



## Statement on the Tragic Shooting in Buffalo, NY from the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture May 20, 2022

Dear Friends of Glen Echo Park,

The Board of Directors and staff of Glen Echo Park join our County Executive Marc Elrich and the Montgomery County Council in condemning the violent mass shooting that targeted the Black community in Buffalo, NY last weekend, and we express our deep sorrow over this act of hatred. (Read their statements [here](#) and [here](#).)

At Glen Echo Park we will continue to combat racism by educating the public about the civil rights protests that took place here in the summer of 1960, when our site was a privately-owned amusement park, as well as by ensuring we create a safe and inclusive environment for all our participants, visitors, artists, students, and employees today.

The 1960 protests at Glen Echo Amusement Park were instrumental in the desegregation of businesses throughout the Washington, DC region. They were part of a changing tide in this country, combating hate that we know all too well has not yet been eradicated. Two of the brave individuals who participated in those protests were honored at our annual gala just one day before the tragic Buffalo shooting. Read a proclamation honoring all the protesters [here](#).

We invite the public to learn more about the civil rights history of Glen Echo Park [here](#) and to watch a lecture about the protests by Emmy-winning filmmaker Ilana Trachtman [here](#).

We look forward to serving everyone in our community as we move forward together. As County Executive Elrich stated, hate has no home in Montgomery County.

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