

The Echo

The Town of GLEN ECHO, MARYLAND Chartered, 1904



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MAYOR BEERS, COUNCILMAN BRINTNALL RE-ELECTED; NORMAN BERNHARDT NEW COUNCILMEMBER

By Jake Quinn and Carlotta Anderson

Michael Brintnall and Norman Bernhardt were sworn into office as councilmembers at the May 12 town council meeting by Mayor Debbie Beers. All three won their seats at the May 5 town election. The mayor was sworn into office earlier in the day in a ceremony at the Rockville Circuit Court.

All will serve four-year terms without monetary compensation. It is the second term for both Mayor Beers and Councilman Brintnall; Norman Bernhardt takes over the council seat from Jim Anderson, who was defeated for re-election.

A record 112 voters turned out for the election, which was held at the town hall. This represents nearly half the 234 residents counted in the 1990 census. Betty Briggs, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Elections, said the most she remembered from past elections was 78 voters, and she has been officiating for at least 30 years. At the election two years ago, 76 residents cast ballots. Eight residents

registered to vote just before casting ballots

The final tally for mayor was: Debbie Beers, 74; Renny Springuel, 38.

For councilmember, the vote was Michael Brintnall, 85; Norman Bernhardt, 67; Jim Anderson, 46.

Assisting in supervising the election were Lee Clune, Dorothy Lumsden and Tina Quinn.

GLEN ECHO TOWN PICNIC

**Sunday, June 29, 5:00 p.m.
Town Hall front lawn**

**Pot luck. Be sure to come.
Bring a dish to share**

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CONGRATULATIONS, GRADS

Several Glen Echo young people are graduating this month from various schools. We'd like to congratulate them and wish them well in their next academic endeavor:

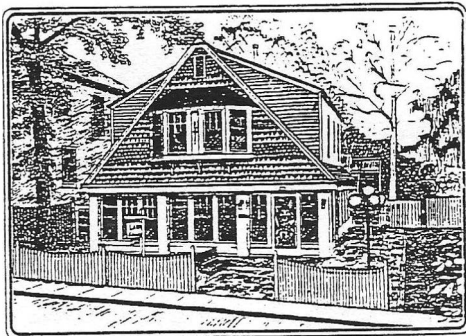
Bannockburn Elementary—Michael Beers

Bradley Hills Elementary—Nicholas DePaolis

**Walt Whitman Senior High—Josh Gruenspecht,
Sara Hewitt, Michelle Pierce, Elise West,
Meaghan Wolff.**

If we have left anyone out, please inform the editor for inclusion in next month's issue.

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Heather Cottage

Financial Planning

WMATA TO ACCEPT AGREEMENT FOR SALE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY

By Carlotta Anderson

Sale of the former trolley right-of-way to the town of Glen Echo seems assured now that the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) has indicated it is prepared to honor the agreement previously made between the town and Leonard Bebchick, of the Riders Trust.

According to that agreement, the land alongside the town's borders will be conveyed to Glen Echo for the sum of \$90,000.

WMATA would like to do this in a simple transfer—from the Riders Trust to the town rather than having title first go to WMATA and then to the town, WMATA's Associate General Counsel, Arthur Drea, told town attorney Norman G. Knopf.

The town recently contracted with Ronald E. MacDonald to do a title search. Obtaining title insurance depends on the town getting a clear title.

Mayor Beers signed a Project Open Space application last month asking for a total of \$93,750 toward purchase costs, the allowed percentage. The title search, possible survey, title insurance, legal and closing costs are expected to bring the total cost to \$125,000.

The purchase offer is not contingent on getting funding, but the town hopes its application will be approved before the actual closing date.

TOWN HALL ADA WORK TO BE DONE BY MID-JUNE

Renovations to the town hall mandated by the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) will be completed by mid-June, according to Jo Anne Murray, the town's architect supervising the job.

She expected the kitchen and bathroom to be completely operational by the end of May, with the downstairs council chambers done shortly afterwards.

The elevator was expected to arrive June 10, with a day or two necessary for installation. Everything should be finished by mid-June, she said.

--Carlotta Anderson

TOWN BUDGET HEARING

Monday, June 9—7:30 p.m.
Glen Echo Town Hall

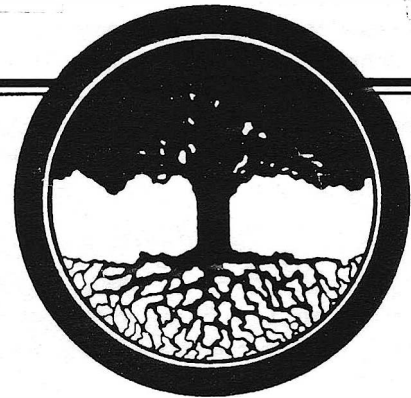
Residents encouraged to attend.

The hearing will be followed immediately by the regular town council meeting.

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 9—8:00 p.m.
Glen Echo Town Hall

Contact the mayor to add an item to the agenda



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SLURRY SEAL FINISHED; COUNCIL HEARS COMPLAINTS

By Jake Quinn

Despite general enthusiasm over the long awaited and recently completed slurry seal treatment of Glen Echo's streets, a number of questions were raised at the May council meeting by councilmembers and residents about the cost, durability and completeness of the job.

The rationale for using slurry seal instead of alternative treatments was rehashed, with the conclusion that its benefits—improved appearance of the streets, a more uniform surface, and preservation of the underlying pavement—justified its relatively modest cost of around \$16,000.

One resident complained that the contractor, E.E. Lyons Co., had used a blower to move debris from the roadway onto his garden and fence. He, as well as others, noted the large number of lumps which protrude from the surface of the roadway. Several of slurry seal's idiosyncrasies—such as ridges caused by overlapping applications were explained by Councilwoman Gloria Levin, who coordinated the town's contract with Lyons and followed up on complaints. She indicated she would perform another inspection of the streets to ensure that the job was completed satisfactorily.

Sweeping of the streets was scheduled for the last week in May. The town will pursue having the streets re-stripped—especially the stop lines—and investigate repainting the curbs.

Mayor Beers expressed appreciation for residents' keeping their cars clear of the work. Although a tow truck was on call to move cars, and Glen Echo Park had agreed to having their lot used as a holding area for towed cars, none needed to be moved.

NEW GLEN ECHO POSTMASTER

The new permanent Postmaster for the Glen Echo post office, Zuleika (Sue) D. Bradbury, will be installed at the town hall on Thursday, June 19 at 11:00 a.m. All Glen Echo residents are invited to attend.

Mayor Debbie Beers has agreed to speak during the ceremony, at which Ms. Bradbury will take the oath of office. Refreshments will be served.

Ms. Bradbury, who has been Acting Postmaster here since Oct. 18, lives in Glenn Dale with her husband and two children. She was a clerk for 19 years in the Glenn Dale post office and has served as temporary Postmaster in 17 different locations before her current appointment at the end of March.

TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

May 12

Noting that the town does not use county animal control services, the council will investigate the possibility of receiving some relief from its **Montgomery County tax burden**. The county representative contacted by Clerk/Treasurer Betsy Platt suggested reviewing additional services that the county does not provide to Glen Echo. Any adjustments would not include rebates of taxes already paid...

The **post office lease** expires at the end of the year and Clerk/Treasurer Platt is investigating renewal terms. She is reviewing the lease terms of commercial properties in the Glen Echo and Cabin John shopping centers; the latter is the site of another post office...

The town's **animal control officer** position is vacant. No one has volunteered to serve in this capacity but Mayor Beers said she will be exploring the possibility with several town residents...

Newly elected Councilman Norman Bernhardt has assumed the duties of Glen Echo **vehicle control officer**...

--Jake Quinn



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FUTURE UNCLEAR FOR GLEN ECHO WEBSITE

By Jake Quinn and Carlotta Anderson

The town council voted without dissent at its May meeting to allow the Glen Echo World Wide Website to be suspended while the town explores options for creating a new website for the town.

The computer currently serving as host for the website ceased to be available on May 26, when website developer John Wells planned to give up his Internet business, which was located at his Bryn Mawr home. He had been hosting the site using his own machine on a complementary basis since he created the site last fall for his company, Potomac River Media.

Arlington resident George Linzer, John Wells' former partner at Potomac River Media and its new owner, offered to continue to host the site at no cost to the town. He indicated that he is interested in researching the commercial possibilities of local websites which could facilitate communication in small communities.

Rather than provide concessions regarding commercial content to Mr. Linzer, the council opted to request that the website not be transferred to the new computer host service. The potential for undesirable commercial content on the Glen Echo website has been a concern of councilmembers from the beginning.

Wellesley Circle resident Peter Somerville told the council he was prepared to assume the on-line editorial responsibility previously done by John Wells on a volunteer basis, but he does not have the machine facilities to do the "web hosting." He had investigated commercial hosting before Mr. Linzer decided to take over the company, and determined that it would cost the town from \$228 to \$480 per year, with additional startup charges.

He indicated that the market price for the Glen Echo site design and preparation of the material now posted on the website would have cost several thousand dollars.

When Councilman Brintnall suggested that the www.glenecho.com website be transferred to Potomac River Media's new service and be kept "as is" pending further council deliberations, Councilwoman Levin expressed reservations. She noted that the past administration of the website was independent of the town, leaving it without control over the site's content. She proposed allowing the page to be suspended, rather than have Potomac River Media move it to the new host machine, while the council considered how it wished to maintain a presence on the World Wide Web. A motion to that effect by Councilman Bernhardt was passed unanimously.

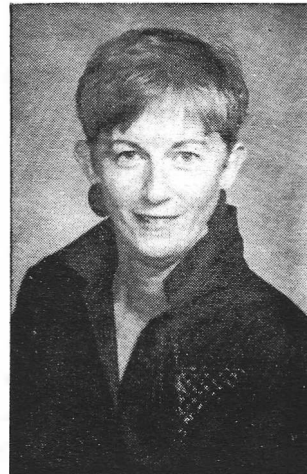
Councilman Brintnall outlined three routes the town could take in paying for and maintaining its own website. One would be a page with a simple, limited format, giving members of the community a facility for getting notices, dates and news.

Another approach would be for a site with a significant promotional component. A third possibility would fall between the two, with colorful content and a jazzier look and feel, but without the commercial aspect. Councilwoman Levin said she would contact the Maryland Municipal League to ascertain whether they provide any services for municipalities posting web pages.

George Linzer has indicated he would like to attend the June town council meeting to discuss the Glen Echo website.

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WELCOME, NEWCOMERS!

This month we greet three newcomers living on Harvard and Vassar Avenues who are interconnected in friendship and romance.

Doug McNitt moved to 6101 Harvard Ave. in December, 1996, because he wanted to be near his fiancée, **Townsend Lange**. She arrived at 3 Vassar Circle in April, 1996, after falling in love with the area and its accessibility to biking and hiking around Great Falls. The couple, who have been dating for more than seven years, became engaged over Easter, with a wedding planned for September in Annapolis, Doug's hometown. Afterwards, they will both be living at the Harvard Ave. address.

Doug was a Navy "brat," whose father is a retired Admiral. He moved to the D.C. area after receiving a law degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1993. Specializing in business law, he now works for the firm of Tucker, Flyer, & Lewis. He says he enjoys living in the Glen Echo community very much, finds the people very friendly, is looking forward to meeting more residents, but has already met quite a few. One he recognized while working in his rear garden, which backs on Yale Ave., was a resident of that street, Betsy Platt, whom he met when they worked at the same law firm.

Townsend grew up in New England and attended Gordon College, a small private school in Boston. After graduation, she spent a year in Zimbabwe as a volunteer there at an Anglican orphanage 50 miles from Harare, the capital city. After returning to the U.S. in 1990, she studied law at the University of Notre Dame, where she met Doug, moving to D.C. after graduation. Since 1995, she has served as counsel for the Senate Subcommittee on Children and Families, handling education issues. She also volunteers as the court-appointed special advocate of two D.C. foster children living in

group homes. She currently lives with **Julie Peterson**, who has been her roommate on and off, in various locations, for the past 10 years.

Julie moved from Iowa to Washington her senior year of college on a Washington Studies Program (where she first became friends with Townsend). After graduation, she worked on a contract with the World Bank, and later in various positions in international marketing in the Washington area. In September, 1996, after a two-year stint in Kenya and South Africa, she moved back to join Townsend at their current home in Glen Echo. She has come to love the sense of community Glen Echo offers—and the access to nature. Recently, she accepted a public relations position with the Coalition for Christian Colleges and Universities.

A hearty welcome to all three of you!

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Around TOWN

A son was born to **Chris (formerly Greg) Anderson** and his wife, **Anne**, in Kingston-Upon-Thames, England, on April 27. **Daniel James Anderson**, their first child, weighed in at 8 lbs., 14 oz. Chris, the son of Jim and Carlotta Anderson of Wellesley Circle, grew up in Glen Echo. The family will be moving to Hong Kong at the end of July, where Chris will be reporting on business in Southeast Asia for *The Economist*...

Don't forget to watch Mayor **Debbie Beers** in her role as a contestant on Jeopardy on Monday, July 7...

The Potomac Conservancy is concerned about the proposed 170 ft. height for a **cellular telephone tower** scheduled to be erected next to the CIA across the river and is alerting local legislators, communities and park service officials about the project. The fear is that at that height it would be "a prominent and extremely negative addition to the Potomac River viewscape," looming over views of the river from the Brookmont, Glen Echo, and Cabin John vantage points. "If you can see the CIA water tank, you would see the tower," said Paul Rosa, a member of the Conservancy's Board of Directors. The Conservancy is asking that no action be taken pending analysis of alternatives...

A decision has been made to delay by at least two more years the restoration of the nine-mile stretch of the **C&O Canal** from Lock 5 to Lock 17, according to an article in the *Washington Post* on May 26. It quotes Supt. Douglas Faris as saying the area from Anglers Inn downstream to Lock 5, which includes the Glen Echo section, will be a high priority project for year 2000, and that he intends to return some of the water to the area in March. However, major desilting efforts which would permit normal water flow through the canal will depend on whether the park service gets an extra \$12.5 million from Congress, the article said...

Another link in the **Capital Crescent Trail** was opened May 15 when the section from Elm St. in Bethesda to Stewart Ave. in Silver Spring was dedicated. The segment between the C&O Canal in Georgetown and Bethesda Ave. in downtown Bethesda was completed last summer. Hopes are eventually to extend the trail to the Silver Spring Metro station...

FREE HALL EVENTS FOR GLEN ECHO RESIDENTS

Saturday, June 7. 3:00-5:00 pm. Community dance for all ages. Sponsored by the Folklore Society of Greater Washington.

Sunday, June 22. Dance Workshop. Sponsored by the Folklore Society of Greater Washington.

Every Wednesday, 8:00-10:30 pm. English Country Dance. Live music. No experience or partner needed. Sponsored by Folklore Society of Greater Washington

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Wednesday Evening: 7:00 PRAYER, TESTIMONIES, BIBLE QUESTIONS

Friday Morning: 10:00 COMMUNITY PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY

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GLEN ECHO PARK ACTIVITIES

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, June 7—Doug Jay & the Jaybirds (rhythm and blues)

Saturday, June 14—Cajun/Zydeco

Saturday, June 21—The Nighthawks (rhythm and blues)

Saturday, June 28—The Tom Cunningham Orchestra (swing)

Every Friday, traditional country dances

Every Sunday, contras, squares and folk dances

Sunday afternoon tea dances:

First & third Sundays, waltzes, foxtrots and ballroom 4:00-6:00 pm

Second and fourth Sundays, traditional American and international dancing for all ages and abilities. 3:00-5:30 pm.

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AT THE GALLERY

Blown Glass Exhibit by Rick Sherbert

May 31-June 29

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