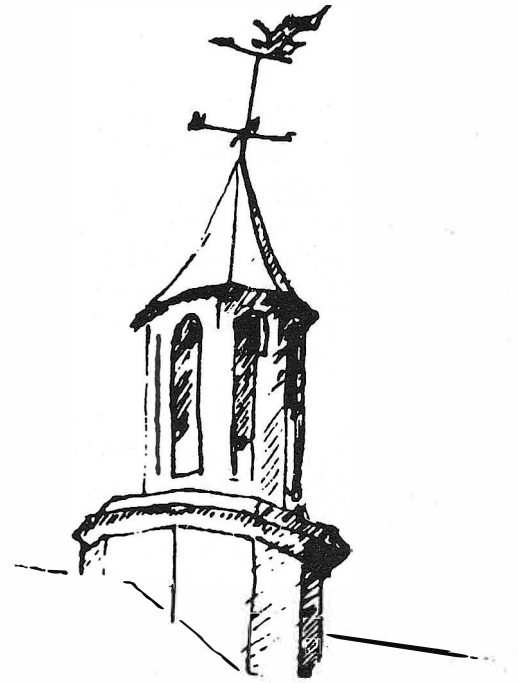


The Echo

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September 1997

NEW BRIDGE PLANNED FOR CANAL CROSSING

By Carlotta Anderson

Local residents can expect a new bridge across the C&O Canal below Glen Echo in a few months to replace the temporary earthen causeway now in place. It will be similar in style to the one washed away in the flood of January, 1996, but about 500 feet upstream from the temporary crossover, according to John Haynes, Flood Recovery Project Manager for the C&O Canal National Historical Park.

The new location was chosen because the old area was in the flood plain of the Cabin John Creek and subject to flash flooding, he said. Construction will be done by park service day labor crews, not as a contract project.

The earthen bridge is considered unsatisfactory because it restricts the flow of water and "doesn't lend itself to the charm of the area," Mr. Haynes said. It will be removed after the new bridge is in place.

The town council last month voted to send a letter to the park service expressing the town's support for re-watering the canal from Lock 5 to Old Angler's Inn. The letter will stress that this should be done in a substantial manner, not a cosmetic fashion.

MANGY FOX AGAIN SEEN; IN PARK, ON WELLESLEY

By Carlotta Anderson

A red fox which has lost a lot of fur, appears scrawny, and may have the mange was sighted by several residents on Wellesley Circle near Radcliffe Lane the afternoon of Aug. 19, and in the Glen Echo Park parking lot and the "Cuddle Up" the week before.

A similar sighting took place last month in the backyard of a Wellesley Circle home a few doors down the street from the first sighting.

Wildlife officials who were contacted did not think the presence of the fox gave cause for alarm, and said they get so many of such sightings that they do not keep a record of them.

When she saw the fox moving slowly and looking sickly, Wellesley resident Maire Hewitt was concerned, especially because many children play in the area. She called the Montgomery County Animal Control office, which was closed, its emergency number and then the Natural Resources police. "They were very off-hand about it," she said. They told her the fox probably has the mange, which forms a crust over the eyes and prevents the animal from being able to catch rodents. It must rely on its sense of smell instead, which lures it to garbage cans or pet feeders to find food, she was told.

Still troubled, she called the Montgomery County

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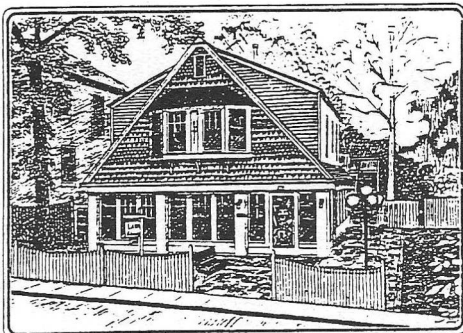
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YARD SALE OCT. 25

The annual town yard sale will take place on Saturday, Oct. 25. This will coincide with the "Pickin' in the Glen" festival, which draws several thousand visitors to Glen Echo Park, and, it is hoped, to the yard sale.

A yard sale coordinator and volunteers are needed. Please call Betsy Platt at the town offices, (301) 320-4041.

FOX SEEN IN TOWN (FROM PAGE 1)

District Wildlife Office, where she was told that mange is common, but rabies in foxes almost unknown in this county. Mange does not cause an animal to become aggressive, the official said. If the fox has lost a lot of hair, it probably cannot survive the winter, although it has no natural predators in this area.

Dan Seeley, the Natural Resource Manager for the George Washington Memorial Parkway, told this reporter that, while it is generally their policy not to intervene in nature, they try to do something if it seems a public safety issue. It is very difficult to trap a fox, however, he said, and normally would only be done on park land.

At Glen Echo Park, acting supervisor Stephanie Eisenbarth, said the fox seen there was either mangy or "throwing its coat" for the winter. She agreed that it didn't look healthy. She said it was not foaming at the mouth, or circling, and showed no sign of being rabid. A fox's normal reaction is to run away from people, she said. In any case, she recommended that residents make sure their pets are leashed or in their own yards, and teach their children not to go near an unknown animal.

An officer at the Glen Echo Park Police sub-station said if a fox were reported, police would just call Animal Control unless it was menacing or attacking people. In that case, they might come to destroy it, he said.

In case the fox reappears and residents feel threatened, here are the phone numbers of the offices mentioned:

Montgomery County Animal Control—(301) 279-1823; emergency no. (301) 279-1694

Natural Resources Police for the State of Maryland—1-800-628-9944

Montgomery County District Wildlife Office—(301) 258-7308

Office of Interpretation & Resource Management, George Washington Memorial Parkway—(703) 285-2598

U.S. Park Police, Glen Echo Substation—(301) 492-6293

OLD BOTTLES DISCOVERED DURING YALE RENOVATIONS

By Carlotta Anderson

Where did town residents throw their empty bottles back in the early 1900s? Under the house, apparently.


That's the only conclusion Henry Barrow and Carol Barton can come to after discovering some 100 old bottles while excavating the crawl space under their Yale Ave. house last month. They are in the process of renovating the house, adding two bedrooms and a bathroom on the upper level.

One of the bottles had contained whisky and bore the inscription: John Fitzmorris, Old Berwick Rye, 7th and Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D.C. A wine bottle came from the Bordeaux Wine Co., 1847 14th St. NW. For medicinal purposes, the former residents of 6005 Yale apparently turned to Groves Tasteless Chilltonic, Prepared by Paris Medicine Co., St. Louis. Sometimes, they drank from full half pint bottles filled by A.H. Quigley, 406 9th St. NW, and sometimes from The Tracer Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, Distillery No. 107th District Kentucky.

How old are the bottles? Henry thinks that the house probably dates from the Chautauqua era at the turn of the century, when it was a unweatherized summer dwelling of two rooms with a front porch. Nancy Long remembers that at one time T. Hubert Woltz lived there with his wife and possibly a child. For a period, he was Glen Echo's clerk/treasurer.

Henry bought the house from Stan Lahargoue in 1979 after it had been condemned. Before that, it was occupied by the Lahargoue family, which later moved to the adjoining University Ave. property now occupied by Bertha Smith. They had several children, and the upstairs room had been divided into five tiny rooms about 8' x 8'.

Henry and Carol hope to sell the bottles, either to antique dealers or at the Glen Echo yard sale.



Intimate Dining

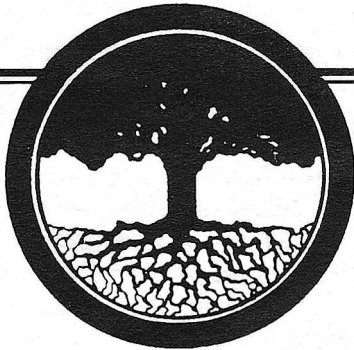
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WELCOME, NEWCOMERS!

Richard Grant had drawn an imaginary area he wanted to find a house in—bounded by Massachusetts Ave., the D.C. line, the river, and Goldsboro Rd. Then he saw a house in Glen Echo, about ¼ mile outside that area's perimeters. Attracted to the town, which reminded him of similar communities in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, he agreed to expand his horizons. His wife, **Polina**, also found the "down-to-earth, relaxed" feeling here appealing, and in May they moved with their two children, **Alexandros**, 4, and **Isabella**, 2, from Montgomery Village into 22 Wellesley Circle.

They were delighted to meet a warm reception, with neighbors welcoming them with cookies and sweet breads and "everyone saying hello."

Richard attended high school in Connecticut, moving to D.C. to attend Georgetown University, where he majored in English. Involved with computers since the age of 16, he was able to put himself through college setting up data bases for Georgetown University Hospital. A computer consultant for various governmental agencies until 1993, he then moved to Power Pay Software in Rockville as Director of Advanced Research and Development.

Polina grew up in Athens, Greece, and came to the U.S. in 1982 when her father was posted as military attache at the Greek Embassy. She transferred from Deree University in Athens to the University of Maryland, where she studied Special Education and Child Psychology. She practiced for a time at Children's Hospital while working on a Master's degree, then switched to the World Bank as assistant in the Pension Office, and after that as manuscript manager for the journal, Optics Letters. After the birth of Alexandros, she turned her hobby of painting designer furniture, lamps and bottles into a part-time profession.

Both Richard and Polina are avid tennis players. Richard likes to write poetry and listen to music. Polina is taking kayaking lessons. For the next year, they also will be involved in renovations of their house.

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION ON POLICE MATTERS?

John Wells is the representative from the Glen Echo area at the monthly Citizens Advisory Board meetings of the Bethesda Police District.

If you have any police-related matters you would like to have discussed, please phone him at 229-4503.

SAVE YOUR DISCARDS FOR THE TOWN YARD SALE OCTOBER 25

TITLE SEARCH, SURVEY FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY PURCHASE

By John Wells

A survey of the former trolley right-of-way alongside Glen Echo is the next step in the town's long effort to purchase the land. The town attorney, Norman Knopf, has received estimates from two surveyors, one for \$3,000, the other for \$10,000.

After commissioning a title search, which should be completed soon at a cost of no more than \$3,000, the town learned that the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) had also paid for a title search of the entire right-of-way, including the Glen Echo portion.

The Maryland Office of Planning has received no objections from any state agency to its funding the town's purchase of the property through the Maryland State Project Open Space. The town has applied to the program for reimbursement of the allowable 75 percent of its purchase and settlement costs, estimated at around \$125,000. The funding request is now pending before the Board of Public Works, a three-member body comprised of the Governor, Comptroller and Treasurer, Mr. Knopf said.

Councilmember Gloria Levin asked Mr. Knopf for advice about dealing with encroachments on the right-of-way that have occurred since January. He said there may be a broader problem: the potential for adjacent homeowners to claim that they have acquired ownership of parts of the land through adverse possession. While governments are immune from adverse possession claims, he was uncertain whether this exemption would apply to WMATA or the Riders Fund, the current and previous owners of the land.

Mr. Knopf suggested that after the purchase is completed, the town notify homeowners that it is aware of encroachments and that they are being permitted at the grace of the town.

SPRINGUEL VOLUNTEERS TO PAINT YELLOW STRIPES

If you've been admiring the bright new yellow stripes on town curbs, you have Vassar Circle resident Renny Springuel to thank. He volunteered to do the painting and was seen hard at it on Sunday, August 17, when the temperature reached a record 105 degrees.

Renny's volunteer efforts have saved the town several hundred dollars.

Residents who see any unmarked areas should let him know at (301) 320-2699. The council has not yet decided if he should re-stripe the areas in front of driveways with yellow paint.

NEW TRAIL TO TOWPATH BUILT BY STUDENT GROUP

By Carlotta Anderson

Twelve young people and their crew leaders have reconstructed the trail used by most townspeople to reach the C&O Canal as part of their summer employment in the Conservation Career Development Program of the Student Conservation Association.

The trail, which leads from the Union Arch Bridge near Wilson Lane to the canal, has been reconfigured so that the steps formerly in place will be abandoned. Instead, hikers will follow an improved version of what project manager Jeff White calls the "social trail" informally made by bicyclists and others who found the stairs cumbersome. The old stepped path was not only steep, but created erosion problems and was disintegrating, he said.

The SCA, a nationwide, non-profit environmental association, employs urban youth to do trail maintenance and other jobs in a fee-for-service arrangement with the National Park Service. Materials and supplies are provided by NPS.

The student crews were brought to the trail site by vans which picked them up from Metro stops. During the summer, they are expected to work four days a week and have one day for environmental education, which includes field trips, camping, and sailing on research vessels. The rest of the year the environmental education program continues, but they are expected to work Saturdays as volunteers in parks.

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, September 8—8:00 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

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TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

August 11

The town council expressed its interest in registering a new domain name for the **town website**, <http://www.glenecho.md.us>, which would not require any registration fee. Peter Somerville will obtain pricing for hosting with a commercial ISP (Internet Service Provider). Richard Grant, a new resident, said he was interested in helping set up the site...

Construction of the elevator at the town hall has been completed and the rear outside stairs are being fabricated. They will have holes drilled for drainage to prevent ice and water buildup, in lieu of paying the contractor an additional \$1,730 for a special surface...

The **post office** has tentatively agreed for an increase in rent to \$26,800 per year. The town will go ahead with installing separate metering systems for the utilities; its proposal to have the post office pay its own utilities as part of the rental contract can be revisited in the future...

Councilman Michael Brintnall suggested that council **meetings be held twice per month** rather than once, and that the agendas be more focused...

The town is making arrangements for **repair of broken street signs, speed limit signs, and no parking signs**. This is more difficult than it may seem because some of the poles and attachments are not standard sizes, and the job is small...

The council passed a motion (3-1, with Councilman Brintnall opposed) directing the mayor to appoint an **ordinance review committee** and present the names to the council at its September meeting...

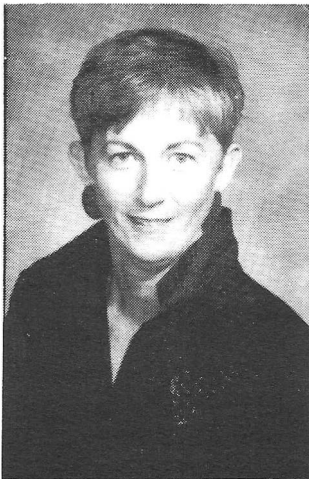
The Animal Control Board has drafted written procedures for dealing with **animal control problems**, but the town attorney advised that he felt they lacked sufficient flexibility. He will assist the town in locating model procedures from other localities...

The council approved a budget of up to \$7,500 for **flagstone work** in front of the town hall and will be soliciting bids for the work...

The town's basketball court on Tulane Ave. will be used by the **Crohn's & Colitis Foundation** to register participants in its Walk-a-thon on Sept. 6...

Councilman Brintnall presided in the absence of Mayor Beers.

--John Wells



Eleanor

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PROPERTIES ON THE MARKET

6104 Harvard Ave.	\$307,900
5806 Oxford Rd.	\$374,000
24 Wellesley Circle	\$240,000
32 Wellesley Circle (rent)	\$1200/mo.

GLEN ECHO PROPERTY SALES

41 Wellesley Circle	\$269,000
5906 Oxford Rd.	\$350,000

FREE HALL EVENTS FOR GLEN ECHO RESIDENTS

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

Thursday, September 11, 8:00-11:00 p.m. Gaelic Society of America. Scottish singing and dancing (dancers ages 9-19). Families most welcome.

Wednesday, September 17, 10:00 a.m. Springfield Garden Club. Container Gardening, discussed by Robin Milman, Horticulturist, National Cathedral. Residents invited.

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.

Around Town

Matthew Caulfield, who has run the carousel at Glen Echo Park on weekends for the past decade, was profiled in the *Washington Post* Sunday Style section on Aug. 17. The article was titled: "Full Circle... The story of a man, a merry-go-round, and a quest for the brass ring"...

The Montgomery County Council is considering a bill that would limit the amount of building space on any residential lot recorded before 1954 and require neighborhood notification when demolitions or major additions are imminent, the *Montgomery Gazette* reported. The purpose of the bill is to stop "mansionsization," in which houses are torn down and replaced with others totally out of scale with the neighborhoods, according to attorney Norman Knopf representing the Montgomery County Civic Federation. (Mr. Knopf is also the Glen Echo town attorney.) In a separate action, the county council voted to modify current setback requirements so that construction must conform to the established building line, rather than simply meet a specific footage setback...

Developments at the Glen Echo Park site from 1888 to the present were described in an article, "Glen Echo Park: Amusement in a Simpler Time," in the Horizon section of the *Washington Post*, on Aug. 13.

Don't forget to check out the Glen Echo website. The feature on resident **Brockie Stevenson** takes the viewer through his career and into four galleries of his art. The latest copy of *The Echo* is also on the website. Call it up at: <http://www.glenecho.com>...

FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1-August 11, 1997

Peyton's Tree Service (leaf removal, 12/96)	\$1,812.00
Landscape Projects (Jul. & Aug. main. pub. space)	\$1,433.34
Alpine Animal Hospital (rabies vaccinations)	\$84.00

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COMING EVENTS

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 Sunday, September 14—Irish Music and Dance Festival, 12-6 pm.
 Saturday, Sept. 20—Big Joe & the Dynaflows
 Saturday, Sept. 27—The Tom Cunningham Orchestra
 Sunday, Sept. 28—CHILDREN'S CHAUTAUQUA DAY, 12-5 pm

Every Friday, traditional country dances
 Every Sunday, contras. square and folk dances
 Sunday afternoon tea dances:
 First & third Sundays, waltzes, foxtrots and ballroom, 4:00-6:00 pm
 Second and fourth Sundays, traditional American and international dancing for all ages and abilities, 3:00-5:30 pm

ADVENTURE THEATRE

Hansel & Gretel (to September 7)
The Legend of Sleepy Hollow
 September 20-October 26
 Weekends at 1:30 and 3:30
 Tickets: \$5.00 Call 320-5331

THE PUPPET THEATRE

Rapunzel
 September 13-October 12
 Wednesday through Friday, 10:00 & 11:30
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Wednesday Evening: 7:00 PRAYER, TESTIMONIES, BIBLE QUESTIONS

Friday Morning: 10:00 COMMUNITY PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY

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TRASH, RECYCLING PICKUP PROBLEMS?

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If your trash was not collected and you call Waste Management to complain, please also inform Clerk/Treasurer Betsy Platt of the oversight as well. This information is necessary for determining whether there is any pattern among the missed pickups.