November Town Council Meeting
By Tom Helf

Glen Echo Park Site Manager Polly Angelakis told the town council that the Park recently received a grant from the Federal Highways Administration. Funds from the grant will be used to renovate two of the rooms in the Clara Barton House.

Mayor Debbie Beers reported that the street repair project is almost completed, and has come in under budget thus far. A walk-through with the contractor resulted in several punch-list items that will be addressed, including raising the speed bump on Oxford Road at the corner of University. The Town has held back a reserve to cover the cost of any additional repairs that may be necessary. In addition, Town representatives will help monitor water issues on the repaired streets to ensure that the drainage mechanisms are working properly. The last item of the street repair project will be striping, which will not take place until the spring of 2010. At the meeting, Councilwoman Eve Arbor recognized Mayor Beers, Clerk-Treasurer Polak and Councilwoman Nancy Long for their efforts and vigilance throughout the project.

The Town Council is considering a proposal to replace the parking and traffic-related signs throughout the town, which are old and in disrepair. The town has received one bid thus far, but will be looking to obtain at least one other, before deciding on which company to use for this project. The plan will be to order both replacements for the current signs, as

HOLIDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST
At the Town Hall
December 12, 2009, 9AM-10:30 AM
Volunteers should contact the Clerk Treasurer.

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AROUND TOWN

Richard Leggin is proud to announce to completion of the renovation work on his historic Chautauqua home at 6110 Oberlin Ave. After literally years of paperwork, estimates and construction, the home is restored to the original look of a Chautauqua home. The main floor is the new office of his architectural firm, and the top floor a residence. Everyone is invited to stop by and see the work.

Properties Sold: 6102 Bryn Mawr - $710,000

LEAF PICK-UP!

Continue to put your leaves on the side of the road. Pick-ups will continue until the last collection on December 4th.

Town Hall Events

English Country Dances are held every Wednesday from 7 p.m.—11 p.m.

Treasurer's Report

October 2009

A. Morton Thomas & Assoc. (street project) $21,360.00
Ross contracting, Inc. (street project) $190,488.71
Waste Management of MD $3,838.43

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How Brcko Came to Wellesley Circle

In 1998 John Barrett took a leave of absence from his regular employer. He signed up for a tour of duty in the former Yugoslavia with the United Nations to provide police training in Bosnia-Herzegovina. With police officers from many other nations, he was assigned to a police station in the town of Brcko (pronounced as Birchko). In the police compound John noticed many neglected and abused dogs. One particularly affectionate mutt took to John, who, given the circumstances, couldn’t imagine much of a future for the poor dog. Moreover, it was quite common for stray dogs to be killed in that area. John made a decision.

John took the dog to an American base in Tuzla that had a veterinarian in residence. The Vet treated and immunized the dog, who by this time had been named after his town, Brcko. John resigned his position with the UN and booked a trip from Zagreb to Washington with his new friend and companion. As John was unable to take more dogs home, he left money with a German friend to feed and care for some of the other strays in Brcko.

And Brcko began life in Glen Echo.

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Echo Readers Indebted to Whitman Student

By Carlotta Anderson (former Echo editor)

Andrew Beers, Walt Whitman High School Junior, is one of the town volunteers who has made it possible to continue publishing The Echo in the months since I retired from the job.

We were very lucky to have Sally and Jim McGunnigle step in as editors in October but they had no experience in the layout of a publication. As luck would have it, Andrew was doing the layout of the sports section of Whitman’s student publication, the Black and White; when he learned of the need in Glen Echo, he volunteered.

Andrew, the son of Mayor Debbie Beers and Don Beers of Wellesley Circle, became involved in newspaper design last year while taking a journalism course. This year he applied and was chosen for the layout job at school as well as volunteering at The Echo.

He says he can do The Echo layout in a Sunday morning and enjoys it. His intention is to continue for the rest of the year.

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December 2009 at REDEEMER

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...

- SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE
  - The Holy Eucharist 8:00 am
  - Adult Education Forum 9:15 am
  - Choral Eucharist 10:30 am
  - Church School & Nursery Care 10:30 am

- ADVENT & CHRISTMAS
  - Sunday, December 6 – The Second Sunday of Advent: A Service of Lessons & Carols 5:00 pm
  - Sunday, December 13 – The Third Sunday of Advent: Christmas Pageant & Choral Eucharist 10:30 am
  - Thursday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Family Eucharist with Carols 5:00 pm
  - Festal Eucharist with Choral Prelude 10:00 pm

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TOWN HALL WELCOMED SOME
100 SCARY CREATURES
By Carlotta Ander-

Nearly 100 imaginatively costumed guests assembled at Glen Echo’s annual Halloween Party on Oct. 31 and quickly gobbled down 18 large pizzas and an assortment of cupcakes, cookies and other goodies.

This did not abate their appetite enough to deter them from trick-or-treating through the neighborhood for the rest of the evening.

The party was organized by Clerk-Treasurer Cathy Polak, assisted in decorating and set-up at the town hall by Stacey Malngren, Mereis and Mark Steele and Angie Zeidenberg. Dan Macy, Willem and Cathy Polak took care of the clean-up. Numerous residents contributed the additional goodies.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Church of the Redeemer
www.redeemerbethesda.org

A Service of Lessons & Carols for Advent. December 6, at 5:00 p.m. Modeled after the famed service held each year at King’s College, Cambridge, this liturgy serves as a musical celebration of the season of Advent – the season of expectation. Music includes works by J.S. Bach, Franz Biebl, T. Frederick Caudlin, Richard Lloty, and Charles Villiers Stanford. Admission is FREE. A reception follows.

Clara Barton House

Victorian Greeting Card Workshops, November 28 and 29, December 5 and 6

Beginning at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. each day. Make your own Victorian-era greeting card in the style Miss Barton used to send to her friends. Participants will be photographed in costumes of the period. Then each photograph will be used to make a holiday card. Participants may keep the cards. Workshops are open to all ages, including children’s groups, but adult supervision is required. This is a cut-and-paste activity, geared towards families and children. Reservations are required, and space is limited. Please call 301-320-1410 to make a reservation. There is no charge for this activity.

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well as extras for future replacement.

Councilmen Steve Matney and Dan Macy are spearheading an effort to install a sound and video system in the Town Hall which will be used for town parties, movie nights and other events. They will be researching equipment options and costs, and will report back to the council at a later meeting on their findings.

Glen Echo Park

Visitors of all ages are invited to Glen Echo Park’s Winter’s Eve & Holiday Art Show Reception on Saturday, December 12, starting at 6 pm. The evening includes free craft activities for the family, choral performances and sing-along, hot cocoa bar and fresh popcorn, and a special opportunity to make a blown glass ornament for teens and adults, age 16 and older. Family craft activities end at 9 pm, but some activities will remain open until 10 pm and later.

At the Holiday Art Show Reception in the Popcorn Gallery, visitors may browse artwork, purchase gifts, and meet some of the artists. Take this opportunity to tour the studios of our Resident Artists and learn about their visual art programs, upcoming classes and artwork for sale. Be sure to check out our newest studio, SilverWorks, located on the 2nd floor of the Yellow Barn Studio and celebrating their Grand Opening this night! Free and open to everyone. Call 301-634-2222 for more information.

The Art Show in the Popcorn Gallery continues until January 10, 2010.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Kensington Meals on Wheels organization needs volunteers to drive and/or deliver meals. Volunteers usually work between 9:30 and 11 am one day a week. If you can donate a small portion of your time, please call the office at 301-654-4610 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. or call Sally McGunigle at 301-320-3755. Contact the clerk-treasurer to add an item to the agenda.

Street Light OUTAGES

Residents should report street light outages near their homes. If Pepco does not respond, residents may then call or email the information to the town hall. Web site: http://pepco.com/home/requests/outage/streetLight/default.aspx

Next Town Council Meeting

Monday, December 14, 8PM
Glen Echo Town Hall
Contact the clerk-treasurer to add an item to the agenda

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lies. If you are looking for someone to look after your pet, please call Bram and Miles at 301-320-2331.

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