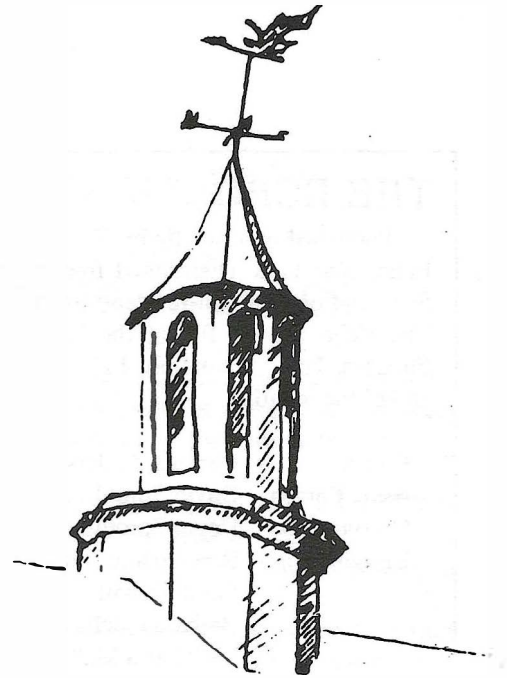


The Echo

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May 1996

EXCAVATIONS, PIPE REPAIRS UNDERWAY UNTIL MID-JUNE By Carlotta Anderson and David Sproul

The WSSC pipe relining project that is so much a part of current town street life is scheduled to end Friday, June 14, according to Councilwoman Gloria Levin, although a WSSC official previously warned that the work might continue through June.

Pipe sections were to have been cut out by the end of April, to be followed by cleaning and lining pipes and re-installing sections, as well as replacing 19 hydrants. Picking up the by-passes is scheduled for the end of May, with clean-up beginning in early June.

The contractor, J. Fletcher Creamer company, will fill up all excavations temporarily. Permanent repairs will be done by WSSC.

Water main work will be done subsequently in Bannockburn and Fairway Hills. Councilwoman Levin asked that Glen Echo be scheduled first, and it was.

Her most urgent concern, she told the council last month, was a contingency plan for parking while streets are being excavated. Glen Echo Park representative Fran Norton offered to provide parking space in the town side of the larger park lot, but emphasized that residents should not park in the Clara Barton lot. She offered to print up resident identifica-

RIGHT OF WAY PURCHASE AWAITS COURT APPROVAL By Carlotta Anderson

The town has made a firm and final offer to purchase the former trolley right-of-way located between the town limits and MacArthur Blvd. which Leonard Bechick, attorney for the owners of the property, has informed the town he finds acceptable.

Court approval is necessary before the transaction can be completed, and Mr. Bechick has indicated that he will recommend that the court approve the sale, according to town attorney Norman Knopf. The court action is necessary because the right of way is owned by the Riders Group as part of a class action suit against D.C. Transit, which formerly ran the trolley line.

Approval is expected by both sides, Mr. Knopf said, although a previous lower offer was rejected by the court.

The town council will then be required to formally approve the sale at a public session before final closing on the property can take place.

It is not yet an appropriate time to publish the town's offering price, according to town attorney Norman Knopf.

Project Open Space, a Maryland state entity, has informed the town it would fund up to 75 percent of the costs,

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RIGHT OF WAY (FROM PAGE 1)

Mayor Beers said. These could include title search, survey, attorney's fees or other closing costs. The town has accumulated over \$16,000 in Open Space funds over the past decade. The remainder of the money would be in effect a borrowing against future allocations that the town would be entitled to.

The money would be available for fiscal year 1997 which begins in July of this year.

The town also has in its budget a surplus of between \$200-300,000. The mayor said she did not see "any out of the ordinary" increase in town taxes because of the purchase.

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THREE YEAR SAGA OF TOWN'S EFFORTS TO BUY TROLLEY RIGHT OF WAY

The Town of Glen Echo has actively attempted to acquire the strip of the former trolley right of way alongside it since 1966, and conducted discussions on several occasions with representatives of O. Roy Chalk and D.C. Transit, its former owner. With the foreclosure sale of the property in mid-1993, these efforts were intensified. Here is the recent chronology, as gleaned from back issues of The Echo.

June, 1993--Three-mile long section of old trolley right of way sells by foreclosure auction for \$42,500 to Riders Group, which won a 1960s class action suit against D.C. Transit after many years of litigation. Its representative, Leonard Bebhick, rejects suggestion of donating to town the portion abutting Glen Echo; says his clients want to realize financial benefit from the land.

July, 1993--Town authorizes its attorney to investigate possible purchase of portion alongside Glen Echo. Mr. Bebhick says he has also been approached by several Glen Echo residents who wish to buy portion abutting their yards.

September, 1993--Town council votes to make an offer to purchase whole parcel of land from east side of Oxford Rd. to end of Radcliffe La. with aim of maintaining it in its current form for the good of the whole community. At council meeting, some residents complain that adjacent property owners would gain access to land subsidized by the rest of the town, and several object to letting them park there without paying rent, but most of those present support the town's acquisition of the property so as to maintain it as open space.

Asked if town could obtain an easement without buying the property, mayor explains that establishing an easement would require expensive litigation.

November, 1993--Town offers \$40,000 to purchase the entire parcel, intact.

December, 1993--Questionnaire distributed to each household asks residents what they would like done with the land and what usage should be permitted adjacent property owners.

Mr. Bebhick says he has been contacted by some adjacent property owners about buying sections of the land.

January, 1994--Returned questionnaires indicate strong support for town purchasing property as a barrier between the town and MacArthur Blvd. and leaving area much as it is. At council meeting, nine of abutting property owners charge they have not been adequately assured regarding possible uses of

COULD TOWN ACQUIRE RIGHT OF WAY FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES?

Resident Tom Kenney suggested at the April town council meeting that the town check for non-payment of taxes on the old trolley right of way and if they are in arrears, "just take" the land.

Councilman Anderson explained that even if that were the case, the legal costs involved in appropriating the land would probably exceed the figure the town is willing to pay its current owners.

Mayor Beers, who was not present at the meeting, said the tax situation is unclear and the town would not be in a position to make a case that they were not paid over the years. "The records are not there." She said that during many periods town records were not kept or filed properly and there is no way to reconstruct them.

All county taxes are paid up and the Riders Group did pay the town taxes of \$149 the first year it owned the property. Since then they have had a tax exemption as a social welfare organization similar to the Sierra Club, the mayor said.

--Carlotta Anderson and David Sproul

the land. In a signed letter to the editor, they offer not to attempt to buy the property if the town in turn offers a conservation covenant "preserving the current greenspace status."

1995--In a series of executive sessions, some lasting until midnight or beyond, the town council decides, on the basis of two professional appraisals, to make a further bid to Mr. Bebhick. It is rejected and countered by another offer from him. The town and Riders Group narrow the gap but don't close it.

December, 1995--The adjoining buyers group in Glen Echo agrees to hold off for 90 days to prevent a bidding war between them and the town.

January, 1996--Riders Group buys additional section of right of way for \$6,000 at auction, giving it title to entire length from Oxford Rd. to end of Radcliffe La., the portion town seeks to acquire.

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CHRONOLOGY (FROM PAGE 3)

March, 1996--Town Council approves resolution to use the land "as a buffer, open space and passive outdoor recreation area," with use of the land to remain as it existed on January 1, 1996, as determined by photographs. Resolution states this intention would be formalized in the form of a legal covenant after property acquired. Second purchase offer made to Mr. Bebchick.

April, 1996--Mr. Bebchick tells town new offer acceptable, but it must be approved by court. Project Open Space notifies town it will fund up to 75 percent of costs.

--Carlotta Anderson

PIPE REPAIRS (FROM PAGE 1)

tion sheets for placement on dashboards.

Councilwoman Levin said she welcomed informal supervision of the ongoing work by residents with construction experience.

The next street project in town will be slurry sealing, which was recommended by town engineers but postponed because of the current pipe repairs. In this process, a thin layer of surfacing material will be applied which will fill in the little cracks and bear the brunt of regular wear and tear, Councilwoman Levin said

COUNTY PRESENTS NEW STORM DRAIN PROPOSALS


The county is unable to maintain the existing system of storm drains in the rear yards of Bryn Mawr Ave. houses from MacArthur Blvd. to University Ave., a request that the town made in a Feb. 21 proposal to the Dept. of Public Works and Transportation.

The reason is that the county cannot acquire an easement to maintain any system with pre-existing structures, such as buildings, fish ponds, fences, etc. over the storm drain, Graham J. Norton, the department director, wrote on Apr. 8.

The county is also concerned about the town's proposal to connect pipes from Harvard Ave. along University Ave. to a drain system down Bryn Mawr because there was once a bridge spanning University Ave. near Harvard and there might be underground structures still in place. To divert water "uphill" to Bryn Mawr would require a trench at least 15' feet deep, the letter says, and any such excavation "could jeopardize the structure integrity of University Ave."

Mr. Norton proposed that county representatives again meet with the town to discuss other alternatives. Preferred would be directing water from MacArthur down Bryn Mawr to the outfall at Clara Barton Parkway, with the temporary pipe south of University on Harvard being made permanent to the outfall. The second alternative would be much the same, except that drainage from inlets on University would be shallowly diverted to the main Bryn Mawr pipe. The third would turn at University and shallowly connect to the drain running through the Harvard back yards, with an easement required for maintenance.

The county also asked the town to try to find either construction plans for the old bridge across University Ave. or for the retaining wall that enclosed the downhill side of the bridge.



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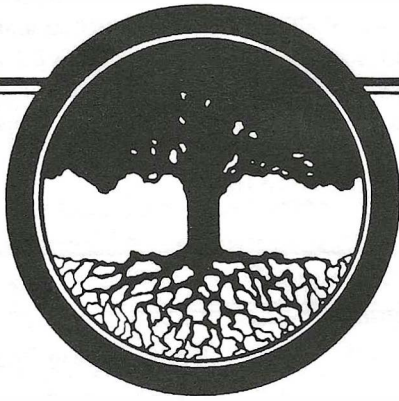
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AIRPORT NOISE

Diana Hudson-Taylor represented the Town of Glen Echo at the annual meeting of CAAN (Citizens for the Abatement of Aircraft Noise) on April 17.

She will report to the town council at its next meeting.

Anyone interested in lobbying or helping CAAN should call Diana at 229-2163.



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TREE PLANTING PROVOKES OBJECTIONS

By David Sproul and Carlotta Anderson

A letter from a resident asking what the town intended to do about a row of new trees planted on the right of way at Princeton Ave. was read to the council at its April meeting. Rennie Springuel expressed concern that unless the town resolves to enforce the agreement to keep the right of way as it was, such agreement will be meaningless and the town would be better advised to spend its money elsewhere.

The letter referred to a resolution adopted at the March meeting which stated that the property, if acquired, would be essentially maintained as it existed on January 1, 1996, and that this would be formalized in a covenant. This resolution was made in response to a 1994 offer by most of the adjoining property owners not to attempt to buy the property if the town offered a conservation covenant preserving the current greenspace status.

Councilwoman Levin said she thought the tree-planting was "disgraceful" and "a provocation

Councilmembers Anderson and Brintnall said they thought the new trees made for a visual improvement. In any case, the council is powerless to check provocations such as the recent tree-planting until the town actually owns the land, Councilman Brintnall pointed out.

Owner of the Princeton Ave. property Lisa Landsman said she and her husband were "rather startled" that people were upset and that someone had told the workmen not to plant the trees. She said that they believed the trees were planted on county property, not the right of way, along the same line where the county had removed dying elm trees previously and where the stumps are still visible. "We were only trying to replace something that was previously there," she said, and "not to upset people."

She added that in any case she was not aware of any agreement not to plant trees and that "I never made any such agreement."

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 13—8:00 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

Contact the mayor to add an item to the agenda

DAVID WILLIAM FESSENDEN 1909-1996

David Fessenden, a former mayor and a resident of Glen Echo for 54 years, died on Thursday, April 25 at Suburban Hospital. One of the real Old Guard of Glen Echoans, and a frequent figure walking through town, often carrying a Bible, he will be sorely missed.

Born in 1909 in Brookline, N.H., Mr. Fessenden graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1932. He worked first for the New Hampshire state government, moving to Washington for a job with the Labor Department as an employment security specialist in 1942. During World War II, he served with the Coast Guard. He retired from government service in 1970.

In 1940, he married Thelma Beaubien, who grew up in the same town and attended the same schools, although she was in a grade six years behind him. They moved to Glen Echo in September, 1942, renting rooms initially in the house at 6005 Yale Ave., then in the basement of 7310 University Ave., a house owned by relatives.

They bought their home at 6005 Bryn Mawr Ave. in 1945. Mr. Fessenden's main hobby was working in the garden there.

Mr. Fessenden was mayor from 1961-1964 and served as member of the Glen Echo Town Council beginning in 1948. He was active in a number of religious, community, environmental and benevolent groups. He served as deacon and trustee of the Glen Echo Baptist Church. From the 40s to the 60s he was a volunteer with the Glen Echo Volunteer Fire Department. He was a member of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America and of the Lion's Club.

In addition to his wife, Thelma, he leaves two sons, David, Jr., and Stephen; six grandchildren and three great grandchildren. A grandson, David, III, lives at the Bryn Mawr address, and a grand-nephew, Jim Beaubien, lives at the University Ave. house that was the Fessenden's second home in town.

A memorial service for Mr. Fessenden was scheduled for May 4 at the Glen Echo Town Hall.

COMPANY WANTS TO BRING WIRELESS DATA SERVICE

By David Sproul

A company seeking to branch into wireless data service for private individuals wants to place its low-power transmitters on existing power poles in town. Michael J. McKenna of Metricom came to the April council meeting in an effort to negotiate sites.

He said that the town would probably need to have three or four transmitters mounted to adequately serve customers. He said the service uses a battery-powered modem and is intended to free customers' computers from dependence on hard-wired telephone circuits.

The service costs \$30 per month for unlimited use.

In exchange for being allowed to place the one watt transmitters in town, the company might offer to cover attorney's fees, provide a free subscription or possibly a percentage-based franchise fee returned to the town.

Councilmembers asked to have the proposed number and location of transmitters pinned down before the town takes further steps.

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SPEEDY REPAIRS OPEN LONG STRETCH OF TOWPATH

By Carlotta Anderson

The C&O Canal towpath, devastated by the January floods, is now open to foot traffic and mountain bikes from Rock Creek in Georgetown to Angler's Inn. Repair progress is rapid, and will pick up after a spell of dry weather, but the path is still quite rough in places.

Major repairs to the area at Lock 7 below Glen Echo were accomplished by an April 13 work party which included nine volunteers from Glen Echo; others apparently joined later work crews. On that April Saturday morning, 53 volunteer workers dismantled the destroyed wooden foot bridge which had washed down from its original spot, lugged up rocks to fill in a washed away section of the path and reconstructed the walkway across the lock from the parking lot.

The Glen Echo volunteers were lured by a flyer distributed by the town to each household after Paul Rosa of the Potomac Conservancy appeared at the April town council meeting seeking volunteer help and financial contributions. The town had already sent a \$1,000 contribution to the C&O Canal Association, and, because of other large expenditures, did not feel that it could offer an additional donation to the Conservancy, a private non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the Potomac Gorge. However, Councilwoman Levin personally contributed \$15 for distribution of the flyer.

The Conservancy, which works closely with the National Park Service, has recruited and coordinated work on stretches of the towpath between Locks 5 and 10. Volunteers have done a complete repair of the towpath at Lock 8 and replaced the pedestrian bridge. A.B. Veirs and Sons donated the heavy equipment and workers at Lock 8, while McDonnell Contracting provided the backhoe and labor at Lock 7. The Care of Trees, Inc. has donated tree crews to get downed trees removed., and Geotask,

Ltd is filling the breach in the towpath at Lock 6. Once Lock 6 is fixed, repairs will pick up speed, Mr. Rosa said, because trucks can then run in a loop from Lock 5 to 10 and around on paved roads instead of having to back up down the towpath.

A new design is in the works for the destroyed footbridge below Glen Echo, according to Mr. Rosa. He said there is need for another vehicle bridge like at Locks 5 and 10 so that there are more vehicle access points to the towpath. A steel frame bridge is being considered that could be lifted up the hill with a crane in advance of future floods. Engineering studies to make sure construction does not damage the two sewer lines at that location are necessary, and it will probably be months before the bridge is in place, he said.

Although there will be no footbridge for a while, there is very little water in the canal below town and it is possible for the nimble to walk across it on stones.

There are "tons of volunteers," Mr. Rosa said, but skilled carpenters are much needed. The Cabin John Citizens Association and the Palisades Citizens Association each have contributed \$1,000, and Brookmont over \$5,000. Individual tax deductible contributions may be sent to: Potomac Conservancy, P.O. Box 2288, Merrifield, VA 22116. Its phone number is (703) 642 9880

PROPERTIES ON THE MARKET

5808 Oxford Rd.	\$289,900
22 Wellesley Circle	\$310,000
23 Wellesley Circle	\$269,500

Around Town

OPENING FOR REPRESENTATIVE ON POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

David Sproul, who moved from Glen Echo several months ago but has continued reporting for The Echo, also performed another volunteer function for the town.

A bundle of civic energy, father, husband and radio station engineer, he served as unofficial representative from Glen Echo on the Bethesda Citizens' Police Advisory Board.

Now that he lives in Sumner, he has submitted his resignation to Capt. Alan Rodbell, but will be happy to help indoctrinate his successor. If you are interested in taking on this task, please leave a message at the town hall, 320-4041, and someone will contact you.

Next month will be the last that David functions as assistant editor and reporter for this paper. Editor Carlotta Anderson and her assistant, Diana Hudson-Taylor have been lining up a stable of new reporters. If you are interested in joining them, please call Carlotta at 229-3748 or Diana at 229-2163.

Councilwoman Nancy Long was a guest at the **Earth Day celebration** at Great Falls Park on Monday, Apr. 22 and shook hands with blue-jean clad President Bill Clinton and Vice-President Al Gore, who made speeches and were photographed lifting logs together. Councilwoman Long is on the board of the C&O Canal Association and also on the C&O Advisory Commission. She said it was "a very nice event," with two bald eagles circling over the river and the performance of music by Vivaldi and Handel.

The Walt Whitman High School Drama Department is presenting *South Pacific* as its spring musical. This popular Rodgers and Hammerstein production is being held on May 9, 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Whitman Auditorium. Tickets are \$6 and available by calling (301) 320-6600.

Bannockburn Nursery School will have its annual fund-raising event at the Bannockburn Community Clubhouse on Saturday, May 18, at 6:30 p.m. The "Evening of California Dreamin'" will feature an auction, wine tasting and supper catered by Furin's of Georgetown. For admission details call Kathleen Roberson at 299-0600.

The school will also have a free parent-toddler get together on Friday, May 10, from 12:30-2:00. There will be a few simple activities for the children and lots of time to have

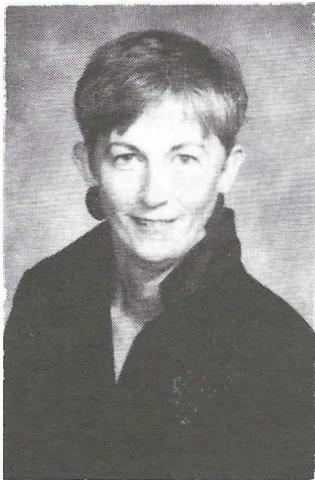
THE KEYHOLE

By Tillie McNoldy

One of our former "kids from town" now has one of his own. Richard and Tiffin Carroll stopped by to show me the "living proof." Jay Wiley Carroll was born Mar. 12 and weighed in at 6 lbs. To quote Richard, "I brought him by for your inspection." Naturally he is cute and naturally Tiffin and Richard are proud of him.

Grandmom Lois Carroll is very proud of him also, and will be putting a lot more mileage on her car as she commutes between Pennsylvania and Maryland...

Of interest to some of the old timers in town and those receiving our paper should be the death of Dorothy Merrick, a resident many years ago. She has been a subscriber and contributor to The Echo and lived at the upper part of town for many years. At the time of her death she and her husband resided on Ellicott St. in D.C.



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TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

April 8

Animal Control Board member Barbara Odell has surveyed other towns about their handling of **animal control affairs** and found that most shared the burden with the county and were pleased with the arrangement, Councilman Brintnall reported. These jurisdictions retained a local citizen to be the connect-point between citizen complaints and the county bureaucracy, he said. The matter will come up in connection with the coming update of the town ordinances...

Councilwoman Long described problems with a recent **teen party at the town hall**. There was a high level of noise, spilled liquids, and other problems but party sponsors responded quickly to her requests for action. She said the town may want to restrict reservations for teen parties to town residents.

--David Sproul

MONTH-END SPECIAL PICKUP

Large quantities of household discards are regularly picked up on the last Wednesday of every month. This includes any object that two men can pick up.

There are no more special pickups on call, and there is no 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.

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FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT

March 1996

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GLEN ECHO PARK ACTIVITIES

COMING EVENTS

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PARK NEWS

Construction work on the utilities upgrade should begin sometime after June 1, park official Fran Norton told the town council last month. The contract came in around \$50,000 over budget, but the money is there, she said. National Park Service restroom trailers will need to be brought in during the construction period...

Volunteer dancers have been repairing the floor of the Spanish Ballroom over the past 18 months so that the ballroom would not have to be shut down, according to an article in the *Washington Post* on April 25 entitled "Dancers Give Ballroom a Lift." They have wedged supports under 47 areas of the 63-year-old sprung maple floor at a total cost of about \$850, half of which was paid by the Park Service and the rest by the Friday night dance committee.

Yale Ave. resident Jamie Platt, one of the volunteers, said of the Moorish-style ballroom, "There's something magical about that place." The article noted that he met his wife, Betsy, in the ballroom seven years ago and they have hardly missed a weekend dance since.

The Park Service anticipates doing a full-scale cosmetic and structural restoration of the ballroom, as well as installing a heating and air-conditioning system, at a cost of about \$4 million, the article said.

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