

**The Town of  
GLEN ECHO**

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**TOWN OF GLEN ECHO  
LIVABLE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
October 29, 2019**

**7-8:30 pm at town hall.**

**Participants:**

Jan Shaut (livable community member)  
Aaron Hirsch (livable community member, secretary)  
Pete Epanchin (livable community member)  
Julia Wilson (livable community member, chair)  
Dan Spealman (livable community member)  
Martha Shannon (livable community member)  
Gloria Levin (guest)  
Emily Parsons (guest)

**The Echo:**

- Concern was expressed about the overlap between the Mayor's new Newsletter and The Echo.
- It was suggested that the Mayor and The Echo collaborate by creating a Mayor's Column in The Echo. The committee thought that this collaboration could be a good solution for everyone concerned.
- The Committee recommended that Dan Spealman, Julia Wilson, Willem Polak, Beth Boa, Emily Parsons, and Mary Parsons meet to discuss the idea.

**Minnehaha Cleanup:**

- The Town of Glen Echo will perform the cleanup on its own with the authorization of the National Park Service.
- We will provide a list of participants who will be signed up as Park Service volunteers. We will need to provide two weeks' notice.
- This activity will award SSL hours to eligible students.
- It will take place at 10:00 am on Saturday November 23. Rain date 1:00 pm on Sunday November 24.
- Jan Shaut will organize an e-mail sign-up.

**Film:**

- The Documentary (in development) discussion with its filmmaker "Ain't No Back to a Merry-Go-Round" about Glen Echo Amusement Park and its civil rights history was very successful. There were 21 attendees at the presentation on November 1.
- The committee has been in touch with resident Kelly Cole, a Film Professor at Georgetown University. She is willing to present a short lecture and film. Date shall be sometime in March 2020.

**Winter Lights:**

-- The Committee will approach The Council with a proposal to do an outdoor mid-winter fundraiser/party. The following ideas were discussed:

- a. Saturday January 25 after dark (time TBD)
- b. Rain date (not snow date) Sunday January 26
- c. Close Harvard Avenue
- d. Sell luminaires as a fundraiser for The National Center for Children and Families - Greentree Shelter. Seek donations of bags, sand and candles.
- e. Fire pits with lawn chairs
- f. "Stick" foods: hot dogs, s'mores & baked potatoes with toppings
- g. Mulled cider & BYO mulled wine
- h. Other activities TBD

**Senior Village:**

The presenter was not in attendance. The Committee hopes to reschedule it for the next meeting.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, December 3 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall.**