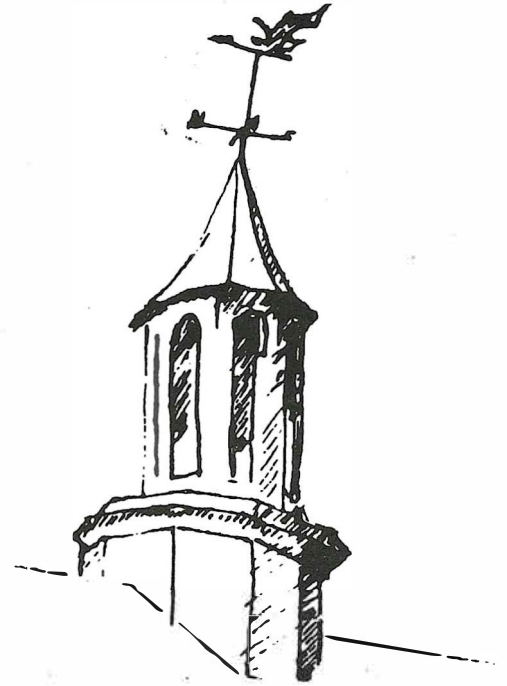


# The Echo

## The Town of GLEN ECHO, MARYLAND Chartered, 1904



September, 1995

### OFFICIALS TO EXPLAIN DRAIN PROPOSAL CHANGE

By David Sproul and Carlotta Anderson

Representatives from the county transportation department and County Councilwoman Betty Ann Krahnke will come to the next town council meeting to explain why a new proposal to repair the town's ailing storm drain system has been cut back to about one-tenth of the original estimate.

The meeting will take place on Monday, Sept. 11 at the Town Hall. All interested residents are urged to attend.

Where the county first budgeted \$212,000 to re-run the lines, it now proposes a cheaper option that would cost around \$20,000. There has been little explanation of what happened to the original appropriation.

The county has requested the town's help in obtaining easements for the projected improvements, and apparently expects to get them without cost, Mayor Beers told the council last month.

Several concerned property owners who were present had written the mayor claiming that "the Town's storm drainage system is entirely inadequate" and asking the town to request further studies so that "a reliable and permanent solution" can be found.

However, an expensive alternative plan for building a new line under Harvard Ave. was seen by most councilmembers as impractical and needlessly expensive.

Resident Jim Shaut said he thought the county is not interested in a comprehensive solution and that since the earlier repair has held so far, they seem to be satisfied. He added that he would not grant an easement without compensation, just as a matter of business. He said that if the county refused to pay him for the easement, "they would be trespassing" if they followed through with the work.

Mayor Beers suggested that budget constraints might force a choice between an inadequate plan or none at all. She found it annoying, she said, when county representatives act as if they are doing the town a favor when, in reality, the town pays a special tax in order for the county to take responsibility for storm drains.

Michael Rodemeyer said he thought it would be better to wait for future budgets to rise rather than do an inadequate repair now.

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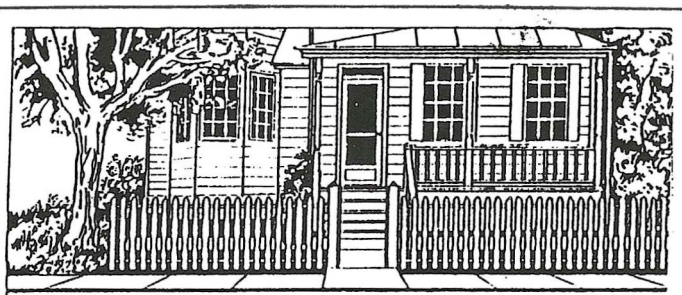
## VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The town is interested in forming a social committee to help plan parties and activities for the coming season. This is a great way to get to know your neighbors.

The committee will be assisted by Clerk/Treasurer Edie Springuel.

No new wheels need to be invented, but if you have ideas on how to make town parties more festive and enjoyable for resident of the town, be sure to join the committee.

Call Edie Springuel at 320-4041 for more information.



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## THE KEYHOLE

By Tillie McNoldy

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Shewmake of Winston Salem, N.C., announce the engagement of their daughter, Tiffin Bird Shewmake, to Richard John Carroll, son of Lois Carroll of Philadelphia and the late Bernard Carroll.

Tiffin is a graduate of Syracuse University with a master's degree from George Mason University. She is a project director for the Water Environment Federation's Eastern Europe Program.

Richard is a graduate of Georgetown University and holds master's degrees from Georgetown and the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School.

He is an international economist and a self-employed financial consultant. His book entitled "Presidential Performance Record from Truman to Bush" will be published this month. It has been endorsed by former president Gerald Ford.

Richard was raised in Glen Echo and lived at 6105 Yale Ave. He credits his success to being a product of the best small town in the USA...

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Janice Miller, who is in the hospital in Arkansas. Janice and family lived at 6101 Bryn Mawr Ave. for many years. Those desiring to send cards can mail them to: White River Hospital, Rm. 349A, Batesville, Ark. 72501, or to her home: Box 238, Cherokee Village, Ark. 72525...

Our sincere sympathy to the family of the late Edward Compton Fenimore, who died Aug. 2 in Eureka, Calif. after a heart attack. Mr. Fenimore was a former resident of Glen Echo, where he served as mayor from 1947 to 1949. He lived at 24 Wellesley Circle with his wife, Jean Hanna Fenimore, who died in 1988, and their children, Hugh, Anne, and Cynthia. He is also survived by three grandchildren.

An artist and art teacher, Mr. Fenimore served in the CIA from 1949 to 1970. In that capacity, he was a political officer in Rome, and a special assistant to the ambassador in Manila. After retirement, he moved to Waynesboro, Pa. He was an instructor in humanities at the Mount Alto campus of Pennsylvania State University and taught painting at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown, Md.

He was 84 years old...

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

## YARD SALE TO REPLACE ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

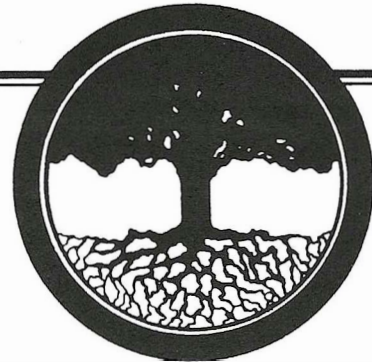
The town council decided to have a town-wide yard sale this year to take the place of the flea market held in years past. Items for sale will be offered from the yards of participating residents, who will be asked to contribute \$5 to help promote the event.

The yard sale was tentatively set for Sunday, Oct. 1. This date coincides with Glen Echo Park's "Treasures in the Attic" fundraising event.

Councilmembers felt that both events might benefit from cross-promotion.

Time of the yard sale will be 11 am-4 pm.

Please contact Edie Springuel at 320-4041 if you wish to participate.



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## TOWN SEEKS ADA FUNDING

By David Sproul and Carlotta Anderson

State and county representatives will meet this month with town officials to discuss possible funding for improvements to the town hall required under the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

Although the money comes from the Federal government, block grants are administered through both the state and county. "We will see which is best to apply for," Mayor Debbie Beers said.

Resident Joanne Murray has come up with a rough plan for adding a bathroom to the top floor of the town hall. Last month she showed the council a sketch which places the bathroom between the current kitchen and the rear wall. Access to the small loft storeroom would be from inside the bathroom.

The existing fire escape and door may have to be enlarged to meet building code requirements, she said.

The downstairs door is wide enough to comply with the new regulations, Ms. Murray said, but it will require a panic bar on the inside and a passive handle on the outside that does not require pushing a button.

The council approved up to \$1,300 for upgrading the door.

## NEW SINKHOLE DISCOVERED

A hole about six inches across and three to four feet deep has suddenly developed in the asphalt at the corner of University Ave. and Cornell Ave. in front of the Springuel residence.

The Springuels suspect that it indicates the presence of underground water, possibly leakage from the town's deteriorating drain pipes.


The appearance is especially noteworthy because there has been so little rainfall this summer.

## CHARTER REVIEW GROUP SEEKS CITIZEN INPUT

The Montgomery County Charter Review Commission is seeking suggestions from county citizens on amendments to the county charter.

The commission will report to the county council in May, 1996, with recommendations for possible charter revision to be considered by voters in November, 1996.

A copy of the Montgomery County Charter may be obtained by contacting the commission at 217-7900. Suggestions should be mailed by Oct. 1, 1995, to the Charter Review Commission, c/o County Council, Stella Werner Council Office Bldg., 100 Maryland Ave., 5th Floor, Rockville, MD 20850.



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## EVENTS PLANNED FOR TOWN HALL

By David Sproul

The Folklore Society of Greater Washington plans to present a childrens' program of music from Ireland on Sept. 16 at Glen Echo Town Hall.

The Sacred Harp concert/singalong was such a big success that its sponsors want to use the hall Apr. 26 for a "convention" expected to draw around 100 people.

The Springfield Garden Club has agreed to amend its bylaws to allow membership by any Glen Echo residents. Councilwoman Long said she hoped this would diminish residents' resentment that the club was being allowed to use the town hall free while excluding residents.

The council voted to endorse the change in bylaws and set the group's rate at \$20 per use. In recognition of the garden club's donation of money for town hall curtains, the council decided to waive the requirement for a deposit.

The council also voted to set a fee of \$20 for an organization formed for encouraging people to learn more about the culture and issues of native Americans.

## NEW TOWN HALL FEE SCHEDULE

### Town of Glen Echo residents--

Two free uses per year; \$150 deposit  
Additional uses: \$10 plus deposit

### Non-profit organizations/groups that provide some benefit to the Town of Glen Echo--

\$20 fee; \$150 deposit.  
Membership must be open to Glen Echo residents  
Group must be organized to serve public interest  
No admission to be charged to event

### Non-profit organizations/groups--

\$50 fee; \$150 deposit  
Membership not open to Glen Echo residents  
Activities/services not of benefit to the town or related to town's interest

### Private, non-resident social event--

\$250 fee; \$150 deposit

### Negotiated rate--

Fee to be determined by town council on request by potential user; \$150 deposit

The Town Hall capacity is 124. No smoking is permitted within the Town Hall.

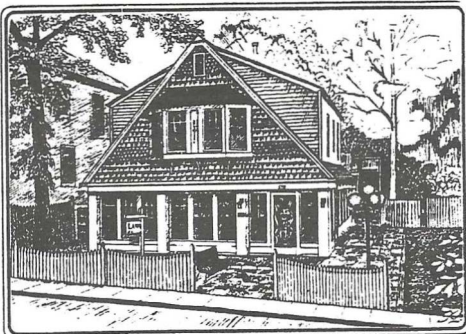
Request for use of the Town Hall should be made by phoning the town office at 320-4041.

## NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Bannockburn Cooperative Nursery School has an immediate opening in the current 3/4 year old class, which meets Monday-Friday from 9:30-noon. For information, call 320-4252 or 229-8395.

The school will be holding an Open House on Nov. 11 from 10:00-noon. This is an opportunity to meet teachers, co-oping parents and students, and sign up for the 1996-97 classes for 2-5 year olds.

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### BRIEFLY NOTED

Residents were startled to see a tour bus filled with tourists pull up to University and Bryn Mawr Aves. last month. It was transporting a group of serious gardeners from Raleigh, N.C., who came to see the much-admired garden of Holly and Osamu Shimizu. The "One More Block Garden Tours" itinerary also included visits to several other private gardens in the D.C./Baltimore area...

The first phase of street repairs has been completed, but there is new water damage near Sally Laws' house on Tulane Ave...

Councilman Anderson has not yet received an answer to his letter to the county transportation division requesting a flashing light to help pedestrians cross MacArthur Blvd...

Councilwoman Long is looking into the propriety of the rug peddling operation near the Glen Echo Shopping Center. She said that County Councilwoman Betty Ann Krahnke's office is investigating...

The zoning variance requested by Leah and Edward Hertz of 6005 Cornell Ave. has been denied, a first in the memories of most town councilmembers' memories...

--David Sproul and Carlotta Anderson

### RABBIT FOUND

A cream and gray colored rabbit was found near Vassar Circle. Call Tina Quinn, 320-8565.

### NO CARS ON SIDEWALK, PLEASE

It is against the law - town and county - to park a motor vehicle on a pedestrian sidewalk.

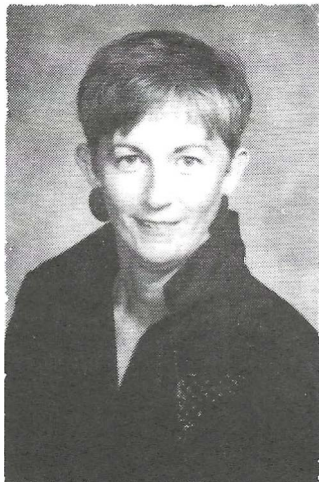
Some people do it anyway, perhaps out of consideration for other motorists by giving wider berth to moving traffic, or perhaps out of self-protection to get the vehicle out of harm's way. Whatever the motive, it is against the law and there are reasons for that law.

Vehicles parked on the sidewalk impede pedestrians and people with special needs - such as those pushing baby carriages or those with disabilities. As a temporarily disabled person as a result of leg surgery, I can testify that obstacles, such as a car on the sidewalk, loom large to people with less than perfect mobility.

In addition, those vehicles help break down our town sidewalks which are not designed to bear such extraordinary weight.

I am going to ask the Town Council for authorization to take swift action against cars or trucks parked on sidewalks in the Town. So, save yourself and me some trouble, and don't do it.

--Jim Anderson, Town Council Member



*Eleanor*

Let's talk about what's happening up and down MacArthur Blvd."

907-7600  
229-7990



### FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT JUNE & JULY, 1995

Case Design (paint st. signs.)	\$2,750.00
A. Morton Thomas (surveys)	\$1,650.00
Knopf Law Offices (attny)	\$2,548.58
Landscape Projects	\$531.88
Alpine Animal Hospital (rabies)	\$20.00

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

**PLEASE KEEP SIDEWALKS  
CLEAR OF TRASH CANS**

Residents are asked to remember that trash cans on sidewalks force all pedestrians, including the disabled and those pushing strollers, to walk in the street.

Please keep trash cans on your own property or in your driveway whenever possible.

If it is necessary for your trash can to be placed on the sidewalk, please position it as far back from the curbway as possible, and place it back on your property as soon as you can after the trash has been picked up.

**PROPERTIES FOR SALE**

1 Wellesley Circle	\$379,000
Oxford Road lot	\$135,000

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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.

**APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR  
BOARD OF APPEALS**

The Montgomery County Council is seeking applicants for two four-year terms on the County Board of Appeals.

Duties are (1) hear and decide most applications for special exceptions as provided in the Zoning Ordinance, (2) hear and decide requests for variances from development standards in the Zoning Ordinance, and (3) hear appeals from certain administrative decisions rendered by agencies of the county government.

The board normally holds weekly hearings all day Wednesday and worksessions every other week. Members work approximately 12-15 hours a week, and receive \$11,489 annually.

By law, not more than three members of the board shall be from the same political party. There are presently three Democrats and two Republicans on the board. The terms of one Republican and one Democrat will expire in November, 1995.

Letters of application, including a resume, must be received in the Office of the Montgomery County Council, Stella B. Werner Council Office Bldg., 100 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, no later than 5:00 pm, Friday, Sept. 29.

**NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday, September 11--8:00 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

Contact the mayor if you wish to add an item to the agenda

# GLEN ECHO PARK ACTIVITIES

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 2-4--25th Annual Labor Day Art Exhibition
- Sept. 8--Annual Glen Echo Fire Dept. Fundraising Night
- Sept. 10--Irish Music and Dance Festival
- Sept. 17--Children's Chautauqua Day Festival,  
noon-5 pm
- Sept. 29--Lanplight Open House, Clara Barton Site,  
7-9 pm
- Oct. 1--Treasures in the Attic Fundraising Event
- Oct. 1--Last Day of the 1995 Carousel Season

## DANCES

- Saturday, Sept. 9--Savoy-Doucet Cajun Band (cajun dance)
- Saturday, Sept. 16--Crabtown Big Band (swing dance)
- Saturday, Sept. 23--Tom Cunningham Orchestra (big band)
- Sunday aft., Sept. 24--New Columbia Swing (tea dance)
- Friday, Sept. 29--Contra Dance (ballroom fundraiser)
- Saturday, Sept. 30--Uptown Rhythm Kings (swing dance)
- Every Friday & Sunday nights--contras & squares

## ADVENTURE THEATRE

### THE HOBBIT

September 16-October 22  
Weekends at 1:30 & 3:30  
Tickets: \$5. Call 320-5331

## THE PUPPET COMPANY

### PETER AND THE WOLF

September 16-October 15  
Wed. thru Sat., 10 & 11:30  
Sun, 11:30 and 1:00  
Tickets: \$5. Call 320-6668

## PARK NEWS

Sept. 29 is the last date for evening carousel hours. Painting of the carousel roof is complete.

The contract for renovating the Spanish Ballroom is "on hold," for a few weeks, park supervisor Fran Norton told the town council last month. Work on the arcade facades "ran out of hands." Natural gas service for the park is not in the capital improvement plan for next year.

The good news, Ms. Norton said, is that parkway repairs are still very much on schedule. October was the completion date mentioned in the original estimate.

## ATTIC TREASURES SOUGHT

The Glen Echo Park Foundation is now accepting donated items for its annual Attic Treasures sale.

It is seeking donations of all sorts of objects in good condition with the exception of clothing.

The sale will be held Sunday, October 1.

If you have anything to contribute, please take it to the Foundation office at Glen Echo Park or call 320-2330.