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## TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

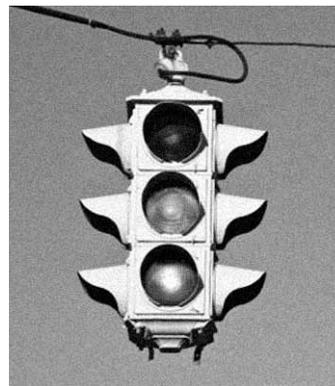
Mayor Beers and the entire Council were in attendance at the Town Council meeting on May 9, 2016.

### Traffic Signal Update

As reported by Phyllis Fordham in the April issue of *The Echo*, the Maryland Department of Transportation is studying installation of a traffic light on MacArthur Boulevard at the intersection with Oberlin Drive and the Clara Barton Parkway. The Intelligence Community Campus-Bethesda requested the study as it prepares to open at its Sangamore location. Traffic control specialist, Kyle Liang, and three colleagues returned to provide additional details about the three concepts originally presented to the Council on March 14. Ken Hartman, Director of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center was also in attendance.

Mr. Liang presented traffic simulation results and visualizations that indicated a light would improve traffic flow during the morning and evening rush hours. They are studying three different traffic light configurations. All three options include the addition of a left turn lane on the northbound side of MacArthur, by narrowing the multi-use path along that portion of the road. The first option closes Oberlin in both directions and has a light controlling MacArthur and the Clara Barton Parkway. This option also allows a shorter crosswalk for pedestrians and cyclists, which improves both safety and traffic flow. The second option keeps Oberlin open with a light controlling

MacArthur, Oberlin, and the Clara Barton Parkway separately. The third option would make Oberlin a one-way street into Glen Echo, with a light controlling MacArthur and the Clara Barton Parkway. In all cases, the Department of Transportation's analysis shows a traffic light improves "level of service" by reducing wait times at the intersection during peak morning and



evening traffic hours, when compared to the current stop sign intersection.

The first option provides the best "level of service" with the smallest wait times because it simplifies

the intersection by closing Oberlin. Throughout the presentation, the Council expressed skepticism about the need for a signal and the adequacy of the analysis. Mayor Beers asked, "What is the problem this is trying to address?" Mr. Liang stated that the waiting period at the current intersection is long during peak traffic hours and that the crosswalk for the multi-use trail is longer than desired. The Mayor, relating a story about the new light on Clara Barton Parkway at Fletcher's Boathouse, expressed concern that a traffic light would make traffic worse instead of improving it. Council Member Matney noted that the study had not included a suggestion, from him, to consider allowing traffic exiting Oberlin to only be allowed to turn right onto the Parkway. Mr. Matney also requested an assessment of the traffic configurations in terms of

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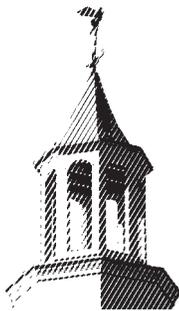
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Next Town Council Meeting: June 13, 2016, 8 PM

throughput instead of wait time. Council Member Long would like to meet and observe conditions at the intersection to understand the situation better. Council Member Stiglitz asked what the next steps are for the Department of Transportation, and Mr. Liang replied that they would like to pick a path forward, perform detailed design, and coordinate with additional agencies to have a light installed within a year.

The Department of Transportation would like to work with the Town and have Council concurrence of any option they choose, however, they can implement the second option without any cooperation from the Council. Options one and three would require the Council's concurrence because of changes required to Oberlin Drive. The Department of Transportation offered to work with the Town, and Mr. Matney agreed to continue further discussions to work out a plan that everyone agrees with.



### Backyard Chickens

At the March Council meeting, the issue of chicken ownership in town was discussed. Since that meeting, the Town requested Montgomery County to enforce existing County ordinances that do not allow chicken ownership. Mr. Blair Anderson returned to the May Council Meeting to ask that the Town rescind this request, while a proposed Town ordinance that could permit chicken ownership is drafted. Unfortunately, the Town attorney has advised, that by doing so, the Town would run the risk of not having the County enforce ordinances in future situations, so the Mayor was unwilling to do so. Council Member Costello made a motion to rescind

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the request, but the motion was not seconded. This left Mr. Anderson with a May 12 deadline to remove the chickens from the Town.

### Marc Korman

Marc Korman, member of the Maryland House of Delegates from District 16, Montgomery



County, attended the meeting to introduce himself and offer assistance dealing with state agencies if needed. He highlighted a recent legislative success that provides state funding for construction at schools with high rates of growth like those in Montgomery County.

### Glen Echo Park Report

Mr. Aaron LaRocca, the National Park Service represen-

tative, submitted a written park report with the following highlights. A new Ranger, Janet Greene, has been selected to be a permanent employee stationed at Glen Echo Park. Ranger Green was previously a seasonal Ranger within the Goer Washington Memorial Parkway. The Union Arch Trail restoration project is currently being vetted through a compliance process and is tentatively scheduled to start in July.

### Police Report

From April 4 through May 2, an off-duty police officer issued 18 warnings and 3 citations at the stop sign on Oxford Road. He also monitored the post office on Tax Day, but reported no major traffic issues. The Town paid \$400 for these services.

### Town Expenses

In the month of April, the Town paid \$4,080 to Waste Management of Maryland, \$3,586 to Knopf & Brown (lawyers), and \$2,527 to Chapel Valley Landscaping. —BILL VINCENT

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

Lately I've been reading back issues of *The Echo*—an eye-opening and inspirational activity. I've learned that Glen Echo was pretty wild in the early 1980s. Fights and fatalities at Trav's, the biker bar where the Irish Inn now lives, random bodies found places like Cabin John Island, and rabies-infected raccoons and dogs roaming the streets—not to mention chickens! And I haven't even gotten to the late 80s when the Glen Echo Park parking lot collapsed in a flood and poured scores of cars down to the Parkway, all while folks kept dancing in the ballroom.

But *The Echo* was also a much more vital resource back then: The calendar events weren't online and Town notices couldn't be distributed via the listserv. All of that information had to come from the *The Echo*. Today, I repeat what I think needs to be highlighted, and I love our regular columns and features, which is all original content. But I'd like to reach out more often to Town residents to share the news that may not go beyond our smaller groups of friends and neighbors. *The Echo*

under Carlotta Anderson had its neighborhood news section called "The Keyhole" and people were asked to drop their news items into a jar at the Post Office. Today it's even easier to share your job changes, graduations, new babies, construction projects, and trips abroad—just send me an email.

The other recurring theme in the old issues is our relationship with the natural wonders around us. I'm very interested in hearing about the unusual thing you saw while walking the tow path this morning or the family of foxes you found on your property or that crazy raccoon that stole your bird feeder out of a tree and hid it so far up the WSSC drainpipe, it only reappeared the next time there was torrential rain. Okay, that last one happened to us. These types of "news items" will give us all a richer understanding of our beautiful surroundings, which is the main reason we moved here, right? I'm also happy to discuss ideas for columns about any type of wildlife—plant or animal—so if you've got a pitch, write me, [TheEchoEditor@gmail.com](mailto:TheEchoEditor@gmail.com). —EMILY PARSONS

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**M**y passion for the Sacred Lotus started after seeing an astonishingly majestic lotus in bloom and wondering whether I could grow one in a container. Well, as it turns out, it's not very hard to grow this exotic flower in your Glen Echo garden.

## HOLLY IN THE IVY

Lotus is considered a food plant (edible seeds, rhizomes, and leaves) as well as a medicine. After flowering, the lotus produces beautiful seedpods that can be dried and used as an excellent decoration. The

can use a smaller container, which is easier to work with. The container should be a strong material and have no holes. I use cement or old cast iron pots. If the pot has holes, you'll have to fill them.



*American Three Color Lotus, blooming in Holly's garden the first year after planting in a cement container.*

Sacred lotus (*Nelumbo nucifera*) is an iconic aquatic plant. The pointed flower buds are stunningly beautiful to watch as they become dramatic, fragrant flowers that take your breath away. After a rain, the splendid green-blue rounded leaves are left with sparkling droplets. In some cultures, the lo-

lotus performs like a beautiful dancer for the entire growing season from May through October.

Plants can be purchased online or from a source for aquatic plants such as Lilypons Water Gardens in Adamstown, Maryland. I prefer to use the small or dwarf lotus varieties so that I

Use caulk to fill the holes and then seal them with a waterproof painting material (flex seal spray or paint). You must use real soil from the garden rather than the purchased top soils that have blends that don't hold together well in aquatic gardens. If the mix has ingredients such as perlite or vermiculite, they float

to the top. I use a blend of clay with coarse sand and fill the container up to 6 inches from the top. Then lay in the rhizomes and cover slightly. Fill the pot with water adding water 2 to 4 inches over the soil level. Initially it will be very muddy but this settles in a couple of days. Plants need around three weeks of temperatures over 80 degrees and then growth will take off. I add mosquito dunks to avoid breeding in the standing water. The dunk will release a bacterium which is toxic to mosquito larvae.

### **Lotus Growing Tips:**

- Place the container in a warm location with at least six hours of direct sunlight.
- If the pot is placed into an existing water feature, keep it away from flowing water or fountains.
- If needed, fertilize the plant with an aquatic plant fertilizer.
- Remove yellow foliage, cutting above the water line.
- For winter protection place the container where it will not freeze solid (a cold basement is good).

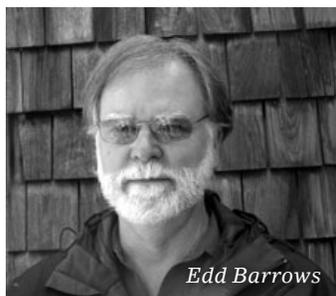
This magical flower, a symbol of the mother goddess and reincarnation in Hinduism and Buddhism, has touched many civilizations around the globe and proliferates in the arts of many cultures. I expect you will be as surprised as I was by how simple it is to grow this elegant plant. —**HOLLY SHIMIZU**

In our May issue item about a proposed flag for Glen Echo, we reported that the American sycamore was the official Town tree. What began for me as a simple attempt to check that “fact,” became an eyeopening journey about how reliant we are on easily google-able information—and, by contrast, how fun it can be to sleuth something the old-fashioned way. It also led me to an almost forgotten sliver of Glen Echo history.

I began my search with, you guessed it, Google. Nothing there. It wasn't on the Glen Echo website either. Next, I went to our Mayor, Debbie Beers. She said she remembered the Town adopted “official” emblems for various things—“flowers, insects, etc.”—twenty years ago. She suggested that I ask Council Member Nancy Long. I did eventually ask Nancy, who did not recollect any specifics, but, in the meantime I asked pretty much everyone I knew or ran into on the street who has been

## ONLY IN GLEN ECHO

in Glen Echo more than twenty years. Everyone said it sounded familiar but they had no information to add. Accosted by this roaming reporter on the street, Holly Shimizu mentioned the name of a former Town resident, a Georgetown entomologist, Edd Barrows, who



Edd Barrows

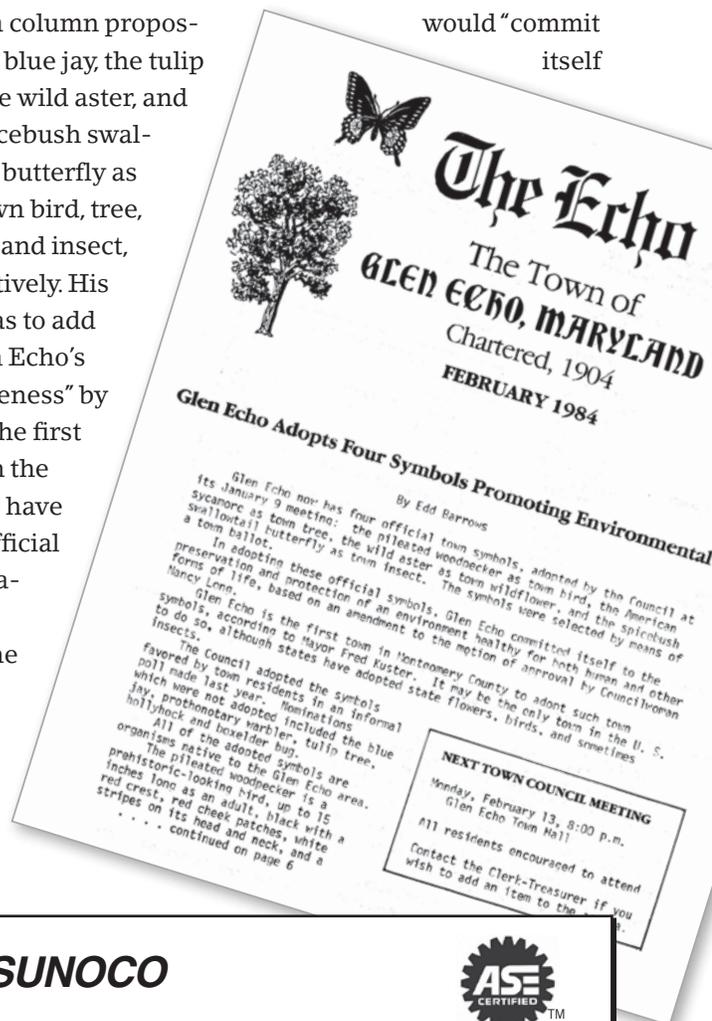
could have been involved. Moments later, Mayor Beers drove by, rolled down the window, and said the same name. We must be close!

Holly was able to reach Edd, still at Georgetown, who not only confirmed that the American sycamore is the Town tree, he named the Town flower, bird, and bug as well. He also mentioned that the selection of these

Town emblems had been covered in *The Echo* some time in the early 1980s. The search would continue in the back issues of *The Echo* at Town Hall.

The topic was first broached by Edd Barrows in the June 1983 issue. He wrote a column proposing the blue jay, the tulip tree, the wild aster, and the spicebush swallowtail butterfly as the Town bird, tree, flower, and insect, respectively. His goal was to add to Glen Echo’s “uniqueness” by being the first town in the USA to have such official designations. Over the next

months, several residents wrote letters to the editor debating Edd’s proposals. Many trumpeted the pileated woodpecker. Raya Bodnarchuk nominated the sycamore. In November 1983, ballots were distributed so that Town residents could vote on the four symbols. In adopting them, read the ballot, the Town would “commit itself



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to the preservation and protection of an environment in which these species and others may flourish."

In the February 1984 issue of *The Echo*, Edd reported that the Town Council had adopted the following at its January meeting: the pileated woodpecker as Town bird, the American sycamore as Town tree, the wild aster as Town wildflower, and the spice-

bush swallowtail

butterfly as Town insect. And this

kind of brings me back to the

reason I started this search in the

first place: residents

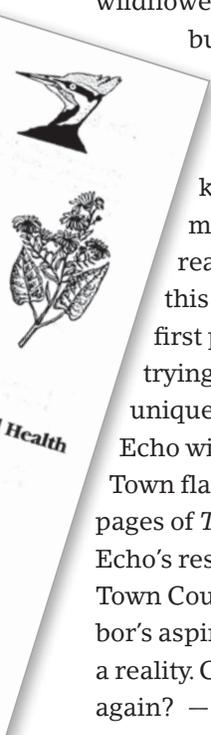
trying to add to the uniqueness of Glen

Echo with an official Town flag. From the

pages of *The Echo* to Glen Echo's residents to our

Town Council, a neighbor's aspiration becomes a reality. Could it happen

again? —EMILY PARSONS



## LET'S GET PHYSICAL

The merry month of May was a near-total washout for outdoor activities: As of this writing, I am still wearing wool socks more often than I'm wearing sandals. But before we know it, summer will be here and we'll all be complaining about the heat and humidity. Here's my list of things to do before the wool socks come back out in the fall.

**1. Rope swing over the Potomac.** I spotted a rope swing over the river just north of the bridge over the canal on the north end of Glen Echo. I'm determined to have a go at it before the mosquitoes take over.

**2. Trek through the meadow in Bannockburn.** Right under our noses, the County has completed a pretty massive infrastructure project, re-routing the stream between Bannockburn Pool and MacArthur Boulevard. There's currently a construction

road that will be converted into a walking trail when the project is complete. I'm looking forward to following the meandering stream to the pool through the valley



rather than along the neighborhood streets.

**3. Explore Minnehaha creek.** My kids can't get enough of the creek – one of these days I'll actually plan ahead, bring a snack and a couple of flashlights, and see if we can't jump along rocks all the way to the tunnel un-

der the Clara Barton Parkway.

**4. Camp along the river.** Swain's Lock, a few miles north of Potomac Village, is a beautiful, rustic spot to camp without much advance planning. We've gone after work on a weeknight, grabbing a pizza and pitching the tent in time to watch the sun set over the river. In the morning, I get a subversive kick out of standing in the Starbucks line, grubby and sunburnt, amidst all the fancy ladies of Potomac.

**5. Eat ice cream at Praline.** Maybe it's not the active lifestyle tip I usually offer, but Praline at Glen Echo Park is a

great addition to the neighborhood and a perfect place to get an after-dinner treat (including beer and wine). Soon they'll add dip ice cream to their offerings – a perfect wrap to any of the outdoor plans I'm lining up for summer days. —ANGELA HIRSCH  
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Two months ago, the Glen Echo 7-Eleven started to sell beer and wine, but that new “convenience” is under threat. Talbert’s Ice & Beverage Service on River Road has asked Montgomery County to revoke its competitor’s license. In a petition for judicial review by the Board of License Commissioners filed in Montgomery County Circuit Court, Talbert’s says the alcohol license should not have been granted because the 7-Eleven is a chain store. Girma Hailu, who operates the 7-Eleven, says it should not be considered a chain store because it’s a franchise, which is the reason he was granted the license in the first place.

State law prohibits chain stores and supermarkets from selling alcohol. “I understand that the place is franchised and the County seems to think that a franchise store is not a chain store,” Talbert’s owner Peter Frank told *The Echo*. “But my contention is, if it looks like a chain store and acts like a

## LICENSE TO SELL

chain store, what else is it?”

A spokesperson for the Board of License Commissioners said the court can uphold, reverse, or send back for reconsideration the Class A license. By granting the license, the Board had agreed Hailu operated a franchise and was an independent contractor. The spokesperson said there is another 7-Eleven in Silver Spring with a liquor license and another in Gaithersburg that had a license, but lost it because it was not complying with restricted sales hours. The no-liquor-sales-in-chain-store law was passed in the early 80’s when small businesses convinced Annapolis that big box stores were crushing their small competitors.

Talbert’s also questioned the 7-Eleven’s proximity to the Episcopal Church and whether the license complied with distance laws. “I have nothing against the operations of 7-Eleven or

the proprietor of that store,” Frank said. “My contention is that the 7-Eleven corporation that franchises the operation is also benefiting, even if it’s not directly, from the sale of alcohol.”

Hailu has about 100 different brands of beer and



Girma and Chuchu Hailu

wine which he says are priced below other nearby stores. He says the beer and wine, for sale from 6 AM until 12:45 PM, has drawn many new customers. Hailu says he installed a state-of-the-art ID system to make sure there are no underage sales. He has about 2,200 other items in the store and sells over 350 cups of coffee

every day. He says roughly 1,000 people come in each day starting at 5 AM.

Hailu, 54, runs the 7-Eleven with his wife, Tsigie or “Chuchu.” Their teenage sons, Nathaniel and Abraham, work at the store during the summers. They also own the 7-Eleven in Georgetown at 27th and P Streets. He has not applied

for an alcohol license there because there is both a church and a liquor store within a block. Hailu studied electrical engineering in college, worked in a 7-Eleven first as a clerk, and was then given job in 7-Eleven management. He’s

owned the Glen Echo 7-Eleven since 2003. They live in Adelphi, Maryland.

Hailu says he welcomes suggestions (glenechobw@gmail.com) from area neighbors regarding new items. It was because of neighborhood requests that he brought in organic milk and eggs ... and the beer and wine. —LELAND SCHWARTZ

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On April 30, **Jane Larsen**, the widow of the C&O Canal Association's past-president Hal Larsen passed away. Jane served for several terms on the board of directors as secretary of the association. Her last term ended in 1995. She participated as a park volunteer for many years. Her daughter has announced that a memorial service will be held at 11:30 AM on Saturday, June 11, at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean, Virginia 22101. Condolences may be sent to Anna Larsen Porter, at [anna-trublue@aol.com](mailto:anna-trublue@aol.com).

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Noticing more air noise of late? In December 2015, the FAA implemented **new flight paths** to and from National Airport. Last month, Congressman Van Hollen wrote to the FAA objecting to the changes, which his office had not been informed of, stating

## HAVE YOU HEARD?

that the dramatic increase in airplane noise has had a "devastating impact" on our neighborhoods, creating "an



unacceptable and untenable situation for constituents" in those neighborhoods. Senator Lee, Councilmember Berliner, and other political representatives are also working on this issue, as are citizen groups from other affected communities. If you are concerned about this issue, this would be a good time to let your elected representatives know about it.

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The C&O Canal National Historical Park was the recipient of the **Hartzog Park Volunteer Program**



*The plant exchange set up by Carol Barton on April 30 on University Avenue was a big success. Thanks for organizing!*

**Award.** Through the C&O Canal volunteer program, 3,620 volunteers contributed 78,012 hours to the park in 2015. Partnerships with the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, the C&O Canal Association, Georgetown Heritage, and the C&O Canal Trust helped make this program successful. Volunteer roles in the park include staffing the Hancock Visitor Center every summer weekend, working in other visitor centers, serving as level walkers, participating in the bike patrol, and operating the Charles F. Mercer.

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The Verizon Store in the **Glen Echo Center** has closed and the space is for lease for \$5,900 a month. The Center's owner is looking for a tenant that

won't compete with any of the other vendors. "It won't be food," a spokesman for leasing agent CBRE told *The Echo*, adding that they're thinking about some kind of home improvement service like bathrooms and kitchens. The space is 1,300 square feet. If you want to weigh in on what should go in that space, email us at [TheEchoEditor@gmail.com](mailto:TheEchoEditor@gmail.com).

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**Peter Zeidenberg** of Wellesley Circle appeared on CBS's May 16 *60 Minutes* as



having successfully defended two Chinese Americans, both American citizens, whom the FBI originally (and wrongfully) charged with helping the Chinese with high tech secrets. In both cases, the cases were dropped, by the U.S. Attorneys Offices after he presented evidence that the cases were unfounded. "I think prosecutors are feeling pressure to bring these cases. I think investigators are excited about bringing cases that may be high profile," Peter told *60 Minutes*.

## HAVE YOU HEARD?

(continued from page 9)

"What I'm suggesting is, notwithstanding that fact, before you put handcuffs on someone and take 'em away that you've gotta make sure that you've got your case

together. And that the facts add up."

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**Glen Echo Park's new aquarium** is now looking to fill part-time and volunteer positions. In addition to

adult volunteers, age 16 and above, the aquarium also welcomes those ages 10-15 with a parent or guardian. If interested, contact info@GEPAquarium.org or call 301-955-6529.

**Praline at Glen Echo Park** is up and running. The exciting news is that they serve beer and wine along with sandwiches, salads, and quiches. The manager says that initially the alcohol was only going to be served in their dining room, but things have already changed. You can now enjoy adult beverages while dancing an evening away in the ballroom. The manager says they are hoping to have some outdoor tables facing the playground area soon, where you can imbibe while watching the kids frolic. Praline also plans to survey customers for suggestions about menu. Here's one: **HAVE MORE FOOD!** *The Echo* has had two failed attempts at Praline picnics due to depleted stock—at noon, during the week, no less. Despite our best efforts, we can't live on spirits alone!

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Mr. Burr Gray, President of the **Friends of the Clara Barton Community Center** (FCBCC), spoke at the May Town Council Meeting to solicit volunteers to help with his organization. FCBCC promotes the center and supplements the center's budget with community-wide fundraising events, including the Grateful Shred, Bingo Night, the Haunted House, and an annual Craft Fair. Anyone interested in participating should contact [fbccweb@gmail.com](mailto:fbccweb@gmail.com).

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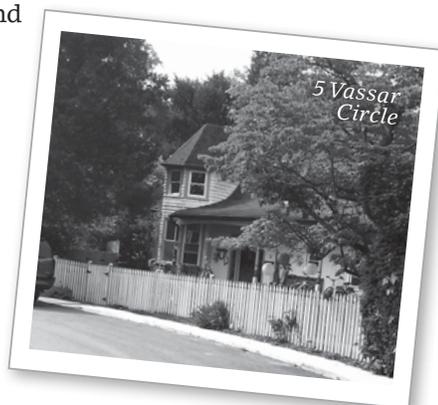
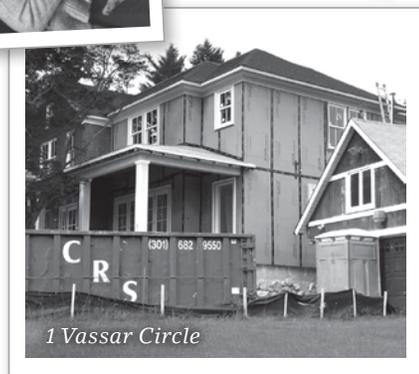
**H**ome improvement projects abound in Glen Echo this spring. The reconstruction of 6102 Bryn Mawr after a major fire in March 2015 is finally well underway—there seem to be workers there around the clock. After getting ripped off by her first contractor—NBC is doing a story on the crook—owner **Debra Battista** hopes to be back in her home by the beginning of July and promises to find a way to invite neighbors to come see the restoration. Debra says it has been a "trying year," but she has some happy news to share. She is the proud grandma of a new grandson, **Hunter Arrington**, who she has been visiting in California.

The McFarland manse at 1 Vassar Circle is looking like it's getting close. **Matt McFarland** says he hopes it will be move-in ready by the end of the summer.

Smaller scale projects are also being undertaken. The owners of 6003 Bryn Mawr have removed a cement driveway that cut into their front yard and replaced it with topsoil. **Anne Speca and Lyonel Moreau**, who bought that property from **Eleanor Balaban** in 2015, report that they are deferring their move to Glen Echo until next summer, which means that **Christel Milazzo** will continue to rent it for another year. Christel says that she's glad since she and her two kids, Tessa and Angelo, love it here.

**Jan Shaut** reports that she has recently tiled an alcove around a wood-burning stove that she and her husband built 37 years ago when they moved to 6004 Harvard Avenue. She writes: "If you are toying with a concept like this, let me know and you can have a firsthand look at how you can take a space from one level to another with a simple application."

Finally, you can't miss the beautiful new fence around the White residence at 5 Vassar Circle. They also updated their patio and deck and added an enclosure for trash cans. While the new fence has addressed their main concern about their toddler wandering into the street, it has made their dog May May a bit lonely. Says **Anna White**, "I have been trying to pass the word around the 'hood to her friends: You're welcome to come into the yard and say Hi (she would love it and it will keep her out of my garden). Just please remember to shut the gate when you leave!"



The Montgomery County Council formally approved an **8.7 percent property tax increase** as part of the operating budget set to go into effect July 1, the first day of fiscal year 2017. This is a wallop of a tax increase, given the high assessments of Glen Echo properties nowadays. But good news for some, the Council also passed a bill that will make it easier for seniors to stay in their homes by deferring property tax increases at no cost for those who choose to participate in the program. If you are at least 65 years old and have an individual

or combined gross income of \$80,000 or less, you can defer increases on your property taxes until you sell your home. Interest on the deferred taxes will accrue at a zero percent interest rate. Under the income threshold of \$80,000—which is the senior median income in the County—the eligibility criteria captures roughly half of senior households in Montgomery County. For Glen Echo residents who are not eligible, take solace in the fact that the Town’s property tax rate will not be going up, according to Mayor Beers’ proposed budget.

## GOINGS ON

### Glen Echo Town Hall Events

FSGW English Country Dance Wednesdays,  
**June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**  
 8–10:30 PM, free to Town residents



### Local Events

**June 11** 11 AM–3 PM, Church of the Redeemer Strawberry Festival with moon bounce, rummage sale, and strawberry treats



### Glen Echo Park Activities

**Dentzel Carousel** \$1.25 a ride

May–August: Weds.–Fri. 10 AM–2 PM; Sat.–Sun. 12–6 PM (Carousel also open during concerts and other events.)

**June 3** 6–8 PM, Art Walk in the Park, open studios and artist demonstrations the first Friday of each month in the summer

**June 4–5** 12–7 PM, Washington Folk Festival

**Summer Concert Series**  
 Free concerts on Thursdays starting at 7:30 PM in the Bumper Car Pavillion



**June 9** Washington Conservatory Encore Chorale & Encore Rocks Glen Echo

**June 16** Peabody Ragtime Ensemble

**June 23** VERGE Ensemble, contemporary classical music from the Washington Conservatory of Music

**June 30** Back Porch Blues, acoustic trio—guitar, harmonica, drums

**The Puppet Co.** www.thepuppetco.org; 301-634-5380

**Li'l Red and the Pigs** June 2–July 17

**Tiny Tots** select Weds, Sats, and Sundays at 10AM

**Adventure Theater MTC**

www.adventuretheater-mtc.org; 301-634-2270

**Jumanji** June 17–August 28

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The Echo seeks meticulous, responsible high school student for an **editorial internship**. If interested, please email TheEchoEditor@gmail.com.

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Baldwin **upright piano** for sale; appraised at \$750; make an

offer. Available for pick up on Cornell Ave. Contact Claire Kelly at c\_l\_kelly@yahoo.com

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Glen Echo resident seeks **storage space for two kayaks** within walking distance to the C&O canal and Potomac river. Willing to pay property owner a monthly storage fee. Please contact Christel at cjmilazzo@gmail.com or call 240-274-5591. Thank you!

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