

# The Echo

## The Town of GLEN ECHO, MARYLAND Chartered, 1904

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July, 1994

### NEW TOWN COUNSEL APPOINTED

Norman Knopf was appointed new town attorney last month by the town council. He was one of four candidates interviewed by the council.

Mr. Knopf will attend council meetings as requested. Mayor Beers will be discussing town legal issues with him soon.

Mr. Knopf has been town attorney for Somerset for about 10 years and has handled several lawsuits for that municipality. His law firm of Knopf & Brown, which has offices in D.C. and Silver Spring, also has represented the Bannockburn Citizens Association, Cabin John Citizens Association and other nearby community associations. It has not represented large developer interests in order to avoid any conflict-of-interest situation, according to a letter Mr. Knopf sent the town.

His hourly rate for municipalities is \$150 for himself and \$100 for associates.

Mr. Knopf has lived in Bethesda for 25 years. He is a residential representative on the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Citizens Advisory Board.

### CLERK-TREASURER RESIGNS

Clerk-Treasurer Kate Horwitz has informed Mayor Debbie Beers that she will be resigning as part-time town clerk-treasurer by the end of the summer. She has held the position since April, 1992.

She has agreed to stay during a transition period so that a replacement can be trained. She also wants to complete some projects she has been working on, Mayor Beers said.

The reason for her resignation, Ms. Horwitz said, is that her responsibilities at the Stone Mill Elementary School in North Potomac are increasing as of the coming school year.

She has been working at the school as a speech/language pathologist while also holding the position of Glen Echo clerk-treasurer.

**CLERK-TREASURER POSITION  
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Town of Glen Echo**

**Please Contact:  
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## EXTRA ECHOS AVAILABLE

If you didn't get your copy of *The Echo* or would like an extra one, there are a few left each month at the Glen Echo post office.

Just ask a clerk for one.


## PICNIC HELD AT TOWN HALL

About 15 families brought food to share to the annual town potluck picnic on Saturday, June 18.

Clerk-treasurer Kate Horwitz, who organized the picnic, decided to move it from its customary location at the town park to the town hall because of the heat.

The moon bounce, set up in front of the town hall, initially had inflation problems because the town hall electrical capacity was insufficient for the amperage required. Eventually, a plug in the kitchen area was found to meet its requirements and town kids had a chance to bounce for an hour.

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## COUNCIL ADJUSTS CLERK-TREASURER'S SALARY

By Anne Lewis

The town council approved a reduction in the salary of the clerk-treasurer at its June meeting, thus completing its work on the fiscal 1995 budget. The decision was made, however, amidst some controversy over the procedure and the lack of a council policy on personnel review.

Councilwoman Nancy Long amended the motion she made at the May budget hearing regarding the salary of the clerk-treasurer. That motion, which was approved in May, set the total expenditure for the position at \$10,000, \$2,000 below the figure proposed by Mayor Beers.

Her new motion took into consideration the fact that the budgeted amount includes not only the salary, but workman's compensation and Social Security paid by the town. She moved that the salary be decreased by the amount of the cost-of-living adjustment given last year as well as the one proposed by the mayor for the new fiscal year. It set the current salary itself at \$10,000, bringing the total spent by the town to about \$11,200 per year, or \$1,200 above the amount approved at the May budget hearing.

The decrease was made because the collection of taxes had been transferred to Montgomery County and was no longer one of the clerk-treasurer's duties. Clerk-treasurer Kate Horwitz had estimated that preparing real estate tax bills and collections required about 40 hours a year.

Ms. Horwitz argued that she had taken on additional responsibilities but was "comfortable with the way the job is now designed."

Underlying the discussion on funding, however, was a secondary issue of evaluation of the clerk-treasurer's performance. Councilman Jim Anderson asked for an executive (closed) session of the council to discuss this, saying he would not like to discuss budget issues until personnel issues had been taken up. The council has met at least once in executive session recently to discuss the issues to which he referred.

Councilman Michael Brintnall objected to personnel review and budget decisions being considered at the same time. He recommended the council develop a policy regarding personnel evaluations that would require them to be completed before the council took up the budget each year.

The position of clerk-treasurer, he said, has evolved and now requires a personnel policy. While the term "town manager" was used to describe the extended duties, Councilman Brintnall said that was incorrect because the duties do not call for administration.

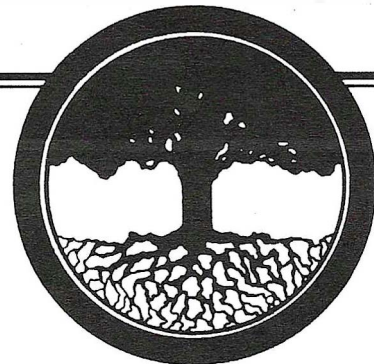
Mayor Beers argued that the issue before the council dealt with the budget and not personnel.

No member supported the request for executive session, and Councilwoman Long's motion to decrease the clerk-treasurer's salary by a smaller amount than had been approved at the budget hearing ended in a tie (Long and Brintnall for, Anderson and Shultz against.) Mayor Beers broke the tie with an aye vote. Ms. Horwitz subsequently resigned for personal reason (see related article, p. 1).

*(Editor's note: The salary paid Glen Echo's clerk-treasurer has risen from \$700 in 1975 to \$3,000 10 years later, and \$5,000 in 1991. The following year, it was increased to \$11,000, including the payroll taxes.*

*For most of that period, the job was thought of as part-paid, part volunteer. In fact, during the years "Mac" McNoldy was clerk-treasurer, he did not even collect the budgeted salary.*

*Over the years, the duties of the clerk-treasurer have also changed.)*



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## **TOWN HALL TO GET MORE ELECTRICAL CAPACITY**

By Anne Lewis

Under the current electrical capacity of the town hall, extra use, such as stereo equipment for parties, blows fuses.

This insufficiency was made clear at the town picnic on June 18, when efforts to inflate the Moon Bounce broke the circuit at several outlets until it was determined that there was adequate amperage at a plug in the kitchen area.

The power available is also too low for the proposed elevator to bring the hall into compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Three bids for expanding the capacity were presented to the town council last month, but because the bidders disagreed on what needed to be done, there was no way to compare them, clerk-treasurer Kate Horwitz said.

The council decided to request standardized bids, specifying two 200-amp electrical panels and the addition of a power company socket.

## **PLANTS OVER SIDEWALKS TO BE CUT BACK AUGUST 1**

Residents are reminded that the town ordinances require that they keep sidewalks bordering their homes clear of overgrowth so that people can walk unimpeded.

Any overhang that has not been removed by residents will be cut back by the town on August 1. Property owners will be assessed the cost, as provided for in the ordinances.

—Mayor Debbie Beers

## **ADVISORY BOARD MEETS AT BANNOCKBURN CLUBHOUSE**

The B-CC Citizens Advisory Board will meet July 18, at 7 p.m. at the Bannockburn Clubhouse. There will be a speaker from the Dept. of Environmental Protection.

Local residents are invited to attend.

The board is scheduling meetings in different neighborhoods to offer an opportunity for local issues to be discussed.

## **MANY TOWN PETS STILL NOT LICENSED**

Fourteen Glen Echo families have renewed licenses for their pets as required by the town ordinances. Twenty-one families which are known to have pets have not, according to clerk-treasurer Kate Horwitz.

Annual Glen Echo licenses for town pets expired on June 30. Town ordinances state that after that date, the licensing fee will be doubled; if more than two months late, it will be tripled. The ordinances also provide that any animal not licensed by the end of July will be reported by the Animal Control Officer to the Animal Control Board, which can order an unlicensed animal removed from the town.

Proof of current rabies inoculation must be presented in order to obtain a license. Rabies shots for the pets of Glen Echo residents are available free of charge at either the MacArthur Animal Hospital, 4832 MacArthur Blvd., NW, (202) 337-0120, or at the Alpine Animal Hospital, 7732 MacArthur Blvd., Cabin John, (301) 229-2400.

If your pet is picked up by a county animal control officer and found not to have a current rabies vaccination, you will be fined \$500.

New licenses may be obtained by contacting clerk-treasurer Kate Horwitz at the town offices, 320-4041.

License fees have now been doubled to \$8 for a male or spayed female dog or cat and \$16 for an unspayed pet.

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**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.

## PRODUCE VENDOR TONY TAKES EARLY RETIREMENT

By Carlotta Anderson

Tony Dicarlantonio, who has been selling fruits and vegetables from his truck parked at Wilson La. and MacArthur Blvd. for a quarter century, decided to retire at the end of June.

He is only 93 years old.

Born in Abruzzi, Italy in 1901, Tony has brought produce to the spot almost daily for 27 years after picking it up at markets and farms as early as 4 a.m. Much of it was grown by him and his wife, Beulah, at their own farm at 10611 MacArthur Blvd.

Despite the years of hard work—or maybe because of them—Tony says he's "the happiest man in the world" and has everything he wants. Most of all he cherishes Beulah; "she's perfect." While Tony minded the truck, Beulah worked every day in their fields, planting and harvesting.

After Tony's "retirement," he and Beulah will continue selling raspberries, gooseberries, blackberries, strawberries, tomatoes, beans, peaches, apples, and squash directly from their MacArthur Blvd. farm and home. Their produce is all organic. They use no chemicals or sprays and no fertilizer except chicken manure.

You can visit them there from 10-6, seven days a week.

## NO DECISION ON VENDORS AT BRIDGE SITE

By Carlotta Anderson

For years, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been debating whether vendors should be permitted to continue selling their wares from the lot at Wilson La. and MacArthur Blvd.

There have been many complaints from local residents. There have also been petitions from the defenders of the vendors.

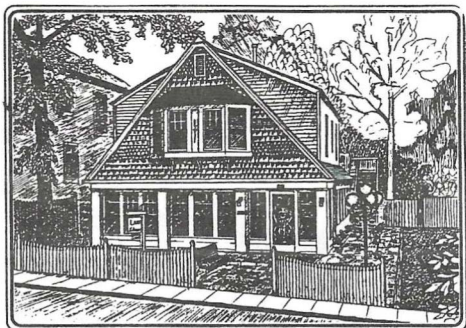
A recent rumor held that the vendors would be forced to move on June 30, after the legendary Tony Dicarlantonio retired from the spot (see accompanying article).

No decision has been reached yet, according to Corps of Engineers spokeswoman Linda Greene, and the issue is still under discussion.

The Engineers feel that the vendors pose certain liability, traffic and trash problems, as well as raising the question of why they should be allowed to use government property without cost. On the other hand, if they were to be charged a fee, the Engineers would have to advertise the spots and vendors would have to bid for them, involving much bureaucratic work.

In addition, the county considers that having the vendors there is not compatible with residential zoning.

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Monday, July 11—8:00 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

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# WASTE MANAGEMENT REP HEARS NO CITIZEN COMPLAINTS

By Anne Lewis

A representative of Waste Management, Inc. attended the June town council meeting for the purpose of hearing resident complaints, but no one who has complained was there to raise them.

Heidi Sorg asked for patience on working out the details of recycling collections, saying "little by little we are all getting used to this, and as a company we are learning, too."

However, both the mayor and clerk treasurer said that the most complaints concerned trash pickup, not recycling.

The clerk treasurer said she gets good response to her phone calls to Waste Management, "but then nothing happens."

Ms. Sorg pointed out that on Tuesdays, three trucks are involved in pickups—regular trash, recycling materials, and yard waste.

She said that yard waste can be placed in regular paper bags and it is not required to use the special bags designed for that

# TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

June 13

The council rejected a preliminary design for a ramp for the disabled that would provide access to the post office. It will request that such a ramp be closer to the parking set aside for the disabled and that it minimize its effect on the space in front of the building...

Leonard Bebchick, representative of the Riders Group, will be notified that they must maintain the former trolley right-of-way, as any other property in town must be maintained, and that if the town does the work, they will be billed...

The new owner of the property at 32 Wellesley Circle will be notified that the retaining wall recently constructed on the Cornell side was erected on town property...

The sponsor of the Tai Kwon Do classes at the town hall is moving from Glen Echo but will continue to conduct the classes. The council agreed to continue to rent the space for \$5 a month per student as long as the organization remains non-profit.

--Anne Lewis

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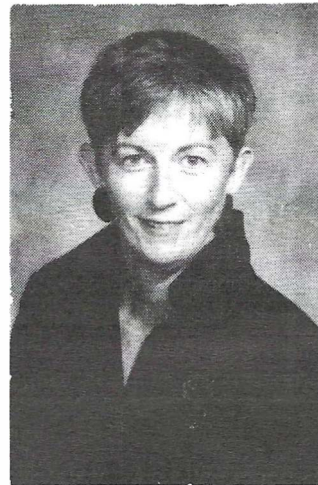
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*Eleanor*

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

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## BRIEFLY NOTED

Donations collected from townspeople for the **DePaolis family** after the fire at their Vassar Cir. house totaled \$965.00. A check for that amount was given to the family.

In addition, dumpsters were provided by the Town of Glen Echo for the debris.

A long article in the June 15 Real Estate section of the Bethesda Almanac featured the town of Glen Echo, and had photographs of the town hall, the remains of the Crystal Pool at Glen Echo Park, and two homes currently for sale.

Titled "**Glen Echo—Eclectic, Historic Home,**" it quoted realtor Eleanor Balaban as saying "Everybody wants to live in Glen Echo," and contained much historical information about the town.

### PROPERTIES ON THE MARKET

15 Vassar Circle	\$475,000
36 Wellesley Circle	\$420,000
7306 University Ave.	\$385,000
<b>Under contract:</b>	
6108 Princeton Ave.	\$379,000
6105 Yale Ave.	\$349,000

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## THE KEYHOLE

By Tillie McNoldy

**Jim** and **Carlotta Anderson** of Wellesley Circle, and their daughter and son-in-law **Julia** and **Speke Wilson** of Bryn Mawr Ave., flew to England in May for the wedding of Julia's brother, **Chris**, and **Anne Martin**. It took place in Garstang, north of Manchester, where Anne's parents reside. Chris and Julia grew up in Glen Echo with their brother, **Eric**. While the newlyweds honeymooned in Spain, the others, including Eric, toured northern England, Scotland, and Ireland.

Chris and Anne returned to D.C., where Chris works for Science and Anne for Nature Genetics. In August, they will move to London, where Chris will be the computer and telecommunications correspondent for The Economist.

The **Rheins** of Princeton Ave. did it again! This time it was some of our hot weather they escaped by going to the French part of Switzerland, Vaud and Valais. **Rex** and **Stephanie** returned after spending 15 days there. **Maryse** will return later.

### CLEAN YOUR ATTIC FOR PARK FOUNDATION SALE

The Glen Echo Park Foundation would like you to collect all your junk (other people's treasures) for their fall rummage sale.

They need books, household goods, jewelry, furniture, toys, crafts, sports and office equipment and white elephants—but no clothing—for the Attic Treasures sale on Sunday, September 25.

Call the Foundation office at 320-2330 if you have goods to donate, or drop off your donations weekdays 8:30-5:30 at their office in Glen Echo Park. All donations are tax deductible.

### FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT

May 1994

Donald Monroe (plumbing)	\$127.50
A.B. Viers (Oberlin street repairs)	\$2,750.00
Lam's Landscaping	\$1,161.00

*(A full accounting of all bills paid and payments received is available as part of the town council minutes.)*

# GLEN ECHO PARK ACTIVITIES

## WEEKEND DANCES AT THE PARK

**JULY 9--WILLIS PRUDHOMME and Zydeco Express**

**JULY 23--Stagedoor Canteen--Tom Cunningham Orchestra**

**Every Friday night--Contras, squares, and other country dances. 8:30-11:30, \$5**

**Every Sunday night--Squares and contras for intermediate and advanced levels. 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$7**

**Sunday afternoon swing dances, 3:00-6:00, \$8**

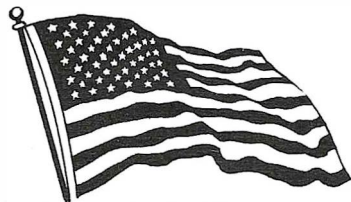
Workshops 8-9; Dances 9-midnight.

## AT THE GALLERY

July 1-31

"THEN WE LAUGHED, WE DANCED, WE MADE CHILDREN OF OURSELVES"

Mixed Media Works by Katherine T. Andrie



## USE OF THE TOWN HALL

All residents are entitled to use the Town Hall on payment of a \$50 deposit, which is returned if the hall and grounds are left in a clean and undamaged condition.

Non-profit organizations may apply to use the hall with a \$50 deposit, which is returned on the basis of the above qualifications.

Other groups may rent the hall for \$400, with a \$50 refund if hall and grounds are left in a clean and undamaged condition.

For all other information and reservations for use of the hall, please call the town office at 320-4041.

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## PARK NEWS

Some 15,500 visitors attended the annual **Washington Folk Festival**, and there were no problems "other than a few lost children," according to Glen Echo Park site manager Frank Cucurullo. The barricades blocking vehicle access to town streets worked effectively, he said, and he received no complaints from the town.

In May, the area around the **drain at University Ave. and Oxford Rd.** was regraded. After the storms, the drain became plugged up with debris, which has been cleaned out. Other than keeping it debris-free, Mr. Cucurullo does not anticipate any more water collection at that spot.

A survey team from the Park Service's Denver Service Center is looking over the park layout to determine a plan for **construction of a new utilities facility.** The carousel is being surveyed by another team from the Historical American Building Survey and the Historical American Engineering Register, which will make drawings of its mechanical operations.

--Carlotta Anderson