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TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

All of the Council Members and the Mayor were in attendance at the April 13 Town Council meeting. Additionally, there were about a dozen residents. Lately every seat in the house has been filled!

Glen Echo Park Report

Our National Park Service representative Aaron LaRocca began with his report. The public comment period for the Environmental Assessment of the Clara Barton House rehabilitation project has ended. A copy of the EA is available at Town Hall for any interested residents. The house is scheduled to close to the public in July, and the project is expected to take up to two years.

The NPS feels the handrails on the new shared-use path are unsafe and is waiting for Montgomery County to replace some of the hardware, which didn't match the original plans. While

the County has provided NPS with new plans, it has not included a timeline for completion.

Preparations for Family Day (May 2) and Washington Folkfest (May 30, 31) are underway, and the park has started to bring on staff for its busy season. Rangers Zackary Gardner and David Dyre are back to support operations.

Town Business

There was a lot of discussion about the upcoming variance hearing (May 6) regarding the new shed at 6100 Princeton Avenue, which is too close to the property line. Because neither the residents, Florian and Robin Kogelnik, nor the

complaintant, unknown, were in attendance, the Council decided our lawyer attending the hearing would lodge a complaint about the process regarding the permit for the shed: All building permits should be presented to the Town.



A non-compliant shed

Council Member Stiglitz raised the issue of aggressive tree-cutting by Pepco in the Town. Residents voiced concern that Pepco is overstepping their guidelines for cutting and for getting approval from residents. This issue also garnered a lot of discussion.



Trees versus Pepco

Mayor Beers pointed out that since Pepco has been more on top of tree maintenance there have been far fewer power outages.

The Town's roads were cleaned in April, but it appears they missed Columbia Road. The Council decided a



Spring cleaning

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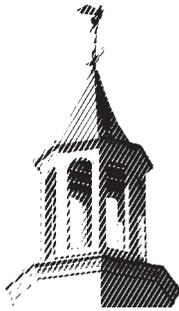
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Next Town Council Meeting: May 11, 2015, 8 PM

second sweep up of the winter's sand may be necessary, after we see what the April showers can manage.

Odds and Ends

Renny Springuel asked that the speed bump on Bryn Mawr Avenue not be replaced, and Susan Grigsby wanted to acknowledge the tireless efforts of the firemen dispatched to 6102 Bryn Mawr Avenue on March 29. She said they were out there until 4 AM, making sure the fire was completely out.

The Town Election will be held May 4 from 5 PM–9 PM downstairs at Town Hall.

See below for more details.

The Town Budget Hearing has been set for May 21 at 7:30 PM.

Police Report

Between March 8 and April 5, off-duty police officers issued 40 warnings and 9 citations for not stopping at the stop sign on Oxford Road. The Town paid \$480 for these services.

Town Expenses

In March, the Town paid \$7,535 to Rasevic Snow Services, \$1,650 to Uneeda Plumbing, and \$796 to Pepco for streetlight maintenance. —EMILY PARSONS

SEE YOU AT THE POLLS

On Monday May 4, from 5 PM–9 PM, an election for two Town Council seats will be held downstairs at Town Hall. To register to vote for Town elections, contact the Clerk-Treasurer or simply register on election day as you enter the polls. Proof of residency may be requested. Absentee ballots will be provided to those requesting them, in writing, prior to 5 PM on May 2, 2015, through Susan Grigsby, Supervisor, Board of Elections, 7325 University Avenue, Glen Echo, Maryland 20812.

All seats are for a four-year term, and the top two vote earners will become Town Council Members.

Council Members Nancy Long and Mark McCaffrey's seats are up for election. Ms. Long and Mr. McCaffrey will be running again and are being joined in the race by Dia Costello and Renny Springuel. Following are brief statements from the candidates.

Dia Costello

6100 HARVARD AVENUE



I have happily lived in Glen Echo for the past 17 years. For me this has

been the perfect place to raise my children, Ian and Téa. My husband Matt and I

have been grateful to live in an eclectic community full of kind and interesting people. Although I don't have any political experience, I have been a social worker for twenty-five years and believe my listening, analyzing, and problem solving skills will be an asset to the Town Council. I would love the opportunity to give back to the community that has given me so much.

COUNCIL MEMBER

Nancy Long

31 WELLESLEY CIRCLE



The major problem confronting our Town's future is the intensification of development in the Potomac Palisades of which our Town is a part. Montgomery County has shifted its residential land-use policy from the single-family dwelling unit to the multi-use concept as a means to make more "efficient" use of surface land. Downtown

Bethesda and the new plan for the Goldsboro tract are prime examples. We must do everything possible to protect our Town's R-60 single-family zoning category to prevent high-rise buildings and creeping commercialism.

The Bethesda Chevy Chase Master Plan devotes seven pages to the Palisades including the following statement: "This plan recommends preservation of the Potomac Palisades' unique environmental features of steeply wooded slopes and vistas and the perpetuation of the open space character established in the area."

Our Town has a long record of fending off adverse use and development of land. Ask me about saving Glen Echo Park and the Clara Barton House. We also joined other communities along the MacArthur Boulevard corridor to prevent unwanted commercial activity.

"Small is beautiful," wrote Aldo Leopold. Glen Echo is small and it is also beautiful. We like it that way. So, with

experience as one guide, let us be watchful and prepared to protect our Town's fine qualities for our and future generations.

COUNCIL MEMBER

Mark McCaffrey

6104 HARVARD AVENUE



Hello my friends and neighbors in our wonderful town of Glen Echo. I

am running for re-election to a second term representing our town as Council Member for another four years. In my first term, I am most proud of being instrumental in bringing natural gas to the Town, something I know the residents have wanted for years after many attempts made by the Town over the last 30-plus years. I was happy to connect the Town to my personal contacts at Washington Gas to gain their interest in working with us to bring gas here. A true effort of collaboration between residents and Council. Prior to my position as Council Member, I represented the Town as representative on the Glen Echo Fire Department board for three years. I will continue to listen to all points of view from our residents and build consensus as we grow as a community. The interests of Glen Echo, the town we all love, will continue to guide me. I ask

for your vote as we continue moving forward together.

Renny Springuel

21 VASSAR CIRCLE



Having been a Council Member in the past, I'm approaching this campaign

with the knowledge and experience that the job requires a time commitment and the ability to listen to the voters and understand the different needs of the residents. I firmly believe that the town government needs to be sensitive to the need for change and at the same time try and keep some of the characteristics of the Town that make our town a unique place to live in. The Town public spaces (streets, the Town Hall, and parks) are crucial to keeping the small town atmosphere we have had in the past. The town government is the caretaker for these properties, and I believe the better we take care of them, the better use and enjoyment they will get from all residents. Having lived in town for over 30 years I have some of the institutional memory of what was done, when, and why and what needs to be done in the future. I also bring years of experience as an engineer to these duties. I work from home, so I can adjust my time to attend meetings during the day with contractors doing business in town.

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There are certain herbs that are absolutely essential to grow so that they are easily available on an as-needed basis when cooking. I grow herbs in containers as well as in the ground. With containers, you will need good-sized pots so that they do not dry out too quickly. Place herbs so they receive at least six hours of direct sunlight and good garden soil that drains. Here are my top picks:



Italian Sweet Basil ↑
(*Ocimum basilicum* 'Genovese')
Grown as an annual in this climate, Italian sweet basil is tender, meaning it does not like any frost at all (nor cold moist soil), so it is not safe to plant outside until around May 1. When plants are young, pinch them back to encourage branching—it will make your plant more productive. As plants grow and you see the flowers appearing, pinch the flowers off as well. This helps the plant's energy go into the leaves rather than into flowering and making seed. Harvest leaves throughout the summer by cutting back the tips and short branches. It is best to use basil fresh but

HOLLY IN THE IVY

if you want to preserve it, freezing is better than drying. I add the fresh leaves in a blender with olive oil and then freeze that mixture in ice cube trays. I always need a lot of fresh basil, so I plant at least six plants for a plentiful harvest.



Flat Leaf Parsley ↑
(*Petroselinum crispum*)
Once I discovered making chimichurri sauce, I needed a huge supply of flat leaf

parsley. (Confession: When it comes to cooking, "I" may refer to my husband Osamu since he is a masterful chef.) I find it has a stronger flavor and a better texture for some recipes than the curly leaf parsley. Plants are actually biennials meaning they produce abundant leaves the first year and flower and die the second year. Harvest the outer leaves throughout the growing seasons, which are very long since parsley is extremely tolerant of cold temperatures. Plant some extra parsley plants for the black swallowtail caterpillars that feed on the leaves. These caterpillars love to eat plants in the carrot family including parsley, dill, and fennel. The gorgeous

caterpillars are a bright green with black stripes and yellow dots and later turn into stunning butterflies.



Italian Oregano ↑
(Hardy sweet marjoram, *Origanum x majoricum*)
This is the best of all plants often referred to as oregano, because it blends the spiciness of oregano flavor with the subtleness of sweet marjoram. It is a hardy perennial and gets about 12 to 24 inches tall. Cutting back the flowers will encourage more leaf growth and thereby improve flavor and productivity. Use the leaves fresh or dry for pastas, salads, sauces, marinades, and more.



Lemon Thyme ↑
(*Thymus x citriodorus*)
Lemon thyme is a superb hardy, evergreen herbal ground cover for sunny, well drained places. It grows well along walkways, over edges,

OSAMU'S CHIMICHURRI SAUCE

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup fresh flat leaf parsley, chopped
- 1 cup fresh cilantro leaves, chopped
- ¼ cup fresh oregano, chopped
- 2 Tbsp chopped onion
- ½ cup olive oil
- 2 Tbsp rice vinegar
- 1 Tbsp lime juice
- kosher salt and black pepper
- 1 small fresh tomato, chopped
- ½ avocado, chopped

DIRECTIONS:

Put olive oil in a bowl and mix in the other ingredients with a fork. Use this as a dip for bread, as a sauce for many foods, and as a marinade.

It is delicious and healthful!

or in containers and can be harvested throughout the year for the benefit of its lemony thyme flavors that are great with fish, salads, and teas. If, in addition, you want a touch of gold as a highlight in the garden try growing the golden lemon thyme (*Thymus x citriodorus 'Aureus'*).

a distinctive and pleasing flavor in salads and sauces of many types. When purchasing French tarragon be sure not to buy the less desirable "Russian tarragon" that has little flavor and is weedy. True French tarragon rarely produces seed and is propagated by



Ginger Mint

Red Stemmed Ginger Mint
(*Mentha x gracilis 'Madalene Hill'*)

I grow this fantastic mint in a huge container on my roof garden. This way it won't take over in a garden bed, and I have it connected to the down spouts, so it gets plenty of water. It is the best mint for flavor, blending spearmint and peppermint. I love it for beverages, tabouleh, desserts, and with fruit. I make a great refreshing drink by mixing lemonade and mint tea in a one to one ratio and serve it chilled—wonderful on a hot day.

cuttings or division. It is best used fresh and should be harvested throughout the summer. Pinch young plants to encourage a bushier plant. It is a hardy perennial and should come back for several years.

Now is the time for planting these herbs. By planting early in the season, plants get well established and are then more productive. Herbs reward us throughout the summer. —HOLLY SHIMIZU



French Tarragon →
(*Artemisia dracunculus 'Sativa'*)

The anise-like flavor of French tarragon makes it

THE DISH



Early spring farmers markets are sparsely stocked, but you will find many unusual, delicate greens. Think the opposite of spinach and chard and the like. These delicate greens include ramps, watercress, dandelion, pea shoots, mache. Pick up something you've never heard of; pick up a variety.

This is a baked egg dish, so I do it in small ramekins, one for each guest. Oil the ramekins and then create a bread bowl within each—I use a slice or two of French bread. In those little bowls, create a nest with your unusual early spring greens, and finally crack some eggs and place one into each nest. This doesn't have to be perfect—the taste will still be good. I give

each a little pepper.

Place the ramekins into your oven heated to 350 degrees. They cook for about 10–12 minutes, but you can cook to your perceived perfection. I like the yolks completely runny. While the **nestled eggs** do their thing, melt butter in a small frying pan. Add a couple of sprigs of fresh sage and cook, removing the herb before serving. (Alternatively, you could add sliced sage, fry it crispy and include it in the final dish. OR, try Osamu's chimichurri sauce on opposite page.) I admit I am heavy-handed with the butter.

Ramekins come out of the oven, sage butter is poured over the eggs, and you and your guests are handsomely rewarded.

—EMILY PARSONS





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LET'S GET PHYSICAL

Our family loves exploring the wild fringes that surround Glen Echo. Spring days are perfect for trekking through the woods and along the river, discovering unknown paths and blazing new ones.

Maybe it's just our infrastructure-loving six-year-old (and his similarly-inclined dad), but the old bridges and drainage pipes that go under the roadways and down to the canal are a source of great fascination. On warmer days, we'll climb down to the creek from Glen Echo Park and hop on rocks and wade our way to the tunnel under the Clara Barton Parkway. We've never actually made it all the way—there are too many stones to toss along the way.

Hidden at the other end of town where Radcliffe Lane dead-ends into the woods, there's a big drainage pipe that passes under MacArthur

Boulevard and another one downstream that can serve as a shortcut to the towpath. Okay, maybe not exactly a shortcut, but it certainly feels like uncharted territory.

A mile or so down the towpath is the rope ferry to the Sycamore Island Club. We aren't members, and I'm not particularly interested in kayaking or canoeing, but any club that's only accessible by a hand-powered barge ferry is my kind of place. Alas, the waiting list spans years, and the membership process requires a degree of diligence and advance planning that seems designed to weed out the summer dilettantes like me.

Continuing down to Lock 6—another mile south on the towpath—a secondary trail leads to a whitewater kayak run that dedicated paddlers have built in the narrow water between the mainland and one of the small islands

dotting the shore of the Potomac. Again, I'm no paddler, but it's great fun to sit on a rock and watch the kayakers shoot past. One regular brings his water dog, who retrieves huge sticks thrown into fast-flowing water, again and again and again.



Heading north from town, another mystery is the house on Minnie Island, just across from Lock 8. A Google search reveals that the island (and, presumably, the house) is owned by the Potomac Conservancy. But where's fun in Googling? On a warmish

winter day, we had great fun climbing down to the river's edge, looking for a land route to the island, and watching a couple of teenage boys try unwisely to navigate the crossing on rocks.

These are just a few of the gems I know are hidden in our midst. If you have another one you're willing to share—or if you want to invite me to the Sycamore Island Club—email me. Happy traipsing, everyone! —ANGELA HIRSCH, TheEchoActive@gmail.com

One serious note: Deer ticks are rampant throughout the woods! We found one after a trip through the woods in March. It's critical to check for ticks right away. The Lyme virus is most likely to transmit after a tick has been attached for around 24 hours. Please explore, but be sure to check your kids, your pets, and yourself!

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HAVE YOU HEARD?



6102 Bryn Mawr Avenue

After two years at 6102 Bryn Mawr Avenue, **Debra Battista** has sadly been displaced due to the fire there on the night of March 29 which left the property uninhabitable. The good news, of course, is that Debra and her dogs made it out unscathed, and Debra is philosophical about the event, saying she's just glad she was there to alert the fire department quickly. Debra loves her Chatauqua house and plans to restore it just as it was, a feat that will take six to eight months.

For the next month, Debra will be staying in California near her son but plans to return to this area in June to oversee the work being done. She promises an open house when her beautiful home has been restored.

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Mark Springuel of 21 Vassar Circle is one of Montgomery County's Golden Shovel award winners this year. The award recognizes members of the community who help out their neighbors during the snow season. It was a long winter

with 34.4 inches of snow, and our own good samaritan was out shoveling around Gloria Levin's house with every snowfall. Gloria, who nomi-



Mark and his parents at the awards ceremony

nated Mark, says her ability to age in place in her Glen Echo home "is in large part due to Mark's assistance." A well deserved recognition!

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On April 12, the Clara Barton Parkway was shut down south of the Cabin John Parkway for a couple of hours due to a **multi-car pileup**. A source on the



Sunday night mishap on Clara Barton Parkway

scene said that one of the drivers involved was speeding when he lost control and went off the road. That driver wasn't wearing a seatbelt and upon hitting a tree flew out of his open sunroof. He and the drivers of two other cars which were involved suffered serious but not life-threatening injuries.

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Under the Sea, a public aquarium dedicated to the life in the Chesapeake Bay will be opening in Glen Echo Park. Starting in May, the aquarium will be open on the weekends from 9 to 5 with an anticipated grand opening in September. The location is the structure and current gardening space just to the left after you enter the park across the bridge.

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1 Vassar Circle will be going on the market soon. Owners **Sophie Keefer** and **Chris Day**, who have already been living in upstate New York, have decided it's time to let the place go. This means



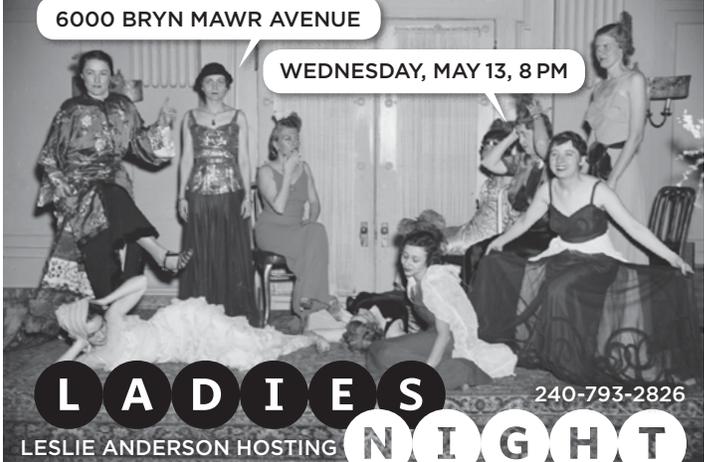
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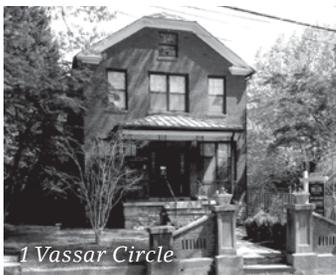
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the current residents **Jerry Mande** and **Elizabeth Drye** and their two sons are looking for a new home in the area.

Real Estate Report

While there is nothing officially on the market, sale or rental, at this time, there is still news. As reported in these pages, 1 Vassar Circle and 7300 University Avenue will be for sale in the up-

coming months. And the two recent rentals, 6000 Bryn Mawr Avenue and 7315 University Avenue, now have new occupants, whom you will meet in upcoming newcomer profiles, if not sooner—the Town’s two new ladies, Leslie Anderson on



Bryn Mawr and Erin Duffy on University, both attended Ladies Night in April. And Leslie will be hosting Ladies Night in May. Welcome!

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- May 8, **Eliza White**, 6
- May 12, **Aran Bragan**, 3
- May 23, **Emelia Bohi**, 12
- May 27, **Téa Costello**, 12

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GOINGS ON

Glen Echo Town Hall Events

FSGW English Country Dance
Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20, 27
8–10:30 PM; free to town residents

May 4 5 PM–9 PM Town Council Election (See page 2 for details)

May 21 7:30 PM, Town Budget Hearing

Local Events

May 8 5 PM–8 PM, Bannockburn Elementary School's Mayfair celebration with rides, games, dancing, and food.

May 17 5 PM, the Tenth Anniversary Gala Concert at the Church of the Redeemer will include parish choirs, Inscape Chamber Orchestra, and organ music.

Glen Echo Park Activities



May 2 11 AM–4 PM, Family Day at Glen Echo Park. The Carousel opens for its 95th season with a day of magic shows, music, dancing, face painting, and tours.

May 30–31 12–7 PM, The Folklore Society of Greater Washington's Folk Festival at Glen Echo Park will feature local dancers, musicians, storytellers, and craftspeople.

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

■ UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, May 9, at 10:00 a.m.
Installation of Redeemer's New Rector: The Rev'd Cricket Park

Sunday, May 17, at 5:00 p.m.
Gala Concert Marking Tenth Anniversary of Music Series

Sunday, May 31, at 5:00 p.m.
Solemn Evensong for Trinity Sunday

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