

# The Echo

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**December 2014**

## **Town Council Notes**

**By Jim McGunnigle**

The Town Council met on November 10 with all members present. There was no actionable business but several discussions took place.

### ***Glen Echo Park Report***

Aaron LaRocca, representative of the National Park Service provided the monthly report about activities at Glen Echo Park. He told the Council that the shared path and bridge work is running behind schedule but will be completed this winter. The new path will enter the park's upper parking lot, and six parking spaces will be eliminated.

Mayor Beers asked if there couldn't be more adult courses offered in the park, such as language train-

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ing, which would provide a better balance for the use of adults as well as activities for children. Council member Long suggested that more could be done to publicize the history of the park.

The Clara Barton House is presently closed. It will reopen at the end of November but without

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furniture. The House will close again in January for two years, during which time major repairs will be undertaken.

**Town Signs**

Council member Matt Stiglitz reported that he has had conversations with Montgomery Police officials regarding the control of parking in Glen Echo. While no decisions have been made, if the town should decide that parking control measures should be taken by the county, the signs will have to be changed to meet county standards. Matt has done some research on designs, and after he amasses additional information, he will return to the topic and share more definitive options with the Council.

Resident Aaron Hirsch said that he was attracted to Glen Echo, in part, because town signs are charming and wondered if we really needed more parking signs. Resident Renny Springuel, also in the audience, stated his preference for the current design of the signs.

**Street Lights**

Mayor Beers pointed out that a number of street lights in the town are not working. Mr. Stiglitz will conduct a survey and arrange to have them working.

The Council adjourned their meeting without taking action on any items.

**Carlotta Anderson, Glen Echo Resident, Writer, Editor of *The Echo***

By Julia Wilson

Longtime Glen Echo resident Carlotta Anderson died Nov. 14, peacefully, at her home. She was 85 years old.

Carlotta was born in Los Angeles in 1929, the only child of Fred Hauser, a Swiss immigrant, and Charlotte Labadie of Detroit. She attended the University of California Los Angeles and graduated from University of California at Berkeley.

She met her husband Jim while they were both working for *Overseas Weekly*, a newspaper in Germany.

For a decade they lived in Germany and then England, where son Chris and daughter Julia were born. On their return to the United States, their son Eric was born in Marin County, California.

The family moved to Glen Echo in 1969 and she lived in the same house there until her death.

Carlotta was a stay-at-home mother who never lost her love of writing. She wrote a book on her grandfather, Joseph Labadie, a prominent Detroit anarchist and labor activist. It was published by Wayne State University.

One of her great loves was her community of Glen Echo. She restarted publication of *The Echo*, the town newsletter, and served as its editor for more than three decades. She personally welcomed each new neighbor with a profile in *The Echo*. She continued to write the Welcome Newcomer column and filed her last column on November 2, 2014.

Carlotta also wrote a walking tour of Glen Echo, in which she detailed information about every house in Glen Echo. The books are distributed by town Hall and she provided one to each of the newcomers whom she interviewed after they moved into town.

She was happily married to Jim Anderson until his death in 2011. Carlotta is survived by her three children and 10 grandchildren. Julia still lives with her family in Glen Echo while Chris lives in Berkeley and Eric lives in Denver.

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## Carlotta Anderson Remembered at Ladies Night

Sally McGunnigle hosted Ladies Night on November 18, 2014, just days after Carlotta Anderson passed away. Most of those attending had heard of Carlotta's death through the Glen Echo grapevine. The mood was subdued as people spoke of her and all she had done for Glen Echo in her years of living here. Sally proposed a toast to Carlotta and many remembered how she loved the town and spoke of her dedication, particularly to *The Echo* during all her years here. Mayor Debbie Beers recalled that Carlotta had reminded her of important town facts throughout the years. She was the official archivist for the town and provided oversight for records that are kept at Town Hall.

Carlotta and Jim Anderson raised their three children here, and daughter, Julia Wilson still lives in town on University Avenue. University Avenue itself became a well trodden path once Julia had her own children and Carlotta, the smitten grandmother, walked back and forth many times during a week to visit and help out with those children.

She was active in obtaining the Montgomery County designation of Oakdale Villa as an historic property. Located at 44 Wellesley Circle, the gracious house is now occupied by the Ryan Family, whom Carlotta recently interviewed as newcomers to Glen Echo.

Carlotta was a life-long writer. Her published work included a history of her grandfather entitled *All American Anarchist, Joseph Labadie and the Labor Movement*. She also wrote a book about the town of Glen Echo. Photos of the architecture and tidbits about the people who lived in the town are featured in *A Walking Tour of Glen Echo* which was published in 2004. Copies of the book are still distributed through Town Hall and Carlotta delivered one to each family whom she interviewed for her Newcomers column in *The Echo*. Amazingly, although she had been in poor health for some time, she filed her last Newcomers article for *The Echo* on November 2, just two weeks before her death.

Her longest writing and editing endeavor may

well be her work as editor of *The Echo*. By her own calculation, she held that post for thirty four years. It's been about five years since she resigned as editor but she remained faithful to interviewing and writing about new residents in town. She has also posted excerpts from *The Echo* month after month in the window box beside the front door of the Post Office. Carlotta never mentioned that she was the one who performed that service. The excerpts appeared mysteriously and timely every month without fail.

The town will miss Carlotta, her work, and her affection for Glen Echo. Her children and grandchildren will miss her presence.



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## Add Some Sparkle to Your Holiday Décor

By Melinda Myers

Liven up your holiday décor with lights, a bit of glitz, and some colorful blossoms this season.

Start by gathering greenery from your landscape. Use needled evergreens like pines and firs, broadleaf evergreens like boxwood, holly and evergreen magnolia, as well as junipers and arborvitae to create wreaths, swags, centerpieces, and garland. And don't forget to include cones, holly berries, crabapples, and the bluish-colored fruit of junipers.

Be selective as you prune your trees and shrubs when collecting these materials. Use sharp bypass pruners that have two sharp blades and will make a clean cut that closes more quickly. Make your cuts above a healthy bud, where the branches join another branch, or back to the main trunk. Take only a few branches from each tree or shrub to maintain the plants' beauty.

Place freshly cut greens in a cool location away from heaters, fireplaces, and open flames. Set them on colorful fabric or paper to catch the sap and avoid damaging your woodwork and furnishings.

Check your greenery for freshness every few days. The needles, leaves, and stems should bend, but not break. Replace dried greens with fresh materials.

Add a few flowers to your greenery and houseplants for some instant color. Stick your greenery and flowers in dampened floral foam to create a long-lasting holiday centerpiece. Or place cut flowers in floral picks and set them in dish gardens and houseplants to brighten things up. Then swap out the flowers as they fade.

And consider making a few extra planters or centerpieces to give as holiday and hostess gifts this year.

Now is the time to put on your gardening shoes, grab the pruners, and get started decorating for the holiday season ahead.

Columnist Melinda Myers has a master's degree in horticulture and has written over 20 gardening books. Myers is also a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Her web site, [www.melindamyers.com](http://www.melindamyers.com), offers gardening videos, podcasts and monthly tips.

## LADIES OF GLEN ECHO

*Ladies Night*

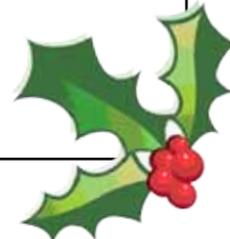
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*on holiday*

*in December.*

*Happy Holidays*

*to all!*



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

### ■ UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, December 7, at 5:00 p.m.  
A Service of Lessons & Carols for Advent

Sunday, December 14, at 10:30 a.m.  
Choral Eucharist with Christmas Pageant

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

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### Town Major Expenditure Update

During October, the town's largest expenditures were \$3353 to Chapel Valley and \$2175 to Dennis Alexander for accounting services.



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#### FSGW English Country Dance

Wednesdays, Dec. 3, 10, 17,  
8-10:30 pm

#### Art Show and Sale

Saturday, Dec. 6, 1 pm-4 pm

#### C&O Canal Board Meeting

Sunday, Dec. 7, 1 pm

#### Glen Echo Holiday Brunch

Saturday, Dec. 13, 10 am-11:30 am

#### C&O Canal Board Meeting

Sunday, Dec. 7, 1 pm



### Police Report

Between October 9 and November 5, Montgomery County off duty police officers issued 18 warnings and 7 citations to those drivers on Oxford Road who violated the stop sign directive. Two people were repeat offenders. The officers worked a total of 10 hours for the period. The town paid them \$360. On November 1, one officer monitored parking on Oberlin Avenue and no violations were observed.



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## Newcomers With A View to the Past

By Carlotta Anderson

*Ed. Note Carlotta Anderson filed this interview on November 2, 2014*

“Anyone who has lived in Glen Echo knows there is no place like it.” That is the sentiment of Matt Polak, whose parents moved to Glen Echo when he was about one year old. Matt, his wife Erin, two children, Sophie, 3, and Hayes, 1, and a dog, Maple, who is “lovable, but crazy,” moved back to Glen Echo in July of this year.

They live at 7316 University Ave., only a short walk from that of his parents, Cathie and Willem Polak, at 6001 Princeton Ave.

Matt left Glen Echo in 1998 to attend James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Before college, he attended Norwood School and St. Alban’s for high school. He is currently enrolled in the UCLA Anderson Executive MBA program.

Erin grew up in McLean, Virginia, and attended Chesterbrook elementary school and Madeira high school before enrolling in the University of Virginia. Matt and Erin met when they were 16 and were married at the St. Alban Little Sanctuary in 2006.

Matt owns BroadBranch Advisors, a strategic advisory firm, whose business is to help clients grow, diversify, and expand their businesses through organic growth and acquisitions. Unlike a lot of firms in DC, they don’t do any work for the government. Erin works in public relations for the pharmaceutical industry.

Before returning to Glen Echo, the couple lived in Chevy Chase. While they found it “a great neighborhood,” they said it didn’t compare with what Glen Echo had to offer. They are very pleased to find many other kids in town that their children can play with and the town’s great surroundings. Matt is especially fond of the close-knit, family-feel the town has to offer, and especially its proximity to the Potomac River. In his rare “down time” he loves the opportunity to go down to the river with his dog for fishing. He looks forward to the time when his children can join him in this pursuit.

Welcome back to the Matt Polak and a first welcome to his family!



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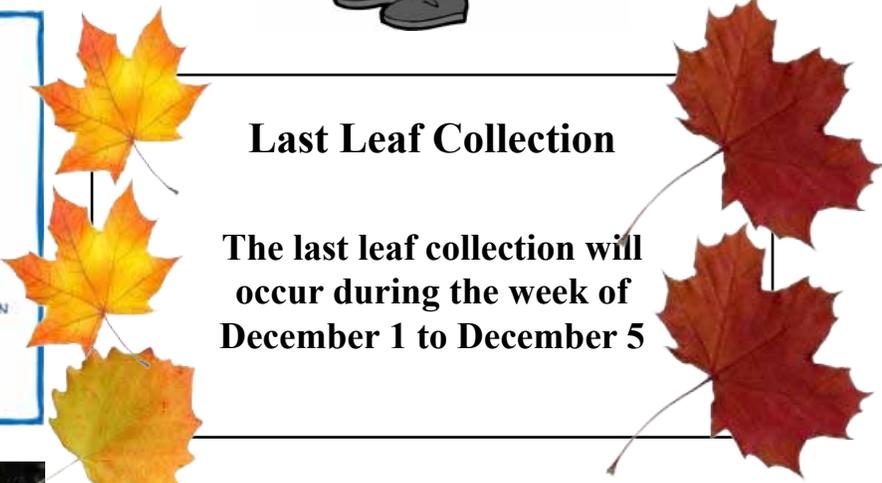
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Craft Show at Clara Barton Community Center  
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More info at [www.FriendsCBCC.org](http://www.FriendsCBCC.org)

Glen Echo Park's annual  
*Winter's Eve*

Saturday \* December 6, 2014 \*  
 6 - 9 pm

- \* holiday crafts \*
- \* Strum & Sing-Along with  
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- \* hot cocoa bar & popcorn\*
- \* special performances \*

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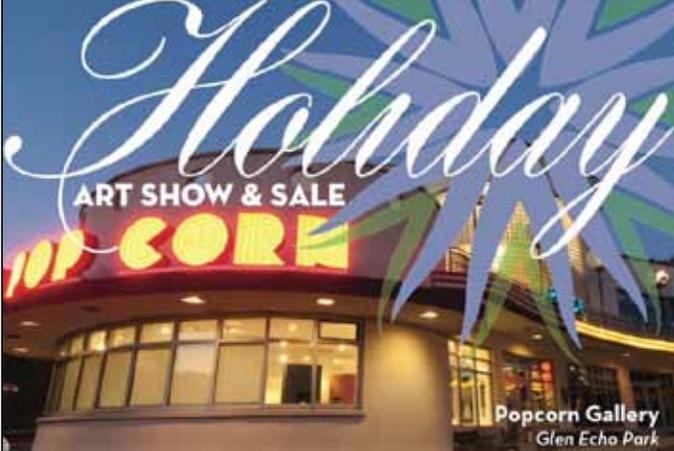
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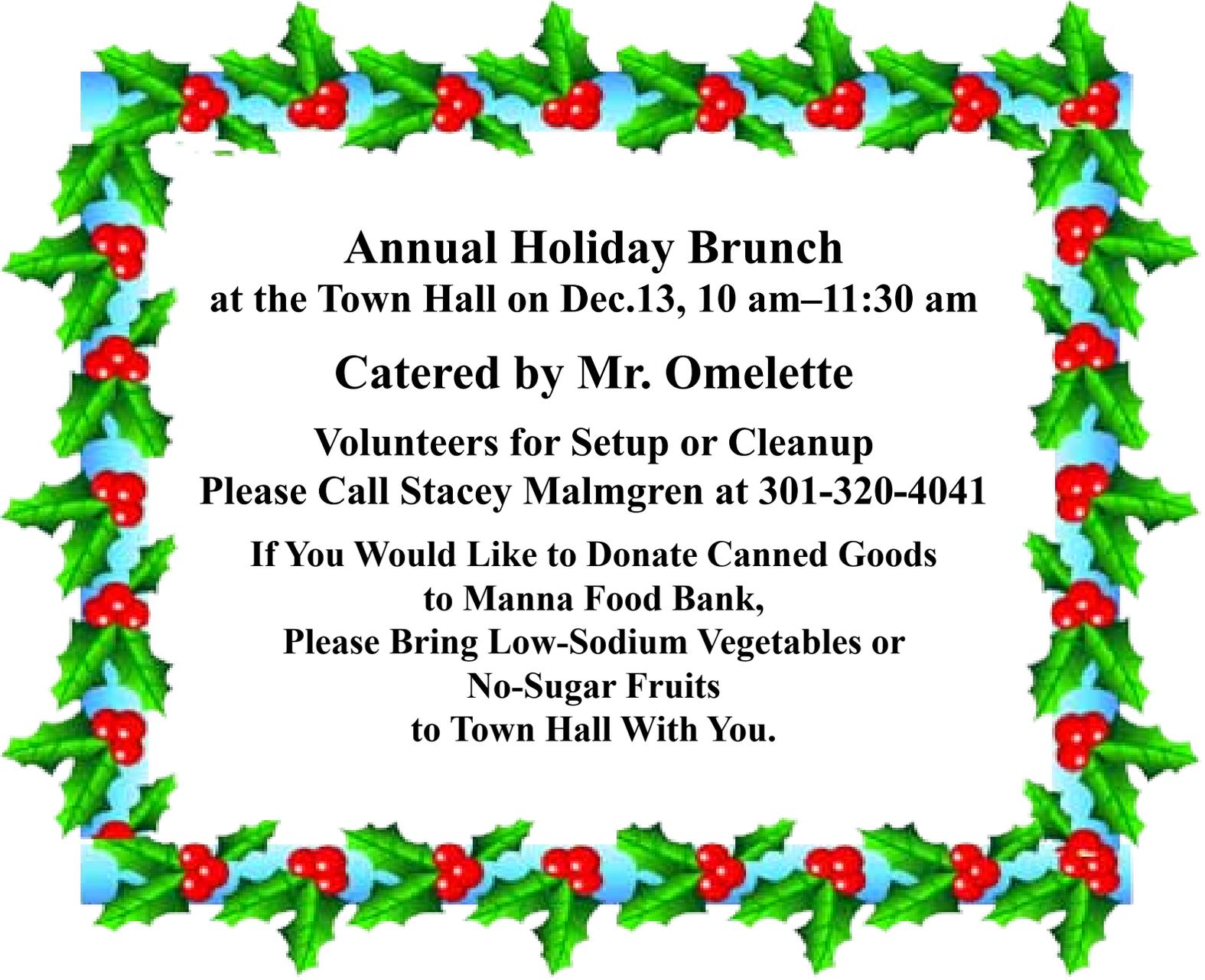
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