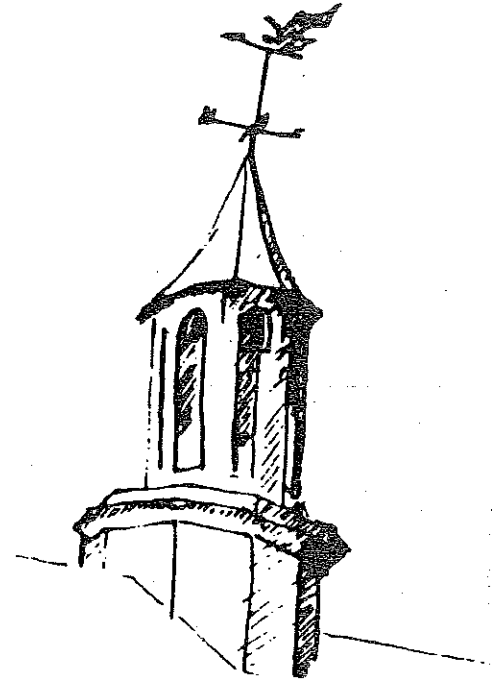


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June 2008

SOME STREETS IN POOR SHAPE, STREET REPAIR STUDY FINDS

By Sophie Keefer

A representative of the company recommending a repair plan for the town streets told the town council at its May 12 meeting that several core samples of town roads indicated that in many cases there was very little sub-base to the roads in Glen Echo.

Bob Harris, Director of Construction, A. Morton Thomas, provided some detailed information about the core samples. He noted that a sample on University between Oxford and Princeton got the highest score; the lower end of Bryn Mawr, near the dead end, got the lowest score.

Mr. Harris outlined four options for the project:

- (1) Patching and sealing (estimate: \$61,000). This would not really address the issues, he said.
- (2) Patching, milling and resurfacing some areas, sealing (estimate: \$61,000-135,000). Again, Mr. Harris said he does not recommend this option.
- (3) Patching, milling and resurfacing throughout the town (estimate \$135,000-275,000). Recommended option.
- (4) Full depth pavement reconstruction (estimate: three times the cost of option 3).

Mr. Harris explained that core samples were taken in the areas perceived to be the worst, e.g., in front of 5 Vassar Circle, 6100 Princeton, on Cornell, and on University. On Vassar Circle and Princeton, A. Morton Thomas found surface asphalt only. On Cornell and University, they found base and surface asphalt only. Pavement thickness is supposed to be a total of 12 inches of aggregate base, base asphalt and surface asphalt. In some cases, town streets had only two inches of pavement thickness. This limits

the milling that can occur, or else the contractor would hit dirt, e.g., on Vassar, he said.

He noted that in the lower part of town patching and milling would be required. He stated that he was alarmed by the results of the core samples, although some streets, such as Princeton, Wellesley, University, and Bryn Mawr were of sufficient pavement depth to mill down two inches. Something more than milling and resurfacing might be needed on Oxford

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FREE HALL EVENTS FOR GLEN ECHO RESIDENTS

The following activities booked at the town hall are free for town residents:

Monday, June 9, 8:00 p.m.--TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday June 14, 7:30 p.m.—GLEN ECHO FILM FESTIVAL

Tuesday, June 24, 7:00-9:00 p.m.—DAOUD NASSAR AND THE TENT OF NATIONS

Every Wednesday, 8:00-10:30 p.m. English Country Dance. Live music. No experience or partner needed. Sponsored by Folklore Society of Greater Washington.

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Monday, June 9—8:00 p.m.
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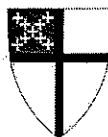
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June 2008 at REDEEMER

■ Sunday Morning Schedule

The Holy Eucharist	8:00 am
Adult Education	9:15 am
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Church School & Nursery Care	10:30 am

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STREET REPAIRS (FROM PAGE 1)

because there is more traffic, he said.

Mayor Debbie Beers said that the town should not get "carried away." Although the town does not have great pavement, extensive repairs have been done in the past, which have held up for a number of years. Council member Robin Kogelnik asked about the life expectancy of the options outlined by Mr. Harris. He said that total reconstruction would last 15-20 years because the town has low traffic volume. Council member Kogelnik said she did not favor a "band aid" approach and would like to do as much as possible at one time.

Mayor Beers said that the County recommended Glen Echo put in curbs and gutters. Mr. Harris responded that adding curbs and gutters costs about \$35.00 a foot and also entails lowering the roads, which would be a concern because of the core results. He also noted that if curbs and gutters are added, all water should be funneled to drainage structures, which are very limited in the town. He reiterated that there would need to be a place for the water to go and that curbs and gutters can actually create more volume of water.

Mr. Harris also discussed traffic calming measures and observed that the speed hump on Bryn Mawr seemed to be working. He suggested using the same type on University if speeding is a problem and on Oxford near the intersection. He also suggested a raised crosswalk and stop sign in the middle of Oxford on a flexible post. Council member Eve Arber noted that this would be crosswalk to "nowhere." The other option would be a speed hump, Mr. Harris said.

The schedule of work would depend on an understanding of the traffic volume, Mr. Harris said. It is doable this year if the work begins before Labor Day. Mayor Beers said her preference would be to do as much work as possible at one time because the work is disruptive and hard on the residents. The town has about \$600,000 in its budget, although currently only

ELECTION JUDGES SOUGHT

The Montgomery County Board of Elections needs about 4,000 volunteer election judges to staff almost 250 precincts during the November general election. Judges are essential to the success of every election.

To serve, a judge attends training (3 hours for most judges), helps set up the polling place the night before the election, and serves on Election Day. Most judges work at their precincts from early in the morning to the closing of the polls, but some serve only from 6 to about 11 p.m. Most judges receive a stipend of \$180.


Judges work in bipartisan teams, generally with their neighbors in their own neighborhoods. This is a real, sometimes demanding "roll up your sleeves" job, but judges report feeling grateful to have participated so deeply in the democratic process and satisfied knowing they were essential to a successful election.

The first step in serving as a judge is to visit the Montgomery County Board of Elections website at www.777vote.org to download a 2008 Election Judge Questionnaire. You may also call 240-777-8533 to request that an application be mailed to you.

\$300,000 will be assigned to the project.

Mayor Beers noted that most sidewalks are not ADA compliant and making them compliant would take at least two feet from some streets. Mr. Harris said that the town would not be obliged to bring them up to the standard unless there is a total reconstruction.

Mr. Harris said he will identify the areas that need more than milling and resurfacing before the next meeting.



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AROUND TOWN

Holly Shimizu, the executive director of the Botanic Garden, will be receiving the 2008 Great American Gardeners Award at a ceremony on June 6. It is given by the American Horticultural Society to a public garden administrator whose work has "cultivated widespread interest in horticulture," *Roll Call* reported. Holly, a resident of Bryn Mawr Ave., developed the National Garden, which opened in 2006...

Cynthia Word's World Dance Theater received a glowing review from *The Washington Post* after its performance of Isadora Duncan dances last month at the Ratner Museum. The works were "brilliantly performed" by dancers who "leapt and turned with joyful abandon" according to the review, which noted that the early 20th century choreography had been reconstructed through Duncan's dancers and their students. Cynthia, who lives on University Ave., "whirled across the stage with spiraling arms" dressed in a flowing blue scarf tunic...

Burglaries are up in our police district, *The Gazette* reported last month. However the police have arrested a man whom they believe was responsible for a large number of the burglaries. Unlocked doors and windows invite such crimes, police reminded residents.

Montgomery County and the Maryland Dept. of Agriculture have begun spraying for **gypsy moths** in some areas of the county, but not near Glen Echo.

Residents of Mohican Hills have seen several foxes in the area recently and one resident believes he saw a young coyote at MacArthur Blvd. and the exit from the Clara Barton Parkway, the *Mohican Hills Newsletter* reports. As elsewhere,

deer are a problem and their nibbling has motivated one resident to erect a scarecrow. No information yet on whether it works...

Your **old jeans** can help to build houses for Habitat for Humanity, the *Gazette* reports. The jeans will be collected, converted back into cotton fiber and made into insulation for new houses built in New Orleans and the Gulf region. It takes 500 jeans to insulate one house. The jeans drive is sponsored by Cotton, Inc. and Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County ReStore and spearheaded locally by eighth-grader Christa Guild, a student at Pyle Middle School. Drop off locations include Pyle and Walt Whitman High School.

A 30-minute documentary on the history of the park's **Dentzel carousel** was shown on PBS last month. The film was produced by Cintia Cabib last year and is now used in county schools for social studies classes. It is available through public libraries. Video clips at www.cintiocabib.com.

TREASURER'S REPORT

April 2008

A. Morton Thomas (street repair study)	\$8,760.00
Edward E. Paden (police, 2 mos.)	\$875.00
Chapel Valley, (T.H. landscaping + mo. fee)	\$5,508.35
PEPCO (streetlights)	\$437.55

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100TH CELEBRATION PLANNED FOR EX-RESIDENT R. T. PETERSON

Roger Tory Peterson, America's most widely known birder and author of the popular "Field Guide to the Birds," lived in Glen Echo from 1947-55. He rented the small 1853 stone house at 42 Wellesley Circle, commonly referred to in town as the "slave quarters" although it was most likely the summer kitchen for the four-story Oakdale Villa next door.

He lived here with his wife, Barbara, and sons Tory and Lee, and loved the location. "We are right on the edge of the woods," he wrote, "and I can see pileated woodpeckers from my window; barred owls hoot at night; both scarlet and summer tanagers live in the huge oaks over the roof; Louisiana water-thrushes, Kentuckys, etc. nest in the back of the house; and even bald eagles fly over...also osprey."

He left Glen Echo because he considered Washington and New York City to be potential targets for an atom bomb; the family settled in Old Lyme, Conn.

Peterson was born in Jamestown, N.Y. on August 28, 1908. The Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History there is celebrating the 100th anniversary of his birth this summer with exhibits, a nature writers lecture series, and a traveling exhibit bringing artifacts and images of the natural world to schools.

One of the high points of the celebration will be an exhibit of original paintings by Peterson, on display at the Institute from June 15-Oct. 15. It will include seldom-seen paintings on loan from their owners. Peterson's studio in Glen Echo, where he painted many of these scenes, was on the second floor of the Wellesley Circle house, now occupied by Stacey and Andy Malmgren and their two sons.

LADIES OF GLEN ECHO

*You are invited to Ladies Night
at Jane Stevenson's
6106 Yale Ave.*

Wednesday, June 18, 8:00 p.m.

Please RSVP 301-229-3578

PALESTINIAN OLIVE FARMER TO SPEAK OF TENT OF NATIONS

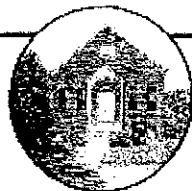
Palestinian olive farmer Daoud Nassar and his wife, educator Jihan Nassar, will share their experience of "planting peace and teaching hope" on their family's 100-acre vineyard outside Bethlehem in the West Bank on Tuesday evening, June 24, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Glen Echo Town Hall.

The Nassars' property is located in a beautiful, but troubled, corner of the West Bank, hard by the "Separation Wall" and surrounded by Israeli settlements. The Nassars have waged a long, so far successful, legal campaign to keep their farm.

Beyond that, they have found new ways to stay in business, such as installing a solar-powered generator, and have established the "Tent of Nations," a dynamic international peace and education center.

Daoud and Jihan are visiting this area as guests of Friends of Tent of Nations North America (www.FOTONNA.org), a 501(c)(3) organization based in Bannockburn. They are looking to spread their message of hope and reconciliation and generate more friendship and support for their cause.

The event is free and everyone is invited. It is sponsored by Jim and Carlotta Anderson, who believe in a wide dialogue on Middle East issues. Light refreshments will be served.



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May 12

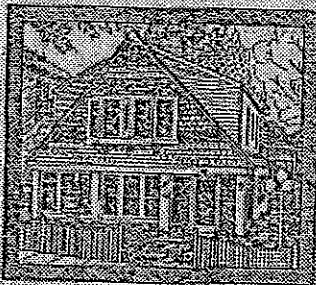
Clerk-Treasurer Polak reported that the voter qualification amendment to the Town charter was passed last month. It was circulated to town residents. Mayor Beers said that it must be posted for 40 days following adoption and must be published four times in a newspaper before it becomes effective. Clerk-Treasurer Polak said she would put it in the Bethesda Gazette.

The town received two bids for painting the inside of the Post Office. One was for \$8,000 and the other for \$2900. A motion was passed to accept the bid for \$2900.

Bids for painting the exterior of the town hall were for \$26,700, \$29,500, and \$28,211. Clerk-Treasurer Polak thought the best painter was the one with the highest bid because he would be the easiest to work with. Council member Kogelnik suggested that the Town ask that painter to match the next lowest bid, with a ceiling of \$28,500. Mayor Beers said she was "stunned" at the prices, but the others noted that the painting would be a thorough job.

The Town also received bids for landscape maintenance from Chapel Valley -- \$600 more per month to manage the two new parks, including mowing, edging and mulching. Watering would be \$50 per hour. A motion to accept Chapel Valley's bid was not necessary because of the amount.

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CAROL BARTON'S POP-UP BOOK WINS AWARDS

Yale resident Carol Barton's pop-up Pocket Paper Engineers workbook Vol. 2, coming out in a few weeks, has already won two prestigious awards for its design. The Washington Book Publishers Association has awarded it the "Best Illustrated Book" award; it also is a finalist in the National Indie Book Awards competition.

The Pocket Paper Engineer, Vol. 2, covers how to make pop-up platforms, props, spirals and straddles. (Carol constructed the large pop-ups of the town and of Glen Echo Park, displayed in the town hall, by using the pop-up prop technique).

As publisher of her book, Carol went to China in February to oversee production. Presently the book is making its way through the Panama Canal, and should clear customs in Chicago any day now.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Carol Barton's new book, Volume 2 of The Pocket Paper Engineer, is now available for \$26.95. The workbook presents directions for how to make pop-ups in a clear, interactive format. Readers are guided through each project with illustrated step-by-step instructions, and the projects are lively and whimsical with illustrations that combine painting and photography. To order, email cbarton@mindspring.com or call 301-229-2213.

Classified ads are free to Glen Echo residents. Fee to non-residents: \$.75 per line of 50 characters or fewer. Display ads: \$4 per column inch. Ads may be left with or mailed to the editor at 38 Wellesley Circle, Glen Echo, MD 20812. Make checks payable to: Town of Glen Echo. Deadline: 24th of each month.

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SCRAP METAL DRIVE A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS

The Metal Recycling Challenge between Cabin John and Carderock this spring resulted in the seven-week collection by residents of almost 34,000 pounds of scrap metal. This averted approximately 68,000 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions that would have been generated in the county incinerators, according to Tim Rojas, an organizer of the challenge.

The county's Dept. of Environmental Protection equates that with removing six passenger cars from the street for a year, Mr. Rojas said.

Organizers credited school children with being at the center of the metal collection. They canvassed over 1,300 homes in the neighborhoods to pick up scrap metal. Surprisingly, over 50 percent of the amount was in the form of small items collected in bins placed in each community, not the large metal items collected.

After Cabin John won the challenge, the communities held a joint awards ceremony, followed by refreshments, band music, crafts, and exhibits. Councilmember Roger Berliner presided over the ceremony and was joined by county officials.

SIGN-UPS FOR JUNIOR RANGER CAMPS NOW UNDERWAY

Two-day Junior Ranger camps sponsored by the National Park Service and the Clara Barton house will be held this summer for campers ages 9-12 years old. Activities will be related to Clara Barton's life and times and the history of Glen Echo Park.

The camps are free and take place from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Openings are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The dates are July 8-9, July 15-16, July 29-30, and August 5-6.

Reservations are required and space is limited. Call 301-320-1410

HUGE TREE FALLS ON EMPTY HOUSE IN CABIN JOHN

An enormous oak tree with a 10-12-foot diameter base suddenly fell atop a house at 6428 79th St. in Cabin John on the afternoon of April 21. The tree had been leaning, and after heavy rains, the roots and clay could not hold it any longer.

Luckily, the house was unoccupied, as it had been for several years, and water and electricity had been cut off. So far no one is asserting ownership of either the house or the tree to the extent of correcting the situation. There is now an "Open" sign on top of the tree and a bicycle was positioned half way up the tree, presumably both placed there by jesters.

On May 22 the county placed a sign on the tree indicating that it was condemned and must be removed by May 26 along with any "solid waste" around it. If not, the fine would be \$500 the first day, and \$750 per day thereafter. The tree was still there at *Echo* press time.

The fate of the location at the corner of 79th St. and MacArthur Blvd. has been a controversial one for many months. The house with the tree across it, as well as two other houses, both facing MacArthur, are part of a 1.9 acre plot of land that has been tempting developers. The owners, the children of Geraldine Shaw, have suggested a price of \$3 million

WANTED: VOLUNTEERS TO STAFF LOCKHOUSE 8

The Potomac Conservancy is looking for river history buffs to show visitors around the lockhouse at Lock 8, tell about the history of the C&O Canal, and educate them about what they can do to protect the Potomac River watershed.

The docents will be asked to co-staff the lockhouse from 10:00-2:00 one day each month through September.

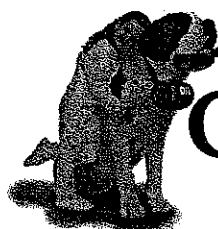
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TOWN RESIDENT'S COLLECTION ON VIEW AT CLARA BARTON

A collection of International Red Cross medals on loan by town resident James McGunnigle, plus American Red Cross service and volunteer pins from 1918 – 1967 is on view at the Clara Barton House during the month of June.

It is part of a special exhibit, "Service and Honor in the Red Cross." The exhibit includes two original certificates, one from Cuba and one from Strasbourg, France, which Clara Barton received in appreciation of work she performed with the Red Cross.

The exhibit is available for viewing as part of guided tours that begin on each hour from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. daily.

STROLLERS APPRECIATE FOLIAGE CUT-BACKS

Those who enjoy strolling on town sidewalks appreciate the efforts made by some residents to cut back plant growth so it is not necessary to avoid or duck the foliage. This is particularly important because town sidewalks are very narrow and don't meet the current width code.

Beautiful as your landscaping may be, it should be confined to your own yard.

Since many people walk directly from their front doors to their cars, they are unaware that they are causing such a problem. Why not take a short walk around the outside of your property, equipped with clippers, and cut down all foliage that gets in the way?

It would be much appreciated by the walkers.

NEED NEW RECYCLING BIN?

If your green recycling bin has been damaged, or if you are a new resident and didn't find a bin when you moved in, you are eligible for a new one. You may also ask for an extra if one bin is insufficient.

Just call the town office and indicate if you are trading in an old one or ordering a new one.

LOCAL CHURCH HOLDS SUMMER MUSIC CAMP

The Church of the Redeemer's third-annual Summer Music Camp will take place Monday, August 4 – Friday, August 8, 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. daily. The camp, designed for children and youth ages 7-15 (campers must have completed first grade), will be staffed by Redeemer's Director of Music, Tom Smith, and two professional musical educators from the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Tuition for the week is \$300. This includes a non-refundable fee of \$100 due at registration. Camp highlights include:

- Utilization of portions of the Orff and Dalcroze methodologies ; Study of rhythm through motion; Study of basic vocal production and solfege; Introduction to reading musical notation; Demonstration of the church's new pipe organ; and arts and crafts and outdoor recreation time. Lunch and a snack provided daily. Scholarships available for those who cannot afford tuition

For more information, please contact Thomas Smith, Director of Music, at (301) 229-3770, or by e-mail at music.redeemer@verizon.net. Registration materials are available on the parish website. <<http://redeemerbethesda.org/documents/SummerMusicCampRegistrationMaterials.pdf>> Deadline for registration is June 15, 2008. Space is limited to 25 campers.

GLEN ECHO PARK: THEN AND WOW!

An annual family festival, "Then and Wow!" takes place at Glen Echo Park on Saturday, June 28 from 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m..

This festival celebrates the park's past and present with amusement rides and games popular in years past, dance lessons in the beautiful Spanish Ballroom, Park tours, music, and roving performers.

There will be something for everyone!

BE SURE TO VISIT THE PARK FOLK FESTIVAL THIS WEEKEND!