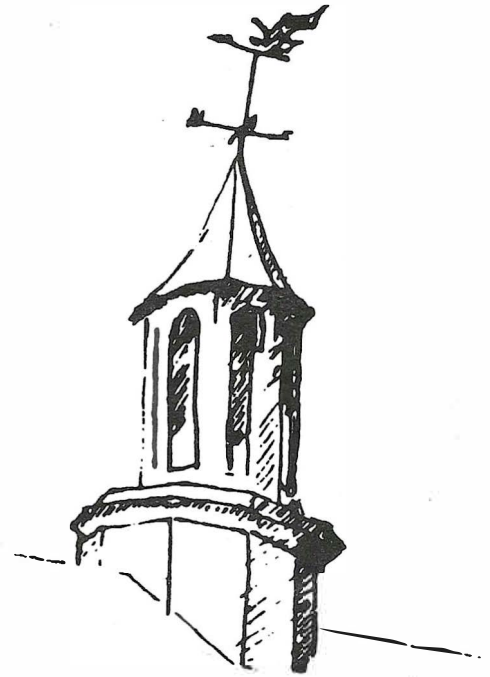


The Echo

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October 2000

WATER MAIN BREAK FLOODS BRYN MAWR By Rob Howe

Mary Tweedie was surprised to see a little geyser in her front yard at 6004 Bryn Mawr Ave. around 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 15. She watched it start “erupting” and the street rise up before a six-to-eight foot hole broke open. With “amazing pressure,” the gushing water ripped up the top layer of asphalt.

Thus began two separate days of no water and all-night construction for residents of lower Bryn Mawr.

It took the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission 25 minutes to respond to Mary’s emergency call. Meanwhile, park police came up to investigate the cause of flooding on the parkway below. Water there was about six inches deep and caused several accidents, Mary said.

Town residents and those from as far away as Bannockburn came to investigate why they had lost water pressure. Water flowed down the street like a river, creating a four-foot-deep gulch on Nancy Long’s property at 6001 Bryn Mawr.

WSSC began repairs about 4:00 p.m., working through the night. Except for 6000 Bryn Mawr, all lower Bryn Mawr residents lost water, and, with a generator humming and construction equipment beeping, most lost sleep.

A WSSC form letter of Sept. 18 apologized for the

GLEN ECHOANS SPEAK OUT AT PARK MANAGEMENT MEET By Carlotta Anderson

Mayor Debbie Beers and several Glen Echo residents gave their views at the Sept. 7 public hearing on the future management plans for Glen Echo Park. The well-attended forum was held in the park’s Spanish Ballroom on Sept. 7.

It was part of a public review period for the National Park Service’s newly released Draft Management Plan, which outlines four alternative plans for running the park. NPS has endorsed the Modified Public Partnership Alternative. This calls for day-to-day management of the park to be turned over to a non-profit organization, with ownership of the park remaining with the NPS.

It modifies the Public Partnership scenario recommended by County Executive Douglas Duncan’s Glen Echo Park working group in calling for the non-profit organization to also take over “life cycle” maintenance responsibilities, rather than leaving them with NPS.

Mayor Beers, speaking for The Town of Glen Echo, expressed the official town position that park management should remain with the NPS. She said that the recommended plan “does not demonstrate a financial need to replace the NPS with one or more new layers of additional management in order to insure long-term viability.” She received much applause in stating that the town’s concerns with other management proposals “lie in the real possibility of overuse of the site, over-

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MAYOR'S INTERVIEW ON CHANNEL 45 RESCHEDULED

Those who were disappointed that the interview with Mayor Debbie Beers about life in Glen Echo did not air as originally scheduled on Aug 3-6 on Montgomery Municipal Cable Channel 30 (for cable-ready TV) and 45 (for converter box TV) will be happy to learn it has been re-scheduled.

Her appearance on the "Issues" program will take place on Thursday, Oct. 5 through Sunday, Oct. 8, as follows:

Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, 12:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, 12:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.

WATER MAIN BREAK (FROM P. 1)

water outage, said temporary repairs had been made and gave a 90-120 day estimate for permanent restoration.

The next afternoon, the water main broke again, although the flow was less. Once again, construction continued through the night. Eleanor Balaban of 6003 Bryn Mawr got out of town and stayed with a friend.

WSSC sent a similar form letter on Sept. 20, referring to the work on the 19th. Both letters offered free packages of Rit Rust Remover for washing clothes which were stained by discolored water.

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PETITION REQUESTS MORE ROAD SAFETY MEASURES

By Jake Quinn

Thirty-three town residents petitioned the Glen Echo Town Council at its Sept 11 meeting for the installation of an additional speed bump on upper Oxford Rd. to reduce the speed of vehicles. Calling it "an immediate and pressing safety issue," the petition stated that the crossing at University and Oxford is heavily traveled by both pedestrians and autos and that "the excessive speed at which people drive endangers all Glen Echo residents.

The petition also cited two other safety issues. It called for the installation of flashing lights for the crosswalk at MacArthur Blvd. and Princeton Ave., as well as for the town council to "push the Park Service" to construct a separate access from MacArthur Blvd. directly into Glen Echo Park.

[Mayor Debbie Beers had already written Montgomery County on Sept. 7 asking that the Princeton Ave. crosswalk be repainted as soon as possible and that a flashing light be installed there.]

Andy Malmgren, one of the petitioners, recounted a recent episode in which his son, Ben, came close to being struck by a car while crossing upper Oxford.

Councilman Norman Bernhardt pointed out that the turn from MacArthur into any Glen Echo street is down hill, giving vehicles a natural tendency to speed up at the very time we need them to slow down. He said speed bumps might not be enough.

Councilman Tim Maloy suggested that with developments at the park, matters could get worse. He recommended the additional speed bump on Oxford, but agreed that speed bumps may not suffice. He suggested raised crosswalks as a traffic control device.

A motion to amend the vehicle control ordinance to authorize the town to construct and maintain speed humps and/or raised crosswalks on the length of Oxford Rd. was passed unanimously. The amendment also adds raised crosswalks as possibilities at the Oberlin Ave. and Bryn Mawr Ave. locations previously authorized for speed humps. A notice to this effect was distributed to each household last month.

A public hearing on this issue will be conducted at the October 9 town council meeting when the amendment is considered for passage.

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PARK MANAGEMENT (FROM PAGE 1)

commercialization, over-building and confusing lines of responsibility and bureaucratic accountability.”

Councilwoman Nancy Long, speaking as an individual, agreed that the NPS must not relinquish its responsibility for the park.

Rep. Connie Morella said she hoped Glen Echo's views would be heard and that a consensus could be reached. She stated that revenue generated in the park should be used to maintain the park, a position echoed by Del. Nancy Kopp and many other speakers. This money currently can be used by Supt. Audrey Calhoun in any part of the George Washington Parkway region.

A representative of County Executive Douglas Duncan said he knows Glen Echo is concerned about increased utilization of the park and was committed to working with the town to address these concerns.

Most of the speakers supported the Modified Public Partnership Plan, but with caveats. One was that future programming and classes should be based on merit and not profitability, and that affordable programs should have priority over private use even if the latter brought in more revenue.

Betsy Platt, speaking on behalf of the National Campaign to Save Glen Echo Park, stressed that the first priority must be maintaining the park's current programs. She said the ballroom should be reserved for public social dances and not rented out for private social functions in order to generate funds. She also called for improved public transportation, as did others.

Debbie Lange, another Glen Echo resident, testifying for the Glen Echo Park Cooperators Association, strongly supported the NPS's mission goals and stated that they believed the preferred alternative was best suited to carry out those goals. Diana Hudson-Taylor also spoke.

The public review period will end on Oct. 13. All comments should be addressed to: Audrey Calhoun, Superintendent, Turkey Run Headquarters, George Washington Memorial Parkway, McLean, VA 22101-1717.

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, October 9—8:00 p.m.
Glen Echo Town Hall
Contact the mayor to add an item to the agenda

REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Town of Glen Echo is now seeking sealed bids for the installation of street speed humps and raised crosswalks. Bids must supply the unit cost for each traffic calming device.

Specifications are available at the Glen Echo Town Hall on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30-noon or by appointment.

Bids must be received no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2000. The sealed bids will be opened on Thursday, Oct. 12 at 1:00 p.m.

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

**Glen Echo residents are invited
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HARVARD RESIDENTS SUMMONS TO COURT OVER STORM DRAIN

By Jake Quinn

Residents Jim and Jan Shaut have received a summons from the Montgomery County Circuit Court for a hearing on condemnation of part of the rear yard of their property at 6004 Harvard Ave. The county has scheduled installation of a storm drain in that area. A court scheduling conference date of Dec. 1 has been set, Mr. Shaut told the Glen Echo Town Council at its September meeting.

The negotiations with the county about the storm drain route and what easements might be necessary to install the drain have been going on for six years. Easements over part of the properties of six Bryn Mawr and Harvard Ave. residents would be required.

The purpose of the scheduling conference is to discuss the possibilities of settlement, according to the summons. It states that the county has been "unable to agree with Defendants upon the price to be paid for the property."

Mr. Shaut expressed his concern for neighbor Tom Kenney's distress over the threat to his yard and said he would propose a design alternative at the Dec. 1 hearing in order to spare Mr. Kenney and others the inconvenience of the planned solution.

He said he will suggest that drainage from MacArthur Blvd. be run all the way down Bryn Mawr Ave. instead of turning along University and being directed down the Harvard Ave. backyards. He said this approach deserves consideration for its fewer negative impacts.

Mayor Debbie Beers noted that for this to succeed the

county would have to accept responsibility for all drainage below University Ave., some of which now resides with the town. There was general skepticism by the council over the county's willingness to take this on.

The mayor also cautioned that changing the project could result in risking funds that have already been budgeted. She expressed her desire that Councilmembers Bernhardt and Maloy be briefed on the history of the storm drain issue, since she wants everyone to appreciate the full context of the present situation.

She stressed to Mr. Shaut the importance of not presenting himself as a representative of the town when he is before the court or otherwise dealing with the county in this matter.

HISTORIAN SPEAKS AT FIRST CENTENNIAL EVENT

Glen Echo kicked off its centennial celebration lecture series on Sunday, Sept. 17, with a discussion of local history by William Offutt, author of "Bethesda: A Social History," at the town hall.

The talk was "very educational," according to Councilman Tim Maloy, and almost all the 35 people in attendance had the author sign a copy of the book.

Finger sandwiches, vegetable dip, and beverages were provided by the town and were within the \$200 budgeted. Councilwoman Nancy Long provided cheese and crackers.

Sufficient food was left over to provide refreshments at the Sept. 19 Ladies Night (with men invited) to hear Leila Webster discuss her four year stint in Vietnam, and for the dancers at the Sept 20 English Country Dance at the town hall.

The Centennial Committee under the chairmanship of Councilman Maloy is planning future centennial celebration events, including lectures. Tee-shirts, sweatshirts and other items, emblazoned with the centennial logo, will be for sale. The logo, created by Glen Echo artist Raya Bodnarchuk, will feature the official town bird, the pileated woodpecker.

The town's centennial year will be 2004.

--Jake Quinn and Carlotta Anderson

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The annual Bannockburn Arts and Crafts Show, which raises money for restoration of the Bannockburn Club House and gives neighbors a chance to buy unique, locally created gifts, takes place from 11-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, at the club house.

Any Glen Echo artisans who want to sell their creations there are invited to contact Claudia Levy (301-229-4045 or levyc@washpost.com) or Ellen Benson (301-229-3913 or wbenson270@aol.com). Space is limited, so get in touch soon.

TOWN YARD SALE

Saturday, October 7

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

\$5 per household

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Wednesday, Oct. 25, 8:00 p.m.

Please RSVP 301-263-0552

TRAFFIC WOES

The picket fence at Raya Bodnarchuk's Harvard Ave. residence across from the town hall was pushed over by a large vehicle last month. Several pickets were shattered, she told the town council last month. The perpetrator hit and ran.

Councilman Norman Bernhardt reported that a car parked for several weeks at University and Bryn Mawr was moved shortly after a notice to do so was left on the windshield. He said "traffic violations are getting completely out of hand," especially near the park.

The existing ticket stock has been rendered obsolete by the new traffic control ordinance, Councilman Bernhardt said. He will be getting quotes from vendors.

He said approximately 50 tickets were issued last year, most of them in December.

—Jake Quinn



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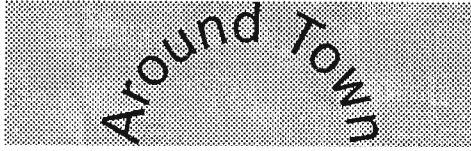
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Jim Anderson of Wellesley Circle has been appointed a member of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Advisory Committee by Gov. Parris Glendening. He will serve until July on the committee until July, 2002. **Diana Hudson-Taylor** previously served in this capacity...

Special thanks to **Rev. Gil Brown**, Glen Echo Baptist Church. He has graciously donated meeting space at the church annex to a group of Glen Echo mothers and kids. Thanks, neighbor!...

Mayor Beers has asked Montgomery County to replace the stanchions that divide **MacArthur Blvd. from the bike path** at the intersection with Goldsboro Rd. She wrote that the town would prefer to see a more substantial divider...

TOWN PROTESTS ENGINEERING BILL

Mayor Debbie Beers has written Morton Thomas and Associates that the town is not paying their bill of \$3,100 for an engineering study of town streets and sidewalks because it was not done "in a manner that would allow us to identify needed repairs and proceed to the bid process."

The company was asked to do a general street survey and to assess the "feasibility of re-paving streets." The study did not include a general street survey and recommended complete re-paving of the streets at a cost of almost \$1 million.

The mayor's letter pointed out that it would take approximately 20 years for the town to finance such a project, which could not be considered "feasible."

She also asked for an assessment of the stability of the retaining wall along University Ave.

HARVEST PARTY OCT. 21 AT GLEN ECHO BAPTIST CHURCH

Glen Echo Baptist Church is holding its 3rd Annual Harvest Party and would like to invite everyone to come and join in the fun. The party will be held Oct. 21 at the church annex at University and Harvard Sts.

Festivities begin with a cookout at 4:30 p.m. Games for the kids will start at 6:00. Kids are encouraged to dress as their favorite Bible character or their favorite animal.

A cakewalk game with goodies for prizes will wrap up the party, which lasts until around 8:00. Young and old are invited to drop in for whatever their schedule allows.

For questions, call Dawn Fyock at 301-229-1594 or Pastor Gil Brown at 301-229-4430.

SIDEWALK BLOCKS BEING REPLACED

Deteriorating sidewalk blocks on town sidewalks are currently being replaced. The contractor, Charles Cooley, replaced 25 blocks last month and will be putting another 31 in place soon. He is charging the same price as last year, \$250 per block.

Residents are requested not to write on the new blocks, use salt on icy sidewalks, or park on or drive over the sidewalks. All of these cause deterioration.

Anyone who knows of a block which should be replaced but is not marked by a red spot is asked to contact Clerk/Treasurer Betsy Platt at 301-320-4041. Debbie Beers at 301-229-7308.

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TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

September 11

The town will be acquiring 41 **new street signs** for \$1500, Councilman Bernhardt reported. These will include 25 "20 MPH" signs with reflective backing, 10 "SLOW CHILDREN" signs, and two signs each with "DO NOT ENTER," "CROSSWALK" AND "STOP" ...

Bids for the town's **speed hump** work will be opened on Oct. 12 and installation is expected to begin soon thereafter. It was agreed that the bid package would include only those speed humps and raised crosswalks currently authorized by the town ordinance. Councilman Maloy observed that the speed hump project has been 10 months in the making and is taking too long..

The remainder of the **street striping** will be done by Charles Cooley. Most of the yellow and white stripes on streets, curbs and driveways were painted by Councilmembers Tim Maloy and Norman Bernhardt, who volunteered for the job...

--Jake Quinn

FREE HALL EVENTS FOR GLEN ECHO RESIDENTS

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

- Sunday, Oct. 1, 12:30-5:00 p.m. C&O Canal Assn. Board meeting**
Thursday, Oct. 5, 7:00-10:00 p.m. American Indian Inter-Tribal Council meeting.
Sunday, Oct. 22, 3:00 p.m. Sacred Harp Singers
Sunday, Oct. 29, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Folklore Society Family Dance
Saturday, Oct. 28, 10:00-noon. National Campaign to Save Glen Echo Park
Tuesday, Oct. 31, 4:00-6:00 p.m. TOWN HALLOWEEN PARTY

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.

BANNOCKBURN NURSERY SCHOOL HOLDS 50 YEAR CELEBRATION

Bannockburn Nursery School will hold its 50th anniversary celebration October 21-22. All students, parents and teachers, from 1950 to the present, as well as members of the community, are invited to attend.

Festivities kick off Saturday, Oct. 21 with a cocktail-buffet from 8-11 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per couple; \$25 per person.

Sunday's Family Fair will be from 12-3 p.m. It will include the limbo, hokey pokey, moonbounce, etc., with games and prizes for children of all ages. Tickets are \$2/person and include admission to all games and attractions. Box lunches donated by Fresh Fields will be available for \$10/adults; \$3/child.

Tickets are available at the door, but advance reservations are preferred. To RSVP or to sponsor a Family Fair game, contact Peggy Philleo 301-320-8635, Shelley Shorb 301-320-4252, or e-mail to bannurschool@aol.com.



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