May's three-hour meeting were Town Ordinances
The main topics of May’s long-running Town ordinance overhaul. Two budget-related ordinances were introduced at the meeting. Due to reduced Montgomery County property tax revenues and subsequently reduced Town income, the Council considered various options for the Town property tax rate. The current Town tax rate is 14¢ per $100 of assessment. While the County recommended going up to 16.31¢, the Council considered keeping the rate unchanged or increasing the rate to 15¢. After a brief discussion about the lack of adequate budget reserves, the Council passed a motion to introduce ordinance 18-03, setting the new property tax rate at 15¢, which, on average, will increase Glen Echo household taxes by $74 per year. The Council also passed a motion to introduce ordinance 18-04, which sets the Town Budget. Both of these ordinances would then be passed at the end of the public budget hearing on May 23.

Ordinance 18-01 sets building regulations and ordinance 18-02 covers a wide range of topics including sanitation, streets and sidewalks, shrub maintenance, parking, stop signs, and snow removal. Animal control is also covered in ordinance 18-02, but that topic was specifically excluded from the conversation, to be treated separately with its own public comment hearing held on May 17.

Before voting to pass ordinances 18-01 and 18-02, the Council discussed several items of constructive resident feedback. Sanitation language was improved to make it not only a violation for a homeowner to store litter on their property but also for another resident to place litter on their property. Language was added to clearly state that Town provisions do not apply to Glen Echo Park property, which is owned by the National Park Service. A detailed regulation regarding RV parking was updated to exclude pickup truck inserts, and allowances were added for parking an RV on Town streets for up to seven days for out-of-town guests with approval from the Mayor or Clerk. It was also noted that ordinance 18-02 appeared to prohibit compost piles by specifically requiring all kitchen scraps to be disposed of in trash containers. After a short discussion about County composting regulations and what constitutes an acceptable compost container, the ordinance was edited to permit the use of rodent-free compost containers.

An interesting conversation transpired about the enforcement provisions in the new ordinances. Article 21
has been written to consolidate the enforcement penalties associated with violation of ordinances. When looked at strictly, it appears that small infractions such as failure to clear a sidewalk of snow, remove a bicycle from a sidewalk, or to trim back encroaching shrubbery will result in a $100 fine. There was concern that this penalty seemed unnecessarily harsh for certain violations. The ensuing conversation, involving Council Member Stiglitz and Mr. Bolt was eye opening. First, prior versions of Town ordinances included similar provisions for issuing fines, so the provisions in Article 21 are not new. What is new is that the Town has attempted to consolidate a range of penalty clauses from the old ordinances into a single penalty clause in the new ordinance. Unwritten in these ordinances is that, like most law enforcement, the Town maintains "prosecutorial discretion" when deciding to apply these penalties. The ideal remedy for any violation is for one resident to speak to another resident and ask that the situation be resolved. Likewise, for topics such as shrubbery encroachment, the Town notifies residents that it’s time to trim back shrubs and generally speaking most residents take care of this well before it rises to the level of a penalty. Even when the Town is notified of a violation, it has the discretion to issue a warning before actually issuing a fine. Mr. Stiglitz noted that in the eight years he has attended Council meetings he is unaware of the Town actually issuing a fine for an ordinance violation. There was some discussion about codifying the above process in some form in the ordinances to capture some of our small town spirit. To that request, Mr. Bolt made it clear that that would be a mistake. One of the main uses of the Town Ordinances is to clearly communicate the rules in such a way that, in the unexpected event an issue must be taken to court, the language is clear and the Town has a solid legal foundation to defend its position.

Other Town Business
Tara Sheridan, a resident of Silver Spring and a graduate of the University of California Berkeley, who has worked at a number of nonprofits, was recommended by Mayor Polak to be the next Town Clerk-Treasurer. Based upon her resume and brief meetings with some Council Members, the Council approved the recommendation. Welcome to Glen Echo, Tara!

The long-anticipated Little Free Library is almost ready to be installed in the pocket park at University and Princeton. The storage box has been painted, the mounting post has been installed at the park, and an
The official Little Free Library plaque is on its way. The dedication is planned for June 9 at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome to attend and bring a favorite book to donate to this new memorial to the literary arts.

Resident Holly Shimizu updated the council on the progress of the Environmental Committee. The plant exchange held on May 12 was a big success and is one example of progress being made under the Sustainable Maryland program. Sustainable Maryland is a program for municipalities to set goals and make progress toward becoming more green and sustainable. Glen Echo is the 70th municipality registered under the program, and Mike Hunninghake from Sustainable Maryland visited the Town on May 21 to talk about tailoring the program for Glen Echo. The near-term goal is to develop an action plan that the Town can follow, including ideas like a town-wide composting service or developing the right of way along MacArthur into Glen Echo’s version of New York’s High Line park.

Based on recent list-serv conversations, Renny Springuel reported that the Sidewalk and Street Committee has taken a look into speeding on University Avenue. Their primary observation is that much of the traffic appears to be visitors to the Post Office turning left or right off of Harvard onto University to get back to MacArthur. As such, the committee has recommended that the Town Council install stops signs on University at the intersections of Bryn Mawr and Yale. The Council discussed the potential impact of these additions, including any possible reduction in street parking. Before making a decision, the Council invites resident feedback and will put the topic on the agenda for the June Council meeting. Additionally, the Council planned to survey the recommended sign locations to assess and better understand potential parking impacts. Finally, there was some discussion about consulting with a traffic engineer, but no specific commitment to do so was made.

Resident Angela Hirsch is organizing another Fourth of July parade and is planning to have a fire truck from the Glen Echo Fire Department participate this year! And, if the parade isn’t enough July celebration, the Council set this year’s Town Picnic for July 22 at the Town Hall from 5–8 PM. We look forward to seeing everyone out for the festivities.—BILL VINCENT
It is mosquito season—what to do? Before you call a commercial company for mosquito control to treat your yard, there are simple things you can do yourself to deter the pests.

First and foremost, find and eliminate the mosquito breeding sites. This is highly effective in reducing the mosquito populations. Most mosquitoes breed in standing water; if it stands for at least seven days. The adult mosquitoes lay their eggs on or near the standing water. The water can be in old flowers pots or saucers, gutters, tin cans, barrels, decorative ponds, puddles, creeks, ditches, catch basins, rain barrels, and marshes. The larvae develop in the water before they emerge as biting mosquitoes. Most importantly, make sure there is no stagnant water in your outdoor spaces. Unblock all drains and gutters to maintain water flow. Turn over any pots, toys, or garbage cans that are holding water. Empty all saucers and anything that is holding water.

And if you can’t drain it, treat it. If you are growing aquatic plants in containers or have standing water, the best way to prevent mosquito larvae is to use a product called Dunks (they look like little donuts), which are made from bacteria (*Bacillus thuringiensis israeliensis*—BTI) that kill mosquito larvae for up to 30 days and are harmless to birds, fish, wildlife, and pets.

Since mosquitoes do not like moving air, the use of fans is highly effective in keeping them away. When there is a direct wind, mosquitoes have a hard time flying around. Mosquitoes are able to find us due to our smell and the carbon dioxide that we emit, so the moving air confuses them. The stronger the fan, the better.

When sitting outside during mosquito season, try mosquito coils, essentially anti-mosquito incense. Their ingredient list is variable. Most contain either pyrethroid insecticides or plant derived substances such as citronella. Pyrethroid insecticides are synthetic chemical insecticides that have a chemical structure similar to pyrethrins that are derived from chrysanthemum flowers. Mosquito coils are affordable, portable, and generally effective at reducing mosquito bites. They are not recommended for indoor use.

Mosquito traps are a new product that is showing real possibility. They emit substances that the biting (female) mosquitoes love, including carbon dioxide, heat, moisture, and other byproducts. The female mosquitoes are attracted, trapped, and then killed. Female mosquitoes need human blood to develop fertile eggs.

Bug zappers do not work against mosquitoes and are not recommended at all. They use ultraviolet light to attract mosquitoes to the electrocuting grid. The problem is that these traps kill a huge number of beneficial insects and do not control the females of the biting species.

If you do choose to hire someone, be aware that the safety of mosquito control programs is variable depending on the company’s knowledge and training of the employees, the chemicals used, and the services offered. High-quality companies are licensed and protect the non-target organisms such as bees, lady bugs, but-

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**Holly in the Ivy**

Eliminating standing water is the first step in the war on mosquitoes.

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Use mosquito dunks in ponds to kill larvae.

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**Who Do Mosquitoes Love the Most?**

Research is demonstrating that mosquitoes are attracted to people with blood type O, those people who exhale more carbon dioxide, warmer people who smell of lactic acid from their sweat glands, those with certain bacteria on their skin, people who drink beer, pregnant women, and those wearing black, dark blue, or red clothing. Who knew?
terflies, etc. Mosquito misting systems are not recommended because they have not been studied sufficiently and their effectiveness is not yet known. First, find out what products will be used and know the active ingredients. If malathion (an organophosphate) is being used, I would be concerned. Malathion can cause acute and long-term neurological health problems and is toxic to fish, aquatic invertebrates, and amphibians. It is under review by the EPA as a low level carcinogen. Malathion is widely used to control adult mosquitoes, although the World Health Organization has announced that it is “probably carcinogenic” to people.

Pyrethrins are botanical insecticides that come directly from chrysanthemum flowers and have been used as pesticides since the 1950’s. They have since been used as models to produce the synthetic, longer lasting chemicals called pyrethroids. One of those, Permethrin, is widely used for mosquito control. It is a neurotoxin and the EPA has classified it as “likely to be carcinogenic to humans” if ingested. Permethrin is highly toxic to bees, beneficial insects, and fish. According to the Washington, DC-based organization, Beyond Pesticides, “An increased risk of neurological disorders in areas where mosquito spraying is common has been reported.”

To read more on this topic go to: www.beyondpesticides.org/assets/media/documents/pesticides/factsheets/permethrin.pdf Mosquito control companies usually recommend that children and pets be kept inside during spraying, and for 30 minutes to an hour afterward. After some extensive online searching and telephone calls to companies, I found that many have addressed concerns regarding pesticides by creating less toxic alternatives. For example, Mosquito Joe’s offers garlic sprays to repel mosquitoes. It also offers an option with rosemary and peppermint oils that it says will eliminate mosquitoes on contact and becomes a repellent when dry. The smell will lessen after one or two hours. Another company called Backyard Bug Control offers a Simply Organic package that uses rosemary oil or cedar oil, both of which are said to be effective although they have shorter shelf lives.

For me, I have great success using these options: elimination of standing water; fans, and occasional mosquito coils when I am sitting on the porch. When I work outside I wear long sleeves and slacks and apply my own anti-mosquito blend of lemon eucalyptus, rosemary, and cedar oils! —Holly Shimizu

Hummingbirds are among the most fascinating of birds, and for good reason. They are tiny little sprites, incredibly active, and colorful. And we marvel at their flight. While most birds bend their “elbows” and “wrists” while flapping away, hummingbirds keep their wings straight like oars, and row through the air. They never bend. The rowing is more like a blur, as most beat their wings between 40 and 70 times per second. Hummers can twist their wings in their shoulder joints so, on upstroke, the wings push against the air just like on down stroke. Consequently they generate lift and thrust on both down stroke and upstroke. By moving their wings in a horizontal plane, they can hover; by tilting back, they can fly backwards. And the precision of their jerky stop-go-hover flight is uncanny.

These tiny creatures migrate to the United States each spring from winter grounds in Mexico and Central America. It is said they expend as much energy as a human running 1,200 consecutive 4-minute miles without stopping. And after a few months of hurried mating, raising young and fattening up, they hit the sky again.—The Wild Bird Centers

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At Glen Echo’s May 23 budget meeting, Mayor Willem Polak and three Council Members (Council Member Long was not present) approved increasing the Town’s real property tax from 14¢ per $100 of assessed value to 15¢ per $100. The increase is expected to raise an additional $7,000 for the $321,000 fiscal year 2019 budget, which also was approved at the meeting.

Ordinances allowing the Council to levy taxes and to establish a budget had been approved at the Council’s May 14 meeting, which saw the adoption of Town ordinances. The Council also held a working group meeting on May 7 to discuss specific line items in the new budget. The extra penny per $100 was necessary, according to Council Member Matt Stiglitz, because Montgomery County had predicted the Town’s property assessments would be $13 million less in fiscal year 2019 than in fiscal 2018, as a result of new County exemptions, appeals, elderly and veterans’ exclusions, etc. At the current 14¢ per $100 rate, this would create a shortfall of about $18,000 to achieving the Town’s constant-yield property tax goal. Mr. Stiglitz said he and other Council Members questioned the likelihood of such dramatically reduced assessments of the value of Glen Echo properties. Compared with the estimate of $108,500 in real property taxes anticipated for 2018, as of March 2018, Glen Echo had actually collected $115,609, or $7,109 more than forecast in the budget. The County had recommended that Glen Echo raise its property tax to 16.41¢ per $100 to achieve its $106,325 tax goal. The penny increase—amounting to about $74 more from each property owner annually—was a compromise, Mr. Stiglitz said.

Besides real property tax, the largest revenue items in the budget were:
- personal income tax payments (up $29,000, from $93,000 to $122,000, because of the booming economy);
- County revenue sharing (increasing from $17,673 to $20,762, which happens to be the same amount collected from the County as of March 2018);
- public utility property tax, which is expected to more than double in fiscal 2019 (from $9,000 to $20,160 because of a rate increase from 80¢ per $100 to $1.50 per $100);
- highway user fee income, from gasoline tax, vehicle titling tax, vehicle rental use tax, and vehicle registration fees that are allocated by the state to municipalities, is anticipated to increase from $12,000 to $13,029 in fiscal 2019. These funds can only be used to finance the cost of transportation services, which for Glen Echo would include street paving and maintenance.
- Corporate property tax (currently 80¢ per $100 of assessed value, is expected to bring in $3,000, the same as last year);
- rental income from the Post Office ($31,900, the same as last year), the Town Hall ($8,000, up from $4,000 because the Town is considering charging $50/hour for non-resident use rather than $75 total per use), and the parking lot used by the Irish Inn at Glen Echo ($3,600, the same as last year, as written into its original contract).

Cable franchise fees are expected to produce $3,000, up from $2,800. Town building permit fees will rise from $10 to $50, producing an anticipated $2,500 next year, up from $500.

Income from interest and Town investments will rise from $1,000 to $1,300. Revenue from ad sales to The Echo is also anticipated to grow from $1,500 to $2,000. Subscription revenue will likely stay the same at $100.

Total anticipated revenue for fiscal 2019 is $335,775, an increase of $46,730 over the current fiscal year, which ends on June 30. This compares with forecasted expenditures of $321,000, or an anticipated surplus of $14,777.

Expenses
In the budget proposal posted on the Town website on May 23, some line items have been reorganized to reflect that this is a “programmatic theme budget, not a profit and loss budget,” according to Jean Sperling, the former village manager of Martin’s Addition (an offshoot of Chevy Chase, MD), who was invited by the Mayor to participate at the May 7 working group meeting as a non-paid consultant.

“This is not an accounting document,” she said.

As in previous years, the most expensive line-item categories of the budget were Refuse & Recycling ($50,000, the same as in fiscal 2018), Landscaping & Maintenance ($40,000, also the same as this year), Town Hall Maintenance ($35,000, up $5,000, to pay for floor refinishing, which was last done in 2002), Legal Services ($35,000, up $10,000 because of expected legal issues related to zoning and the new ordinances), Office Salaries ($30,000, up $439), and Street Sweeping ($18,000, up $2,000 to now include leaf collection).

Although Town Hall Improvements, again slated for $10,000, did not get a budget increase, the actual expenditures in fiscal 2018 reached $20,038 due to the need for emergency roof repairs. Mayor Polak noted that all budget amounts (continued next page)
are flexible, depending on actual need and the funds available at the time. For example, Glen Echo did not have to replace the elevator in the Town Hall, which had been budgeted at $120,000 for fiscal 2017, so the money was not spent and contributed to a net income of $83,314, rather than a net loss of $138,292, for that year.

Besides the fiscal 2019 budget increases noted above, a new budget category labeled Office Furniture & Equipment, slated for $5,000, will pay for a new copier, a new laptop computer, and repair of scratches in the table in the Town office. An existing category, Office Utilities, which pays for heat, phone, and electric services and water, will get a $400 increase, to $7,000.

Other new budget categories include Dues, Subscriptions/Conferences ($2,500, for participation in the Maryland Municipal League and other forums), Website Design & Hosting ($3,000), and Records Retention Plan ($2,500, because “the files are atrocious,” commented Mayor Polak).

An existing category called Other Maintenance, which Council Members want to eventually eliminate, was budgeted at $3,000 in fiscal 2018 but reduced to $2,000 in the coming year. As of March, only $342 had been spent. Another “catchall” category, Administrative Expenses, will take a cut from $10,000 to $7,000. This category may include staff training, Mayor Polak said. But the category Other Professional Services, which will pay for anticipated sidewalk and street quality engineering evaluations, gets an increase from $2,000 to $5,000.

The Town’s printing and mailing costs are anticipated to amount to $3,000 next year, a $500 increase. Mayor Polak said the Town cannot legally put flyers in residents’ mailboxes but must mail them, which accounts for the increase. Ms. Sperling noted that mailing Town ordinances, etc., gives the Town more legal security, as well.

Increases are also budgeted for Payroll Taxes & Benefits ($3,000, up $644) and Community Events ($8,000, up $1,000). Decreased expenditures are expected for Street Maintenance & Repaving (down from $16,000 to $10,000), Sidewalk Repair/Replacement (down from $20,000 to $5,000), and Snow Removal Services (down from $13,000 to $10,000).

Other line-item expenditures which will receive the same amounts as in fiscal 2018 are: Insurance ($3,000), Accounting & Auditing ($12,000), Street Lighting ($9,000), Parking Lot Maintenance ($1,000), and Community Contributions ($2,000). Also, Staff Training—which received no money in fiscal 2018—is funded at $3,000 next year. —REX RHEIN
Dust off your picnic blanket and apply a couple coats of sunscreen because this month brings with it a slew of outdoor festivals celebrating the start of summer.

While you likely have attended DC Jazz Festival (June 8–17), stay closer to home with Silver Spring’s Blues Festival (June 16). Not to mention the 38th annual Washington Folk Festival in our very own Glen Echo Park (June 2–3). Think globally but eat locally with this year’s Smithsonian Folklife Festival featuring the unique and rich cultures of Armenia and Catalonia (June 27–July 1 and July 4–8). And there’s the Taste of Jamaica in Silver Spring’s Veterans Plaza on June 10.

For more Americana, make it out to SAVOR in the National Building Museum June 1–2, Tacoma Trukgarten on June 2, or National Capital BBQ Battle (Pennsylvania Avenue between 3rd and 7th Streets) on June 23–24 to sample a breadth of regional breweries and foods.

If you have little ones to occupy on their summer break, stop by the 24th annual Imagination Bethesda children’s art festival on June 2.

For something a bit more mature, join what plans to be a beautifully vibrant and enriching inaugural By the People Festival June 21–24 throughout DC with numerous art installations and scheduled dialogue.

A bit further from home, but also worthy of note, the Kingman Island Bluegrass & Folk Festival will be held this year on June 9.

And if the sun and humidity just isn’t your thing, hide away in the air conditioning while catching up on the world with the AFI Docs Film Festival June 13–17 at the AFI Theater in Silver Spring and at other area venues. —MONA KISHORE
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The mini farm stand brought to us by Yale residents Carol Barton and Henry Barrow, which you can find on University Avenue between Harvard and Yale, will be out periodically this month with fresh organic farm eggs and a few early crops such as radishes and rhubarb. The eggs are a new addition from their friends Nick Maravell and Tory Cowlies, who have an organic farm in Adamstown, Maryland. Nick started organic farming in 1979 and was in the vanguard of the burgeoning organic farm movement. He specializes in organic beef and free-range chickens and turkeys. His 130 chickens run around eating grass and bugs, and laying lots of delicious eggs. The update from Carol Barton on their farm: “We’ve just finished our major planting, with 42 heirloom tomato plants, 45 sweet pepper plants, and a variety of squash and cucumbers. I’ll be adding leeks, beets, and okra next week. Of course, it will take a while before we can start harvesting, but it’s fun to anticipate a summer full of fresh, healthy produce.”

The plant exchange on May 12 was a great success, with neighbors exchanging flowers, tomato plants, and herbs to fill out their yards and gardens. Several people contributed, and most of the plants found new homes in town by the end of the day. The few that were left, host Carol Barton took to their farm and planted there. The weather cooperated, and the recent rains helped revive any plants that were in shock after the move. Thanks to Carol and Holly Shimizu for setting up this fun event!

The Park is well known as host to the Washington Folk Festival. This is the Festival’s 38th year, featuring music, dance, storytelling, and a crafts marketplace. Join the fun and grab a bite in the picnic grove where you may find musicians sharing an impromptu tune. A full schedule of free performances runs on 7 stages from noon to 7 PM on June 2 and 3.

Starting June 14, a series of free Thursday evening concerts will be held in the Bumper Car Pavilion. The carousel will be running, and Praline Café will be open. And for more evening fun come to Art Walk in the Park on the first Friday of the month (May to September) from 6 to 8 PM. Preview art shows and enjoy complimentary refreshments.

Over 340 people attended May’s Crystal Gala in the Park—the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture’s annual fundraiser—held in the Bumper Car Pavilion and Spanish Ballroom. Arch Campbell served as emcee. The Partnership offered special recognition to County Executive Ike Leggett and his wife Catherine for their ongoing support of the arts. U.S. Congressman Jamie Raskin presented the Friend of Glen Echo Park Award to Jeffrey Z. Slavin, whose family foundation has been very generous to the Park as well as other nonprofit organizations throughout the County. Adventure Theatre Artistic Director and former Glen Echo resident Michael Bobbitt led the crowd in a fundraising effort to establish a new scholarship and transportation fund to help underserved children from the region attend Park classes and camps and participate in field trips to the Park for performances and aquarium programs. Thanks to the many generous donors at the Gala, the Park raised over $158,000.

—Martha Shannon
**SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE**
Holy Eucharist (Communion) 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
You are invited to explore your spiritual life in an intimate community faithful to ancient tradition and tickled by our freedom.

**MUSIC AT REDEEMER SERIES**
Sunday, June 3 at 5:00 pm—Festal Choral Evensong

**June 9th**
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**June 24th**
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**Have You Heard?**
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The animal control ordinance public comment hearing, which took place on May 17, was a very civil and straightforward meeting. The Mayor and Council were present, as was the Town’s lawyer. The mayor reported that Members had received written opinions from about a dozen residents, and this evening saw about a dozen more speak to the Council. Most of the speakers were in favor of allowing an expanded list of animals in Glen Echo, starting with chickens, but a few were against it, citing the small sizes of lots in town. The Council plans to meet in early June to discuss the ordinance and hopes to have it on the July meeting agenda.

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** Ain’t No Back to a Merry-Go-Round**

*A documentary in progress*

about the protest that led to the integration of Glen Echo Amusement Park, which closed in 1968. In 1960, a group led by Howard University students and Jewish groups from the surrounding community organized a sit-in on the carousel at the whites-only park. At the National Archives recently, director Ilana Trachtman showed advance prints.

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**Class of 2018**

Congratulations to Glen Echo’s graduates and their families!

**Miles Wilson** is graduating this spring from The Potomac School. He will be attending St. Lawrence University in upstate New York in the fall.

**Tate Carter-Graham** is graduating from The University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He will be working at Accenture as a Business and Technology Delivery Analyst.
clips from the movie, which is due out next year.

The hard-working Environmental Committee is crafting an Action Plan for Glen Echo as part of its application to the Sustainable Maryland Program. They will be providing a program next month on composting for Town residents.

Starting June 1, the monthly Art Walk in the Park will also include a free spoken word series at 7:30 PM on the third floor of the Arcade building. The first installment of “Words Out Loud” features writers Dorritt Carroll and Alan King.

Real Estate Report
The Zeidenberg house at 23 Wellesley Circle sold for $1,112,500, and Phyllis Fordham’s former home at 6103 Princeton is under contract, last listed at $889,000. Newly renovated and for sale is 6001 Yale Avenue listed at $1,095,000, and the four prospective homes in Vassar Circle are listed starting at $1,399,000, with the lots available for $599,000. The commercial property at 6110 Oberlin Avenue remains listed at $1,800,000.

Glen Echo Town Hall Events
FSGW English Country Dance, Wednesdays, June 6, 13, 20, 27 8–10:30 PM, free to Town residents

June 9 10 AM, dedication of Glen Echo’s Little Free Library at the pocket park at University and Princeton

Local Events
June 2 11 AM, the Glen Echo Fire Department opens the box found in the cornerstone of the old fire station at 2 Vassar Circle
June 2 9 AM-Noon, Clara Barton Community Center’s annual “Grateful Shred” event
June 9 11 AM–3 PM, Strawberry Festival at the Church of the Redeemer

Glen Echo Park Events
June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 11:30 AM, Animal story time at the aquarium, for ages 2–5, standard entry fees apply
June 1 6–8 PM, Art Walk in the Park on the first Fridays through September, open studios, galleries, and a Casual Concert at the Washington Conservatory of Music

Summer Concert Series
Thursdays at 7:30 PM, in the Bumper Car Pavilion, free; and the carousel is open!
June 14 The Mike Scoglio Band
June 21 U.S. Marines Dixieland Band
June 28 Mystic Warriors, Andean music

June 23 Noon–4 PM, Heritage Days, tour the Spanish Ballroom and hear the Lucky Cats Jazz Orchestra, free

The Puppet Co. www.thepuppetco.org; 301-634-5380
Sleeping Beauty, through June 24
Snow White & the Seven Dwarves, June 29–Aug. 5
Tiny Tots select Weds, Sats, and Sundays at 10AM

Adventure Theater MTC
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Four distinct custom homes are now available for pre-purchase on Vassar Circle in Glen Echo. Get in early to reserve a lot and customize as much as you’d like. We have fully developed drawings ready for permit with options. The base model is $1,399,000 for 4 bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms, and 3,100 square feet of living space. We also offer options for a den and a third story with a 5th bedroom, bath, and bonus loft. We can work with buyers to develop a completely custom design. For those interested in going their own way, lots may be purchased for $599,000.

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GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Welty Homes, Inc., builders of more than 300 new homes in the greater Bethesda area since 1983.

ARCHITECTURE: Claude C. Lapp Architects, an award-winning firm with more than 35 years in the business.

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