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April 2012

Traffic Issues and Town Ordinances

by Jim McGunnigle

At the Town Council Meeting of March 12, 2012, The Council heard citizens' comments and the Glen Echo Park report. In attendance were Mayor Beers, and council members Long, Matney and Arbor.

Adventure Theatre

Town Resident Michael Bobbitt, Producing Artistic Director of Adventure Theatre, spoke to the Council about the Theatre's status and its plans for the future. The Theatre is doing quite well and has been in the park for 41 years. Numerous awards have been granted to the group for artistic excellence. Mr. Bobbitt wanted to tell the Council that, as in past years,

the Theatre will host a gala. This year's 60th Anniversary Gala will honor the 15 past Presidents. The Town has, heretofore, awarded a sum or purchased tickets for the gala.

The Theatre is almost always sold out and patrons often must be turned away and revenues lost. A move to another location has been considered, but Mr. Bobbitt would prefer the Theatre to remain in the Park (as would many town residents). Consideration is being given to ways to expand the Theatre's capacity in the Park. Present seating is a tight squeeze for 170 and the Theatre would like to increase capacity to 200 or 250.

The Council voted unanimously to award \$1500 to Adventure Theatre this year for the gala.

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Oxford Road

Oxford Road traffic was again a topic of considerable discussion by the Council. The Mayor is going to forward images of the many drivers who ignore the stop sign to Montgomery County, with a letter to request a speed camera on Oxford Road. Some residents believe that citations and warnings for running the Oxford Road stop sign are not sufficient. They particularly believe that warnings alone are not having the desired effect and that more citations should be issued. The reports provided by off duty policemen to the town do not make clear the mix of warnings and citations.

A more permanent and lasting fix was also discussed. Resident Phyllis Fordham stated that she believes the Town's ability to affect traffic behavior on Oxford Road will always be limited. Moreover, all forecasts are for increased traffic to the Park as activities expand so there will be more buses, trucks and cars. Ms. Fordham believes, along with others, that the Town should strongly urge Park authorities to consider, seriously, a new access road into the Park's main public parking lot.

Updated Ordinances

Council members were reminded that they had received drafts of Town ordinances to be considered at the next Council meeting. The task requires a large dedication of time so will occur over several months. Town ordinances have long been scattered and in some disarray. The Mayor spearheaded the effort to update and compile the laws in one place and tasked the Town Attorney with preparing the complete draft set of ordinances. The Council can now review and make any additions or subtractions they deem necessary to provide a complete update.

Glen Echo Park Report

Polly Angelakis reported on Glen Echo Park management activities.

Information from the March *Echo* regarding cars running the Oxford Road stop sign was shared with National Park Service senior management and the Park Partnership staff to remind them to obey all traffic signs.

As of reporting time, the Park was still waiting to hear from contractors regarding feasibility of a geothermal heating and cooling system for the Clara Barton House. The system, which will be located on the grassy area in front of the house, will not, hopefully, require the loss of any of the overflow parking spaces on the grass. NPS has requested that installed wells, marked by flat plates, be placed in rows to assist with flat lawn parking. The plates will help to define parking rows.

The Park also met with Montgomery County officials regarding drainage issues on Oberlin Avenue, Oxford Road and MacArthur Boulevard. Montgomery County will provide technical assistance regarding the Oberlin site on the number and size of new

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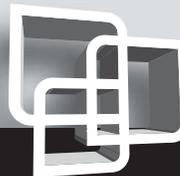


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drains required on Oberlin, and NPS will provide them. The MacArthur Road drain by the upper lot of the park was damaged by a car that drove over the railroad ties and crushed the drain underneath. It has been repaired. The drain on Oxford road was reported to be in good working order and routine maintenance is provided by NPS and the town.

The Candy Corner building will be used as a visitor contact station and activity center by this summer.

The Park is also planning activities for the 100th anniversary of Clara Barton's death with numerous events scheduled for mid-April.

The food operations will soon come under new management and the vendor providing food at the café will be Brown Bag. It is anticipated to open in April.

The breach on the towpath near the Old Anglers Inn will be repaired this fall, permitting the watering of the canal. The Council was pleased to hear of this progress about which they had often asked.

Local Events

Church of the Redeemer

Organist Caroline Robinson in Concert
Sunday, April 29, 5:pm.

A native of Greenville, South Carolina, 19-year-old Caroline Robinson is a full scholarship student at Philadelphia's famed Curtis Institute of Music and a rising star among young classical musicians. Her eclectic program is offered in celebration of the fifth anniversary of the installation of Redeemer's Di Gennaro-Hart pipe organ. Free-will offering. Reception to follow.

Summer Music Camp 2012

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Correction

The Echo was informed that three Council members attended a meeting on January 12 concerning plans for the Sangamore Road Federal Facility. They were Nancy Long, Eve Arbor and Steve Matney. Ms. Long expressed concern about traffic increases on MacArthur Boulevard, not just the area and also about run-off into the C&O Canal National Park, not into Glen Echo Park.

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Annual Douglas Memorial Hike and Dinner
 April 21. Deadline for reservation: April 10
 See website for information and forms.

Nature Walk focusing on birds,
 Viotette's Lock. April 28, 8 am to 11 am.
 301-657-8992



Another “Buds” Contest for Better Hearing and Speech Month

Enter your students’ drawings in American Speech and Hearing Association’s sixth annual **National BHSM Drawing Contest** for students 10 years of age and younger.

Concepts and drawings for this year’s competition must reflect the themes of **Listen to Your Buds**, ASHA’s campaign that teaches children how to use personal audio technology safely—primarily by keeping the volume down and limiting listening time. See details at ASHA’s website.

First-place artwork will be used for ASHA’s 2013 BHSM downloadable screensaver, and the top three contest winners will each receive an MP3 player from Califone International as well as a variety of BHSM products. Go to www.ASHA.org/bhsm for more information and a form to fill out in order to enter.

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+ MAUNDY THURSDAY — April 5	
Simple Supper	6:30 p.m.
Choral Eucharist with Washing of Feet	7:30 p.m.
+ GOOD FRIDAY — April 6	
Stations of the Cross	12:00 noon
The Solemn Liturgy	7:30 p.m.
+ EASTER EVE — April 7	
The Great Vigil of Easter	8:30 p.m.
+ EASTER SUNDAY — April 8	
The Holy Eucharist	8:00 a.m.
Festal Eucharist of the Resurrection	10:30 a.m.
Hot Cross Buns & Easter Egg Hunt	12:00 noon

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Police Report

Off duty police officers conducted traffic enforcement at the intersection of Oxford Road and University Boulevard on 2/19, 2/25, 2/26 and 3/9. They issued 43 citations or warnings over a 13-hour period.


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English Country Dance
every Wednesday, 8pm-10:30pm

C&O Canal Association Board
Meeting
April 1, 1:00 pm

Town Council Meeting
April 9, 8pm

Film Fest: The Black Swan
April 14, 8pm

Scottish Fiddle Club
April 22, 2pm-5pm

Town Budget Process

An “Open Comment Period” on the town budget will begin during the month of April, prior to the Mayor’s preparation of the draft budget. Comments or suggestions may be incorporated into the budget or addressed by the Council at the budget hearing which will be held in late May. The budget is usually adopted at this hearing. The draft document is also distributed to town residents for review about two weeks before the hearing. The result of this process is that citizens will have approximately six weeks to make their positions known.

If comments are provided by May 1, 2011, Town Clerk-Treasurer Nicole Fraser will prepare a list of suggestions that have been submitted for the Mayor’s review and possible inclusion in the draft budget. After the budget is prepared, comments will be reviewed prior to or at the budget hearing. To make your voices heard you can:

- come to the April 9th council meeting
- send an email to www.townhall@glenecho.org
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Harley Feldbaum reports that he is really enjoying *Theodore Rex*, a biography of Teddy Roosevelt by Edmund Morris who is a Washington DC resident. Harley told The Echo that, “in addition to reading about the original teddy bear, the book provides a terrific glimpse of life at the turn of the last century through the actions of one of our most exuberant Presidents whose work has defined government-business relations and conservation of public lands ever since.”

Gloria Levin’s current favorite is *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, by Rebecca Skloot. She found the book to be “beautifully researched and written. The book relates the extraordinary contribution to medical science made by Henrietta Lacks, an African American woman from whom Johns Hopkins Hospital extracted cancerous cells for research purposes. Those HeLa (for her name) cells have the unique capacity to remain ‘immortal,’ retaining their strength over more than six decades of an almost infinite number of divisions.” Scientific discovery, medicine’s exploitation of research subjects, bioethics, legal issues and one African American family’s inability to afford health care are all explored in this fascinating book.

Please send your nominations to TheEchoEditor@gmail.com and tell us why you liked the book.

Welcome Newcomers

By Carlotta Anderson

A 1939 house at 7310 University Ave. is undergoing some serious interior remodeling by its new owner, Curt Wahl, who bought it last December from Jim Beaubien, who had lived in it since childhood. The house is sturdy, durable, and “has good bones,” according to temporary “architect-in-residence” Ron Haselius, a friend who studied under Sarah Susanka, author of *The Not So Big House* (www.entsobighouse.com). They are updating (especially the kitchen), but not expanding the house at this time.

Curt is joined part of the time by his three children, Aubrey, 16, Diego, 15, and Isabella, 8, who

live during school days with their mother in Chevy Chase.

Curt spent the past two years renting in Cabin John, but had his eyes out for a house to buy there or in Glen Echo or Brookmont. He was aided in his search by long-time friends, Karim and Joci Khalifa, who live next door at 7308 University, and whom he met when they were all in the Peace Corps in Honduras in the late 1980s. Curt went on to spend a total of 11 years with the Peace Corps in Honduras, Nigeria, Ghana and elsewhere, two years as a volunteer and as a paid staffer for the remainder. After his stint with the Peace Corps, he spent another 10 years abroad with the State Department in Mexico, Honduras (again), and Guatemala.

In the U.S. now after 20 years abroad, Curt says he is very happy to be back. He works as a program analyst for the State Department.

A native of Owatonna, Minn., Curt attended the University of Minnesota. He said he finds Glen Echo residents “welcoming and warm” and they remind him of “the best aspects of the Midwesterners.” Curt is an enthusiastic runner, likes to cook, listen to music, and play the guitar and drums.

Welcome to the Glen Echo community, Curt.

Neighboring Communities Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day Together

by Debbie Lange

On March 17, the Town of Glen Echo and the Bannockburn community got together at the Glen Echo Town Hall for the annual celebration of St. Patrick’s Day. Organized by the talented and energetic Kate Horwitz, the party got off to a great start with fiddler Anthony Hyatt entertaining a crowd of young children and adults. Kate then led the group in an Irish toast. A hearty meal of corned beef followed (cooked to perfection by Kate), accompanied by cabbage, vegetables, breads, and desserts. Party guests provided the side dishes. After dinner, we sang several Irish songs. For McNamara’s Band, Anthony and the children marched around the room, the children playing kazoos. This was followed by

the traditional reading of original limericks. At the evening's end, Kate served Irish coffee.

Many people contributed to the evening's success. Kate Horwitz, Raya Bodnarchuk, Jim Horowitz, and Nicole Fraser set up tables and decorated the room. Jim Horowitz tended a mostly non-alcoholic bar. Cleanup was done by Andrea and Steve Matney, Anna and Chris White, Jim and Sally McGunnigle, Debi Sacks, Debbie Lange, Carol Boucher, Ellen Leary, Bernie Edelman, Debbie and Don Beers, Nancy and Christo Andonyadis of Bannockburn, as well as Raya, Jim, Kate, and Nicole. Thanks go to Harley Feldbaum and Debbie Lange for the photos.



Kate offers an Irish blessing.



Neighbors gather for the party.



Anthony leads the children in a march.



Steve, Nicole, and Andrea share a laugh.



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Bill and Raya mug for the camera.



Christo from Bannockburn reads his limerick.

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Adventure Theatre

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

March 2 – April 9

Five Little Monkeys

April 17 – June 3

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or call 301-634-2270

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Jim Sanborn: Selected Works

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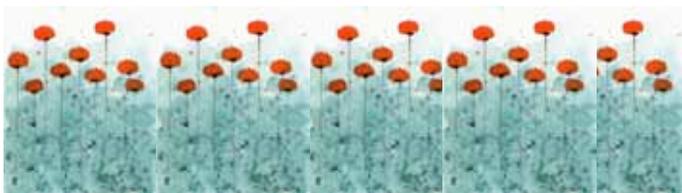
Artist Talk May 5 at 4 pm

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Spring is for Galas

Adventure Theatre’s 60th Anniversary Gala & Auction will be held on April 16, 2012 at the Silver Spring Civic Building from 6:30 to 10:00 pm. The celebration honors Past Presidents, who will be presented with the “Spirit of Adventure” award. For more information or tickets, call (301)634-2262 or see www.adventuretheatre.org.

Glen Echo Park Partnership will hold its 10th anniversary gala in the park on May 19, 2012. The gala will honor acclaimed artist Jim Sanborn and present the Visionary Award to him. Mr. Sanborn was a resident artist at Glen Echo Park from 1973 to 1981 before exhibiting throughout the world. For additional information visit www.glenechopark.org or call 301-634-2222.



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