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May 2013

Council Deals with Myriad Issues

By Jerry Bodlander

Budget Process and Adoption

The Mayor announced that there will be a hearing on the proposed town budget on Wednesday, May 22, at 7 pm. The Council will hold a hearing from 7 pm to 8 pm; then, it will begin a meeting at 8 pm to vote on the budget.

Glen Echo Park Report

Acting Glen Echo Park Site Manager Aaron LaRocca introduced Alexy (Alex) Romero who will be the George Washington Memorial Parkway superintendent for the next four months. He's currently the superintendent of National Capital Parks East.

Romero called Glen Echo Park (GEP) "a great resource, a phenomenal resource" while telling the Council his temporary assignment could become

permanent. He also said that he's not sure how furloughs will impact the number of police officers on the Parkway and at Park sites. Romero also warned that there could be another three percent cut in the 2014 budget.

LaRocca told the Council that Park police have arrested an individual in connection with car break-ins at the park. They believe the break-ins were the work of just one person. LaRocca said break-ins happen up and down the canal and at other Park sites, and they get a lot of police attention.

There is no change in status of the shared use path. The regional office is still reviewing comments regarding the path. If the project moves forward, National Park Service (NPS) will be required to issue a construction permit. Of concern to the superintendent is future maintenance and ownership of the path.

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May 13, 2013, at 8 pm **May 22, 2013 at 7 pm**

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Preparations are underway to celebrate the Spanish Ballroom's eightieth anniversary.

Aaron LaRocca said the Park service is working with the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture (GEPPAC) to come up with a special event. He says current discussions are centering on a dance-a-thon but more information will be available at a future date.

In addition, rangers are working at growing the Volunteer in the Parks program that will apply to GEP as well as to other sites. Further, the permitting process for Family Day and the Washington Folk Festival is underway. In a written report, the managers noted that they are working with the resident artists at Glen Echo to seek out shared interpretive opportunities. The report also asked if bamboo at MacArthur Boulevard and Oxford Road can be cut back since Park staff believes it limits visibility at the intersection.

Moving Sale Mayhem

The Town is looking for ways to avoid a repeat of the potentially dangerous situation during a three day estate sale on Wellesley Circle. An overwhelming turnout resulted in parked cars that blocked driveways and fire hydrants. Cars were also parked illegally along the inner part of the circle which is clearly marked "no parking." The sale took place in a house that was recently sold and both Council Member Steve Matney, who lives next door, and Mayor Beers said there was no way a fire truck or other emergency vehicle could have gotten through. Matney, who said cars drove onto his property and knocked down some reflectors, reported that one

fire hydrant was blocked the entire day. Police were called twice and did warn people at the estate sale they'd be ticketed if they didn't move their cars. Matney also stated that one of the sale organizers told him these sales usually attract between two and three thousand people. He said the Town needs to think about how to handle such a crowd, and suggested taking another look at its ordinances. Further, he said the sale was, in effect, a commercial venture in a residential area since only about a quarter of the items offered for sale were from the former resident who sold the house. The rest, he said, came from the company running the estate sale. There was some discussion of the Town giving some people the power to hand out municipal infractions, which are similar to parking tickets.

Washington Gas

Mayor Beers noted that Washington Gas has been less than forthcoming about providing information regarding an upcoming engineering study to determine the feasibility of bringing gas in to the town. The Mayor told Council Members that she sent a strongly worded e-mail to the company to stress that the town must be kept informed about a study it is paying for. The Mayor warned that the way things are progressing, it will be next year before there's any gas available in Town even if everything goes smoothly.

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Montgomery County Building Code Concerns

A recently proposed amendment to the County building code will allow the Town to change its ordinances and regulate various aspects of building in the Town. Mayor Beers said that would include fences and walls, as well as the location and dimension of structures. Mayor Beers said there have been numerous inquiries recently about whether the Town can create its own zoning rules. She speculated they were prompted by several ongoing construction projects. The Town gave up zoning authority to the county in the 1950s. This new amendment would allow the Town more authority, but taking such a step would also require the Town to provide for hearings and appeals related to projects where issues have arisen. Additional staff would be required to act as inspectors and interpret local regulations. Any change of this source would mean a change in the Town ordinances and would be the subject of a referendum.

The Council was also apprised by the Mayor that our suggested change to proposed County Text Amendment (12-16) was recently adopted. Glen Echo proposed an amendment that was accepted so that small Glen Echo lots will be protected. The Mayor noted there are hundreds of those small lots in Town. She said that under the terms of the proposed Text Amendment as written, if a house is currently built on two lots, the owner could take the house down in order to build two homes, one on each lot. One of those lots might currently just be used as a side or backyard, so the effect of the Text Amendment would have been that additional houses could be built on existing properties that currently have only one house on it. The Glen Echo change to the Text Amendment will protect the Town from those unintended consequences.

Grateful Shred VI

Grateful Shred VI will be held on Saturday, May 11, 9 am–12 noon at the Clara Barton Community Center, 7425 MacArthur Blvd., Cabin John, MD.

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■ UPCOMING MUSICAL EVENTS

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Statements from the Candidates

Town Council elections will be held on May 6 from 5 to 9 pm for the office of Mayor and for two Town Council seats. Mayor Beers is running for reelection unopposed. Statements from the three candidates for the two Town Council seats and that of Mayor Beers follow:

Debbie Beers

Dear Neighbors,

I am running for election once again for the position of Mayor of Glen Echo, and I ask for your support. While we have accomplished much together over the last four years, including a major repaving project, there remains much to be done. I hope to complete plans to bring natural gas to Glen Echo, which has been a goal that has eluded us for many years, but currently shows promise. I would also like to complete the ordinance revision project that was taken up by the Council last year. There are a number of zoning challenges that face us now as the housing sector recovers and construction increases. I welcome your suggestions for additional projects and improvements to add to these goals.

I thank you for your support and hope to see you on Election Day, May 6, 2013, at the Town Hall.

Stephen Hathaway

Hello neighbors! I would like to take this space to introduce myself to some of you, and state my reasons for running to all.

My name is Stephen Hathaway, my wife (Catherine) and I moved to Glen Echo almost two years ago. We live in the little house (Nicole and Harley's old place) at the bottom of Bryn Mawr Ave. During our time here we have tried to attend all of the town events, park festivities, and Town Council meetings as the community and town personality is what led us to Glen Echo. In addition, I felt very lucky to be able to share our town hall with our family and friends at my surprise 30th birthday party. We have enjoyed sharing town with others! I have also written for *The Echo* and volunteered to help get the first statement of intent for Natural Gas out to the neighborhood. All of this has helped foster a deeper appreciation for our cozy town.

If elected I would like to help advocate for Town members and lead Glen Echo forward over the next four years. I think that a younger perspective on town items will provide a different point of view, which will only serve to advance Glen Echo, while keeping it historically grounded. I hope to see you all May 6, and hope you will vote Hathaway!

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Steve Matney

By way of introduction, I am Steve Matney. My wife Andrea and I have lived in Glen Echo for over 10 years and I have had the privilege of serving on the Town Council for the last 8 of those years.

While on the Council, I was heavily involved in the street repaving project, worked with the Mayor and other Council members to review the existing Town Ordinances, monitored the County's plans for upgrading the Shared Use path, worked closely with Glen Echo Park on issues of joint concern, and helped address the multitude of other issues that the town has faced in the last 8 years.

I have also served as the Town's liaison to the Maryland Municipal League (MML). The MML serves as a voice for the 157 municipalities in Maryland to address concerns at both the County and State levels. Through the MML I have been able to raise Town concerns to the County and State level, create relationships with other municipal elected officials to determine how they have handled issues that Glen Echo faces, and gotten advanced information on County and State proposed legislation that directly affects the Town of Glen Echo.

I frequently help organize and/or run many of the town events in Glen Echo. These have included the annual St. Patrick Day parties, town picnics, Halloween parties, Holiday breakfasts, and the Glen Echo movie series.

If elected, I will continue to work with the Mayor and other Council members to update the Town ordinances so they are consistent and easier to keep up to date, continue to evaluate the feasibility of bringing Natural Gas into town, and address all other issues that the Town faces or will face in the next 4 years. I also plan to continue my liaison role with the MML. In addition, I plan to work with the Local Government Insurance Trust (the organization that provides The Town's insurance via a joint self-insurance pool of the towns, cities, and counties of Maryland) to develop a risk model to support long-term capital planning.

I pledge if elected to continue to do my best to keep Glen Echo the special place that it is and to always be willing to listen to the concerns of its citizens. Thank you for your support.

Matt Stiglitz

My name is Matt Stiglitz, and I am a candidate for a position on the Town Council. My wife Susan, daughter Kate, and I will have lived in the Town for 5 years this May, in the brown house on the corner of Princeton and University. I grew up in the county, and we moved here because of Glen Echo's "small town" aesthetic and great sense of community. We haven't been disappointed, and have enjoyed it and our neighbors very much.

Since moving here, I have been interested in learning about the Town and how it works. I went to my first Council meeting shortly after we moved in, and have been a frequent attendee ever since. Over that time, I've gained a good sense of the issues before the Council and the work involved. Recently, I have taken on a more active role by volunteering as the town's liaison with the police.

I am not running on any particular issue. Rather, I believe that I would bring a fresh perspective to the Council, and as an attorney, would add value as the Council addresses various legal issues, such as the continued revision of the Town's ordinances. My basic approach would be to actively seek input and ideas from the Town's citizens, and to vote after careful consideration of all sides of an issue, and in a fiscally prudent manner.

I hope I can count on your support. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Thank you.

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Marathon Report

By Shannon Kraus

25.86 miles. Roughly two laps of a high school track from the finish line. That is how far I made it when we were stopped for reasons we did not know and could not comprehend. Stopped only seconds after I had just mentally reassured myself that nothing could keep me from the finish now.

I didn't see the explosion, or hear it. What I did hear was insane fan cheering eerily turn to stunned silence as we were stopped for reasons unknown to us. Confusion. What could possibly stop the Boston Marathon? I thought maybe it was protestors blocking the finish. I actually took a photo when we were first stopped, slightly annoyed but thinking as I took it that this ought to be news worthy. Little did I know the disaster ahead. I started to notice spectator faces of joy slowly turning to faces of uncertainty, to a mix of fear and terror as they seemed to know something that we didn't. Then the rumors spread of an explosion at the finish. Very quickly there were desperate and concerned spectators running back away from the finish, scanning the runners and shouting names, while looking for loved ones as they tried to decipher whether they already had passed to the finish, or "were they yet to come." It was a calm fear that swept the field as we stacked up in the thousands.

Ambulances, helicopters, swat vehicles swept past toward some unknown, unfathomable disaster. Many of us had phones, but no service could be gained. Once I knew what had happened, I was most immediately concerned about my family knowing I was safe—and then to friends, like Anne Kampfe Sievers, that I knew were to be in the area. A short time later, ambulances in the scores swept back past us with lights and sirens—a not-so-subtle clue that this was a disaster of immense scale with many hurt and injured—sending a new fear through the group. I took guilty comfort knowing my family was safely in DC. Guilt because most around me were expecting their loved ones to greet them at the finish and now did not know their fate, so I tried to comfort those I could. Strangers one second, a community bonded in disaster the next. As minutes turned to hours,

spectators in our area became supporters, comforting runners and providing aid. Runners turned to comfort each other, sharing clothing, water, and phones.

Eventually we were told to wait for buses to take us away to get our things on the other side of the finish. Those that could manage were allowed to walk the half mile back. I ran. I ran to get ahead of the scores of other runners in hopes to get a cell signal. What normally would be a packed area with proud runners receiving their medals and collecting their checked bags, looked like a semi deserted war zone with police, bomb sniffing dogs, and now a few runners trickling in to a newly secured crime scene only after showing our bibs. When I reached the bus area I was able to connect with Heather, about 90 minutes after we were first stopped. This was important as I knew she and other family members were watching the runner tracker. I knew the tracker would show me in the vicinity of the finish. I knew the tracker also would show that I had not finished. Shortly thereafter, with only a few runners making it into the bus area, we were immediately cleared out by police with renewed fears of a newly found suspicious package in the bus area about 10 yards from where I was sitting. Now we know this likely was cautionary. I hung up from Heather and quickly snapped a photo of a distressed TV personality as he was told of the suspicious package in our immediate area.

In all, police, spectators, and even fellow runners were amazing in comforting each other at every turn. It seems irrational to me to be as emotional about this as I seem to be. Those who know me know I don't usually get very emotional. I wasn't a hero or a victim. Just another bystander in a terrible event, so to be so distraught seems irrational to me. I didn't see the blast; I didn't have loved ones hurt. I was ultimately thankful a knotted calf had me on pace to my slowest marathon ever and kept me from harm's way. It is now my lucky calf. I have since learned of one friend who has two friends that lost limbs in the event. My heart aches for them as well as the others and their families. I can only imagine what they are going through.

So the most common question I have been getting, including from a couple of reporters when I arrived back to DC on Tuesday, is, "Would I run Boston

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C&O Canal Events

Canal Towns Partnership Meeting

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Sunday, May 26, 5:30 pm

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Redeemer Church

Mozart in May: “Music by the Master”

Sunday, May 5, 5 pm

Musical celebration of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, including choral, vocal, and instrumental works—both sacred and secular—and featuring acclaimed vocalists Hilary Park, soprano, and Andrew Pardini, baritone, as well as members of the Inscape Chamber Orchestra. Free-will offering. Reception to follow.

GLEN ECHO TOWN HALL EVENTS

The Following Events Are Free to All Town Residents

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Town Election

Monday, May 6, 5 pm–9 pm

Town Council Meeting

Monday, May 13, 8 pm

Town Budget Hearing

Wednesday, May 22, 7 pm

Town Budget Adoption

Wednesday, May 22, 8 pm

Summer Music Camp

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Monday, August 5, through Friday, August 9, 10 am to 2:30 pm daily. An entirely secular camp designed for children and youth ages 7–15 (campers must have completed first grade), the session will be staffed by three award-winning musical educators from the area. Tuition for the week is \$350. This includes a non-refundable fee of \$100 due at registration.

Scholarships are available for this week of musical learning and fun. For more information, please contact Thomas Smith, Director of Music, at 301-229-3770 or music.redeemer@verizon.net. The deadline for registration is July 18, 2013.

May is Better Hearing and Speech Month

By Pam Mason

What are ear infections, and how common are they?

Ear infections happen when the middle ear becomes inflamed. The middle ear is the small space behind the eardrum. Ear infections are also called acute otitis media. They can happen in one or both ears. Ear infections are among the most common sicknesses during childhood and can be painful. Many children will have at least one acute ear infection by the time they turn one year old. Ear infections are so common in children because the passage between the middle ear and the back of the throat is smaller and more horizontal in children than in adults. This allows it to be more easily blocked by infections in the ear. Sometimes children get fluid in their middle ear but don't have an infection. This is called otitis media with fluid. You may also hear or see the term "otitis media with effusion" or "fluid in the middle ear." A small number of children will have three or more cases of otitis media with fluid by age three. Sometimes the cases can take a month or longer to heal. Constant ear fluid is more common in children under two years of age, but it can be seen in children older than two. When fluid is present in the ear for a prolonged period of time, this can pose a risk of hearing loss. Hearing loss at a young age can affect typical speech and language development.

What are the signs of an ear infection?

It can be hard to know whether your child has an ear infection. This is especially true if your child is too young to say, "My ear hurts." Signs of an ear infection include:

- Tugging or pulling at the ear
- Crying more than usual
- Fever
- Not responding to sounds
- Trouble sleeping
- Drainage from the ear

How are ear infections treated?

Ear infections can be treated with antibiotics prescribed by your doctor. Medicine should be given until the infection is gone. Ear infections with fluid can be treated by:

- Waiting for the fluid to go away. For many children, ear fluid will go away in a few months.
- Surgery to put a tube in your child's ear if he or she has repeated ear infections. This surgery is done by an ear, nose, and throat doctor, or ENT. Talk with your child's doctor about what is best for your child. It is important to keep follow-up appointments.

How can ear infections affect my child's hearing?

Fluid in the middle ear makes it harder for your child to hear sounds because of conductive hearing loss. Imagine if you were trying to hear something underwater. That is what it might sound like to your child. While some children with an ear infection have no change in their hearing, other children may have a short term hearing loss. The hearing loss may go away once the fluid is gone from their middle ear. However, when ear infections occur over and over again, permanent damage can occur. Therefore, it is critical that ear infections be treated properly.

Cases of fluid in the middle ear (that do not involve an actual infection) present a special problem because symptoms of pain and fever are usually not present. Weeks and even months can go by before parents suspect a problem. During this time, the child may miss out on some of the information that can influence speech and language development.

What should I do if I think my child has an ear infection?

A physician should handle the medical treatment. Ear infections require immediate attention, most likely from a pediatrician or otolaryngologist (ENT). If your child has frequently recurring infections and/or chronic fluid in the middle ear, two additional specialists should be consulted: an audiologist and a speech-language pathologist. An audiologist's evaluation will assess the severity of any hearing impairment—even in a very young or uncooperative child—and will indicate if a middle ear disorder is

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present. A speech–language pathologist will measure your child’s specific speech and language skills and can recommend and/or provide remedial programs when they are needed.

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again?” or “Is it a big deal not to have finished in the grand scheme of things?” Originally it wasn’t a big deal not to finish and I was slightly annoyed at the question given the severity of the event.

As some time has passed, not finishing has become a very big deal—more for the idea that terrorism prevented the finish. So I think I am not alone in believing most runners would re-race Boston tomorrow if we could, simply to send a message that we (America) won’t be stopped or intimidated. That we are strong as a group, and that we rally around each other. Completing the race thus has even more value than it ever did before. Not for time or personal fulfillment, the original motivators, but for unity and determination against those that would cause such terror and for those not as lucky as I was. I now run for those that can’t.

WORD SEARCH

By Pam Mason

How many words can you find?

SAY
TALK
HEAR
EARS
LIPS
MOUTH

