



The Echo

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May 2011

APRIL TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

By David Chitwood

Polly Angelakis, Glen Echo Park Site Manager, reported that the impending federal budget impasse had resulted in plans to shut down the Park on April 9. An initial expectation that nonprofit partners could hold events at the Park turned out to be erroneous. Fortunately, the plans for closing the park that weekend did not have to be put into place.

In response to a question about the use of security cameras at the Park, Ms. Angelakis replied that the Park is considering installing them near several buildings, but a final decision has not been made. In addition, speed bumps are being planned for the upper part of the parking lot.

Town resident and landscape designer Osamu Shimizu discussed options for an entrance arch which will be on town property next to the sidewalk immediately adjoining the property of Councilmember Macy on University Avenue. The arch would be paid for by Mr. Macy and would be used to indicate

access to his property. An immediate vote was impossible because of the lack of a quorum in the absence of Councilmember Arber. Mr. Macy, of course, could not vote. Nonetheless, the consensus of the council members who could vote was that a wrought iron arch would be a highly visually appealing alternative to a plain white design. Mayor Beers said she would take the results of the vote to Councilmember Arber.

Councilmember Long summarized the Town Hall Use Report. She indicated that Pilates classes would resume in June, but the dates had not yet been finalized. The May 14 Town Movie will be "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf", the 1966 film starring Elizabeth Taylor.

May will be a busy month for the town. In addition to the May 2 election to seat two council members and the regular town council meeting on May 9, the council is required to hold a hearing for the budget that must be proposed at the May 9 meeting. After a brief discussion, May 23 was chosen for the

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Expense, March 2011

Chapel Valley	\$1,222.33	ResCom Elevators	850.00
Griffith Energy Services	499.78	Washington Gas Energy	602.98
PEPCO (streetlights)	469.25	Waste Management of MD	3,900.40



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-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.

■ UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, May 15	5:00 p.m.
<i>Inscape Chamber Orchestra in Concert</i>	
Saturday, June 11	11:00 a.m.
<i>38th Annual Strawberry Festival & Silent Auction</i>	

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budget hearing.

The policemen monitoring the Oxford Road stop sign issued 47 citations in the 18 hours they worked during the past month. Although one person had managed to receive citations on two consecutive Friday nights, the consensus is that compliance with the stop sign was improving.

The resignation of Clerk-Treasurer Cathie Polak created a vacancy, in the words of Mayor Beers, "much to my dismay". Consequently, the Mayor advertised the vacancy within the town, and resident Nicole Fraser expressed an interest.

The Mayor asked for a motion to offer the position to Ms. Fraser. However, there was some confusion about whether town statutes indicate that the Clerk-Treasurer reports to the Mayor or the Council. The Mayor asked Ms. Fraser for her comments about the position. Ms. Fraser replied that she would be "thrilled" to be Clerk-Treasurer, as she has enjoyed living in the town and would view the position as providing her with the opportunity to give something back to the town. Mayor Beers asked if she thought she would keep the position for two years, and Ms. Fraser replied that it would not be worth the investment of her time to learn the details involved in the position if she were to keep it for less than two years.

Councilmember Matney read from the Town statutes. The Clerk-Treasurer serves at the pleasure of the Mayor and is appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the council. Councilmember Long moved and Councilmember Macy seconded that the position be offered to Ms. Fraser. During a brief discussion, Mr. Matney expressed an opinion that he would have preferred that the position be advertised more widely, such as via the Maryland Municipal League. The Mayor responded that she believed that many years ago a non-resident had the position but objected to being asked to be available in the Town at short notice. She also expressed an opinion that a resident who is familiar with Glen Echo is better suited for the position than an outsider.

Although Councilmember Matney abstained from the subsequent voting, the position was offered to Ms. Fraser, who is expected to be sworn as the new Clerk-Treasurer at the May 9 council meeting. Mr. Matney clarified that his reservations were purely connected with the process of advertisement and informed Ms. Fraser that he had full confidence in her abilities.

Finally, the Mayor expressed her thanks to Clerk-Treasurer Polak, who had performed excellent work on behalf of the

town for a decade. Not only was Cathie Polak present to accept the thanks of the Mayor and Council for a decade of service, she also is seeking a variance for an addition to her house. Detailed architectural plans were submitted to the Council. Ms. Polak indicated that she would assist new Clerk-Treasurer Fraser in learning the details of her new position.

Although an amendment to Amend Article 9 of the Town Ordinances, "Applicability of County Legislation", was introduced at the March Council meeting, the Council devoted little attention to it between meetings. Therefore, the amendment was re-introduced at the April meeting and will be discussed at the May meeting.

The issue of the Memorandum of Understanding with the National Park service governing the control of Oxford Road was discussed. Mayor Beers reported that she, Park Site Manager Polly Angelakis, Town attorney Norman Knopf, and Park Superintendent Dottie Marshall had met to discuss the situation. Unfortunately, the attorney representing Park failed to attend the meeting. One stumbling block is that the Park wants the ability to terminate any agreement within 30 days. Another issue is the Park's concern about items of possible archeological interest under the Road, although previous excavations or street repairs have failed to yield anything archeologically interesting. Mr. Knopf is presently making revisions in the agreement.

Councilmember Matney began a discussion about the Maryland Municipal League Annual Convention at the Ocean City Convention Center in late June. Training grants are available for towns like Glen Echo who have not sent a representative in the past two years. These grants cover the costs of registration, hotel, and a few meals. Mr. Matney indicated that he would like to attend; no other councilmember expressed an interest. The Mayor encouraged him to apply for a grant to attend the meeting.

FREE PILATES CLASSES AT THE TOWN HALL

Beginning in June, certified Pilates instructor Dianne Pettie will be offering town residents a series of 3 Pilates classes. The classes are designed for the older population and will teach us how to keep our bodies flexible, strong, and youthful. The preferred time for the class is Thursday mornings. Other possibilities are Thursday evenings or Saturday mornings, if that works best for participants. If you are interested, please contact Debbie Lange at 301-320-8129.

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HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH**By Pam Mason**

Each May Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists celebrate Better Hearing and Speech Month. Learn more about speaking, understanding, or hearing problems in children and adults at: www.asha.org. To find fun activities for children go to: www.asha.org/bhsm

It is spring, and we are spending more time outdoors in typical summertime activities. Some of these are very loud and potentially damaging to hearing. Sounds louder than 85 decibels (dB) can result in a permanent noise-induced hearing loss (NIHL). And others can lead to head injury.

Mowing the lawn produces dangerous noise levels above 85dB for the person using the mower. In fact noise levels for the operator have been recorded at 107dB of sustained noise. If you have a large lawn or have a summer job mowing, you should protect your hearing from the long hours of loud noise exposure.

Wearing earbuds and listening to MP3 players is not protecting your hearing! Turning up your music to block the mower noise may sound like a good idea, but the MP3 player will be producing sound levels greater than 107dB. Appropriate and inexpensive hearing protection (earplugs) can be purchased at hardware and drug stores.

And speaking of MP3 players.....some of these devices can produce sound at levels far exceeding safe listening levels (85dB). Some of them have been measured at 110dB on full volume. To avoid a permanent hearing loss and that annoying ringing in the ears (tinnitus) it is recommended that you keep the volume down low enough where you can hear conversations and other sounds around you. Take a quiet break from listening to your music and enjoy the natural summer sounds of birds and crickets.

Wearing a helmet will not save you from noise-induced hearing loss but wearing one will protect your brain from damage. Head injuries multiply as summertime activities increase.

A blow to the head can result in devastating speech and language problems, cognitive issues and *hearing loss*. For children (still learning), a head injury can have major consequences in academic performance and social skills development. Make sure children wear a helmet when bike riding (it is the law in Maryland) and also when skateboarding, riding a scooter and playing team sports such as football. Annually nearly 2 million Americans sustain a severe head injury. Please enjoy a fun and safe summer!

KEEP GLEN ECHO CRIME FREE**By Norman Hudson-Taylor**

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Wildflower Walk

Sunday, May 15, 9 – 10:15 am - Join wildflower expert Marijke Gate and Potomac Conservancy as we stroll along the towpath and explore the banks of the C&O Canal and Potomac River in search of both common and unusual spring wildflowers. Learn how they interact, and hear some of the wealth of folklore associated with these familiar plants. No registration necessary. Meet at River Center.

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Art Deco Glen Echo: 2011 Gala in the Park

May 14. The annual Gala in the Park is a wonderful way to support the Park's programs and facilities! Honorees include Suzan Jenkins and Waltz Time, Inc. Ambassador Constance Morella is the Honorary Chair. Reserve your ticket today! Ask about how your business can get involved with the Gala -- advertising and sponsorship packages available. Tickets: \$200 -- includes reception, seated dinner and dessert, awards presentation, live music, dancing, and carousel rides. All proceeds benefit the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture. Please join us and show your support for the arts! Call 301-634-2230 or e-mail dmuel-ler@glenechopark.org.

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GLEN ECHO TOWN HALL EVENTS

May 9, 8 p.m. – **Glen Echo town council Meeting**

May 14, 8 p.m. – **Town Movie
"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"**

May 19, 7 – 10 p.m. – **Conduit Road Fire Board Meeting**

May 23, 7:30 p.m. – **Town Council Budget Meeting**

Every Wednesday night, 7 – 11 p.m. – **English Country Dancing**

REDEEMER CHURCH

Inscape Chamber Orchestra in Concert

Sunday, May 15, 5:00 p.m. Inscape's final appearance of the season features a semi-staged performance of Leonard Bernstein's one-act opera "Trouble in Tahiti", a spirited look into the relationship between husband and wife. A premiere by noted composer Joseph Hallman, along with Charles Ives' "The Unanswered Question" complete the program. Free-will offering. Reception to follow.

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Born, on April 4, 2011, to Norah and Michael Beers, son of Don and Debbie Beers of 29 Wellesley Circle, twin boys Charles Comstock Beers ("Charlie") and Henry Osborne Beers ("Harry"). Charlie and Harry will join their big brother Owen at home in Norwalk, Connecticut. Owen will celebrate his second birthday on May 5, 2011.

Debbie Lange has constructed a new website for her book publication group. Go to home.comcast.net/~bcgpub for more information

The Next Town Council Meeting

The next town council meeting will be on May 9, at 8 p.m.

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

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