



# The Echo

The Town of  
**GLEN ECHO, MARYLAND**  
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April 2010

## March Town Council Meeting

Nicole Fraser was the recording secretary covering for Cathie Polak.

Polly Angelakis, representing the Glen Echo Park, reported that the new playground equipment would be installed this week or next. Federal regulations regarding the bearing of concealed firearms provide that National Parks will follow the laws of the State in which they are located. Maryland does not allow the carrying of concealed firearms without permission to do so by the State Police.

A correction was made to January Council notes regarding a new agreement which is between the Clara Barton National Historic Site, not the park as previously noted, and a group which plans to do fundraising activities for the Clara Barton House.

Planning continues for the restoration of two rooms in the Clara Barton House.

Further issues concerning the last snow storm were discussed. Mayor Beers expects that some of the snow removal costs will be covered, in a limited way, by Montgomery County. Town resident Gloria Levin wished to point out that while the snow removal during and after the storm was not perfect, the contractor's performance must be judged in view of the exceptional and extreme nature of the storm.

Mayor Beers also stated that a special pickup of debris from the storm will soon be scheduled. The Town will also arrange for the cutting of trees and branches that overhang town streets as a result of the storm. One of the more serious results of the storm was the need to dig out cars parked in the streets. The Mayor pointed out that it is reasonable to expect that after clearing a space it should not be used casually by others. While laws permit parking in any legal space it is a test of civility and good manners not to take that space from those who moved the snow.

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## AROUND TOWN

"Debbie and Don Beers, of 29 Wellesley Circle, announce the marriage of their son Michael to Norah Comstock, originally of Grand Rapids, Michigan. The wedding took place in Grand Rapids on March 13, 2010. All of the Beers family was in attendance. Mi-

chael's sisters, Laura and Emily, were bridesmaids and his brother Andrew was a groomsman. Michael and Norah are living in Norwalk, Connecticut, with their 10-month old son Owen."

"BRIDGE ANYONE?" says **Janette Rockwell**. She would like to organize a bridge group. Call her at 301-320-5188 to discuss dates and times.



*"O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness..."*

-Psalm 96:9

### ■ SUNDAY MORNING

The Holy Eucharist	8:00 a.m.
Adult Education Forum	9:15 a.m.
Nursery Care	10:15 a.m.
Choral Eucharist	10:30 a.m.
Church School	10:30 a.m.

### ■ UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, April 25	5:00 p.m.
Inscape Chamber Orchestra in Concert	
Friday, May 21	7:30 p.m.
The Choir of Men & Boys of St. Paul's Parish, K Street	
Saturday, June 12	11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Annual Strawberry Festival & Silent Auction	

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## Town St. Patrick's Day Party

*We meet here each March wearin' green,  
And eat corned beef 'n' cabbage cuisine.  
We're all Irish tonight  
And we share our delight  
In the Glen Echo St. Patrick's Day scene.  
Carolyn Reeder, Glen Echo*

Glen Echo celebrated spring and Friends of the Irish on Saturday, March 20 at the Annual Spring Fling. Friends from Bannockburn were welcomed and joined wholeheartedly in the fun.

Impresario Kate Horwitz, with energy and a winning sense of fun, organized the evening. There was an abundance of green wear, corned beef and appropriate side dishes, and desserts in plenty.

Kate was more than ably assisted by Anthony Hyatt and his lively fiddle with his full repertoire of wonderful tunes. Glen Echo voices strained to do justice to tradi-



tional Irish songs. The highlight of the evening was a limerick contest with so many clever limericks that the contest was declared a draw!

As the evening closed, Kate and her leprechauns served Irish Coffee.

## Welcome Newcomers!

A warm welcome to Jeannette and Tom Koonce who recently moved into 7315 Columbia Rd. They are handsomely accompanied by Colin, 5, Nolan, 3, and Caroline, 4 months old.

The Koonces come to us from Tenleytown. They moved to Glen Echo because of its' sense of community and the availability of excellent schools. Tom is originally from North Carolina and went to Davidson. Jeannette hails from

Nebraska and went to Boston College. They met at William and Mary Law School. Jeannette is now with the Costar Group in Bethesda, and Tom is with the Mortgage Bankers Association in the District.

All of the Koonces look forward to living in Glen Echo and getting to know their neighbors better. Good to have you here.

## Bethesda District Police Advisory Meeting

By Norman Hudson-Taylor

2009 yearly statistics show all crime is down except thefts from cars. During the snow, Police received good support from the community in the form of hotel rooms from Hyatt, Hilton and Resident Inns and food from Chevy Chase Supermarket and Marriott. Bethesda District had 100% staffing during the snow with many officers staying at or near the station. Commander German urges support of a law that would reduce diminution credits (credits that reduce sentence for good behavior) for violent offenders and career criminals. He points to the murder of Lindsey Harvey in the Bethesda district in 2009. She was murdered, even though she cooperated with police, by a man who had his 2000 sentence for attempted murder cut in half for being a "good" prisoner.



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## Montgomery County and Firearms

*The March Town Meeting considered the question of firearms in national parks. Mark Stiglitz offered to do some research and provided the following information.*

"As discussed at tonight's town meeting, below are the relevant portions of Maryland statutes and Montgomery County regulations concerning the possession of a firearm on public property. The complete text of the Maryland Code may be found at

<http://www.michie.com/maryland/lpext.dll?f=templates&fn=main-h.htm&cp>. The Montgomery County Code is available at

[http://www.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll?](http://www.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll?f=templates&fn=default.htm&vid=amlegal:montgomeryco_md_mc)

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As you'll see, Maryland Criminal Law Article § 4-203 generally

prohibits the possession of a handgun (concealed or open) on one's person or in a vehicle. A county may regulate firearm possession on or within 100 yards of a park, and

Montgomery County has chosen to do so. Montgomery County Code, Part II § 57-11(a) prohibits the possession of a handgun, rifle, shotgun or ammunition "in or within 100 yards of a place of public assembly". In summary, possession of handguns, shotguns or rifles on park property is precluded under state and/or county law, with the sole exception being handguns possessed by one in actual possession of a permit to carry issued by the Department of Public Safety. In practice, these are exceedingly difficult to obtain.

I hope this helps. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Matt Stiglitz

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Potomac Conservancy

**Docent Training, Sunday, April 25, 2 – 4 pm.** This summer, Potomac Conservancy seeks volunteer docents to represent the Conservancy on weekends from May through October at the River Center, and share their knowledge about the C&O Canal and the Potomac River with visitors. Potomac Conservancy will be happy to work with college students to receive internship or other class credit for volunteering. Expected commitment is one weekend day a month. Docents must be at least 18 years old. This meeting will train new docents and welcome back previous ones for a meet-and-greet. Come and enjoy refreshments, see new and old friends, and enjoy an afternoon on the towpath.

**Potomac River Watershed Clean-up, Saturday, April 10, 9 am – 12 pm.** Join Potomac Conservancy staff as we do our part to keep our communities clean at the annual Potomac River Watershed Clean-up, organized by the Alice Ferguson Foundation. Thousands of volunteers get their hands dirty every year for the health and beauty of the river through this wonderful event. Potomac Conservancy staff will host cleanups at: River Center at Lockhouse 8, Bear Branch, Adamstown, MD, Fletcher's Boathouse, Washington, DC

**River Center Opening Day Celebration, Saturday, May 1, 10 am – 2 pm.** Celebrate the opening of the River Center with Potomac Conservancy. Starting in May, the River Center at Lockhouse 8 will officially be open for the season. Stop by for a tour, browse educational exhibits and speak with a friendly volunteer docent every Saturday and Sunday from May until October, from 10 am – 2 pm.

**Migratory Bird Walk, Saturday, May 1, 8 – 10 am.** Each year the Potomac River serves as a major fly-way for returning migratory song birds. Join Paul Hagen for a morning bird walk along the C&O Canal during migration season to catch a glimpse of returning sum-

mer residents and spring migrants for International Migratory Bird Day.

### Town Hall

**April 10, Glen Echo Family Film Night**

**April 11, 2-6 pm** Folklore Society of Greater Washington, Family Dance

**April 15, 8 pm** Folklore Society of Greater Washington Concert, with Martyn Wyndhain-Read, presenting Australian and English Folk songs

**Every Wednesday night, 7 – 11 pm** English Country Dance

### Washington Conservatory

**Sunday, April 18, 3 pm, Glen Echo Park:** Nancy Almquist, soprano, and Jeffery Watson, piano

**Saturday, April 24, 3 pm, Glen Echo Park:** Drew Owen, cello, and Jeffery Watson, piano

#### Encore Chorale for Older Adults Begins April 12th

The Washington Conservatory will bring the 10<sup>th</sup> area Encore Chorale to Glen Echo Park. If you have ever sung in your life, join the Encore Chorale at the Washington Conservatory. No auditions required; participants should be 55 or older, and will be seated during rehearsals and performances. The Spring Session includes 7 rehearsals on Mondays, from 1 pm – 2:30 pm, beginning April 12<sup>th</sup>. Fee is \$80.00 for 7 weeks. To join, call the Washington Conservatory at 301-320-2770 or visit the Encore website at [EncoreCreativity.org](http://EncoreCreativity.org) for more information.



## **CORRECTION**

The article on the Blizzard of 2010 by Diana Hudson-Taylor should have ended with the words, "Impressions, Diana Hudson-Taylor"

Apologies from the Editors.

### **The Next Town Council Meeting**

The next Town Council meeting will be on Monday, April 12, at 8 pm.

*Contact the clerk-treasurer to add an item to the agenda.*

### **PLANT A TREE. SAVE SOME GREEN**

The State of Maryland is partnering with businesses, communities and residents to plant one million new trees by 2011. Explore [www.trees.maryland.gov](http://www.trees.maryland.gov) for advice on where, how and what type of trees to plant and to access discount coupons for your tree purchases. Also, the Montgomery County Planning Department has launched a tree planting program, "Leaves for Neighborhoods" to increase the county's tree canopy on residential property. Plant shade trees in your yard with help from a \$25 coupon when you buy a tree with a retail value of \$75 at participating nurseries. Go to [www.montgomeryplanning.org/events/leaves](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/events/leaves) for more information. Find nurseries that participate in both programs and use the two coupons together to save more.



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### **Glen Echo Movie Night!**

Glen Echo Movie Series presents, "UP", on Saturday, April 10, at 6:30 PM, in the Glen Echo Town Hall. Join us for pizza! The movie, UP, won 2 Oscars, has a run time of 96 min., and is rated PG.

*Carl and his wife spent a lifetime dreaming of exploring the globe and experiencing life to its fullest. But at age 78, his wife had passed and it seemed the opportunity had passed with her, until a twist of fate (and a persistent 8-year old Wilderness Explorer named Russell) gives him a new lease on life. "Up" is a thrilling journey where the unlikely pair encounter wild terrain, unexpected villains and jungle creatures.*

## **LADIES OF GLEN ECHO**

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