

The Echo

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July 2011

JULY TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

By Julia Wilson

Pepco Reports to Town Council

Three representatives from PEPCO attended the Town Council meeting on June 13 to address councilmembers' concerns about the number and severity of power outages the Town experiences.

In addition to the extensive outages we have had in the past year and a half, Mayor Debbie Beers expressed concern about hours-long outages we have had recently on clear days. She said the Council is concerned about basic reliability in service and the fact that there are so few houses in our grid and therefore we get served very late in a major outage. PEPCO first fixes the problems that will bring the most customers back to service, thus Glen Echo is pushed to the back of the line.

Charles Washington, senior manager of government affairs, responding for PEPCO, agreed that "we are not where we need to be in terms of offering you reliable service."

"There is no topic we discuss more; no issue we spend more time on," he added.

He discussed PEPCO's reliability enhancement five-year plan. The plan includes:

- Tree trimming to clear lines.
- Distribution automation, also called a smart grid, so that if there is an outage that can't be repaired immediately, PEPCO can reroute all the affected customers who are not at the immediate source of the problem

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New Contact Information for THE ECHO

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open or bring a picnic dinner. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Rain or shine. The Carousel will be open from 7-9 p.m. For more information, call (301) 634-2226).

Exhibitions and Talks

"The Circus Show"

June 4-July 17

Photoworks presents "The Circus Show" an exhibition of photographs exploring the wonder, magic, and mystery of the circus. The show includes works by August Sander, Lusha Nelson, Bruce Davidson, Benita Keller, Tom Cheche, Gayle Rothschild, Frank Van Riper, Victoria Gewirz, and Frank Herrera. Exhibit hours are Saturdays, 1-4 p.m. and Sundays & Mondays 1-8 p.m. Photoworks is located in historic Glen Echo Park, Maryland.

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"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.

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Good News

Crime in Montgomery County decreased in 2010 according to Montgomery County Police Chief J. Thomas Manger. Part One, violent crimes, saw the greatest decline which was 13.5% less than those crimes in 2009. Part Two, which is less serious crime was down by 3.9%. Overall crime was down by 7.5% with 2010 showing statistics of 62,944 crimes as opposed to 68,026 in 2009. Despite the good news, more than 3,300 homes and businesses were broken into last year. Manger reported that both prevention and investigation of these events are receiving more attention.

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For more information, call (301) 634-2274 or visit www.glenechophotoworks.org <www.glenechophotoworks.org/>

"A Summer of Change: Civil Rights at Glen Echo Park"

June 11-July 16

The National Park Service, in cooperation with the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Art and Culture, presents an exhibition titled "A Summer of Change: Civil Rights at Glen Echo Park." Public protests at Glen Echo Amusement Park in the Summer of 1960 caused the private park's policy of segregation to come to an end. This exhibition of photographs and objects will make the events of that summer come to life. In the Partnership Office Gallery, 2nd Floor, Arcade Building. Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. -6 p.m.

Films and Tours

National Park Service Programs

Saturday & Sunday– Ongoing

FILMS:

"Glen Echo on the Potomac."

A 60-minute documentary highlighting the Park's 115-year history from a National Chautauqua Assembly to a premiere amusement park to a vibrant arts and humanities center. Visitor's Center, 4 p.m.

"Carousel of Memories"

A 25-minute documentary featuring six individuals who have been pivotal in the history

of the carousel at Glen Echo Park. Visitor's Center, 11:30 a.m.

TOURS: Carousel tours begin at 3:30 p.m. (Oct 1-April 29). These tours give visitors a closer look at the park's fully restored 1921 Dentzel carousel. Find out how it was made, how it works, and about the other amusement park attractions that were built around it. Hear about the civil rights protests and the inspiring story of how the town rallied together to save the carousel. Park tours begin at 2 p.m. These tours lead visitors on a walk through the Park to learn about its fascinating history and the current programs in the visual and performing arts, as well as environmental education. Tours begin and films are shown at the visitor's desk in the Arcade Building on Saturdays and Sundays. Tours are also offered by appointment at (301) 320-1400. For further information, visit www.nps.gov/glec.

Particularly for Children

Weekend Nature Programs at Living Classrooms Children's Museum

Saturday & Sunday—Ongoing

Spend quality time with the entire family while participating in engaging science and nature activities at Living Classrooms. Weekend activities offer families the opportunity to encounter live animals, take an interpretive hike with an educator, explore a children's garden, play in an oversized sandpit, create crafts, and much more!

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During the month of July, programs will be focused on "Outdoor Adventures." This month, it's all about the outdoors—join us for a hike, go rock-climbing, and just enjoy playing in the wonderful world of nature! Living Classrooms is located in the former Glen Echo Park stable building, near the park entrance. Open to the general public on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m.– 3 p.m. Admission is free for members and children under 2, \$5 for each non-member. Call (202) 488-0627, ext. 243, for more information or download the calendar at livingclassroomsdc.org/Site-BasedPrograms.html.

Adventure Theater and The Puppet Co.

"The Great Dinosaur Mystery"

June 9-July 17

Recommended for PreK-Grade 4. Running time is 50 minutes. Performances: Thursday and Fridays at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. ASL performance, June 26 at 1 p.m. . Tickets \$10, group rates available. For more information and additional show times, call (301) 634-5380 or visit: www.thepuppetco.org.

"Charlotte's Web"

June 24-September 5

Appropriate for ages 3 and up. Performances: Tuesday-Friday, 10:30 a.m.; Saturdays & Sundays, 11 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.. Tickets \$15. For

more information, call (301) 634-2270 or visit : adventuretheatre.org.

"The Wizard of Oz"

July 22-September 4

Recommended for K-Adult. Running time is 55 minutes. Performances: Thursdays and Fridays at 10 and 11:30 a.m., Saturdays and Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. ASL performance, August 14 at 1 p.m. Tickets \$10, group rates available. For more information and additional show times, call (301) 634-5380 or visit: www.thepuppetco.org.

"Tiny Tots @ 10:00"

The Puppet Co. presents "Tiny Tots @ 10:00," a program designed for our youngest theater patrons (ages 0-4). The shows are shorter, the lights stay on, the doors stay open, and everyone has a great time! Running time is 30 minutes. Tickets \$5, everyone (including babes-in-arms). Pre-Purchases or No-Obligation Reservations are strongly recommended. Call (301)634-5380 or visit: www.thepuppetco.org

July 2-"Second-Hand Stars"-Saturday, 10am

July 3-"Snow Show"-Sunday, 10am

July 6-"Second-Hand Stars"-Wednesday 10 am

July 9-"Penguins' Playground"-Saturday 10am

July 10-"Old MacDonald's Farm"-Sunday 10am

July 13-"Penguins' Playground"-Wed. 10am

July 16-"Dragon Bandwagon"-Saturday 10am

July 17-"Teddy Bear's Picnic"-Sunday 10am

July 24-"Baby Bear's Birthday"-Sunday 10am

July 27-"Baby Bear's Birthday"-Wed. 10am

July 31-"Kooky Kreatures"-Sunday 10am

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Expense, May 2011

Chapel Valley	\$1,222.33		
PEPCO (streetlights)	\$443.24	Town Hall Expenses	\$369.06
Allied Printing Services	\$258.92	Washington Gas Energy	\$480.92
Connecting Links, web mgmt.	\$1500.50	Waste Management of MD	\$4,282.77

- Smart meters, so PEPCO will know exactly which houses or businesses have lost power
- Improved feeder lines
- Area-based dispatching, meaning they will fix all outages in one area before moving on to another area.

These improvements will not change the frequency of the outages but will affect the duration, according to Washington.

The tree trimming in our area should be finished by July, he said.

Smart meters will be installed at every house in Glen Echo by the end of the year, Washington reported. PEPCO will send the resident a letter 10 days in advance. They will knock on the door before they start work. There will be a power outage of less than 5 minutes while the meters are changed. If the resident is not home the PEPCO worker will leave a door hanger saying the meter has been replaced.

Crew dispatching after a storm will move to an area-based system starting July 1. That means a crew will take care of all neighboring outages before moving on to a new area. Previously, PEPCO operated on an order-based system, which entailed tackling all big problems first, regardless of geography, and leaving the smaller ones for later.

PEPCO is also covering and strengthening feeder wires, thus minimizing the impact when trees do fall.

In addition, new automation switches have made it possible to open up a line after an outage except at the immediate site of the problem. Now an outage might affect an entire line all the way to the nearest substation.

However, councilmember Steve Matney questioned whether "smart distribution" would help Glen Echo. Because of the geography we are dangling off the end of the circuit, he said. Washington agreed to take the question back to PEPCO and either come back at the next meeting (July 11) or send a letter

with a plan specifically for Glen Echo.

PEPCO representatives also said that the best way to get a street light repaired is to report it online at the PEPCO website. They stated that all power outages should be reported directly to PEPCO to make sure they know your power is out. To report a power outage call 1-877-737-2662.

TOWN COUNCIL NOTES FOR JULY

From the Park

Polly Anglelakis of the National Park Service reported that Glen Echo Park will be adding more bike racks for visitors. There will also be a civil rights exhibit on display in the bumper car pavilion soon. In addition, plans remain in place to turn the undeveloped area of the park that was formerly a mini-golf course into a picnic area.

Town Hall Maintenance

The elevator in the Town Hall needs emergency repairs because a motor is not working so the doors do not close. It also needs a surge protector for power outages. The Town Council passed a motion for emergency repairs not to exceed \$5,000.

Traffic Control

Off duty police officers provided a report that stated they were paid a total of \$680 for services in May. Services are coordinated with the Town Clerk. Officers reported a total of 42 citations or warnings over 17 hours of duty. Warnings and citations are not broken down by category.

Letter from the Editor:

We look forward to hearing from town residents who have information they would like to see in the Echo. This is your newspaper, so when you have information about newcomers or new topics please let us know.

We have so many experts in town and in the future I hope we will run columns on items such as gardens, or birds, or wildlife or other topics of interest. I'll give you notice, and will ask for one hundred words or so on a favorite topic of interest.

Since this is summertime, and school is out, we think our younger residents may have a little time on their hands. Next month we will publish two poems written by Glen Echo children under the age of twelve. Please submit to the Echo by e-mail with your full name and age. We are assembling an editorial board to review the poems and choose the two best. The poems may be in any form but should not be more than one hundred words. This is limited to children of Glen Echo residents who are under twelve.

Finally, we want to express a public thank you to Sally and Jim McGunnigle, the immediate past editors of The Echo, who did a great job for the past two years. We know that at times, it may have seemed longer than that.



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The 2011 Town of Glen Echo vegetation cutback deadline is July 1. All vegetation growing across and over any town sidewalk must be cut back by residents with sidewalks adjoining their property by this deadline. Pedestrian walkways must be clear.

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Time: 5-7pm

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Rain Location: Indoors at Town Hall

To Bring: A dessert to share, any alcoholic beverage you may want, picnic blanket or chairs

Provided: Fajitas and Quesadillas, Plates, utensils, cups, water, soda, ice and Kids' entertainment

Volunteers needed – call: 301-320-4041 or e-mail: townhall@glenecho.org**Redeemer Church****Summer Music Camp 2011,**

Monday, August 4, through Friday, August 8, 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. daily

Designed for children and youth ages 7-15 (campers must have completed first grade) and staffed by three professional music educators, Summer Music Camp includes study of rhythm through motion, basic vocal production and choral singing, solfege, and reading musical notation. Lunch, crafts, and organized outdoor recreation occur daily. Tuition for the week is \$350. We hope that your child(ren) will join us for a week of musical learning and fun. Deadline for registration is July 15.

CLARA BARTON SUMMER FUN CENTER

There is still time to enroll! For families with children ages 5-12: sign up now! The Clara Barton Community Center, 7425 MacArthur Blvd., in Cabin John is hosting a summer of fun—weekdays, June 27th through August 5th, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Activities are well planned and supervised, and definitely COOL for those HOT summer days when you choose the Clara Barton Summer Fun Center! Whether you hang out with friends or make new ones, we'll keep things hopping with creative and fun crafts, sports, games, drama, music and special events.

You can choose to come every day or just occasionally, but every day will be packed with summer fun for kids just like YOU! No transportation provided, and no offsite trips are scheduled, but you'll find it's still the best deal in town. Children are expected to bring a lunch, snack, and plenty of drinks to keep well hydrated. Programs will not meet on Monday, July 4.

The cost? Very reasonable! \$350 for all six weeks. No transportation is provided for the children, but there is a bus stop on MacArthur Blvd. near the Center for Ride-On bus, (No. 32), and staff will escort children to the stop and wait with them.

Questions? Call the Center at 301-229-0010. (The director of the Center, a facility of the Montgomery County Recreation Department, is Modestine Snead.) The Center's web site is <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp>? To register, visit the Montgomery County Department of Recreation website, www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec.

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July 10, 2011. Mushroom Walk (9:00a.m.-10:15a.m.)

Take a walk along the C&O Canal to learn about mushrooms with mushroom enthusiast Buddy Kilpatrick. Buddy has been studying, picking, and eating wild edible mushrooms and fungi for more than 20 years. Admission is FREE.

July 10, 2011 Canal Stewards Cleanup (10:30a.m.-12:30p.m.)

Help Potomac Conservancy clean up and beautify the land and water along miles 8 and 9 of the C&O Canal towpath. This monthly clean-up day is open to all ages (volunteers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult). The Canal Steward Program engages volunteers in a long-term relationship in which they become caretakers of a designated site within the C&O Canal National Historical Park. Volunteers will pick up trash, prune vegetation along trails, and repair the towpath and trails.

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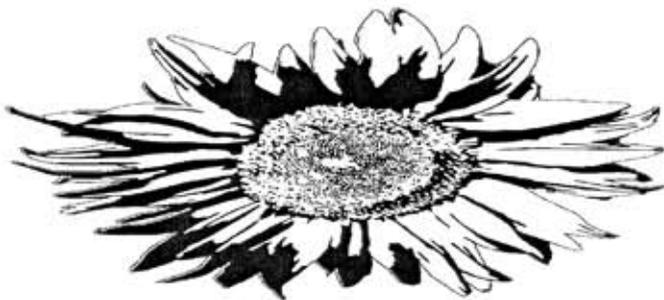
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AROUND TOWN

Moving UP: On June 11th, Kate Rockwell Thom received her graduate degree in Social Sciences from the University of Chicago. Her thesis, which presented research on attachment disorders in adult children of divorce, was recommended for publication by her supervising professor and the chairman of the Social Sciences Department. Kate's parents are Beth Rockwell and Jim Ford.

For The Birds: Turkey vulture chicks were found when preconstruction was occurring on Bryn Mawr Avenue. "They are fuzzy and grey with vulture heads and being watched constantly by the parents from our rooftops," according to Eleanor Balaban. Word has it that one neighbor supplied the chicks with a water bowl and another provided a big plastic nest. We haven't heard their names yet.

Jane's Directory: Jane Stevenson is preparing a new "Jane's Directory." If you are not already listed, please call her to make sure that your listing will be as you want it to be. Jane has culled information from various sources, including very out-dated voting records. She will appreciate any information residents can supply to make this as up-to-date as possible. The Directory is not published every year, so this is your chance to make sure your neighbors can reach you easily.



GLEN ECHO TOWN HALL EVENTS

All Residents are welcome/events are free

English Country Dance, every Wednesday, 7 – 11 p.m.

Town Council Meeting, Monday, July 11, 8 pm

Town Picnic, Saturday July 16, 2011, 5-7pm

Glen Echo Movie Night is canceled for Summer

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Reporters are needed by The Echo to report on the Town Council meetings and events. The duties are light-just once or twice a year, but the chance to become involved in the community is HUGE! Come volunteer and get your name in the paper and learn what's happening in Glen Echo.

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Gloria Levin is considering organizing a group of heating oil users in Glen Echo and negotiating with companies for a group sale (hopefully getting a better price). Anyone interested? If so, reply to Gloria Levin at : glorialevin@verizon.net

Glen Echo family seeking reliable, responsible homework helper/after-school sitter for elementary school student. 2011-2012 school year starting after Labor Day. Hours are 3:30-5:30 or 6:30PM, Monday through Friday with two Fridays off per month. Ideal position for education student. Must have own transportation. If interested or to inquire further, email: troufilyaw@yahoo

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July at Glen Echo Park

FREE EVENTS AT THE PARK

Music, Music, Music

Summer Concert Series: Nobody's Business

July 7

Join us for free music in the Park during our Summer Concert Series. Presented by the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts & Culture, the Summer Concert Series features six nights of live music in the Bumper Car Pavilion. The July 7 concert features "Nobody's Business," a seven piece band that plays a mix of funky blues, rock-and-roll, R&B, and even a little country. Fabulous live music and carousel rides with your friends and family. The Ballroom Café will be open or bring a picnic dinner. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Rain or shine. The Carousel will be open from 7-9 p.m. For more information , call (301) 634-2226.

Summer Concert Series:

Veronneau

July 21

The concert features Verroneau, an acoustic, song-based group playing Latin Jazz, Gypsy Swing, and much, much more. Equally at home in an intimate jazz club or world music or folk festival, Veronneau is an audience favorite and a winner of three Washington Area Music Association (Wammie) Awards, for Best Jazz Group, Best Jazz Vocals and Best Newcomers. The Ballroom Café will be

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