

The Echo

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CELL PHONE, DIRECT-TV STORE REPLACES PEPPERIDGE FARM

By Leland Schwartz

A cell phone and Direct-TV store has replaced Pepperidge Farm in the Glen Echo shopping center.

It's called East West Wireless. It moved here from Butler Road (off River Road near the two gas stations) and opened for business on Sept. 26.

The store is a Verizon, Sprint, NEXTEL, T-Mobile, and Cingular provider and handles upgrades and new activations. It sells Blackberries. The store also represents Dish Network and DIRECT-TV, two leading television systems that work with a reception dish rather than cable.

East West is owned by Mark Harris, who says he moved to the center "because it's a better location and a better neighborhood."

East West, which has been in business for ten years, will be open during the week from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The phone number is 301-654-4300 and the website address is www.eastwestwireless.com.

"What makes us different is we've been around for a long time and we care about our customers," Mr. Harris told *The Echo*.

Shopping center co-owner Mike Shirazi says he expects no other store changes but has 1,250 square feet of office space available in the building.

RESIDENTS EXPRESS CONCERN OF McMANSION BUILDING

By Frank Powers

In response to concerns by residents that Glen Echo will see the construction of "McMansions" like those built in nearby communities, the Glen Echo Town Council at its Sept. 10 meeting discussed the town's limitations in preventing such building.

Mayor Debbie Beers underscored the fact that the town has no zoning authority but stressed that most town lots, being of an average size of 6,000 square feet, were far too small to present a threat to residents, given the county's setback requirements from front to side and height limits.

She noted that Cabin John's lots were at least, on average, 50% larger, enabling builders there to put in over-sized homes. The same was not possible in Glen Echo, she said.

When asked about aesthetics, Mayor Beers said the council had been advised by the town attorney that architectural reviews were also not under the town's jurisdiction. She noted, too, that if the town were to have historical preservation status, that would not cover new construction. She noted that such a move could be opposed by a number of residents who don't want to invite that bureaucratic involvement into Glen Echo.

Councilwoman Eve Arber agreed that the community was split concerning introducing the regulations required by historical preservation designation, and that it would be tough

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to get consensus, and might involve a long-term approach.

Resident Raya Bodnarchuk, speaking in support of concerns voiced by resident Sharon Lerner, suggested that discussions during the Centennial led her to believe that historic preservation requirements were much more flexible than what she had previously thought. She said she was concerned about ensuring that the "look" of the town would not be affected by future development.

Mayor Beers suggested that if there were sufficient interest, a committee could be formed to explore all the issues involved. Councilwoman Arber then volunteered to chair such a committee, if one were to be formed.

Mayor Beers cautioned that the town should be wary of getting back into zoning, which it had given up some years ago, given the bureaucratic process it required, and the lack of interest among town residents to serve on the committee.

She also pointed out that it was not an accident that there was not a single instance of anyone tearing down a house in Glen Echo in order to replace it with an overly-large house. Lots sizes, she emphasized, restrict that from happening.



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FORMER PROTESTORS CELEBRATE SUMMER OF CHANGE

By Carlotta Anderson

In 1960, Glen Echo Park was one of the last remaining segregated facilities in Montgomery County. On June 30, 75 people walked a picket line in front of the park's main gate for almost six hours to protest its segregation policy. Five blacks mounted animals on the carousel and were arrested for trespassing when they refused to get off.

For the next weeks activists from Howard University and the Bannockburn community, some of whom were experienced labor leaders, walked a picket line and demanded that the park be desegregated. Glen Echo resident Frank Corder, then a town council member, was among the protestors.

On Sept. 10 many of those activists celebrated the 45th anniversary of that protest in the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park. The event was called "Summer of Change."

For some of those who attended the celebration it brought recollections of a painful time. For those who were children, particularly, it reminded them of riding the trolley car and seeing the bright neon lights, other children screaming on the roller coaster and riding the carousel of a place they were forbidden to enter.

For the rest of the summer season, the number of protestors grew and in August four Congressmen joined the picket line. When the amusement park opened for the 1961 season, it was on a non-segregated basis for the first time in 62 years.

Merry-Go-Round by Langston Hughes, 1942

Where is the Jim Crow section
On this merry-go-round,
Mister, cause I want to ride?
Down South where I come from
White and colored
Can't sit side by side.
Down South on the train
There's a Jim Crow car.
On the bus we're put in the back-
but there ain't no back
To a merry-go-round!
Where's the horse
For a kid that's black?

(Poem suggested by Councilwoman Nancy Long)

Paid Advertisement

TOWNWIDE YARD SALE Sat. Oct. 22, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Rain or shine, come join the fun make money, and clean out your house!!

Diana Hudson-Taylor is running the town wide yard sale again. It will be the same as last year, \$5/ household to offset town expenses.

To participate, notify and pay Diana by Mon. Oct.17 (16 Wellesley Cir., tel. 301-229-2163) and let her know if you can help with signs.

The town park at University and Yale will be used for people with limited items to sell (bring your own card tables) and for lemonade or cookie stands. Helium balloons will be available for households selling from their own property.

If it rains the sale will be moved into the town hall. Call Sat. morning if there is any question.



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PARK OFFICIAL MAINTAINS STOP SIGN NOT NECESSARY

By Frank Powers

Disagreement about the need for the stop sign at University and Oxford Rds. was expressed at the Sept. 12 town council meeting by a National Park Service official and town council members.

When questioned about the results of the videotaping of drivers' obedience to the stop sign by the NPS that has been taking place at that location, Kym Elder, Glen Echo Park site manager, said that the National Highway Department had been reviewing the videotape and said they did not see the need for a stop sign at that location.

She said the highway experts maintained that was not an "appropriate location to have folks stop." Mayor Debbie Beers countered that it had always been the town's position, given the number of people from town who walk over to the park, that it "should be an appropriate place" for a stop sign.

Councilwoman Nancy Long noted that the stop sign in question had been there for at least 25 years.

Town resident Sharon Lerner mentioned that she and members of her family go that way to the park three times a day and recently had "almost gotten hit by someone rolling through the stop sign."

Clerk-Treasurer Cathie Polak, under questioning from the mayor, noted that during the last weekend there were 17 violations, mainly for speeding, that occurred at that location. Ms. Elder suggested that her reports showed not many violations and asked that a report be forwarded to her.

Ms. Elder mentioned the possibility that the county could dispute any violations from that location, even though it was a park service road, since the "highway experts" did not deem that sign as "necessary."

(Editor's note: The town maintains that Oxford Rd. is within the town's geographical boundaries.)

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

MONDAY, OCT. 31, 5:30 P.M.

GLEN ECHO TOWN HALL
PIZZA WILL BE SERVED

TO BE FOLLOWED BY TRICK-OR-TREATING AT 6:30.


Volunteers needed. Please contact Cathie Polak at the town hall, 301-320-4041, or Steve Matney, 301-320-2059, or Dan Macy, 301-229-2122. Set-up for both adult and children's parties Oct. 29.

FRIDAY FUN NIGHTS FOR 6TH-8TH GRADERS

Dancing with a DJ, games, billiards, and prizes are offered to sixth to eighth grade students on Friday, Oct. 14, from 9:15-11:00 p.m. at the Clara Barton Community Center on 7425 MacArthur Blvd. in Cabin John.

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NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, October 10—8:00 p.m. Glen Echo Town Hall.
Contact the mayor to add an item to the agenda.

LADIES OF GLEN ECHO

You are invited to a Ladies Night

*at Jane Stevenson's
6106 Yale Ave.*

*Wednesday, October 12, 8:00 p.m.
Please RSVP 301-229-3578*

Please RSVP 301-229-2163

ADULT HALLOWEEN PARTY

*Saturday, Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m.
Glen Echo Town Hall*

Featured will be the 1920 horror masterpiece, "The Golem," a silent film made in Germany. It will be accompanied by an original score played on keyboards by a friend of Glen Echo. This 85-minute long expressionist film sets the golem legend in 16th century Prague, the era in which a Rabbi Loew has created a giant golem from clay in order to save the Jews from persecution by the despot Rudolf II. Loew's assistant, however, takes control of the golem and orders it to perform criminal acts. The golem rebels and goes on a murderous rampage....



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TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

September 12

The curb behind the post office has eroded over time and must be replaced to prevent water from the parking lot surging over the curb into residents' lots. The council went outside to look at the curb, and then approved a motion to allocate \$2,000 to fix the curb...

The clerk-treasurer reported that she had been only able to get one bid, from Griffith Oil Co, to replace the **furnace in the town hall**. The bid was \$8,275 for two furnaces. Mayor Beers asked Councilman Matney to explore the type of furnace needed, the configuration and environmental compliance issues...

The clerk-treasurer presented a proposal from the current copier company to **replace the existing copier** for \$1,575. Councilman Matney said he thought the town should have more than one quote.

The council voted to contribute \$1,000 to the **Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture** and \$500 to the **Glen Echo Fire Department** to defray the cost of a new fire engine.

OCTOBER EVENTS AT LOCKHOUSE 8

On October 23, at 4:00 p.m., at Lockhouse 8 on the C&O Canal, members of the Folklore Society of Greater Washington -- Judy and Dennis Cook, George Stephens, and Mary LaMarca -- will sing river songs and other songs from the 1830s, when the C&O Canal was active, to the present day. There will be plenty of choruses for people to join in.

This event is one of the "Voices of the River," an occasional Sunday series arranged by Potomac Conservancy at Lockhouse 8 River Center. It brings storytellers, artists, musicians, and others to explore the history, culture, and ecology of the Potomac River.

Bring a picnic and watch the sun start to set on the Potomac River. Lemonade and cookies will be served.

More information from Angela Preston, preston@potomac.org, 301-608-1188, x201.

NEW HOMEWORK CLUB FOR 2ND-5TH GRADERS

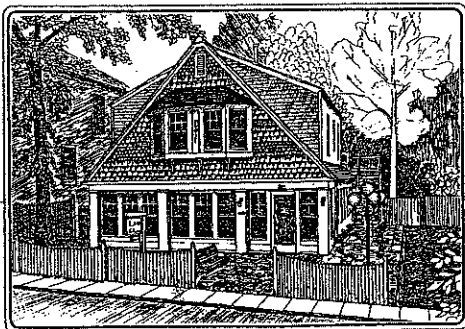
At the new Homework Club at the Clara Barton Community Center second- to fifth-graders can do their homework and have fun with their friends at the same time. Plus, a teacher will be available to answer their questions and offer help if necessary.

The program will start on Oct. 11 and last until Dec. 15. It will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Recreation, games and arts and crafts are included upon completion of study time. Tutoring will be available in all subject matters, with major emphasis on math, reading and English.

The program is sponsored by the Friends of Clara Barton Community Center and the Montgomery County Recreation Dept. Cost is \$80 for 20 sessions, plus \$20 for supplies

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LESSONS OF KATRINA

The devastation of Hurricane Katrina has prompted many people to think about their emergency plans. At the very least, a major storm could keep Glen Echo homes without power for days, as has happened in nearby communities.

To prepare for any serious emergency, there are five points to keep in mind, according to the Emergency Preparedness Committee:

1. **Have a plan.** What would you do if you were forced to evacuate your home or remain in it for several days without outside support? Think especially of communication with family members and the outside world. A battery-powered radio and plenty of batteries is a necessity.
2. **Stock supplies.** You should have enough food that doesn't need cooking and water for at least three days. Also at least two flashlights and batteries.
3. **Cash.** Keep at least enough cash on hand to last at least a week. Banks and ATM machines may not be operating.
4. **Medicines.** Have at least a week's extra supply of medicines used on a regular basis in a kit along with first aid and other needed supplies which could be easily grabbed in the event of evacuation.
5. **Documents.** Keep important documents, such as medical and financial records, readily available in case you should need to evacuate on short notice.

Other items recommended to have readily available are ponchos, blankets, whistles, dust masks, and canvas gloves. It is always a good idea to have plenty of gas in your car.

MACARTHUR BLVD. CAFÉ FOR THIRD TO SIXTH GRADERS

"Club Friday," an activity for third to sixth graders that is sponsored by the Montgomery County Dept. of Recreation, will be returning to the Clara Barton Community Center of Oct. 14 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

It will continue to take place every second Friday of each month until May 14 except for holidays. Activities will include billiards, bingo, DJ dances, games, ping-pong, crafts, theme nights and more. The annual membership fee is \$15, with membership limited to the first 150 applicants.


Applications will be accepted at the Community Center, 7425 MacArthur Blvd., Cabin John, from Sept. 26-Dec. 9. Parents are required to sign-in and sign-out their children each evening.

PHOTO JAM SESSION AT GLEN ECHO PARK

"Critiques and Coffee," a photo jam session, will take place at Photoworks on Sunday, Oct. 16, from 10 a.m.-noon in the Arcade Building at Glen Echo Park.

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Discovery Creek Children's Museum at Glen Echo Park will hold its fall family festival, the Honeybee Hoedown, on Oct. 15, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.. Guests clad in cowboy hats and western attire will enjoy the museum's new exhibition, "Six-legged Sensations," square dancing, horse-drawn hayrides, arts & crafts, and more!

The specially priced tickets are \$35 for children and \$50 for adults. The event proceeds will support Discovery Creek's commitment to bringing environmental education to the most underserved children, teachers, and communities in the Washington, DC area.

Visit www.discoverycreek.org for details.

FREE HALL EVENTS FOR GLEN ECHO RESIDENTS

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

**Monday, October 10, 8:00 p.m.—TOWN
COUNCIL MEETING**

**Saturday, October 29, 7:30 p.m. ADULT
HALLOWEEN PARTY**

**Monday, October 31, 5:30 p.m.—CHILDREN'S
HALLOWEEN PARTY**

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.

PARK NEWS

In response to a question at the last town council meeting about what the park is doing with **Minnehaha Creek**, park site manager Kym Elder explained that federal highway experts were called in to investigate the erosion problems occurring along the banks of the creek where the bridge footings were being affected. They said there was a problem with the flow of the creek not being "centered."

They were thinking of putting a concrete wall against the footing, but that wasn't "pleasing to the eye." Instead they got volunteers to move some of the huge rocks in a way that would "adjust the flow" of the water. (See last month's *Echo* article about the work of Park Ranger Stan Fowler and his volunteer crew)

The work of the volunteers, in moving the 2-3 ton rocks, was saving the federal government over \$100,000, she said.

She said the park is looking at how they can light up the area, not only for its attractiveness, but also for safety.

There will be a **retirement gala** on Oct. 31 for Audrey Calhoun, Superintendent of the George Washington National Parkway, who is retiring after 30 years of service. A replacement has not yet been named.

--Frank Powers

TREASURER'S REPORT

August 2005

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