



The Echo

The Town of
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TOWN COUNCIL NOTES AUGUST 2010

By Sophie Keefer

Polly Angelakis of the National Park Service reported to the Council that renovation of a bedroom in the Clara Barton house has been completed. The next project will be removal of asbestos from several non-public rooms. Ms. Angelakis also reported that the Park had received a grant to mitigate rust on the exterior of the trolley. Either conservation experts or air force mechanics will be hired to remove the rust.

Ms. Angelakis reported that the Park is working on a proposal with the D.C. Department of Transportation to promote light rail. She also reported that a history doctoral candidate and a history masters candidate were working to create a summer internship program at the Park to capture stories about the history of the Park.

Council member Long inquired about plans to finish the

GLEN ECHO PARK 40th ANNUAL LABOR DAY ART SHOW

Sat., Sept. 4 – Monday, Sept. 6
Noon – 6 pm
Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park

bridge planking project. Ms. Angelakis responded that she would check, but that the Park may be waiting for the end of camp season. Ms. Angelakis also noted that the Park is replacing the bollards on the trail with lamp posts. There will

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■ SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

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.

■ HOMECOMING SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 12

We invite you to join us as we begin a new year in the program life of the parish community! Events include:

Church School Open House & Breakfast 9:15 a.m.
 Family Eucharist 10:30 a.m.
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be three new lamp posts on the trail and three others replaced in the Park.

Mayor Beers commented on the traffic issues on Oxford Road caused by drivers running the stop sign. She said that the Park must make an effort to tell people to obey local traffic signs, including the camps. Clerk-Treasurer Polak commented that this morning she observed 15 out of 17 cars running the stop sign. Mayor Beers commented that the stop sign had been enlarged and stuck out in the street, but drivers continue to disregard it. Ms. Angelakis commented that the Park will be paving the upper parking lot along MacArthur Boulevard so more drivers will be using the main lot. Mayor Beers noted that two years ago the Town hired an off duty policeman who handed out dozens of tickets. Council member Matney asked if a camera should be installed, noting that Cabin John has one.

Town Hall Use Report

Council member Long reported that the Family Dance requested space again, asking for the third Sunday in the month from November to April. She noted that this group has been careful in the past. The group uses the Park in good weather.

Town Maintenance

Clerk-Treasurer Polak reported that the no-parking striping project had been completed. She said she would like to purchase 100 aluminum "No Parking" signs at \$31.00 each. These would be placed in the existing standards which are being repainted. Council members Arbor and Macy suggested purchasing 75 rather than 100 signs. A motion was passed by the Council to purchase 75 signs.

Mayor Beers noted that there are weeds cracking through the asphalt in the roads which should be treated. Also, she observed there has been excessive watering of the Town Hall plants, such as the day after a big storm. Council member Long noted that there is no reason to bring the water tank truck into Town. Council member Macy requested that any weed treatment be environmentally friendly. Council member Matney asked for advance notice so that pets, such as cats, could be kept inside. Council member Arbor said that the active ingredient in the environmentally friendly option is just vinegar.

Mayor Beers noted that after notifying residents that foliage cut backs should be completed to keep sidewalks passable, many trees and shrubs are still blocking sidewalks. She suggested a second notice be sent out.

Ordinance Review

The Mayor is trying to locate the signed copy of an ordinance concerning animal control laws in the Town's files. She said the Town should re-codify all the Town ordinances and make PDFs to post on the Town's website. Council member Matney said that each Council member should also keep electronic copies. Mayor Beers plans to seek assistance from the Town's attorney to straighten out the animal control ordinance with the County. She wants to make sure the County will enforce the animal control laws in the Town.

MML

Clerk-treasurer Polak reported that the Maryland Municipal League is trying to get highway money back from the State. Council member Matney said that the League's request to ask the legislature to grant it more rights, including the authority to raise revenues, is very vague and should not be supported. However, he said he would support re-instating state-shared sharing revenues, but not the request for more power. He said he was surprised it was approved by the League in the first place. Mayor Beers suggesting tabling the request for support by the League.

Miscellaneous

Kim Watson of PEPCO has been invited to a Town Council meeting to address problems with electrical utility service and what is being done.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR DRIVERS

- Effective October 1, 2010 Maryland drivers are prohibited from using hand-held cell phones while behind the wheel.
- Violators will face a \$40 fine for a first offense and \$100 for repeat incidents after the October 1 effective date.
- It is not a 'Primary Enforcement' law - i.e. police can only cite in conjunction with another traffic offense.
- For more information on the effects of distracted driving, log on to the official US Government website for distracted driving at <http://www.distraction.gov/>.

AROUND TOWN

Population of Glen Echo increases by Two!

On August 9, 2010 Susan and Dave Raff welcomed their new daughter, Maren Elizabeth. She joins her big sister Bradley in their home on Wellesley Circle. Maren was born at Sibley Hospital, weighing in at 7 lbs., 15 oz.

On August 10, 2010, Holly and George Atallah, of Bryn Mawr Ave., welcomed their daughter, Samia Scott Atallah, into the world. Samia is George and Holly's first child. She was delivered at Sibley Hospital at 6:25am, weighed 6 pounds 13 ounces and measured 19 inches tall. The Atallahs are excited about the new addition to their family and are looking forward to raising Samia in Glen Echo.

Michael J. Bobbitt has been Producing Artistic Director at Adventure Theatre for 6 years. He has recently been named the new President of the League of Washington Theatres, a member organization consisting of 70-plus professional theatres in the Washington metropolitan region. Mr. Bobbitt says of the appointment, "I'm thrilled and excited to be offered this opportunity to help strengthen and expand the efforts and success of the League and all its member companies. Many people don't know that the D.C. metro area is the second largest theatre district in the country, and I believe it is time they do."

2010 ELECTION LOGISTICS

By **Bonnie Whyte**

The upcoming Maryland election season has a couple of new wrinkles. This year marks the first time Maryland voters can actually vote in person before Election Day, for both the primary on Tuesday, September 14 and general election on Tuesday, November 2. Polls are open election days from 7 am to 8 pm. Glen Echo residents vote at either Bannockburn Elementary School or the Washington Waldorf School depending on which side of Glen Echo Park they reside.

Registration: While it is too late to register for the primary election, the deadline to apply to vote in the general election is October 12.

Early Voting: Any registered voter can vote during early voting.

For the primary election, early voting centers will be

open starting Friday September 3, 2010 through Thursday, September 9, 2010, except for Sunday, September 5th when early voting centers are closed.

For the general election, early voting centers will be open starting Friday October 22, 2010 through Thursday, October 28, 2010, except for Sunday, October 24th when early voting centers are closed.

Early voting centers in Rockville, Germantown and Silver Spring will be open from 10 am until 8 pm each day of early voting. Anyone in line by 8 pm will be allowed to vote.

Absentee Voting: If voting early won't work for you, you can apply for an absentee ballot. Your request for an absentee ballot application must be **received** (not just mailed) by the deadline:

For the primary election, the deadline is Tuesday, September 7, 2010. Your request must be received by 8:00 pm if you mail or deliver the application or 11:59 pm if you fax or email it.

For the general election, the deadline is Tuesday, October 26, 2010. Your request must be received by 8:00 pm if you mail or deliver the application or 11:59 pm if you fax or email it.

For early voting locations, to check your registration or review complete details on Maryland elections, visit www.777vote.org or call the 24 Hour Voter Information Line: 240-777-8683.

TRASH/RECYCLING REMINDER

Monday—GARDEN REFUSE, cut into four-foot lengths and tied, placed in compostable leaf/grass bags, or in a large trash container labeled "Recycling" and used only for yard waste.

Tuesday & Friday--ALL TRASH, except heavyweight objects.

Tuesday--RECYCLABLES, including plastic, metal and glass, and all paper. Newspapers tied or in paper grocery bags. Mixed paper except hardback books in paper bags or small cardboard boxes. Large cardboard boxes flattened to fit in narrow side bins of recycling truck.

Last Friday of the month—BULK PICKUP--heavy or large quantity of discardables. There are no more special pickups. All large quantities of trash and heavy trash are picked up at this time.

If you have any trash or recycling pick up problems call Waste Management directly at 301-340-0774 and ask for Dispatch.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS!

A warm welcome to Charles F. Smith and his children Kyla, (3), and Samuel, (4), who recently moved into their new home at 11 Vassar Circle. Charles is originally from Western Massachusetts but has lived in the DC area for the past twenty years. He graduated from the University of Massachusetts and the District of Columbia Law School. Kyla and Samuel attend the Family Academy of Bethesda.

Charles works for the Department of Justice in Arlington. He is an avid biker; he and the children have spent many enjoyable hours walking the C&O Canal. Charles also enjoys renovating houses. The Glen Echo setting, plus good commuting routes and the good schools here, were a major part of Charles' decision to establish a home in Glen Echo.

Your editors are happy to report that not only is Charles a former Peace Corps Volunteer (Mali 1989-1991), but that he may be the only other person in Glen Echo that knows the Azores. He sailed from there to Gibraltar. We are glad to have the Smith family among us.

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While the Glen Echo station often receives help in ALS situations from other fire stations in the northern part of the county, these stations take a little longer to reach us. Glen Echo usually responds to calls in three minutes, but other stations can take as long as 12 minutes. It was for this reason that Glen Echo stepped up the training of their volunteer firefighters.

Glen Echo Fire Department has budgeted \$100,000 towards new equipment, including a new ambulance, an external defibrillator and other supplies for the service.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BCC Rescue Squad

Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad holds Annual "Rescue Day" Open House, Oct. 2nd, from 11 am – 4 pm (Rain or shine) 5020 Battery Lane, at the intersection of Old Georgetown Rd.

Please join us for a fun day of Rescue Squad activities and great food at the "Taste of Bethesda". For more information call 301-652-0077.

- Free kids Fire Hats
- Station Tours and Live Demonstrations
- Special Visit by a Helicopter
- Fire Engines, Rescue Trucks and Ambulances

Potomac Conservancy

Canoe Camping Trip

Saturday, September 4, 4:00 PM – Sunday, September 5, 10:00 AM River Center at Lock 8, 7906 Riverside Dr., Cabin John, MD 20818

Enjoy the great outdoors with Potomac Conservancy by taking a canoe trip to Minnie's Island and spending the night camping under the stars. Outfitter Byron Bradley will lead the Saturday afternoon canoe trip that will start at Carderock Picnic Area and end on Minnie's Island (near Lock 8 on the C&O Canal). Participants should bring their own camping gear, food, water, and canoe if they have one. A canoe can also be reserved with the RSVP. The group will meet at the River Center at Lock 8 on Saturday afternoon. Participants must respond by email before SEPTEMBER 2 to Deanna Tricarico at tricarico@potomac.org. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. More detailed information will follow for those who respond. For more information, see

<http://www.potomac.org/site/river-center-events/index.php>.

Glen Echo Park

LABOR DAY WEEKEND IRISH MUSIC AND DANCE PERFORMANCES

The Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture and the Irish Inn at Glen Echo will present three days of Irish music and dance at Glen Echo Park over the Labor Day holiday weekend, September 4 - 6, 2010. Free and open to the public, the performances will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Monday and from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday.

The weekend-long festivities will feature a wide variety of the area's finest performers, including master fiddlers, as well as dancers from the Culkin School of Traditional Irish Dance, and the Bog Band, a youth fiddle group under the direction of Mitch Fanning. Hear Celtic instruments like the button accordion, bodhran, hammered dulcimer, and mandola. All performances will be held in the park's outdoor, covered Bumper Car Pavilion. Join us for a fantastic weekend of live music!

Also at the park over the Labor Day weekend, the Glen Echo Park Partnership will present the 40th Annual Labor Day Art Show in the historic Spanish Ballroom from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. each day. The free exhibition—a Glen Echo Park tradition—will include works from more than 200 artists in a wide range of artistic media. Most artwork on display will also be offered for sale. Original works by artists of all skill levels will be on display in this non-juried show.

Throughout the weekend, visitors may also view resident artists at work in their studios, browse a student art exhibition in the Popcorn Gallery, and enjoy a ride on the park's historic 1921 Dentzel carousel, which will operate Saturday through Monday from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Next Town Council Meeting

The next Town Council meeting will be on Monday, September 13, at 8 pm.

Contact the clerk-treasurer to add an item to the agenda.

LADIES OF GLEN ECHO

Ladies' Night

Home of Debbie Burton

41 Wellesley Circle,

September 15, 2010, 8 p.m.

r.s.v.p. 301-229-1315

CORRECTION

The Town Council notes of July discussed new children's programs at Glen Echo Park this summer. One of the programs was incorrectly named a "good citizenship program", but the proper name for this program is Civil Rights Junior Ranger Program. Our apologies to the Glen Echo Park management.



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