

The Echo

The Town of
GLEN ECHO, MARYLAND
Chartered, 1904



March 2011

FEBRUARY TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

By Sophie Keefer

The Park has trained four interns (graduate students) to conduct interviews about Park history. (this was also recently reported in the Gazette). There is a new interpretive program at Clara Barton's house on Clara Barton's life, women's rights, and civil rights. The program is held at 3:00 every day. Spanish Ballroom tours are available by appointment. Trolley restoration will continue in the spring.

A St. Patrick's Day party will be held on March 19th. All Town residents are welcome. Councilmember Matney said that several residents have asked if the sound system in the Town Hall can work as a Public Address system. It cannot, but the Town Council will consider getting one.

Mayor Beers said that she plans to write to Pepco regarding uninsulated power lines in Glen Echo, which were the reason a tree caught fire in the Town during the recent power outage. She also noted that the Town lost power for several

hours on February 9. There are 78 houses in Glen Echo that are on an isolated electrical "loop." Pepco puts this loop on the bottom of the list when there is a power outage because of the small number of houses affected. The power loss was attended to more quickly after the last storm because of the tree branch fire. Councilmember Macy said the Town should try to get the 78 isolated houses moved to a larger loop, as well as to look into contracting with a private company to do maintenance on the lines. Councilmember Arbor asked if the Town could invite someone from Pepco to the next meeting. Mayor Beers agreed to do this. Mayor Beers said that Town resident Elaine Bodlander is looking into a group rate for Town residents to buy generators. The discount would be for the equipment, not the installation.

Mayor Beers reported that a motorist who was ticketed by the off-duty police officer, hired by the Town to enforce the Oxford Road stop sign, has protested that the speed bump is too close to the stop sign. The Town will look into this.

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REMEMBERING REV. DAVID COLE

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Rev. David Cole, pastor of Glen Echo Baptist Church from 1950 to 2000, passed away on January 18, 2011 after a lengthy illness. He was born on April 12, 1923 in Colmar Manor, MD. He is survived by Ruby, his beloved wife of 68 years, their three children—David, Jr., Diane (Tom) Meeks, and Sharon (Bob) Johnston, as well as four granddaughters and four great-grandchildren. He attended

Gordon Junior High, Western Senior High, and the Washington Bible College, and spent his entire adult life in vocational ministry. In addition to his love of the Lord and people, he especially loved the trumpet and was very skilled in playing it.

Funeral services were held at GEBC on Sunday, January 23, 2011, with interment at Park Lawn Cemetery. Burial arrangements were entrusted to Pumphreys Funeral Home.



March 2011 at
REDEEMER

■ **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.

■ **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Sunday, 20 March, at 5:00 p.m.
Choral Evensong at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

Sunday, 27 March, 10:30 a.m.
Choral Eucharist sung by the American Boychoir

Sunday, 27 March, 5:00 p.m.
Concert Performance by the American Boychoir (FREE)

For more information, please visit the parish website.

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REMEMBERING JIM

JIM ANDERSON 1929 to 2011

Jim Anderson arrived in Glen Echo in 1969 with his wife, Carlotta, three small children, and a 1965 green Sunbeam Tiger sports car. For several months they all squeezed in the little convertible with Chris, 8, and Julia, 6, sitting with crossed legs in the jump seat and Eric, 3, on Carlotta's lap in the passenger seat.

They rented 38 Wellesley Circle and plunged into town life. By 1974 Jim had successfully challenged the town requirement that only property owners could serve in the town government and been elected Town Councilman, and Carlotta had begun publishing *The Echo*, which had been dormant for 14 years.

At the time Jim was the Washington diplomatic correspondent for Westinghouse Broadcasting, for which he had been an on-air reporter since 1960 in Europe and elsewhere in the United States. During this period he was on the exhausting "shuttle" of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. In 1977 he switched to United Press International, covering the State Dept. for them until 1991 both on the air and on its wire service. He then moved to diplomatic reporting for Deutsche Presse-Agentur, the German news agency, until retiring in 1999.

Jim was born Feb. 18, 1929, to a middle-class family in Milwaukee, Wi. His father was a Western Union telegrapher; his mother was a homemaker. From his earliest days he wanted to be a reporter and was editor of his high school newspaper. He and his brother, Dick, attended Western State College in Gunnison, Co., where they benefited from the payments his brother received from the GI Bill, augmented by \$10 per week from their father. Here, too, Jim became editor of the school newspaper. Summers, they worked in the nearby

mines

He was drafted into the Army during the Korean War, and was delighted to "fight" it in La Rochelle, France, where he was the editor of an Army newspaper. He liked to say that he never let a North Korean take a step onto the shores of La Rochelle. After his military service he was hired by *Overseas Weekly*, an English-language tabloid published in Frankfurt, to be its France correspondent.

In 1957 he became the Berlin correspondent for AFN, the American Forces Network. Carlotta, whom he had met at the *Overseas Weekly*, joined him there and they were married in Berlin in 1958. He worked for a time as a freelancer for various radio networks after leaving AFN. Getting a prized Soviet visa to cover the Francis Gary Powers trial in 1960 brought him to the attention of Westinghouse Broadcasting, which offered him the job of London correspondent.

Jim spent more than a half century as a broadcast and print journalist, covering foreign affairs for more than three decades. He often said that he loved every minute of it.

He also loved Glen Echo and its environs, especially walking through town and on the towpath. He spent much of his time painting and was a member of the Yellow Barn. The canal and its lock-houses was a favorite subject. In later years, after he had given the beloved Sunbeam Tiger to his son Eric, he drove through town in a red Sunbeam Alpine, often with a grandchild or two in the back.

He died Jan. 30 at Carriage Hill, peacefully and painlessly. He leaves his wife, Carlotta of Glen Echo; children Julia Wilson of Glen Echo, Chris of Berkeley, Ca., Eric of Denver, Co, 10 grandchildren, and a brother, Dick of Elkhart Lake, Wis.

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FEBRUARY TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

Town resident Raya Bodnarchuk attended the meeting to discuss Post Office traffic issues. She said that since the Post Office moved the mail box, conditions are better, but that cars are still turning around on Harvard Ave. Councilmember Matney said the Post Office will put up a one way sign in the driveway, which may help.

Councilmember Matney has come across dogs running loose in the Town. This reporter said that she has come across a lot of mess left by dog owners, especially on the corner of Vassar and University, and in the field by the Park parking lot. Town residents should clean up after their dogs and not permit them to run on their own.

Councilmember Matney was told by a resident that cars had been broken into on Vassar Circle and on Bryn Mawr Avenue. Residents should be sure to lock their cars, especially at night.

The Town is considering making an offer to buy the Annex at the corner of University and Harvard Avenues. Councilmembers discussed what use could be made of the annex, and what repairs or handicapped access ramps would have to be done. They also discussed whether a private individual could purchase the site and build a home on it, and how that might impact the town. Mayor Beers said she was not enthusiastic about making an offer on the Annex and would rather spend the Town's money on improving roads and sidewalks. Councilmember Macy said he did not see a long term use of the Annex to the Town, but saw some value in buying the Annex in order to put a restrictive covenant on it. He said he had talked to many Town residents and found mixed views. Councilmember Arbor asked whether a historic designation could be used to control what is done with the property. Mayor Beers said that she did not think this could be done for a single property. Mayor Beers also said that Town revenues are going down and it would take years to replace the current financial surplus if the Town buys the property. Any new road construction would have to be funded out of new taxes if the surplus were to be used. Mayor Beers said she would ask the Town attorney to look into what restrictions on use would apply if the property is bought by the Town.

PLEASE MAKE GLEN-ECHO POISON-FREE

Last week a Glen Echo dog came terribly close to death. After she collapsed, she was rushed to the Animal Hospital, where a blood test showed that her blood had lost

the ability to coagulate. Fast action, an infusion of plasma, and Vitamin K injections saved the dog, but this could happen to any of our pets in Glen Echo.

According to the vet, this dog had eaten rat poison. Rat poison puts an anticoagulant into the rodent, so the rat/mice bleed to death internally. It is packaged in very tasty treats, so that it will be appealing to the rodent (and other animals). But the poison is so potent that if any dog or cat should eat either the poison or a rodent who had died of this poison, the pet would probably die also. This dog had only been walked, on a leash, within the confines of Glen Echo; therefore, whatever she ate came from our town.

Neighbors, Please be considerate of your town's pets. Please do NOT use any type of rat poison to rid your home of mice or rats. Once the mice eat the poison, they will leave your house and go elsewhere to die, and possibly be eaten by one of Glen Echo's beloved animals. There are other ways to exterminate mice.

Pet owners, be sure to watch your animals carefully. If you see any unusual symptoms do not wait, but take your pet to the vet immediately. Blood tests will be needed to determine the type of treatment the animal will need. Poisons offer different types of symptoms, not always vomiting, as one would expect. You can find more information on poison symptoms at <http://ezinearticles.com/?Dog-Rat-Poison-Symptoms>

TOWNS ALONG THE C&O CANAL

Tom Helf has provided the editors with a flier about **Canal Towns**, communities that developed as the C&O was extended towards Cumberland. **Canal Towns** is a regional economic development and community enhancement program designed to assist the communities along the C&O Canal Historic Park in effectively reaping the multiple benefits of trail based tourism and recreations.

The towns are Point of Rocks, Brunswick, Harpers Ferry, Sharpsburg, Shepherdstown, Williamsport, Hancock, Oldtown and Cumberland. For more information, contact C&O Canal Trust at 301-714-2233 or info@canaltrust.org

COUNTY RULES REGARDING PETS

There have been some complaints from Glen Echo residents about unleashed dogs and about owners not picking up after their dogs. Just so that everyone understands the rules, here are the ordinances from Montgomery County that are in effect in Glen Echo.

Rule regarding leashed animals:

Montgomery County Code Sec. 5-203(a) states, "An owner must not: (1) Allow an animal other than an altered cat to be at large."

The Animal Services Division website states, "Any dog is at large if it is outside the owner's premises and not leashed, unless it is a service dog, is in a dog exercise area designated by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, or is participating in an approved activity."

Rule regarding picking up after dogs:

Montgomery County Code Sec. 5-203(a) states, "An owner must not:...(2) Allow an animal to damage or defecate on property outside the owner's property. An animal may defecate on public property or the common area of property in which the owner shares an interest if the owner immediately removes and disposes of the feces by a sanitary method approved by the Division."

The Animal Services Division website also states, "Feces may be picked up in a plastic bag. If this bag is placed inside another plastic bag, it may be put out for disposal in your normal household trash."

Penalties:

Violations of the above rules may be punished as a misdemeanor by a fine of \$100 for an initial offense. A repeat offense is classified as a public nuisance, and is punished by a fine of up to \$500. County Code Sections 5-203(c)(3), 5-203(c)(4), and 1-19; Animal Services Division website.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS

Erica Tokar and Matthew Stone moved to 3 Vassar Circle last December. Erica and Matt met at St. Mary's College in Maryland; Matt graduated in 2004 and Erica in 2005. They are long time Marylanders, having grown up in Gaithersburg and Bethesda. Matt teaches at Cresthaven Elementary School and is taking courses in Creative Educational Technology at John Hopkins. Erica is a full time law student at American

University and is also studying for a Masters Degree in International Affairs.

Erica and Matt have traveled widely, and most recently spent time together in Mendoza, Argentina, where Erica was a Fulbright student. At St. Mary's they learned to sail and kayak and hope to continue those activities. Matt has had a number of real adventures. He has spent time Scuba diving on Australia's Great Barrier Reef and even did a bungee cord jump off the bridge over the Zambezi Gorge at Victoria Falls, which separates Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Matt also sings in a rock band, The Killer Balloons, which has had gigs around the country and will soon perform in Austin, Texas and New York City.

Erica and Matt are planning a May wedding. An early congratulations and a warm welcome to Glen Echo to you both.



AROUND TOWN

George Petrides, Sr., founder and chairman of the Wild Bird Centers, has received a Citizen Award for Exceptional Service by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Wildlife refuge System. This prestigious award recognizes private citizens and organizations for significant contributions to the mission and goals of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Cravin' Dogs will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary on Saturday, April 2nd

With a concert at The Barns of Wolf Trap in Vienna, VA

The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. with a set by our good friend Michael Clem (of Eddie From Ohio) and his trio. Thereafter, we will play a long set featuring all of the songs from the new CD, as well as fan favorites from all phases of our history. Our new CD is "Sounds Like A Wiener". Ace keyboardist Brian Simms will be joining us for the entire set, and Dogs' alumnus John Sablosky will also be making a special guest appearance. The link below will direct you to ticket information for the concert. From Tom Helf.

http://www.wolftrap.org/Home/Find_Performances_and_Events/Performance/1011Barns/0402show11.aspx

GLEN ECHO PARK PUBLIC PROGRAMS

The Magic of Music

March 5 – “Potions for Piano”, 3 p.m.

March 12 – “The Vanishing Viola”, 3. p.m.

Washington Conservatory of Music presents a new series of family music and magic shows. The Magic of Music, a fun introduction to music for the young (and the young at heart!), features “Musico the Magnificent” – aka Drew Owen, cellist and WCM faculty member – and musical guest artists. In Washington Conservatory’s recital hall in Glen Echo Park. Purchase Tickets for \$10.00 at www.MyCommunityTickets.com until 2 p.m. on the day of the show. After 1 p.m. on the day of the show tickets may be purchased at the door or by phone on a first-come, first-served basis. Box office phone number on day of show: (301) 634-2250. For information on weekdays: (301) 320-2770.

Mirror To The World: Documentary Photography 2011

March 11 - April 17 – Photoworks Gallery

Mirror To The World seeks to celebrate narrative photography. Curated by nationally recognized documentary photographer, Frank Van Riper, this show offers a series of intimate "picture stories" -- including an exploration of abandoned prisons, a rehearsal and performance by the Folger Consort, and a woman-on-the-street view of a raging fire in Brooklyn. Exhibit hours are Saturdays, 1 – 4 p.m. and Sundays and Mondays, 1 – 8 p.m. There will be an opening reception on Friday, March 18, 6 – 9 p.m. Visit www.glenechophotoworks.org for more information.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Music Programs in March

Sunday, 20 March, at 5:00 p.m.

Choral Evensong (at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church)

The combined choirs of The Church of the Redeemer and Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church sing music by British composer Herbert Howells. A brief organ recital precedes the service. All proceeds from the free-will offering benefit the Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys in Anacostia and the Friends Club of Bethesda. Reception to follow. Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church is located at 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda.

Sunday, 27 March, at 5:00 p.m.

Concert Performance by the American Boychoir

Don’t miss this opportunity to hear one of the nation’s finest choral ensembles perform in your own backyard! Admission is FREE. Seating is limited, so please plan to arrive early. For more information about the American Boychoir, visit: www.americanboychoir.org

GLEN ECHO TOWN HALL EVENTS

Every Wednesday, 7 – 11 pm,
English Country Dancing

March 12th, 8 p.m.,

Town Film festival

March 13th, 2 – 6 p.m., **Folklore Society of Greater Washington’s Family Dance**

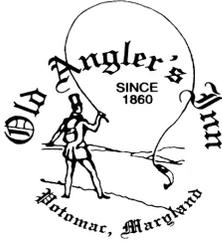
March 14th, 8 p.m., **Town Council Meeting**

March 19th, 7 p.m., **Glen Echo St. Patrick’s Day Party**
(bring a dish, bring a limerick, and Wear Green!!)

March 27th, 2 – 6:30 p.m., **Potomac Scottish Fiddle Club, Annual Scottish Dance Party**

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The ECHO – NEW EDITOR(S) WANTED.

The current editors have enjoyed their time contributing to the Glen Echo Community, but now need to pass The Echo baton. The current Editorial Team will put together The Echo from now through the June issue; the new editor(s) would begin work in June. We are looking for a new Editor who enjoys journalism and interacting with the Glen Echo community. The work only takes a few hours a month, can be done at your own time, and involves some basic computer skills. It will also involve doing the layout working with another Editor, because current Design (layout) Editor Andrew Beers will be moving to new adventures at Brown University in Rhode Island. If interested, call Sally or Jim McGunnigle at 301-320-3755.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT GLEN ECHO!

(Also known as Wearin' o' the Green)

Come at 7 p.m. to the Town Hall on March 19th for fun, food, music and limericks. The town will provide corned beef and libations (including Irish Coffee), and guests are asked to bring an Irish dish of their own (vegetables, potatoes, bread, desserts, etc.). Anthony Hyatt will be entertaining on the fiddle, and all guests should be prepared for an intensely competitive Limerick contest. Please bring your own home-made instruments for our own MacNamara's band.

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The Next Town Council Meeting

The next town council meeting will be on March 14, at 8 p.m.

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

LADIES OF GLEN ECHO

Ladies Night

Monday,
March 28, 8 p.m.

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Holly Shimizu

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