

The Echo

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September 1999

PARK TO CONTRIBUTE \$5,000 FOR PLAYGROUND SURFACE

By Tom Helf

Engineers working with the National Park Service have recommended that the new playground surface at Glen Echo Park be constructed with a padded, rubber material called fibar rather than the wood chip surface previously discussed. This surface would be safer and provide easier access to the playground equipment, Glen Echo Park official Karen Pittleman told the Glen Echo Town Council at its Aug. 9 meeting.

However, the fibar surface would potentially increase the cost of the playground by several thousand dollars.

Ms. Pittleman said that to meet this additional cost, the Park Service would be willing to contribute \$5,000 for the playground construction provided the playground committee could raise an additional \$5,000. The committee has already raised \$2,000 of that amount.

TOWNWIDE YARD SALE

Saturday, October 23, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
\$5 per Glen Echo house to participate

Contact Betsy Platt, 301-320-4041

NEW HOUSE TO GO UP ON UNIVERSITY AVE.

By Carlotta Anderson

The builder of a house to be constructed on a lot at the southeast corner of University and Harvard Aves. has submitted to the town council his plan for removing large trees on the property. Town ordinances require that anyone wishing to remove a large tree must give the town 60 days notification.

Carey Hoobler of Ellison Corp. of Silver Spring proposes to build a two-and-a-half story frame house with fibreglas shingles at what will be 7316 University Ave. It will have four bedrooms and three-and-a-half bathrooms, with a driveway off Harvard Ave. leading to a two-car basement garage.

The building width will be 47 feet, depth 30 feet and height 31 feet, plus or minus, according to the plans. There will be a wrap-around unroofed porch with a pergola-type top. No variances will be required.

The lot, which is not square, measures 75 feet front, 87 feet rear and 75 feet deep. It was formerly the back yard of the Odell property at 7317 Columbia Rd. and recently sold for \$160,000.

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TOWN SEEKS REPRESENTATIVE FOR LOCAL FIRE BOARD

The Conduit Road Fire Board, which oversees the operation of the local fire departments, including Glen Echo Fire Dept., would like a representative of Glen Echo to sit on the board.

Is there an interested volunteer in town to fill this position? It involves attendance at approximately one meeting per month. The representative must also be "elected"—which means that he or she must get 20 signatures from people in the community supporting his or her appointment to the board.

Anyone who is interested may contact Lenore Clarke at 202-874-3423 or call Mayor Debbie Beers at 301-229-7308.

THANKS TO STACEY MALMGREN

Many thanks to Stacey Malmgren, who did the final editing of last month's *Echo* while the editor was on vacation in California.



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FRESH FIELDS DAY FOR PLAYGROUND FUND

On Wednesday, September 15, Fresh Fields will donate five percent of its profits to the Glen Echo Park Playground fund-raiser. The Glen Echo Park Foundation will use these funds at the end of September to purchase new equipment.

The playground committee hopes to raise enough from the Fresh Fields day and other efforts to meet a \$5000 matching grant from the Park Service. This is an opportunity for those who want to help the fundraising effort.

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, September 13—8:00 p.m.
Glen Echo Town Hall
Contact the mayor to add an item to the agenda

CONGRESS DEFERS PARK FUNDING DECISION TO FALL

By Tom Helf and Carlotta Anderson

The U.S. Senate and House of Representatives did not act to approve requested funding for the renovation of Glen Echo Park for its next budget prior to its summer recess. The House had included no funding for the park in its proposed budget; the Senate proposed a reduced level of \$1.7 million.

The Park Service had asked for \$2 million from the federal government for the first year of the park renovation project, and for a total of \$6 million over a three-year period. Both the State of Maryland and Montgomery County have approved their respective \$6 million shares of the renovation funding, to be paid over three years.

When Congress reconvenes in fall, the House and Senate will go into conference to resolve their budgetary differences, Glen Echo Park official Karen Pittleman said. If less than the requested \$2 million is approved by Congress, the Park Service would expect to begin some renovations, but possibly at a reduced level than anticipated, she said. Until a federal contribution is approved, no work will begin.

House Appropriations Committee Chairman Ralph Regula (R-Ohio), accompanied by Congresswoman Connie Morella (R-Md) visited the park in late July, but did not indicate any commitment to approving the funding request, Ms. Pittleman said.

She said that if the total of \$18.9 million from federal, state and county sources is approved it will be possible to make "a significant impact" on upgrading the park but there will not be enough money to totally renovate the buildings. "It won't make the park new again," she said.

In the meantime, the Park Service has retained a company called EDaw to prepare a business plan for the post-renovation operations of the park. Ms. Pittleman said the town would have the opportunity to review the plan before its submission to the state and Congress. (It has already gone to county officials). The plan should be delivered to the town in early fall.



Community Celebration: Celebrate Community!

Saturday, September 25, 1999,
from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

at 7009 Wilson Lane

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GLEN ECHO PROPERTY SALES

6104 Bryn Mawr Ave.	\$305,000
7317 Columbia Rd. (house)	\$390,000
7317 Columbia Rd. (lot)	\$160,000

NEW BABY ON RADCLIFFE

Rex Albert Carter-Graham became the newest Glen Echo resident when he came into the world at Fairfax Hospital on August 5, weighing seven pounds, nine ounces.

He did not waste his parents' time, presenting himself two hours after their arrival at the hospital. He went home 24 hours later.

Rex is now at home at 7106 Radcliffe La. with mother **Madeleine Carter**, father **Alec Graham**, and brother, **Tate**, 4.

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE TO MEET SATURDAY, SEPT. 18

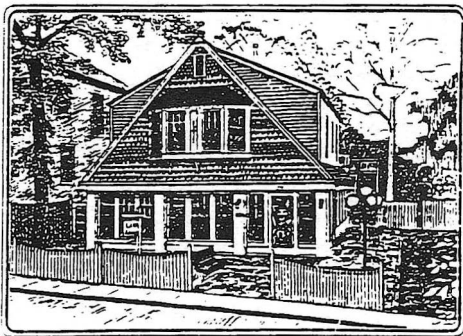
Councilman Tim Maloy, chairman of the town's Centennial Committee, has scheduled the next meeting of the committee for Saturday, Sept. 18, at 3:00 in the town hall. The town's centennial will be in the year 2004.

Among the ideas floated at the council meeting were a Chautauqua-esque speaker's series, concerts, and a town historical documentary.

All interested residents are encouraged to attend.

The committee will also address plans for a town Millennium party to be held on New Year's Eve.

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Financial Planning

MISSING BOUNDARY MARKERS CONTINUE TO RANKLE COUNCIL

By Tom Helf

The town council is continuing to withhold its final \$1,800 payment to the surveyor hired to survey the former trolley right-of-way being purchased by the town pending the location of the remaining boundary markers the surveyor installed.

As reported in last month's *Echo*, the surveying company advised the town that it would charge an additional \$400 to re-visit the property to locate the markers that town officials cannot find.

At last month's town council meeting resident Bea Smith volunteered to find a resident to clear out the weeds in the right-of-way and operate a metal detector in an effort to locate the missing markers. Councilwoman Nancy Long said

LADIES OF GLEN ECHO

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TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

August 9

Starpower, the company that will be offering cable television and similar services to the town has advised that it intends to rely on above-ground wires to implement these services. Regardless, Councilwoman Nancy Long suggested that the town should engage in some long range engineering planning in the event that Starpower may need to lay cable underground. Councilman Mike Brintnall reported that the town budget has money earmarked for such planning, and recommended that the town endeavor to combine any such laying of cable with future street re-sealing efforts in order to minimize disruption to town residents...

Councilman Maloy pointed out that the town should attempt to reconcile the different **animal licensing** requirements of the town (required every year) and the county (required every three years). Councilman Brintnall reported that the county does not want to assume exclusive responsibility for licensing animals in Glen Echo, but in light of the timing of the license fee deadlines, requested that further discussion of the matter be postponed until after the first of the year...

Mayor Beers and Councilman Bernhardt did not attend the August meeting.

-Tom Helf

CREATIVE TREE-WATERING PROTECTS FROM DROUGHT

By Tom Helf

Glen Echo Park is taking creative measures to save the young trees that have been planted recently while complying with the recently imposed State of Maryland water use restrictions, reported park official Karen Pittleman at the Aug. 9 town council meeting.

The park is using special devices called "tree gaiters" which ensure that the trees receive water in an efficient manner. The tree gaiters resemble large green trash bags tied to the bottom of trees, and have the ability to hold a large amount of water on which the trees "feed" themselves gradually.

After town resident Bea Smith pointed out that many of the town's trees were in dire need of water, Councilmembers Nancy Long and Tim Maloy suggested that the town look into obtaining tree gaiters for its trees. Clerk/Treasurer Betsy Platt said she would review the town's budget to determine whether funds are available to purchase tree gaiters.

Tree watering is not included in the town's landscaping contract.



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IN MEMORIAM

Earl "Mac" McNoldy
October 30, 1910-August 11, 1999

Venerable long-time Glen Echo resident Earl H. "Mac" McNoldy died August 11 at Sibley Memorial Hospital after a heart attack. "Mac" moved to Glen Echo a half-century ago, in 1946, when his Princeton Ave. home faced an uninterrupted view of Glen Echo Amusement Park. For many years he was active in town affairs, serving as town Clerk/Treasurer from 1968 until 1977. At the time, it was considered a part-volunteer job, with an annual salary of about \$500 per year, but "Mac" sometimes did not take the money because he wanted to add to the surplus the town was trying to develop.

His wife, Othelia ("Tillie"), who was also well known to residents through her long-time job at the Glen Echo Post Office, died October 6, 1996. "Mac" was still living in his Glen Echo home at the time of his death.

Born in Tower City, Pa., "Mac" worked 11 years at the Berkshire Hosier Mill in Reading, Pa. Silk stockings were a booming business even during those depression years, and "Mac" remembered earning over \$50 a week in that job, considered big money at the time.

After he was drafted in 1941, he left his bride, "Tillie," joining the Army Corps of Engineers for a four-year stint in the topographic unit, stationed in England, France and Germany. His unit drew maps for the infantry, artillery and U.S. Army Air Corps from aerial photographs. His maps were used for the Normandy invasion.


It was his expertise with cartography that landed him his job with the Army Map Service on Sangamore Rd. (later Defense Mapping Agency) and brought him to Glen Echo in January, 1946. His specialty was the map-making machines—called Stereoplanigraphs—that had been captured from the Germans after the war. Made by the Zeiss Company of Munich, they were capable of accuracy to 1/100th of a millimeter. However, they constantly needed calibrating and "Mac" was Army Map's Stereoplanigraph expert. He retired in 1972.

During the Vietnam War, he was able to visit his son, Earl Daniel ("Butch"), stationed near Camranh Bay, when he was sent there to install one of the machines. In addition to his son, of Tampa, he is survived by twin daughters Nancy Farhood of Darnestown and Sharon Kleinfelter of Danville, Va., and seven grandchildren.

In retirement, "Mac" played golf and bowled and regularly played Uno with several of his fellow long-time residents. As the long-term principal bass in the senior choir of Pilgrim Lutheran Church, his rich and full voice was often requested for solos, particularly of Gospel favorites. "Mac" and "Tillie" made pilgrimages to the Holy Land and liked to visit the Virgin Islands.

A service was held at the church Aug. 16, followed by interment at Parklawn Memorial Park.

(Much of the information in this obituary is taken from a profile by Rex Rhein which appeared in *The Echo* of October, 1974.)



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On September 18th, 1999, the Potomac Conservancy, River Network, Sierra Club, Student Conservation Association, Clean Virginia Waterways, Izaak Walton League, George Washington Memorial National Parkway, Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment and many other organizations are teaming up as part of International Coastal Clean Up Day to remove trash from the middle section of the Potomac River from DC to Great Falls.

The Potomac Conservancy is sponsoring a targeted clean up effort along the &O Canal, the Potomac River bank in Maryland, and adjacent islands from Lock 10 to Lock 7.

When: Saturday, September 18, 1999, 9 a.m. till noon.

Where: Sign in at Lock 8 or Lock 7 (parking is limited, carpooling or biking is strongly encouraged).

Bring: Water and snacks, work gloves, shoes and clothes that can get wet and dirty.

Volunteers with canoes are encouraged to bring them and shovels for digging out embedded tires would also be a big help.

Details: Specific areas of focus will include Minnie's Island (near Lock 8) and Ruppert Island (near Lock 7).

For more information or to sign up contact Matt Berres at: 202.338.4700 or mberres@potomac.org

CLASSIFIED ADS

FREE TO GOOD HOME—Interesting group of about 40 12" LP records: lots of reggae, Sham 69, Cramps, Miles Davis, The Cure, James Blood Ulmer, etc. Call Anderson, 301-229-3748.

WANTED—7-10 responsible, friendly individuals to earn an extra \$300-\$1,500/mo PT from home. Full training and support. Call (703) 326-4334 for 24 hr. info.

FOUND: Bike. Please call 301-229-5520 with description if yours is missing.

FOR SALE: Mission cocktail table. \$250 (was \$400 new). Mission couch. \$350 (was \$600 new). Buffet Co. Call T.K. Maloy, 301-229-4745.

Classified ads are free to Glen Echo residents. Fee to non-residents: \$.75 per line of 55 characters or fewer. Display ads: \$4 per column inch. Ads may be left with or mailed to the editor at 38 Wellesley Circle, Glen Echo, MD 20812. Make checks payable to: Town of Glen Echo. Deadline: 24th of each month.

FREE HALL EVENTS FOR GLEN ECHO RESIDENTS

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

Thursday, Sept. 2, 8:00 p.m.—American Indian Inter-Tribal Council Organization meeting

Sunday, Sept. 5—Folklore Society family dance, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 15—Springfield Garden Club, 9:00 a.m.

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.



GLEN ECHO PARK ACTIVITIES

COMING EVENTS

29th Annual Labor Day Art Exhibition September 4-6, 12 noon - 5:00 p.m.

Every Friday, traditional country dances
Every Saturday, swing dancing
Every Sunday, contras, square and folk dances
Sunday afternoon tea dances:
First & third Sundays, waltzes, 3:30-6:00 pm
Second Sundays, western swing dances
Fourth Sunday, cajun and zydeco

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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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A very popular twice-weekly exercise and strength training workshop for seniors is being offered at the Clara Barton Community Center in the former Clara Barton School building in Cabin John. At least three Glen Echo residents are frequent participants. It meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:30-12:15 and requires only a senior activities card, which costs \$12 for the year.

Special September programs for seniors are held Wednesdays at 1:00. They include:

Sept. 8—Blood Pressure screenings

Sept. 15—Peter Ladd, Congressional Liaison for Social Security speaks

Sept. 22—"Sinatra—Was He Really That Great?" by Irv Chamberlin

Sept. 29-- local singer Sara Klempers presents a program of Broadway hits

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