

The Echo

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DISCOVERY CREEK OPENS; OFFICIALS PROMISE PARK FUNDS

By Susan Grigsby

Saturday, Oct. 17, was a beautiful day in Glen Echo. On this crisp morning, under a clear blue sky, with the leaves turning color, Discovery Creek, an environmental museum for children, was opened at the historic park police horse stables at Glen Echo Park.

The stables have been converted into a multi-purpose area for changing exhibits, classrooms, and as a gathering place for those using the new hiking trail down to Minnehaha Creek. The adjacent grassy area has been transformed by turtle and fish ponds and a children's garden with a "hide-and-seek" bamboo forest.

The Glen Echo Park site for Discovery Creek is in addition to its one-room schoolhouse on MacArthur Blvd. in D.C.

The opening ceremony included a vine-cutting (as opposed to a ribbon-cutting) as an environmentally appropriate beginning. Live birds, indigenous amphibians, and singing and dancing performances were part of the inaugural festivities.

Maryland Gov. Parris N. Glendening used the occasion to announce that the state would contribute \$6.3 million for Glen Echo Park renovations, and Montgomery County Executive Douglas M. Duncan told the crowd he would ask the

County Council for an additional \$6.3 million. Both officials said they were hopeful that the federal government would allocate the remaining \$6.3 million for this "historic national treasure."

The total of \$18.9 million from the three sources would cover the estimated cost needed to restore the park.

For the current exhibit, "Wild Wonders of the Wetlands," children will explore a pond, hike through high grasses for clues to "Who's Been Here?" and wade through a muddy bog to look for frogs. Tours for children of all ages will take place at 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. Saturdays, and noon, 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. Sundays through Jan. 31

A series of workshops for children ages 3-5 will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturdays.

Programs are 60 minutes in length. The cost is \$8 per child. Adults are free, but must accompany their child. For more information, call 202-364-3111.

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 9—8:00 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

Contact the mayor to add an item to the agenda

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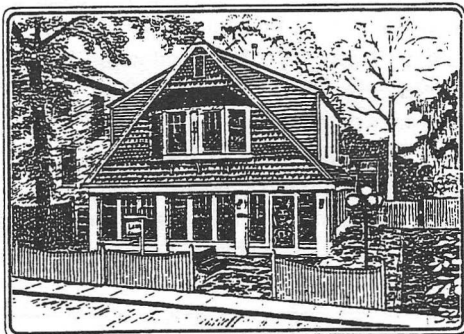
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CORRECTION

The number of residents in Montgomery County is 900,000, not 160,000, as reported in the September *Echo*. The smaller figure refers to the number of residents in the Bethesda area.

FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT

September-October 1998

Office of County Attorney (legal)	\$510.00
Dinn Bros. (bronze plaque)	\$195.00
World Data Network (internet homepage)	\$216.00
Washington Post (ad for yard sale)	\$90.12

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



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RESIDENTS INVITED TO RIDE ALONG WITH POLICE

Want to accompany a police officer on his evening beat in Glen Echo and surroundings?

Residents age 16 or older are invited to participate in the Ride-Along program of the Bethesda District of the Montgomery County Police Dept.

The purpose of the program is to offer citizens a better idea of the job police officers perform during their work schedules.

Interested persons may pick up a form at the front desk of the Bethesda station. To accompany a Glen Echo beat officer, specify the E-1 route. The program is offered every day of the week, from either 3:00-9:00 p.m. or 6:00-midnight.

MAN ARRESTED FOR CAR, HOME BURGLARIES

A young man was arrested on Oct. 5 for car burglaries and is being investigated in connection with other car and home burglaries in nearby areas.

Ramon Anthony Lloyd, 21, of no fixed address, was arrested in the Massachusetts Ave. area after a resident reported hearing a car alarm and seeing a man walk away from the car.

He was charged with three counts of theft under \$300 in connection with cash taken from several vehicles, two counts of attempted theft under \$300, one count of possession of burglary tools and one count of making a false statement to a police officer.

He had just been released from jail, Montgomery County police said, was homeless, and said he had no other way to get money.

ATTEMPTED BREAK-IN ON VASSAR CIRCLE

Someone apparently attempted to break into a Vassar Circle house one evening in mid-October while the Quinn family clearly was in their home. Adding to the mystifying nature of this attempt was the fact that it was carried out over a four-hour period.

Tina and Jake Quinn heard people in the yard behind their house around 9:00 p.m. and thought it was kids playing there. They heard the noise again around 10:30 p.m. Both times they went outside with a flashlight and asked who was there.


At around 1:15 a.m. Tina heard someone moving the recycling bin that sits against a big window off the deck, breaking a bottle in the process. She conjectured that the person believed that window could be opened. She then heard someone slide the bin back into place.

She called the police, who arrived about 20 minutes later with a dog from the canine unit. It followed a scent into several nearby yards, but then lost it. Police found fresh cigarette butts nearby. Both Tina and Jake are non-smokers. The culprit was not found.

VANDALISM IN GLEN ECHO

Someone tore off a portion of the picket fence at 9 Vassar Circle the evening of Saturday, Oct. 24, after 8:30 p.m. Six or seven pickets were thrown onto the sidewalk. Resident Dorothy Lumsden reported the incident to the police.

She said that several days before obscene graffiti had been painted on the steps of the Glen Echo Baptist Church on Vassar Circle across from her house.



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RESIDENT CLAIMS DRAIN REPORT NOT CORRECT

In a communication distributed last month to Glen Echo residents, Tom Kenney complained that the October *Echo* had not corrected misinformation that appeared in the September issue. He said the statement that "the town and affected property owners accepted the county's planned path for the project" (through the rear yards of some Harvard Ave. and Bryn Mawr Ave. residents) was not true.

The Echo, unfortunately, had never been notified of any error a resident believed needed correction.

In June, *The Echo* stated that the town council voted to accept the county's proposed route for a new storm drain, and that Michael Rodemeyer, as spokesman for the group of affected residents, told the council that the residents understood that "the construction must go ahead even though the compensation offered did not offset the loss of value to their properties."

Here also, *The Echo* received no complaints or requests for corrections.

Anytime a reader believes the paper has misrepresented an issue he or she is encouraged to request a correction in the following month's issue, or send a letter to the editor.

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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.

TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

October 19

The Council expressed frustration at the slow pace of Montgomery County in constructing the **new storm drain system** and by the fact that none of the affected residents has found the time to attend council meetings to discuss the issue or straighten out the facts of the matter (see article this page)....

There has been only one possible response to the town's advertisement soliciting bids for the **survey work on the right-of-way**, even though the town ran the ad in the *Montgomery Journal* at a cost of \$900. Mayor Debbie Beers said on this subject: "Next time we'll run it only in *The Echo*."...

Councilwoman Gloria Levin said she is looking into Star Power as a possible alternative to Montgomery Cable for **cable TV and other services**...

This reporter brought to the attention of the mayor and council the **sorry state of the bicycle path and roadway intersections** between the town and MacArthur Blvd, which have not been reconstituted since the construction work on the underlying aqueduct was performed. The council agreed to contact the Corps of Engineers to make them aware of the town's concerns. The council was also asked to address the dangerous area where the bike path runs next to MacArthur Blvd. at the traffic circle intersection with Goldsboro Rd., where hardly anything separates the path from the busy roadway...

The council will be asking the town's landscaping contractors to propose **alternative plantings** to replace the evergreen shrub on the west side of Harvard Ave. above the town hall, which councilmembers feel has grown too large for safe visibility for cars exiting Harvard Ave...

—Leo Mondale

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RESCUE SQUAD CLARIFIES CURRENT FUND DRIVE

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad is currently conducting its 1998 fund drive. Door-to-door soliciting will take place between the hours of 5:00-9:00 p.m. weekdays, and noon-9:00 p.m. weekends.

Members of the community should not be confused by mail and telephone solicitations claiming to benefit the B-CC Rescue Squad. B-CC Rescue Squad never solicits donations by telephone. All solicitations are conducted by volunteer members who serve the department, never by professional solicitors.

The Rescue Squad does not accept any tax payment from either the county or the District of Columbia. It estimates that it saves taxpayers \$4 million per year.

In contrast, local fire departments are operated predominantly using money collected as part of the property taxes. Money donated to them is used to supplement these tax dollars. Contributions to local fire departments do not benefit B-CC Rescue Squad.

A SUCCESSFUL YARD SALE

By Diana Hudson-Taylor

The Town of Glen Echo went into its full scale yard sale mode on Saturday, Oct. 17, at 9:00 a.m.

Approximately 18 families participated, selling everything from clothes to antiques. The day was glorious—blue sky, 75 degrees, with lots of town as well as park patrons strolling the streets.

The sale was organized by Betsy Platt. The pick-up of unwanted items after the sale was organized by Elizabeth McDonnell, who coordinated with Value Village, supporter of the National Childrens' Center.

As one who participated, it was a great day—more like a social event than a business venture, with the extra advantage of making money and clearing out the house!

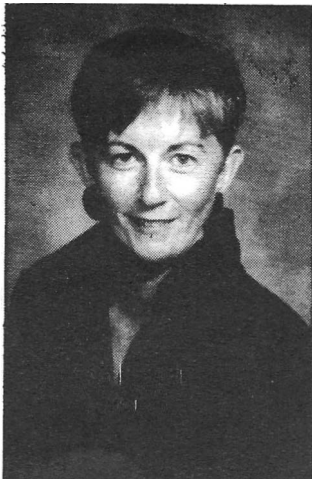
PLANS FOR GLEN ECHO PARK PRESERVATION UNDERWAY

By Leo Mondale

Montgomery County Executive Douglas Duncan has submitted to the National Park Service a proposed scenario for the preservation of Glen Echo Park, Councilwoman Nancy Long told the Glen Echo Town Council last month.

She proposed that the town comment on the Duncan proposal. She will be submitting to the council a draft of a letter giving the town's reaction to the proposal.

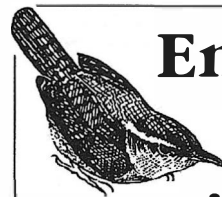
The National Park Service hopes to secure funding for a consultant to assist in its planning process, taking into account the 800-plus comments it has received. The NPS hopes to prepare another information newsletter this fall, with the next public hearing to take place in early 1999.



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Classified ads are free to Glen Echo residents. Fee to non-residents: \$.75 per line of 55 characters or fewer. Display ads: \$4 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.

LOCAL NURSERY SCHOOL HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

The Bannockburn Cooperative Nursery School invites local residents to its annual Open House on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 10:00 a.m.-noon.

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Around Town

Surveyors seen around town last month were doing a survey of the former trolley right-of-way for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, owners of the property. The town will be doing its own survey soon. A surveyor told Councilwoman Nancy Long that many of the original survey markers are in place. They presumably date back to the late 1890s...

Echo editor Carlotta Anderson was profiled in an article in *The Almanac* of Sept. 30. It mentioned that in addition to publishing *The Echo* since 1974 she has just had a biography of her grandfather published by Wayne State University Press. Its title: *All-American Anarchist: Joseph A. Labadie and the Labor Movement*. It was reviewed in the *New York Times Book Review* section on Oct. 25...

Cabin John resident Reed Martin had two vehicles on display in the exhibit "The Art of the Motorcycle" at the Guggenheim Museum in New York, *The Village News* reports. They were an 1899 DeDion-Bouton 1-3/4 hp motorized tricycle and a 1900 Orient 2-1/2 hp motorized tricycle. Considered forerunners of the motorcycle, they were among the oldest vehicles in the exhibit...

The enormous breach of the C&O Canal at Widewater has finally been repaired. Councilwoman Nancy Long viewed a video describing the complex steps entailed in the task, and said it would disabuse anyone who thought repairing canals is easy...

The Chautauqua Institution of New York has announced that a new book on the Chautauqua movement will be published next May. By Harry N. Abrams, it is titled "Chautauqua: An American Utopia"...

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