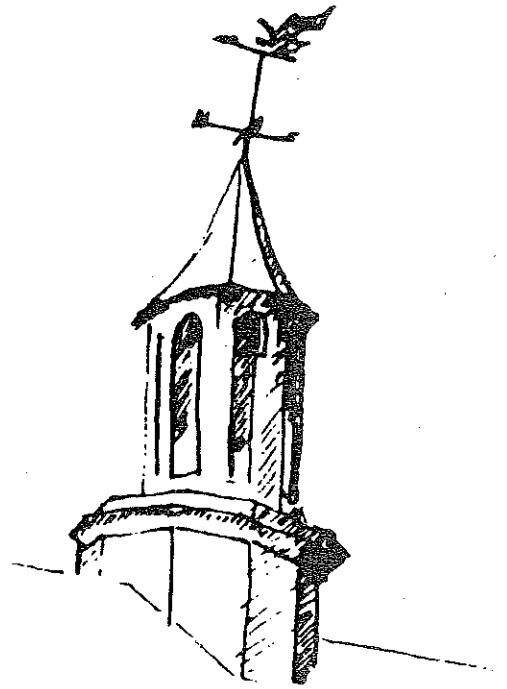


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COUNCIL REJECTS ORDINANCE; "CRUISER" NOT OFTEN SEEN NOW By Carlotta Anderson and Christopher Day

During the August 8 meeting the Glen Echo Town Council and 17 town residents present engaged in a spirited and thoughtful debate over whether it should enact an ordinance designed to ban "cruising," or repetitive and unnecessary driving within a certain period of time. The council ultimately decided not to enact the ordinance in favor of taking other steps to protect the safety of its residents.

The ordinance had been drafted by the town attorney, Norman Knopf, who was present, in response to resident concerns about a man who has engaged in an obsessive habit of driving through the same town streets for prolonged periods of time. At one point, the man also began to drive recklessly, such as by speeding and failing to follow stop signs. This behavior has distressed many town residents, and has raised serious safety concerns.

Mayor Debbie Beers opposed the ordinance, which was supported by a number of residents, for several reasons. "I do not think it's the smart thing to do," she said

She questioned the effectiveness and cost of enforcing the ordinance. She pointed out that the cruiser's behavior did not seem to change even after he had been issued two traffic citations. Recently, however, he has been rarely seen in town. Residents are thus hoping the problem has been solved or at least mitigated.

And because Montgomery County does not have such

an anti-cruising law, the town attorney said that the county police probably would not enforce such a law. As a result, the town would have to bear the cost of hiring police officers and legal counsel for enforcing the ordinance.

Town residents also discussed whether such an ordinance could survive a legal challenge because it could impede a person's constitutional right to travel in the town. It was further pointed out that even though it was aimed at one individual, it would have to be applied uniformly to residents and non-residents alike.

The ordinance would define cruising as passing a market traffic control point five or more times within any two hour period. Many residents believed that this definition would be overly broad. For instance, a resident who decided to run three errands to 7-11 in one evening could violate the ordinance.

In an effort to ticket the man's traffic violations, the town has hired two off-duty police officers for four weekends for a total of \$2,000 per month. Continuing that practice would cost the town \$24,000 a year, second only to the town's trash collection costs, the mayor pointed out. The police officers issued many tickets, mainly for motorists who did not stop at the stop sign on Oxford Rd., but the fines will accrue to the county, not the town.

The "cruiser" was apparently referred to the mental

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CRUISER (FROM PAGE 1)

health people for an evaluation after he brought several cans of gasoline to his home. The mayor had not had an opportunity to speak with the Supervisory Psychologist at the County Crisis Center before the town council meeting.

Instead of a no-cruising ordinance, the mayor suggested closing off Princeton Ave. periodically, a measure that was supported by the town attorney. The town council then passed a resolution giving the mayor the authority to close the upper block of Princeton Ave. to through traffic from time to time for the next 60 days. The resolution would not apply to those living on the street and would require appropriate signs on both ends of the block. Anyone not complying could be issued a municipal infraction notice, which would be \$250 for the first offense and \$400 for the second offense.



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CABIN JOHN CRAB FEAST SEPTEMBER 10, 2:00-6:00 P.M.

Cabin John's 36th Annual Crab & Chicken Feast will take place at the Clara Barton Community Center, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10. Tickets are \$11 at the door, and \$10 if bought in advance.

Attractions are: delicious food and refreshments; children's bike parade; children's entertainment with a magician, and Cabin John memorabilia sales.

The bike parade starts at 2:00 p.m. at the corner of 79th Street & MacArthur Blvd. (across from Market on the Boulevard) and finishes at the Crab Feast. Prizes will be awarded to all children who participate.

Tickets cost \$11 at the door or \$10 if bought in advance. For tickets, call: Clare Amoroso 301-320-2685. For bike parade questions, call: Ruth Rabner 301-229-0019.

FREE HALL EVENTS FOR GLEN ECHO RESIDENTS

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

Monday, September 12, 8:00 p.m.—TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday, September 24, 8:00 p.m. GLEN ECHO FILM FESTIVAL

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A LANDMARK IN SOCIAL HISTORY; PARK TO HOST 1960 PROTESTERS

Summer of Change, the first reunion of people who participated in the 1960 protests that led to the racial integration of Glen Echo Park, will take place at the Park on Saturday, Sept. 10. Among those planning to attend the event are former Howard University students, residents from the Bannockburn neighborhood and civil rights leaders who participated in the protests, as well as Montgomery County officials and the current leadership of Glen Echo Park.

The event takes place 45 years to the day after the last protest was held.

The protesters (many of whom have not seen each other in 45 years) will share their memories at a public forum from 1:30-4:00 p.m..

An exhibit of photographs, film and audio recordings on the 1960 protests will be on display in the second floor gallery space of Glen Echo's North Arcade building from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Several dozen former protesters are expected to attend the event. (Protesters who are interested in attending the event should contact Sam Swersky at 301-492-6229.) Among the Bannockburn protesters will be Hyman Bookbinder, Esther Delapaine, Sandy Rovner, and Irene Stambler. Glen Echo protester Frank Corder will not be present.

During the summer of 1960 the Park was privately owned and followed a policy of racial segregation that prevailed in the region into the 1960s. On June 30, 1960, a group of Howard University students who called themselves the Non-violent Action Group spearheaded a campaign of sit-ins and picketing that continued throughout the summer. Their efforts, which coincided with similar civil rights demonstrations taking place around the country, became a rallying cry for some area residents, most notably the white residents of the Bannockburn neighborhood.

What distinguished the Glen Echo protests was the warm welcome and backing that the students received from the Bannockburn residents. Whites and blacks joined the picket lines together throughout the summer, eventually forcing Glen Echo's management to integrate the park.

The visibility of protests at the Park helped build momentum for greater integration throughout the National Capital region.

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, September 12—8:00 p.m.
Glen Echo Town Hall
Contact the mayor to add an item to the agenda

PEPPERIDGE FARM LEAVES SHOPPING CENTER

By Leland Schwartz

The Goldfish are gone.

After about a quarter century of selling their baked products in the Glen Echo Shopping Center, Pepperidge Farm has left.

A company spokesperson told *The Echo*: "Let me put it this way: Our customer count is down 46 per cent."

And what was the number one selling item all those years? Bread. "That's what makes our dough," the spokesperson said (no pun intended, honest).

Pepperidge Farm has no immediate plans to relocate the store but says it hopes to open up three or four new outlets in the region.

So what happens now to the roughly 1,400 hundred square-foot space?

Both the pharmacy and Glen Echo Pizza and Subs said they have no intention of moving in. The folks in Christopher's Hardware said they considered the idea of moving all the paints in the space, but will keep things the way they are.

Mike Shirazi, one of the Center's partners, said they are "looking for the proper tenant who would fill the needs of the community." He also said it was important that a new enterprise would "fit" with the other tenants and not be competitive.

He declined to share the cost of the space, but one person familiar with the Center said the rent was likely around \$35 a square foot, or about \$4,000 a month, just for the base rent.

Mr. Shirazi was open to suggestions from the community, so if anyone has any good ideas, send them to me: leland@states.com, and we'll pass them along. How about books/CDs, coffee shop, stationery store, computers/electronics, art supplies, antiques, Kinkos?

LADIES OF GLEN ECHO

You are invited to a Ladies Night
at Angie Zeidenberg's
23 Wellesley Circle

Thursday, September 22, 8:00 p.m.

Please RSVP 301-320-7714


YARD SALE NEXT MONTH

Now is the time to start assembling those "gently used" objects that are cluttering up your house but could make life better for someone else.

Saturday, Oct. 22, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. will be the time to put those household objects out in front of your house for the benefit of someone else (and yourself).

Rain or shine, the town yard sale will take place at that time. Join the fun, make money and clean out your house.

Diana Hudson-Taylor is running the town wide yard sale again this year. Same as last year, \$5/household to offset town expenses. Please notify Diana as soon as possible, 16 Wellesley Circle, 301-229-2163.



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WELCOME, NEWCOMERS

Sally and Jim McGunnigle have lived in the Philippines, Azores, Ecuador, Sri Lanka, Bangkok, Chile, Pakistan, India, Egypt, and Paris. But when it came time to settle down, where did they pick? Glen Echo!

They moved to 15 Vassar Circle in July after looking for a permanent residence in a small community close to Washington. The previous nine years they had divided their time between houses they owned in the Azores and in D.C.

With them in their new abode is Annick, 14, a Bearded Collie they bought in France. They also have three grown children and three grandchildren who live nearby.

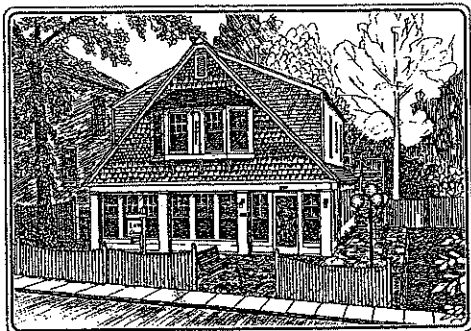
The McGunnigles met in college, but shortly after their marriage went to the Philippines with the Peace Corps.

Later Jim joined the U.S. Foreign Service, and for 30 years served in a series of exotic places, the last of them Paris.

They enjoy golf, tennis, biking and travel.

Welcome to Glen Echo!

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PARK VISITORS GAPE AS VOLUNTEERS MOVE BOULDERS UNDER MINNEHAHA

By Peter Somerville

In the two years after the bridge over Minnehaha Creek at Glen Echo Park was built in 1991, the creek washed soon away most of the rocks that were protecting one of the two stone piers from being undermined. Further gradual erosion since then had left the pier nearest the parking lot so vulnerable that the Park Service was considering a half million dollars fix to prop it back up.

The proposed reinforcement from Federal Highways involved heavy equipment, loss of trees in a sensitive ecosystem containing endangered species, a lot of concrete, and a lot of money.

Park Ranger Stan Fowler, with the backing of a vast file of photos and movies of the creek taken over the past 18 years as well as advice from volunteer experts, developed and documented an alternative low cost proposal. It would remove the erosion threat to the bridge pier and meet the needs of the environment by altering the flow pattern of the creek. But it also involved a crew of volunteers willing to spend their Saturdays shifting boulders weighing up to three tons each.

The work, which has been underway since the beginning of July, attracts large numbers of park visitors, who peer in astonishment at the Rube Goldberg method of scaffolding, ropes, pulley and an ancient tractor employed by the volunteers.

The crew of five regulars plus many occasionals work between 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. or until they get tired, shifting huge boulders as well as rocks weighing from 10-400 pounds so that the water flow will be moved back to the center of the creek bed. They are very safety conscious, with no injuries so far.

The effectiveness of the work in progress is tested during and after every thunderstorm when the creek fills with a raging torrent that can rise as much as six feet above the normal placid flow seen on a sunny day.

The work will be finished when the creek acquiesces.

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AROUND TOWN

Holly and Osamu Shimizu were featured in a page spread in the July 28 *New York Times* titled, "If East Weds West, Who Disciplines the Plants?" It turns out, that Osamu is the disciplinarian and Holly "loves her unruly annuals, as they flower and set seed and pop up randomly all over the garden." For 25 years, according to the article, Osamu has emerged with his pruners to cut down unwanted plants and Holly has said, "No, you can't."

John Morrow has just returned from Alaska, where he took some awesome and intrepid close-up photographs of grizzly bears. He will be showing and talking about his nature photography at the Glen Echo Town Hall on Sunday, Oct. 6, as part of the town's continuing Chautauqua lecture series.

The *Potomac Almanac* wrote about the "Voices of the River" presentation at Lockhouse 8 last month when **Carlotta Anderson** told the history of the town of Glen Echo and **Jim Anderson** organized a show of 15 paintings of the C&O Canal and its environs by artists from the Yellow Barn Studio at Glen Echo Park. The event was one of a series offered by the Potomac Conservancy as part of its four-year restoration project on the lockhouse. The Andersons are docents at the lockhouse.

The town has received several complaints about pet owners who let their **dogs run freely** in other's yards, or don't clean up after their dogs. There is a leash law in Glen Echo and it is common courtesy everywhere to clean up after your pets.

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There is no admission fee, but donations are encouraged. There will be food, prizes, and fun for children as well.

This great family activity right next door will be held at the Spanish Ballroom in Glen Echo Park.

TREASURER'S REPORT

June 2005

Christian Briefs (T.H. cleaning)	\$200.00
Faro Systems (T.H. survey)	\$450.00
Justin Tonczyczyn (off-duty police)	\$420.00
Congressional Electric (p.o. repair)	\$313.00

TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

August 8

The U.S. Postal Service has sent the town a new lease document even though the current lease for the Glen Echo post office lasts until the end of 2006. It provides for an increase to \$31,680 per year beginning in 2007 from the current \$28,800. The town council agreed to investigate cost of living and rental increases before negotiating renewal of the contract...

The council agreed to a "courtesy use" by the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 21 so long as those attending the function park outside of town limits. There are expected to be seven fire engines and arrangements were later made for them to park in the park parking lot...

The council agreed to permit use of the town hall to a Scottish Fiddle Club and Scottish Dance Society for a performance using both Highland and Irish bands. There was some concern about whether the dancers would be using soft shoes or tap shoes, because the latter could cause excessive wear and tear on the floor, and it was agreed that the use would be permitted if no tap shoes were involved...

--Carlotta Anderson and Christopher Day

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GLEN ECHO PARK ACTIVITIES

ANNUAL ART SHOW AT GLEN ECHO PARK SEPT. 3-5

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This free event will take place in the Park's Spanish Ballroom. The historic Dentzel Carousel will be operating throughout the show.

The Labor Day Art Show will feature the work of more than 150 regional artists - both children and adults - many of whom are either students or teachers at Glen Echo Park's Yellow Barn..

Artworks for sale include sculpture, paintings, works-on-paper, ceramics, glass and jewelry. Artists of all ages and skill levels are invited to display original works of art in this non-juried show. Call (301) 634-2222 or visit www.glenechopark.org.

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PARK NEWS

Glen Echo Park Site Manager Kym Elder reported that renovations on the Arcade building are expected to be completed in mid-May 2006. At that time, Adventure Theatre will move into its new space there.

Ms. Elder said that National Park Service police have observed many blatant traffic violations on Oxford Rd.. These violations include speeding and the failure to adhere to the stop sign on Oxford Rd. The park service is considering several options for combating these violations: (1) improving the existing signage; (2) adding additional signage; (3) installing a speed bump at the top of the hill; or (4) reconfiguring the existing traffic pattern into and out of the park parking lot. The town council has previously expressed a desire for a change of traffic patterns, but the park service has pointed out that changing the current exit to an entrance could back up traffic on MacArthur Blvd.

--Carlotta Anderson and Christopher Day

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