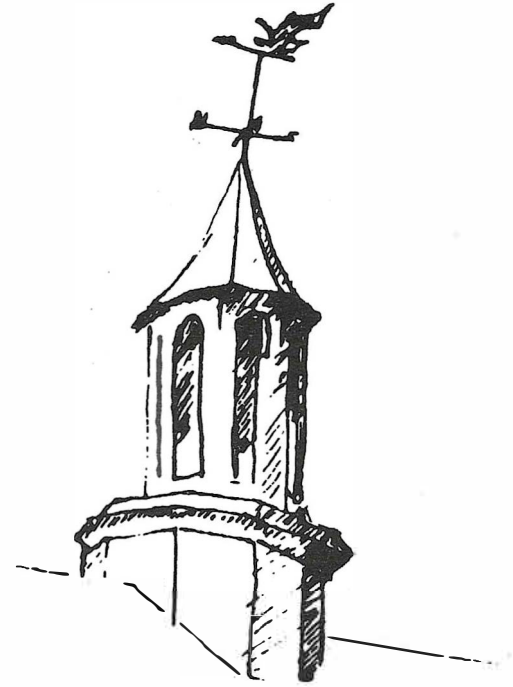


# The Echo

## The Town of GLEN ECHO, MARYLAND Chartered, 1904



November, 1994

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### DISABILITIES ACT COMPLIANCE EXPENSIVE FOR TOWN

By David Sproul and Carlotta Anderson

The town could face a bill as high as \$86,000 for installing an elevator or chair lift at the Glen Echo Town Hall and modifying or replacing the existing restrooms to make them accessible to the disabled, according to a survey completed by Princeton Ave. resident JoAnne Murray.

The survey, which runs 30 pages including exhibits, was commissioned by the town in order to determine what changes would be needed to bring Glen Echo into compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act. Ms. Murray is a registered architect who is under contract to the Montgomery County Public Schools to design modifications for schools so they will comply with the ADA requirements.

In addition to providing some kind of lift to the upper floor and access to and modification of toilet facilities, the town will need to widen the fire escape and provide a roof, re-construct or modify doors, add an outside sign in braille, and provide a sign language interpreter on demand. The cost of these items will be in addition to some kind of chair lift.

Councilman Anderson expressed surprise that there was no exemption for towns as small as Glen Echo from such large bills. He suggested that the town might want to hold the status quo until some sort of relief appeared on the horizon.

Mayor Beers said that she had attended a seminar sponsored by the Maryland Municipal League and that the message was clear: towns must stick to the letter of the Act. She told the council "we are not broke" and should not wait for someone to sue the town for non-compliance.

Councilman Brintnall urged the council and citizens to realize that the cost would be a one-time charge that would provide benefits for many years. The town hall should be accessible to all, he said, adding that unfunded mandates--federal regulations that entail expenses not paid for by the federal government--are an unavoidable part of life these days.

Ms. Murray had a few money-saving alternatives to suggest. She described a stair-climbing chair device which could be

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### GLORIA LEVIN ASSUMES TOWN COUNCIL SEAT

By David Sproul

The appointment of Gloria Levin as town council member by Mayor Debbie Beers was unanimously approved by the council at its Oct. 10 meeting. She was administered the oath of office and took her place at the council table.

She will fill the vacancy left by the recent resignation of Bill Shultz. His term expires in May, 1995.

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## SOME RESIDENTS UNHAPPY WITH WASTE PICKUPS

By David Sproul

Radcliffe Lane homeowner Madeleine Carter came before the council last month to complain that Waste Management trucks have failed since July to pick up recyclable items from her house. She reported that the crews say their new truck is too big for the street.

Mayor Beers has since received assurance from Waste Management that they will pick up recycling bins on Radcliffe.

Resident Renny Springuel said that crews had failed to pick up bundles of branches and sticks he had left for them.

The town is working on developing some form of notice to be put on materials rejected for pickup that will indicate to residents what regulations they are not complying with.

## CORRECTION

Please note that the date of the town's holiday **pancake breakfast is Saturday, Dec. 17.**



**REAL ESTATE? Tell a friend to call JANE STEVENSON at Coldwell Banker. (O) 654-3222 (H) 229-3578**

## **TROLLEY RIGHT-OF-WAY MAY BE AVAILABLE SOON**

There should be "some movement" in the coming months regarding the status of the former trolley right-of-way, town attorney Norman Knopf informed the town in a letter.

He said attorney Leonard Bebchick, representing the Riders Group, has resolved his dispute with the county over transfer taxes and expects to start talking with the town and adjoining owners about selling the property at least by the end of the year. Mr. Bebchick has obtained a title search of the right-of-way done by Montgomery Abstract, Mr. Knopf wrote.

—David Sproul

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## **TOWN COUNCIL NOTES**

**October 10**

The council approved the expenditure of \$500 for a review of the town's aging **charter and ordinances**. It is to be performed by the Institute of Government Services of College Park, Md. Mayor Beers surmised that the cost was less than if the town's attorney were asked to perform the duty...

Mayor Beers said **sidewalk repairs** were done pretty well and curb cuts were installed in most places where the sidewalk was old enough to justify replacement. There are more cuts to install, she said, but budget limitations forced postponing some. She said she had spoken to some boys who had gone beyond simply putting their initials in the fresh concrete and had submerged a whole foot in it...

Councilwoman Long again asked the council to consider restructuring **Town Hall rental rates**, since outside non-profit groups are becoming the predominant users. The town does not charge these groups a fee. She is preparing a user survey...

—David Sproul

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### **DISABILITY ACT (from page 1)**

operated by one of the guests at a town hall function and would reduce the chair lift cost to \$47,000. She is also looking into possible use of the bathroom downstairs in the post office as well as a sort of bridge from the upper two parking spaces at the top of Harvard Ave. to the second floor of the town hall, both ideas suggested by town residents.

Mayor Beers said that a special meeting devoted to the topic might be needed.

## **NEW STREET SIGNS CLOSER TO REALITY**

**By David Sproul**

Custom-made "NO PARKING THIS SIDE OF STREET" have been ordered from Patrick Signs for \$25 each, Town Clerk-Treasurer Edie Springuel told the council last month.

The firm has suggested that reflective material for the regular street identification signs might make them readable enough to avoid having to enlarge those signs.

However, the council decided to install larger signs at the MacArthur Blvd. intersections for readability. This also frees up the traditional poles and ironwork for replacement duty at other locations in town.

The council chose not to pay for adding MacArthur Blvd. signs to the poles which will carry signs for the town's cross streets at the boulevard. The signs will probably be cursive-style with white reflective material on dark green backgrounds. Several signs in town which are in good condition but are inconsistent in appearance will be replaced.

### **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER RESIGNS; NEW ONE SOUGHT**

Animal Control Officer Bea Smith resigned last month. Mayor Beers is looking for a replacement. If you would like to serve in this office, please call her at 229-7308.

### **Paid Advertisement**

### **THE GLEN ECHO BAPTIST CHURCH VASSAR CIRCLE, GLEN ECHO MD.**

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

**Friday Morning:** 10:00 COMMUNITY PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY

Collecting food and clothing for the homeless and needy.

## CLERK-TREASURER HOURS

As the new Clerk/Treasurer for Glen Echo, I have tried to consider the needs of the townspeople in setting my hours. The posted hours for the Town Hall are as follows:

**Mondays: 9:30 am-12:00 noon**

**Fridays: 9:30 am-12:00 noon**

**Second Saturday of the month:**

**9:00 am-12:00 noon**

**Third Wednesday of the month:**

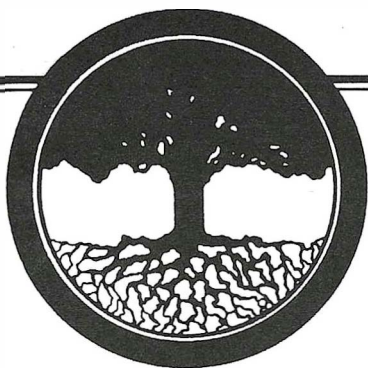
**8:00 pm-9:30 pm**

Given my family responsibilities and town responsibilities, there may be times when I am not at the Town Hall during posted hours. In such instances, I will make every attempt to leave a note on the Town Hall door to that effect.

There will be times when town responsibilities required me to be at the Town Hall for extended non-posted hours and to run town errands.

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**Eddie Springuel**



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## INCREASED AIRCRAFT NOISE THREATENS GLEN ECHO

By Diana Hudson-Taylor

It doesn't take much to imagine a picnic in your yard where everyone suddenly stops conversation as another jet flies by to land at National Airport. It happens now.

Within a month, The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will determine if the current limits on the number of flights at National (the High Density Rule) should be increased.

With little advance notice, FAA held a public meeting on Oct. 19. Congresswoman Connie Morella, CAAN (Citizens for the Abatement of Aircraft Noise), and a handful of others were present to protest the already violated limits on the number of flights. The FAA is under pressure from airline carriers and Congress (which considers National its private airport) to expand passenger service at the expense of anything within its flight pattern.

The only way this can be stopped is through protest letters from many individuals and towns like Glen Echo that are directly affected by the noise from air traffic. If you are interested in petitioning the town council for such a letter, please call me by Nov. 13 at 229-2163. To voice your concern directly, write:

**Federal Aviation Administration**  
**Office of the Chief Counsel**  
**Rules Docket (AGC-200) Docket 27664**  
**800 Independence Ave. SW**  
**Washington, DC 20591**

Please note that the current approved approach patterns are for all planes to enter and leave National Airport via the Potomac River until reaching the Beltway, with specific altitudes to be flown. If a plane or helicopter is off course (i.e., taking a shortcut over Bethesda), or unusually loud, call National's 24-hour noise complaint line, 703-419-8020.

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## NEW POST OFFICE LEASE BEING NEGOTIATED

By David Sproul and Carlotta Anderson

It appears that the post office will agree to pay about \$23,500 for annual rent, according to Mayor Beers, who is negotiating a new lease. This represents approximately \$10,000 more than the town is receiving now.

She told the council last month that the post office has been paying around \$12 per square foot, whereas the hardware store in the Glen Echo Shopping Center pays around \$24 per square foot.

## ***STREET SURVEY GUIDES TOWN'S REPAIR STRATEGY***

Mayor Beers presented to the council last month a survey done by A. Morton Thomas for prioritizing the town's street repairs.

She said that it was important to seal any cracks in the streets before winter. Major resurfacing will be done next year.

Bids are being solicited from asphalt contractors for work before the freezing weather sets in. They must be received by Nov. 10.

—David Sproul

## SCARY EVENT AT TOWN HALL

By Julia Wilson

The Halloween spirit was in full swing Oct. 30 at the Town Halloween Party. Clerk/Treasurer Edie Springuel and a large contingent of town volunteers put on a spooky and thrilling event with a haunted house, eyeball races, stories, apple-bobbing and other games.

Many of the 90 or so town residents of all ages who attended were very creatively attired as the Addams Family, dragons, Medusa, vampires, butterflies and witches.

The hard work of Edie and the following volunteers made the party a great success:

**Haunted House Helpers:** Debbie Sachs, Dave Robinson, Christo and Michael Rodemeyer, David, Robin, Catherine and Anna Sproul, Richard, Daniel, Nick, Matthew and Mike De Paolis, Bernie and Francois Springuel, and Jim Beaubien.

**Freaky Food Finders:** Bonnie Whyte, Sarah Patton, Lisa Landsman, Nick Frabotta and many others.

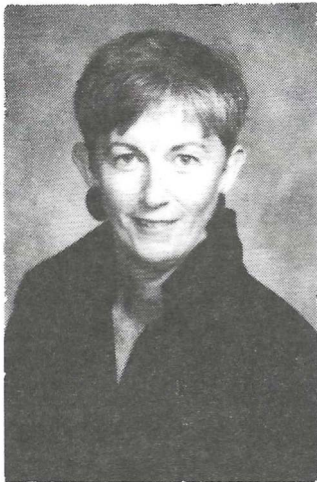
**Games Goblins:** Nick Frabotta, Don Beers, Francis Grant-Suttie.

**Balloons:** JoAnne Murray, Marc and Michael Levenson.

**PA System:** David Sproul

**Eyeball Makers:** Padraic and Bernie Springuel

**Clean Up:** Jamie Platt, Holly Shimizu, Ann Ford, Jane and Brockie Stevenson, Nancy Long.



*Eleanor*

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## FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT

August 1994

A. Morton Thomas (surveys) \$1,115.00  
Murray & Assoc. (ADA survey) \$500.00  
Robert Kirchiro (street repair) \$450.00

*(A full accounting of all bills paid and payments received  
is available as part of the town council minutes.)*

### NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 14—8:00 p.m.  
Glen Echo Town Hall  
Contact the mayor if you wish to add an item to the agenda

## THE KEYHOLE

By Tillie McNoldy

The Town Hall was recently the scene of another celebration when a pot luck birthday dinner was held for **Jimmy Miller**, a former resident, and his sister, **Evelyne Beach** from Brookmont. The party was in honor of Jimmy's 81st birthday and the 80th for his sister, and was hosted by nieces **Sherry Deebo** and **Sharon Holcomb**.

Janice and Jimmy Miller and family lived at 6101 Bryn Mawr Ave. for many years before moving to Arkansas. Janice will be remembered as a former postmaster and Jimmy will be remembered as the best "paper boy" we ever had. You could always depend on the paper being at your front door, not on the sidewalk.

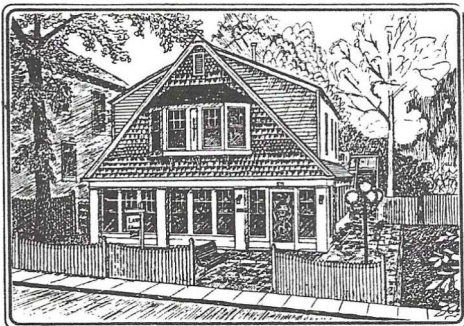
Attending the party were **Pastor David Cole** and family, and members of the Baptist Church, relatives of Evelyne and Jimmy and many friends and former neighbors.

Needless to say, it was a well-fed and contented group of people.

### TRASH, RECYCLING PICKUP PROBLEMS?

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## WELCOME, NEWCOMERS

It would be accurate to say that the Platt family danced into town. **Jamie** and **Betsy Platt** met at a contra dance in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park on July 3, 1988, and came to Glen Echo from Capitol Hill for dances at least twice a week, eventually looking for a house to buy here.

A few months ago, travel time was substantially shortened when they moved into their new home at 6105 Yale Ave. with **Hannah Sophia**, 14 months. Once they saw Glen Echo, they say, "we decided it was the place for us."

Attracted to the small town atmosphere and sense of community here, they attended a town council meeting soon after moving in. Jamie had been an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner representing 2,000 constituents of his Capitol Hill neighborhood.

A native of Brooklyn, Jamie came to D.C. in 1973. He is a hearings and appeals analyst for the Social Security Administration in Falls Church. For over 20 years, he has been involved in folk, contra, square, Cajun, jitterbug and swing dancing. He teaches a weekly international folk dancing class (Foggy Bottom Folk Dancers) at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in D.C. For the last 10 years, he has been teaching international dance at the Washington Folk Festival at Glen Echo Park.

Betsy is a law librarian for a private law firm in D.C. She grew up in Glens Falls, N.Y., and came to this area in 1989 from Philadelphia to get married. An avid contra dancer, and also very much involved in the dance scene at Glen Echo Park, she helps coordinate the Friday night dances as well as the fund-raising dances for the Glen Echo Park Foundation.

They both usher at Arena Stage and the Shakespeare Theatre.

## NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS

Sculptor **Raya Bodnarchuk**, her art and her circa-1900 Harvard Ave. home were profiled in the Sunday Magazine section of *The Washington Post* on Oct. 2. With color photos of the life-sized wooden figures on her front porch, the pine animals that crowd her tiny living room, and a back yard canopied by wisteria vines, the article, "Carving a Niche," tells how Raya switched from sculpting in aluminum to wood because the old foundry in Glen Echo Park was shut down. Now a Corcoran School of Art professor, Raya bought her frame house across from the post office 13 years ago. It once housed a beauty parlor, according to the article.

How seriously **Lisa Landsman**, a Princeton Ave. resident, and other new parents rely on the current crop of parenting books was described in a Oct. 18 Style section article, "On Parenting" in *The Washington Post*.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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**ANY YOUNG PERSON interested in delivering town flyers, please contact Clerk/Treasurer Edie Springuel at 320-2699. If you are already on the list and wish to continue, please contact the Clerk/Treasurer also. There is a small payment for the delivery.**

*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.*

### NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Bannockburn Nursery School will hold an Open House on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 10:00-noon. Visitors can see the classrooms and playgrounds, meet the teachers and co-opping parents, and sign up for the 1995-96 classes for 2-5 year olds.

The school will hold its annual fair on Friday, Nov. 11, 9:30-4:30 and Saturday, Nov. 12, 10:00-2:00. Books, toys, tapes and gift items will be for sale.

The school is located at 6314 Bannockburn Dr., Bethesda.



### PROPERTIES ON THE MARKET

13 Vassar Circle	\$439,900
36 Wellesley Circle	\$379,991
7306 University Avenue	\$319,000

## BRIEFLY NOTED

Future users of the **Capital Crescent Trail** will be able to cross the dangerous stretch of River Rd. at the Roy Rogers restaurant on a weathered-steel hiker/biker bridge, according to the *Bethesda Gazette*. Construction will begin around the end of the year and probably be complete by spring, 1995. The bridge, which will cost \$550,000, will be substantial enough to carry a police car or ambulance traveling on the bike path!..

The Silver Spring police station is trying an experiment which will allow any citizen with a computer and modem to call and download the current **local crime summary**. The Bethesda station is trying to obtain a computer for the same purpose..

--David Sproul

## HOLIDAY BAZAAR DEC. 3

Looking for holiday gifts? The annual Holiday Bazaar of Peruvian handicrafts returns to the town hall on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9:00-2:00.

It is sponsored by the Ivy Inter-American Foundation, which raises funds for grassroots charities in besieged and isolated areas of Peru.

Available for sale will be fine alpaca sweaters, silver jewelry, wooden trays, and ceramics. Since the handicrafts are purchased directly from Peruvian craftspeople, the prices are excellent.

For information on the Foundation and other events it sponsors, contact town resident Gloria Levin, 320-5068.



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# GLEN ECHO PARK ACTIVITIES

## COMING EVENTS

**Saturday, Nov. 5—TASVIR GUITAR QUARTET, 8:00 pm, Hall of Mirrors, \$8**

**Saturday, Nov. 12—ROY CARRIER & THE NIGHT ROCKERS, Cajun/Zydeco dance, 9:00-12:00, \$10**

**Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 19 & 20—ISABEL HON AND MARCY SCHLISSEL, Dance/Theater, 8:00 pm, Hall of Mirrors, \$8.**

**Saturday, Nov. 26—TOM CUNNINGHAM ORCHESTRA**

**Saturday, Dec. 3—SONGWRITERS CIRCLE, original acoustic music, 8:00 pm, Hall of Mirrors, \$8.**

**Every Friday night—Square, contra and country dances, 8:30-11 pm, \$5**

**Every Sunday night—Square and contra dancing, 7:30-10:30 pm, \$5**

## ***PARK SERVICE MAKES CHANGES IN MANAGEMENT SUPERVISION***

The National Park Service is restructuring itself to improve services, reduce the ratio of supervisors to employees and push decision-making power as far down the employee ladder as possible, according to a letter from Audrey Calhoun, Superintendent of the George Washington Memorial Parkway.

These changes were precipitated by Vice President Gore's efforts to reduce the size of the federal government and increase the quality of services, an effort known as the National Performance Review.

As of Oct. 2, Glen Echo Park, the Clara Barton site and Arlington House are to be managed as one unit. Current Glen Echo Park Site Manager Frank Cucurullo will supervise the interpretive program at Arlington House. The current Arlington House Site Manager, Fran Norton, will supervise Glen Echo Park and Clara Barton. She has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in graphic design and art history from the Rochester Institute of Technology and has worked as a supervisory ranger at the Kennedy Center and Wolf Trap Farm Park.

Both will report to a unit manager whose office will be located at Glen Echo. This position will be filled temporarily by the parkway's concessions analyst, Gary Pollock.

Town Councilwoman Nancy Long told the council last month that she feels the changes might jeopardize park funding by removing the decisions to distant employees with other loyalties.

—David Sproul and Carlotta Anderson

## ADVENTURE THEATRE

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Tickets: \$4. Call 320-6668

## ***CLARA BARTON SITE HOLDS LANTERN LIGHT OPEN HOUSE***

A lantern light Open House using reproduction lanterns will be held at the Clara Barton National History Site on November 18, from 7:00-9:00 pm.

It is free of charge.

## **HIKE FOR KIDS NOV. 8**

A children's adventure hike along the Billy Goat Trail on the banks of the Potomac River will be offered on election day, Nov. 8 (a school vacation day) by the Brookside Nature Center.

The hike is about three miles. It is intended for children ages 5-12. It costs \$5 and is scheduled from 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

For further information, call the Nature Center in Wheaton Regional Park, 946-9071.