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**December 2012**

## **Natural Gas and Zoning Issues at Forefront**

**By Patty Sieber and Phyllis Fordham**

### ***More Completed Gas Questionnaires Needed***

At the November Council meeting, Catherine and Steven Hathaway updated the Town Council on the interim results of the survey they conducted on behalf of the Town. Results will inform both Washington Gas and the Council so that decisions can be made regarding an invitation to Washington Gas to bring natural gas to Glen Echo. At the October Council meeting, Washington Gas representatives outlined possible costs to the Town of bringing in gas lines. The cost will depend on the number of households that choose to convert to gas, the location of those houses and the type and number of appliances or systems that would be converted. For instance, if all households that wanted gas were on one street and every household planned to install a new furnace and hot water heater to

use gas, the cost to the Town would be minimized as gas lines would cover a smaller geographic area and serve a dense customer base. The Hathaways reported that, at the time of the Council meeting, 40 residents had returned completed surveys. Thirty confirmed interest and twenty-four of those expressed their intent to include a furnace, which uses most of the gas consumed in a gas-supplied household. The goal for return of all surveys was November 30.

It appears that questions still arise when the issue is addressed. Some are not sure if the survey entails a commitment or will simply act as information to assist with the Council's decision-making process. One council member noted that many have asked why Washington Gas would not pay the entire cost of bringing in the lines; another resident wanted to know how much it will cost to bring gas from the meters to the appliances inside the house and another inquired about the amount the Town is able to contribute. Yet another asked why all utilities can-

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**December 10, 2012, at 8pm**

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not be undergrounded if the gas line project is undertaken.

In answer to those questions, Mayor Beers explained that the Council still needed to discuss any potential Town expenditures, although Washington Gas had mentioned \$30,000 to \$33,000 if everyone wanted to convert to gas. Once the surveys are all completed, a more realistic estimate can be obtained. The cost of bringing gas to systems in each house, from the meter to the appliances, is expected to be about \$200. She also explained that undergrounding all utilities would be cost prohibitive and would not stop many of the power outages we experience during storms. The Town is willing to cooperate with the Gas Company and consider a subsidy to fund the cost of installing lines since there is reason to think that this additional energy source will ultimately reduce the cost of household operation and therefore, buoy property values. The questionnaires are a statement of intent, which is non-binding and will be used for information purposes only at this time.

Council discussion continued, with concerns about the Gas Company’s ability to get permits to cross MacArthur Boulevard and any additional costs to homeowners. The Mayor indicated that if the project is undertaken, residents may be able to negotiate preferred prices for installation of new heating systems and appliances.

**County Zoning Change Seen as Potential Threat**

Debbie Beers advised the Council that she will testify before the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee of the County Council regarding a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance that controls lot size for buildable small lots. Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 12-16 deals with pre 1928 lots that are less than 5000 square feet. In her testimony, Mayor Beers pointed out that the common size for lots in Glen Echo was, at one time, 2500 to 3000 square feet. Currently, houses may be built on two or more lots. Some residents own adjacent lots that are, in effect, their side or back yards. In her tes-

timony, she pointed to the fact that a single house could be torn down to make way for two houses if there were two lots, and if a vacant lot existed, even as a side yard, it would be possible to “shoehorn” another house in there if there is no minimum lot size.

At the same hearing, Burton Gray testified for the Cabin John Citizens Association. The Association made the point that current variance approval procedures in the County allow for building on a lot smaller than 5000 square feet, and the variance process provides more scrutiny into each case rather than allowing the lot to be developed “by right” as ZTA 12-16 would allow. If the text amendment is adopted as written, the variance process will be abandoned for new construction on these small lots, unless there are setback issues involved. The Committee will soon hold a work session and then make their recommendations to the entire Council. For further information, contact Councilmember Nancy Floreen at 240-777-7958 or Jeffrey Zyontz, staff attorney, at 240-777-7896.

**Permission to Demolish 6100 Princeton**

On a separate County Permitting issue, Florian and Robin Kogelnik received permission from the County to demolish the current house at this address. Robin provided plans

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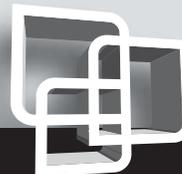


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for a new home to the Council in March 2012 and now has both County and Town Permits. Later, Robin told *The Echo* that demolition will commence and construction should begin by the end of 2012. Demolition of the property will involve recycling of doors, hardware and other materials that can be re-used from this old house. The Kogelniks chose an organization called "Second Chance" to carry out the recycle phase of the demolition.

**Recycling Bins on the Way**

The Council approved the purchase of 100 recycle bins. They will be considerably larger (48 gallons) than current bins with lids, wheels, axles and stop bars installed. The bins will allow for greater amounts of mixed, recycled materials to be put in just one container, instead of the limitations now dictated by the small uncovered bins we are using.

**Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture**

The Partnership advised the Town last month of a proposed amendment to GEPPAC bylaws that would subject the Town representative to term limits and would exclude those who hold public office from participating on the GEPPAC board, giving the Town representative *ex officio* status. The Council objected to removal of voting rights and full representation, particularly since GEPPAC activities affect town citizens directly as Glen Echo Park is within the Town's boundaries. The Mayor, who is the current Town representative on the GEPPAC board, said she would vote against the amendment by direction of the Council.

**Community Police Advisory Board**

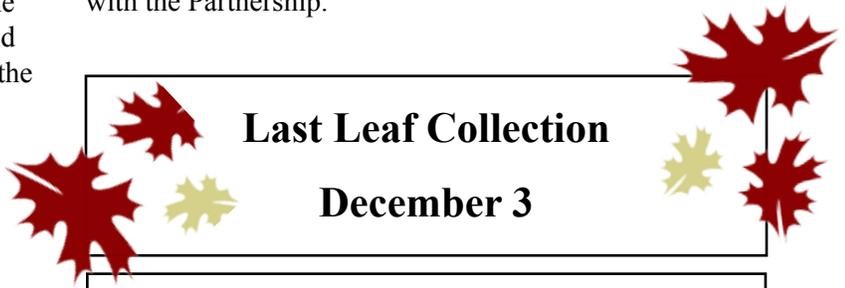
Matt Stiglitz, Town representative to the Community Police Advisory Board, reported on crime statistics for the Police District. He asked that residents lock their cars, since this is the greatest crime in Glen Echo and the holiday season may bring more incidents unless we remain alert. In the broader geographic area, some daytime burglaries have occurred when owners briefly left their homes unlocked. Finally, the Capital Crescent Trail has seen several violent crimes and police are considering placement of a camera in the tunnel and posting of a policeman at the tunnel entrance.

**GLEN ECHO PARK REPORT**

National Park Service Ranger Donna Cuttone, temporary Site Manager of Glen Echo Park (GEP), reported to the Council that a new Shooting Gallery Display is underway and that NPS is developing an "app" for Clara Barton NHS. Unfortunately, the Clara Barton NHS is in need of a lot of restoration. Mayor Beers asked if there was any upcoming funding to help with restoration. Ms. Cuttone said that the NPS budget is set by Congress and is for the day-to-day operations. Most of the money goes to salary and there is not enough for extensive restoration projects.

Clerk/Treasurer Nicole Fraser requested that the Oxford Road-GEP parking lot entrance rerouting proposal be submitted to the project management information service in time for the December deadline as NPS representative Aaron LaRocca proposed in October. Councilmember Long said that at one point when the entrance to the GEP parking lot was under discussion there was a public meeting in the Town Hall. She said it appears that there is a change in the feeling of town residents so far as location is concerned and she hoped that Ms. Cuttone would give the issue due consideration. Ms. Cuttone said that the next step is that the request goes to compliance and NPS will come out and look at it and make a recommendation. Mayor Beers said that she would like to hold another public meeting before any final decision.

Ms. Long asked if GEPPAC was changing their agreement language in any way with the County and Mayor Beers requested that GEP be proactive as they coordinate with the Partnership.



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**December 3**

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**Susan Grigsby** will lead an Advent Wreath workshop at The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer on Sunday, December 2, following both liturgies, at 9:15am and 12:15pm. All ages may participate. Plastic base, foam, and candles will be provided. Bring your own cut greenery (boxwood, pine, holly, etc.) If you wish to participate, contact the Parish Office: [office.redeemer@verizon.net](mailto:office.redeemer@verizon.net) or 301-229-3770.

**Kevin Branch**, Superintendent of the C&O Canal, held an information session to update citizens on the “Happenings along the Canal” at Town Hall on November 15, 2012. He described the completion of repairs at Old Angler’s. The National Park Service continues to struggle to find funding to complete enough projects to keep their assets in good condition. Volunteers help to supplement the NPS staff and to donate funds to contribute to selected projects.

## GLEN ECHO TOWN HALL EVENTS

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

**C&O Canal Association Board  
Meeting**

**Sunday, Dec. 2, 1 pm-4 pm**

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

**Town Council Meeting**  
**Monday, Dec. 10, 8 pm**

**Holiday Party**  
**Saturday, Dec. 15, 9 am-10:30 am**

### REPORTING A STREET- LIGHT OUTAGE

Residents can report street light outages via the internet and receive email correspondence regarding progress on the solution of the issue. Go to the home page of [pepco.com](http://pepco.com). Access to the new system can be gained under “Alerts and Outage Information”.

### Police Report

Police officers monitored Oxford Road 3 times in October for a total of 10 hours. There were 12 citations, and 39 warnings issued. Officers reported that traffic has declined but they still see a high number of violations.



## December 2012 at REDEEMER

■ **SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE**

Holy Eucharist	8:00 a.m.
Adult Forum & Bible Study	9:15 a.m.
Professional Nursery Care	10:15 a.m.
Choral Eucharist	10:30 a.m.
Church School for All Ages	10:30 a.m.

■ **UPCOMING EVENTS**

*Sunday, December 2, at 5:00 p.m.*  
A Service of Lessons & Carols for Advent

*Sunday, December 16, at 10:30 a.m.*  
Choral Eucharist with Christmas Pageant

*Monday, December 24, at 4:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.*  
Christmas Eve Worship: Festal Eucharist of the Nativity

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## Glen Echo Park Activities

### The Puppet Co.

*The Nutcracker*

November 23-December 30

### *Tiny Tots*

On select Wednesdays, Saturdays,  
and Sundays at 10 am

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### Adventure Theatre MTC

*A Little House Christmas*

November 17–December 31

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### Washington Conservatory of Music

*Matthew Griswold, piano*

December 2, 4:30pm

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