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TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

Mayor Beers and the entire Council were in attendance at the Town Council Meeting on October 10, 2016.

Glen Echo Park Report

National Park Service representative Aaron LaRocca reported that the Union Arch Trail maintenance effort will start in the next few weeks. The Park Service has established an agreement with the Student Conservation Association. Supplies for the project are currently being procured and four people will work over a four-week period to make improvements to the trail. Fees collected at Great Falls Park are being used to fund the effort.

Town Maintenance

A new weather vane has been approved to replace the nearly 63-year-old broken one on the cupola of the Town Hall. Ironwork to repair the fence along the stone wall on

University Avenue between Bryn Mawr and Harvard Avenues was also approved. Curb improvements are planned for lower Bryn Mawr Avenue at the bottom of the hill, and the speed bump on Oxford Road will be moved closer to MacArthur Boulevard in accordance with prior traffic engineer recommendations. A Little Free Library, which will be built with private funds, was approved for installation in the pocket park at University and Princeton Avenues.

Town Flag

The idea of a Town flag was discussed again this month. A primary concern for the Mayor is where the flag will be displayed and who will maintain it. The flagpole in front of the Town Hall

belongs to the US Postal Service and is not available for use by the Town. A flag hanging from a bracket mounted at the Town Hall entrance was proposed as a potential location.

Alternatively, the Town may consider approving a flag design without choosing to fly the flag itself. This approach could allow residents to fly their own flags or use the design for bumper stickers or t-shirts. *The Echo* will conduct a survey to gauge interest in the flag. (See page 3 for more details.)

Town Ordinances

The Town attorney has submitted a recodification of the Town ordinances. He will attend the December Council meeting to explain the reasons behind the recodification, which is primarily focused on the penalty provisions in the existing code. The plan is to introduce the ordinances at the November meeting and vote to ap-

prove them at the December meeting. The ordinances will be available for review by residents by emailed softcopy or hardcopy picked up at the Town Hall. When the recodified ordinances are available, a flyer will be distributed with details.

Parking Enforcement

Parking around Town is regularly discussed during Town Council meetings. Residents have various experiences with the parking situation and those that have problems appropriately complain about them to the Town Council. Council Member Stiglitz has previously looked into police enforcement of existing no parking zones around Town. The Town's quaint green and white script no parking signs are not compliant with County regulations and County police cannot enforce them. One option is to install compliant but less attractive signs through-

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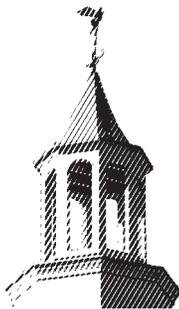
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out Town. Unfortunately, Mr. Stiglitz estimated that approximately 20 of these signs would be needed on Wellesley Circle alone to be adequately enforceable by county police. An alternate approach, recommended by the Mayor, is to hire a "code enforcement officer" and pay him or her to enforce parking, and other Town regulations, per the newly recodified ordinances. No specific action was taken to-

ward either of these options. In order to gauge Town concern about parking, a question about it is included in the survey about the Town flag.

Town Expenses

In September, the Town paid \$7,625 to Charles Cooley Stonework, \$4,129 to Waste Management of Maryland, and \$4,006 to Royal Painting and Light Construction.

—BILL VINCENT

TRAFFIC REPORT

The Intelligence Community Campus—Bethesda, formerly the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency's Summer Campus, held a meeting to update the residents of their progress and to hear comments from the community. This is the most recent of public meetings since the project was announced in 2015. The project is now in its second stage of construction. There are several substantial issues for the residents in the immediate area: Traffic from construction crews has been a continual problem; the 24 hour/7 day a week lighting from the six-story parking garage has not been sufficiently dealt with; the original landscaping was unsuccessful and everything has to be replanted which will hopefully offer an improved aesthetic and increased privacy for residents; and increasing concerns about traffic congestion and safety are primary since the facility is not nearly at full capacity and already there are traffic issues. There will be shuttle buses from Tenleytown metro to decrease the traffic problems. There was an unofficial statement that perhaps the parking lot in Glen Echo Park could be used as a parking overflow lot. This information was raised in the Town Council meeting and the Park Service reported there has not been any request to use the lot for overflow parking. Mayor Beers followed up with a letter to Jennifer Mahoney, Director of Facilities for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, in strong opposition of any possible future use of Glen Echo Park as a potential overflow lot. The Park Service and Montgomery County officials will give the Mayor and the Town any information they receive if this becomes a potential issue. —DIA COSTELLO

To gauge support for a flag, the Mayor has requested that *The Echo* conduct a survey. An online survey has been set up to determine interest in a Town flag and to better understand residents' thoughts on the parking situation. Please follow the link svy.mk/2fcvYZY to register your opinions on both topics. Survey responses, which are anonymous, should be **submitted no later than the next Council meeting on November 14**. To be clear, this is *not* a vote, but simply a way for residents to express their opinions on a Town flag and parking issues in Glen Echo. The Town Council will be able to weigh the results as they see fit. —BILL VINCENT

FLAG & PARKING SURVEY

Against a Flag

1) The flagpole in front of Town Hall is a natural home for the flag, but it belongs to the US Post Office, so it is illegal to unfurl a Town flag there. If we were to mount the flag outdoors, it would eventually fade and tatter.

2) The flag project is a distraction from our many challenging, long-delayed tasks—especially problematic with the departure in May of our long-serving Mayor who will not run for re-election. Our clerk treasurer is part-time, with a full time day job.

3) Nifty ideas are regularly suggested but are rarely, if ever, executed. Volunteer offers rarely are consummated,

despite chewing up valuable time and effort from the Town. For example, in 1984, the Council, after much debate, adopted official Town emblems—a tree, a bird, a wildflower, and a bug. Can you even remember the four winners? In 30 years, what has been done to “honor” them?

4) Cost. —GLORIA LEVIN

In Support of a Flag

Does Glen Echo need a flag? Strictly speaking, no. But a flag reinforces what we all know: Our Town is different, fun and quirky, and we are proud to live here. A flag is a powerful symbol that conveys a sense of place and community.

There's nowhere like Glen Echo, with its small streets, its newspaper, town parties, its parking signs, the Town Hall, sledding on Yale, the history books, and the extraordinary talents of its citizens. Will the flag fly above the Town Hall? We'd hope so, and we volunteer to maintain it and tackle any related challenges. Heck, we'll even pay for the flags. But it doesn't cost anything to add a flag image to the Town's website, or to the pages of *The Echo*. Those administrative matters should not override the greater benefit we stand to gain: A flag is a banner under which we may rally to celebrate and continue to improve the unique place we call home. —AARON AND ANGELA HIRSCH

VEXILLOLOGY*

A Proposed Design

This whole discussion of adopting a Town flag started when an unofficial flag design was created and began appearing around Town. A simple rebuttal to some of the objections listed above is that a flag *already exists* and would require no further effort or expense other than the Town Council choosing to make it official. It seems pertinent to explain the thinking that is behind that proposed flag.

When Aaron Hirsch approached me about design-

ing a flag, he sent me first to the TED talk on flag design by Roman Mars. View that entertaining video online and you too might catch the enthusiasm for a Town flag!

Accordingly, we adhered to the 5 principles of good flag design that were laid out in the talk:

1. Keep it simple. The design should read well at a small size, a 1" by 1 1/2" rectangle, as shown above.

2. Use meaningful



symbolism.

We chose to use a sycamore leaf, as it is the official tree of Glen

Echo. The image was traced from a fallen leaf from one of our Town's towering sycamores, then simplified and refined. It reflects the Town's affinity with our lush natural habitat.

3. Use two to three basic colors. Green and white.

4. Never use writing of any kind. Check.

5. Be distinctive. In

order to add a bit of design sophistication, we divided the ground of the flag into quarters. This is a nod to the Maryland flag, which is divided in quarters, and displays the family crests of the second Lord Baltimore. You can see that our flag design echos the Crossland family crest in particular. Our flag design suggests that we are proud citizens of both Glen Echo and Maryland.



—MARY PARSONS

*The scientific study of the history, symbolism and usage of flags or, by extension, any interest in flags in general.

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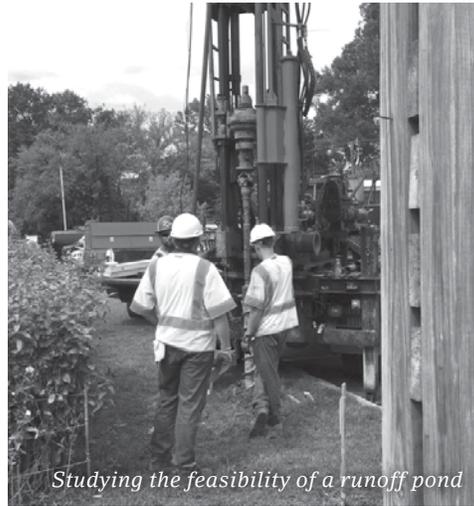
A large part of the grassy area where the Potomac Farm Market operates at the edge of the Glen Echo Center parking lot could become a rain runoff pond. Also, a new path along the MacArthur Boulevard side of the area would take away another ten feet down its whole length.

The Potomac Farm Market, which operates on the strip, says the plan will destroy its business there. "That will be the end of our community farm market in Glen Echo," owner Steve Magassy told *The Echo*. "We won't be able to plant flowers, put up Christmas trees or, as we are now, put out pumpkins."

Whether the storm water management portion of the plan proceeds will depend on soil test results. "The soil borings will provide geotechnical information that is needed for the proposed stormwater management bioswale at the grassy area," according to Greg Hwang,



The farm market at Glen Echo Center



Studying the feasibility of a runoff pond

Capital Projects Manager for the Montgomery County Department of Transportation Division of Transportation Engineering. A bioswale is designed to remove silt and pollution from surface runoff water. Hwang says the County is "planning to reach out to

the farmer's market in the near future regarding the potential impacts from the proposed shared use path and bioswale."

The current schedule is to complete the study portion of the project next summer.

A public meeting will be conducted to receive input from the community when the preliminary design is further developed. Hwang says community comments will be evaluated and then the County Executive and County Council will de-

termine if the project would be funded for final design and construction. If funds are available, the final design and construction is estimated to take approximately five years.

The County says the proposed storm water management bioswale in the grassy area is within the public right-of-way. It would be a microbioretention facility designed to limit ponding to a maximum 24-hour period following a rain storm. The depth of the retained stormwater will be no more than 12 inches. The facility would not require fencing under Montgomery County Code, Chapter 36, Pond Safety. Hwang added that "with the relative short duration of ponding, the opportunity for mosquito breeding is minimal." At press time, the results of the soil borings had not come back. —LELAND SCHWARTZ



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Here is the second installment of Phyllis Fordham's interviews with Glen Echoans who are active volunteers. If you would be willing to share your story of volunteerism, contact her at phyllisfordham@comcast.net.

The Art World

Susan Grigsby has long contributed her time to the Freer Gallery and the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, part of the Smithsonian Institution. Her commitment includes at least 5 hours a week and as much as 15 hours a week when she is preparing for a new exhibit. She also assists with training and planning specialized trips, which can take as much as 25 hours each week she works on them. The longevity of her interest is impressive: She has volunteered at the Smithsonian for 30 years. Earlier, she spent 10 years at the Los Angeles Museum of Art and a year at the National Gallery.

She now works with the education department of the Freer and Sackler Galleries. Her work allows her to

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focus on Asian art and how art links cultures. She sees, firsthand, that cultures borrow from each other, often adapting concepts from far away gardens, religion, architecture, food, and even mathematics. Her Peace Corps work in Asia encouraged her love of Asian art which has lasted a lifetime.

Anyone who has taken one of Susan's tours at either museum gets a glimpse of her depth of knowledge and enthusiasm for Asian art. She loves her work and finds it an ongoing focus for reading, researching, and writing papers to be used to train other docents. She attends weekly lectures and, in turn, provides lectures on subjects she has researched.

Training for new docents is given every two or three years, and if interested, you can put your name on a list. More information can be obtained at asia.si.edu. Or, of course, if you can catch her, you can ask Susan.

Kids and Canines

Fort Dupont Ice Arena is one of two organizations that benefit from Willem Polak's efforts. The Arena has a kids' program they call Kids on Ice. Willem is chairman of the organization that sponsors "the joy of ice sports," including figure skating, ice dancing, hockey, speed skating, and learn-to-skate programs. The thousands of kids who attend the programs are mostly from Wards 6 and 7 in the District of Columbia. The Friends of the Fort Dupont Ice Arena was formed in 1996 after the National Park Service stopped supporting the facility and its programs. Willem's long 14-year tenure with the organization demonstrates his dedication to its mission. Fdia.org is the place to check out volunteer and donation opportunities.

Willem's business is located in Alexandria, Virginia, and he acts as chairman of the Alexandria Police

Foundation that serves as the liaison between the police department and the community of residents and businesses. The organization, which was founded in 2002 by Police Chief Charles Samarra and private citizens, has an active community policing program with officers involved in a variety of youth programs. Its original purpose was to provide private health insurance for retired canines. Now the organization continues to serve police officers in various ways. The organization recently completed the Fallen Officers Memorial, located at Alexandria Police headquarters, that commemorates the 18 officers who died serving the city. This year, the foundation donated funds to provide a ballistic- and stab-proof vest for canine officer Czekaj who will now be outfitted just as five of his fellow canine dogs already have been. More information is available about the organization at alexandriapolicefoundation.org. —PHYLLIS FORDHAM

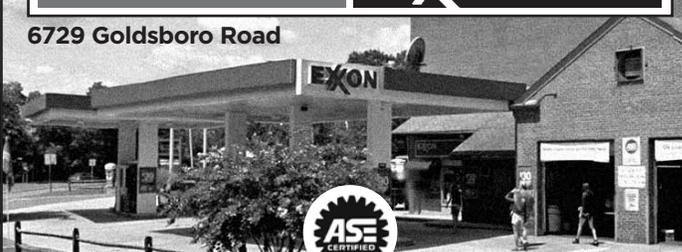


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November is the perfect time to plant garlic in your garden. It is a breeze to grow, rewarding to harvest, and better tasting than store bought garlic. I have grown it successfully for years in containers on my roof garden. Garlic is planted in the fall because it requires a cold period of at least two months to induce bulbing. Use loose soil with plenty of compost added to encourage plentiful production. Plant the individual cloves around 4 inches apart with the point of the clove up and just emerging from the soil. For best results, place mulch over the top using deciduous leaves, grass clippings, or straw.

As spring arrives and temperatures rise, you will see leaves emerging. When you see five or six leaves

HOLLY IN THE IVY

beginning to turn yellow and brown, harvest the garlic bulbs. Generally, garlic is ready to be dug up around the beginning of July. The outer skin should be dry and the bulbs should be well segmented. Loosen the soil with a fork and lift out the garlic bulbs. Let them dry in a well ventilated place out of rain and not in direct sunlight.

Bulbs will be cured in three to four weeks and stored in a cool, dark place (not in a refrigerator).

Garlic is rich in vitamin C, vitamin B6, manganese, phosphorous, and selenium, as well as other vitamins and minerals. Among its many health benefits are that it combats the common cold

and reduces blood pressure.

Here are a few of my suggestions for ensuring that you use more garlic in your diet. Try cutting the tops off the entire head of garlic, drizzle with olive oil and bake in the oven. After cooling, squeeze the bulbs and the garlic will pop out and then you can mash it and spread it over meat. Adding fresh garlic into sauces, salad dressings, sautés, pickles, soups and more will enhance your food. Another suggestion is to crush fresh garlic in olive oil with your favorite fresh chopped herbs for bread dipping.

Garlic plants fall into two categories, the first of which is **hardneck, stiffneck,**

or topset garlic (*Allium sativum* var. *ophioscoradon*). Cloves grow around a hard central stalk. The stalk forms a curling flowering stem in spring. Cut this flowering stem to provide more energy to the bulbs and be sure to eat these garlic tops as they are delicious as a stir-fried vegetable with a gentle garlic flavor.

Recommended hardneck varieties include "Music," which is a hardneck from Italy that tends to be sweet and pungent, but very hot when eaten raw. "Samar-kand" is a hardneck with a rich taste and moderate pungency, which is great for roasting.

The other garlic type is **softneck garlic** (*Allium sativum* var. *sativum*). These produce smaller cloves and

OUT AND ABOUT

As the holidays approach and the rancorous election season nears its end, you may find yourself looking for a way to give back, or perhaps to remind yourself that kindness exists in the world. Many local organizations welcome and rely on volunteers, whether for a one-time event or on an ongoing basis. Here are a few that offer volunteer opportunities for the whole family.

Local food banks offer a number of ways to help, particularly around the holidays. **So Others Might Eat**

(SOME) collects Thanksgiving dinner baskets containing specific holiday food items, which are distributed to needy families. Have your kids shop with you for sweet potatoes, cranberries, and a frozen turkey, and bring the whole family to drop your donation. **SOME** also collects decorated shoeboxes packed with necessities and gift items and distributes them to homeless or needy men, women, and children who live in **SOME's** housing or come in for a meal. Find more information on what

to include in your donations at some.org.

Here in Montgomery County, **Manna Food Center** offers volunteer opportunities in its Gaithersburg warehouse and at food drives and other events throughout the community. There are jobs for volunteers as young as seven, so it's a perfect chance for families to participate together.

For families looking to help in the great outdoors, **Montgomery Parks** welcomes volunteers. Most jobs are for teens and adults, but there

are opportunities for younger teens and tweens accompanied by their parents. Activities include working at special holiday events, cleaning up parks and streams, and re-



Meadow planting with the Little Falls Watershed Alliance



more of them, and they do not produce a scape. They keep longer and are useful if you want to make garlic braids. Recommended varieties include "Inchelium Red," a vigorous strain with a large bulb, great taste, and light purple skins. "Early Purple Italian" is a softneck with a mild flavor and extra large heads,

which tolerates heat well.

There are over 70 different varieties of garlic grown and there are different groups of garlics with descriptions based on their unique characteristics. Rocambole garlic is known to have a rich, full-bodied taste, is purple-streaked, and peels easily. Porcelain garlic is a classic, pearly white garlic with a simple strong taste. Spanish or red garlic is a lovely purple color and excellent for roasting. Artichoke is a larger garlic with a milder flavor. Black garlic refers to a caramelized garlic which involves a unique preparation method where the whole bulbs are heated for several weeks creating a taste that is sweet and syrupy. Elephant garlic is not truly a garlic but is a

member of the leek family. It produces large bulbs with much less flavor than garlic.

Much of the garlic sold in stores is imported from China and would not be the best for our gardens. I suggest buying cloves from the Seed Savers Exchange, a superb non-profit organization located in Iowa that preserves and distributes heirloom plant varieties. Their web site is seedsavers.org. You will find impressive selections of plants and seed at Seed Savers Exchange. Please support their important mission to "conserve and promote America's culturally diverse but endangered garden and food crop heritage for future generations by collecting, growing, and sharing heirloom seeds and plants."
—HOLLY SHIMIZU

moving invasive plants from natural areas—training is provided. Visit montgomery-parks.org for more information about how to get involved.

The **Little Falls Watershed Alliance** is an all-volunteer, very local organization that works to improve the waterways and natural spaces around Glen Echo. These include Cabin John Creek and Minnehaha Creek, which are almost literally in our back yards. The organization hosts regular "Free the Trees" events to remove strangling vines in nearby parks; vol-

unteers are also needed for regular clean-up days and for stenciling storm drains to discourage dumping.

The **Potomac Conservancy** advocates for clean water and natural areas around the river. Volunteers can participate in river clean-up events on a monthly basis and in occasional tree planting and other events. Visit potomac.org for more information.

Animal-loving kids might be disappointed to learn that most volunteer activities at local animal shelters are for adults only. Younger volun-

teers can collect blankets, toys, and supplies for animals living in shelters. Find a wish list at mchumane.org. If you're interested in including your family pet in your volunteer activities, consider volunteering with **peopleanimalslove.org**. PAL welcomes volunteer humans (humans under 16 must be with a parent) and their friendly, compassionate dogs to nursing homes, schools, libraries, and other places where a loving dog can offer comfort and joy. —ANGELA HIRSCH

WILD THINGS

Here are a couple of thriving Glen Echo critters caught on camera. Debang Lao of Wellesley Circle writes that he had been wondering why his tomato plants hadn't yielded much this year. Turns out a squirrel had been harvesting them ahead of him!



And one warm rainy October day brought this incredibly lethargic toad out of hibernation down at the bottom of Bryn Mawr. The kids had to give him lots of little nudges to get him out of harm's way.

Send your photos of local wildlife to theechoeditor@gmail.com

Adding to *The Echo's* new feature on Glen Echoans' volunteerism is, hands-down, the most committed volunteerism in Town: the foster parenting of six foreign-born teenagers at one time. Enter Emily Siegel and Dawn Tanner of 7326 University Avenue. Confronted with an empty nest after daughter Mollie graduated from college and after hearing an NPR feature on unaccompanied refugee minors (URMs), they determined they could expend the time and energy to be foster parents for two children.

Their interest was met gratefully by Lutheran Social Services (LSS), the agency responsible for placing these children—most aged over 15 and male—in the Washington area. LSS' program is funded by the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement and locally operates under the aegis of the DC government's Child and Family Services Agency. The preparation was intensive, including renovation of their house, training, and suit-

FAMILY MATTERS

ability investigations. Their house was reconfigured to carve out an additional bedroom to accommodate two foster children. An orientation, followed by 30 hours of training, were required, and they were thoroughly vetted



Emily and Dawn

by a home inspection, safety checks, and fingerprinting. In September 2014, they welcomed a sibling pair; over subsequent months, they welcomed others. At present, six children, aged 15 to 20, constitute the "team."

A fixed stipend is provided for each child, sufficient to cover basic living expenses, but Emily and Dawn have elected to supplement the stipend for extracurricular enrichments. URM kids obtain social security cards after arrival and are

eligible to apply for a green card. LSS encourages their charges to take advantage of educational opportunities beyond high school. To that end, Emily and Dawn have become proactive advocates within the kids' schools so they don't get lost in the system. LSS hosts youth group activities and a holiday party so URMs can mix with each other. Foster status typically lasts until age 21. The responsibility is daunting, including frequent contact with the various professionals overseeing the children's care: LSS staff, school teachers and guidance counselors, DC social workers, health care professionals, court-appointed special advocates, lawyers, etc. Nevertheless, Emily and Dawn readily acknowledge that they would never have been able to manage without the substantial support provided by these same people. They also have benefited from attendance at

the monthly support group for foster parents. Emily and Dawn say that they have been enriched by the experience and have enjoyed expanding their family to include these children from other cultures. They appreciate neighbors' expressions of support, although it should be understood that maintaining the children's privacy is paramount.

Emily and Dawn are happy to talk with prospective foster parents. Approximately 30 URM's are in the DC area currently, but LSS is now actively recruiting foster parents with the goal of doubling its URM capacity. A secondary need is adults willing to provide short-term respite housing, especially in the summers; these persons also must be certified as foster parents. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering to support LSS' refugee program or about becoming a foster parent, contact Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area at lssnca.org. —GLORIA LEVIN

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II	8:00 a.m.
Adult Forum	9:15 a.m.
Nursery Care	9:15 a.m.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II and Sunday School	10:30 a.m.

■ UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, November 6 at 5:00 p.m.—Music at Redeemer Series
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Monday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m.—Taize & Healing Service

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There's promising news from the folks at **Med-Gen**, the urgent care facility that opened and then closed earlier this year above the Glen Echo Pharmacy. Owner Clelia Walters reports that they will begin a scaled opening in November, with weekend hours of 8 AM to 4 PM on Saturdays and 10 AM to 4 PM on Sundays. They hope to fully reopen in February. Clelia says they are eager to get back to "our

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wonderful patients and the community." Welcome back!

If you have boxes of household items left over from your yard sale, you can donate them to the **Bannockburn Nursery School rummage sale**, which will be held November 19. Your goods can be dropped off at the Bannockburn clubhouse

up to three days before the sale or you can schedule a pick up for larger items. Email jocelyn_gross@ymail.com if interested.

Once again, Glen Echo will be joining Cabin John and Brookmont to **provide gifts for children** in homeless and transitional housing through So

Others Might Eat. We will be assigned approximately 20 children and will be given their names and ages as well as an optional "Wish List." Patty Sieber is organizing and will let everyone know soon how to sign up to shop for one of the kids. For more information, email her at sieber.patty@gmail.com or call 240-743-7194.

A New Service

We mentioned last month that a new "green" dry cleaner has opened up in the old Verizon space at the Glen Echo Center. Owners Jaeman and Gongsan Park started their first dry cleaners in Potomac Promenade Village in 1998. Young Day, who had her own tailoring shop both in Korea and the States for 40 years, will provide custom tailoring. The store hours are from 7:30 AM to 6:30 PM on weekdays and from 8 AM to

5 PM on Saturday. Clothes can be dropped off anytime and can be picked up as early as the next day at 5 PM. Same-day service is available with a 10% extra charge, but clothes need to be dropped off by 9 AM in order to be picked up that day. The clothes are brought from Glen Echo to Potomac twice daily and once they're cleaned and returned to Glen Echo, a text message is sent to the customer's phone saying the clothes are ready to be picked up. Shirts cost \$2.65

each. There is a discount for seniors. **Glen Echo Green Cleaners** uses the GreenEarth dry cleaning system, which the Parks say is based on "non-hazardous, non-toxic liquid silicones to gently wash your clothes without harming the environment or your skin." They say the liquid silicone is the base ingredient in many everyday shampoos, conditioners, and lotions. You can find a coupon for Green Cleaners in this month's copy of *The Echo*. —LELAND SCHWARTZ

Curbside Leaf pick up

for Glen Echo will be November 4, 11, and 18.



Simon Says Yoga, off of Sangamore Road, has been offering Family Yoga classes once a month for kids over 5 with their parents, but due to interest, they are now offering a class for even younger yogis. Once a month there will be a class for kids aged 3 to 6 with a parent. Some of these classes are taught by **Joci Kalifa** of University Avenue. (continued on page 12)



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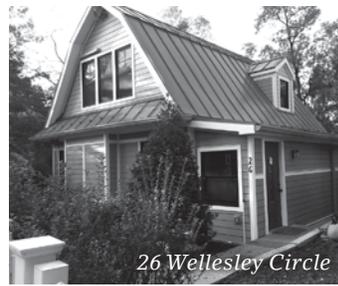
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Another award for the **Hirsch house** at 7317 University Avenue! The American Institute of Architects has given it an Excellence in Design award. The collaboration between the Hirsches, Broadhurst Architects, and MacFarland Woods “demonstrated a thoughtful and respectful reuse” according to the jury, “which main-

tained the charming historical character of the original church meeting space.”

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Joe and Martha **Shannon** completed their renovations at 26 Wellesley Circle in 2015. The first phase included adding a breezeway and new wing to their 1903 house and renovating the kitchen at the rear. The new wing includes a sitting room,



26 Wellesley Circle

bedroom, bath, and artist studio. Phase two included replacing all siding, older windows, and roofing. Joe selected the new red metal

roof! The yard was landscaped with walkways, terraces, and new trees. Design work by Joe and construction by McFarland Woods.

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Padraic **Springuel**, eldest son of **Renny and Edie** of Vassar Circle, took his solemn vows at St. Anselm’s, his Benedictine community, on October 16. Brother Samuel, as he is

Glen Echo On the Road

The Craig’s List ad read, “Volvo SW 240, 1987, \$500 (Glen Echo). This car still has life in it. Always starts and runs It is said the DL can last forever, but I have too many cars.” **Henry Barrow**’s tan Volvo station wagon had lived in Town for several years. The odometer had stopped at over 200,000 miles and he’d added a couple thousand more. He had several inquiries to the ad, but the most intriguing came from a group of five teen-

age boys from Frederick who wanted to buy the car and fix it up for a trip across country they were planning at the end of their high school senior year. They negotiated the price down to \$425 and we had a sale, with each boy contributing \$85 to the deal (a lot of small bills in cash). One of the dad’s had a trailer, and he arrived with four of



the boys on a Sunday morning to get the vehicle, since it had a slight idle problem that made it questionable to drive.

Now the students are working on the station wagon, cleaning it, fixing the mechanical problems, changing the brakes, and giving it a new paint job. They just painted the wheels a bright red! They’ve named the car

and their project “Kibibi” which means little woman in Swahili. They’ve started a blog where they’re documenting the entire process of Volvo renovation, and will continue to post once they begin their great adventure westward. If you’d like to follow them, you can check out their blogspot at www.projectkibibi.com. Henry

and I are staying in touch with the crew and are thrilled that the Volvo is going to have such an exciting summer next year. —CAROL BARTON



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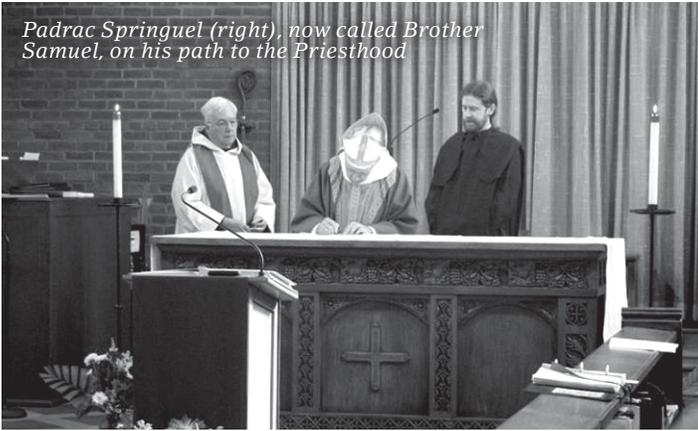
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Padrac Springuel (right), now called Brother Samuel, on his path to the Priesthood



called, had been at St. Anselm's for three years under his simple vows. At 36, Padraic has an undergraduate degree in psychology from St. Michaels in Vermont and a PhD in physics from the University of Maine. His next step is to be ordained a Deacon in a few years, and then on to the Priesthood, which he said he wanted from an early age. Many family members attended Brother Samuel's solemn vows, which his mother says was "a wonderful event."

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The historical **Eistophos Science Club** is holding its annual free open meeting at the Glen Echo Town Hall November 11 at 1

PM. Ginnie Brickwedde will be talking about the history of autism, and Nancy MacDonell will be speaking on climate change. The presentations will be followed by high tea. If interested in more information, call Diana Hudson-Taylor at 301-229-2163

Real Estate Report

The McGunnigle's house at 15 Vassar Circle is on the market for \$1,195,000. The home at 32 Wellesley Circle is available for rent. It has two bedrooms, and one bathroom, and the rent is \$2,300 per month. The church at Vassar Circle is still on the market, asking price \$1,485,000.

THEY SAY IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!

- Nov. 3, **Cecily McArdle**, 14
- Nov. 18, **Kate Dobson**, 8
- Nov. 19, **Cristina Hooper**, 6
- Nov. 19, **Caroline Koonce**, 7
- Nov. 29, **Magdalena Castro**, 13

Send children's birth dates (up to age 14) to TheEchoEditor@gmail.com.



GOINGS ON

Glen Echo Town Hall Events

FSGW English Country Dance Wednesdays, **November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** 8-10:30 PM, free to Town residents

November 5 6 PM, Guangxi Folks Association of Greater Washington presents its annual potluck party with singing and dancing. For information, please call or text resident Debang Lao at 301-755-7558.

November 11 1 PM, Eistophos Science Club annual meeting, free and open to the public

Local Events

November 8 Election Day

November 12 9 PM, Tom Helf's band Cravin' Dogs will be celebrating its 30th anniversary with a show at Villain & Saint in Bethesda

November 19 9 AM-12 PM, Bannockburn Nursery School rummage sale

Don't forget to vote!



Glen Echo Park Events



November 13 3-5 PM, The Folklore Society of Greater Washington presents a Family Dance in the Spanish Ballroom's back room, \$5

The Puppet Co. www.thepuppetco.org: 301-634-5380

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