

The Echo

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May, 1992

COUNCILMAN ODELL RESIGNS WITH YEAR REMAINING

Glen Echo Town Councilman Harry Odell resigned his office on Apr. 15. He cited personal reasons. There is one year remaining in his term of office.

He was appointed to the council by then-Mayor Fred Kuster in May, 1983, to fill the two years then remaining of the term of Bonnie Whyte, who had resigned in January of that year. He was elected to the council in 1985 and again in 1989.

In his letter of resignation to Mayor Borsari, Councilman Odell called his eight years and 11 months on the council "interesting and instructive."

"Despite some difficulties during this period," he wrote, "I remain convinced that municipal government under our existing charter is a good thing for Glen Echo."

The charter provides that when a councilmember resigns, the mayor may appoint a replacement. Mayor Borsari has not yet announced his nominee.

The next town election will be in May, 1993.

FORMER TOWN CHILD KILLED IN CAR ACCIDENT

Daniel J. (Danny) Benner, 12, who lived in Glen Echo from 1982 to 1985, was killed in an automobile accident on River Rd. on Monday afternoon, April 13. He was in a car driven by his nanny, who was attempting to turn into the Holton Arms School driveway in order to pick up his sister, Molly.

The Benner auto was broadsided by a car traveling west on River Rd.

Danny Benner was the son of Charles and Patricia Gurny Benner, who formerly resided at 34 Wellesley Circle. He attended the sixth grade at Grace Episcopal Day School in Silver Spring.

FREE GRASS/LEAF BAGS TO BE DISTRIBUTED

By David Sproul and Carlotta Anderson

Several compostable type leaf/grass bags will be provided as free samples to residents for recycling use, the town council decided last month. Grass and leaf recycling pickup began on April 1.

The bags, which cost around 45 cents apiece, will be delivered to each household. Councilwoman Beers, a member of the town recycling committee, said she would arrange to have them distributed. Resident Eleanor Balaban offered to help.

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LANDSCAPING CONTRACT TEMPORARILY SIGNED

By David Sproul

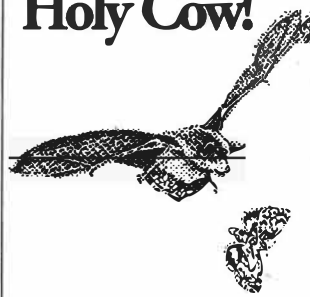
The town's contract with MJR Landscaping is "starting to be a very expensive proposition," Mayor Borsari informed the town council last month by letter. He recommended that a new contract be signed only through June 30 in order for the council to consider other bids as a part of the budgeting process.

The new contract calls for \$645 per month to be paid for various mowing, pruning and cleaning chores from April 1 through November 30. It adds several responsibilities formerly held by Charles Yester.

For the same period last year, the town paid MJR Landscaping \$495 per month.

The council authorized the mayor to go forward as he outlined.

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REQUIREMENTS SET FOR COUNCIL MINUTES

Expressing a desire to have more comprehensive minutes of their meetings, the town council last month unanimously approved a resolution laying out minimum requirements.

Councilwoman Long presented a motion which referred to a section of the town charter requiring the clerk-treasurer to "keep a full and accurate account of the proceeds of the council."

The resolution calls for the monthly minutes to include:

An exact record of every vote, including its rationale and background;

A similar record of issues decided by consensus;

A record of substantive points made during all discussions;

Name of member delegated to obtain information on an issue and when report is to be made;

Listing of ongoing unresolved issues.

The resolution also asked that copies of correspondence to and from the town government be attached to the minutes.

---David Sproul

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 11—8:00 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

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

GRASSBAGS (from page 1)

The bags should be filled about three-quarters full, with the top folded over, and placed next to the recycling bins. Brush, twigs and branches should not be put into the bags. They should be tied into bundles no larger than four feet long and 30 inches in diameter, with each individual item no more than one inch in diameter. These bundles are run through a chipper at the county facility and sold for gardening use.

When filled with grass and leaves, the heavy-duty paper bags will be taken to the county composting facility, where their contents will be turned into a soil supplement and sold to landscapers and nurseries.

Yard wastes should be put out on Tuesdays, alongside other recyclables, but are being picked up separately by a sub-contractor Waste Management has procured for that purpose.

It is obligatory for Glen Echo to provide for the recycling of yard wastes in order to receive a recycling reimbursement from the county.

Councilwoman Beers said she would write the county, assuring them that all recyclable materials are being picked up in Glen Echo and taken to the proper country recycling facility.

RECYCLING SPIRIT WILLING, BUT KNOWLEDGE WEAK

By Carlotta Anderson

The good news is that around 90 percent of Glen Echo residents are dutifully recycling, according to Waste Management's Loy Cruise.

The bad news is that they are putting out some non-recyclable items.

Here are some materials which are **not** acceptable for county recycling:

Soiled aluminum foil products

Tops of any kind

Loose can lids

Plastic bags

Plastic containers except when marked "1" or "2" on the bottom (some ice cream and yogurt containers are acceptable)

Automotive produce containers

Paint cans

Telephone books or catalogues

Unacceptable materials are usually left in the blue bin or put into the resident's trash can. Sometimes Waste Management personnel leave a printed ticket indicating why certain items were not collected. All recyclable materials must be left at curbside. The county recommends that food containers be rinsed out with leftover dishwashing water or cooking water for conservation reasons.

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FLEA MARKET DATE CHANGED

Councilmembers decided last month that the scheduled date of April 25 for a town flea market was too early and would dampen chances of its success.

It approved the date of Saturday, May 23 instead.

The flea market will be held at the town park, Princeton and University Aves., beginning at 10 a.m.

FINANCIAL BRIEFS

● Mayor Borsari has asked Cohen and Smith, the town auditors to review their January 10 bill for \$3,600, which the town has not yet paid. It listed 90 hours of services from Nov. 1-Jan. 3 at the rate of \$40/hr. The town hired the firm in 1989 at a fee of \$29/hr. The firm indicated it would respond to the mayor's letter after the April 15 tax deadline...

● The mayor also reported in an April 13 letter to councilmembers that former clerk-treasurer Ilona Almasy has been advised to pay the remaining balance on the funds owed to the town by June 30, 1992. The amount outstanding is \$317. Councilwoman Beers told the council that there was no stated deadline for repayment in the agreement the auditors made with Ms. Almasy, and no payments have been made since September, 1991...

● Councilwoman Beers asked new clerk-treasurer Kate Horwitz at the April meeting to go through the documentation relating to the town's certificates of deposit. She said she wants to make sure the correct names are on the certificates and accounts...

● At the mayor's request, the town moved unused funds from the snow and ice removal part of the budget to pay for trash removal costs which increased over budget when the county dumping fees went up last year.

—David Sproul

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MAYOR RULES ON QUESTIONED VOTE

By Carlotta Anderson

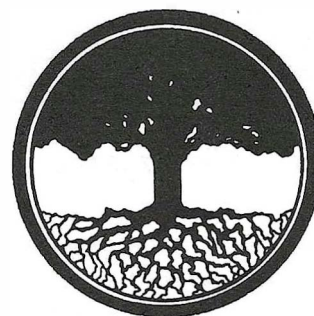
Mayor Borsari has ruled on the validity of a 2-0 vote which occurred at the March town council meeting. The vote was on a motion to set a deadline for repayment of money owed the town by former clerk-treasurer Ilona Almasy and refer the case to counsel if the deadline were not met. Councilmembers Beers and Shultz voted aye, while Long and Odell abstained.

Councilmembers Shultz and Odell expressed the view at the time that the motion had carried. The mayor said he would look it up.

The mayor subsequently ruled that the motion failed.

In an April 10 letter to councilmembers, he wrote that the only reference he found in the town charter or ordinances specified that no ordinance could be approved without the favorable votes of "the majority of the total membership of Council." There was apparently no mention of the number of votes necessary for motions not involving ordinances.

However, he ruled that there must be three affirmative votes (including the mayor's when appropriate) in order to adopt any item before the council.



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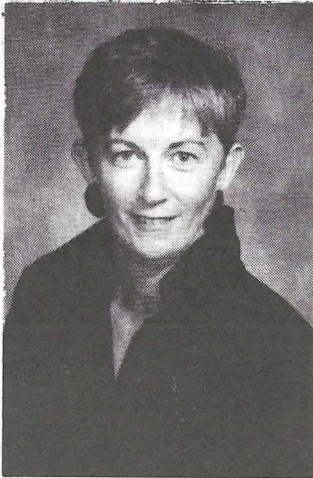
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PROPERTIES ON THE MARKET

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AIRFOILS RIPPED OFF TWO GLEN ECHO CARS

By Carlotta Anderson

Vandals (or thieves?) ripped the airfoils off the rear of two Glen Echo cars sometime between Apr. 19-26, while the owners were on vacation.

The cars were a red and a black Isuzu Impulse belonging to the Pierce family. One auto was parked in front of the Pierce home next to the Town Hall; the other was across from the Baptist Church annex on University Ave.

Ed Pierce estimates that replacement of the airfoils will cost between \$3-4,000. He said he tends to think the motive was simple vandalism, although it would be possible to re-use the airfoils on other cars of the same model.

He has reported the incident to police.

RESIDENTS BRING MEALS TO RECUPERATING NEIGHBOR

By Carlotta Anderson

During the four-and-a-half weeks Lisa Greenberg was in the hospital, having two surgeries on her back, Kate and Jim Horwitz and their children visited every Sunday.

Upon Lisa's return in late March, Kate organized neighbors to provide the Greenberg family with an evening meal for 10 days while Lisa was recovering. Some even brought wine as well as handmade cards from their children. They called their arrangement Glen Echo's "Meals on Wheels."

Lisa was very touched by the generous town support system. "It made me feel good we moved here," she said. She wanted to thank all the participants for their kindness, in particular Kate Horwitz.

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TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

April 13

Clerk-Treasurer Kate Horwitz recommended scheduling the time of the June 14 town picnic so that townspeople can conclude by **reciting the Pledge of Allegiance** at 7 p.m. in celebration of Flag Day. She said the town has received a letter from Gov. Schaefer asking all local governments to join in the celebration. Resident Eleanor Balaban offered to make available small American flags she had left over from real estate promotions...

Councilwoman Beers again raised the idea of **mounting a basketball backboard and hoop** in the parking lot of the Glen Echo Baptist Church. She said she would check with neighbors and church staff to sound them out...

Several residents wanted to know if the **trailer parked on Harvard Ave.** near the town entrance would be there long. Kate Horwitz said that it has been there less than three weeks. The council decided to wait and see if the trailer is removed soon...

Mayor Borsari was absent from the meeting because of an engagement at the National Association of Broadcasters convention. Councilman Shultz did not attend because of hay fever. Councilwoman Long presided.

March 9

Several people voiced objections to the bright blue color of the **recycling bins**. Mayor Borsari later sent out a town bulletin noting that green Glen Echo bins would be exchanged for the temporary Montgomery county blue ones on Tuesday, Apr. 28. Those who were unable to put out their blue bins for exchange on that date should put them out Tuesday, May 5. The mayor said he intends to distribute to townspeople a comprehensive guide to recycling, answering the most often asked questions...

The State of Maryland is once again accepting applications for projects to be funded under **Project Open Space**, the mayor said. Unfortunately, he said, all of last year's requests were turned down and with this year's unprecedented budget squeeze, the chances are now even slimmer. The state will also entertain nominations for "Best Town Under 1,000," he said.

--David Sproul

WELCOME NEWCOMER

Robert McMeekin has lived in Glen Echo two years, but *The Echo* has just caught up with him. He is a Human Resources Economist at The World Bank, charged with lending money for education projects to the governments in the southern parts of Latin America. This means that a good deal of the year he is "on the road."

A resident of 5808 Oxford Rd., Bob was raised in Kentucky, but lived in El Salvador, Nicaragua, Botswana, Malaysia and elsewhere before moving to the Washington area in 1977. He says Glen Echo is the nicest community he has lived in since his youth in his old Kentucky home.

Bob speaks fluent Spanish, and "just enough Portuguese to get into serious trouble." His main passion is fly fishing. He catches smallmouth bass in the Potomac and trout in Maryland and the nearby states.

A PAINT CANS SAGA

For many weeks, we tried to throw out some cans of old paint. Waste Management wouldn't take them with the weekly trash, and then they rejected them for the end-of-the-month Wednesday pickup of non-combustible items.

We next put an exasperated sign next to the cans, inquiring testily why they were rejected.

We received a lengthy and polite response, written in ink on the back of our sign. It read:

"Paint cans must be empty and dry. If not, they can be combustible and considered hazardous materials and we would be in EPA violation.

"Please take the lids off and let them dry up in your basement. Then we would be happy to remove them.

Tim Wilson, Waste Management, Inc."

--Carlotta Anderson



BRIEFLY NOTED

- Mayor Borsari has received a number of responses to his town bulletin seeking **volunteers for various vacant posts**. He has not yet made any appointments, he said...
- The window of a Harvard Ave. resident was **shot through by a pellet** in late March and had to be replaced. Since it was a high-reflective double-paned window, it cost around \$100 to replace, according to the resident. The window could have been shot from the sidewalk, possibly with a B-B gun or a sling-shot with steel ball-bearings, the resident said...
- There have been several incidents of house break-ins recently in Cabin John, according to The Village News. One neighborhood has set up a **Neighborhood Watch Program** with the help of the county police...
- The Cabin John paper also reports that **three-way stop signs** will be installed at the intersection of MacArthur Blvd. and the ramp to the Clara Barton Parkway, the pedestrian signal at the Union Arch Bridge will be removed and a crosswalk will be placed at the driveway adjacent to the tennis courts...

CHILDREN'S CENTER HAS OPENINGS

The Clara Barton Center for Children on MacArthur Blvd. in Cabin John has several slots open for September in its two-year-old class. Children may attend three, four or five days for a half day (8-12:30) or a full day (8-6). For more details call Elizabeth Norden at (301) 320-4565.

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THE KEYHOLE

By Tillie McNoldy

Eric Anderson, formerly of 38 Wellesley Circle, has been named a Luce scholar and will spend a year in Asia. Currently a reporter for the Denver Post, Eric has been assigned to work as a reporter for the South China Morning Post in Hongkong, beginning in September. Eric, the son of **Jim** and **Carlotta Anderson**, is a graduate of Walt Whitman High School (1984) and the State University of New York at Binghamton, which nominated him for the fellowship.

Maryse Rhein, of 6102 Princeton Ave., is in Switzerland visiting her family and friends. With **Stephanie** in college and commuting between Baltimore and Glen Echo, and **John** in New England, it means **Rex** is "on his own." Bet canned soups and frozen dinners are the popular items on his menu. Hurry back, Maryse!

Richard Carroll, who lived at 6105 Yale Ave., has been in Jakarta, Indonesia, since last September. He works for the World Bank and the slogan "Join the Navy and see the world" could be applied to the World Bank also. Two of his previous trips took him to Germany and Africa.

When not working, he finds times to play golf. He said the temperature is always 80-88 degrees. He has not seen winter since December, 1990. I would love to have that problem!

The travels of his mother, **Lois**, a former Glen Echo clerk-treasurer, have only taken her to Philadelphia and she comes back to town frequently. Some one must pick up Richard's mail in his P.O. box.

(Spare Tillie from looking through your keyhole. Give her your news by dropping a note in her mailslot at 6100 Princeton Ave.)

DISABILITIES ACT REQUIRES STREET, HALL CHANGES

By David Sproul

Curb cuts in the town's sidewalks will be required in order to conform to the Americans With Disabilities Act, Councilwoman Debbie Beers told the council last month.

She has been studying the text of the new law to find the items pertinent to the town.

Councilman Odell suggested calling on Claxton-Walker Associates to get recommendations for the necessary changes to the town hall. These may include a small elevator and bathrooms at the rear of the building. He said he would discuss this with Councilman Shultz, who was not present, at the first opportunity.

GLEN ECHO PARK ACTIVITIES

PARK EVENTS

May 23--IRISH DANCE COMPETITION
 May 24--IRISH FOLK FESTIVAL
 May 30 and 31--WASHINGTON FOLK FESTIVAL

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CENSUS REVEALS ALL SORTS OF TOWN FACTS

By Carlotta Anderson

In 1990, there were almost an equal number of males and females residing in our town, the median house value was \$312,000, and the median rent was \$839.

Those are some of the facts garnered from a detailed breakdown of the 1990 census of Glen Echo.

The census found a population of 234, with 116 males and 118 females. The bulk of the residents, 92, were 25-44 years of age. There were 22 children under five, eight persons 75-84, and one 85 or older.

One hundred housing units were counted, including one mobile home, with 10 of them vacant. One unit was renting for less than \$250 per month, and five for \$1,000 or more.

Fifty percent of the households were represented by married couples, with 24 householders living alone. There was an average of 2.60 persons per household, and two units had more than one person per room.

The census takers counted 224 white residents, two blacks, eight Asians, and four of Hispanic origin.