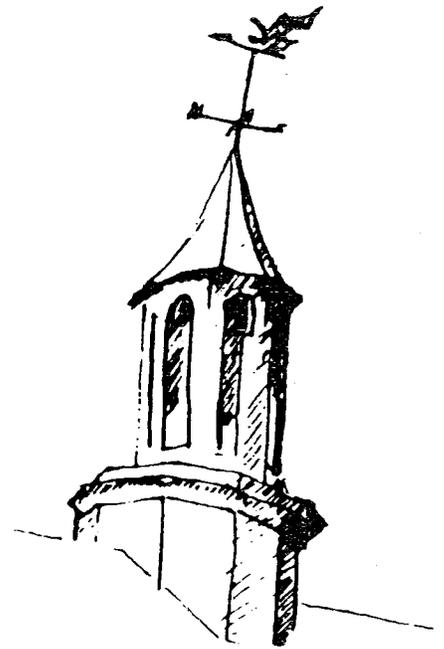


# The Echo

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



June 2009

---

### COUNCIL APPROVES \$450,000 FOR STREET REPAIRS THIS YEAR

At its May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Town Council budgeted \$450,000 for street paving during the fiscal year that begins July 1<sup>st</sup>, compared to \$400,000 that was approved (but unspent) for this purpose in fiscal 2008-2009. Mayor Debbie Beers said the plans and specifications for the road repair project have been bid out, using Montgomery County's website, and she expects to receive the proposals shortly. The budget also includes \$15,000 for sidewalk repairs, the same amount included (but unspent) last year.

Total expenditures for the year will be \$736,399, an increase of about 7% over last year's figure. Besides street paving, the largest increase in the budget is \$45,000 for engineering surveys, which was underfunded last year by \$11,000 (\$10,000 was budgeted; \$21,000 was spent).

Another underfunded project last year was Town Hall improvements, which ran nearly \$34,000 over budget (\$10,000 was budgeted; \$43,986 was spent). This year, Town Hall improvements are slated to cost \$20,000, principally spent for a sound control system, Mayor Beers said.

Balancing out some of the increases, money for several items are being reduced this year, including Town Hall and

"other" maintenance, which will receive \$21,000 compared to \$45,000 in last year's budget (because only about half was actually spent). Also, landscaping will come to \$25,000 vs \$30,000 last year. Legal expenses are budgeted at \$15,000 this year vs. \$20,000 last year. And "fixed operation expenses" – *i.e.*, electrical, heat, telephone and water – is expected to cost \$8,600 vs \$10,500.

In the 2008-2009 budget, \$10,000 was approved for a stone entrance to the town, but it was not spent; this year the project is being eliminated altogether because "everybody was against it," Mayor Beers said.

*See BUDGET on page 5*

#### **New Contact Information for *The Echo***

Kathleen Kotcher  
5 Vassar Circle  
301-229-4294 or 202-409-5146  
Email: [TheEchoEditor@gmail.com](mailto:TheEchoEditor@gmail.com)

# THE ECHO

Published unofficially by, for and in the Town of Glen Echo, Maryland. Distributed free to Glen Echo residents. Subscriptions for non-residents: \$12 per year (to subscribe call Susan Grigsby, 301-229-7735). Copies of *The Echo* are on file at Little Falls Library. Also provided online at [www.glenecho.org](http://www.glenecho.org). Total circulation: 190. Distributed the first weekend of the month.

**EDITOR** Kathleen Kotcher 301-229-4294  
Email: [TheEchoEditor@gmail.com](mailto:TheEchoEditor@gmail.com)

**ASST. EDITOR** Diana Hudson-Taylor

**REPORTERS** Jerry Bodlander  
Rex Rhein

**DISTRIBUTION** Brockie and Jane Stevenson  
Lili Bayer  
Maire Hewitt  
Sally Law  
Raya Bodnarchuk

**CIRCULATION** Susan Grigsby

**EDITOR EMERITA** Carlotta Anderson

**Next Deadline:** Friday, June 26

**Printed by:** Allied Printing, Bethesda

Letters to the Editor are welcomed. They must be signed. Articles for publication are also solicited. Any comments about *The Echo* may be addressed to the Editor, the Mayor or any councilmember. Volunteer reporters are always needed. Call the Editor at 301-229-4294 or 202-409-5146.

♻️ *Printed on recycled paper*

## Join the Glen Echo Group on Yahoo!

Just a reminder to keep your email address updated and how to post to the group.

Below are the email addresses to use for the group.

If you want to **Post** message to the Glen Echo Group:  
[GlenEcho@yahoogroups.com](mailto:GlenEcho@yahoogroups.com)

If you want to **Subscribe** to the Glen Echo Group: [GlenEcho-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:GlenEcho-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

If you want to **Unsubscribe** to the Glen Echo Group:  
[GlenEcho-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:GlenEcho-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com)

The Glen Echo Group is closed so that only residents of Glen Echo can be members. By keeping the group closed we protect our members from getting spam emails. We encourage all of you to send mails about what's going on it town.

If you have any questions please send an email to [dan@macy.net](mailto:dan@macy.net).

—Dan Macy

2

## TOWN OF GLEN ECHO MARYLAND 20812

**Town Office Phone: 301-320-4041**

**Town Office Fax: 301-320-3639**

**Office: 6106 Harvard Ave.**

**Town Mailing Address:**

**P.O. Box 598, Glen Echo, MD 20812**

**Office Hours: Monday, 12:00-2:00 and Thursday  
12:30-3:00 or by appointment**

### MAYOR

**Debbie Beers 301-229-7308**

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Eve Arber 301-263-0016**

**Nancy Long 301-332-3823**

**Dan Macy 301-229-2122**

**Steve Matney 301-320-2059**

### CLERK-TREASURER

**Cathie Polak 301-320-4041**

### TOWN WEBSITE ADDRESS:

<http://www.glenecho.org>

## LAW & ASSOCIATES, INC.



Wealth Management  
& Financial Planning

(301) 229-8500

Heather Cottage  
6911 Tulane Avenue  
Glen Echo, Maryland 20812-1205  
[www.lawandassociates.com](http://www.lawandassociates.com)

### Glen Echo Park Notes

Glen Echo Park has received money for replacement playground equipment, according to the park's site manager Polly Angelakis.

The old equipment, which was installed in 2000, had to be taken out for safety reasons, she said.

Angelakis told the council it is not clear if the new selection fits the budget or the footprint available.

•••

Money has been approved to repair the parlor at the Clara Barton House, which was damaged by water when a pipe broke.

Glen Echo Park Site Manager Polly Angelakis says funding has also been approved for relocating the bathroom at Clara Barton House.

•••

Carousel hours are: Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 12-6 p.m.

•••

The slowdown in the economy doesn't appear to be hurting Glen Echo Park so far, according to Dottie Marshall of the National Park Service.

She says registrations for events at the park remain constant, and she hopes that will continue.

•••

Glen Echo Park is going to Plan B in its effort to find funding for its geothermal project.

Dottie Marshall of the National Park Service says it wasn't one of the projects to be helped by money from the economic recovery program.

But the project does have design money.

So Marshall says she'll look for other funding possibilities once the design is complete.

She says an answer on funding could be known late this year.

•••

The park service could be open to transferring ownership of Oxford Road to the town.

Dottie Marshall says she has asked the park service's solicitor to look into the possibility of a quit claim to give the town ownership.

Right now the park service owns the land but the town has the rights to the road.

Marshall says there would have to be some strings attached should the town be given ownership.

The park service would want to have the right to put utilities under the road and it would need to have perpetual rights to access the Clara Barton house.

—Jerry Bodlander



**Cheese, imported and domestic ▼**  
**▼ Organically-grown produce**  
**Nuts, dried fruit, grains & beans sold in bulk ▼**  
**▼ Health & bodycare, cruelty-free**

Serving the community since 1975.

**Bethesda Co-op**

301-320-2530 6500 Seven Locks Rd., at MacArthur Blvd. Mon.-Sat. 9-9, Sun. 9-7

## GLEN ECHO ELECTION RESULTS

On May 4, 2009, the Glen Echo citizens elected the following candidates for the positions of Mayor and Town Council seats. There were 77 voters who came to the polls, and 7 absentee ballots. One vote had to be voided because too many candidates were selected.

Deborah Beers was reelected by 66 votes as Mayor. She ran unopposed.

For the two four-year town council seats, the incumbents won: Eve Arber with 64 votes, and Steve Matney with 47 votes. Mark McCaffrey followed closely with 46 votes.

For the two-year town council position (which was the former seat of Robin Kogelnick), Dan Macy won with 53 votes to Jim McGuniggle's 31 votes.

There were 77 voters who came to the polls, and 7 absentee ballots.

Thank you to Chris Hewitt, Jocelyn Khalifa, and Matt Costello, the other election judges, who helped me register voters, keep the records, and tally the votes. Thank you to Cathie Polak for her support.

A special thank you to all who took the time to vote. In this somewhat tight election, one vote did make a difference.

—Susan Grigsby, Chief Election Judge

### NEED A NEW RECYCLING BIN?

If your green recycling bin has been damaged, if you are a new resident and didn't find a bin when you moved in, or if you need another one, you may obtain one.

Just call Clerk/Treasurer Cathie Polak at the town office, 301-320-4041 and let her know you need one.



**HUGHES**  
**LANDSCAPING & SUPPLY**  
 Design/Installation/Stone Walls/Patios/Built-In Grills  
 Commercial & Residential Maintenance

**John Hughes**

111 MORROW ROAD, POOLESVILLE, MD 20837  
 (301) 330-4949 OFFICE / (301) 977-4949 FAX  
 E-MAIL: JHUGHES@HUGHESLANDSCAPING.COM

## THE GRATEFUL SHRED II

It's another shredding party, organized by the Friends of the Clara Barton Community Center. Avoid fraud or identity theft—and clean out your files. Bring those no-longer needed bills, statements, letters—anything with private, confidential, or sensitive information that you want to get rid of—securely.

Like last year, Frederick's ALL-SHRED is providing a mobile shredding truck. Inside the truck is a cross-cut shredder that cuts your pages—while you watch—into tiny paper chips, which are then baled and sent to paper plants for recycling. Materials can also be dropped off starting at 8 a.m.

The following can be shredded along with office paper: staples, paper clips, rubber bands, folders, binder clips, hanging folders (even with metal strips), and labels. No newspapers, 3-ring binders, cardboard, heavy plastic, heavy metals, boxes, trash, floppy disks, or CDs will be accepted.

Requested donations are: \$5 per box of paper (a one-cubic-foot storage box or the equivalent); \$3 for a half-box or the equivalent; or a quarter-box for \$2. Paper bags are suitable containers.

All proceeds go to support activities at the Clara Barton Community Center, which is a facility of the Montgomery County Department of Recreation.

The Grateful Shred II will take place on Saturday, June 13 from 9-12 a.m. at the Clara Barton Community Center.

### Police Advisory Committee Meeting Report

The Montgomery County Police Community Advisory meeting was held on May 11. Since the area including Glen Echo (known as E1) has had more thefts from autos than other area in the Bethesda District, police will be increasing attention to town.

Officers emphasized how important it is to not leave any valuable items visible.

Due to budget cuts, the Bethesda Police Station will be closed to the public between 1 am and 6 am every day starting July 1.

Two civilian positions will be cut from the Bethesda District, but those positions will be cut through attrition; one of the long-time civilian employees is retiring. No police officers positions are being cut.

—Norman Hudson-Taylor

**BUDGET**

on page 1

**Town Revenues Are Decreasing**

Revenues this year should come to \$248,962, a decrease 3.6% from last year's budgeted income of \$258,118. As in past years, the major sources of income will be from Town real estate taxes (\$78,194, based on 13 cents per \$100 of assessed property value, versus \$71,300 budgeted for last year); Maryland state income tax revenue sharing (\$78,000, the same as last year); Post Office space rental (\$31,680, also the same); and Montgomery county revenue sharing (\$20,000, also the same).

Lower interest paid on Town's capital surplus could, by itself, account for the expected 3.6% decrease in revenue. Last year, the \$15,000 expected from this source was "way off," commented Clerk-Treasurer Cathie Polak, who noted that by April 15<sup>th</sup> the Town had collected just \$9,396 in interest on its capital surplus. This year, the Town expects to collect just \$5,000 in interest.

Other expected revenue decreases include \$3,600 less in personal property taxes (\$7,400 vs \$11,000) and \$2,618 less from highway revenue sharing (\$18,000 vs \$20,618, based on the number of vehicles registered in Glen Echo). Highway revenue sharing had been slated to be reduced by 25% but wound up being cut by only 10%, Mayor Beers said.

Total current assets of the Town amount to \$667,587. Summing street paving actually takes place during the new fiscal year (the project has been budgeted but the money unspent for the past several years) and all other revenue and expenditure assumptions are realistic, the Town's assets will increase by \$487,437, to \$1,155,024, by next June 1<sup>st</sup>.

At a Council meeting immediately following the budget hearing, the four Council members voted unanimously to approve the budget, then adjourned.

—Rex Rhein

**Cabin John Organizing**

Melanie Patt-Corner

301-263-9482

www.cabinjohnorganizing.com

*"Have nothing in your house that you do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful." William Morris*

**Birth Announcement**

Wellesley Circle residents **Debbie and Donald Beers** welcomed their first grandson on May 5 2009.

Owen Michael Beers is the son of Michael Beers and Norah Comstock. Owen was born at Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston. He weighed 8 lbs. and was 21 inches.

The family is doing well and is expecting to relocate to Bethesda.

**Margaret (Marge) Deebo**

**1919-2009**

Former long-time Glen Echo resident, Margaret (Marge) Deebo, passed away on May 15, 2009.

Margaret Waian Deebo was born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island on January 10, 1919. She was the fifth child in a family of ten. Her family moved to Los Angeles, California where she met and married Edward Deebo on February 23, 1946.

They moved to Glen Echo, Maryland with Edward's father, Joseph Deebo. There they raised two children, the late Janet Deebo Hufnagel and Joseph Samuel Deebo.

Joseph Deebo owned several properties in town, leaving the house at 1 Vassar Circle to Edward and Marge Deebo, his son and daughter-in-law, when he passed away in 1968.

Edward Deebo owned several rides at Glen Echo Park, including The Whip. He passed away in 1987. Margaret lived on Vassar Circle until 2000 when she moved to Poolesville, Maryland and later to Selbyville, Delaware.

Renny Springuel, former Vassar Circle neighbor, said, "Marge was a special friend for those of us who have been in town for a few years. For years she welcomed all new comers to town and always had a few kind words to say."

University Avenue resident Gloria Levin noted, "[Marge was] always around town, sweeping the sidewalk on Vassar Circle." She added, the Deebo's "backyard swimming pool was used all summer long by neighborhood children."

She contributed many pictures and historical artifacts to the town of Glen Echo.

**Visit us online!**

**www.glenecho.org**

### MAY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Debbie Beers swore in recently elected Council members Eve Arber, Dan Macy and Steve Matney.

Mayor Beers took her oath of office earlier in the day by County Clerk at the Rockville court house.

(For more information about the recent election, see *N ECHO ELECTION RESULTS* on page 4).

•••

Town officials are concerned about the passing lane on **MacArthur Boulevard** on the town side of the one-bridge. It means cars turning left onto Wilson Lane won't up traffic.

But Council member Steve Matney fears it's an accident waiting to happen.

He says a pedestrian coming down Wilson could cross side of the road, and while the car waiting to turn should hat person in the crosswalk, a car speeding past in the far lane might not.

He says better signs are needed.

Compounding the situation, Mayor Debbie Beers says n John apparently asked the light on the Glen Echo side ortened.

The aim was apparently to avoid traffic backups on the ern side of the bridge. But council members now fear will occur on the town side of the bridge.

The town plans to ask the county why this was done out notifying the town.

•••

**Save the date—the town picnic** will be held Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

Mayor Debbie Beers says the council is hoping to use vent to honor Carlotta Anderson for the 35 years she d as editor of *The Echo*.

Carlotta recently stepped down as editor because of poor h.

—Jerry Bolander

### NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

day, June 8, 8 p.m.

Echo Town Hall

act the clerk-treasurer to add an item to the agenda

### TREASURER'S REPORT

April 2009

A. Morton Thomas (street project)	\$6,462.00
Chapel Valley (landscaping)	\$1,198.40
Knopf and Brown (legal services)	\$1,625.65

## LADIES OF GLEN ECHO

*You are invited to a Ladies Night*

at

*Anna Bayer's*

*47 Wellesley Circle*

*Thursday, June 25, 8:00 p.m.*

*Please RSVP 301-263-9075*



## Glen Echo Baptist Church

*Serving Glen Echo families since 1939*

*Dr. Ed Curtis, Th.D., Pastor*

## Bringing God's Truth to Life

Sunday School . . . . . 9:30 am

Sunday Services . . . . . 11:00 am

Wednesday Activities . . . . . 7:00 pm

Mid-Week Bible Study . . . . Vassar Circle

# AROUND TOWN

On May 3rd, six-year-old, **Renz Johnson** (the son of **D.J. Johnson** and **Alex Feringa** of 6009 Princeton Avenue) participated in the 19th Annual Make-A-Wish Kids' Triathlon. More than 100 children competed in this wonderful event to raise funds and awareness for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic, Inc.

Founded in 1983, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic has fulfilled the wishes of over 6,000 children fighting life-threatening medical conditions.



**Tom Helf**, Oxford Road resident and drummer for the eclectic roots rock band, Cravin' Dogs will be performing on Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup> at Bangkok Blues in Falls Church, Va. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. and there will be a modest cover charge. For more information visit [www.cravindogs.com](http://www.cravindogs.com)

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**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

**Unique Opportunity: Your History Recorded.** Your voice as a gift to those that love you. An informal and simple audio recording by a trained interviewer, and a COPY of the recording - ALL FREE. Contact Norman Hudson-Taylor at 301-229-2163 for more information. References upon request.

*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 5 Vassar Circle, Glen Echo, MD 20812. Make checks payable to: Town of Glen Echo. Deadline: 24th of each month.*

**PROPERTIES FOR SALE**

7310 Columbia Ave. \$1,325,000



### Digital Handyman, Inc.

Personal Computer Solutions

**240-447-6535**

*On-site computer repair*

- Maintenance
- Hardware
- Repair
- Software
- Virus/spyware
- Gadgets

Andy Malmgren  
Personal Technology  
Consultant

Flexible, Affordable Live-in Child Care!



- Child care for only \$335 per week per family, not per child.
- An enriching cultural exchange experience for the entire family.
- Year-round support from experienced local counselor, Victoria Paton.

Contact Victoria at 301-613-0887 or apply online today with no registration fee!

[www.aupairinamerica.com](http://www.aupairinamerica.com) • (800) 928-7247



**NEED AIR CONDITIONING SERVICE ?**

LOCAL RESIDENT PROVIDES QUALITY WORK  
DAYS, EVENINGS, WEEKENDS, NO EXTRA CHARGES  
OVER 30 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE--ALL MODELS  
ALL NECESSARY LICENSES AND INSURANCE  
PLENTY OF REFERENCES

CALL ANYTIME 301-365-2155  
SAM OSLER  
7105 GARMON ROAD, BETHESDA, MD

WSSC #20215
MARYLAND HVAC #16047




**KENWOOD SUNOCO CENTER**  
*(formerly Kenwood Mobil)*

5201 RIVER ROAD  
BETHESDA, MARYLAND 20816  
PH: (301) 652-9527 • FAX: (301) 652-1138

James Spicer  
OWNER

Dick Spicer  
SERVICE MANAGER

AUTO REPAIR • FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC  
FACTORY SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE

## THE HISTORY OF GLEN ECHO FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Glen Echo Fire Department was organized in 1930 when a residential fire in the Town of Glen Echo took the lives of five people - a mother and her four children. A Fire Station was established on Vassar Circle, equipment acquired and volunteer personnel trained to perform basic fire fighting functions.

1933 saw the establishment of The Conduit Road Fire Board, Incorporated by the Maryland State Legislature. The Conduit Road Fire Board was created as a citizen-constituted body and was given authority to establish and oversee one or more fire departments, including Glen Echo. Operational responsibility is vested in the Fire Chief who reports to the Board of Directors.

In 1935 a new Fire Station, which was constructed with WPA funds, was occupied on Vassar Circle, Glen Echo. During World War II, the Fire Department had the job of the local civil defense program as well as quarters for military personnel responsible for protection of the Washington Aqueduct. The Korean conflict saw the building used as barracks for a local anti-aircraft battery located on Seven Locks Road. When the Vassar Circle building was vacated it became the home of the Glen Echo Baptist Church. In 1948 the Department employed its first paid firefighter.

Population expansion within the area mandated a relocation of the Glen Echo Station to a more central location to render a higher level of service. The Maryland Rating Bureau was requested to survey our area of responsibility and make recommendations to improve the fire defenses of the community. At this time, the Rating Bureau set the fire insurance rates for the area.

The survey was done and some recommendations--including that the fire station be in a more central location--were implemented. The Department occupied the present station on Massachusetts Avenue on August 7, 1954 after dedication of the building by The Honorable Theodore R. McKeldin, the Governor of Maryland. In addition, two maple trees were dedicated to the memory of two of our volunteer personnel: Harry Dean, who died in the service of our country in World War II and Sonny Bolton, a casualty of the Korean conflict. Both of these trees still stand on the station site.

Occupation of the new station resulted in the acquisition of additional equipment and a program of expansion of the career staff.

The Conduit Road Fire Board continued to meet the requirements for improved fire defenses for the area. In 1963 the Board requested a resurvey of the Department's capabilities. The Department was awarded a "B" rating making it one of three departments holding this fire insurance rating in the entire state, and resulting in a lower insurance cost for our citizens. This was a significant achievement envied by other departments, and was accomplished through the efforts of the Board of Directors, volunteer, and career personnel.

The Department continues to meet its obligation of providing fire protection of a highly professional quality. This accomplishment is possible through the high level of cooperation that exists between the Board of Directors, career personnel, and the high spirit of "volunteerism" exhibited by the many talented volunteer members.

—Compiled by Mark McCaffrey



June 2009 at  
**REDEEMER**

### ■ Sunday Morning Schedule

The Holy Eucharist	8:00 a.m.
Adult Education Forum	9:15 a.m.
Choral Eucharist	10:30 a.m.
Church School & Nursery Care	10:30 a.m.

## Strawberry Festival



Saturday, June 13  
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



*Shortcakes, sundaes, silent auction, games, moonbounce,  
lunch from the grill, musical performances, and more!*

THE EPISCOPAL  
**CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER**

6201 Dunrobbin Drive ■ Bethesda, Maryland 20816  
301.229.3770 ■ [www.redeemerbethesda.org](http://www.redeemerbethesda.org)