

# The Echo

The Town of  
**GLEEN ECHO, MARYLAND**  
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September 2013

## Gas Implementation Discussed

Phyllis Fordham

### *Washington Gas Permit*

At the August Town Council meeting, the Council discussed the draft Town permit they will send to Washington Gas (WG) for the installation of gas main lines. The wording of the permit has been approved by the Town and will be sent with several other documents to Washington Gas along with a check for the amount agreed upon at an earlier Council meeting (\$209,877). The Town Attorney previously wrote that this permit would be the document most important in setting forth terms that will govern WG's performance. Some of the terms, as worded, in the permit are:

1. The Town authorizes WG "to install gas service, a meter, and a regulator, including the necessary connections to the primary gas main, on the exterior of and for any home within the above referenced bounded area whose owner requests to be serviced by natural gas, after such time as the owner is preparing to use natural gas."
2. "WG shall require those owners of homes connecting to natural gas services to identify and mark any privately owned underground lines."
3. "This permit shall be in effect for 18 months, effective upon the date of issuance, and subject to renewal by written application of WG."
4. "The relocation and/or adjustment of any public utility shall be the responsibility of WG prior to any construction authorized by this permit."
5. "WG shall post a bond in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to assure restoration in compliance with this Agreement."

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**Next Town Council Meeting**  
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The reference to “privately owned underground lines” might apply to certain water or electrical pipes installed by the homeowner, not the main lines of utility companies, which will be identified and marked by WG. Other provisions in the permit dealt with construction constraints. A copy of the entire permit can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

**Reintroduction of Ordinance to Set Fee for Household Gas Hookup**

The Mayor asked that an amendment to the Town Ordinance, Articles 17 and 23 be reintroduced to assure timeliness of actions as required to amend the ordinances. It was first introduced in July, but a vote will not be taken before the September Council meeting and the 60 day requirement to adopt may be exceeded then. The amendment will set a fee for households that want to have gas extended to their properties from the main lines and the initial amount set forth was \$300 per household. The amendment was reintroduced because the Mayor wanted all Council Members to discuss the amount and all will be present at the September meeting. The fee is intended to reduce the total cost to be paid to Washington Gas, which is \$209,877. There will be other municipal costs including consulting fees to an engineering firm to act as the Town representative on technical matters and an arborist to oversee tree conservation throughout the process. The Mayor pointed out that WG’s offer letter dated July 11, 2013 stated the “Washington Gas will not remove or replace trees or shrubbery.” The Town permit, however, requires WG to replace trees on Town property and to replace if needed.

**Funds Need to be Transferred to Town Maintenance Projects**

Town Clerk Nicole Fraser has met with Mark Peyton and they ascertained that additional vegetation and street cleanup will be needed this year. A wet spring and sunny summer has contributed to excessive vegetation growth. The Council approved transfer of funds from one category to another in the budget to

allow for additional cleanup as needed. Initial additional costs are estimated to be \$5,000. We may also need more than one or two leaf pickups.

**Town Yard Sale**

Raya Bodnarchuk stated her willingness to manage the yard sale again this year, along with Carol Barton and Forest Yang, who also managed the yard sale last year. The Council approved of the October event and thanked those who will work on this year’s event.

**C&O Canal Bill Introduced in U.S. Senate**

Nancy Long provided a copy of a press release regarding legislation introduced by Senators Cardin and Mikulski to continue the involvement of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Park Historical Park Advisory Commission in decisions that affect the C&O Canal National Historical Park. The Advisory Commission was first established in 1971 and Congress must reauthorize it every 10 years. It operates at a nominal cost and is purely advisory but is intended to let communities along the canal have a say in the park’s future.

**New Volunteer for The Echo**

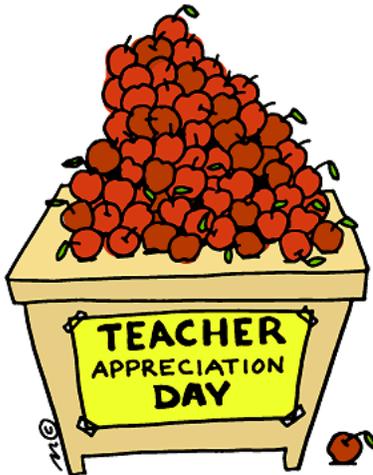
The Echo would like to thank Carol Barton for volunteering as a distributor of The Echo. She will take on the route formerly administered by Maire Hewitt.

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**Police Report**  
**Stop Sign Violations, Underage Smoking, and Parking Violation**

Off-duty Montgomery County policemen worked for 13 hours between July 9 and August 11 and issued 43 warnings and 6 citations for stop sign violations.

In addition, the police officers observed teenaged persons “hanging out smoking cigarettes on the sidewalk at University Avenue and Oxford Road.” One teen was cited for underage tobacco use. The offender lives in Cabin John; *The Echo* does not name juvenile offenders.

A parking violation on Oberlin Avenue was noted by the officers and the violator will park in his driveway on that street from now on.

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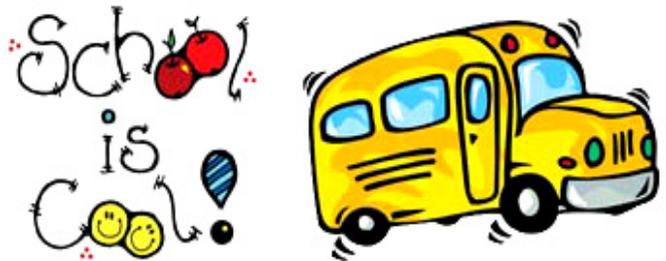
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Nursery Care	10:15 a.m.
Choral Eucharist	10:30 a.m.
Church School for All Ages	10:30 a.m.

■ UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, September 8, at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Homecoming Sunday Worship (*Ice Cream Social at 12:00 noon*)

Sunday, October 6, at 5:00 p.m.  
Inscape Chamber Orchestra in Concert: *"Songs of the Earth"*

Monday, October 7, at 7:30 p.m.  
Contemplative Service in the Style of Taizé

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## TRAPPED! Like A Rabbit

Phyllis Fordham

*While the basic facts in this story are mostly accurate, there is really no one it refers to, living or dead, except by accident.*

Rabbits were a topic in *The Echo* a few months back, then taken up by *The Washington Post* in August. The verdict seemed to be cages. Only cages would keep the little critters at bay.

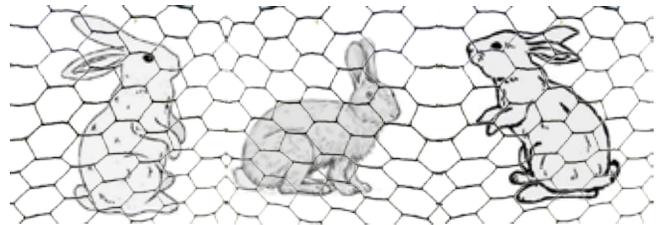
Glen Echo residents were ahead of the curve and backyard cages popped up in early summer throughout the Town. Some were more elaborate than others. There were no cage contests, and at least one was actually left over from last year. There was a cage that a grown person could stand in. Made of chicken wire, the cage had a sort of tie on it that could be unleashed for entry. Another cage design was a combination of two by fours sunk into the ground with cross trusses and of course, chicken wire. It had doors...more than one, and each fastened with a proper lock, the kind that clicks behind you after you go in there. The openings in the chicken wire guarantee no easy entry for animals, or even groping fingers. If we ever get the right to have chickens in Glen Echo, a few could occupy this particular cage and feel quite safe and sound. For the time being though, it surrounds vegetables; tomatoes, peppers, a few herbs and not much more. There have been no rabbit sightings in the cage and the tender leaves and fruits inside appear un-munched. It is Form as well as Function for this fine structure. It is, also, arguably, the best tomato cage in town. We say arguably because we haven't done a complete cage survey, so please, cage owners, do not send irate letters proclaiming your cage's superior attributes.

In mid-August, we had a cage incident. No rabbits were trapped that we know of, but at least one Glen Echo resident was. In mid-afternoon on a Friday she wandered into the cage to get a better look at the potential harvest. No one was around. In the house, one other resident was taking a shower. Another was engrossed in a National's game on TV. The door on the cage slammed behind our farmerette, trapping

her in the cage meant to protect tasty tomatoes and luscious herbs from bunny invasions.

The pitiful creature, whom we will refer to as Madame A, cried for help for what may have seemed like an hour. Maybe it was only 15 minutes. But after the first 10 minutes of feeble entreaties, she became a bit weary. Her Heeeelp...heeeelp heeeelp sounds went unheard. The bushes on the perimeter of the property shielded her from the road beside it and at the same time made observation of her cage and her plight unlikely.

Her senses were sharpened, no doubt from isolation. Then she heard footsteps. HELP, HELP, she sounded again. A Park Ranger, who had finished his day was walking by, heard the pitiful cries, slowed then stopped. The puzzled ranger cautiously peered through the bushes. "Well," he said, "I bet that keeps rabbits out." Needless to say, her rescue was assured.



### Anytime Is the Right Time To Get a Library Card

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**LOCAL EVENTS**

**Folklore Society of Greater Washington  
The South Roscommon Singers In Concert**

Glen Echo Town Hall  
 Sunday, September 22, at 7 pm  
 County Roscommon is located in the geographical center of Ireland. Founded in September 1993, The South Roscommon Singers' Circle is composed of traditional singers devoted to the older ballads of Ireland and beyond. Four of their finest singers, Declan Coyne, Johnny Johnston, Mai Herson, and Liam Lally will bring to the Glen Echo Town Hall a wondrous cornucopia of delights—folklore, stories, and ballads from Sligo, Offaly, Galway, and Roscommon, and a few rousing ballads for group singing!

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A donation of \$15 or more is requested, however the event is free to Glen Echo residents if you desire.

**Music at Redeemer Series  
Inscape Chamber Orchestra in Concert:  
"Songs of the Earth"**

Redeemer Church  
 Sunday, October 6, at 5 pm  
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**C&O Canal Association Eventa  
Happy Birthday Montgomery County**

Sunday, September 8, 2 pm–5 pm  
 Beall Dawson Historical Park  
 103 Montgomery Avenue, Rockville, MD

**Park After Dark**

September 28, 6 pm  
 Historic Great Falls Tavern  
 Fundraising Event for C&O Canal Association  
[www.candocanal.org](http://www.candocanal.org)



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**Under-21 Reporter.** One of our residents suggested a young people's column where a reporter will write about the under-21 set in Glen Echo, comings, goings, awards, ceremonies, etc. This can be an occasional column as long as our reporter is committed to write at least three a year. Supervision is available and we are willing to work with your school for any credit you may be able to get for this work. You will also be a published author, which may count for something, someday, somewhere.

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### Thanks to Gloria Levin

Gloria Levin has acted as business manager for *The Echo* for almost two years but will resign as of October 2013. She did a terrific job, coordinating with our advertisers and keeping track of payments for the services provided. Gloria has performed many volunteer activities for the Town including her service as a member of the Town Council for four years. We are grateful for her participation and keen interest in all aspects of her volunteer service.

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Sept. 20–Oct. 27

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Reception Friday, Aug. 30, 7:00–9:00 pm

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## October Yard Sale

Remember to save items for the Yard Sale, to be held on October 19 at Town Hall and throughout town. Volunteers from last year's event have agreed to participate again. Details will be provided in September. Call Raya Bodnarchuk, Carol Barton, or Forest Yang for more information.

