

The Echo

The Town of GLEN ECHO, MARYLAND Chartered, 1904



October 1998

POST OFFICE GETS FACELIFT; TRAILER SERVICE PROVIDED

By T.K. Maloy

Officials from the U.S. Postal Service last month received formal approval from the Glen Echo Town Council to start large-scale renovation to the U.S. Post Office in the town hall.

The post office will be closed until mid-November, with contractors racing to complete the work to the facility in time for the holiday rush, according to postal officials. During this period, a trailer parked in the space above the town hall exit lane will provide limited service, Postmaster Zuleika Bradbury said.

Glen Echo box holders will be able to pick up their mail at the Cabin John Post Office. In cases where the box holder is elderly or incapacitated and unable to pick up mail in Cabin John, Postmaster Bradbury will be happy to make other arrangements, she said.

A team of representatives from the postal service assured the council that there would be a minimum of traffic and noise disruption to the town hall and town at-large while the renovation was going on.

"We would like to work with the town to solve any problems" the project manager for the reconstruction said.

Postal officials say the approximate \$250,000 in planned changes to their facility, which is leased from the town, will include a new five-ton air conditioning unit, a small "box lobby" for postal box users, a central counter for the use

of patrons, and a new entrance door.

Part of the project will include the removal of the original floor tiles in the facility, which contain asbestos. They will be disposed of by Waco Environmental, a southern Maryland firm.

While the postal service is footing the bill for the entire project, the town council, as the lessor of the space, agreed to pay for the future utility costs of cooling and heating the post office.

The council discussed with postal officials a tentative plan to use the town offices as a temporary postal facility while renovations were on, but both sides agreed that this would be disruptive to the town, and difficult for postal workers.

TOWNWIDE YARD SALE

Saturday, October 17, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 pm.

\$5 per Glen Echo house to participate

Contact Betsy Platt, 301-320-4041

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I mentioned at the September council meeting the need to provide water to the town's trees. This has been an especially dry summer. The provision to provide water for trees and shrubbery should be part of the town's maintenance contract with the landscape contractor.

Four hundred dollar trees when purchased is a large investment for the tax payer to pay, of course, and worth an investment to keep them watered. Correct mulch material, correctly placed around the base of trees is certainly important as well.

Bea Smith

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, October 12—8:00 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

Contact the mayor to add an item to the agenda

LADIES OF GLEN ECHO

You are invited to a Ladies Night

*at Eleanor Balaban's
6003 Bryn Mawr Ave.*

Wednesday, October 21, 8:00 p.m.

*Conversational subject: local bird-
watching*

RSVP: 301-229-7990

COUNCIL CONSIDERS HALL HEATING, COOLING SYSTEM

By T.K. Maloy

The Glen Echo Town Council last month discussed the eventual need for an expensive replacement of the heating and cooling system for the town hall as part of long range plans for the facility.

Mayor Debbie Beers questioned Councilman Norman Bernhardt on his estimate of \$5,500-6,500 for heating and cooling just the downstairs town offices, saying that the new air conditioner for her house "didn't cost that much." His estimate for the entire structure was \$15,500-16,500.

He proposed removing the oil heating system and replacing it and the air conditioning system with a five-ton heat pump. He said the present system is as old as the town hall and will have to be replaced sooner or later.

The mayor asked that more bids be received for a heating and cooling system and that a less expensive system be considered.

As evidence of the need for new or repaired air conditioning, many of those attending the Sept 14 meeting complained of the stifling heat in the town office where the council meetings are held.

TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

September 14

The county is in the process of getting appraisals to pay for easements in order to construct the new **storm drain system** behind houses on Harvard Ave. If no agreement for easements can be worked out, the county intends to initiate condemnation procedures, Mayor Debbie Beers reported. She said that the funding is safe for another year because capital improvements are on a two-year cycle...

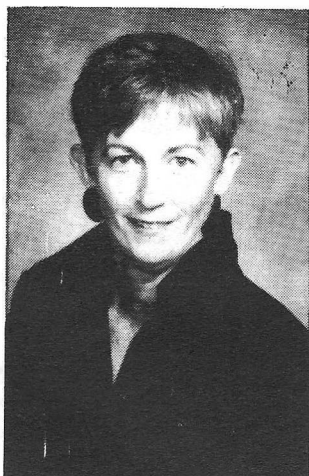
The town is advertising for bids for the **survey of the former trolley right-of-way** alongside MacArthur Blvd. in preparation for its eventual purchase of the property...

Resident Bea Smith complained to the council that **town trees** in the public areas were dying from lack of watering. Mayor Beers said that watering specific areas of the town would require too much money and that the current contract with landscapers did not require crews to water the trees. Bea said that she had been watering dogwoods near the town hall on her own accord using a spigot and hose at the hall...

Councilwoman Nancy Long said that **C&O Canal repairs** near Old Anglers Inn at the Widewater section of the canal was behind schedule...

The council noted that the **light in the town hall cupola** keeps burning out and that it needs to be replaced...

--T.K. Maloy



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Around Town

Councilwoman Nancy Long was profiled in the *Bethesda Gazette* in a Sept. 2 article titled, "Glen Echo Park through the eyes of an advocate." It discusses how Nancy led the campaign that raised the money that bought back the Dentzel carousel from a California collector in 1970. It mentions that she has lived in Glen Echo since she was six months old, and served on the town council for nearly 30 years. She worked in the fellowship office at the National Academy of Sciences for 38 years before retiring where, she told the reporter, she was known among co-workers as "very diplomatically straightforward...really nailing people but doing it in such a way that they don't realize it..."

The Montgomery County Historical Society's current exhibit concerns the building of the **Washington Aqueduct** which lies beneath MacArthur Blvd. and carries water from Great Falls to Washington. The aqueduct was under construction from 1853 until after the Civil War. It accomplished one of history's great engineering feats—the Cabin John Bridge, for many years the largest stone arch in the world. The exhibit runs through Nov. 1. The Society is located at the Beall-Dawson House, 103 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville. Hours are Tue-Sat, and the first Sunday of the month, noon-4:00 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors and students...

Cabin John resident **Diane Leatherman** recently published a fictionalized memoir of her childhood trips across the Kansas prairies, which covers her life through 1990. She will read from the book, *Crossing Kansas*, at Tina's Gallery, 7945 MacArthur Blvd. on Friday, Oct. 23 at 7:00 p.m. (The book will be available for sale at \$10.95)

Little Falls Library will present its annual "Haunted House" with "Scary Stories Told in the Dark" on Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 7:00 p.m. Recommended for ages five and up...

The 84-year-old **Bannockburn Clubhouse** is undergoing renovations. The facade has been remodeled by Clubhouse caretaker Gavin Beyersdorfer after a design by architect John Katinas, both graduates of the Bannockburn Nursery School. There are new windows, doors, siding and canopy...

Potomac Outdoors is now open on MacArthur Blvd. in Cabin John in the building formerly occupied by the Wild Bird Center. It offers merchandise for cyclists, canoers and kayackers, hikers, mountain climbers and naturalists...

NEW BABY ARRIVES IN TOWN

The Mondale/Patton family of 7309 University Ave. welcomed a new member on Friday, Sept. 18. **Charlotte**, came into the world at Sibley Hospital weighing eight pounds, eight-and-a-half ounces, and with a full head of dark hair, according to her father, **Leo Mondale**. Mother **Sarah Patton** and daughter are both home and feeling fine, he said.

The family group also includes **Sophie**, 8, and **Freddy**, 6.

FREE HALL EVENTS FOR GLEN ECHO RESIDENTS

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

Friday, Oct. 9—Bannockburn Havurah (comradeship), family event. Pot luck supper begins at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 18—Fiddle workshop and performance. 1:30-5:30 p.m. Sponsored by Potomac Valley Scottish Fiddle Club.

Wed., Oct. 21—Springfield Garden Club meeting, 8:00 a.m.

Sat., Oct. 31—TOWN HALLOWEEN PARTY, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Thur., Nov. 5—American Indian Inter-Tribal Council Organization meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Sun, Nov. 8—Family Dance. 3:00-5:00. Sponsored by Folklore Society of Greater Washington.

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

In describing **Carol Barton's** new book, *Vision Shifts*, last month, we neglected to mention that the book may be obtained by calling her at 301-229-2213. Its price is \$44...

REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Town of Glen Echo, a Maryland municipality located in Montgomery County, is seeking sealed bids for surveying services relating to the proposed purchase by the town of a portion of the former D.C. Transit trolley right-of-way.

1. The property to be surveyed consists of a portion of the former D.C. Transit trolley right-of-way, now owned by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority ("WMATA"), shown on record plats B16 and B17, recorded among the land records of Montgomery County, as "Reservations for Railroad" and running from the southeasterly corner of Oxford Road to a line extending from the property line separating lots 6 and 7, Block 16, Plat B17 as such extended line crosses the right-of-way, including all road crossings. Title work, including legal description, as well as a "paper survey" and legal description based thereon (both prepared for WMATA), may be reviewed, upon reasonable notice and during regular office hours, at the office of Knopf and Brown, 1050 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 785-8200. These materials may also be reviewed at the Town Hall, 6106 Harvard Avenue, Glen Echo, Maryland 20812 during regular Town Hall office hours, Mondays and Thursdays, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

2. The survey should be an ALTA survey and show all encroachments and improvements, if any, and their relationship to the property lines. Permanent reference monuments should be placed on-site so that the property lines can be located physically on the ground.

3. Bids should include the costs for setting such monuments as appropriate, but in any event at any point of direction/angle change for the property lines. The bid should also include, as an optional cost, the setting of monuments where the right-of-way property line intersects with the corners of the adjoining lots, e.g. where an adjoining lot's side property lines intersect with the line separating the lot from the right-of-way.

4. Bids should separately provide the cost to perform an ALTA survey of the property, set monuments, and provide original/copies of the final survey - including a metes and bounds description, area within the property lines and describing any errors of closure or other problems with the survey. Bids should also provide the total (bundled) cost for all such services.

5. Bids should be submitted, in person or by mail, to Betsy Platt, Town of Glen Echo Clerk-Treasurer, at the Town Hall, 6016 Harvard Avenue, Glen Echo, Maryland 20812, in sealed envelopes and be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 1998.

6. The sealed bids will be opened at the Town Hall on Friday, October 29, 1998 at 10:00 a.m.

The surveying contract shall be awarded to the bidder based upon the lowest or best bid, quality of goods and work, time of delivery or completion and responsibility of bidder. All such contracts shall be in writing and must be approved by the Town Council before becoming effective. The Town Council has the right to reject all bids and re-advertise. All written contracts may be protected by such bonds, penalties, and conditions as the Town may require.

For further information, please call Betsy Platt, Clerk/Treasurer at (301)320-4041.

WELCOME, NEWCOMERS!

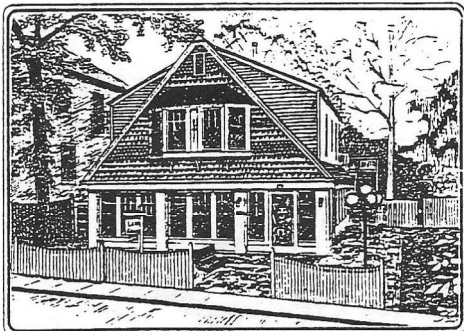
The number of drummers in town (at least two), television producers (at least three), and lawyers (at least 14) was increased when **Michelle Brafman Helf** and **Tom Helf** moved to 5900 Oxford Rd. on Memorial Day weekend.

Tom qualifies in two of the categories. A graduate of Cornell University and American University law school, he has been a real estate and mortgage lending lawyer in Tyson's Corner for more than 12 years. He is also a drummer for two bands. "Cravin' Dogs," a roots rock group, has performed at the 9:30 Club, Iota, and the Barns at Wolf Trap. "The Zealots," which plays folk rock, will be featured at the Back Streets Café in Rockville on Oct. 23.

Michelle studied political science at the University of California at San Diego, where she was an All-American swimmer. She came to D.C. because it seemed a likely place for opportunities in television. After an internship at CNN which began the day the Gulf War started, she moved on to produce public affairs programming at NewsChannel 8 and WJLA-TV, and later worked as a freelance producer for PBS, Fox, and VH1. Some of her documentaries profiled ethnic communities, gospel music and refugee communities. This month she will become a producer of documentaries and other programming for Ventana Productions in D.C.

Michelle and Tom, who married in May, 1997, moved to Glen Echo from Mt. Pleasant because they loved the community feeling they observed here and the nearness to Glen Echo Park. They said that once they saw the neighborhood, and the "dream house" they bought, they didn't want to live anywhere else.

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TOWN HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 31, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Glen Echo Town Hall

Residents of all ages welcome

Parents of children who will attend (and other residents) are invited to help with the preparation. Please contact Clerk/Treasurer Betsy Platt, 301-320-7099

Trick-or-Treat time: dark to 9:00 p.m.

RESIDENTS WED AT TOWN HALL

David Greenberg, a nine-year resident of 7315 University Ave., and **Pamela Mason**, who moved to Glen Echo this summer, were married in a festively decorated Glen Echo Town Hall Saturday evening, Sept. 26 at 6:00 p.m. Champagne and hors d'oeuvres were served on the front lawn after the ceremony, followed by a buffet supper in the hall, and dancing to the "Blues Katz," a Richmond, Va. blues band.

The ceremony was conducted by The Rev. Betty McWhorter of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in D.C. on the hall stage. The bride's daughter, **Brooke**, 15, served as one of the bridesmaids. David's daughter, **Surale**, of Bozeman, Mont., and son, **Joshua**, of Breckenridge, Colo., "stood up" for him.

David described it as "a great party," to which all the immediate neighbors were invited.

Pam runs the audiology department at the George Washington Hospital Rehabilitation Center. David said the couple is looking forward to living in Glen Echo for the next 30 years.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, October 15, 8:00 p.m.
Glen Echo Town Hall

All residents encouraged to attend

“WATCH YOUR CAR” PROGRAM MAKES CAR HARDER TO STEAL

Just because your car is old doesn't mean it isn't attractive to thieves. They are looking for vehicles that can be sold quickly or stripped for parts, which are worth several times the value of the car itself.

No anti-theft device is 100 percent theft-proof, but there is a national vehicle theft prevention program that makes your car a tougher target.

Car owners who take part in the “Watch Your Car” program, which is funded by the U.S. Dept. of Justice, sign an agreement stating that their car is not normally used between the hours of 1:00-5:00 a.m. A police officer will then affix “Watch Your Car” decals on the windshield and rear window.

Information will be entered into a centralized database accessible by law enforcement officers on a 24-hour basis. A police officer anywhere in the country who sees the car being driven during those early morning hours may stop it and verify that it is being operated by the owner or a person designated by the owner.

Those wishing to participate in the program should bring their cars along with driver's license and Maryland current vehicle registration or copy of vehicle title to the police station, where they will sign the registration/waiver form and decals will be placed on the vehicle.

For further information, call Steven Burke, 301-421-5448.

HOME SECURITY SURVEY

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Call Ofc. Frank Mathers at 301-657-0119 to request one.

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CANAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help repair trails, clear vegetation, remove trash and debris and fix up campgrounds along the C&O Canal. All projects are scheduled from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 24—Lockhouse 6 (mi. 5.5)—repair eroded area at bypass flume

Saturday, Nov. 7—Great Falls—trails, paint canal boat

Saturday, Nov. 14—Carderock—repair side trails

Call the C&O Canal Volunteer Office at 301-767-3706 or 301-714-2233 to volunteer. Bring work gloves, a bag lunch, and dress for the weather.

INCIDENTS ON C&O CANAL

Friday, Sept. 7, 9:45 a.m.: Indecent Exposure, 2 incidents. Towpath, one near Sycamore Island and the other near Lock 8. Description: Hispanic male, 34 years old, 5'11", 200 lbs., short black hair with a goatee, wearing turquoise green shorts and no shirt. Area of Cabin John Creek. Arrested, prosecution is pending.

--Road Runners Club of America, Bulletin #113

"THE MUSIC MAN" AT WHITMAN

The Walt Whitman High School drama department is presenting "The Music Man" as its fall musical. The show will be presented Nov. 19, 20, and 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Whitman auditorium.

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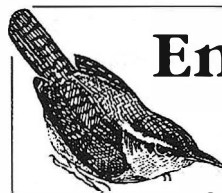
LAMPLIGHT OPEN HOUSE AT CLARA BARTON SITE

Saturday, Oct. 24, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Visitors can discover how the events in Cuba during the 1898 Spanish-American War impacted Miss Barton and the American Red Cross.

Music of the period, including songs popular with Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders and Red Cross workers will waft through the house.

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PROGRAMS BEGIN AT DISCOVERY CREEK

The Discovery Creek Children's Museum will open its new site at the former stables at Glen Echo Park on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 17 and 18, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

As part of its opening celebration Discovery Creek is featuring a program for children of all ages, "Wild Wonders of the Wetlands." Participants will wade knee deep in an indoor ponds, hide and search for clues in tall grasses and squish through a muddy bog to discover the wonder and mystery of frogs and other wetland animals.

The program will be repeated on weekends through January, along with other workshops and field trips like "Frogs in the Field," "Who's Been Here?," "Preposterous Plants," and "Bugs in the Bog." Some programs are specially geared for children ages 3-5. They cost \$8 for non-members, or three programs for \$18.

Discovery Creek's trail system, which links up with Minnehaha Creek at Glen Echo Park, was mapped out by town resident and Eagle Scout Francois Springuel and constructed with the help of his Boy Scout troop.

For more information, call 202-364-3111.

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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.

WAMU-FM PICKIN' IN THE GLEN BLUEGRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, Oct. 17, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

An afternoon of old time bluegrass music performed live at the park. Free.

ARTS AND CRAFTS SALE

Artisans from Glen Echo, Bannockburn and elsewhere will sell handmade jewelry, pottery, silk and woven scarves, sculpture, paintings, glass art, handbags, etc. at the Bannockburn Clubhouse Saturday, Oct. 24, 11:00-5:00 p.m.

Proceeds will go to the clubhouse rehabilitation fund. For information, call Claudia Levy, 301-229-4045.

FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT

August-September 1998

Knopf & Brown (legal, May & June)	\$2,005.55
Office of County Attorney (legal)	\$510.00
Pepco (streelights, 2 mos.)	\$964.48

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