

The Echo

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MOST RESIDENTS FAVOR SPEED BUMPS IN SURVEY

By Anne Lewis

A preliminary analysis of the survey on streets in Glen Echo indicates resident approval of some speed bumps and general satisfaction with the condition of the streets. Councilman Timothy Maloy reported at the October town council meeting.

Of 46 households that returned the surveys 22 were in favor of limited placement of speed bumps and 14 were against. Those residents who have not filled out the survey may still submit it, Councilman Maloy said.

Although a more formal report will be present at the next council meeting, the survey results led the council into a discussion of the placement of speed bumps on Oxford Rd., bordering the Glen Echo Park parking lot. Councilman Maloy suggested that the appropriate action would be two speed bumps on the lower section of Oxford, but resident Bea Smith said one also was needed at the corner of Oxford and University. He said a stop sign with an elbow that makes the sign protrude might be an alternative at that site.

The council discussed the parking problem on Harvard but recognized that actions were limited because of the value of having access to the post office.

BIG TOWN CELEBRATION FOR NEW MILLENNIUM

By Anne Lewis

Glen Echo is going to have a BIG party to welcome in the New Millennium. Thanks to careful planning by Glen Echo resident Stacy Malmgren, a professional event planner, and the approval of a budget of \$2,500 by the town council, the town hall will become the center of New Year's Eve festivities for residents and friends.

The affair will begin at 7 p.m. to allow families to come for dinner. It will last until after midnight, with major food catered by Ridgewell and music (though not live). "My conversations with people at Ladies Night and other places indicated people wanted us to do something really nice," Stacey Malmgren told the council when she presented her plan. However, not many have volunteered to help, which is why she recommended "one-stop" shopping through a caterer. Guests will still be asked to provide side dishes and desserts, she said.

The original budget of \$3,145 was pared back by the council after objections from Councilman Norman Bernhardt, who opposed the lower amount, also. He said that he was planning a similar event for another group at a much lower cost. However, Councilwoman Nancy Long, who admitted she was usually one of the most prudent members

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NOTICE

The next meeting of the Glen Echo Town Council will be held on the third Monday in November rather than the usual second Monday of the month.

The date of the next meeting is November 15.

PARTY, PARTY, PARTY!

Preparations for Glen Echo's New Year's Eve celebration are in full swing. Space is limited so please RSVP to the enclosed invitation as soon as possible.

Everyone should lend a hand. Why not give bartending a shot? How about performing as head DJ? Decoration and clean-up crew also needed. Please call Stacey Malmgren, 301-263-0146.

CRIME IN THE AREA

A bicycle was stolen from **Potomac Outdoors** on MacArthur Blvd. in Cabin John sometime between 9:00 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2 and 8:00 a.m. Oct. 3. A juvenile suspect was identified; no charges were pressed.

Non-narcotic drugs were stolen from **Alpine Veterinary Hospital** on MacArthur Blvd. in Cabin John sometime between 7:00 p.m. Oct. 6 and 7:00 a.m. the next day. Entrance was made by breaking a window. No suspects have been identified.

Jewelry and silver were stolen from a home in **Kenwood** on Oct. 6 between noon and 4:00 p.m. The house was left open while the owner was outside gardening.

A suspect has been indicted and charged in the Aug. 29 beating of a 54-year-old woman in Brookmont. The suspect's name has not been released because he is a juvenile. The Brookmont beating is determined to be unrelated to the assault on a jogger a few days later near Sibley hospital.

Meetings of police on the local beat are open to any interested citizens. The next beat meeting will be held Dec. 10 at 3:00 p.m. at the Friendship Heights field office, 4602 N. Park Ave. Patrol officers will discuss Glen Echo and other surrounding areas.

--Norman and Diana Hudson-Taylor

WHITMAN HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS "HELLO, DOLLY"

The Walt Whitman High School Drama Dept. is presenting "Hello, Dolly!" as its fall musical.

The show will be held on Nov. 18, 19, and 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the school. Tickets are \$8. To order them, please call Whitman at 301-320-6600.

CONGRESS APPROVES FUNDING FOR PARK WORK


The U.S. House of Representatives on Oct. 21 approved the federal funding of \$1.8 million for stabilization and repair of Glen Echo Park in the fiscal year 2000 budget, Congresswoman Connie Morella announced. The Senate had already passed similar legislation as part of the Department of Interior's appropriations bill. The bill must be signed by Pres. Bill Clinton before work can begin at the park.

The \$1.8 million federal commitment will bolster similar funding for work next year from the State of Maryland and Montgomery County, as recommended in a plan submitted by the Glen Echo Park Working Group. Rep. Morella, who is a member of this advisory panel, said the funding "assures that the public will benefit from the operation of Glen Echo Park for generations to come."

NEW YEAR'S PARTY (FROM PAGE 1)

of the council, supported the larger figure, and Councilman Michael Brintnall said that "as such events go, the proposed amount is not expensive." The council vote was 3-1, with Councilman Bernhardt voting no. Ms. Malmgren, of Wellesley Circle, who was thanked for her work on the event, said she could still plan a gala party at the reduced amount.

Notices of the New Year's Eve party are included with this issue of *The Echo*. Residents are being asked to make reservations at least three weeks in advance in order to facilitate planning. Volunteers are needed and are urged to call Ms. Malmgren at 301-263-0146.



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Around Town

Vandals have been stealing trash cans from the **bus stop** adjacent to the Glen Echo Exxon station, and leaving unsuitable material in those that were not stolen, the *Bannockburn Newsletter* reports. For the last six years, the station has been providing trash cans, which they regularly emptied and picking up trash on the ground. However, after having six cans stolen in a few months, the Exxon manager has decided not to replace them in the hopes the vandals will turn their attention elsewhere. However, the Exxon employees will still do occasional tidying, and the station provides bags and disposable gloves to anyone else wishing to help...

Sixteen households participated in the town **yard sale** held on Saturday, Oct. 23...

Several groups have filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court to force the D.C. Water and Sewer Authority to remove the **pungent stench** inhaled by those using the C&O Canal towpath. The smell that has been offending park visitors does not come from canal water. It emanates from an underground sewer pipe with more than two dozen vents which release hydrogen sulfide gas. *The Washington Post* reports. Some of the vents are only a few yards from the towpath. Their purpose is to keep air flowing through the sewer to prevent backups and corrosion of the pipe. The American Canoe Association, the Potomac Conservancy and the Canoe Cruisers Association of Great Washington are demanding that the District honor an agreement signed with the National Park Service in 1962, promising to install and maintain charcoal filters in the vents to control the odor...



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given by Nancy Long
at the Town Hall Council Chambers*

Thursday, November 18, 8:00 p.m.

Please RSVP 301-320-4041

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 15—8:00 p.m.
Glen Echo Town Hall
Contact the mayor to add an item to the agenda

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Friday Morning: 10:00 COMMUNITY PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY

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LETTER TO TOWNSPEOPLE

Dear Neighbors,

On October 16, William Green died leaving a legacy of extraordinary accomplishments. Bill was my friend, colleague, and advisor, and protector of and advocate for the environmental integrity of the Potomac River palisades that I so treasure and of which we are all the beneficiaries. I feel privileged to have been among the fortunate ones who knew him.

Although Bill was a communications attorney, the pro bono legal work that he did involved more than 50 zoning cases on behalf of civic groups. His biography includes 35 years of leadership in preserving the residential nature of the neighborhoods along the Potomac River: his efforts were successful in blocking over-commercialization and large-scale development that, had they been allowed, would have changed forever those qualities that residents of the Potomac Valley so enjoy. In our immediate area, he led, along with the Town, the successful effort to save Glen Echo Park from the high-rise apartment complex proposed by the park's private owners, so that today the park is in perpetual public ownership.

Bill and his wife Tamara lived in Bannockburn where they raised four sons. In one year, they would have celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Among Bill's accomplishments as a community leader, he was president of the Potomac Valley League, a member of the Montgomery County Board of Appeals, chairman of the Potomac River Advisory Committee, member of the Citizens Advisory Committee on the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Master Plan, and president of the Bannockburn Civic Association and Citizens' Planning Association.

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TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

October 11

Clerk-Treasurer Betsy Platt presented a **Y2K readiness plan** that shows a mixed picture so far as to what is known about compliance. While the Town's computer is compliant as are most of its software applications, the compliance status of several vendors is not known. Statements of compliance are on file for Crestar Bank, PEPCO, LGIT, and World Data Network. The Y2K plan of the Post Office is available. The compliance of Waste Management, LGIP, Bell Atlantic, AT&T, and Griffith Consumers is not known. There is an interim statement from WSSC...

Councilman Bernhardt said he was going to monitor the **cleaning firm** on its next regular clean-up of the Town Hall because some routine cleaning chores were not getting done properly...

The town will request information from the Park Service about the egress of construction **equipment vehicles** that will be used for rehabilitation at the park. It is important that the vehicles not use town streets, councilmembers said...

Marge Deebo of 1 Vassar Circle, a long-time resident who is moving to Poolesville, plans to donate photographs and a plaque of historical interest to the town, according to Councilwoman Long. The council discussed how to stay abreast of plans by the developer who is buying her property and intends to subdivide it.

--Anne Lewis

COUNCIL AGREES TO PAY SURVEYORS ADDED COST

By Anne Lewis

Despite extreme dissatisfaction with the survey work on the former trolley right-of-way which the town plans to purchase, the town council agreed at its October meeting to pay an additional \$400 to cover the expenses of additional work by the surveyors to place the one-fifth of the markers that are still not in the ground. The surveyors had refused to return without the additional payment.

"I do not like the way this project has been done," Mayor Deborah Beers said. "We have had problems with the street names and the markers, and the people have not been pleasant to deal with."

The survey firm insisted that the missing stakes could have been pulled up, but council members were skeptical that anyone would want to remove two-foot metal stakes from the ground. Even though the end markers are visible, as are 14 other markers, the council decided that it was necessary to have the complete number of 20 markers visible, "otherwise, we may have to pay a price with landowners if there are problems in the future," said Councilman Brintnall.

The town still owes \$1,800 balance on the project work; the \$400 would be in addition to that.

Although they reluctantly approved the additional expense, council members insisted that the town attorney be forceful in correspondence with the surveyors and threaten legal action if the work is not performed correctly.

ARTS AND CRAFTS SALE

Artisans from Glen Echo, Bannockburn and elsewhere will sell hand-made jewelry, pottery, silk and woven scarves, sculpture, paintings, glass art, handbags and other crafts on Sunday, Nov. 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Bannockburn Clubhouse, Bannockburn Dr. and Laverock Lane.

Part of the proceeds will go toward rehabilitation of the clubhouse, which dates from the World War I era and is an educational, cultural and meeting center for surrounding neighborhoods.

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FREE HALL EVENTS

FOR GLEN ECHO RESIDENTS

The following activities booked at the town hall are free for town residents:

Thurs., Nov. 4, 8 p.m., American Indian Intertribal Council Organization meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 17, 9-12 a.m.—Springfield Garden Club

Sunday, Nov. 21, 2:30-5 p.m.—Folklore Society family dance.

TOM KENNEY RUNS MARATHON

Tom Kenney, of Harvard Ave., ran his "first and last" marathon on Sunday, Oct. 24. He's not sure of his time in the Marine Corps Marathon, but "I finished, and that's all I wanted," he said.

Two weeks before he bicycled 150 miles over two days on a fund-raising bicycle tour for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

HELICOPTER UN-ALERT

Thank you to all of you who called to report helicopter sightings (and hearings!). After analyzing the patterns with the Department of Defense Air Traffic Controller, we determined that the Town of Glen Echo is not on the regular flight path and that the occasional helicopters that have flown over our town were probably taking dignitaries to the Kemper Open or patients to the Bethesda Naval Hospital. So far we are fortunate.

--Debbie Lange

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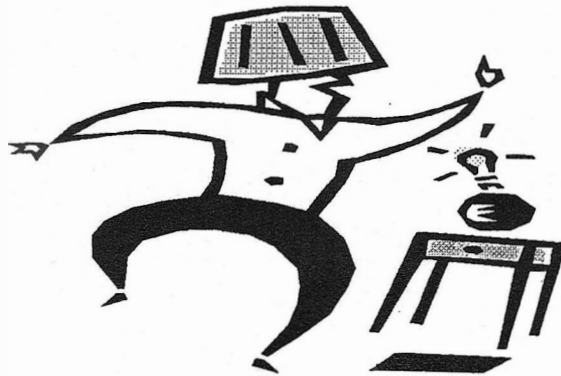


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New Year's Eve Party

You're invited to Glen Echo's Millenium New Year's Eve Potluck Cocktail Buffet



When: Friday, December 31, 1999
7:00 p.m. - until...

Where: Glen Echo Town Hall

What: Come party with old friends and new neighbors! New millenium fortunes told by professional psychic. The Town will provide beer, wine, champagne, soda, ham, turkey, and vegetarian entree.

Bring some of your favorite holiday foods to share with the group.

Instructions:

Last names starting with A-L bring hors d'oeuvres and a side dish, M-Z bring two types of desserts.

Please provide serving trays and serving utensils for each item.

RSVP (with name and number of people) by December 10, 1999 to Stacey Malmgren at 301.263.0146