

# The Echo

## The Town of GLEN ECHO, MARYLAND Chartered, 1904



**August 2011**

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### **JULY TOWN COUNCIL NOTES**

**By Joclyn Khalifa**

#### ***Glen Echo Baptist Church Properties May Be Sold***

Thomas Meeks, deacon of the Glen Echo Baptist Church, attended the town council meeting on July 11th to discuss the future of his congregation. Presently, there are a total of 15 church members; therefore Meeks is considering whether or not to continue his ministry. The church has already decided to sell the annex. Meeks expressed a desire to "keep the heritage of the church building" if they are to sell. Two entities have shown interest.

The National Community Church has expressed strong interest in purchasing the church building. Meeks said, "The Community Church has been successful in ministering to young people." They operate Ebenezer's Coffee House in the District. This would be their first Maryland location. In a follow up correspondence with The Echo, Meeks stressed that he was only in the discussion stage and his report to the Council was for information purposes only. "Absolutely nothing has gone beyond the talking stage at this point," he wrote.

It was decided by the council that if things progress beyond the discussion phase then the town council will invite the leaders of the National Community Church to a town council meeting.

At the meeting, Meeks explained that if they cannot sell the church building by themselves, it will be sold to the Montgomery Baptist Association. There is also the possibility of selling to an individual since the church property is zoned residential. Meeks explained, "I want something compatible with the town." He continued, "I'm from here and I care about this town." Councilmember Nancy Long questioned whether the church, in fact, owns the land. Meeks replied, "Yes, since 1956."

#### ***Glen Echo Park***

Site Manager, Polly Angelakis reported that proper signs have been installed at Clara Barton National Historic Site and Glen Echo Park. The signs are to help visitors find classes and programs. They also provide brief information about each site's historic significance.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Expense, June 2011**

<b>Chapel Valley</b>	<b>\$1,222</b>	<b>Waste Management of MD</b>	<b>\$8543</b>
<b>Allied Printing Services</b>	<b>\$346</b>	<b>Pepco</b>	<b>\$443</b>
<b>Knopf and Brown</b>	<b>\$1051</b>	<b>Washington Gas Energy</b>	<b>\$647</b>

(Town Council Notes continued)

Angelakis also described a program in collaboration with the Latin American Youth Art Center that is exposing children from diverse neighborhoods to National Parks. "The goal is to increase diversity of people, especially children coming to Glen Echo."

Civil rights oral history continues in the park with interpreter programs; former protesters will be interviewed.

Angelakis was asked about the trolley restoration. She explained that rust began on areas that had been primed last year. The trolley needs to be moved off site for restoration but there is no money for that. The estimate for restoring the trolley off site is \$100,000 and this does not include transportation of the trolley.

***Glen Echo Fire Service***

October, 2011 will be the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Glen Echo Fire Service. Since the original firehouse was in the town of Glen Echo (where the Baptist church is now located), the Fire Service would like to have a joint event/fundraiser with town. Mark McCaffrey, member of the Fire Service Board and Town Councilmember, offered to coordinate the event with the Town. The Mayor has no objection to the coordinated event.

***Changes to Ordinance***

Mayor Debbie Beers noted that some changes were required to Article 9, which addresses specific rights of the Town to exempt itself from the Montgomery County Code. The council would like to clarify to Montgomery County what the exemptions are; there may be references in Article 9 to the County Code that need updating. In accordance with public notice requirements, a Fair Summary or the changes themselves will be provided to the public. Residents will receive written notification and then action may be taken by the Council at a subsequent Council meeting.

***Tree Removal***

Nancy Long spoke about the request to take down an elm tree on the corner of Harvard and MacArthur. Nancy said, "We should save the tree to extent we can. There is more sun coming into the building and even in its truncated state, it's beautiful." Arborists have recommended continuing to assess its health.

***Town Elevator***

The council will look for additional bids to repair the elevator, which must comply with ADA requirements but is not working currently.



**Glen Echo Baptist Church**

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**Sunday Services . . . . . 11:00 am**

**Wednesday Activities . . . . . 7:00 pm**

**Mid-Week Bible Study . . . Vassar Circle**

### Poetry Corner

The following poem was submitted to The Echo by Nicholas Pyle and this was the only poem submitted last month. The Editorial Board deemed the work to be excellent and worthy of publication and were impressed by the writer’s ability to paint a picture with his poem.

The Board also believed this work is testimony to the fact that it is important in life, to show up, no doubt a thought that Nicholas will continue to include in his already excellent habits. Nicholas will enter third grade at Bannockburn Elementary school this year and is interested in building cars with model kits and Legos. His younger sister is Taylor. Taylor and Nicholas have a well-known cat whose name is Oscar, familiar to many residents for his frequent walks around town.

#### Night

The night

Is as dark as

A blackboard

And as silent as

A mouse

Nicholas Pyle, Age 8

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#### Special to the Echo:

The following article was written by Pam Mason, M.Ed, CCC-A and adapted for the Echo. Pam is the Director, Audiology Professional Practices with the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and a resident of Glen Echo.

#### Remember to Blink

We love our iPads and other handheld devices! Just flipping through all the apps that are available for work and play, it’s no wonder that we think these devices hold life essentials for so many of us. We use this technology at work and school. Then we play computer games, do homework, conduct research and interact on social networking sites.

Whether it’s watching TV, doing homework or playing games on a computer, or using a mobile device to access more games or to send or receive text mes-

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sages, there is a common denominator among activities many people regularly engage in: viewing screens. Some screens are large and some are the size of the palm of your hand. We spend hours pondering them on computers, iPads and other tablets, TV's, iPhones and other handheld devices. And sometimes we view these screens in less than optimal conditions.

The World Wide Web houses many discussion forums on dizziness, headaches and vision problems while viewing screens. Enough people are complaining that a term for the syndrome has been coined; The American Optometric Association refers to the group of symptoms as "Computer Vision Syndrome" (<http://www.aoa.org/x5253.xml>). These symptoms are not related to inner ear problems ...or more serious neurological problems but rather to eyestrain and can include:

- Headaches
- Dizziness

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## Redeemer Church

**Summer Music Camp 2011,**

The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, Bethesda may still have a few openings for its fifth annual Summer Music Camp, **Monday, August 8, through Friday, August 12, 2011, 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily.** The camp, designed for children and youth ages 7-15 (*campers must have completed first grade*), will be staffed by three professional musical educators from the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Tuition for the week is \$350. Call Music Director, Thomas Smith, at 301-229-3770.

- Nausea
- Confusion and fuzzy thinking

There appears to be little scientific evidence about screen/vision safety, but I have heard some recurring suggestions on the discussion forums and from ophthalmologists:

- \* Use task lighting and turn off the overhead fluorescent lights.
- \* Take frequent breaks...look away from the screen and focus on something about 20 feet away for about 20 seconds.
- \* Use special lens/glasses for the computer.
- \* Adjust the lighting of the screen, some people lower the backlit screens and get improvement.
- \* Increase font size.
- \* Adjust the ambient room lighting.
- \* Position the computer screens slightly lower than eye-level (about 4 inches).
- \* Remember to blink. This will reduce dry eyes.




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# AROUND TOWN

## 1891 Newspaper on Display

Tom Meeks of the Baptist Church has displayed a page from the May 3, 1891 edition of the Sunday Herald outside of the Glen Echo Baptist Church. This issue had a full page article about the National Chautauqua and will be on the bulletin board for residents to read for a few weeks.

## Our Woman in France

Andrea Matney will be riding in the Paris-BrestParis endurance bicycle race in August. The ride is 750 miles in 90 hours. We can watch her progress on [www.paris-brest-paris.org](http://www.paris-brest-paris.org). Riders are identified by name of badge number. She is excited about this, her second attempt, and promises a report about the race when she returns.

## Trash Collection Complaints

Recently some residents have reported delays in trash collection. Mayor Debbie Beers suggests that residents contact the new Route Supervisor directly if a pick-up is missed. If one contacts the Mayor, it could be a day or so before she can act on the issue. There is a new Waste Management route manager for Glen Echo. He is Michael Wallen and can be reached at 540-379-5766 or 301-840-0211 ext. 575; or by email at [mwallen@wm.com](mailto:mwallen@wm.com). There have been no changes to the scheduled pick up days.

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 for yard waste.

Tuesday & Friday—ALL TRASH, except for heavy weight objects.

Tuesday—RECYCLABLES, including plastic, metal and glass, and all paper. Newspaper tied or in a 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.

# GLEN ECHO TOWN HALL EVENTS

**All Residents are welcome/events are free**

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## Volunteers Needed for the Echo

Volunteers are needed to fill roles for The Echo including those of reporters, photographers, editorial board members, business manager. The duties are light and time commitments minimal, ranging from three to ten hours a month. For more information or to volunteer, call Diana Hudson-Taylor at 301-229-2163 or Phyllis Fordham at 301-263-0552.



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## August at Glen Echo Park

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### U.S. Navy Band Cruisers

#### August 11

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#### August 25

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#### September 1

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Saturday & Sunday – Ongoing

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**August 3 – “Old MacDonald’s Farm” –  
Wednesday, 10 a.m.**

**August 6 – “Old MacDonald’s Farm” – Satur-  
day, 10 a.m.**

**August 7 – “Clowning Around” – Sunday, 10  
a.m.**

**August 10 – “World on a String” – Wednes-  
day, 10 a.m.**

**August 13 – “World on a String”– Saturday,  
10 a.m.**

**August 14 – “Magic Toyshop” – Sunday, 10  
a.m.**

**August 17 – “Clowning Around” – Wednes-  
day, 10 a.m.**

**August 20 – “Clowning Around” – Saturday,  
10 a.m.**

**August 21 – “Penguins’ Playground” – Sun-  
day, 10 a.m.**

**August 24 – “Panda-Monium” – Wednesday,  
10 a.m.**

**August 27 – “Panda-Monium” – Saturday, 10  
a.m.**

**August 28 – “World on a String” – Sunday**

**August 31—”Merlin’s Magic”- Wednesday 10  
a.m.**

**“O worship the LORD in the  
beauty of holiness . . .”**  
-Psalm 96:9

<b>■ SUNDAY MORNING</b>	
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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## Town Picnic

Photos and Report by Pam Mason

Almost 100 people attended the Annual Picnic held on the grounds of Town Hall on July 16. Adults, children, babes in arms... and Oscar, the cat, seemed to enjoy the weather and the company. Mexican food and delicious desserts, as well as other homemade side dishes were provided. The kids loved the "slip 'n slide," only stopping to eat! The weather was fabulous, the neighborly company, warm and friendly. Townspeople rekindled friendships and made new ones.





**..and of course,  
Oscar the cat....**

