The October 9 Town Council meeting convened with Mayor Polak, all four Council Members, and Town Clerk Stacey Malmgren present. With about a dozen residents and no special presentations, the meeting was held downstairs.

**Glen Echo Park Update**
The Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture (GEPPAC) was established in 2002 by Montgomery County to manage the cultural programs and facilities at the Park. Since its inception, former Mayor Debbie Beers has been the Town’s representative on its board, and she had asked the new Mayor and Council to keep her in that role after the Town elections last May. Mayor Polak wrote to Ms. Beers over the summer and told her that he was planning on filling that role, either himself or with his own appointee. Ms. Beers came before the Council on October 9 to request once more that she be allowed to continue serving the Town on the GEPPAC board. She said that she was in the midst of planning a fundraising house tour of Glen Echo homes next spring, and noted the legal expertise she has been able to donate over the years.

The Council discussed next steps for a while, with Council Member Stiglitz saying that the Town’s charter was unhelpfully vague on how these types of appointments are made. The Council will confer with the Town’s lawyer, but most likely it is the right of the Mayor to make a selection, and the Council’s role is to advise and consent. Other than Council Member Long saying Mayor Polak should gain a few years of experience before taking over the spot on the board, the Council Members did not take clear sides. There did seem to be agreement that the process for appointing a Town representative needed to be open and clear, that the rep would need to abide by the GEPPAC bylaws and conflict of interest policies, and that the Council must develop a clear policy on appointments to outside boards going forward.

**Town Business**
Council Member Spealman reported a huge response to his call for volunteers for various Town committees, and said that only the representative to the Fire Board was still missing. Resident Gloria Levin raised her hand and now that position is filled as well. Mr. Spealman added that some of the committees have already met. For example, the street and sidewalk advisory committee made up of Renny Springuel and Tim Bragan. Not only have they already met, they attended the Council meeting and reported on their progress. They plan to walk the Town and create a detailed survey of current conditions; measure parking lines; assess ADA compliance; review parking signs and how to deal with violations; and create five- and ten-year plans for the Town’s roads and sidewalks. They also said that their committee (and perhaps the
The Mayor said there has been good response to the Town Clerk/Treasurer job post. Ten resumes (two from residents, eight from non-residents) have been received and one interview has already been conducted. Residents Ms. Levin and Edie Springuel, who is a former Glen Echo Town Clerk, both said the Council should consider making the position full-time.

Ms. Levin reported that on the evening of October 7, University Avenue was blocked at Princeton Avenue by a vehicle, possibly in association with a private block party held there each year. The Council discussed whether residents should formally notify the Town when they plan to shut down part of a street.

Letters to the editor are welcome. They must be signed. Articles for publication are also solicited. Please send comments about The Echo to the editor, the Mayor, or any Council Member. Volunteer reporters are always needed.

The Holiday Brunch has been set for December 9 from 10 to 11:30 AM at Town Hall. The main activity will again be gingerbread house decorating.

Weathervane options for the Town Hall presented by Aaron Hirsch.
**Town Maintenance**

The weathervane on the Town Hall is broken despite several repair attempts. Resident Aaron Hirsch put together some options for a new weathervane, and resident Matt MacFarland offered to climb up there and either attempt to repair it or bring it down for replacement.

The Mayor continues to price various repairs to Oxford Road. The price tag for painting the speed bumps and putting in some better signs: $1,600. But this would be for a speed bump that the Town ultimately wants moved, so they aren’t moving forward with painting it yet.

The Mayor also reported that the roof of the Town Hall is going to need to be replaced in the near future. The last assessment was it could last five years or one month. The first estimate in is $48K. Mr. MacFarland said his company could beat that and promised to put in a bid for the work.

**Town Expenses**

In September, the Town paid $11,151 to Bolt Legal, $6,200 to Elegant Recycling & Refuse Services, and $5,572 to Dennis Alexander (Town auditor). —Emily Parsons

**In Memorium**

Phyllis Brady Fordham died peacefully of natural causes in her home, surrounded by her daughters on October 12, 2017 at the age of 81. She was a beloved and devoted mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, dear friend to many, mentor, activist, feminist, poet, fearless adventurer, lover of literature, the arts, gardening, and travel. She was known and loved for her boldness, intelligence, and wit.

She was born and raised in Philadelphia, married at the age of 21, and became a wife, mother to five daughters, and homemaker. She later moved to Maryland with her family, first to Rockville and then to Glen Echo. In her 30s, she pursued an education and career, first earning a Bachelor’s degree in social work and political science from the University of Maryland, and later in life, a degree in English literature. She served as councilwoman for the city of Rockville, Maryland from 1976 to 1982, was a mayoral and state senate candidate, and later a sales and marketing professional in the commercial real estate business. She served as President of Peerless Rockville historical society from 1974–1976, and as editor of The Echo newspaper as well as a volunteer at the Building Museum and The Kennedy Center. Her other pursuits included sailing, fly fishing, riflery and being the life of any party she hosted or attended.

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Having great tools for gardening helps to make it more enjoyable and rewarding, knowing they will work efficiently and can be relied upon to do the work well. Whether you want these for yourself or as a gift for the holidays here are my top picks.

A Japanese tool called Hori Hori knife is a tool that is so multi-use it can be relied upon as a knife, trowel, and twine cutter. As a weeder, it is efficient, sharp, and can go deep into the soil for easy lifting. It is ideal for digging holes for planting bulbs, garlic, and small plants. One side has a sharp serrated blade that allows it to be used for cutting through roots, sod, or twine and the other side has markings can be used as a ruler for planting depth or other needs. Many suppliers include a handy protective carrying case with it. I discovered this tool years ago in Japan and now it is easily available in the US. You can choose a Japanese version or one of the copies ranging from inexpensive versions, around $12 to the very high-end fancy types, around $50, with many in between. Make sure to get a stainless steel blade. I prefer one available from Truly Garden (online) called Hori Hori Garden Knife, which sells for $27.50.

A great pair of hand pruners is a must for every household. Professionally I learned that Felco # 2 are the only ones to use. I have tried many and resorted to cheaper versions since I lose them occasionally (often later discovered in the compost). Yet, I always go back to my Felco # 2 as the best. Made in Switzerland, Felcos have strength in cutting, versatility in cutting size, and durability—they last a lifetime. Being ergonomically designed they are great for day-to-day use, cutting branches up to one inch. Constructed with aluminum alloy, they never rust, have a notch for wire cutting, and all parts are replaceable. Plan on spending around $50 for a pair of Felco # 2s but know they are worth it.

Many birds, such as chickadees, molt at the end of summer. They may enter the winter period with as much as 50% more plumage than at any other time of the year. They also have the ability to fluff their feathers up to increase the thickness of their insulation. However, longer winter nights pose an additional problem for chickadees: Fewer hours of daylight mean less time for foraging. To compensate, chickadees begin and end their foraging times at lower-light levels and intensify their use of reliably stocked feeders, so that their reduced foraging time is well spent. In fact, various studies have found that chickadees which have access to feeders more successfully survive the winter. The difference in survival rates was most dramatic during months when temperatures dipped below zero. More information is available at www.wildbird.com.

Timely Garden Tips

- If you still have fallen leaves remember to use them as a mulch in naturalized areas or beds. They will provide a superior mulch while also providing nutrition to the soil as they decompose.
- Now is the time to dig up tender plants for saving through the winter. I plan to dig up Caladium and Elephant Ears for storage in the basement. After digging, they should be dried out and the foliage cut off, then potted up and kept dry over winter. In early spring start watering and hopefully they will reemerge.

**Holly in the Ivy**

Felco No. 2 pruners

**IN YOUR BACKYARD**
If you’re feeling like your nest is a bit empty after this year’s yard sale, don’t fret. November brings the full swing of the holiday season with craft fairs galore. Start with our family’s favorite, the DC Big Flea & Antiques Market November 4–5. As the largest collection of mid-Atlantic antique vendors, it can only be contained at the Dulles Expo Center. The same location hosts the Northern Virginia Christmas market later this month, November 10–12. From November 3–5, Howard County holds their Crafts Spectacular at the Howard County Fairgrounds featuring over 250 vendors, including free gift wrapping. Or step into Santa’s workshop at the Maryland Christmas Show in Frederick, with over 500 merchants. This event spans two weekends. You can beat the crowds pre-Thanksgiving weekend, November 17–19, or join them, November 24–26. For those with an eye to spot a future Picasso at peanut prices, head to Penn Social on November 15 for over 100 emerging artists at the Pancakes & Booze Art Show.

Engage the little ones with memories they won’t forget. This month wraps up the Kids Euro Festival with embassy-hosted events across DC. For families with budding archaeologists, check out the artefacts workshop at the Embassy of Greece on November 4. Get the family outdoors and into the winter spirit at Meadowlark Botanical Garden in Vienna, Virginia. It transforms into a wonderland of lights starting November 10 (through January 7), each night 5:30–10 PM, and comes equipped with fire pits for roasting s’mores.

For a much closer and accessible version of the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade, come out on November 18 at 10 AM for the Montgomery County/Silver Spring Thanksgiving Day Parade. Or simply take note to avoid the road closures beginning at Ellsworth Drive and Veterans Place and proceeding south on Georgia Avenue until Silver Spring Avenue.

A few other events for your fall calendar: November 4 is the DC Beer Festival in National Park; November 10–12 is the Maryland Irish Festival at the state fairgrounds; and on November 11 at 7 PM there will be a free Tribute Concert for Veteran’s Day at the National Cathedral. —MONA KISHORE
Sometimes it’s nice to cook something a little decadent. I was recently surprised to find inspiration in a decidedly non-decadent work-a-day staple: the potato. I took small new potatoes and boiled them whole (and unpeeled) for 15 minutes. Truly, you could use any potato on hand. Pour off the water, keep the fire going on medium, and add what you think is an appropriate amount of butter, at least a couple of tablespoons. With a potato masher, smash the potatoes flat, keeping them relatively intact. Salt and pepper. Cook until crispy and brown, about 4 minutes, then flip and do the same on the other side.

So far, it’s sounding pretty typical, right? Take a deep breath and prepare to pamper yourself—you deserve this every now and then. Serve each person a portion of the potatoes and top with a tablespoon of creme fraiche and a scoop of your preferred caviar. A deluxe baked potato? Only fried?

It might be tough to come up with a main course that can stand up to the competition. I go for rack of lamb, which needs no pity along side this indulgent dish. —EMILY PARSONS
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October brought the annual Town yard sale and Halloween

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The Echo 9
The memorial for our friend and neighbor Phyllis Fordham was held on October 20 at the Church of the Little Flower. It seemed like half the Town was there to honor and remember Phyllis and to grieve their loss with her family. Many came back afterward, to Phyllis’s at 6103 Princeton Avenue, her home of the last twenty years. There was a lunch there in her backyard, live music, and a party that went on for hours. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. That beautiful Friday was also a reminder of what a special place Glen Echo is and what a wonderful community of friends can be found here.

There has been much discussion recently on the Town listserv about cars speeding down University Avenue. With the volume of small children swelling, this is a serious concern. Residents have discussed speed bumps, new signage, and strategic placement of cones. The conversation will continue as the street and sidewalk advisory committee holds regular open meetings. In the meantime, residents can start by slowing way down while driving through Town.

It’s time for Bannockburn Nursery School’s fall rummage sale at the Bannockburn Clubhouse! You can donate anything you didn’t sell in the Town yard sale November 14–16, and come shop on Saturday, November 18 from 9 AM–12 PM. Early birds can start shopping at 8:30 AM for $5. Donations can include furniture, clothing/shoes, toys, baby items, household goods, kitchen gadgets/applications, working electronics, books, dvds, etc. There is also a “Chic Boutique” with higher end items, so please keep that in mind while cleaning out your home. Email eileenreyna313@

Enjoy The Echo? You could be a part of it. I am looking for someone to take over circulation, which means mailing copies to paying subscribers outside of Town, as well as high ups at the Park and in local government. Susan Grigsby is hoping to retire after many years of doing this service, and it is a very important position. I am also always looking for residents interested in writing. If you have an idea or just the will, let me know and we can work together. Years ago, there was a Town news feature in The Echo called “The Keyhole.” Residents were asked to share information via a box at the Post Office. Today, I populate the “Have You Heard” feature as best as I can, but I know there is tons of Town news that I’m missing. I hope you will write to me of kids’ performances, school sports triumphs, renovations, curious animal encounters, public service announcements, etc. that you’d like to share.

Finally, I’d like to specifically invite any of Glen Echo’s young people to consider contributing. I’ve recently heard of a couple of junior versions of The Echo, which is wonderful, but there is room for those voices in these pages as well. In past years, Ola Simpson, then a recent high school graduate, wrote about a summer trip to Poland, the country of her birth, and Emelia Bohi, age 12 at the time, wrote about getting to meet the Pope. If you feel inspired by something that you could share with the Town, write me! I can help you hone your ideas and your writing. There is another opportunity here for a high schooler interested in journalism: I’d love to have an editorial intern for fact-checking and research, as well as writing, for which you can most likely get school volunteer credit. If you feel inspired to get involved, write me at TheEchoEditor@gmail.com. —Emily Parsons
Glen Echo Town Hall Events
FSGW English Country Dance, Wednesdays, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 8–10:30 PM, free to Town residents

November 10 1–4 PM Eistophos Science Club of DC meets, open to residents

Local Events
November 18 8:30 AM–12 PM, Rummage Sale at Bannockburn Nursery School

Glen Echo Park Events
November 1 & 15 11 AM–1 PM, Animal story time at the aquarium, for ages 2–5, standard entry fees apply
November 12 3–5 PM, The Folklore Society of Greater Washington presents a Family Dance in the Spanish Ballroom’s back room, $5

The Puppet Co. www.thepuppetco.org; 301-634-5380
Pinocchio through November 17
Tiny Tots select Weds, Sats, and Sundays at 10 AM

Adventure Theater MTC www.adventuretheater-mtc.org; 301-634-2270
Frosty the Snowman November 17–December 31

The money and a charging block were stolen from the Glen Echo Park Aquarium sometime during the last week of September. The money, which came from the aquarium’s collection of donations, totaled about $50–$60. Luckily, the coffer had been recently emptied. There was no sign of forced entry.

From its early roots in the woman’s suffrage movement over 100 years ago, Eistophos Science Club of DC has attracted women interested in science by encouraging the expansion of one’s intellect through writing and sharing a paper on any scientific subject of personal interest in a thorough and scholarly manner. In 1895, before the Wright brothers, Mrs. Oldman presented “Aerial Navigation.” In 1974, Mrs. Dryden presented “Skylab.” In 2009, microbiologist and Glen Echo resident Diana Hudson-Taylor presented “String Theory Tying Everything Together.” Sharing presentations keeps the spark of scientific inquiry burning. You can join the next meeting of the club on November 10 from 1–4 PM at our Town Hall.

After many hours of labor by Patty Sieber, Alec Graham, and Mary Parsons, the new Town Directory will be appearing on doorsteps soon. Thanks to them for the effort of getting it together! The goal is to update it annually, if possible. If you have a correction or update to your entry, email TheEchoEditor@gmail.com.

They say it’s your Birthday!
Nov. 18, Kate Dobson, 9
Nov. 19, Cristina Hooper, 7
Nov. 19, Caroline Koonce, 8
Nov. 29, Magdalena Castro, 14

Glen Echo Park Aquarium

Our Town website, GlenEcho.org, has a new look designed by BrunoLandMedia. Check it out!
**SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE**

- Holy Eucharist: 8:00 a.m.
- Nursery Care: Adult Forum: 9:15 a.m.
- Choral Eucharist & Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesdays: Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.; Eucharist at Noon
- Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Potluck & Christian Education
- Thanksgiving Day at 10:00 a.m.

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