Town Resident Seeks Variance for House Addition

Resident Phyllis Daen has applied to Montgomery County for a variance to permit her to construct an addition to the rear of her Harvard Avenue residence (specifically a bedroom with a bay window) that encroaches slightly on the south boundary line setback. A previously scheduled County hearing on the variance request had been postponed at request of the Town because the Town had not received adequate notice from the County.

At the December Town Council meeting, Ms. Daen and her architect requested a letter of support from the Council. After a presentation of the architectural drawings and several questions from Council members, the Council decided not to take a position on Ms. Daen’s variance request at this time, but invited her to renew her request for a letter of support if it appeared that the County’s approval of the variance was in question. Once the County grants the variance request and corresponding building permit, then the Town’s approval of Ms. Daen’s building permit request will be pro forma.

Green Energy Provider Makes Presentation

Two representatives from Viridian, a green energy company that recently began conducting business in Maryland, made a brief presentation at the December Council meeting. Tim Glenn and Mike Reidy spoke and answered questions from the Council about their company, which provides electricity to...
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SUNDAY MORNING

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.

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BILLY BRIGGS

We sadly announce the death on December 27th of longtime Glen Echo resident Billy Briggs of Bryn Mawr Ave. Billy was born here in Glen Echo, and lived here all of his 90 years. He is survived by his wife Betty and his children.

More details of Billy’s long and interesting life will be in the next issue of The Echo.

ENCORE CHORALE

Encore Chorale, the nation’s largest and fastest growing choral program for Singers Age 55+, announces OPEN HOUSE REHEARSAL for Montgomery County Encore Chorales at Schweinhaut Senior Center in Silver Spring and Washington Conservatory of Music at Glen Echo Park. No Charge.

WHERE: Encore Chorale of Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring, MD
January 24, 2011 10:30 am to noon

WHERE: Encore Chorale of Washington Conservatory of Music at Glen Echo Park, South Arcade, January 13, 2011 2:00 to 3:30 pm

Calling all former high school and college choristers, church, synagogue and community choral singers! Come experience a rehearsal of the dynamic Encore Chorale conducted by Jeanne Kelly. Singers improve their voice, meet new friends and enjoy a great new adventure singing music in four parts in preparation to join other Encore Chorales from Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, for exciting spring concerts. There are no auditions and singers may sit to perform. For more information, please call Jeanne Kelly at 301-261-5747 or email Jeanne.kelly@encorecreativity.org

Web site: http://encorecreativity.org

WELCOME NEWCOMERS!

Ellen Newcomb and Clarke Denham, who have moved into 26 Wellesley Circle. Ellen is studying law at American University and Clarke works at AKQU, a digital advertising agency in Georgetown.

Besides the Washington area, where Ellen and Clarke have lived since 2007, Ellen lived in Sudbury, Massachusetts. Clarke hails from Westchester County, New York. Ellen graduated from Colby College in Maine and majored in Government Affairs. Clarke majored in Japanese and French at the University of Colorado.

Ellen and Clarke love their new house and really look forward to getting to know Glen Echo better. Clarke enjoys biking, and bikes to work in the District. Ellen has her hands full with her law studies. They are planning a May 29, 2011 wedding.

WASHINGTON CONSERVATORY

Concerts & Master Classes

Saturday, January 8, 2011
8:00 PM at One Westmoreland Circle, Bethesda, MD

Alexander Paley, piano

An Evening of Franz Liszt

Born in Kishiniev, Moldova, Mr. Paley began playing the piano when he was six, gave his first recital at the age of thirteen, and at sixteen won the National Music Competition of Moldova. He studied at the Moscow Conservatory and won major awards, including First Prize at the Leipzig International Bach Competition in 1984, the Bösendorfer Prize in 1986, and the Grand Prix at the First International Pancho Vladigerov Competition in Bulgaria.

Free will donations – no tickets required

Sunday, January 30, 2011
3:00 PM at Glen Echo Park

Alif Laila, sitar

Wonderful World Music - Sitar and Tabla

For more information, contact www.washingtonconservatory.org

WEB SITE UPDATE

The Glen Echo Park Partnership is redesigning its website to serve you better!

Learn about classes, upcoming events, resident programs, exhibitions and rentals in a more exciting, informative and easy-to-use format.

The new website will be launched in early January so take another look at www.glenechopark.org
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NOVEMBER TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

commercial and residential end users, including the Maryland Towns of Laurel and Edmonston.

According to Messrs Glenn and Reidy, Viridian recently obtained a license from the Maryland Public Service Commission to provide electricity in the State of Maryland. It currently provides electricity to approximately 140,000 customers in Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Connecticut, and twenty percent of its electricity is wind-generated. Current PEPCO users may switch to Viridian at no cost and with no change in equipment, as PEPCO will still be responsible for repairs to power lines. The only difference is that there will be a separate line item on a customer's monthly PEPCO bill denoting the amount of electricity provided by Viridian. In addition, municipalities that sign up for Viridian's service receive a credit of $2.00 per month per individual end user.

The Viridian representatives may request the opportunity to make an additional presentation to Town residents at the Town Hall at some point in the future. In the meantime, those wishing to obtain more information about the company may visit Viridian's website at www.viridian.com.

Discussions Continue on Oxford Road Stop Sign Camera

The Town Council is continuing to collect information in an effort to reduce the instances of drivers running the stop sign at the corner of Oxford Road and University Avenue. Currently, the Town spends around $1,000.00 per month to have a County policy officer stationed at the corner to write tickets for violations. By comparison, the Town of Chevy Chase has a three-year contract with the company that provides a speeding camera, at a cost of $5,000.00 per month; after the monthly charge is covered, the Town of Chevy Chase gets to keep the fines (at $75.00 per ticket) for speeding violations. The Council is still looking into the viability and cost of stop sign camera technology, and will hopefully have more information to report at the next meeting.

Glen Echo Park Report

The Clara Barton National Historical Site held several Victorian Greeting Card Workshops this winter. All were well attended. Eastern Mennonite University Interns will begin in January working on a Glen Echo Oral History Project.
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GLEN ECHO TOWN HALL EVENTS

Anna Porter in Glen Echo
January 23, 2011
7 p.m.
Glen Echo Town Hall

Award-winning Canadian author and publisher Anna Porter will discuss her books in Glen Echo.

The Kasztner’s Train: The True Story of Rezso Kasztner, Unknown Hero of the Holocaust
(Published in 2006)

Winner of the Canadian Jewish Book Award for History and the Nereus Writers’ Trust Award for Non-Fiction.
The true, heart-wrenching tale of Hungary’s own Oskar Schindler, a lawyer and journalist named Rezso Kasztner who rescued thousands of Hungarian Jews during the last chaotic days of World War II — and the ultimate price he paid.

In summer 1944, Rezso Kasztner met with Adolf Eichmann, architect of the Holocaust, in Budapest. With the Final Solution at its terrible apex and tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews being sent to Auschwitz every month, the two men agreed to allow 1,684 Jews to leave for Switzerland by train. In other maneuverings Kasztner may have saved another 40,000 Jews already in the camps. Kasztner was later judged for having “sold his soul to the devil.” Prior to being exonerated, he was murdered in Israel in 1957.

The Ghosts of Europe: Journey through Central Europe’s Troubled Past and Uncertain Future
(To be published in January 2011)

“The Ghosts of Europe is essential reading for anyone who cares about Central Europe’s past and its impact on the present. This book is in Anna Porter’s bloodstream and she writes with passion and conviction about Central Europe’s tormented past and often confused and confusing present. Every page brims with information and first hand knowledge”

--Kati Marton, author of Enemies of the People: My Family’s Journey to America

In her critically acclaimed book, Kasztner’s Train, Anna Porter wrote candidly about the Holocaust and the rise of fascism in Hungary. Now, in her new book, The Ghosts of Europe: Central Europe’s Past and Uncertain Future, Porter journeys into the heart of Europe and explores the fragile state of democracy after the fall of Communism. Just over twenty years have passed since the rise of democracy in the nations of central Europe: Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Slovakia. This has been a turbulent transition from socialist economics to capitalism, and now with the emergence of new wealth there is a widening gap between rich and poor. Anna Porter traveled to these countries to interview leading intellectuals, politicians, former dissidents, the newly wealthy, and the poor and the disenfranchised, to find the truth about the effectiveness of democracy there.

Space is limited. RSVP: abbayer@yahoo.com

WINTER CLASSES COMING IN JANUARY

A class at the Park is the perfect start to the New Year! Winter sessions of many classes are starting in early January.

Get out of the cold and register for any winter class in which space is still available. Check website for some of the classes that are starting in the next few weeks.

For a full list of all classes, course schedules, descriptions and availability, and to register online, visit www.glenechopark.org.
The Next Town Council Meeting
The next Town Council meeting will be on Monday, January 10, at 8 pm.
Contact the clerk-treasurer to add an item to the agenda.

LADIES OF GLEN ECHO

Ladies Night
Wednesday, January 19, 8 p.m.
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CLASSIFIED ADS

Starting in January, beginner BELLY DANCING CLASSES on a drop-in basis, $10/class, are being offered from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at The Clara Barton Community Center. Come join the fun! For more information contact dawnoftheflower@yahoo.com

Eistophos Science Club, a club for women interested in the sciences, invites all (male or female) to join their Open Meeting on Fri., January 14th, from 1 - 3:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Glen Echo Town Hall. The topic is, “What Darwin Never Knew”, followed by tea and refreshments. For more information call 301-229-2163 or email eistophos@verizon.net

Classified ads are free to Glen Echo residents. Fee to non-residents $.75 per line of 50 characters or fewer. Display ads: $4 per column inch. Ads may be left with or mailed to the editor at 15 Vassar Circle, Glen Echo, MD 20812. Make checks payable to: Town of Glen Echo. Deadline: 24th of each month.

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