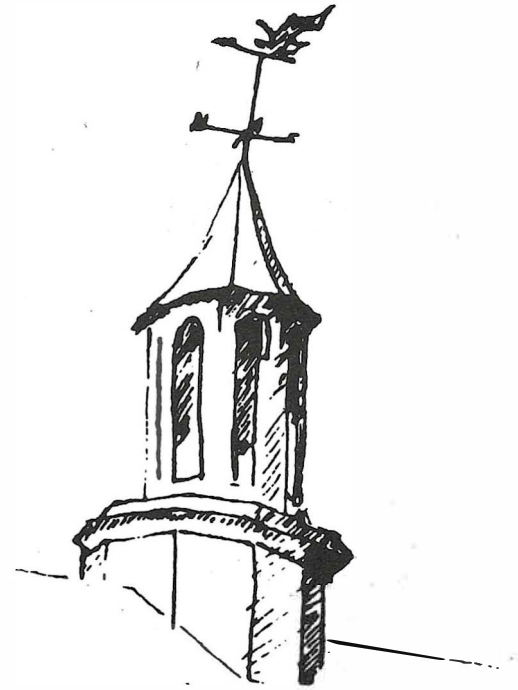


The Echo

The Town of GLEN ECHO, MARYLAND Chartered, 1904



June, 1994

TOWN FINANCES REVISITED

By Gloria Levin

The Town Council approved an increase in the property tax rate to \$.35 per \$100 of valuation at the May 23 budget hearing. The two cent tax rate increase, which had been proposed by Mayor Debbie Beers, is "to make up for the reduction in the value of the assessment of town properties...and to counteract, in part, the considerable drop in the surplus anticipated as a result of the planned acquisition of the D.C. Transit right-of-way," according to the mayor's May 9 notice to town residents. Although the notice of the budget hearing was distributed to town residents, only two residents attended. Councilmember Jim Anderson was away on a trip, but the other councilmembers voted unanimously on all votes taken.

The mayor noted that the recommended expenditures (\$215,000) substantially exceed anticipated income (\$97,000) and that this "eats into" the town's surplus. However, the proposed budget includes unusual expenditures related to acquiring the right-of-way property and complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Although the councilmembers were cautious about raising the tax rate, they were comforted that this would retain a projected surplus of approximately \$100,000, equivalent to one year's general operating expenses.

The council reviewed each item in the mayor's proposed budget, which was amended as errors became evident or updated information was available. For example, the income from real estate taxes had been miscalculated and Clerk-Treasurer Kate Horwitz was unable to explain why the income from personal property taxes in the current year (\$6,758) is

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BRING TRASH COMPLAINTS TO NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

A number of town residents have complained to the mayor about unreliable trash, recycling, or garden waste pickup. A representative of Waste Management was scheduled to come to the May council meeting to answer questions and hear complaints from residents.

The representative did not appear because he got lost, but neither did the complainants.

He is re-scheduled to be present at the council meeting on June 13. This is the opportunity to be heard and get something done about your problems. If you cannot attend, submit your comments in writing to the mayor or any council member.

If you do not attend, or problems arise in the future, please do not phone the mayor or clerk-treasurer. Call Waste Management directly at 340-0774.

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TOWN COUNCIL NOTES
May 9

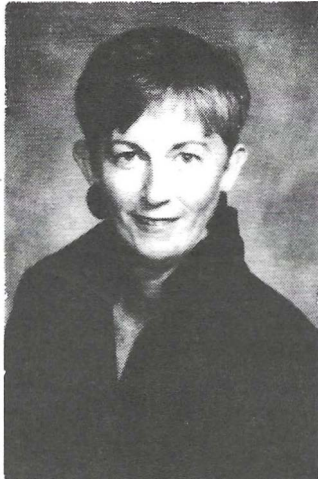
Glen Echo Park site manager Frank Cucurullo reminded the council that the Washington Folk Festival will be held the weekend of June 4 and 5. The Irish Festival has moved to Wolf Trap Farm Park.

The council is still evaluating candidates for town attorney. Any final decision will be delayed until Councilman Jim Anderson returns from Europe in early June.

\$2320 had to be moved into the town's snow removal budget to cover unexpected fees from the harsh winter.

The town picnic is scheduled for 5pm on Saturday June 18th. Drinks will be provided.

- David Sproul



Eleanor

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

907-7600
 229-7990



WHY THE TOWN CARES ABOUT CARS

The population of Glen Echo today is approximately what it was 50 years ago but we seem to be more crowded. The principal difference, I think, is a proliferation of cars on our narrow streets.

As the Town Council member in charge of vehicle control, I should begin by saying I love cars, in their place. Our family has two, one of them 29 years old, reminding me of why I cherish well-cared for cars. Walking through the town occasionally also reminds me how cars can become a kind of urban blight when they are left rusting, undriven, unlicensed and unsightly.

I see how one abandoned car seems to encourage others and detracts from the quality of life by diminishing the pleasant aspect of our streets (which, I suppose, ultimately affects property values), impeding snow clearance and posing a potential danger to lively, adventurous children, of which there is no shortage here, I am glad to see.

This is why the town ordinances were written and this is why I try to enforce the rules.

There are two kinds of abandoned car cases I deal with:

- On public streets, the town has clear authority to remove those cars which violate our ordinances (basically chapter 19.6). I send a warning letter, then a Municipal Infraction Notice (which can result in a civil fine) and then I call the Montgomery County police who haul the car away, usually within a week.

- On private property, the law is also clear, but the means of enforcement are more complex. As a personal rule, I do not go onto private property to see if a car is currently licensed. If I receive any complaint in writing (and not just an angry telephone call) from any town resident about such a car, I write a neighborly letter to the owner of the property. I keep the name of the complainant private, but I must know who it is. So far, this has been all that was necessary. To take it further, I would issue an infraction notice, and then call the county police, who would require that I or another town officer be present when they haul the vehicle away.

I believe that these methods serve the best interests of all of the people. I am always available at 229-3748 for those who need help or information.

Jim Anderson (*Jim Anderson is a member of the town council.*)

CLASSIFIED ADS

TWO HARD-WORKING WHITMAN STUDENTS want to mow your lawn. Professional equipment with own truck. Reasonable rates. Call Toby Orme, 320-4236 or Jeremy Welsh, 229-3351 for free estimate.

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RABIES VACCINATIONS AVAILABLE FREE

Licenses for town pets expire on June 30. All Glen Echo pets are required to have licenses issued annually by the town.

Proof of current rabies inoculation must be presented in order to obtain a license. Rabies shots for 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 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.

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TRASH/RECYCLING COLLECTION TIMES

Tuesday & Friday—all trash, except heavy-weight objects.

Tuesday—recyclables, including plastic, metal and glass. Newspapers tied or in paper grocery bags. Garden refuse, cut into four-foot lengths and tied, placed in compostable leaf/grass bags, or in a large trash container labeled "Recycling" and used only for yard waste.

Last Wednesday of the month—heavy or large quantity of discardables.

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 13 9—8:00 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

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

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.

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.

PROPERTIES ON THE MARKET

15 Vassar Circle	\$505,000
36 Wellesley Circle	\$420,000
7306 University Ave.	\$399,999

FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT

April 1994

John Hughes (sodding, Harvard)	\$2,475.00
Lynott & Lynott (legal)	\$975.00
Peyton's Tree Service (snow, leaf & landscaping)	\$9,047.50
A.B. Veirs (Oberlin repair)	\$4,400.00

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

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Citizens' Police Board
The Montgomery County Police warn that spring has brought with it many complaints of "gypsy" home improvement schemes. The police advise homeowners to check references thoroughly.

HOW TO RECYCLE 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.

SPECIAL PICKUP INFORMATION

Large quantities of household discards are regularly picked up on the last Wednesday of every month. It is not necessary to arrange for a special pickup, nor is there a limitation on the number of times each household can put out these materials.

However, large piles of construction debris or demolition materials will not be picked up. In such cases, the resident is expected to get a dumpster.

In the event that there is not room on the truck for the amount of materials put out, Waste Management is supposed to send out a second truck the following day. Residents wishing to alert Waste Management to their throw-aways in advance can call Randy Johnson at 340-0774.

THE KEYHOLE

By Tillie McNoldy

"Mike" Andry, of 6102 Princeton Avenue, recently played host to a group of friends and neighbors at a "get together" at his home. If you did not know prior to meeting him that night that he came from Louisiana, you would have had your first clue when refreshments were served. The centerpiece was a 70 pound bag of crawfish, flanked by a smaller bag of spiced shrimp.

Two of the guests brought their own bottles, but since they were six month old babies, it was no surprise.

Welcome to Maryland, Mike. Your introduction to a Louisiana feast was tasty and fun.

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so far below the expected \$15,000, since only one account is unpaid. And the inclusion in the current budget of the DePaolis family emergency fund was in error, according to the mayor, since town funds were not involved. This represented a pass-through of private donations.

The council modified several proposed expenditures, most notably the salary for the clerk-treasurer. The mayor had proposed a salary increase of \$500 (to \$12,000). However, the council voted to decrease the salary line to \$10,000. As Councilmember Long explained, "a good part of the clerk's job is tax collections". In an earlier meeting the council had voted to return this function to the county.

Later in the meeting, the mayor asked the clerk-treasurer to comment on the council's decision to decrease the salary. Horwitz stated that she had accepted the job "with an assumption of what the pay would be." She pointed out that the job is time consuming and that she donates additional time when needed. Also, the salary line includes 15 percent taxes, so her actual salary would come to approximately \$8,700, representing a monthly decrease of approximately \$100. Horwitz estimated that 40 hours of labor a year were required for preparing real estate tax bills and in collections. The mayor then noted that "an inordinate amount of time" is taken with duties related to contracting town work such that she functions more as a town manager than as a treasurer. Although Councilmember Long stated that "it is fair to reduce the salary" because of the reduction in work responsibilities, Councilmember Shultz noted that the mayor has the prerogative, as the clerk's immediate supervisor, to adjust the salary later after her actual workload and job performance are reviewed.

Modifications in other budget items were less controversial. Small increases over the mayor's proposed budget were approved for accounting and legal fees and street sweeping, while the council deleted \$2,000 for purchasing more chairs for the town hall. Additional funds also were approved for an engineering survey of town streets; the mayor explained that this includes the preparation of detailed drawings to be used in obtaining bids to repair the streets which were observed to have suffered extensive damage over the last winter.



GLEN ECHO PARK ACTIVITIES

WEEKEND DANCES AT THE PARK

June 11—Ann & Marc Savoy (Cajun/Zydeco)
 June 18—New Columbia Swing Orchestra (Swing)
 June 25—Tom Cunningham (Big Band)

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 afternoons—New Columbia Swing Orchestra, 3:00–6:00 p.m., \$8

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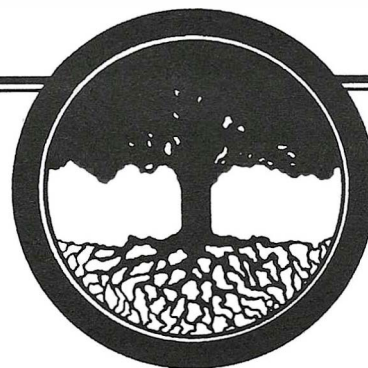
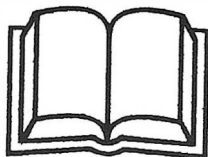
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