat was placed in the outdoor courtyard of Bannockburn Elementary School last month in a ceremony honoring former student Kellie Pierce.

The memorial sculpture was commissioned by her parents, Ed and Barbara Pierce, of Harvard Ave. The artist chosen was Raya Bodnarchuk, who lives across the street from them. The dedication ceremony took place on June 16 in front of Kellie's fifth grade classmates, who graduated two days later. Contributions for the work were received from a group of Bannockburn parents, as well as a donation of \$100 from the Town of Glen Echo.

Kellie's parents chose the cat sculpture, which sits on a granite base, because they thought the subject would have appealed to her. For the little plaque with the words "Kellie Pierce, 1980-1990" Raya used lettering by Kellie's sister, Michelle.



Eleanor

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## TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

June 8, 1992

In the absence of both Mayor Borsari and Donald Moran, consideration of **Mr. Moran's appointment to the council** was unanimously tabled...

Clerk-Treasurer Kate Horwitz reported that there are several areas in the **budget** where there appears need to **exceed authorized amounts**. She listed legal fees, auditors' fees and electricity, and said she would confer with the mayor about shifting funds from other underused categories. Councilman Shultz said he understands the problem but that the mayor must ask the council for authority to make adjustments in the allocations of funds...

A resident asked if there was any prospect of **buying the additional chairs for the town hall** which were authorized so long ago. Councilwoman Long said that at least this wasn't a pressing need. Councilman Shultz asked why the council must choose between pressing and non-pressing needs when the resources are there for both. He said the list of authorized but unspent allocations is growing longer all the time. He said that the town shouldn't be fooled by a large town "surplus" when so many things remain to be purchased...

No action was taken on the idea of **regular office hours** at the town hall...

Councilwoman Long was acting chair in the mayor's absence.

--David Sproul

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### **THUNDERSTORMS CUT POWER**

Storms on June 27 and 30 cut off power for hours and damaged some residents' electrical equipment.

Both days the power was off for more than three hours.

One resident's dishwasher with electronic controls was knocked out by a power surge. Another resident's fax machine was saved by a surge protector, but it was fried and tripped the circuit breaker.

The Westbard Radio Shack reported a run on surge protectors after both storms. Equipment particularly vulnerable to electrical surges includes TVs, microwave ovens, computers, fax machines and all appliances with electronic elements.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO GRADUATES

Congratulations to the six Glen Echo young people who graduated from local schools last month. They were:

Bannockburn Elementary School—**Bernie Springuel**. His brother, **Mark**, 5, graduated from the Montgomery Primary Achievement Center.

Pyle Junior High School—**Laura Beers**. Laura received six awards at the June 12 award ceremony, four for getting all A's in four academic subjects, one for participation in a cross-age science teaching project, and one for serving as a teacher's assistant in math.

Whitman High School—**Billy Borsari, Ilona Moreland** and **Rusty Shultz**.

(If we left anyone out, please contact the editor for inclusion in next month's issue.)

### **WEATHER COOPERATES AT ANNUAL PICNIC**

Sunny skies smiled on a large group of town residents who assembled at the town park on June 14 for the annual picnic. The children—and some adults—amused themselves on the Moonbounce, obtained for the occasion by clerk-treasurer Kate Horwitz.

Tabooli, pasta salad, stuffed peppers, and strawberry pie were among the delectable dishes shared by the picnickers. Tom Kenney contributed one of his famous cakes, this one decorated with an American flag out of tinted icing.

Just before the picnic, a group gathered at the Town Hall to recite the Pledge of Allegiance in honor of Flag Day. Small flags had been placed in front of each residence by Eleanor Balaban.

The picnic was organized by Kate Horwitz, assisted by Nancy Long and John Barrett. Beverages were provided by the town.

### **PROPERTIES ON THE MARKET**

6103 Princeton Ave.	\$199,000
16 Wellesley Circle	\$255,000
5 Radcliffe Lane	\$250,000

## BRIEFLY NOTED

Many town residents reading "Watergate Revisited" in the *Washington Post* last month learned that **John Barrett** of Wellesley Circle was of the police officers who arrested the five intruders involved in the break-in at the Democratic National Committee headquarters in the Watergate Office Building on June 16, 1972. Now retired from the D.C. police force, John was interviewed by many media representatives, including Channel 5 and Ted Koppel's "Nightline," for the 20-year anniversary of the event...

**Herbert H. "Hal" Vreeland III**, former president of the Potomac Valley League, died on June 1. He held office at a critical time when a proposed extension of I-270 into the Glen Echo/Brookmont area was successfully blocked, according to town councilwoman Nancy Long...

Concerned citizen **Bea Smith** was seen mowing the grass along the bike path at the entrances to town on June 9. She has long been involved in efforts to beautify the town...

The **N8 bus** converted to Ride-On 29 at the end of last month. There were some weekend schedule changes...

The Glen Echo Chapter of the Older Women's League presented Rep. Connie Morella with its "Tinkerbell Award" because she has not supported its request for **elder housing at Glen Echo Park**, the *Gazette* reported. League president Grace De Palma has been trying to get housing for the elderly in this area since 1984...

The county plans to put in a **crosswalk** on the Glen Echo side of the bridge into Cabin John, the *Village News* reports...

## GLEN ECHO PARK EVENTS

**Adventure Theatre—**

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## OBERLIN RESIDENTS SAY FESTIVALS WENT SMOOTHLY

By David Sproul

Oberlin Ave. residents Penny Bodine and Bob Radzysinski expressed themselves as relatively undisturbed by the Irish and Folk festivals held at Glen Echo Park in May, Councilwoman Long told the council last month. For the first time, they found a tent stage situated next to them on the grassy area between Oberlin and Tulane Aves.

Councilwoman Beers expressed concern for the dangers posed by extensive illegal parking along MacArthur Blvd. during the festivals. Others present lamented the light use of the satellite parking space at the Defense Mapping Agency on Sangamore Rd.

Councilman Shultz complained that the park service is encroaching on town land near the park, storing traffic control cones on the street and erecting temporary parking control signs. He noted that its use of the town's grassy area for overflow parking is set to end on June 30, at which time it is to be returned to its former condition.



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