By Leland Schwartz

The new "stone wall" around the cement traffic circle across from the Exxon Station was brought to us -- really -- by the United States Government. It was through the maintenance budget of the Army Corps of Engineers, which agreed with DC artist and muralist, Jarrett Ferrier, that it was high time the wall got a facelift. "I've been seeing this for 20 years and I always thought it was hideous," Ferrier said as he put the finishing touches on about the first 100 feet of the wall, which encircles one of the Corps' MacArthur Boulevard water aqueduct control stations. Ferrier said the idea began during a bicycle trip he took with his wife around the country, where he saw murals that were "art for the people". He had always noticed the traffic circle wall when he came to visit his father-in-law, who lives nearby. Ferrier wanted to paint a mural — historic scenes relating to Glen Echo -- but that was too much for the Corps' budget, he said, adding that a series of scenes could always come later if the funding could be obtained from Glen Echo or another source.

It took some digging to find out who to talk to about the idea to improve the wall, said Ferrier, who did the mural for CONTINUED ON Page 7
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SEPTEMBER

Chapel Valley (landscaping) $1,873.40
Waste Management $3,953.88
Dennis Alexander (Audit) $2,033.92

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

The Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m.
Adult Education Forum 9:15 a.m.
Nursery Care 10:15 a.m.
Choral Eucharist 10:30 a.m.
Church School 10:30 a.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, October 31, at 5:00 p.m.
Requiem Mass on the Eve of All Saints’ Day (Fauna Requiem)

Sunday, November 14, at 5:00 p.m.
Inscape Chamber Orchestra in Concert

Sunday, December 5, at 5:00 p.m.
A Service of Lessons & Carols for Advent

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**AROUND TOWN**

**Wedding Bells in Town**

Jim and Jan Shaut of Harvard Ave., are happy to announce the marriage of their son, Neil, to Colleen Ryan on October 22nd in St. Bartholomew Church in Bethesda. They now live in Cabin John.

Willeen and Cathie Polak of Princeton Avenue are also happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Christin. On October 2nd Christin married Michael Blyumin in Alexandria. The reception was held aboard the sternwheeler Cherry Blossom. The happy couple now live in Arlington, VA.

**After Weddings come Anniversaries!!**

Willard and Jeanette Rockwell of 7300 University Avenue recently celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary. They were married in 1942 in Utica, N.Y. Jeanette also celebrated her 91st birthday. Jeanette and Willard are the parents of Beth Rockwell Ford.

**BANNOCKBURN CRAFT SHOW**

Sunday, 7 Nov. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

Bannockburn Clubhouse,

6314 Bannockburn Dr., Bethesda 20817

The annual Bannockburn Craft Show, which attracts visitors from around the Washington area, will be joined this year by tie-dye artist, a bag-maker, and other new participants. Other artisans will be selling ceramics, soaps, towels, jewelry, fabric, glass arts, and other handicrafts.

The event has raises money to help restore the historic Bannockburn Clubhouse, a popular meeting venue in West Bethesda and home to the long-running Bannockburn Cooperative Nursery School. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Claudia Levy, 301-229-4045 or claudialevy@comcast.net

**NEW NEIGHBORS ON V ASSAR CIRCLE**

Allison and Tim Bragan moved into 9 Vassar Circle in September.

Although they have lived in Charlottesville and San Francisco, they are long-term residents of Bethesda, having met as students at Walt Whitman High School.

Allison graduated from Middlebury College where she majored in French. She is now teaching elementary school at St. Patrick’s in the District and is also undertaking a Masters program with the University of Virginia located in Falls Church.

Tim obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia and his graduate degree in architecture from the University of California, Berkeley. He is now employed by Manion Associates on MacArthur Boulevard.

Allison and Tim have many good reasons for finding Glen Echo desirable. They both enjoy kayaking and wanted to live near the river. Allison is very familiar with Glen Echo Park having gone there with her parents when young, and has taken courses at the Park. Living in Glen Echo permits them to be near their parents. They are making plans to remodel their new home but also want to take time to get to know their neighbors in Glen Echo. Two new welcome additions to our community.

**CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUP FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE**

By Norman Hudson-Taylor

I attended the September 27th meeting of the Citizen Advisory Group for the Montgomery County Police, Bethesda District. The Bethesda District has devoted a lot of resources to curbing thefts from automobiles. The Bethesda District has made 126 arrests for thefts from vehicles this year; thefts for this category are now at a four year low. Update: There were three burglaries in Bannockburn on October 9th & 10th. Suspect entered by unlocked windows and an open garage. Occupants were inside the houses in each case, but in only one case was he seen. He is described as five foot nine or ten, about 200 pounds, with a hooded sweatshirt. Please lock your doors, windows and garages. Report anything out of the ordinary to the police, let them sort it out. Call 301-279-8000 (non emergency) or 911 for emergencies.
OCTOBER TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

By David Chitwood

Stop Sign Camera Coming to Oxford Road?

At the October Glen Echo Town Council meeting, the Council heard comments from two residents in support of installing a stop sign capable of taking photographs of vehicles that fail to stop. One resident estimated that 80% of the drivers heading down Oxford proceed through the stop sign dangerously fast. Moreover, when he has pointed out to the violators that a stop sign exists, he frequently has been yelled at by angry drivers, a statement echoed by Councilmember Eve Arber.

Mayor Beers replied that she would need to contact the Town Attorney to see if a camera could be installed legally. A discussion ensued about whether the Town or County would each receive a portion of the fines. Although the Town has previously hired a police officer at Town expense to issue tickets at this intersection, the County has received all proceeds. Clerk-Treasurer Cathie Polak pointed out that a police officer was last hired for this purpose about a year and a half ago.

Glen Echo Park and Canal News

Councilmember Nancy Long reported on several Park activities. On October 28, an American Red Cross Bloodmobile would be stationed at the Clara Barton National Historic Site from 11:00 – 4:00. Registration to donate blood will be at the Clara Barton House bookstore.

Carousel restoration expert Rosa Ragan has performed her annual touch-up to the paint and finish of the Dentzel Carousel.

A cleanup of invasive species in the Minnehaha Creek Valley has been performed by volunteers from the Nature Conservancy, under the supervision of Park officials.

Town Hosts Tour of Canal with Gazette Reporter

Mayor Debbie Beers, Councilmember Nancy Long, and Matt Logan from the C&O Canal Trust escorted a reporter from the Montgomery Gazette in early October to look at the deplorable state of the Canal and highlight the need for efforts to improve it. A story in the Gazette appeared in the last issue.

There was a discussion of the major 125-foot breach near the Old Anglers Inn and the numerous other minor leaks, all of which had created a canal which is, in the words of one councilmember’s son, “disgusting”. Many areas of the Canal are dominated by green floating vegetative material, some of which had been washed away by the heavy rains before the reporter’s tour. Additionally, discarded bottles and other debris are widespread.

The Mayor pointed out that a number of trees had fallen into the Canal but had not been removed. Councilmember Macy wondered if an organized event for citizens could assist with the clean-up of the Canal. Liability concerns were mentioned, along with a 2005 incident involving a town resident ticketed for Injury of Federal Property because of allegedly trimming branches overhanging the Clara Barton Parkway. The charges were subsequently dropped. Therefore, the consensus of the Council was that the National Park Service needed to be contacted if a public clean-up day were to be held.

Town Receives Canal Reply from Van Hollen

Mayor Beers reported that she had received a response to her recent letter to Congressman Van Hollen. The response included a copy of a letter from the National Park Service, indicating that an engineering firm had been hired to plan the repairs; once the plan is complete, funding will be sought. The Mayor pointed out that it had been a decade since the Town first wrote a letter in support of repairs to the sewer line from Dulles Airport which passes through the Canal lands; repairs still are not complete and the stench remains.

Councilmember Long described the history of the Canal, including the 8-day hike from Cumberland to Washington taken by William O. Douglas in 1954, and the 1971 Act that finally created the C&O Canal National Historical Park. She added that the C&O Canal Trust is the official fundraising organization for the C&O Park. The Mayor pointed out that the Trust’s website (http://www.canaltrust.org/index.php?page=towpath-repairs-near-angler-s-inn) indicates that $100,000 had been donated for repairs, although this would be only a fraction of the needed funds.

Mayor Beers also commented that some people believe that the Canal should be allowed to return to its natural state, given the frequent flood damage and damage to the clay liner by weeds when the canal lacks sufficient water.

Town Council Miscellany

The Mayor reported that Town was “on target” with plans for the annual Halloween Party.

The Town has received dozens of new “No Parking on This Side of Street” signs, your reporter lifted and displayed one—though with considerable difficulty, leading to a “Thank you, Vanna” quip. Clerk-Treasurer Polak indicated that she would look to see how many new standards would be needed to hold the signs, each which costs $130.

The Mayor recently consulted with the office of Town Attorney Norman Knopf to initiate a review of town ordinances. The first ordinance to be reviewed will be the animal control ordinance; the county will be contacted to confirm that animal control responsibility is within the jurisdiction of the County, not the Town.

The Council reviewed a draft of the state-required Audit. After a discussion about the growing relative contribution of property versus income taxes as the predominant source of revenue for the Town, the Mayor indicated that she would call the Town Attorney about the conditions underlying the shifting basis of revenue.
WALK ON THE WILD SIDE
By Diana Hudson-Taylor

On Mon. Morning, Oct 4th, as I was doing my morning exercises, a lone two-prong buck was noticed outside my University Ave. living room window. Just like our local cats sticking to the middle of the road, he walked a bit nervously, looking to the right and the left in the rain. Norman and I ran to the door (as if to see Saint Nick), but sadly the buck had passed and was trotting down University toward Glen Echo Park.

In the past year I had seen a herd of 4-5 deer grazing on MacArthur Blvd on Glen Echo's right of way, but none in the residential area.

My comment -Gardeners beware! Norman's
Continued from Front Page

Traffic Circle Barrier
Turned into Stone Wall

the Le Vieux Logis restaurant on Old Georgetown Road. Patty Gamby, the Deputy General Manager of the Washington Aqueduct, was the Corps official who worked with Ferrier on the project. She received a message in July from Ginanne Italiano, president of the Greater Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce, who Ferrier contacted first trying to find out who was responsible for the barrier. “It didn't take much to convince me that the wall surrounding our interconnection was not very visually appealing and I liked the idea of making improvements, but I immediately had two concerns,” Gamby said.

First, was the fact that the traffic circle is tight. “Trucks, snow plows, and careless drivers sometimes scrape the barrier. “His idea for overcoming the concern of damage to the mural was brilliant,” she said. “He'd paint a faux stone wall so if it is hit it will simply look like a damaged stone wall and not stand out as a damaged mural.”

Gamby’s second concern was cost. “The Washington Aqueduct’s GM, our Financial Officer, and I are entrusted to spend the water-consumers' money wisely. It is appropriate to spend a reasonable amount of money to paint the wall in order to make it look better for the community but I was uncomfortable with the thought of paying the cost of a work of art,” she said. The Federal Government procurement regulations “require fair and open competition for services and supplies valued above a (very low) threshold value”, she explained. “I communicated these points to Jarrett and basically apologized that it didn't appear that we would be able to do this.” “But Jarrett was passionate about this project and didn't give up easily”, Gamby said. “After a few rounds of discussion he offered a proposal I couldn’t refuse.” The Corps paid $2,500 for the masonry and shrubs. "It wasn't about the money," Ferrier said. "I just wanted to do it." He said the Army Corps pretty much left the design up to him. "We trust you," he said they told him.

Ferrier is also a sign painter and has a company called the Schwa Design Group at jarrett@schwadesigngroup.com or at 202-338-1800. While he was painting, Ferrier said drivers called out all the time and said "Thank You!" "I can tell they have the same feelings I do," he said.

The Editors wish to thank Carlotta Anderson for putting out the October issue of The Echo
Events at REDEEMER CHURCH

Sunday, 14 November 2010, at 5:00 p.m.
Inscape Chamber Orchestra in Concert (I)
The first of Inscape’s three all-American programs features Samuel Barber’s Capricorn Concerto, as well as his ballet suite from Medea, originally composed for famed dancer/choreographer Martha Graham. The premiere of composer Justin Boyer’s Symphony, Anthemic, completes the program. Free-will offerings accepted. Reception to follow.

Events at GLEN ECHO PARK

Holiday Art Show and Sale
November 26, 2010 – January 9, 2011
Browse and buy fine artworks for everyone on your holiday shopping list at Glen Echo Park’s annual Holiday Art Show and Sale, presented by the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture. The exhibition will feature works by resident artists, instructors and invited artists and will include glass, ceramics, jewelry, photography, painting, and more. It will be held in the Popcorn Gallery, Saturdays and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information and additional holiday hours, call (301) 634-2222 or visit glenechopark.org.

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Events at THE TOWN HALL

Sat., November 6th, 8 p.m.
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Sat., Nov. 13th – Town Movie
This month the movie will be AVATAR, to be shown at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 13th.

Paraplegic Marine Jake Sully goes on a mission on the distant world of Pandora where he learns of a greedy corporation’s intentions of driving off the native humanoid "Na'vi" in order to mine for the precious material scattered throughout their rich woodland.

In exchange for the spinal surgery that will fix his legs, Jake gathers intelligence for the cooperating military unit while simultaneously attempting to infiltrate the Na'vi people with the use of an "avatar" identity.

While Jake begins to bond with the native tribe and quickly falls in love with the beautiful alien Neytiri, the military moves forward with ruthless extermination tactics, forcing the soldier to take a stand and fight back in an epic battle for the fate of Pandora.

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Sunday, Nov. 14th – Family Dance, 2 – 6 p.m.

Every Wednesday Night – English Country Dancing, 7-11 p.m.
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The Next Town Council Meeting
The next Town Council meeting will be on Monday, November 8, at 8 pm.
Contact the clerk-treasurer to add an item to the agenda.

CELL PHONE USERS—REMEMBER
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