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## TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

**M**ayor Beers and all the Council Members were in attendance at the meeting on June 13, 2016. It was back downstairs, and about a half dozen residents attended.

### **Glen Echo Park Report**

National Park Service representative Aaron LaRocca reported that the roof replacement on the Clara Barton House will be completed in July. The fire suppression phase has had some permitting delays, but he expects completion by the end of the year.

The NPS is working on a renewed Partnership Agreement with Montgomery County and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture. The first draft of this new Cooperative Management Agreement is under review. Council Member Long asked about the timeframe (term) and public comment. Mr. LaRocca indicated a public

review would occur after the final draft is completed. The term is not set.

### **Parkway Roadwork**

There will be extensive closures of portions of the Clara Barton Parkway to accommodate rehab of stone retaining walls and needed road repairs. A portion of the parkway near the Sycamore Store is scheduled for mid-June repair.

Ms. Long mentioned the need for an environmental assessment and understanding of traffic impact in relation to the traffic light at the exit ramp to MacArthur Boulevard. NPS plans to seek more information.

Ms. Long also asked for an update of Director's Order 21. This is a new initiative that

will cover the engagement of the NPS with philanthropic partners, including allowing corporate naming rights. More information will be forthcoming on this in late fall or early winter. The public comment period on the subject has now passed.

### **Traffic Signal Update**

Mayor Beers noted that Montgomery County has decided to go ahead with the traffic light at the intersection of MacArthur, Oberlin, and Clara Barton Parkway. (See page 3 for a report on the special meeting held June 21 regarding the issue.)

### **2 Vassar Circle**

Mayor Beers presented documentation sent to her and some residents of Vassar Circle by CAS Engineering regarding changes to the development plan in response to County Stormwater Management requirements.

Drawings were reviewed by the Council. In response

to these County regulations, developer and Town resident Aaron Hirsch has made adjustments to the development plan for 2 Vassar Circle Lot 3. The house will be "flipped" in order for the driveway to face 13 and 15 Vassar Circle. This action is to reduce the impact of stormwater runoff on lower Cornell. Council Member Matney raised concerns regarding the version of the plan that was presented in the drawings as well as required changes to the pitch of the road. It is unclear if and how this will impact runoff onto nearby properties. The Council did not desire to engage another engineering study in this regard. Our Town attorney will prepare a response to DPS to approve the modification to the subdivision plan in regard to the house site and driveway location for Lot 3 and also will express Council concern regarding the stormwater management

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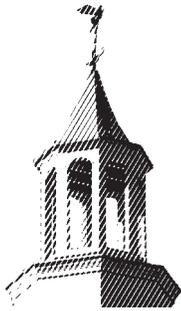
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requirement for changing the pitch of the road.

### Town Maintenance

Council Member Costello reported that she is getting bids on the repainting of the exterior of the Town Hall. She is also gathering information on options to upgrade the elevator. New resident Oskare Gillberg, who specializes in elevator and escalator sales and installation, has been to Town Hall to inspect it. He said due to limited use we may not need to replace the unit but upgrade it thus saving a good deal of money. (Think \$50k instead of \$250k.) Also running the elevator on a regular basis is needed to keep it in good order.

The Council approved accepting the low bid and proceeding with repaving the driveway and parking lot since there are safety concerns. Mayor Beers noted that sidewalks will be raised along University Avenue between Harvard and Bryn Mawr where runoff has been a continuing

problem. Curb striping will be completed on June 26. Per Mayor Beers, 25 cracked sidewalk blocks have been marked for replacement. More may be identified. Ms. Costello will follow up on estimates for replacement of the speed bump on Oxford Road.

### Resident Concerns

Raya Bodnarchuk brought up the topic of rats on her property. Other residents mentioned sightings. Bird feeders and compost piles are potentially causing the problem.

### Police Report

From May 3 to June 5, off-duty police officers issued 32 warnings and 4 citations for failure to stop at the Oxford Road stop sign. For this service, the Town paid \$400.

### Town Expenses

For the month of May, the Town paid \$1,258 to Chapel Valley Landscaping, \$1,100 to Bryna Steele for snow shoveling, and \$1,056 to Dennis Alexander (accountant). —MARTHA SHANNON



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**O**n short notice, a meeting with the County's Department of Transportation was scheduled at 10 AM on June 21 at Town Hall. The Town was represented by Mayor Debbie Beers, Council Members Costello and Long, and Clerk Treasurer Stacey Malmgren. Two representatives from the County, Kyle Liang and Mark Terry, Acting Chief of the DOT's Studies Section, along with Michael Guiliano, an engineering contractor for the County, announced the County's "final" decision to install a traffic signal at MacArthur Boulevard and the Clara Barton Parkway exit near the Irish Inn. The installation will probably take 1-2 years.

After townspeople explained several concerns as to how a signal could worsen traffic problems, Mr. Terry stated that "traffic control is not a panacea," but felt, after extensive studies, that the signal will improve traffic on MacArthur. He also explained that only in a very rare case would a traffic signal, once installed, be removed—putting confidence in modern traffic signals' timing ability with computers and radio operation. To accommodate the changes, the bike path will probably be narrowed (although still standard sized) and a pedestrian walk button (with a countdown signal) will be installed. Rather than switch to blinking yellow signals during off-hours, the signal

## TRAFFIC LIGHT, CONT.

on MacArthur will be set for green during off-peak hours. However, a sensing device will detect the approach of a vehicle from the Parkway ramp and adjust the signal accordingly. These issues will be left to the County's traffic signal designers.

Although it was claimed that both the Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Park Service had "100 percent bought into" the plan, the County representatives did not know of, so had not considered, (despite Ms. Long's prior explanations to Mr. Liang) that MacArthur Boulevard is a Maryland-designated scenic route. Ms. Long also cautioned that the aqueduct, a major source of water flow, runs under the surface of the roadway so the weight load is another consideration.

Stating a desire to partner with the Town—"nothing will be done over town objections"—the "partnership" equated to the Town being asked to decide the traffic flow on Oberlin Avenue, a Town street which runs parallel and adjacent to the Parkway access ramp. Two Oberlin Ave. business owners – Richard Leggin (6110) and Steve Hirsch (6112) – attended the work session to weigh in. Discussion on this issue included the phenomenon of vehicles cutting through the Park's and Inn's parking lots to

avoid the backed-up queue on MacArthur (most prevalent in the evening rush hour); County police refusing to enforce traffic rules in Town; and tractor trailers unloading in front of the Irish Inn early in the morning. The Town's decision was that Oberlin's traffic flow would remain two-way.

The DOT representatives continually stated that the installation is primarily for

safety. Although no accidents have been reported at that intersection, the rebuttal was that frustrating delays lead to more risk taking. Mayor Beers asked why the MacArthur site was more of a priority than a traffic signal at Pyle and River Road—the site of a recent crash with three fatalities and posing a long-standing danger. The answer was that that intersection issue is "being carefully examined by the State Highway Commission." —GLORIA LEVIN

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### **A Case for Closing Oberlin at MacArthur**

**W**hile I did not attend the morning meeting on June 21, I did attend the May Council meeting. At that meeting, county traffic control specialists provided compelling analytical evidence that traffic flow during rush hour at MacArthur and Clara Barton Parkway would be most improved if Oberlin is closed at the intersection. With Oberlin open, the traffic signal will present red lights for both MacArthur and Clara Barton Parkway in order to present a green light to Oberlin. If the Town allowed Oberlin to be closed, traffic on MacArthur and Clara Barton would not be delayed every light cycle to allow the very small amounts of traffic in and out of Oberlin. An additional benefit of closing Oberlin is that the crosswalk for the MacArthur multi-use trail would be shorter and safer, further improving traffic flow.

A traffic light at MacArthur and Clara Barton Parkway is coming whether the Town wants it or not. During the morning and evening commutes, it's possible we may actually see some improvements at that intersection. But every other time, every early morning run for cold medicine from CVS, every mid-day run for groceries at Safeway, every night time run to Passion Fin for sushi, and every weekend run anywhere in that direction we may have to sit at a red light waiting for it to turn green. And every time we wait, we will be annoyed with Montgomery County and their unilateral impacts to our small town culture. But I wonder, what we will be thinking every time we have to wait 30 seconds while Oberlin has a green light and nobody goes in or out of our town? —BILL VINCENT

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**A**t its May 31 budget meeting, the Town Council approved \$120,000 for repairing or replacing the Town Hall elevator, which no longer meets requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, because wheelchairs have gotten larger since the elevator was originally installed. The expenditure, if actually made, would be the largest in the Town's \$427,371 budget for the fiscal year that begins on July 1. Although the elevator replacement largely accounts for an anticipated budget deficit of \$139,294 next year, the Town's overall surplus will remain above the \$200,000 that Mayor Debbie Beers says should be the minimum that the Town holds in its bank, money market, and investment accounts. The current surplus is \$376,510, according to the Mayor's profit and loss statement for fiscal years 2016 and 2017, which was distributed to the Town on May 10 in her Notice of Budget Hearing.

Other items in the Mayor's notice are \$11,000 to repave the Town Hall parking lot in its entirety, and \$5,000 to move the Oxford Road speed bump. Both items were included in the current fiscal year's budget but not realized, which Mayor Beers identified as an ongoing "problem" — i.e., money that is budgeted but not spent.

Partly for this reason, she did not recommend raising either the existing real prop-

erty tax rate of 14 cents per \$100 or the personal property tax rate of 80 cents per \$100. However, if the Town surplus were to fall below \$200,000, the Council might raise the rates in fiscal year 2018, said Council Member Matney.

In her May 10 notice, Mayor Beers said she had included an additional \$15,000 for sidewalk replacement. Town resident Renny Springuel suggested that, instead of simply replacing individual single sidewalk blocks, the entire sidewalk should be raised three or four inches to prevent storm water from running into residents' property. "That would dwarf the elevator cost," objected Mayor Beers. "Let's wait until next year," said Mr. Matney, "we don't have funds this year." Mr. Springuel suggested that there should be a five- or ten-year budgetary plan to forecast such expenditures, a proposal that he and others have offered at every budget meeting for the past several years. Glen Echo is too small a town to properly plan so far in advance, Mayor Beers noted.

Glen Echo's fiscal year 2017 budget forecasts an increase of \$121,642 over the 2016 budget of \$305,729. Revenue projections are similar for the two years: \$288,077 for



## MONEY MATTERS

fiscal 2017 compared to \$273,442 in fiscal 2016, which accounts for the large deficit — again, assuming the money is actually spent. Without replacing the elevator, however, the second story of the Town Hall cannot be legally used for Town events or rented, Mayor Beers noted. This year, the Town earned \$3,450 from renting the hall.

Besides tax revenues, which are expected to reach \$120,307 in fiscal 2017 (an increase of \$8,468 from fiscal 2016), the largest sources of income next year are expected to be the Town's share of Maryland state income tax payments (\$93,000, no change from fiscal 2016), the Post Office's rental of the Town Hall (\$30,650, a \$1,550 increase), county revenue sharing (\$20,000, no change), and revenue sharing from the federal highway fund (\$12,000, a \$3,687 increase).

Other revenue sources include building permits and other Town licenses (\$820, down \$180), rental of The Irish Inn's parking lot (\$3,600, no change), income from cable TV franchise (\$2,800, down \$100), and interest from bank and money market accounts (\$300, no change from amount budgeted for fiscal 2016, although \$573 in interest was actually collected by April 2016).

Advertising revenue from

*The Echo* is expected to increase from the \$500 that was anticipated for fiscal 2016 to (at least) \$1,000 for fiscal 2017. According to the profit and loss report, the Town collected \$1,150 in advertising revenue and \$108 for out-of-town subscriptions to the newspaper as of April 2016, compared to the \$580 that had been expected during all of fiscal 2016. Council members credited redesign of *The Echo* and the diligent efforts of its advertising representative, Patty Sieber, for the revenue increases. The fiscal 2017 budget for *The Echo*, however, is being reduced by \$200 (to \$3,000), compared with fiscal 2016. Only \$2,114 had been spent on the publication as of April 2016, according to the profit and loss report.

Besides the elevator replacement, the largest expenditures in the fiscal 2017 budget are for refuse and recycling (\$65,000, no change from fiscal 2016), Town payroll (\$30,921, up \$942), landscaping (\$25,000, no change), legal services (\$25,000, no change), sidewalk repair (\$20,000, no change), Town Hall maintenance (\$20,000, up \$10,000), street paving (\$16,000, up \$6,000), snow plowing (\$13,000, down \$2,000), Town Hall parking lot repaving (\$10,000, no change), street sweeping (\$10,000, up \$2,500), Town administrative costs (\$10,000, down \$5,000), auditing and

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(continued from page 5) accounting (\$10,000, no change), contingency funds (\$10,000, up \$5,000), street lights (\$9,000, down \$1,000), fixed operating expenses, including electrical, heat, telephone, and water (\$7,400, down \$100), recreation (\$6,000, down \$1,000), insurance and bonding (\$5,000, no change), moving the speed bump on Oxford Road (\$5,000, no change), other professional services (\$3,000, down \$2,000), community contributions, such as to Glen Echo park (\$3,000, down \$500), surveys (\$1,000, down \$1,000), and uncategorized expenses (\$50, no change).

After the public hearing on the Mayor's budget proposals, the Council voted unanimously to approve the budget, with four changes: more money is expected from revenue sharing from the federal highway fund (\$12,000 instead of \$11,421); an additional \$10,000 was added to Town Hall maintenance (for painting the building); \$10,000 less was budgeted for street sweeping (down from \$20,000, bringing it more in line with \$8,650 that was actually spent as of April 16); and \$5,000 was added for "contingencies" (up from \$5,000).

The Council also set the date for the upcoming Town picnic. It will be held on July 10, from 5 to 7 PM.

—REX RHEIN

## HOLLY IN THE IVY

Are squirrels and chipmunks eating and digging plants in your garden? If so consider a few of these ideas for ways to deal with them. During the summer, squirrels and chipmunks look for water and often go right for the tomatoes and melons. Try providing a different water source, such as a bird bath or water feature, as a good alternative. Be careful to change the water often to avoid harboring mosquito larvae. Creating physical barriers, such as cages made from chicken wire, or cover-



ing the plants with heavy duty netting is often the most reliable way to prevent damage. Some of the suggestions I am providing are reported to work but they are not always completely reliable, so consider them experimental.

Try spraying plants with capsaicin (from hot peppers). Products are available or you can make your own

hot pepper tea. Here's a recipe to consider:



### Hot Pepper Tea

Use rubber gloves like the kind you might use to protect your hands while washing dishes and a long sleeve shirt.

Cut four hot cayenne peppers in half lengthwise and chop coarsely.

Place the chopped peppers and seeds in a container and add 1 1/2 cups of hot water and 1/2 cup of white vinegar. Seal tightly and let the jar sit for four days, shaking gently 2-3 times a day.

Place a strainer in a funnel and place the funnel into a spray bottle. Pour the pepper mix into the container, discarding the chopped peppers and seeds that have collected in the strainer.

Add 1 teaspoon of dishwashing liquid and 3 tablespoons of veg-

## LET'S GET PHYSICAL

Here's a common scene in my house:

Me: It's a beautiful day! Let's go for a bike ride!

Rest of the family: [in unison] Nooooooo!

Clearly, a ride with me is not its own reward. We need destinations, preferably destinations with ice cream or another equally enticing treat. Here are a few options for sweetening the deal.

The shortest ride that earns a treat for the young Hirsches is to the Bethesda Food Co-op in Cabin John. It's a mile and a half, and the

narrow path on the one-lane bridge makes it just a teeny bit challenging for beginning riders. We usually go for the fancy organic gummy bears. As a bonus, I can pick up whatever groceries will fit in a pannier.

Biking to nearby Bethesda from Glen Echo is harder than it ought to be, due to the nonexistent bike lanes on either Wilson Lane or Goldsboro Road. Choose safety over speed and pick up the Capital Crescent Trail near MacArthur and Sangamore Road. It's a

five-mile ride to Bethesda, where you can get gelato, catch a movie, or indulge in the cuisine of your choice.

If you want to head east, Fletcher's Cove is a lovely destination five miles down the canal towpath or Capital Crescent Trail. It's a shady



etable oil to the spray bottle. Screw the spray lid on tightly and gently shake the bottle to mix all the ingredients into a light emulsion.

Spray in the garden on a calm morning. Repeat after a rain.

Some gardeners report success with spraying coyote or wolf urine, which is available as a deer repellent, to keep away critters, or drenching the soil with castor oil repellent, although both need to be re-applied after a rain. I have had some success by scattering human or dog hair around the garden. Hair has been known to help with deterring squirrels, chipmunks, and rabbits.

If none of these appeal to you, ask a neighbor if you can borrow their cat or dog. This usually works at least for a while! —**HOLLY SHIMIZU**

## THE DISH

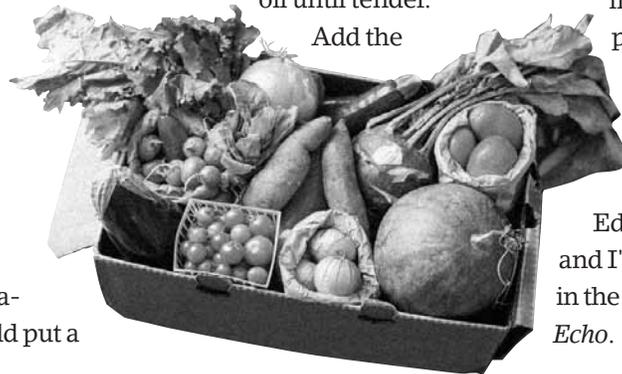
The farmers markets and farm boxes are in full swing. You may find yourself paralyzed by a bounty of yellow squash—do we grill them *again* tonight?—or feel bad about throwing out all those greens atop the radishes—aren't I supposed to *use* these somehow? Well, here are two delightful, simple soup recipes from my stepmother who lives further south and therefore has already answered these tough questions for us. Next she'll have to figure out what to do with a dozen cabbages which yield a dozen servings each. She laments, "If only I could put a

stamp on them and mail out to friends and family!"

For **summer squash soup**, sauté 5 small yellow squash, diced, with a handful of green onions, diced, in butter. Cover with chicken or vegetable broth and add salt and pepper. Simmer about 20 minutes until the squash is tender. Puree, and if desired, add 1 cup heavy cream.

For **radish greens soup** (though you can substitute any greens), chop 1 small onion and sauté in olive oil until tender.

Add the



washed and chopped greens from 15 radishes and sauté along with the softened onions. Add 3 middle-sized potatoes, pared and chopped, to the mix. Cook a few more minutes and then add 1 quart of chicken or vegetable broth and simmer until the potatoes are tender, about 20 minutes. Add some white wine and puree. Add salt and pepper to taste.

I invite all the cooks in the neighborhood to share favorite recipes for our summer and early fall produce. Let me know what you are excited about cooking right now at [TheEcho-Editor@gmail.com](mailto:TheEcho-Editor@gmail.com)

and I'll include them in the next issue of *The Echo*. —**EMILY PARSONS**

place to tool around the riverside, fish in the canal, or rent a canoe. If you continue on for a couple more miles, you'll reach Georgetown Waterfront Park, just past the terminus of the Crescent Trail. There's an amazing fountain to run through and nearly

endless options for treats: It's Georgetown, after all.

If you want to bike west on the towpath, here's a tip: Skip the steep path on the west end of Glen Echo, where most riders will have to carry their bikes—and their kids' bikes—at least

some of the way. Instead, take the MacArthur bike path to Cabin John and turn left on 79th Street. There's a tunnel under the parkway; continue along past a few mansions to the totally bikeable path connecting to the towpath at Lock Eight. Once you're there, destinations abound. Grab a beer and some nachos at the Old Angler's Inn's casual beer garden (four miles). Continue on two more miles to Great Falls Park. If you're up for some real mileage, go big and ride to White's Ferry—

grab a burger at the snack bar and relax on the short round-trip ride on the historic ferry and gather your strength for the ride home.

And if you're really feeling ambitious, keep on going! The C&O Canal connects to the Allegheny Passage Trail, adding up to 330 off-road miles stretching all the way to Pittsburgh. That's not happening anytime soon, but it's nice to know so many beautiful miles are right outside our Glen Echo doors. —**ANGELA HIRSCH**  
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I'm hoping that this will become a regular feature, so if you see something notable (and even better, snap a photo of it!), send it to *The Echo*. The following have been spotted recently in Glen Echo ... I'll share first.

## WILD THINGS



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Last fall, a raccoon stole the squirrel-proof bird feeder hanging in our yard and hid it way up the WSSC drainage pipe on our property. When it disappeared again recently, we assumed it must have been the raccoon again, but then it started disappearing every day, during the day. Our clever squirrels have figured out how to lift it off of the s-hook. So for now, there is no bird feeder in our yard. Also, one day in June, we watched as a crow circled our neighbor's yard. It eventually settled for a rest in the doggie bed on their porch. Speaking of birds on porches, in May, I saw a buzzard fly low across University Avenue and crash into the window of 7315 University, the home of Erin Duffy and Jim Corbett.

It was so stunned it was unable to get up off of their porch for several minutes.  
—EMILY PARSONS

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Besides the regular deer, squirrels, cardinals in the yard, we have a Carolina wren nesting in a cardboard box in our garage.  
—PETE EPANCHIN

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From time to time a small bird decides that our mailbox will make a perfect nest and fills the mailbox with twigs so that the postman can hardly get letters in. This happens when the clip we use for outgoing mail

props the lid open. Much to the disappointment of this cute little bird, we invariably remove the clip and wait until that particular nesting season passes before using it again. —DEBBIE LANGE

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"Culebra!" shouted our house painter when he spotted this huge black rat snake (see photo) as he crept out of our garden, slithered across the road, and climbed the Wilson's tree. —JOCI KHALIFA

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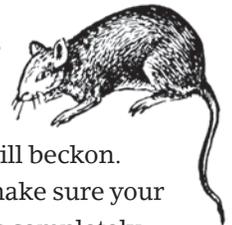
And it sounds like there are rats on Wellesley Circle. Mayor Beers reports almost

running one over with her car, and Mickie Simpson told *The Echo* that a squirrel tragically got caught in a rat trap and ran around with it on its neck until Joe Shannon released it. The squirrel managed to walk away from it, but he appeared injured.

### Speaking of Rats ...

Here are a few reminders about how to keep your property as inhospitable as possible to the vermin.

- They love birdseed, so take care to not spill any on the ground or use any feeders that are open. Contained feeders hanging above ground should not attract rats.
- They settle where there are good places to hide, so a tidy yard will be less attractive. Wood piles, holes into buildings, piles of debris will beckon.
- Always make sure your trash can is completely closed. Never put a plastic bag of trash out.
- Don't leave pet food out in the open.



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**Debbie Lange** of Wellesley Circle plans to wed longtime family friend **Paul Levine** on June 26.



They met in 1982 when their children became friends at Pyle Jr. High. The wedding will be in Shepherstown, WV. While Debbie will be moving to Paul's house in Bethesda, she will maintain her Glen Echo home for her son Rob as well as for her own office. Many congratulations, Debbie!

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Former Town Clerk **Nicole Frasier** is making her

## HAVE YOU HEARD?

summer pilgrimage back to Glen Echo with her two kids. They will be here the last two weeks of July, and **Nora and Maddox** will be going to Calleva summer camp with their friends—a condition the kids negotiated when the family decided to move to Geneva for a few years. The timing of their permanent return is still unknown. They plan to be in Geneva at least one more year.

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For a week in mid-June, it was like high noon every night as workers **rebuilt a section of the stone wall** along the Clara Barton Parkway. They worked from about 10 PM to 3 AM under huge bright lights that attracted more bugs than you'd care to imagine. Some nights the southbound parkway was closed to traffic. National Park Service representative **Aaron LaRocca** says that more repairs will be happening, so be prepared for some delays.

Things have been showing some wear over at **Glen Echo Park**. Blue netting has been strung over part of the play structure and three of six swings are out of commission. Park maintenance man JR said that some of the broken equipment is due to normal wear and tear and some looks to be the work of hooligans. Patrons of the car-



ousel will also have noticed that two of the bunnies were cordoned off the first half of the season. The culprit there was stripped screws, which had to be custom made. Mustachioed operator Bert

reports he gave the bunnies a test ride himself and they are now good to go.

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The long-promised closure of the **Little Falls library** is set for July 9. The construction, which includes a new roof, new bathrooms, and updated wiring, heating, and cooling, is expected to take five to six months. The interior elements—the book cases, furniture, carpeting, etc.—will also be replaced. The Davis branch will be closed too, so patrons should go to Bethesda, Chevy Chase, or Potomac for their library needs.

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Rats aren't the only pests in Glen Echo these days. **Leslie Anderson**, who has been renting 6000 Bryn Mawr Avenue for the past year, is now **battling termites**. And not just a few. She reports that the basement is infested with three colonies, which have destroyed her personal property and made her decide to move. When *(continued on page 10)*



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## HAVE YOU HEARD?

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a colony is saturated, it sends out scouts to find new wood to call home, so Leslie urges all neighbors to get a

termite inspection as soon as possible. She was told by her inspector that the colonies in her home have been there for twenty years.

**G**len Echo resident and Foreign Service Officer **Forest Yang** will be relocating to Beijing in early July along with her daughters **Kestrel** and **Mallee**. Kestrel (recently completed the ninth grade at Whitman) and Mallee (the first grade at Bannockburn) will attend the Dulwich College of Beijing. Kestrel, who accompanied her mother to her earlier posting in Australia (Mallee was born during the time they were there), is excited about the move, further preparation for her goal of being a “global citizen.”



Forest Yang at June's Ladies Night

Forest will serve as an economic officer in the U.S. Embassy in Beijing. Her prior overseas postings have included Mumbai; London; Taipei; and Canberra, Australia (where she served for four years). When overseas, her primary duties are representing the United States and promoting American interests in the assigned country. In between overseas postings, she has been assigned to the State Department in Foggy Bottom. Although her three-year term could be extended, the notorious pollution of Beijing will be a consideration. Forest expects to return occasionally to the DC area for meetings and consultations, although home leaves will probably be spent with her parents in California. She will be renting her Glen Echo home at 21 Wellesley, planning to return to it when the Beijing posting ends in 2019. —GLORIA LEVIN

Holes in your structure, areas with drainage issues, and wood debris, mulch, or dense brush against your home all create conditions appealing to termites. An inspection from Terminix is free. The owners of the Bryn Mawr property, **Dan Spealman** and **Kristi Maasjo**, write from Kenya that they feel “horrible” that they are not here to deal with the problem themselves. They hope to return home some time this year.

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**M**aryland is the first state in the nation to pass a bill, the **Pollinator Protection Act**, banning consumer use of neonicotinoid (neonic) pesticides. Neonic pesticides are a new class of systemic insecticide that resemble nicotine. Applied either as a spray on plants or by adding to the soil, they kill sap-feeding insects. Studies have found a link between neonicotinoids and declining bee populations as well as links to the mortality of beneficial insects, birds, and butter-

flies through contamination of nectar and pollen. This presents a serious threat to our food, wildlife, and public health. Last year, Maryland beekeepers reported losing 61 percent of their bees, which is more than twice the national average. Slated to take effect January 1, 2018, there are exceptions for certified applicators, farmers, and veterinarians, as well as use in pet products, lice mitigation, and indoor pest control products.



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**M**ark McCaffrey of Harvard Avenue recently launched a **home renovations and handyman business**. As an engineer of 30 years and after the last 12 years as a nonprofit executive, he decided it was time to get back to the reason he came here to the U.S. some 15 years ago—to start his own business renovating homes. He writes: “I love working with members of our community and helping them, from tackling those pesky

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little jobs like fixing ceiling fans, leaky faucets, building closets, cabinets, building and repairing walls, installing doors, painting, and decorating to bigger projects such as renovating a bathroom, kitchen, basement, adding new floors, etc. I'm even man-



Mark McCaffrey

aging a number of investment properties for neighbors. It's so great taking something I have been doing as a hobby for fun for 25 years, just helping out friends and family, and turning it into a full time job. As a good

friend said the other day, 'You've taken something you love doing and turned it into a company. I wish I could do that!' If you are thinking of undertaking projects in and around your home, please do give me a call. No job is too small." You can reach Mark at 240-602-1996 or mark@mark2enterprizes.com

### Real Estate Report

Still nothing for sale in Glen Echo, but Forest Yang's home at 21 Wellesley Circle is available for rent. With three bedrooms, 2 full baths, and 2 half baths, the property is listed at \$3,400/month.

*They say it's your Birthday!*  
July 7 **Louisa White, 2**

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## GOINGS ON

### Glen Echo Town Hall Events

FSGW English Country Dance Wednesdays, **July 6, 13, 20, 27** 8-10:30 PM, free to Town residents

**July 10** 5-7 PM

### TOWN SUMMER PICNIC

Come enjoy the slip and slide and Mexican fare with your neighbors; bring a dessert, beer/wine, water/soda to share, and a picnic blanket.



### Local Events

**July 22** 8 PM, Movie on the Lawn at Clara Barton Center presents Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, Not Very Good, Very Bad Day



### Glen Echo Park Events

**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.)

**July 1** 6-8 PM, Art Walk in the Park, open studios and artist demonstrations the first Friday of each month in the summer

**July 10** 3-5 PM, The Folklore Society of Greater Washington hosts family dance in the Spanish Ballroom's back room, \$5

**July 17** 3 PM, Family Jazz Day, Bumper Car Pavilion

### Summer Concert Series

Free concerts on Thursdays starting at 7:30 PM in the Bumper Car Pavillion

**July 7** The Rock & Roll Relics

**July 14** U.S. Marine Jazz Combo, Latin Jazz

**July 21** Dave Kline Band, Rock, Blues, Jazz, and Folk

**July 28** Hit the Roof, duo on drums and keyboard, from ragtime to funk

**The Puppet Co.** [www.thepuppetco.org](http://www.thepuppetco.org); 301-634-5380

**Li'l Red and the Pigs** through July 17

**Peter and the Wolf** July 21-August 28

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

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Adult Forum	9:15 a.m.
Nursery Care	9:15 a.m.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 a.m.

■ **UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS**

*Beginning Monday, July 11, and continuing each Monday this summer*  
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