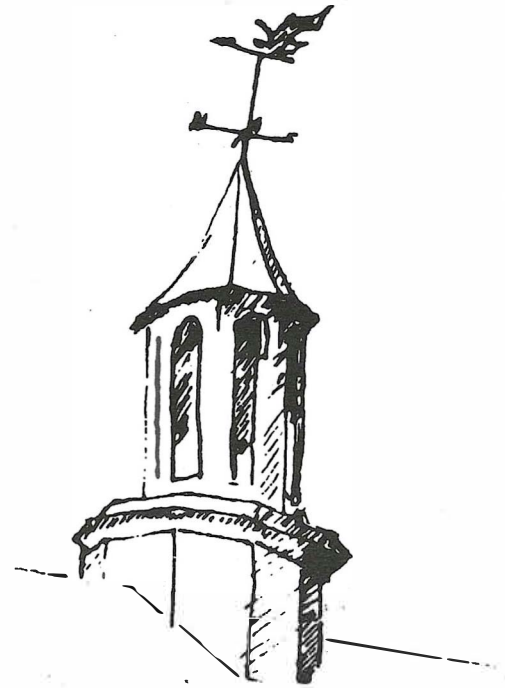


The Echo

The Town of GLEN ECHO, MARYLAND Chartered, 1904



October, 1995

COUNTY PRESENTS DRAIN LINE ALTERNATIVES

By David Sproul

Where the county should construct permanent drain pipes to correct Glen Echo's serious drainage problems was addressed at the September council meeting by two engineers from the Department of Transportation.

Joel Magram, Senior Engineer, and Holger Serrano, Chief of the Design Section, showed the town council and 15 visitors diagrams of the town streets to describe the difficulty in placing a new line. The diagrams revealed water lines, telephone trunk cables, and modern and abandoned sewer lines.

There appeared to be little space left for additional pipelines under the streets being considered: Bryn Mawr, Harvard and University Aves. The engineers said a new line would almost certainly have to go under sidewalks or the edges of front yards.

They also offered to explore the idea of diverting water coming down the hill from Bannockburn to some other larger drain in the vicinity, possibly by running a drain along MacArthur Blvd. in either direction.

Mr. Magram said that water enters the drain line from a ditch in Bannockburn and crosses MacArthur Blvd. through very old pipe. He said that when builders constructed the rear addition to the Garfield Studio on Bryn Mawr they were probably unaware that the drain ran under the new building, making it practically impossible to excavate.

He traced the line along the fences dividing upper Harvard Ave. and Bryn Mawr backyards, under University Ave. with its inadequate drains, under the patio of Tom Kenney's house on Harvard Ave., and down Harvard Ave. backyards to the site of repairs made after sinkholes developed in the back of the Shaut property last year.

He showed that it continues down the hill through a "temporary" above-ground plastic pipe to rocks alongside the Clara Barton Parkway.

To excavate an existing line buried that deeply would require an enormous amount of disruptive digging at the expense of many old trees and shrubs, the engineers explained. Environmental

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TOWN WIDE YARD SALE

Sunday, Oct. 1, 11 am-4 pm

Items will be sold from yards of participating residents.

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FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT

August 1995

Knopf Law Offices \$489.22
Peyton Tree Service \$1,450.00
Lipman Frizzell, etc. (appraisal, right-of-way) \$2,000.00
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COUNCIL CONSIDERS LIMIT FOR TOWN HALL DANCES

By David Sproul

In considering a request by a group to hold Israeli folk dances every Monday night, the town council last month expressed reluctance to grant approval for additional recurring use by groups, especially dancers.

The hall is currently used by the Folklore Society of Greater Washington for English Country Dances every Wednesday evening.

The council decided that the group would have to ask permission separately for each date. It also considered a suggestion to hold one weekend each month open for residents to use on short notice, but no action was taken.

Councilwoman Long told the council that a group using the hall on a Saturday evening in September had been boisterous, thrown the mail container that hangs on the front door into the yard with trash in it, left windows open, yelled and left marks on the floor. The council agreed to keep the entire deposit for the event.

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, October 9—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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Sunday Evening: 6:00 WHY WE BELIEVE THE JEWISH BIBLE, 7:00 PRAISE, TESTIMONIES, WORSHIP, SINGING.

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.

COME TO THE ANNUAL GLEN ECHO TOWN HALLOWEEN PARTY

Sunday, October 29 - 2-4 p.m.
Glen Echo Town Hall

If you are planning to attend with your children, please contact the Clerk-Treasurer at 320-4041 by Oct. 22 to see how you can be of assistance.

DRAINAGE PROBLEMS (from p. 1)

concerns or disturbing the natural contour of the land were a consideration, they said.

They recommended installing a manhole at the current repair site and then burying plastic pipe for the remainder of the line's run down the hill. This would "permanentize" the temporary repairs.

Several town residents objected to the plan. They said that the line is carrying much more water than it was designed for and there is no guarantee that higher portions of the line are not equally fragile. Michael Rodemeyer said that the ideal solution would be to retain the existing line solely for drainage of water from the town hall and other naturally low areas within the town. He suggested building a new line to carry the remaining water load from Bannockburn direction down to the parkway.

Tom Kenney came prepared to make a lengthy presentation, but it was accelerated and shortened due to time constraints. He was particularly anxious to describe what he considered a major misunderstanding.

He referred to the original project plan which described a total replacement of the drain line with a county council-approved price tag of \$212,000. He said rumors within the town at the time were that the D.O.T. intended to repair the line through the Harvard Ave. backyards, "period, no arguments." When residents called for alternative plans, the engineers who authored the original plan incorrectly thought they were being instructed to abandon any plan for new construction, he said. Ken Hartman, an assistant to county councilmember Betty Ann Krahnke, pointed out that the money has been approved and is just sitting there, waiting for a defined plan of action. He said there was concern on the part of Harvard Ave. residents about granting easements for their properties and they wanted other options to be considered.

The engineers will be invited to return for a public work session with the council to further discuss storm drainage line plans. All interested residents are encouraged to attend.

TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

September 11

A draft of the town's **revised charter** is available for inspection at the town hall, Mayor Beers said. It was provided by the Institute for Governmental Service at the University of Maryland, College Park. A revision of the **town ordinances** will be the focus of the next project by the same organization, the mayor said...

A **sink hole** at the corner of Vassar and University seems small to the eye but is pretty deep, Clerk-Treasurer Edie Springuel said. WSSC checked and said it can't find any leaks. The town will have E.E. Lyons give an estimate for repair before slurry-sealing town streets in spring...

One of the **benches** donated to the town park seems to have disappeared and the remaining one keeps moving around, Councilwoman Long said. someone said it is now behind some bushes and is surrounded by trash and beer cans...

—David Sproul

TOWN TO APPLY FOR GRANT FOR ADA CHANGES AT HALL

By Carlotta Anderson

Glen Echo officials are likely to apply to the county rather than the state for a grant to fund construction work in the town hall to bring it in compliance with requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act, according to Mayor Debbie Beers.

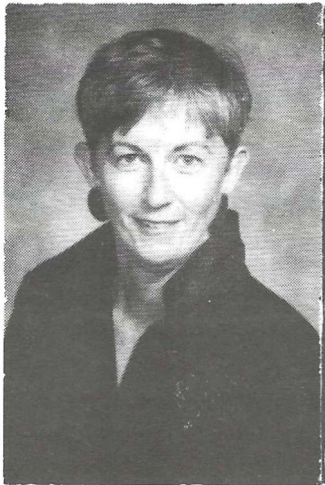
Council members met on Sept. 15 with state and county representatives to explore the chances of submitting a successful application for Community Development Block Grants for this purpose, and decide to which entity the application should go.

In both cases, there are numerous administrative requirements imposed by the Federal government, the mayor said, but where the state would require Glen Echo to perform these on its own, the county "will do it for us."

The state offers funding for 80 percent of the construction costs but gives credit for money spent before the grant is approved. The county offers 100 percent, but only of construction costs performed under the grant. The town has already paid for curb cuts and a survey of ADA requirements.

"It may turn out to be even, but it looks like the county is the better option because they would perform so many of the administrative requirements," Mayor Beers said. The town would have a general contractor to supervise the work rather than doing its own supervision, she said.

Application for grants begins in January for work beginning July, 1996. Cost of needed work, including a top floor bathroom, a lift, and changes in the back fire escape and front door would cost around \$70,000, the mayor estimated. She said the town may apply for \$80,000 and return any monies not used.



Eleanor

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THE KEYHOLE

By Tillie McNoldy

Congratulations to **Laura Beers**, who was named a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist. She was one of 161 Montgomery County high school students awarded this honor, which nationally goes to only one-half of one percent of the students. It is based on scores on the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT) taken in the fall of 1994. She also received the Maryland Distinguished Scholar Award, which is based on a combination of SAT scores and grade point average. Laura, 16, the daughter of Don and Debbie Beers of Wellesley Circle, is now in her senior year at Holton Arms school...

Wishes for a speedy recovery to Glen Echo Postmaster **Ellen Nash**, who has been on sick leave for several weeks. **Yvonne Chaney** has been Acting Postmaster in her absence...

It was good to hear from **Frank Corder** again. Frank was a former mayor and lived with his wife, **Ruth**, and daughter, **Michelle**, at 6102 Bryn Mawr Ave. for many years. He now lives in Frederickstown, Ohio. He says he enjoys receiving *The Echo* and reading about former neighbors and various town activities.

His health has not been too good lately and he has not felt up to traveling. When he feels better, he write, he will look forward to a visit to Glen Echo to see former neighbors and friends...

Our sincere sympathy to the family of the late **Walter Dillow** from Cabin John. He and his wife, **Hazel**, attended the Baptist Church in Glen Echo and were well-known to several families in town...

(Help Tillie peer through the keyhole. Tell her what's going on with your family by leaving a message at 6100 Princeton Ave.)

OKTOBER FEST IN CABIN JOHN

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5633 is sponsoring an "Oktober Fest" on Sunday, Oct. 29, from 2-6 pm at 11511 MacArthur Blvd.

It will features German food, German beer and an "Omp-pa-pa" Band. All you can eat for \$15 adults and \$7 children 6-12.

TRASH/RECYCLING COLLECTION TIMES

Tuesday & Friday—all trash, except heavy-weight objects.

Tuesday—recyclables, including plastic, metal and glass. Newspapers tied or in paper grocery bags. Garden refuse, cut into four-foot lengths and tied, placed in compostable leaf/grass bags, or in a large trash container labeled "Recycling" and used only for yard waste.

Last Wednesday of the month—heavy or large quantity of discardables.

TRASH, RECYCLING PICKUP PROBLEMS?

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

PROPERTIES ON THE MARKET

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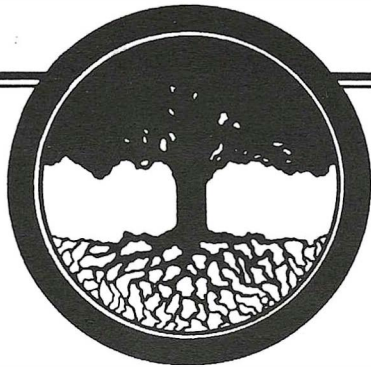
Financial Planning

GLEN ECHO "KNIGHT" WIELDS HIS LANCE

Astride Mr. Peepers, Wellesley Circle's John Barrett perfectly speared three rings at the point of his lance at the annual Leeds Ruritan Jousting Tournament in August. He hoped to retain their first place finish of last year.

But the 90-plus heat slowed down his horse-partner in the run-off and they finished in second place. "The heat really took it out of him this year," John said of Mr. Peepers, who "loves competition." "I could tell his mind was telling him to 'go, go, go.' But his body was saying 'stop, stop, stop.'" The two won last year. That was their first jousting competition.

In this sport popular in Medieval days, each contestant races down the stretch three times, aiming a lance to spear rings dangling at the end of thin wire. It is important for the horse to ride flat and fast. The rider must lean forward and hold himself up in the saddle. The event took place in Hume, Fauquier County.



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FREE HALL EVENTS FOR GLEN ECHO RESIDENTS

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

October

Every Wednesday, 8:00-10:30 pm. English Country Dance. Live music. No experience or partner needed. Sponsored by Folklore Society of Greater Washington.

Sat., Oct. 21. Egyptian-American Friendship Group. Lecture.

Sun., Oct. 29. TOWN HALLOWEEN PARTY. 2:00-4:00 pm.

November

Every Wednesday, English Country Dance. (See Oct. listing)

Sat. & Sun., Nov. 11 & 12. Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Hike. Start and finish at town hall. Each day 5 km, 10 km and 25 km walk, mainly on towpath. Start when you like and go at your own pace.



POLICE NEWS

By David Sproul

Until really cold weather sets in, there will continue to be plenty of burglaries from garages left open and cars left unlocked, according to Montgomery County Police Capt. Alan Rodbell. He said that many expensive bicycles are stolen from garages left open all of the time.

Capt. Rodbell reported that the "community policing" concept seems to be working well. Officers are assigned consistent shifts in consistent geographic areas, or "beats," and that familiarity with the community is thereby improved.

He said that "smash and grab" stle burglaries in the business areas are down significantly.

(David Sproul is a member of the Bethesda Police Citizens Advisory Board)

INCIDENTS ON TOWPATH AND NEARBY

INDECENT EXPOSURE. Tuesday, Aug. 22, 10:45 am, C&O Canal, Marsden Tract Bridge (4 mi. n. of Glen Echo). A woman was jogging with her baby in a baby jogger and her dog when she saw a man exposing himself. Description: white male, 35-40, 5'11", 170 lbs., reddish hairy chest.

INDECENT EXPOSURE. Thursday, Aug. 17, 6:00 pm, C&O Canal, Chain Bridge. A woman riding her bike saw a man exposing himself. Description: white male in his 30s, white shirt and blue jeans.

CONTACT: U.S. PARK POLICE, (301) 492-6293.

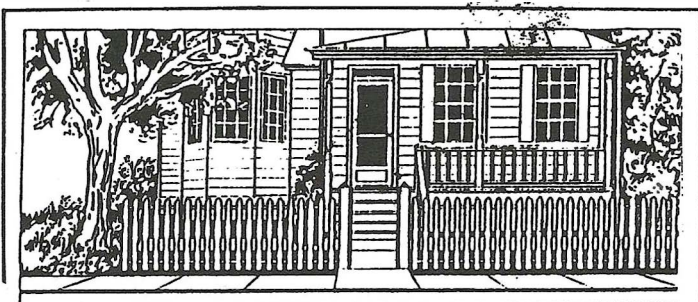
—Road Runners Club of America, Bulletin #69

CLEAR HOUSE NUMBERS CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE

Having a clearly visible house number can save minutes when emergency personnel are looking for your address.

Fire Department officials urge you to have house numbers that conform to the following suggestions:

1. At least 5 inches high
2. Reflective and on a contrasting background
3. Placed in a conspicuous place that can be easily seen from the roadway
4. Illuminated or easily visible at night
5. In plain block numbers—not script
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WHAT'S RECYCLABLE?

Here's what you should be putting in your green bin on Tuesdays. You do not need to separate the items:

GLASS

Jars and bottles of all colors

Discard caps and lids—labels o.k.

Empty and rinse containers

Do not break glass

No mirrors, windows, dinner or cookware, light bulbs, broken glass.

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All aluminum and steel food and beverage cans

Foil cookware, TV dinner trays, balled foil wrap

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Do not remove can lids

No pots, pans, furniture, siding, automotive parts

PLASTIC

Plastic beverage bottles

Plastic detergent and bleach bottles

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Discard caps.

No food containers unless marked on the bottom with "1" or "2", plastic wrap or bags, styrofoam, microwave plates, plastic toys/gadgets, automotive product containers

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In paper grocery bags or tied with string. May be wet.

No magazines, plastic bags, catalogues, junk mail, telephone books

GLEN ECHO PARK ACTIVITIES

EVENTS AT THE PARK

Sunday, Oct. 1—ATTIC TREASURES SALE
Saturday, Oct. 7—WAMU-FM "PICKING IN THE GLEN" BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL
Saturday, Oct. 21—SONGWRITERS CYCLE, 8:00 pm, Dance Theater, \$6.

WEEKEND DANCES AT THE PARK

Saturday, Oct. 14—SASSPARILLA (swing dancing), \$8
Sunday aft., Oct. 15—WALTZES, 4:00-6:00, \$6
Saturday, Oct. 21—TOM CUNNINGHAM ORCHESTRA (big band), \$8
Sunday aft., Oct. 22—NEW COLUMBIA SWING ORCHESTRA, tea dance, 2:30-6:00, \$9
Saturday, Oct. 28—ANNUAL HALLOWEEN BALL FEATURING THE NIGHTHAWKS

AT THE GALLERY

GLEN ECHO POTTERY—20TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION
October 7 through October 29

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PARK NEWS

Utility work at Glen Echo Park will force some turmoil in park use, park supervisor Fran Norton told the town council last month. She said that the stables will be moved out for the duration to avoid traumatizing the horses.

The carousel roof painting is complete and work to replace the roof over the Spanish Ballroom is finally underway.

Ms. Norton said she is still concerned about the dangerous erosion problem next to the roadway at Bowdoin and Oberlin Aves.

—David Sproul

