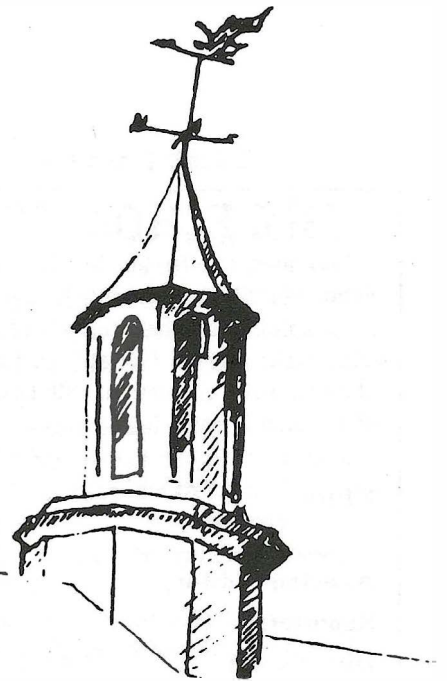


The Echo

The Town of
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May, 1993

OPPOSITION TO PARK PLAN RISES

by Gloria Levin

At the April 12 Town Council meeting, Frank Cucurullo, Glen Echo Park site manager, provided an updated report on the proposed construction of a utility plant and storage facility (see The Echo, April 1993). The architectural consulting firm has been asked to develop drawings of the proposed structure and to consider alternate sites, in addition to that adjacent to the town's vacant lot between Tulane and Oberlin Avenues. The alternate sites are at the Park entrance, the old miniature golf course location, and the Hall of Mirrors.

Having first learned about the Park's plans from the April Echo, Sally Laws, the owner of a nearby property, stated at the April meeting that these plans were "an abomination." She reported that, in seeking approvals for renovating the former residential property for use as her professional office, "the State of Maryland held me to the fire" to assure that the residential character of the area would be maintained, even to the point of having to hire an urban forester for one tree and commissioning traffic surveys to prove that the traffic pattern would not be negatively impacted.

A protest letter was sent to Congresswoman Connie Morella by Cherie Finkelstein, who has an acupuncture practice in Ms. Laws' building. Reading her letter to the assemblage at the April meeting, she pointed out her concerns about noise, heavy vehicle traffic, parking problems, and the "loss of a green oasis," if the facility were to be built as proposed.

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Gloria Levin and David Sproul were guest editors this month while Carlotta Anderson was out of town.

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.

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 contact Councilwomn Nancy Long, 229-1369 (evenings and weekends).

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

My little red "I love Glen Echo" heart has been attached to whatever I happen to wear since I found it at my door. Another terrific gesture from this dear town--I love it all.

Thanks,

Nancy McDonald

(Ed. Note: The mystery of where the Valentine hearts originally came from has been solved. According to Clerk-Treasurer Kate Horwitz, Fred Kuster and John Howe sold them at cost at a town flea market around 1981 and the ones she found in a drawer in the Town Hall were what was left over. John had bought them in England on one of his trips there.)

FLEA MART SATURDAY, MAY 15

The annual town flea market will be held on Saturday, May 15, at the town park, Princeton and University Aves., beginning at 10:00 a.m.

If you wish to have a table to sell your wares, please call Clerk-Treasurer Kate Horwitz, 320-2171. Cost per table is \$5.

KNOW OF A GOOD CONTRACTOR?

The town's Clerk-Treasurer, Kate Horwitz, has issued a plea to town residents to provide her names of qualified contractors who could be used for work needed by the town, especially for maintaining the Town Hall. In this way, she won't be forced to look in the yellow pages and select someone unknown to the town.

Some examples of needed skills are roofers, interior and exterior painters, wood floor refinishers, and tree specialists. If you have good experience with such persons, call Kate at the Town Hall office, 320-4041.

OBERLIN AVE. PLANS PRESENTED

John Kern presented a site plan at the April 13 Town Council meeting for converting his rental property at 6112 Oberlin Avenue to office space. This followed his presentation at the February meeting (see March 1993 Echo) and in preparation for a hearing, scheduled for May 7, for a rezoning application.

The plan is to renovate and expand the residence which would house his architectural firm as well as Frank Bell, a residential builder. The bulk of the renovation will be a two-story addition, to be built behind the current house. He stated that the renovation will be "completely in residential character" compatible with Glen Echo's architecture — "Glen Eclectic," quipped Councilman Shultz.

An apartment may be added to the basement level. A parking area will be constructed, as is required by the County for office buildings, and will probably use fine gravel which, Mr. Kern assured, would allow percolation of water into the ground. He also intends to regrade one area to divert some of the water runoff created by the Inn at Glen Echo's aggressive paving. All trees are to be retained, and new plantings are to be added.

— Gloria Levin

OPPOSITION (from page 1)

Additional concerns stated at the meeting were the negative impact on the already bad drainage problem in the area and the visual threat to the Palisades. Councilman Shultz weighed in by saying, "if the crassest developer in the county took a look at all the land the Park Service has there, the last place he would put a maintenance shed would be overlooking the Potomac River." Mr. Cucurullo promised he would report the town's feelings to the Superintendent of the George Washington Memorial Parkway who has primary responsibility for the building project. Councilman Don Moran asked him to inform the town if the National Park Service has established an explicit mechanism that citizens can use to proactively intervene in the decisionmaking process. Councilman Shultz agreed that "we need to push all the buttons because we don't know which one is wired." Residents can express their opinions by writing Mr. Cucurullo who will pass the letters on to Superintendent Roberts.

Councilwoman Long reported that the town and the Park Service have had a good relationship over a long period of time. "We've had disagreements, but we've been able to work them out," she said. "Let's not have a problem with this because, in the end," she predicted, "the Park Service is not going to win on the (Tulane Avenue) site."

POLICE REPORT

By Jim Anderson

The news from the police department for March (the latest month available in statistics at the advisory board meeting) is mainly good. According to the crime statistics, all of the major categories (burglary, robbery, rape, car thefts) were down in Bethesda. The bad news is that the grim weather in March may have had something to do with it. Snow and rain fell on the bad guys as well as the good, keeping both indoors. There were no major crimes reported in the Glen Echo area during March.

In the budget crunch, the Montgomery County Police Department, through some energetic lobbying and arguing, came out well: 105 percent of last year's budget, which translates into some 32 new recruits for the district. Again, the bad news: in order to save higher salary costs, the county is offering buy-outs for a number of officers who have 20 years in service; in other words, the core of the department. In one plan, they would be offered 95 percent of their current base salary for four or five years, before they would revert to their normal 50 percent pension.

There are lots of people in the district station working things out on pocket computers and otherwise: (let's see: inflation versus normal salary increases; chances of getting a promotion versus trying my luck in the outside world; the psychic compensation of being a respected police officer as opposed to watching day-time television and working at MacDonalds, etc.)

It seems to depend on whether the potential early retirees (mostly in their mid-forties) can find employment, other than working as night security guards for fast-food places for six dollars an hour. So far, the answer is mostly no. In the meantime, the Bethesda district is posting advertisements for new recruits. The qualifications, especially in terms of physical health and strength (for men or women) seem daunting. A basic requirement appears to be a college degree.

Jim Anderson of Glen Echo is a member of the Citizens Advisory Board for the Bethesda Police District .

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A FINAL REMINDER

A municipal election will be held at town hall on Monday, May 3, to elect a mayor and two councilmembers for four year terms.

The seats are currently held by Mayor Debbie Beers and Councilmembers Michael Brintnall and Don Moran. Beers and Brintnall will be standing for re-election. Resident Jim Anderson will be running for the remaining council seat.

Paul Alban, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Elections, reminds residents that they will be able to register at the polls.

TOWN COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

April 12

Neither Mayor Debbie Beers nor Councilman Michael Brintnall were in attendance at the meeting. Councilwoman Nancy Long presided. There was an unusually good audience turnout, including **new residents** Madeleine Carter and Alec Graham of Radcliffe Lane.

The council voted to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement, not to exceed \$4,500, with a contractor to perform **landscaping services** in town. Several bids were received by Kate Horwitz, the town's Clerk-Treasurer, for this annually renewable contract.

Councilman Bill Shultz reported that the town, as a municipality, is eligible to receive \$475 in federal disaster relief funds, as partial **reimbursement for plowing town streets** during the March 13-14 snowstorm. Noting that sufficient funds are available in the budget for the \$600 expense and that areas of the state are undergoing severe economic hardship, the Council recommended to the Mayor that, once received, the funds be donated to a needy municipality in western Maryland.

Jim and Carlotta Anderson wrote the Mayor and Town Council inquiring as to who is responsible in the eventuality that "a large, **dead tree**," located at the bottom of Bryn Mawr Avenue, falls. Their letter recited a lengthy history of their attempts to determine who is responsible, as well as replies from multiple parties, all of whom denied jurisdiction for cutting down the tree.

Councilmembers Long and Shultz agreed to research this, although Shultz joked that if the tree were labelled a Paulownia (see March 1993 Echo), the tree thieves operating in the area recently "would have that tree nailed before nightfall!"

Councilman Don Moran will not be standing for re-election in the **May 3 elections** for the Council. He recently purchased a home near the Old Angler's Inn so will be moving four miles up MacArthur Blvd. He expressed appreciation for the privilege of serving. His Council colleagues, Nancy Long and Bill Shultz, in return expressed their sincere appreciation for his service, remembering that he was appointed to a vacant Council position last Spring, during a time of turbulence. He was commended for having served with distinction, and all agreed with him that the town is "in great shape."

The Council took no action on a request from Friendship Heights' Civic Council to support a **gun control petition**. Although sympathy was expressed for the resolution by the three Council members in attendance, each noted concerns, either with the wording of the resolution or with the town's lack of jurisdiction on such a broad topic. The issue was tabled for some later town council meeting.

-- Gloria Levin

GLEN ECHO PARK ACTIVITIES

COMING EVENTS

May 8—Annual Night of Waltzing (fundraiser)
June 5 & 6—17th Annual Washington Folk Festival

Every Friday night, squares, contras, mixers, etc.,
8:30-11:30, \$5-6

Every Saturday night, swing dancing, 9-mid-
 night, \$7-10

Every Sunday night, square and contra dancing,
7:30-10:30, \$7

Sunday afternoons, tea dancing, foxtrots, waltzes
 and swing, 3-5:30, \$8

PARK NEWS

Frank Cucurullo, Glen Echo Park site manager, reported at the April 12 Town Council meeting that the May 1 season opening of the 1921 Denzel Carousel will be delayed, due to mechanical problems. In a random test of three of the crank shafts, one was found to have a radial crack. All of the crank shafts must be tested and, if necessary, new ones must be manufactured.

The Town Council has, again, been asked by the National Park Service to permit to be built on the town's basketball court at Tulane Avenue, a temporary stage for the June 5-6 Folk Festival.



GLEN ECHO'S NEWEST RESIDENT

Don and Debbie Beers announce the birth of Andrew Lawrence Beers on April 8, 1993 at 5:30pm. The 22 inch, nine pound four and a half ounce boy joins his brother Michael and sisters Emily and Laura. Mayor and constituent are doing fine.

ADVENTURE THEATRE

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 Weekends at 1:30 and 3:30
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The Association of DC Area Nannies (ADCAN) is an organized non-profit support group for nannies. It was started in 1986 and is the longest running support group across the nation. It has a board of directors and advisors who are elected by the members yearly.

ADCAN is not affiliated with any agencies. ADCAN is open to all area nannies. Interested nannies may attend up to three events before joining. Upon joining there is a membership fee of twenty-five dollars annually.

ADCAN will be sponsoring a Nanny Fair Mini Workshop on Saturday, May 22, 1993 from 9am to 12 noon. There will be a five dollar admission fee for this event. Refreshments will be served. There will be two guest speakers talking on topics to help inform and educate us as nannies.

For more information about ADCAN and/or the workshop write to: ADCAN, P.O.Box 5502, Washington DC 20016 or call: Teri Svyantek, President, at (301) 924-5348 or call Susan Gahmer, Publicity Chairman at (202) 363-9506.



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Monday, May 10—8:00 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

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

Mature artist/counselor interested in finding partner(s) for house sharing in Glen Echo area. Need by July. Call Barbara Kloc at 301-231-7212 or 301-217-1412.

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.

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.

CLASSIFIED ADS

TWO HARDWORKING WHITMAN STUDENTS want to mow your lawn. Reasonable prices and professional equipment. Call Toby Orme, 320-4236, or Jeremy Welsh, 229-3351 for free estimate.

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Classified ads are free to Glen Echo residents. Fee to non-residents: \$.75 per line. Display ads, \$3 per column inch. Ads may be left with or mailed to the editor at 38 Wellesley Circle, Glen Echo, MD 20812. Make checks payable to: Town of Glen Echo. Deadline: 24th of each month.

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\$445,000

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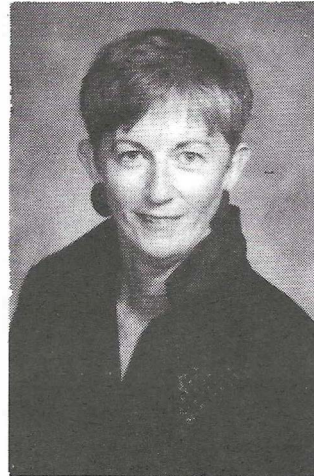
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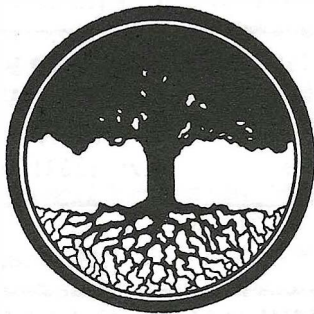


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