

The Echo

The Town of
GLEN ECHO, MARYLAND
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June, 1993

TOWN ELECTION GETS VERY GOOD TURNOUT

By Carlotta Anderson

The two newly elected councilmen, Michael Brintnall and Jim Anderson, took the oath of office at the town council meeting on Monday, May 10. Mayor Debbie Beers, who was reelected in the May 3 municipal election, had been sworn in at the Rockville Circuit Court a few days before.

Forty-five town residents made their way to the town hall to cast their ballots in the election, even though all candidates were running unopposed.

"I was very pleased," said Paul Alban, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Elections for more than 15 years. "There was a good turnout spread out over three hours. Someone was in there all the time."

Mayor Beers was re-elected with 43 votes. Councilman Brintnall received 41 votes. He had been appointed to the council last July to serve out the balance of Mayor Beers' former council seat. Councilman Anderson, who served on the town council from 1973 to 1981, also was elected with 41 votes. He replaces Don Moran, who is moving from Glen Echo. There was one absentee ballot and no write-in votes.

In the 1991 election, with five candidates vying for two seats, there were 87 voters.

Paul Alban said it was a pleasure working with Clerk-Treasurer Kate Horwitz, who had been exceptionally efficient in getting the ballots made up, cut up and laid out and all the equipment prepared for the election. "There were no problems whatsoever," he said.

Mr. Alban was assisted by Betty Briggs, Lee Clune, and Barbara Odell, as he has been for many years.

BUDGET HEARING JUNE 14

The annual Glen Echo town budget hearing will take place at 8:00 p.m. on Monday June 14 at the town hall. It will be followed by a town council meeting, at which time a new budget will be adopted.

All residents are encouraged to attend.

ANNUAL TOWN PICNIC
Pot Luck--Bring a dish to share
Sunday, June 13 -- 6:00 p.m.
Town Park, corner of University and Princeton
Aves.
Beverages will be provided by the town

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Letters to the editor are welcomed. Articles for publication are also solicited. Any comments about *The Echo* may be addressed to the editor, the mayor or any councilmember. Volunteer reporters are always needed. Call the editor at 229-3748.

VEHICLE VIOLATIONS

The town council has begun to take action against cars or other vehicles, including boats, which are abandoned, unlicensed or left so long in one place that they come into violation of Town ordinances.

The purpose is to make Glen Echo a safe, pleasant place to live. A letter has gone out to one resident, starting a process in which the town government can take legal action if the violation continues. Other action is being prepared, but the town government hopes that the violations will be cleared up by residents before it has to take action.

CORRECTION

The Echo was in error in printing the sale of a house at 6108 Bryn Mawr Ave. last month.

THANKS TO assistant editor David Sproul and Gloria Levin, who put out last month's issue of *The Echo* while editor Carlotta Anderson was in Asia.



**REAL ESTATE? Tell a friend to call JANE STEVENSON
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TIME TO GET NEW PET LICENSES

Licenses for town pets expire on June 30. New ones may be obtained by contacting Clerk-Treasurer Kate Horwitz at 320-2171. License fees are \$4 for a male or spayed female dog or cat and \$8 for an unspayed pet. The cost of licenses doubles after June 30.

All town pets are legally required to have licenses issued annually by the town of Glen Echo. The license, when attached to a collar, serves to identify lost animals.

Proof of current rabies inoculation must be presented in order to obtain a license. Rabies shots are available free of charge at either the MacArthur Animal Hospital, 4832 MacArthur Blvd., NW, (202) 337-0120, across from the MacArthur movie theater or at the Alpine Animal Hospital, 7732 MacArthur Blvd., Cabin John, (301) 229-2400. Be sure to indicate that you are a Glen Echo resident and taking advantage of its program of free rabies shots.

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Congratulations on 19 successful years as publisher of *The Echo*. I've enjoyed each and every issue but I do take exception to the second paragraph of the "Briefly Noted" column, April '93 issue. This I found disdainful. These must be the most difficult days of the Kuster's lives and I feel we of Glen Echo should show them love and support. They too have done a lot for this town. Let's be good neighbors to all—period, amen.

Nancy McDonald

[Ed: It is the Echo's policy to publish information of interest and concern to townspeople considering the official acts taken by their elected representatives. The item, which read in full: "Fred Kuster, Glen Echo's former elected representative on the Conduit Road Fire Board, pleaded guilty last month to misappropriating more than \$27,000 in funds while serving as its treasurer;" was intended to be informative, not disdainful. We believe the townspeople have a right to be informed of this court action. The Echo respects the privacy of townspeople in their unofficial lives and does not publish such information about them except with their permission.]

UTILITY PLANT DISPUTE FEATURED IN POST

By Carlotta Anderson and David Sproul

The town's opposition to the siting of a utility plant for Glen Echo Park near the Inn at Glen Echo and three houses was the subject of an article in *The Washington Post* Montgomery Weekly section on May 27.

The article by Leila Fiester quoted former Glen Echo Park site manager Audrey Calhoun, assistant superintendent for the George Washington Memorial Parkway and former park site manager, as saying the site between Tulane and Oberlin Aves. was chosen because it is outside the part of the park that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and therefore is not obliged to "blend in" with existing structures.

The dimensions and appearance of the proposed two-story building have not been described to town officials. Its size, site and configuration are all subject to review, site manager Frank Cucurullo told the council last month. He said that a "scope of services" document is ready to go back to the architectural engineers. The \$1 million structure is intended to house the park maintenance equipment above ground, and centralize the utility system underground. Currently, every building has its own utility system.

The article quoted strong opposition to the site from Sally Law, who owns a converted house on Tulane Ave., and Cherie Finkelstein, who rents office space in it, on the grounds that the building would destroy the residential character of the area. The town council is also quoted as opposed because it would impair the beauty of the Palisades and devalue the nearby land.

Residents Norman and Diana Hudson-Taylor, however, favor the location, they wrote the council, and believe the facility is urgently needed. They feel that if the park is not maintained, it will decay and become a detriment to the town, resulting in decreased security and property values. They urged the town to be "constructive, not destructive" in dealing with the park service, and to suggest another location if the proposed one is unacceptable.

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TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

May 10

Councilman Jim Anderson reported receiving several written and verbal complaints about **vehicle ordinance violations** on Vassar Circle. He said he will follow the prescribed steps intended to induce compliance...

Councilman Brintnall reported that the county, in raising **waste disposal tip fees**, has succeeded in driving much of the business elsewhere, further diminishing revenues. The county is considering charging competitive rates and making up the difference with a "head tax," which would include Glen Echo residents. Although the county still enthusiastically promotes recycling, economic reality dictates curbing subsidies to municipalities, he said...

A contractor has determined that a **drain in the town hall parking lot** is blocked by a tree root and clearing it could cost up to \$1,000. The consensus of the council was to consider installing a new drain section rather than risk having to repeatedly clear the old drain line...

The council affirmed a **contract with Lam's Landscaping** to perform town mowing and weeding chores under supervision of the mayor and clerk-treasurer. The amount of the contract is not to exceed \$5,000...

After hearing testimony that the town previously paid for work on a **dangerous tree at the bottom of Bryn Mawr Ave.**, the council voted to accept responsibility for having it cut down to eliminate the threat to nearby structures. Councilmembers Anderson and Long recused themselves from the vote, since both own property near the tree...

Rising legal costs have forced the mayor to reallocate \$800 from the snow removal budget...

—David Sproul

PROPERTIES ON THE MARKET

36 Wellesley Circle	\$450,000
32 Wellesley Circle	\$197,000
6010 Princeton Ave.	\$374,900
6108 Princeton Ave.	\$399,900

CHEESECAKE RAFFLED AT ANNUAL FLEA MART

A strawberry cheesecake pie complete with recipe was raffled off at the annual flea market on May 15 and won by a resident of Fairway Hills. The second prize of plum preserves, which was awarded Grand Champion status at the Montgomery County Fair, was also won by a non-resident.

Both were donated by prize-winning cook Tom Kenney of Harvard Ave.

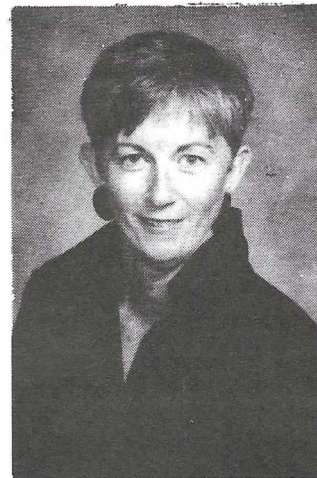
There were also prizes for children who picked a colored peanut out of a jar. Hot dogs, beers and sodas were for sale, as well as "Let's Have a Hand for Glen Echo" T-shirts.

Sellers, including two out-of-towners, filled seven tables with their second-hand wares. They seemed pleased with the sales and one vendor said he made \$80. The event was organized by Kate Horwitz, with assistance from John Barrett, Jim Horwitz, Nancy Long, Brockie Stevenson and Doug Davies.

—Carlotta Anderson

THANK YOU AND REMINDER

The Mayor and Town Council thank all those who have cleared their sidewalks of encroaching vegetation and debris. They remind others that, after May 31, the Town will clear the sidewalks at the homeowners' expense after 10 days notice has been issued in accordance with the ordinances.



Eleanor

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

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THE KEYHOLE

By Tillie McNoldy

The Deebo family kept the stork busy this year. In March he presented **George** and **Jeanette** with a little boy. George is the son of **Eloise** and **John Deebo**, who lived at 7327 University Ave. for many years. Both families now reside in Virginia.

In May, the big bird made a return visit and not only delivered a little girl to **Kimberly** and **Jack Vigrass**, but made a great-grandmother of **Marge Deebo**, with whom they reside at 1 Vassar Circle. The little girl was named **Ashley Elaine** and is the granddaughter of **Joe Deebo**.

Congratulations to the happy families--and to the town. We can add another name to our population!

Seen around town recently were **John Rhein**, **Frank Corder**, and **Janice** and **Jimmy Miller**, all former residents. John had a nice surprise for his parents, **Maryse** and **Rex Rhein** of 6102 Princeton Ave. He told them he was engaged to a girl from Boston, where he now lives. Congratulations to both of you.

Frank Corder, a former mayor who now lives in Fredericktown, Ohio, with his wife **Ruth**, was here for business and pleasure.

For **Janice** and **Jimmy Miller**, it was all pleasure. They visited Virginia, Maryland, Georgia to visit daughter Linda, Florida to see son **Jimmy**, then off to Wisconsin to see daughter **Nancy** and husband **Bill**. No wonder I refer to them as "the Avon Lady and Fuller Brush Man." It was great to see each of you. Come back again--soon.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to **Paul Alban**, 6104 Bryn Mawr Ave., who is a patient in Suburban Hospital.

Jim and **Carlotta Anderson** of Wellesley Circle spent most of April travelling, first to the West Coast to visit friends and family, and then to Hong Kong, where son **Eric** is spending a year working as a reporter for the South China Morning Post. All three then went to Xiamen and other places in southern China. Their impression was that the free-market revolution has swept away any remnants of Mao's revolution and the change appears to be irreversible.

However, there still is massive environmental pollution, which may have contributed to Carlotta's getting an acute case of bronchitis and being laid low for the last part of the trip. Eric returns briefly to Glen Echo in August and then goes back to Colorado for his "real" job as reporter for the Denver Post.

REMINDER ABOUT CONSTRUCTION DUMPSTERS

The Mayor and Council would like to remind residents and anyone doing construction, renovation, or grounds work in town that trash dumpsters are considered vehicles under town ordinances and their placement should comply with our vehicle rules. We are especially concerned about the safety hazards which large dumpsters cause when parked on town streets.

In compliance with the ordinances, dumpsters should not be left on town streets longer than five days without permission from the Town Council. In consideration of others in town generally, we ask that dumpsters not be placed on the streets at all, if any alternative is feasible, and that when they must be on the streets, they have clear reflective markers.

VOLLEYBALL, ANYONE?

Jim Beaubien has a nice space for playing volleyball in his backyard at 7310 University Ave. He wonders if there are town residents who would like to get together for games. If you are interested, call him at 229-4275.

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LONGTIME PRODUCE VENDOR CELEBRATES 92ND BIRTHDAY

By Carlotta Anderson

Still working seven days a week, longtime MacArthur Blvd. produce vendor Tony Dicarlantonio celebrated his 92nd birthday on May 28.

Born in Abruzzi, Italy, in 1901, Tony came to the U.S. in his early 20s. He set up his first huckster truck at the gate of his two acre farm on MacArthur Blvd. near Angler's Inn, but his wife, Beulah, had trouble getting in and out of the driveway and suggested he relocate.

Some seventeen years ago, he moved his truck to the parking lot at MacArthur and Wilson Lane and began selling fruits, vegetables and eggs from his own farm, as well as cheese, preserves, cider and produce from other farms in Maryland and neighboring states.

Since then, he has attracted a devoted clientele, who are treated to Tony's opinions on subjects ranging from the benefits of vegetables and how to cook them to old-time Italy, the shortcomings of present day society and child rearing. Tony has a son, two step-sons, an adopted son and an adopted daughter.

All who know him marvel at his vitality and stamina. He may not walk as fast as one time, but he starts work every day at 10 a.m. and does not return home until 6 p.m.

This year his wife, who says she is "39 and holding," set out the sweet potatoes, strawberries, tomatoes, peppers and "a little bit of everything" with a neighbor's help. She also drives to the Florida Ave. market to buy produce. A former scientific illustrator, she retired from the U.S. Geological Survey in 1988.

Happy birthday, Tony, and may you have many more of them.

ART FEST JUNE 13 IN BANNOCKBURN

Bannockburn artists and artisans will hold a community arts and crafts sale and exhibit on Sunday, June 13, from 1-5 p.m. at the Bannockburn Clubhouse, 6314 Bannockburn Dr.

Paintings, photographs, painted silk scarves, dried flowers, African jewelry and beads will be offered for sale. For information call Wilma Phillips, 229-5654.

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BRIEFLY NOTED

The two **bald eagles** at Great Falls survived the ferocious snowstorm of March 13-14 but their egg was blown out of the nest. Birders gathered at the observation platform to see how the eagles had fared, were saddened to see that the egg had not survived, according to the newsletter of the Wild Bird Center in Cabin John...

Town residents saw a news camera in front of the Shimizu's Bryn Mawr house on May 3. Correspondent Dave Bender was getting **gardening tips from Holly Shimizu** for the morning news on Channel 5. Holly will be on the show again this month and perhaps on a regular basis...

Nell Frabotta was looking out her bedroom window on May 1 and saw **two young deer** in the driveway of their house at 6108 Bryn Mawr Ave. By the time she and her mother, Anne Ford, got downstairs, the deer were disappearing down the old trolley tracks...

The Cabin John Citizens Association is demanding improved **traffic safety** along MacArthur Blvd., Seven Locks Rd. and Persimmon Tree Rd., according to *The Village News*. The community is circulating petitions and has formed a committee to inform the county that Cabin John will not allow the convenience of commuters to take precedence over safety on its streets. Of particular concern is the intersection of MacArthur Blvd. and the Clara Barton Parkway, where several accidents and near accidents have occurred...

The *Bannockburn Newsletter* reports that **Glen Echo Seafood** will move to the former Bethesda Co-op space in Cabin John later this year and that its owners have been granted an off-premises beer and wine license...

RECYCLING GARDEN WASTE

Yard clippings, branches, leaves, grass and other yard waste may be put out for recycling pick-up in the following ways:

1. Cut up and tied in bundles no larger than 30" in diameter, 4' in length and weighing no more than 40 pounds.
2. Placed in brown kraft paper bags manufactured for recycling purposes and available at super markets, hardware stores, etc.
3. Placed in plastic trash containers clearly marked "RECYCLING."

Big branches, loose piles of weeds and other loose garden debris will not be picked up by the recycling contractor.

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST A CHINESE SCHOLAR FOR A FEW DAYS? A group of Chinese scholars specializing in international relations who have just finished a year's post-graduate study in the U.S. will be in Washington June 20-23 under the auspices of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations. Host families are asked to provide breakfast, dinner and a place to sleep. During the day the group will have a full itinerary of activities. If you would be interested in being a host family, call Carlotta Anderson at 229-3748.

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POLICE REPORT

By Jim Anderson

An update of crime statistics for Bethesda District shows that serious crimes were about even with those of the previous year or lower, with two exceptions. Those were homicide (3 last year, compared to none in 1991), and stolen autos (up 25 percent for a total of 353 last year). That trend generally continues this year.

Police are increasingly worried about graffiti, which they regard as early signs of urban decay and lawlessness and not just a sign of youthful creativity or exuberance. They believe reporting such incidents is important as a preventive (by calling 911 or 961-1899) as well as cleaning it up if your property happens to be involved.

Shortage of funds for relocation of the Bethesda District station seems to have solved the issue of whether to move from its present location, off Wisconsin Ave. near the Bethesda Metro station. Not enough funds are available to move elsewhere and so "we're going to be here for a while," according to Capt. Fred Ailes, district commander.

Jim Anderson, who has been on the Bethesda Police Citizens Advisory Board since its founding in 1991, has resigned due to his election to the Glen Echo Town Council. In his letter of resignation, he nominated David Sproul, of 1 Wellesley Circle, as his successor. If you would like to volunteer for the board or any other function, including helping in the area of crime prevention, Capt. Ailes would welcome your participation and would like you to call him at 652-9200.



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PARK EVENTS

June 5 & 6—17th Annual Folk Festival

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June 20, 4:00 p.m., Spanish Ballroom—Octondre Chamber Ensemble Concert.

Chamber works for flute, clarinet, bassoon and violin. Admission: \$8 for adults, \$6 for students and senior citizens.

WEEKEND DANCES AT THE PARK

June 5—Contra Dance (Folk Festival)

June 12—Bruce Daigrepoint Cajun Band, \$10

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PARK NEWS

With town permission, the park service is using town property between Oberlin and Tulane Aves. for a tent for the folk festival on June 5 and 6. The town will be relieved of any legal liabilities for its use.

The carousel is now open. Some repairs are complete, others postponed. An intrusion alarm has been installed and the park service has already gotten its first false alarm, site manager Frank Cucurullo told the town council last month.

—David Sproul

WILL WE BE GETTING MORE RELIABLE POWER?

By Carlotta Anderson

PEPCO is in the process of installing pre-assembled aerial cable along MacArthur Blvd. in an effort to improve electrical service reliability in this area, according to a letter sent the town in April.

This is the last of three jobs PEPCO proposed to the Public Service Commission and the citizens of Glen Echo in early 1992 after complaints from the town.

Meanwhile, *The Village News* of Cabin John reports that the March snow storm "will go down in Cabin John history as the one that fried the most appliances and electronic equipment." A surge cost residents hundreds of dollars in repair and replacement charges, including for appliances that had been plugged into surge suppressors. Its reporter was told by PEPCO that appliances and electronic equipment should be unplugged during a storm and that it bore no responsibility for damaged items.

FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT

April 1993

Mark Peyton (snow and leaf removal) \$2,080.00

Maryland Municipal League dues \$100.00

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



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