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Town Told of Redevelopment Plans

Jerry Bodlinger

At the April 9 Council meeting with all members and the Mayor present, it was announced that Robin and Florian Kogelnik have applied for a permit to demolish their house at 6100 Princeton Ave. They plan to build a new house on the same site that is in keeping with the character and integrity of the town. Ms. Kogelnik and her architect presented plans to the Council as a courtesy and to let them know they had applied for County demolition permits and have started the process, required by Glen Echo ordinance, to allow neighbors to review the plans. The Mayor has asked the Town Attorney to review the Town's rights regarding waivers so that new precedents are not set.

Ms. Kogelnik said they reached the conclusion to demolish and rebuild after consulting with experts on

how to move forward with a house that has a serious storm water problem, no existing foundation and no footers.

She told the council that it is quicker and cheaper to demolish the house and rebuild rather than to rehab the existing structure.

Debbie Beers said that more expansions and re-development projects within the town are expected. This first teardown "is somewhat novel" for the town, the mayor said. The Kogelnik residence may require a waiver to a town ordinance that requires certain setbacks on corner lots that was passed just a few years ago.

A few town residents asked questions about the project. Some are concerned about larger structures in town, others merely curious about the new plans. The project will have to get County approval first, and then will be presented to the Town for review prior to building permit issuance. At that time,

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Next Town Council Meeting: May 14, 2012 at 8pm

Budget Hearing: May 21 at 7:30pm

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neighborhood comment will be reviewed as well. Plans will not be approved by the County before the demolition permit is approved, which timing cannot be predicted with accuracy.

The mayor took the opportunity to remind anyone who is contemplating a project they need to apply for a town building permit before starting any construction. She also said neighbors need to “sign off” on a project before the town can approve a plan. The town requirement should allow for everybody to have seen the proposal, “so there are no unpleasant surprises” after building starts. She stressed, however, that opposition to a proposal isn’t enough to stop it. There has to be a legal reason for the town to step in.

In another presentation, the architect for another home on Princeton Avenue presented the addition that will be added to the home. The house at 6009 Princeton will be renovated with a 2 ½ story small addition to add space to accommodate the growing family and to correct code issues. The Feringa-Johnson family too, will apply for a town permit after having shown plans to neighbors.

A third renovation project is anticipated at 42 Wellesley Circle with a 2-story addition to the rear of the structure.

Meanwhile, there is ongoing residential reconstruction at the bottom of Bryn Mawr Avenue with no firm completion date at this time.

Budget Hearing and Adoption Announced

The Town Council will hold a hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 21, to consider the town budget. The council will meet in special session afterward to adopt the budget. The proposed budget will be distributed to town residents at least two weeks prior to the hearing. The Mayor has invited comment prior

to budget preparation or after a budget is distributed. Public comment can be made by mail or email to the Mayor or Nicole Fraser, the Town Administrator, before the hearing (the preferred methods), or in person at the hearing.

Town Funds for Glen Echo Park Gala

The council decided against spending \$2,000 for a table at the park gala, as requested by the Glen Echo Park Partnership. Mayor Debbie Beers said it was inappropriate for council members to attend such an event using taxpayer money.

She also noted the town has already contributed \$2,000 to the partnership.

Graffiti on MacArthur

Steps are being taken to try to remove the graffiti on the wall surrounding the gas company’s facility at the intersection of MacArthur Boulevard and Goldsboro Road. Council member Nancy Long said she spoke to the Corps of Engineers, which will contact the artist who painted the scenes to see what can be

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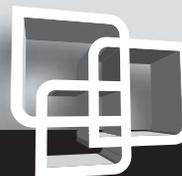


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done. Mayor Debbie Beers said the graffiti looks similar to writing on the overpass when you take the path from MacArthur Boulevard near the one lane bridge down to the canal. By mid April, the graffiti was indeed being removed. Anyone who sees graffiti being applied to the wall again should call 911 or the Park Police immediately.

Town Ordinances Review Begins in June

The Council will begin a public review of the Town Ordinances for accuracy and comprehension on June 4th at 8 p.m. This is a major undertaking for the Council and the draft ordinances are a result of more than a year's efforts undertaken by the Mayor. The ordinances should now have been brought up to date and compiled by the Town Attorney who was assisted by University of Maryland students.

Mayor Beers says she expects there to be three such meetings.

Glen Echo Park Notes

Polly Angelikas, Glen Echo Park site manager stated that an environmental assessment of the geothermal project for Clara Barton House is moving ahead. Clara Barton's death was observed during the week-end of April 12-15. It included a tree planting, an open house, and a symposium.

April 28th is Family Day at the Park and also marks the start of the carousel season. The carousel operates from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and costs \$1.25 per ride

At the April 9 Town Council meeting, Ms. Angelikas stated that a second stop sign has been placed at the intersection of University Avenue and Oxford Road. This one is located on the drivers' side as a car comes down the hill from MacArthur Boulevard.

In addition, Angelakis said several other safety steps have been taken. They include lowering the speed limit in the park's upper parking lot to 10 miles per hour, adding speed bumps and signs reminding drivers to watch for children.

The ballroom café is now open with a new vendor. It is being run by a company named Brown Bag—

they have a contract through the carousel season.

The NPS and Montgomery County met recently to review progress on the Environmental Assessment for the shared use path and to incorporate the Federal Highways Safety Team's recommendations into the EA and shared use path plans. Montgomery County will next seek a permit to do the archeological testing that is required as part of the EA.

Local Events

Church of the Redeemer

Strawberry Festival & Silent Auction

Saturday, June 9, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Church of the Redeemer's 38th Annual Strawberry Festival & Silent Auction is a family-oriented event enjoyed by hundreds of parishioners and neighbors from Bannockburn, Glen Echo, Cabin John, and beyond! Boutique, book and plant sales, children's games. Bid on a vast array of unique services and items at the legendary Silent Auction. Enjoy live music on the lawn.

Summer Music Camp 2012

Monday, August 6 – Friday, August 10, 10:00 am – 2:30 pm daily

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Washington Conservatory

The Final Concert

Saturday May 12, 8 pm.

The Washington Conservatory will hold The Final Concert of the 2011-12 Concert Series at Westmoreland Congregational UCC Church, 1 Westmoreland Circle, Bethesda, MD. Haskell Small will perform *Bach, Small, Ordonex, and Shubert* on the piano. Donations accepted. See www.washingtonconservatory.org or call 301-320-2770.

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River Center Opening Day May 5, 7:45 am-12 pm. Bird walk, medicinal plant walk, and live music. River Center will be open weekends from May through October.

Canal Stewards at the River Center. May 13, 9 am-11 am. Clean up. Contact Larson@potomac.org.

Wildflower Walk, River Center at Lock 8, May 13, 11 am-12 am. No registration needed.

May 2012 at
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■ SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE
 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 EVENTS
 Labyrinth Walk with Live Music
Saturday, May 5, at 1:00 p.m.
 Choral Evensong with Dr. Martin Neary, *guest conductor*
Sunday, May 13, at 5:00 p.m.
 Inscape Chamber Orchestra: "American Reflections"
Sunday, May 20, at 5:00 p.m.

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Six month rental wanted: Princeton Avenue family who will be renovating their home starting in June want to rent a 2-3 bedroom house in the Glen Echo/Bannockburn/Cabin John area from June through December. Please contact Alexis Feringa at feringa_alexis@yahoo.com or call 301-367-3733.

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at Clara Barton**

GRATEFUL SHRED V—a shredding party—will be held on Saturday, May 19, 9 a.m.-12p.m. at the Clara Barton Community Center, 7425 MacArthur Blvd., Cabin John, MD.

ALL-SHRED, a noted firm in Frederick, MD, will provide a mobile shredding truck for secure shredding. Inside the vehicle is a cross-cut shredder that cuts pages into tiny paper chips. (The shreds are then baled and sent to paper plants to be recycled.)

They ask that you donate \$5 per box of paper (that means a one-cubic-foot storage box or the equivalent). A half-box or the equivalent will be shredded for \$3 or a quarter-box for \$2. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Clara Barton Community Center, and proceeds support activities at the Center. For more information, call the Center at 301-229-0010.

This particular process will accept paper clips, staples, rubber bands, folders, binder clips, hanging folders (even with metal strips), and labels. However, newspapers, 3-ring binders, cardboard, heavy plastic, heavy metals, boxes, trash, floppy disks, or CDs are not accepted.

**GLEN ECHO TOWN
HALL EVENTS**

The Following Events Are Free to All Town Residents

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

Film Fest Evening
May 12, 8pm

Town Council Meeting
May 14, 8pm

Town Budget Meeting
and Adoption
May 21, 7:30pm

Police Report

Two off duty police officers monitored stop sign compliance at University and Oxford and issued 44 citations/warnings on three separate shifts. The installation of a second stop sign at the intersection did not seem to improve compliance. Oberlin Avenue was also patrolled for ongoing parking issues.

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Trolley Removed From Park

National Park Service reported that the trolley car at Glen Echo Park along with the railroad ties was removed on April 24, by General Machine workers using two fork-lifts and a flat bed truck. The hill in front of the Yellow Barn was used by the movers to remove the trolley after considerable site preparation work.

The National Park Service made the decision to move the trolley due to restoration costs and the fact that it is not authentic to Glen Echo transportation but was donated by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) of Philadelphia in 2005. NPS was told that costs to restore the trolley in a properly ventilated maintenance off-site facility were over \$100,000.00, excluding freight charges.

In addition to restoration costs, the trolley should evidently be stored indoors for preservation purposes. Park staff determined that a shelter around the trolley is not an option since it would visually impair the historic park entrance.

The trolley was donated to the National Park Service in 2005. The original plan was to restore and renovate the trolley for use as an interpretive exhibit about Glen Echo Amusement Park, especially the Park's years of segregation. Attempts were made to raise funds or find other ways to restore the trolley and remove the lead paint from its interior. During a large volunteer event in November 2010, volunteers sanded and primed the rusting exterior under the direction of an architectural conservator and using guidance from a restoration plan provided by a consultant. Six months later, when rust corroded the recently primed areas, additional subject matter experts were consulted regarding the best way to restore the streetcar. They concluded that it was too hazardous for park staff to restore the trolley onsite due to the harsh products, chemicals, and processes involved for interior and exterior repairs.

The trolley tracks remain on the site which is where Civil Rights Protesters picketed Glen Echo Amusement Park during the 1960 "Summer of Change." The picketers' actions opened the then-segregated amusement park to all races. Plans are being made to add interpretive waysides about the "Sum-

mer of Change" near the original trolley tracks. The owner of General Machine is planning to keep the vehicle in the company's yard at the present time.

C&O Canal National Historical Park Reports Diseased Bats

The C&O Canal National Historical Park recently reported that White-nose syndrome (WNS) was observed in Washington County, Maryland in an abandoned cement mine owned by the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park during March 2012 bat surveys. Bats from the mine were not submitted for laboratory confirmation; however the disease was confirmed in Maryland-owned mines belonging to the same complex in spring 2011.

White fungal growth indicative of WNS was observed on most little brown bats and tricolor bats hibernating in the cement mine. Surveys conducted in the complex also documented a severe decline in the overall bat population from the previous five-year average and the lowest number recorded since regular monitoring was initiated in 1998. White-nose syndrome is a disease caused by the fungus *Geomyces destructans* and is responsible for the deaths of millions of bats in eastern North America. It is named for a white fungus that forms on the faces of infected bats. While the actual cause of death due to WNS is unknown, the disease results in bats becoming restless during hibernation. Their movement results in burning up necessary fat reserves or losing body fluid. There is no known cure for the disease.

The C&O Canal is home to ten bat species and the largest hibernating population of bats in the state of Maryland. Of the ten known species that reside in the park, at least six that hibernate in park caves, tunnels, and mines are susceptible to WNS. Park mines and tunnels used by hibernating bats are closed to the public to minimize the chance of spreading the disease to other areas.

Kevin Brandt, Park Superintendent stated "we will continue to monitor bat populations in our

caves, tunnels and mines, and we hope to minimize WNS affecting other bat habitats outside of our boundaries.” Park visitors are reminded not to handle bats, particularly those found dead or acting abnormally. According to the NPS Office of Public Health, WNS does not appear to pose a threat to human health since the fungus that causes WNS only grows at temperatures well below human body temperature. However, WNS can cause sick bats to exhibit unusual behavior, such as flying outdoors or at hibernaculum entrances at all times of day and in all types of weather, so bats may be encountered in unusual settings.

While humans are not at risk of contracting WNS, bats are known to carry other diseases such as rabies. If you see a dead, sick or injured bat within the park, please notify the park at 301-714-2225. Any dead, injured or sick bats found outside of the park should be reported to the local state wildlife agency. For more information about C&O Canal National Historical Park, please visit: www.nps.gov/choh.



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Glen Echo Park Activities

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or call 301-634-5380

Carousel

Annual Dino Egg Hunt

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Gala in the Park: Art & Alchemy

May 19, 6 pm – midnight

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April 17 – June 3

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May 5-28

Artist Talk May 5 at 4 pm

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Spring is for Galas

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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