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Waste Management	\$4308
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Audit Services	\$5044

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**National Community Church**

The Council discussed a possible date for a proposed meeting between town residents and the National Community Church concerning their plans for use of the Glen Echo Baptist Church. A tentative date for the meeting was set for December 13, 7 pm, at the town hall, contingent on agreement with members of the NCC.

**Abandoned Vehicles**

There is currently a problem with several abandoned vehicles in town. Under both Glen Echo ordinances and Montgomery County laws, cars must be properly tagged. The Council discussed how to handle the problem, noting that County police tend not to enforce this law. The town is drafting a warning letter to the owners stating that the vehicles must be removed or they will be towed to the county impound lot.

**Briggs Commemorative Bench**

A question was raised as to whether the Betty and Bill Briggs' commemorative bench could be situated just to the left of the town hall entrance door. The thought is that someone might want a place to rest before going inside and up the Town Hall stairs. Council members went outside to look at the proposed site. No decision was made.

**Camera to Record Scofflaws**

There is now a camera set up at the stop sign on Oxford Road for the purpose of collecting data in

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order to convince the County to fund a permanent stop sign camera there.

**Glen Echo Fire Department**

Mark McCaffrey reported on the October 2<sup>nd</sup> Celebration of the Glen Echo Fire Department's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A parade with 6 pieces of fire equipment, along with bagpipes and sirens, made its way through town to end at the Irish Inn. The two bagpipers, a boy and girl in Scottish dress, were from the Rockville High School's bagpipe program.

On Saturday, November 12, members of the Glen Echo Fire Department came through town to hand out batteries for home fire alarms.

Nancy Long showed Glen Echo Fire Department ephemera from her private archive. Among the items she had collected was the dedication program for the Glen Echo Fire House (now the Baptist

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**Glen Echo Baptist Church**

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Sunday School . . . . . 9:30 am  
 Sunday Services . . . . . 11:00 am  
 Wednesday Activities . . . . . 7:00 pm  
 Mid-Week Bible Study . . . . Vassar Circle

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church) from July 20, 1925, a project of the Public Works Administration. She also had various photographs of fire department's equipment and its members through the years.

**Glen Echo Park Report**

The Glen Echo Park site manager met with Montgomery County officials regarding the environmental assessment on the portion of the bike path that passes through parkland. Once a report has been prepared, a public hearing will be held. Those hearings will not occur until sometime in 2012. Contact the site manager at Glen Echo Park, Polly Angelikas, at [Polly\\_Angelakis@nps.gov](mailto:Polly_Angelakis@nps.gov) or 301-320-1403 for further information.

There will be a core sample taken on the Clara Barton National Historic Site grounds to test feasibility for installing a geothermal system at the site. The test should be completed by the end of November. Actual construction of the system is dependent on the availability of funds, but would not occur before the autumn of 2012.

**Potomac River Health Downgraded**

In early November, the Potomac Conservancy released its fifth annual *State of the Nation's River Report*, scoring the river's health at a barely passing "D" grade, a downgrade from the previous D+ in 2007. The report points to reasons for the low grade: growing population and poor land use practices are the primary culprits for a polluted and degraded Potomac River. For additional information go to [Potomac.org](http://Potomac.org).

**Potomac Conservancy Events**

*Canal Stewards at the River Center at Lock 8*  
Sunday, December 4, 10 am-12 pm

Help the Conservancy clean up and beautify the land and water surrounding Lock 8, and along miles 8 and 9 of the C&O Canal towpath.

*Canal Stewards at Fletcher's Cove*

Sunday, December 18, 10 am -12 pm

Come out to tidy up Fletcher's Cove in the C&O Canal National Historical Park, 4940 Canal Road, Washington, D.C.



**The Last Leaf Collection**  
is on  
**December 5, 2011**



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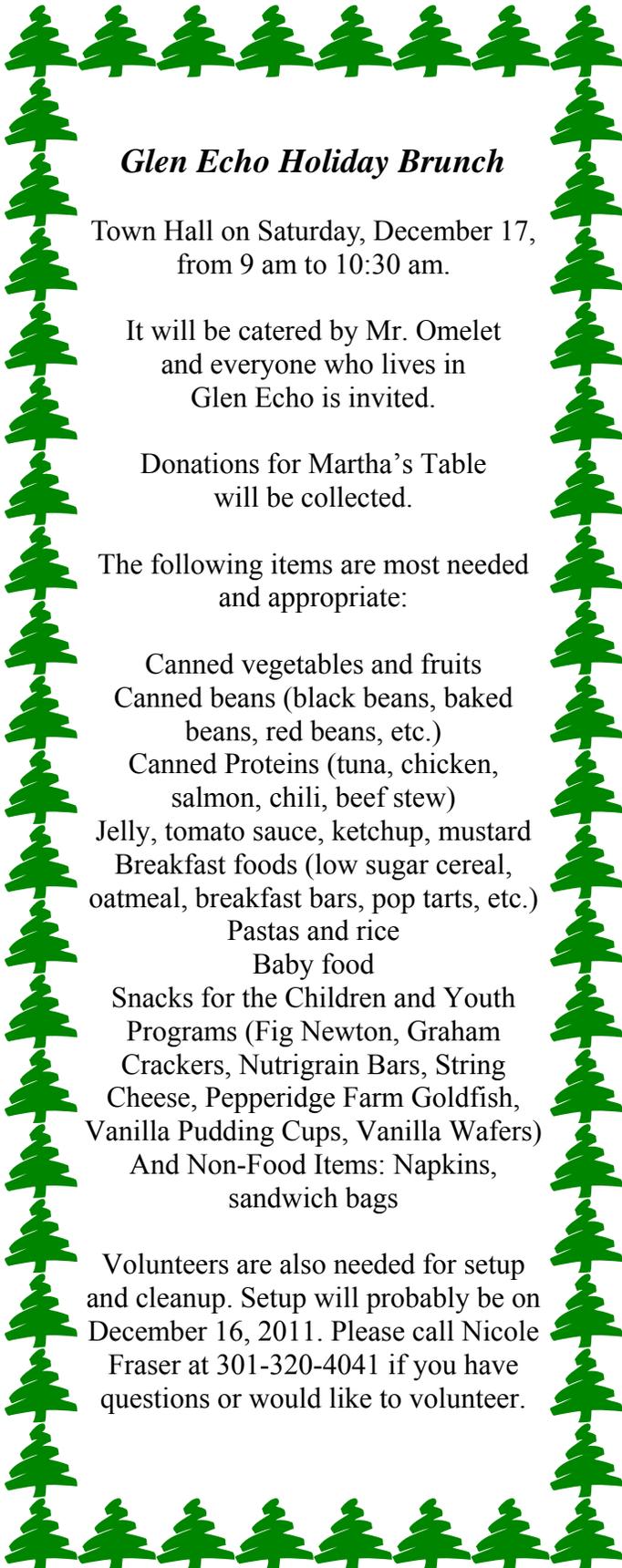
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**Police Report**

In October, the Town paid two police officers a total of \$680 to monitor traffic at University and Oxford Road. There were 48 citations/warnings given out.



**Glen Echo Holiday Brunch**

Town Hall on Saturday, December 17, from 9 am to 10:30 am.

It will be catered by Mr. Omelet and everyone who lives in Glen Echo is invited.

Donations for Martha's Table will be collected.

The following items are most needed and appropriate:

- Canned vegetables and fruits
- Canned beans (black beans, baked beans, red beans, etc.)
- Canned Proteins (tuna, chicken, salmon, chili, beef stew)
- Jelly, tomato sauce, ketchup, mustard
- Breakfast foods (low sugar cereal, oatmeal, breakfast bars, pop tarts, etc.)
- Pastas and rice
- Baby food
- Snacks for the Children and Youth Programs (Fig Newton, Graham Crackers, Nutrigrain Bars, String Cheese, Pepperidge Farm Goldfish, Vanilla Pudding Cups, Vanilla Wafers)
- And Non-Food Items: Napkins, sandwich bags

Volunteers are also needed for setup and cleanup. Setup will probably be on December 16, 2011. Please call Nicole Fraser at 301-320-4041 if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

**Real Estate News**

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■ **SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE**

The Holy Eucharist	8:00 a.m.
Adult Education Forum	9:15 a.m.
Choral Eucharist	10:30 a.m.
Church School & Nursery Care	10:30 a.m.

■ **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS**

Sunday, December 4 – The Second Sunday of Advent  
 A Service of Lessons & Carols 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 11 – The Third Sunday of Advent  
 Christmas Pageant & Choral Eucharist 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve  
 Family Eucharist with Carols 4:00 p.m.  
 Festal Eucharist with Choral Prelude 10:00 p.m.

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*LADIES OF GLEN ECHO*

*No Ladies Night  
In December*



**Participating in Town Governance**

Town Council Meetings are a good place to make your views known on any issue you might want to express. You can also send emails to [Townhall@GlenEcho.org](mailto:Townhall@GlenEcho.org) and Nicole Fraser, Town Clerk will provide them to the Council or keep track of opinions. For instance, several residents have mentioned their thoughts about trash pickup, which is, no doubt, the most visible of services the Town provides. If you have opinions about any topic but are too busy to attend a Council meeting, send an email to Town Hall. Nicole mentioned that the budget for 2013 will be prepared in March, 2012 so your input could impact the preparation and adoption of this planning document. In a Town as small as Glen Echo, you have an excellent opportunity to impact the process. We only wish it was as easy at every level of government.

# AROUND TOWN

University Avenue resident, **Carolyn Reeder** has written a number of articles about the Civil War for the *Washington Post Kidspost*. Her latest was published on October 31, 2011. All of these can be found if you Google *Carolyn Reeder Kidspost*. While written for children, these short articles are a great way for adults to fill in some gaps in their historical mind bank, whether the information was never learned or forgotten.

The Echo has enlarged its staff. **Gloria Levin** joins us as Business Manager and will make sure our advertisers are getting their money's worth. **Maire Hewitt** is our new Copy Editor and is charged with making sure typos and formatting errors do not creep into our text. **Debbie Lange** is our new Design Editor, having enjoyed her trial run as guest Design Editor for the October and November issues. Welcome to all.

## GLEN ECHO TOWN HALL EVENTS

**The Following Events Are Free to All Town Residents**

**English Country Dance,**  
every Wednesday, 8pm-10:30pm  
**Free to residents.**

**Movie: Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**December 10, 7pm**

**Town Council Meeting,**  
**Monday, December 12, 8pm**

**Meeting with Citizens and**  
**National Community Church**  
**December 13, 7pm- 9pm**

**Glen Echo Holiday Brunch**  
**December 17, 9am-10:30am**

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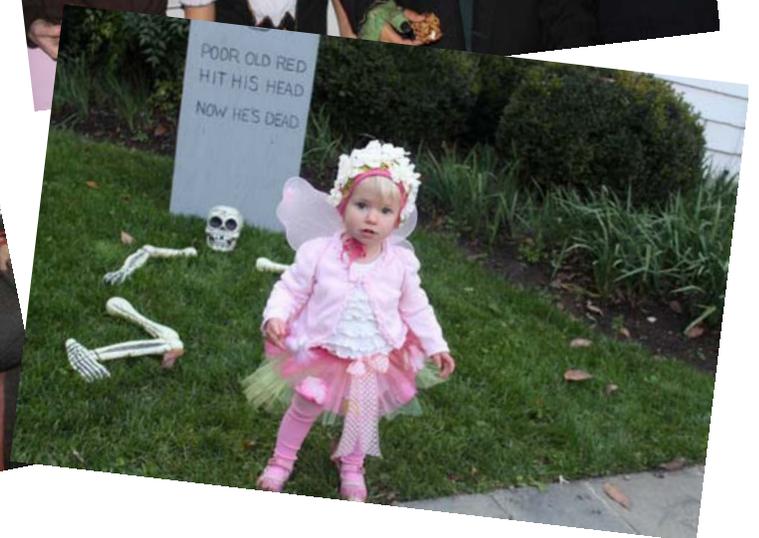
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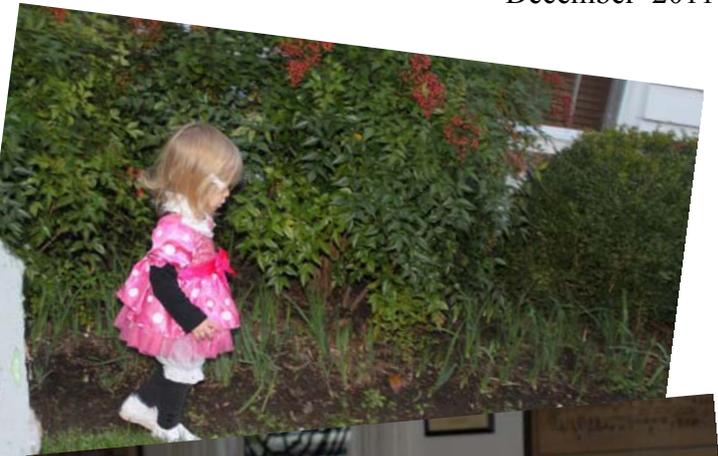
## Halloween Party

The Halloween party was filled with fright and delight and was well-attended. Glen Echo residents had lots of house-to-house Halloween characters to treat. Approximately 100 people enjoyed the party, half of whom were children. The event was made possible by volunteers: Bryna Steele, who helped with setup, and Constance Macy, Bill Vincent,

Cathie Polak, and Heather Kraus, who handled cleanup. The Town appreciates the continued support of volunteers at events such as these.

Many thanks to Anna and Gabi Bayer for adding these great photos to our Glen Echo Yahoo Group.





## Using Yahoo Groups

If you can send and receive email through our Glen Echo Yahoo Group but are not able to sign in to see all the Halloween photos, it's possible that you're on the group email list but are not a full member of the group. To be a full member, you need a Yahoo ID and you need to send that ID to Dan Macy ([dan@macy.com](mailto:dan@macy.com)) and ask for full membership. To continue to receive Yahoo group emails at your regular email address, list that email address as the alternate address in your Yahoo profile.

When you go to our Yahoo group website (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GlenEcho/>), you will see this text in the top left corner of the page.

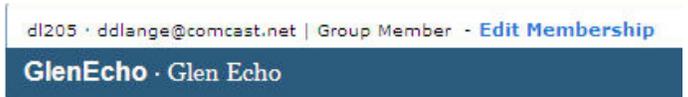


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## Glen Echo Park

### **Adventure Theatre**

*'Twas The Night Before Christmas*

*November 18 – January 2*

Ages 4 and up. With DC Actor Gary Sloan.  
Tickets \$17.

*Season of Giving Fund Raiser*

December 10; 7 pm to 9 pm.

See favorite performers, Santa, crafts, silent auction. \$25 to benefit Adventure Theatre's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Project Linus Blanket. See [www.adventuretheatre.org](http://www.adventuretheatre.org).

### **The Puppet Co. Playhouse**

*The Nutcracker*

*November 25 – December 31*

Tickets \$10. Group rates available. See [www.thepuppetco.org](http://www.thepuppetco.org).

### **Partnership Winter's Eve**

Saturday, Dec. 10 from 6 pm -9 pm.

Artist's studios will be open and a variety of activities will be offered.

### **Victorian Greeting Cards**

Two more Victorian Greeting Card workshops will take place on Dec. 3 & Dec. 4 at The Clara Barton House. Workshop participants are photographed in period dress, and then make holiday cards using these photos. Program times are at 11:30, 1:30, and 3 pm. Due to the popularity of these programs reservations are required: 301-320-1410.

### **The Yellow Barn Studio**

Glen Echo Park's resident painting and drawing studio presents the 17th Annual Friends of the Yellow Barn Studio's Members Show in the Yellow Barn Gallery. December 3 - 18, Saturdays & Sundays, 12 pm. - 5 pm. Awards reception, December 3, 6 pm- 8 pm. For more information, call (301) 371-5593 or visit [www.yellowbarnstudio.com](http://www.yellowbarnstudio.com).

### **Holiday Art Show & Sale**

Until January 8. Exhibition featuring works by resident artists, instructors and invited artists that will include glass, ceramics, jewelry, photographs, paintings, and more. In the Popcorn Gallery. Call (301) 634-2222 or visit [glenecho-park.org](http://glenecho-park.org) for more information.

### **Photoworks**

*Photo Slam: Award-Winning Images* by Stephen Carrol, Michael Borek, and Victoria Porter.

These three photographers have been chosen as the "best of the best." Saturdays, 1 pm - 4 pm.; Sundays & Mondays, 1 pm - 8 pm. Until Dec. 5

*Leftover Borscht* by Marisa Scheinfeld, a contemporary view of an area in the Catskill Mountains, New York that is fondly known as the Borscht Belt. December 10 - January 22. Saturdays, 1 pm- 4 pm; Sundays & Mondays, 1 pm - 8 pm. Opening Reception, December 10, 2 pm-4:30 pm.

### *Coffee and Critique*

A monthly Sunday morning photo jam session at Photoworks studio. Bring photos to a morning critique led by a Photoworks faculty member. Enjoy the camaraderie of your peers, along with coffee and bagels and a discussion of your images. In the Photoworks Studio December 11, from 10 am- 12 pm. Call (301) 634-2274 or visit [www.glenechophotoworks.org](http://www.glenechophotoworks.org).

### **Red Cross and Redskins Join in Blood Drive**

Redskins sports figures will be at the December Red Cross blood drive on Friday, December 9, 11 am -6 pm, at the Spanish Ballroom Annex . Donors must make advance reservations to give blood. Some Redskins sports figures will be there to promote the Red Cross. For more information, call 301-320-1410.