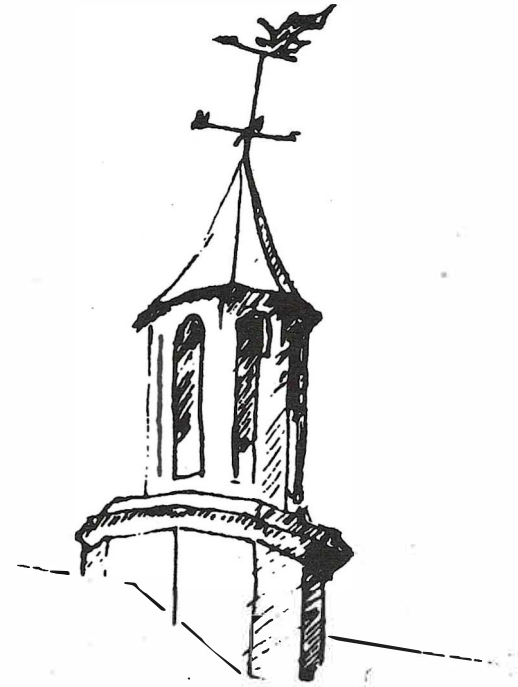


The Echo

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May, 1995

NO RELIEF IN SIGHT FROM DISCOLORED WATER

By Carlotta Anderson

The stained toilet bowls, discolored sinks, and orange-colored sidewalk described by Princeton Ave. resident JoAnne Murray were brought to the attention of the County Council's transportation and environment committee as it met on Apr. 17 to consider increasing funding for the repair of deteriorating county water pipes.

Her letter, plus another from the town, were part of an intense Glen Echo lobbying effort to get the re-lining of town pipes moved up on a list of communities with water problems that might take as long as nine years to get done.

An Apr. 19 article in *The Almanac* described how WSSC opens the hydrant in front of Ms. Murray's home every two weeks to let the water pour out, sometimes for up to three days. The idea is to reduce the amount of brownish-orange water that enters her home and those of her neighbors on the upslope of the Princeton water main.

The letters and calls from Glen Echo and other communities convinced County Executive Douglas Duncan that more money should be spent to fix county pipes and the committee was prepared to increase the funds requested by WSSC by several million dollars, according to town councilmember Gloria Levin. But WSSC turned the additional funds down.

WSSC staff said that if they put more money into repairing pipes, it would reduce the regular operating budget for both

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MONDAY IS ELECTION DAY! ELECT 2 COUNCILMEMBERS

Three Glen Echo residents have filed for candidacy for the two councilmember positions which will be filled at the May 1 election. They included current Glen Echo town councilmembers Gloria Levin and Nancy Long, and University Ave. resident Bea Smith. The term of office is four years.

Statements received from two of the candidates appear on p. 6.

In addition to the opportunity to elect the candidates of your choice, casting your ballot at the town hall on Monday is a way of showing support for those who contribute so much of their time to running the local government and making Glen Echo the individualized and responsive municipality it is widely acknowledged to be.

It is also a nice opportunity to get together with your fellow townspeople to discuss town affairs, or simply pass the time of day.

The poll will be open from 5-9 pm. All residents currently registered to vote in Montgomery County are eligible, as well as those who have previously voted in Glen Echo, and anyone else who is a U.S. citizen, at least 21 years of age, and has resided in town for at least one year prior to the election.

The new councilmembers will be sworn in at the May 8 town council meeting.

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STREET SIGN BIDS PROVE HARD TO GET

By David Sproul

Of eight firms requested to bid on replacement of the town's street signs, only two submitted bids and they were so different in scope that comparison was difficult, Clerk-Treasurer Edie Springuel told the council last month.

She said that the Jack Stone Co. will do all the fabrication and erection for \$11,800. Precision Sign bid \$530 just for making the signs.

She said she would try to seek bids from painting firms for the restoration of the existing sign standards.

FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT

March 1995

Knopf Law Offices	\$1,720.68
Brandon, CPA (quarterly audit)	\$62.50
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(A full accounting of all bills paid and payments received is available as part of the town council minutes.)

TRASH, RECYCLING PICKUP PROBLEMS?

Call Waste Management directly at 340-0774. Ask for Dispatch.

TONY NO LONGER SELLING PRODUCE AT OLD SPOT

By Carlotta Anderson

The legendary 93-year-old produce vendor, Tony Dicarlantonio, has moved his strawberries and apples from his old spot in the lot at MacArthur Blvd. and Wilson La. and set up shop at the bottom of the driveway of his farm at 10611 MacArthur Blvd.

What motivated him to move was not fears he would be ousted by the Corps of Engineers, because he was about to be declared a certified vendor by the county's Department of Environmental Protection on the basis that most of his produce was grown on his or local farms.

He left because it was unlikely that any of the other vendors currently at the site would be similarly certified and his family did not feel it safe for him to be there alone after enforcement of the new vending law begins on July 1, according to Jeremy Criss of the Office of Economic Development.

Mr. Criss has determined that the Wilson La. site is too small to accommodate a county-sponsored farmer's market because of parking problems and proximity to the main road. It would be an acceptable site for a town-sponsored farmer's market, he said, but then Glen Echo would have to be responsible for setting it up and over-seeing it, something the town is unlikely to want to do.

CORNELL AVE. RESIDENT SEEKS ZONING VARIANCE

By David Sproul

Town resident Leah Hertz told the council last month that she is contemplating changes to the main entrance of her house at 6005 Cornell Ave. Due to the unusually small lot size, the construction will require a zoning variance, she said.

Ms. Hertz circulated photos and diagrams illustrating the planned work, which calls for a covered wooden entrance with two staircases to replace the original, smaller staircase.

Mayor Beers reminded Ms. Hertz that the council has no authority to approve zoning variances. However Councilman Anderson moved that the council go on record as having no objections. The motion passed with Councilwoman Long abstaining because she is an adjacent property owner.

WATER PROBLEMS (from page 1)

Montgomery and Prince George's counties, most of which does not have water discoloration problems.

In addition, the county imposes a cap on total spending by WSSC.

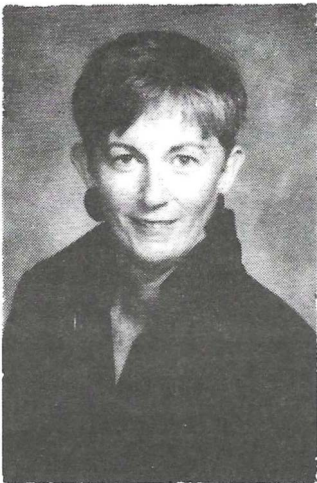
They also said they can't spend all the money that already is given them for repairs. Only three companies can do injection relining, and these have several years work already contracted, WSSC said, according to Ms. Murray.

As one of the most frequent complainers in the WSSC computer system, Ms. Murray was invited to appear before WSSC commissioners at a Feb. 9 budget hearing. She testified, along with Councilmember Levin, who had compiled complaints from other Glen Echo residents with water problems.

The town is on the list of communities to have pipe re-lining after 1996, but they were told that the time might be as long as nine years. WSSC said they were committed to the work and needed more funding, Councilmember Levin said. "They encouraged us to whip us the masses, then they refused the money," she said in disgust.

Councilmember Levin said she intends to call the head of maintenance for WSSC and emphasize that "since we did all this lobbying on behalf of WSSC, Glen Echo should be moved up to the front of the list."

(If you have water complaints, you can call the WSSC 24-hour maintenance number at 206-4002)



Eleanor

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

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NEW POLICY FOR HALL USE

The categories for town hall use and the fees involved were revised by the town council at its April, 1995, meeting. The new policy, which will go into effect for the next fiscal year, will be substantially as follows:

1. Glen Echo residents are entitled to two free uses of the hall per year for private social events, in which no fees are charged. There will be a refundable \$100 deposit if the hall is left in clean condition. Residents requesting more than two annual uses, residents will be charged a \$10 fee and put at the bottom of the list, with the understanding that any other resident will have priority.
2. Non-profit groups whose event is open to town residents or benefits the town in some way will be charged a \$50 fee, with a refundable \$100 deposit.
3. Non-profit groups whose event is not open to town residents or involves entry fees of some kind will be charged \$100, with \$100 refundable deposit.
4. Other non-resident groups will be charged \$250, with a \$150 refundable deposit.
5. Special situations, to be submitted to the council for approval.

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COUNCIL SETS NEW POLICY FOR TOWN HALL USE

By David Sproul

Most of the 12 visitors at the April 10 town council meeting seemed to have come to discuss the oft-tabled adjustments to rules for town hall use. The subject was examined exhaustively.

After a more than hour-long discussion, the council drafted a new policy which raises deposits and, in some cases, user fees, and curtails number of annual uses by town residents (see "New Policy for Hall Use," next column).

Councilman Brintnall estimated that the cost to the town of maintaining the upper level of the town hall is approximately \$4,000 per year. Councilmembers agreed that more of this should be recovered from out-of-town users according to a fee schedule which takes into account the ability to pay and the likely wear and tear of particular uses.

Mayor Beers said she felt that the town should require proof of insurance from groups which use the hall, but realized that expecting such proof from individuals would be unrealistic.

Trying to define the limits of commercial activity in the hall was a difficult issue. For example, some mentioned that orders for paintings were often placed at art exhibits in the hall. Mayor Beers said that the line barring commercial activity had to be held because of zoning considerations, among others.

The new regulations were approved by a 3-1 vote of the council with Councilwoman Long opposing. She mentioned that she thought the \$100 deposit for residents was exorbitant.

She also said that she has received a request to use the room on two weeknights and Saturday mornings for low-impact aerobics classes next winter. The consensus of the council was to suggest cutting the classes back to one or two sessions per week, moving the hours to open up use to others, limiting the application to a short trial run, or all of the above.

No decision was made on the matter.



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COUNCIL SEEKS ANOTHER BID FOR TOWN HALL ELEVATOR

By David Sproul

Two contractors have submitted bids for an elevator to bring the town hall in compliance with Americans With Disabilities (ADA) requirements, but the town is looking for an additional bid.

CNR Medical offered a price of around \$35,000 to construct a lift at the rear of the town hall which would be encased in a masonry shaft. Premier Lift bid \$22,717 for a lift without an encasement.

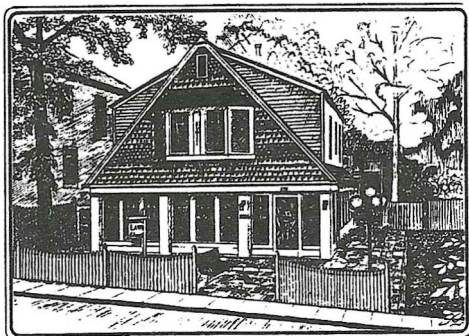
The council dropped the idea of attempting to meet the requirements with a type of stair-climber contraption, which it feared would have operational and maintenance problems.

The elevator would be made of plexiglas and sheet metal. The council voted to obtain bids solely on the non-enclosed model. Councilman Anderson abstained because he opposes going ahead with ADA-mandated construction at this time.

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 8--8:00 p.m.
Glen Echo Town Hall
Contact the mayor if you wish to add an item to the agenda.

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Heather Cottage

Financial Planning

HOW VEHICLE ORDINANCES WORK

Once again, like the Kudzu vines along MacArthur Blvd., unlicensed or unused cars and other abandoned vehicles are showing signs of taking over certain streets in Glen Echo. One owner's treasured, rusting possession is another resident's piece of junk, a signal to others that Town ordinances are not respected.

Town ordinances are complicated. They operate slowly and deliberately so that residents have a chance to deal with problems by themselves, between neighbors. That's one reason that we always send a friendly warning letter about vehicles which are in apparent violation of Town ordinances before we take formal action. Mostly that works.

Without going into the complexities of the Town laws, they amount to this: Don't do anything that you would object to if someone else did it. That means get rid of objects left on the streets, whether it's cars or other things such as trailers. Vehicles or other disused things on your property or on the streets give other people the impression that Glen Echo doesn't care.

The Mayor and Members of the Council have run for office because they do care about Glen Echo. That's why they try to enforce the ordinances evenly and without favor.

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Jim Anderson, Town Council member

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STATEMENTS FROM CANDIDATES FOR TOWN COUNCIL

In October 1994, I was appointed to complete the term of Councilman Bill Shultz and am now seeking election to a full term. I have lived in Glen Echo since 1982. As a frequent reporter for *The Echo*, I attended periodic Council (and other special) meetings, including annual budget hearings. Last year, I conducted a search for a new town attorney and vetted candidates for the Mayor and Council's selection. Thus, I had a fair knowledge of the workings of the town before I was appointed to the Council by the Mayor.

Since joining the Council, I have attended and taken an active part in all meetings. Assigned to assume Council responsibility for street maintenance and repair, I have learned on-the-job. With the assistance of Councilman Mike Brintnall, I surveyed the town's streets and met frequently with the town's consulting engineers to develop a phased strategy for street repairs. The specifications are now being bid, with a May 1 due date. The work includes slurry sealing, a preventive measure that has been regularly recommended to the town by consulting engineers.

As a result of conversations with town residents, I expanded my domain to improving our water system. In association with resident Joanne Murray, I have actively lobbied WSSC and the Council Council and Executive to accelerate the construction schedule by which the town's water mains will be cleaned and relined. If elected, I will recommend establishing an Infrastructure Committee, volunteering to be the Council's liaison with this group of residents.

I am a lifelong community activist and a second-generation Washingtonian. I was a community organizer for many years, including Peace Corps service in Peru, and earned a doctorate from the University of Michigan in Community Psychology. Prior to moving to Glen Echo, I was president of my 260-unit condominium and was a Montgomery County dispute resolution mediator for homeowners' associations. Since 1975, I have been employed by the National Institute of Mental Health as an overworked administrator. I am also active in professional and charitable activities.

Gloria Levin

I have resided at 7308 University Ave. for the past 13 years. With the exception of eight meetings, I have attended all town council meetings during my residency.

I am interested in the operation of government and in particular, the wise use of my tax dollars.

During my residency here, I have been a dedicated, tireless volunteer in community activities. I have given of my time, labor and funds in my endeavor to create a more pleasant environment for our town and for all who visit here.

Bea Smith

The Echo did not receive a statement from candidate Nancy Long.

PROPERTIES ON THE MARKET

5900 Oxford Rd.	\$395,000
6106 Bryn Mawr Ave.	\$352,500

BANNOCKBURN MAYFAIR MAY 7

Bannockburn Elementary's Annual Mayfair and Silent Auction will take place on Sunday, May 7 from noon-4. Activities will include a Moonbounce, a Dunk Tank, face painting, cake roulette, games and fast food.

In the Silent Auction, you can bid on weekend getaways, restaurants, theatre tickets, and other gifts and gift certificates.

Proceeds go to benefit the school's PTA. The school is located at 6520 Dalroy Lane off Bannockburn Dr.

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Friday Morning: 10:00 COMMUNITY PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY

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EVENTS AT TEEN CENTER

The Clara Barton Teen Center is open Monday through Thursday from 2-8 pm (May 9 until 6:30 only) for drop in activities, including watching TV, listening to CDs, and playing pool or table tennis. There are separate lounges for middle school and high school students.

Tutoring is available in Spanish, math, English and history every day after school until 6 pm. There is no membership fee to use the center, which is located in the former Clara Barton Elementary School on MacArthur Blvd. in Cabin John.

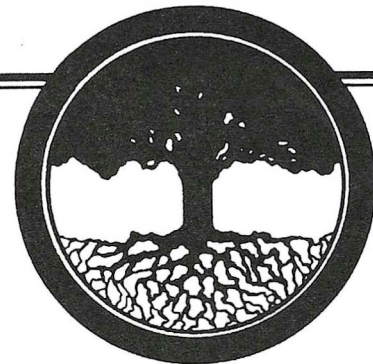
Fridays the Teen Center is open until 5 pm and then re-opens for scheduled activities. This month's Friday evening activities are:

May 5—Open Lounge Night for middle school students only. Free pizza and 65 cent sodas. 7:30-10 pm.

May 12—"American Gladiators." Simulated jousting with a soft sword. The loser falls onto a moon bounce. \$2 admission. Middle School hours 7:30-9; high school hours 9-10:30.

May 19—High School Bands and Coffeehouse Night. Middle school only event. \$2. 8-10 pm.

May 26—Drop-in night for middle and high school students. 5-10:30 pm.



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COMING EVENTS

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May 6—Ballroom Fundraiser with Frankie Manning, 9—midnight, \$12

May 7—Sunday afternoon community dance, 3—4:30, \$4 (\$3 for children)

May 13—Zydeco Dancing with Jude Taylor and The Zydeco Flames, 9—midnight, \$10

May 14—Sunday afternoon swing dancing with The Starlite Octette, 3:30—6, \$8

May 21—Sunday afternoon waltzing, 4—6, \$6

May 27—19th Annual Irish FEIS (Dance Competition)

May 28—Free performance by the B.A.P.A. Youth Chorus, led by Joshua Rich

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BRIEFLY NOTED

The **Animal Control Board** met on Apr. 10 to consider the case of an unlicensed dog in town who also had several complaints made against him. Action will be taken...

Chris Hewitt, a professor of sociology at the University of Maryland and a Wellesley Circle resident, was interviewed by Channel 13 for its 11 pm news program on April 19, the day of the Oklahoma City bombing. Chris's area of expertise is terrorism and political violence...

New Wellesley Circle resident **Penelope Newman** is the director of the Teen Center at the Clara Barton Center in Cabin John, but will be leaving her position in August to return to law school, according to the *Village News* of Cabin John...

TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

Bids for **street repairs** are due May 1. Town resident Renny Springuel offered to help in reviewing them.

A report in last month's *Echo* may have led some to believe that all street work in the section of town bounded by Tulane, Oberlin and Bowdoin Aves. was being postponed. Only the slurry seal coverage will be delayed until other repair projects are completed.

The Institute for Governmental Service in College Park has offered to meet here with the mayor and council for the purpose of discussing what is involved in **revising the town charter and ordinances**. Mayor Beers said. The council is looking to eliminating sections which are unworkable or archaic.

—David Sproul and Carlotta Anderson