

The Echo

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October 2004

COUNCIL WANTS POLICE MEETING TO DISCUSS CARJACKING

By Andrea and Steve Matney

The car-jacking that took place on upper Princeton Avenue last month shocked town residents. Members of the town council said at last month's meeting that they do not recall ever having something this dangerous happen in town.

Apparently at least two individuals were involved. One wore a ski mask and both had guns, but no one was hurt. The car was later found on MacArthur Blvd. near the DC line. Police told the car owner that they have been able to identify a 17 year old suspect through his fingerprints on the Volvo station wagon. A warrant has been issued for his arrest.

Councilmember Nancy Long recommended that the Montgomery County Police hold a public meeting in the town hall so that residents could hear suggestions on methods to protect the community. Although it considers the crime a random event, the council agreed that this type of meeting with the police would be helpful.

Glen Echo Park Site Manager, Karen Pittleman, who was present at the council meeting, reported that the park has not experienced any problems, but will ask the Park Police to attend the meeting.

Details will be announced later.

CROSSWALK, PEDESTRIAN SIGNS MAY IMPROVE SAFETY ON BLVD.

By Carlotta Anderson

Town residents who have been campaigning for years for some solution to the dangerous crossing situation confronting pedestrians who wish to cross MacArthur Blvd. were gratified that a small improvement was made last month.

A new crosswalk has been painted at the top of Princeton Ave. and signs have been posted indicating that pedestrians may be crossing.

Over the years, Mayor Debbie Beers has written some half dozen letters deploring the dangerous situation to the county Public Works and Transportation department without any action having been taken. This time she called traffic engineer Pat Bradley after reading an article in the Sept. 1 issue of the *Gazette* headlined: "Traffic woes heard in Glen Echo; solutions to come."

Promising as this sounded, it turned out that the Glen Echo referred to was Glen Echo Heights and the solutions outlined pertained to Walhonding Rd.

Undaunted, the mayor called Mr. Bradley, the traffic engineer who had promised remedies in the Heights, and asked in effect, "What about us?"

He agreed to send out a crew immediately to look at our situation. In short order the signs were erected and the crosswalk painted.

Although the "solution" is a far cry from the flashing lights or signal that the town wanted, the mayor expressed pleasure that the county had finally acted, and said she hopes the changes will ensure greater pedestrian safety.

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HISTORY OF POTOMAC RIVER ENTERTAINS 23 AT TOWN HALL

By Diana Hudson-Taylor

A talk by Gilbert Gude about the Potomac River was enjoyed by 23 enthusiasts of the river and its history on Sept. 19 at the Glen Echo Town Hall.

The slides and personal experiences of the speaker ranged from the source of the river at the Fairfax Stone marking Lord Fairfax's land grant from King Charles, past Mt Vernon and Maryland tobacco fields, to a quaint lighthouse on the Potomac River as it enters into the Chesapeake Bay.

Sparkling Mr. Gude's account of the river were discussions of the flora of the shale barrens, how Williamsport's wide streets are the result of its bid in colonial times to be the capital of the United States, and the environmental impact on the river of acid drainage from abandoned mines.

The event was part of the town 2004 Centennial Lecture Series. This event was a team effort by Nancy Long, Sue Grigsby and refreshment chair Elaine Bodlander.

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NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, October 11—8:00 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

Contact the mayor to add an item to the agenda

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ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY AT TOWN HALL OCTOBER 31

Town children are advised that scary happenings will be taking place at the Glen Echo Town Hall on Oct. 31, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Those with sufficient courage are invited to attend, and eat pizza with whatever monsters and ghosts choose to appear.

They are encouraged to bring treats to share.

Volunteers are needed for set up on Friday, Oct. 29, at 10:00 a.m., and for clean-up immediately following the party.

Trick-or-Treating will take place from dark until 9:00 p.m. Leave your light on if you welcome tricker-or-treaters.

HALLOWEEN MASQUERADE PARTY FOR ADULTS OCT. 30

Adult ghosts, goblins, and other fantastic creatures are invited to participate in an adult masquerade party at the town hall on Oct. 30 at 8:30 p.m.

It will be a BYOB party, but sodas will be provided. Guests are asked to bring an hors d'oeuvre or sweet to share. A movie may be shown at some point during the evening.

Volunteers are needed for set-up Friday morning, Oct. 29, at 10:00 a.m. as well as clean up immediately after the party and/or the following morning.

Volunteer baby sitters for a group of children are also needed.

To volunteer please call Eve Arber, 301-263-0016.

TOWNWIDE YARD SALE

Saturday, October 23—rain or shine


8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Join the fun, stroll the streets and
Clear Out the House!!**

This event will only be held if a minimum number of people sign up in advance. To participate in this town-sponsored townwide yard sale, send/bring \$5/household to Diana Hudson-Taylor, 16 Wellesley Cir., tel, 301-229-2163, by October 13.

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AROUND THE TOWN

Verizon workers were a frequent sight in Glen Echo last month as they installed **upgraded fiber-optic cable** to improve high speed Internet service. The town has had fiber-optic cable for several years...

Town artist A. Brockie Stevenson is exhibiting his work until November 6 in the First Floor Galleries at Strathmore Hall Arts Center, 10701 Rockville Pike, Bethesda. A resident of Yale Ave., Mr. Stevenson's paintings are in the collections of the American Museum of Art, the Corcoran Gallery and the Phillips Collection as well as many other museums and private collections. Many of his prints hang in Glen Echo homes...

The **Yellow Barn Gallery** in Glen Echo Park hosts individual and group art exhibits every weekend throughout the year. These exhibits, which change weekly, are on view from noon-5:00 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 1-301-371-5593 or contact www.yellowbarnstudio.com.

The **Yellow Barn**, which adjoins the Chautauqua tower, was built in 1910 and is included in the Park's \$18 million rehabilitation project. The National Park Service intends to demolish it in the near future and replace it with a new building in the same location...

The **food concession stand** will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, and then will close for the winter at the end of October. The carousel closes at the end of September.

The Potomac Conservancy and other local groups have decided not to appeal a decision against them in a federal suit they filed against the Washington Area Sewer Authority (WASA) because of the **stench along the C&O Canal** coming from Potomac Interceptor sewer vents. They claimed the filters installed by WASA after years of complaints about the smell were not maintained in accordance with EPA requirements, according to an article in the *Potomac Almanac*. Other organizations involved in the suit were the American Canoe Association and the Canoe Cruisers Association. Cabin John citizens have been complaining about the odor for many years. Even though they are not forced to by court order, "I hope that WASA doesn't somehow take a more relaxed stance towards completing all of the [additional] stink cures," said Burr Gray, President of the Cabin John Citizens Association, according to the article...

The town is planning to erect **stone markers** on either side of the top of Harvard Ave. to indicate to drivers and pedestrians that they are entering the Town of Glen Echo. The markers will probably be of curved design and are expected to cost around \$15,000, according to Mayor Debbie Beers. Permission will have to be obtained from the county because it owns the land on which the markers will be set. The mayor is trying to find a map that will clearly indicate where the aqueduct pipe lies in relation to the top of Harvard Ave. to satisfy the WSSC that the aqueduct will not be disturbed...

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PROPERTIES ON THE MARKET

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6010 Princeton Ave.	\$795,000

TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

September 13

The southern end of Bryn Mawr Ave. is experiencing erosion from water running down the hill. A railroad tie has not been enough to stop the earth's erosion due to inadequate drainage. The town will contact engineers to look at the problem and the George Washington National Park's Roads and Trails crew will look at it from the Clara Barton Parkway side.

In view of the town having a permanent seat on the board of the Glen Echo Park Partnership, the council voted to make a **\$1000 donation to the Glen Echo Park Partnership** on behalf of the town.

The Glen Echo Park Labor Day Art Show was a success, with \$24,000 worth of art work sold, and \$3,000 raised in registration fees. The funds go to the Partnership. The Nature Conservancy had commissioned a local artist to produce a work showing the **Potomac River from Georgetown to Great Falls**. The Council agreed to purchase a framed print to be displayed in the town hall at the \$150 discounted price offered by the artist.

Glen Echo Park has been experiencing problems with skateboarders damaging property, so signs have been posted that **skateboarding is not allowed**. The regulation has been in place, but the park is now enforcing it. Neighborhoods are asked to spread the word to kids.

--Andrea and Steve Matney

CLASSIFIED ADS



GLEN ECHO FAMILY seeks high school student to spend 2-3 weekday afternoons with two boys, 8 and 11. They have asked for someone that will be here when the Bannockburn bus drops them off (3:50) and stay until 7pm. You'd give them a snack, play a bit and start homework. Maybe fix a simple dinner sometimes. We'll pay \$10 an hour. Please contact Ainsley Perrien at 301/229-6001 or ainsley@states.com.

FREE: Bumper stickers for the Kerry/Edwards ticket. Gloria, 301-320-5068.

HAPPY PETS. Town resident available for pet care. Please contact Ben 301-263-0146. Rate: \$10/day.

CARING, EXPERIENCED NANNY SOUGHT for mid-December through end of January, 2005, approximately noon-6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Care for 2-1/2 year old boy and 6-year-old girl (in school most of afternoon). Call 301-320-0314.

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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HISTORIC PRESERVATION NEXT CENTENNIAL TALK TOPIC

What historic preservation means and how it affects the areas or structures that have that designation will be the subject of the next Centennial Lecture Series talk on Sunday, Oct. 17, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the Glen Echo Town Hall.

The speakers will be Michael Dwyer, historian of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and Gwen Wright, Historic Preservation Coordinator of the Commission.

Ms. Wright will discuss what it might mean for Glen Echo to choose to have an historic preservation designation.

LADIES OF GLEN ECHO

You are invited to a Ladies Night

*at Laura Lorenzen's
6010 Princeton Ave.
To bid her farewell*

Wednesday, October 27, 8:00 p.m.

Please RSVP 301-229-7835

BURNED-OUT STREET LIGHT?


If you see a burned-out street light, you can report it to Pepco by calling 1-877-77-2662 and giving the street address and whether it is a wooden or metal pole. Because some people have reported burned-out street lights several times before they were replaced, it is a good idea to note the date you called. If you call over several weeks without any action, you could report that to the clerk/treasurer at 301-320-4041.

FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT

July-August 2004

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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, October 11, 8:00 p.m.--TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, October 17, 3:00-5:00 p.m.—CENTENNIAL LECTURE—Historic Preservation

Saturday, October 23, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.--TOWNWIDE YARD SALE

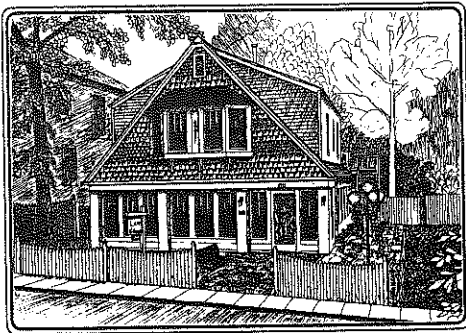
Saturday, October 30, 8:00 p.m.—ADULT MASQUERADE PARTY

Sunday, October 31, 5:30-6:30—HALLOWEEN PARTY

Sunday, November 6, 8:00 p.m.—CONCERT with singer/songwriter Jane Voss and jazz/ragtime pianist Hoyle Osborn.

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BUILDING, GRADING, TREE CUTTING IN GLEN ECHO REQUIRE PERMITS

Glen Echo town building permits are required for all building of any kind in Glen Echo. The fee is \$2. The town permit is required before building can commence, and is in addition to any required county permit.

A permit is also required before "razing, felling or erecting any building, structure, tree or any object which may endanger or cause reasonable apprehension of damage" to people or adjoining property."

Town ordinances require a town grading permit before the start of any grading, clearing, filling or other earth change which may introduce sediment into any town watercourse, move more than 100 cubic yards of earth, or involve a project cost of \$500 or more.

The town council must be given 60 days notice before any tree more than 10 feet high or four inches in trunk diameter is removed or limbs are cut back to stubs larger than three inches in diameter.

Permits are not required for minor interior repairs where there is no interference with the construction of the building or alterations which do not involve any change in structural parts of the house.

Application for a town building permit should be made in writing to the town Clerk/Treasurer accompanied by drawings and tracings sufficient to convey the extent and character of the work to be done. A brochure, "Building in Glen Echo," is also available from the Clerk/Treasurer at the town hall.

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.

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AUTHOR OF BARTON BIOGRAPHY AT BOOK SIGNING OCTOBER 30

Elizabeth Brown Pryor, author of *Clara Barton Professional Angel*, a biography of Clara Barton published in 1987 will be at the Clara Barton National Historic Site on Saturday, Oct. 30 at 2:00 p.m. for a round-table discussion and so that readers can meet the author.

The event is part of a program organized by the National Park Service, National Capital Region Book Club. This year's book club theme is "Civil Rights and Social Action in Our Parks."

The theme is demonstrated through Miss Barton's personality, beliefs, actions and accomplishments and is reflected in Ms. Pryor's book.

The book is on sale in the bookstore at the site.

"PHRENOLOGIST" TO PERFORM AT CLARA BARTON OCT. 16

On Saturday, September 25, 2004 Oct. 16, at the Clara Barton house, Phrenologist "L.N. Fowler" will tell audiences how he used phrenology to convince the teenage Clara Barton that she was best suited to become a teacher. He did this by studying the bumps and crevices of her skull and the profile of her head.

Later in life, Miss Barton voiced gratitude to Mr. Fowler for recommending what turned out to be an appropriate career path.

There will be two special performances of "Clara Barton and Phrenology—Looking for Bumps" at 7:15 and 8:15 p.m. James Perry will perform as the noted 19th century phrenologist Lorenzo Niles Fowler. A special exhibit on phrenology will also be on display.

The presentation is appropriate for all ages and is free. The Open House begins at 7:00 p.m.

TRASH/RECYCLING COLLECTION TIMES

Tuesday & Friday--ALL TRASH, except heavy-weight objects.

Tuesday--RECYCLABLES, including plastic, metal and glass, and all paper. Newspapers tied or in paper grocery bags. Mixed paper except hardback books in paper bags or small cardboard boxes. Large cardboard boxes flattened to fit in narrow side bins of recycling truck.

Wednesday--GARDEN REFUSE, cut into four-foot lengths and tied, placed in compostable leaf/grass bags, or in a large trash container labeled "Recycling" and used only for yard waste.

Last Friday of the month--BULK PICKUP--heavy or large quantity of discardables. There are no more special pickups. All large quantities of trash and heavy trash are picked up at this time.

If you have any trash or recycling pick up problems call Waste Management directly at 301-340-0774 and ask for Dispatch.

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