



The Echo

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COUNCIL APPROVES \$244,711 BUDGET FOR FISCAL 2011

By Rex Rhein

At the May 24th budget meeting, the Town Council approved \$244,711 in expenditures for the fiscal year that ends June 30th 2011. Largely because of expected cutbacks in state and county revenue sharing, there is an anticipated budget deficit of \$28,820 this year.

At the meeting, Mayor Debbie Beers proposed retaining the existing personal property tax rate at \$0.80 per \$100 and the existing real property tax rate of \$0.13 per \$100. She noted that expenses during fiscal 2010 – including street repairs, which cost \$358,412 as of April 22nd – had depleted the Town’s reserves by approximately 50%.

Unlike previous years, the largest single item in the fiscal 2011 budget is no longer “street repairs,” which this year is expected to amount to no more than \$5,000 (mostly to repair

The Echo Editors would like to remind our readers that they would be most happy to receive personal news from Town Residents. These could include, but are not limited to, graduations, weddings, births, and other events that readers would like to share with the Glen Echo community.

potholes), but “refuse and recycling,” which is budgeted at \$50,000, the same amount as last year. The cost of trash collection may be even higher than that, Mayor Beers said.

Because of the February blizzards, the cost of snow removal amounted to \$11,918 (as of April 22nd), compared to the \$2,000 that was budgeted. Nevertheless, “in previous years we spent practically nothing” on snow plowing, the Mayor said. So \$5,000 was thought to be sufficient for snow plowing this fiscal year.

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Laura Beers, daughter of Debbie and Don Beers of 29 Wellesley Circle, has published her first book entitled "Your Britain, Media and the Making of the Labour Party." The book, according to one reviewer, analyses "the development of the Labour party's media strategy from the early days down to its great electoral victory of 1945, and sets it very effectively within the context of the mass communications revolution of the first half of the twentieth century." Laura is an Assistant Professor of history at American University. She received her undergraduate degree from Princeton University in 2000, and received her Ph.D. from Harvard University in 2007. The book is published by Harvard University Press.



"O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness..."
 -Psalm 96:9

■ **SUNDAY MORNING**

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

Strawberry Festival


 Saturday, June 12, 2010
 

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May 10th Town Council Notes

Polly Angelakis and Kevin Brandt of the National Park Service were present to brief the Council on Park matters. Ms. Angelakis represents the Glen Echo Park and the Clara Barton House. Mr. Brandt is the Superintendent of the C&O National Historical Park.

The early May Family day at the Park was a great success. Plans are being made for the Washington Folk Festival which will take place on June 5 and 6. On June 18 the Park will celebrate Montgomery County Heritage Day, which will pay special attention to Civil Rights activities in the County. The renovation of the playground at the Park is essentially complete with some minor work left to do on some equipment. Responding to a question from a resident, Ms Angelakis stated that National Park rules prohibit the use of skateboards and scooters in the Park.

Some Glen Echo residents are concerned about overflow parking during large events at the Park. Ms. Angelakis will try to improve the blocking of Glen Echo streets when these events take place.

Mr. Brandt provided the Council with a cohesive description of matters concerning the C&O Canal Park. This past winter, and in other recent years, the weather has wreaked serious damage on the Park. It should be noted that the Canal is relatively fragile and that damage is not unusual. In addition, as is well known to all, funding has been very difficult; therefore many projects to improve and maintain the canal have not been possible. The National Park Service nationwide has a backlog of projects costing more than 9 billion dollars, and the C&O Canal must compete with many other and sometimes more well-known parks. In addition, the permanent staffing levels for the C&O Park have fallen.

Town residents who enjoy the Canal are no doubt concerned about the low water level, especially between locks 6 and 8. That is largely the result of the tow path breach just below Wide Water which occurred during the hurricane of 2008. What water there is in the Canal is the result of surface runoff and side streams. It would cost an estimated \$3 million dollars to repair the breach, and funds are simply not available at this time. Present conditions are not favorable to wildlife and there is some concern about mosquitoes, as the little water remaining in the canal is not moving.

Work is being performed to repair the inlet lock at Lock 5, damaged during the blizzard, which controls the water levels leading into Georgetown. Removal of tree debris is also being done at the Monocacy Aqueduct which could threaten that structure in the event of a serious storm.

Mr. Brandt urged town residents to contact their representative in the Congress as well as the Montgomery County Council.

Mr. Brandt concluded his remarks by reminding those present that he would be happy to attend other such meetings to take on questions.

A town resident involved in a Town Hall event that would demonstrate Flamenco Dancing attended the meeting to hear the concerns of the Council. It was generally agreed that Flamenco dancing

would not be good for the Town Hall floor. Some Council members suggested that the participants in the dancing wear sneakers instead of the traditional Spanish footwear. The Council was assured that something would be done.

The Mayor pointed out that the Town was due some funding from FEMA to help cover the costs of this year's blizzard.

To the Community...

My mother taught me that it is never too late to send a thank you. And so I write to the good people of the Town of Glen Echo.

First, a thank you to Carlotta Anderson for the lovely—and accurate—obituary she wrote in January on the tragic death of Deborah Howell, who was the love of my life. Deborah loved Glen Echo even though as a person with workaholic tendencies (which I have too) she never participated very much in Town activities. But she loved our house, the peaceful neighborhood, the superb neighbors, and the fact we could walk here and on the towpath amidst the beauties of nature.

My second thanks go to the many here who helped me survive the dreadful blizzards of February, the loss of power and heat, and the snowy streets—helping extricate my car when it got stuck. We all know that Glen Echo is a truly friendly and special place, and I wanted—better late than never—to express my appreciation of this town and thanks to its good people.

Sincerely,
C. Peter Magrath
34 Wellesley Circle

An Overdue Welcome

Heather and Shannon Kraus, accompanied by their twin boys, Aaron and Zachary, aged 3, arrived in Glen Echo 8 months ago, but your editors failed to greet them at the time. They live at 7311 University Avenue.

Heather hails from New Jersey and Shannon is from Decatur, Illinois. Heather graduated from George Washington University. Shannon graduated from the University of Southern Illinois and received his MBA and M.Arch from the University of Illinois. They met in Washington, were married in Illinois and for the past ten years lived in Dallas, Texas where Shannon worked for the HKS Architectural Firm. HKS is a national company and Shannon continues with them in Washington specializing in the design of large scale medical facilities.

The Kraus intend to stay in Glen Echo for a long time. They enjoy the small town atmosphere and the easy access to the city. Neighbors have been warm in their welcomes. As for many others, the excellent school system was a strong draw. We add our welcome.

Obituary

ESPINOSA: ELIZABETH HENRY ESPINOSA "Betty" (Age 95) Died Sunday, May 16, 2010 at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital. She was the wife of 61 years to the late Dr. Jose Manuel Espinosa, who died in 1999. Trained as a chemist, Betty graduated in 1937 from Webster University, St. Louis. Betty and her husband came to Washington, D.C. in 1944 and lived in Glen Echo, Maryland from 1950 to 1989. Betty began working for the Woodward & Lothrop department store in 1955 and served as Woodies' Director of Public Relations and Advertising from 1960 to 1977. Betty was recognized by the D.C. Council of Commissioners, the D.C. City Council, as well as President Jimmy Carter, for her extensive volunteer work with youth programs in the District of Columbia.

Betty is survived by four sons, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.keeneybasford.com.

Security Update

A Security Warning from Tulip Hill Civic Association, dated May 15th

On last Monday afternoon, a young lady was going door to door up Tulip Hill Terrace soliciting magazine sales for Heritage and asking for \$51.00 in donations. She claimed to be from the neighborhood, but could not clearly identify the home where her parents lived. One neighbor saw her using her cell phone to take photographs at the front door. A suspicious neighbor called the police, who did respond. Outcome is unknown. Anyone who may have written her a check may want to cancel the check. On Tuesday morning, a briefly unoccupied home on Tulip Hill Terrace near Goldsboro Road was broken into through a rear window after an unsuccessful attempt to get in through a sliding glass door. Responding police felt that at least two people had to be involved. Cash and jewelry were taken. The burglars were gone when the owner returned and police were called.

Michael Burack

President, THCA

NOTE: Around the same date, a young man passed through Glen Echo, going door-to-door, asking for donations for a class trip, trying to sell magazine subscriptions, and claiming to be the son of someone "at the other end of town". Please be careful, and do not let strangers into your home.

From Montgomery County Police:

Make sure you have your house number close to the front and back doors of your house. Dark numbers on light trim are easiest to read. During an emergency, this could save precious moments.

Add deadbolt locks to all of your doors, particularly those with glass near the doorknob. Remove the key from the lock. If you want to keep a key close to the door for emergencies, make sure it is not reachable from the glass panels in the door and it is not visible.

Make sure to notify a trusted neighbor and/or family member in the area when you are going to be away. Set timers on both indoor and outdoor lights. Arrange for papers, mail and flyers to be taken in, and ask a neighbor to place some trash in your super can and wheel it to the alley on trash day. Arrange for the lawn to be mowed while you are away. These simple steps can greatly reduce your chances of becoming the next burglary victim.

If you have alarm system on your home, use it. If you have an alarm system in your home, and you have a skylight, make sure to have the skylight wired to the alarm system. This is a way of entering homes without being detected.

Check your surroundings before getting out of your car on your way into the house, and out of the house on your way into your vehicle. Report all suspicious persons and vehicles to Police.

Remove all valuables from sight near windows and glass doors in your home, especially purses.

Store expensive jewelry in safe deposit boxes, take pictures of the jewelry, have the jewelry appraised. If you store jewelry in your home, DO NOT store jewelry in the master bedroom.

Get to know your neighbors. If you know who belongs on your block, it is easier to spot someone who does not belong. Report suspicious behavior to the police. If you suspect it is a crime, call 911. Use the words "Possible Crime in Progress." Get involved in your community.

Montgomery County Police offers FREE home security assessments by appointments. Please contact Officer Dana Stroman, Community Services Officer - 2nd District, Montgomery County Police to schedule your appointment 240-876-1277.

Report all suspicious persons, and vehicles to Police!

Emergency 911 301-279-8000 Non-Emergency

ADVENTURE THEATRE RECEIVES \$30,000 NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS GRANT

Adventure Theatre, the longest-running children's theatre in the Washington, D.C. area, has been awarded a \$30,000 grant for their upcoming production of *Mirandy* and *The Brother Wind*, the world premiere of the stage version of the award-winning book *Mirandy and The Brother Wind*, written by Patricia C. McKissack and adapted for the stage by Helen-Hayes Award Nominee Michael J. Bobbitt. This is the first time Adventure Theatre, now in its 58th season, has received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and **was among only 29 grantees in the United States for musical theatre.**

Glen Echo resident Michael J. Bobbitt, Producing Artistic Director at Adventure Theatre, explains that the Arts Endowment supports projects that assist musical theater organizations and artists in the creation and refinement of work, the public presentation of musicals, and opportunities for professional development. Theatres must demonstrate excellence in creativity, preserving our cultural heritage, and innovation in the field.

In addition to the NEA Grant, *Mirandy* and *The Brother Wind* has received additional support from the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County and a Maryland State Arts Counsel Grant for Individual Artists. It is also an alternate for the Kennedy Center's New Visions/New Voices Festival.

For more information on Adventure Theatre and its outreach programs, visit www.adventuretheatre.org or call 301-634-2270.

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Other major items in the 2011 budget include \$23,500 for Town payroll (plus \$1,457, or 6.2%, for FICA), \$20,000 for legal expenses (including "Oxford road issues," according to Mayor Beers), and \$20,000 for landscaping (although "we didn't spend what we had last year," she noted). The budget for "streetlights" remains at \$15,000. Money for maintenance of the town hall is being reduced to \$10,000 this year from \$17,000 in fiscal 2010, when "we did soundproofing and re-did the floor upstairs," reported Clerk-Treasurer Cathie Polak. However, another \$10,000 in the 2011 budget was approved for Town Hall improvements. "There's a reported issue with the elevator," said Council Member Steve Matney. However, Ms Polak said she had been told it did not "need replacement now."

The budget includes \$10,000 for surveys of public spaces. As Mayor Beers noted in her May 8th cover letter to the budget, which was sent out to all Town residents, a "capital improvements survey" should "enable us to budget more accurately in the future for repair and replacement".

The budget for recreation, which includes the Annual Holiday Breakfast and Town Picnic, is being increased from \$3,500 to \$5,000 because the Town overspent last year's recreation budget by \$528. "People appreciated the pancake breakfast," Mayor Beers said. This year's Town Picnic will be held on July 11, beginning at 5 pm, she told The Echo.

Town revenues are decreasing

Revenues this year should come to \$214,591, a decrease of nearly 14% from last year's budgeted income of \$248,962. As in past years, the major sources of income will be from Town real estate taxes (\$80,000), Maryland state income tax

sharing (\$70,000), Post Office space rental (\$31,680), and Montgomery County revenue sharing (\$10,000). The bad news is that revenue sharing is declining as a result of the recession: Maryland's contribution will drop by \$8,000 and Ms. Beers fears the county's revenue sharing may be cut in half -- or more. The good news is that the Glen Echo Post Office is not on the list of post offices to be shut down next year.

Total current assets of the Town amount to \$335,750, a decrease of \$331,837 from last year's total assets of \$667,587. The difference is primarily due to the cost of street repairs.

After the budget hearing, the Council convened in official session and approved the budget unanimously

Following the budget meeting, Town residents George and Holly Atallah showed Council members their plans for improvements to their home on Bryn Mawr Avenue. The Council also approved an expense of \$800 to cover the damage from a tree on the Town's trolley right-of-way that fell on a truck owned by Town resident Raya Bodnarchuk.

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Glen Echo Park

Washington Folk Festival

June 5 - 6

With over 450 musicians, storytellers, dancers, and craft vendors, the Washington Folk Festival celebrates 30 years at Glen Echo Park on Saturday, June 5th and Sunday, June 6th from 12-7pm. Enjoy live music performances on seven stages throughout the park, including bluegrass, cajun, celtic, gospel, blues, and a diverse offering of world music that spans from India to the Caribbean. The festival is FREE and held rain or shine. 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, MD. Free shuttle service available from the GEICO parking lot at 4608 Willard Ave, Chevy Chase, MD (Friendship Heights). Visit www.fsgw.org for more details or email WashingtonFolkFestival@gmail.com.

Heritage Days at Glen Echo Park

June 26 -27

As part of Montgomery County's Heritage Days celebration, the Spanish Ballroom will be open to the public and will feature a display of panels telling the story of Glen Echo Park from the late 1800s to 1960, as well as a "Make-Your-Own-Carousel" craft activity for children. Visitors may also enjoy Park tours, an exhibition and panel discussion marking the 50th anniversary of the protests that led to the integration of Glen Echo Park, and rides on the historic Dentzel carousel. 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 pm. Call (301) 634-2222 or visit www.glenechopark.org.

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Town Hall

June 12 - Glen Echo Film Fest

June 14 - Town Council Meeting, 8 pm

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June 5, 8:30 am - 2 pm

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Spend an Afternoon at Lock 8

River Center at Lock 8, 7906 Riverside Avenue, Cabin John, MD
The River Center at Lock 8 has officially opened for the season. Stop by for a tour of the restored lockhouse, browse educational exhibits about Potomac River ecology and conservation and speak with a friendly volunteer docent every Saturday and Sunday from May until October, from 10 am - 2 pm. Questions about the Lockhouse and events should be directed to Deanna Tricarico, Outreach Coordinator, at tricarico@potomac.org or 301-608-1188 x204.

Bannockburn Pool

The Bannockburn Pool has a limited number of permanent and summer memberships available for this summer. It is a lovely community pool on Laverock Lane in a wooded setting with a very active and successful swim team. The pool will be renovated starting in the fall of 2010, so this is an opportunity to get in on the ground floor of an expanded pool. If interested, forms and fees are on the web site which is www.bannockburnpool.com or contact the Membership Chair, Claire Kelly, at c_l_kelly@yahoo.com. A number of Glen Echoians are members already. Thank you.

The Next Town Council Meeting

The next Town Council meeting will be on Monday, June 14, at 8 pm.
 Contact the clerk-treasurer to add an item to the agenda.

LADIES OF GLEN ECHO

Thursday, June 24, 8 p.m.
 At the home of Anna Bayer
 47 Wellesley Circle
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Treasurer's Report

Expenses for April, 2010

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