

The Echo

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May, 2009

ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING

The town's annual budget hearing (for the 2009-2010 fiscal year) will be held Wednesday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the town office. Following the hearing, the town council will have a closed meeting to vote on the budget.

ECHO EDITOR STEPS DOWN; KATHLEEN KOTCHER REPLACES HER

Owing to poor health, Carlotta Anderson, the *Echo* editor since 1974, is stepping down from that position.

Luckily, we have a very competent Glen Echo editor and journalist who has agreed to take over the publication, beginning with the June issue. You may contact Kathleen Kotcher at Timmaloy@aol.com.

MAYOR, THREE COUNCIL SEATS TO VOTE ON IN TOWN ELECTION NEXT MONTH

The biennial Glen Echo election will be held Monday, May 4 from 5 pm to 9 pm in the council chambers of the town hall. This election will be for three council positions and a fourth position as mayor. Terms of office are generally four years, but one council position will be for only a two year term to fill out the uncompleted term of Robin Kogelnik, who has moved from town.

Incumbents Eve Arber and Steve Matney have indicated to *The Echo* that they intend to run for the seats they currently occupy. Mark McCaffrey is also running for the four-year seat. Dan Macy and Jim McGunnigle have said they intend to run for the two year term.

Deborah Beers has filed her intent to run for the mayoral position.

New voters may register with either the town Clerk Treasurer, Cathy Polack during regular office hours at the town hall or with Chief Judge Susan Grigsby, 301-229-7735. Absentee ballots may be picked up from the Clerk Treasurer or the chief judge. Votes may not be faxed or emailed because of issues of privacy.

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LADIES OF GLEN ECHO

You are invited to a Ladies Night

at

Debbie Sach's

52 Wellesley Circle

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Please RSVP 301-320-2544

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JOHN L.MORROW II

John L. Morrow II, 62, a vice president with the Clark Construction Group and an award winning wildlife photographer, died March 30 at his home in Glen Echo.

John and his wife, Sharon, first came to Glen Echo in September of 1989, to look at a home for sale on University Ave. As they parked their car on the street at 6100 Harvard, John noticed the home there and a man working on the house outside. John commented on the attractiveness of the house to the man and the man said, "Do you want to buy it?" After a brief tour of the house John and Sharon said, "Yes". They moved into what would be their new home for almost 20 years in November, 1989.

John loved his home and the community of Glen Echo. Having grown up in Washington, D.C. and Maryland, he spent considerable time in his early 20's socializing in what is now the home of Brockie and Jane Stevenson. After he moved to Glen Echo in 1989 and being a man who prided himself on, "being able to do and fix anything and having the tools to do it", he would often help neighbors with home improvement projects.

He excelled in his profession with Clark, specializing in managing complicated and intricate construction projects such as the Advanced Measurement Laboratory of the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the AIDS Vaccine Research Center at the National Institutes of Health, the field office of the FBI in Washington, D.C., and the current construction of the United States Institute of Peace in Washington, D.C.. He was concurrently excelling as a nationally known wildlife photographer. On November 18 and 19, 2005, John presented an exclusive photography exhibit in the Town Hall of Glen Echo attended by town residents and many others. His photographs have appeared at the National Museum of Natural History for the past four years and he received awards from Nature's Best Magazine and the National Wildlife Foundation. In 2006, his photograph of a playful grizzly bear in Alaska won a first place award in National Wildlife magazine.

John loved to cook and entertain. Neighbors would often walk past John's home commenting on the aroma of ribs, chicken and other specialties roasting on the grill. He was especially known for his incredible crab feasts and had invented a crab cooker from a beer keg. He used that talent to help with the crab feasts put on by the town of Glen Echo.

John leaves his wife, Sharon Lerner of Glen Echo; a daughter from his first marriage, Shannon Warner of Wilmington, N.C.; a stepdaughter, Holly Copeland of Lander, Wyoming, a stepson, Mark Lerner of San Rafael, Ca; a father, John L. Morrow of Longwood, Fl; a sister, Judy Shore of Longwood, Fl; and two granddaughters, Mia and Abby Copeland of Lander, Wyoming.

--Sharon Lerner

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My candidacy for a two year seat on the Glen Echo Town Council – James W. McGunnigle, 5 Vassar Circle

I have strong feelings about the inherent value of small communities. That sentiment is probably the principal reason that Sally and I decided to move to Glen Echo in 2005. As a retired Foreign Service Officer I have lived in essentially small foreign communities in Portugal, Ecuador, Thailand, Chile, Pakistan, India, Egypt and France. In addition, we both lived in a small rural community in the Philippines where we were Peace Corps volunteers. We have, however, given up our nomadic life and expect to remain in Glen Echo for a very long time.

In Colombo (where I worked for Congressman Van Hollen's father), Islamabad (where I supervised the rebuilding of a large Embassy that had been burned down by a mob in 1979), New Delhi, Cairo (at that time the largest US Embassy in the world), and Paris, I was in charge, as Minister Counselor, of security, communications, finance, personnel, and facilities.

I have served on many community boards including International School Boards in Quito, New Delhi, Islamabad and Santiago, where I was the board president. At all my overseas posts I was active on community and employee association boards and committees. I have even taken classes on how to be effective on volunteer boards, and think that I have a keen understanding of how boards work, and how to avoid the pitfalls that some fall into.

I do not believe in setting out an agenda as a candidate, as I am certain the incumbent board works extremely well. I prefer to take a seat and do a lot of listening and then participate in what I expect would be good decisions. Since I am an energetic retiree I am prepared to give the town and the council as much as is asked, and hope to serve the community with whatever talents I can offer.

I should point out that my wife and I will be away for April and May on a long vacation that we planned and paid for many months ago. After our return we have no other long-term vacation plans on the horizon.

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 11, 8:00 p.m.
Glen Echo Town Hall
Contact the clerk-treasurer to add an item to the agenda.

2009 Candidate Statement – Dan Macy, 6005 Bryn Mawr Ave.

I am announcing my candidacy for the two year seat on the Glen Echo Town Council left vacant by the departure of

Robin Kogelnik. My family and I have been residents of Glen Echo for over 10 years and have had the great fortune of knowing many of you personally. Despite being located in a highly developed urban area, Glen Echo has retained the character and charm of a small town. I know from my conversations with other residents that it was this small town aesthetic that drew many of us to move to Glen Echo.

If elected to the Town Council, I pledge to continue to advocate for the preservation of our town's history and character. The issues we face in 2009 are similar to those faced for a number of years; continued development in the area. The Glen Echo Park is an excellent example of the difficult issues the Town Council faces on an ongoing basis. Several years ago the very existence of the park was at issue. The park faced potential demolition and private development. With the creation of the park's public-private partnership, we have seen the much welcomed revival of Glen Echo Park. However, with this revival we also face development issues over which we have limited control. This said, it continues to be important for our Town Council and Mayor as well as our residents to advocate for our interests.

Another area of special concern to me is the impact of the real property tax on fixed income individuals. In the past several years we have seen a substantial increase in property values and an associated increase in property taxes. While many of us were able to 'keep up' with these increases, those with fixed incomes (primarily senior citizens) have seen their budgets strained by this additional financial pressure. While Montgomery County currently offers a Senior Property Tax Credit, the benefit from this credit may not be sufficient to offset the financial pressures faced by our seniors. As a member of the Town Council, I pledge to help find ways to relieve this financial burden on our senior residents.

In addition to the development issues noted above, each of us must continue to support the arts. Our Town Hall has undergone recent improvements to help reduce noise levels making the hall a warmer and more welcoming environment. Each of us has a unique opportunity to attend dances, movies and lectures. It is my pledge to support and encourage these functions. Over the past several years Steve and Andrea Matney and I have presented the Glen Echo Movie series. Most recently we presented a film for the younger Glen Echo residents and had an excellent turn-out. These and similar offerings must be supported because they shape us and our town.

For these reasons, I ask for your support in the upcoming election. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss any of these or other issues please feel free to call me at 301-661-1375.

Candidate Statement of Mark McCaffrey
6104 Harvard Avenue

Four-year term

My wife Julie and I both grew up in towns similar to Glen Echo, with the same friendly neighborhood feeling, all be it, some 4,000 miles apart. We both fell in love with the town the first time we saw it, from the people we met while viewing our house, to the incredible sense of calm and belonging that we felt from day one. I'm sure that was the feeling of many residents of our wonderful town. We have now been residents for 3 ½ years and we welcomed our first son Jon William into the Glen Echo community 9 months ago.

I presently represent the Town of Glen Echo for the Conduit Road Fire Board (Montgomery County Fire and Rescue).

I am running for the Council because I want to make a difference and address some important issues facing our community. Some of the issues I would focus on if elected include: putting a stop to the recent spate of car thefts in Town, to this end, I have applied to join the Montgomery County Police Force Citizen Academy and begin an 18-week training course in the Fall. I desire to maintain strong ties with our neighbors at the National Park Service and develop a long-term plan to resolve the issues of our roads and sidewalks while also maintaining the nature and historic value of the Town. In addition, it has also been brought to my attention from a number of residents, that the loss of power during times of high winds, is a major problem. While I understand the number of outages has improved over the years, it still seems to be a problem and now that we have a growing number of families with children in Town, it is one that needs to be revisited. And finally, I would work to improve communication between the residents and the Council so that residents can freely contact the Council outside the monthly meetings. For example, through the introduction of an email-based suggestion box, residents could email concerns and positive feedback on an ongoing basis. This will only work if the Council commits to responding to all inquiries/comments prior to its monthly meeting. One way to accomplish this would be to have each Council member focus on certain areas of concern (i.e. community safety, roads and sidewalks, etc) to ensure each email is responded to in a prompt manner.

I believe my life experience as an Engineer, Health and Safety professional problem solver, communicator, mediator and team leader, would serve the needs and interests of the residents and the Town of Glen Echo well.

Currently, I am a Senior Director with the American Red Cross, serving the Disaster training and Preparedness needs of more than 5.5 Million residents of the National Capital Region. I am responsible for the development and implementation of a \$3.6 million budget and Regional business plan covering five offices consisting of 45 staff and 1600 contractors.

Prior to joining the American Red Cross, I managed a number of departments within a small family-run fine stone masonry business in DC, including, Procurement, Project management and Health and Safety.

Before coming to the US in 2002, I served as Manager, then Director of Health and Safety, for a number of colleges in Oxford, England, with duties including the reintegration of long-term unemployed adults into the workforce through college education and government work experience programs and the workplace health and safety of these students. Other responsibilities included workplace Health and Safety Auditing, Risk Assessment and policy development.

Prior to this, I graduated Technical Engineering College in the UK. I then joined the Royal Air Force (RAF) and after graduating top of my class at the RAF Technical Engineering College, I served for 12 years before resigning to pursue my interest in Health and Safety, training and mentoring.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be honored to serve as your representative on the Glen Echo Town Council and I hope you vote for me on May 4.

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WASHINGTON FOLK FESTIVAL RETURNS

The Washington Folk Festival is back for its 29th year at Glen Echo Park.

May 30-31, 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Free.

This free festival presents the public with the many folk music, dance, and craft traditions that are part of the greater Washington area. The Festival presents over 400 performers on seven stages, including a participatory dance program in the Spanish Ballroom, a storytelling stage, and music for family audiences. Local artisans will demonstrate and exhibit their crafts.

Free satellite parking and shuttle buses are provided from the GEICO parking lot in Friendship Heights. (GEICO is located just two blocks west of Wisconsin Avenue on Western Avenue at 5260 Western Avenue, NW). Presented by the Folklore Society of Greater Washington. For more information visit www.fsgw.org.

NANCY LONG TO BE HONORED AT 2009 GALA IN THE PARK – MAY 16

Glen Echo Park's historic Spanish Ballroom is the inspiration for the Spanish theme of the 2009 Gala in the Park. His Excellency Jorge Dezcallar, Ambassador of Spain, will serve as the Gala's Honorary Chair.

Honorees include Glen Echo Town Council Member Nancy Long, Congressman Chris Van Hollen, Glen Echo Pottery, and Marriott International, Inc.

The evening includes dinner, awards presentation, live Latin music and dancing, dance demonstrations, and carousel rides. All proceeds benefit the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture. In the Spanish Ballroom and Bumper Car Pavilion from 6:30 p.m. to midnight. Tickets \$175. Call (301) 634-2230.

PARK NEWS

Glen Echo Park Site Manager Polly Angelakis told the town council last month that she hoped the playground renovations would be completed by the park's annual Family Day on May 2. Among other things, the playground will have a new rubberized carpet surface, which is the kind of surface increasingly being used by other parks in Montgomery County. Certain of the older wooden equipment are also planned for replacement.

Ms. Angelakis also informed the council that the park is still considering landscaping for the retaining wall that is being constructed by the caretaker's cottage, but that a decision has not yet been made.

With regard to the Clara Barton House, Ms. Angelakis advised that the installation of the propane tanks has been completed and that, in response to town concern, the height of the smoke stacks has been reduced from 6 feet to 3 feet. She also told the council that there had been some water leakage from the second floor bathroom resulting in some damage to the first floor parlor, but that the underlying plumbing issues are being addressed.

—Tom Helf



May 2009 at REDEEMER

■ Sunday Morning Schedule

Holy Eucharist	8:00 am
Adult Education	9:15 am
Choral Eucharist	10:30 am
Church School & Nursery Care	10:30 am

■ Upcoming Special Events

- NSO Cellist Yvonne Caruthers in Concert
Sunday, May 17, 5:00 p.m. Reception to follow.
- Strawberry Festival & Silent Auction
Saturday, June 13, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer has announcee its fourth annual Summer Music Camp, Monday, July 13, through Friday, July 17, 2009, 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily.

The camp, designed for children and youth ages 7-15 (*campers must have completed first grade*), will be staffed by three professional musical educators from the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Tuition for the week is \$325. Camp highlights include:

Utilization of portions of the Orff and Dalcroze methodologies

Study of rhythm through motion

Study of basic vocal production and solfege

Introduction to reading musical notation

Session on the relationship between Math and Music with NSO cellist Yvonne Caruthers

Arts and Crafts

Organized outdoor recreation time on the church grounds

Visit to the historic carousel at Glen Echo Park

Nature Walk

Lunch and a snack provided daily

Teacher/student ratio approximately 1 to 6

Scholarships are available for those who cannot afford tuition. We hope that your child(ren) will join us for a week of musical learning and fun! For more information, please contact Tom Smith, *Director of Music*: 301.229.3770 or music.redeemer@verizon.net. Deadline for registration is June

CLASSIFIED ADS

Are you looking for a way to get your dog exercised while you're busy working? I would love to walk your dog! I work from home in Glen Echo (21 Wellesley Circle) so my hours are flexible. My rate for a single dog on a 30 minute walk is: \$15. Or, we can work out whatever arrangement suits your needs – group walk, etc. Please contact me, Lyndi Scott-Strite, via email: lyndiess@gmail.com or via phone: #301-229-2589.

Small family daycare in Cabin John near the Bethesda Co-op has full-time and part-time openings. Licensed by Maryland State Department of Education since January 1991, CPR and First Aid certified. References available. Interested please call Siew at (301)320-4280

Classified ads are free to Glen Echo residents. Fee to non-residents: \$.75 per line of 50 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.

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CHURCH HOSTS NEIGHBORHOOD BBQ

Glen Echo Baptist Church cordially invites all Glen Echo residents to a neighborhood BBQ on Sunday, May 31st from 2:00 – 4:30 in the church parking lot. All food provided free of charge. If you have your own chairs, please bring them. For planning purposes, it would be helpful to have an approximate number of those wanting to attend. Please contact Susan at 301-229-2220, or Anne at 301-277-1672 (eacurtis@verizon.net).

FREE HALL EVENTS FOR GLEN ECHO RESIDENTS

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

Saturday, May 2—PAM MASON HEARING INFORMATION TABLE, entrance hall

Monday, May 4—TOWN ELECTION, 5:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 9, 8:00 p.m.—FILM FESTIVAL

Monday, May 11, 8:00 p.m.—TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, April 19, 3:00 p.m.—FAMILY DANCE, 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

BE AWARE OF HEARING IMPAIRMENT

By Pam Mason

The month of May is Better Hearing and Speech Month! During this month of awareness is a good time to think about your own hearing and determine if you are one of the estimated 28 million Americans who have a hearing loss that can be treated. You may have a hearing loss if you:

- frequently ask people to repeat themselves
- often turn your ear toward a sound to hear it better
- understand people better when you wear your glasses or look directly at their faces
- lose your place in group conversations
- keep the volume on your radio or TV at a level that others say is too loud
- have pain or ringing in your ears

If you see yourself in these statements you should see an audiologist for a hearing test. You may find out that you do have some hearing loss that is treatable. The audiologist will be able to guide you through the process.

Audiologists are professionals expert in assessment and treatment of hearing and balance disorders. They hold a master's or doctoral degree and are certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association as well as by the state.

During the month of May a table with hearing information will be located just outside the town offices. Please stop by the table and pick up patient information on a wide variety of topics related to communication disorders.

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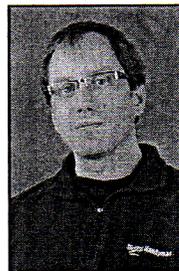


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