

# Cabin John Village News

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## December Calendar

- DEC. 12 Rehearsal for singers participating in the Community Celebration on Dec. 13. Methodist Church 7:30 pm
- \* Film Presentation at the Little Falls Library 10:30 8 pm
- DEC 13 Community Celebration at the Clara Barton School 7:30 pm
- Dec. 16 Preschooler Christmas Party at the Little Falls Library 10:30 am
- DEC. 22 Last day of school before vacation
- DEC. 27 Italian Lasagna Dinner 6 to 7:30 pm at the Cabin John Firehouse.

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## ITALIAN LASAGNA DINNER

Treat your family to a great dinner out during the holidays on December 27th. A homemade Italian lasagna dinner with beer and wine as extras will be the fare, and the price is well within your holiday budget. The parents of this year's Four Year Old Class are organizing, serving, and cooking this culinary delight. Proceeds from the dinner will go to the class fund to pay back debts. The Four Year Old Class is located in Clara Barton School, and is open to all 4 year olds in Cabin John. Call Diane Heflin, the teacher, for information at 229-0280.

So, come to the Cabin John Volunteer Fire House between 6 and 7:30 pm on December 27 for some delicious food. a visit with your neighbors, and to support our Four Year Old Program.

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## THANKS TO THE CONCORD SCHOOL

Every month the Concord School children take our Village News pages and collate and staple them without charge to us. This is a part of their educational process, and the job is always done with professionalism. We would like to thank them in a special way for this service to all of us in Cabin John.

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## REHEARSAL FOR SINGERS

On December 12 at 7:30 pm there will be a rehearsal for all choirs participating in the Community Celebration on Dec. 13. The rehearsal will be held in the Cabin John United Methodist Church and anyone is welcome to join the group.

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## VANDALS PROSECUTED

Four young men, residents of Cabin John, were summoned to a hearing before the Federal Magistrate in Bethesda on the charge of vandalizing the Alpine Veterinarian Hospital. The hearing was held on Nov. 22 and the young men were found guilty.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 13

### COME ONE! COME ALL!

Three-generation families will be specially honored at the Cabin John annual Christmas party. Bring your grandparents. Or bring your grandchildren. It's not necessary that they live in Cabin John. Christmas is a family time, and a natural occasion to celebrate the multi-generation ties. All who attend with a three-generation representation will receive a special recognition.

Other features of this celebration, to be held at the school on Wednesday, December 13, will be selections by the Fumblin' Five--an instrumental group under the organization of Dorothy Helen Nelson--; carols by the joint choirs of the Gibson Grove A.M.E. Zion Church, the Cabin John Methodist Church, and the Glen Echo Baptist Church, and some unusual tributes to some unusual people.

There is no charge for this community-wide party. Food will be supplied in abundance by the Homemakers Club, drinks by the Cabin John Gardens Association. Home Study is doing the decorations and the Citizens Association is responsible for publicity. Scouts are ushering and the Fire Department has a surprise under its hat. Clara Barton P.T.A. is coordinating the evening. John Badgley and Peter Vejt will star as scintillating emcees, while other exciting events--too classified to mention--will take place.

The party begins at 7:30, and in deference to the youngsters' bedtimes will be over by 10.

- Who will bring five grandparents?
- Will Margie Lee and Ed Gotthardt do the hard rock tango?
- Will the spicy rum cookies hold out?
- Will Spike Parrish?
- Be there in person and get all the answers.

## LITTLE FALLS LIBRARY NOTES

On December 12 at 8:00 p.m., there will be a film program presented at the library. Two films will be shown, "The Unexplained," and "The Night at the Opera with the Marx brothers.

In the children's room, there will be a special Chanuka program on December 8 at 4 p.m. The program will feature two folk tales and two folk songs for children 7 years and up.

A story hour is planned for Monday December 4 at 1:30 p.m. for preschool children, aged 4 to 6, and on December 16 at 10:30 a.m., there will be a preschoolers' Christmas program featuring stories and songs.

# County and Army Will Repave Road

By LaBarbara Bowman  
Washington Post Staff Writer

Montgomery County and the Army Corps of Engineers put aside a long-standing feud yesterday and agreed to share the cost of repaving worn and bumpy MacArthur Boulevard.

The federal government and the county will each pay half of the estimated \$650,000 cost to repave 7.1 miles of the road between the District line and Anglers Inn near Great Falls. County Executive James P. Gleason and Col. Louis W. Prentiss of the Army engineers said in a joint statement.

For most of its length through southwestern Montgomery County, MacArthur Boulevard is a winding, uneven, two-lane road. Although an estimated 10,000 commuters use it daily, it looks more like a country lane than a major commuter route.

Although the road is in the county, it belongs to neither Montgomery nor to Maryland but to the Army. It was ceded to the Army during the Civil War when an aqueduct was built under it to supply fresh water to the District from Great Falls.

Since the early 1960s, when the road began deteriorating because of heavy traffic, the Army and county have battled over who should pay for renovation.

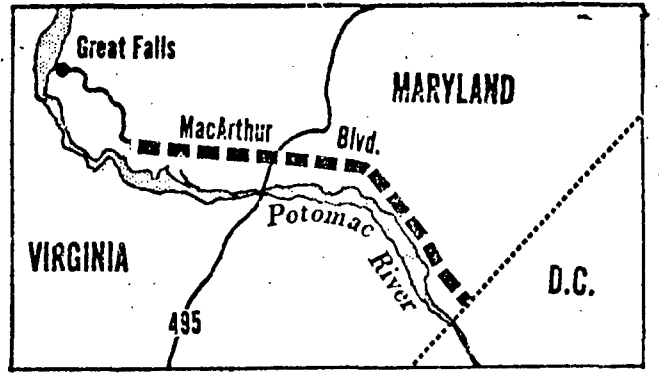
The Army has been maintaining and policing the road at a cost of \$200,000 a year taken out of revenues received from the District for the sale of the water. But Army representatives felt that Washington residents should not pay

for a road that is used exclusively by Maryland commuters.

Under the agreement announced yesterday, the county will also seek congressional approval to take over maintenance and policing of the road. A 1916 law gave the Army control over the road.

In addition, congressional approval will also be needed before the Army can put up its share of the cost of repaving. The money must come from the District's budget, which is approved by Congress. According to Gleason and Col. Prentiss, District officials have agreed to ask for the funds.

The speed limit on the road will remain at 35 miles an hour and the load limit of six tons will also remain the same, Col. Prentiss said.



By Angela Robinson—The Washington Post.

Dashes indicate the 7.1-mile stretch of worn road.

Dear Editor:

In the story of "Casey at The Bat" it is reported that there was "no joy in Muddville that day." I am glad to say that I, for one, am overjoyed by Ms. Bowman's Washington Post article (enclosed) that not only will MacArthur Blvd. undergo some major improvement, but that the Montgomery County Police will take over policing of the road. We haven't struck out!

As many people who live in the vicinity of MacArthur realize, the so-called Valley Inn is a nuisance. It's proprietors, with the help of a most inept Aqueduct Police force, have done nothing to stop the noise, profanity, and drag racing that emanates from the Inn. Several people in the Cabin John community, myself included, have made attempts to either get the Aqueduct force or the Inn ownership to act, but to no avail. The major stumbling blocks over sanctioning these practices was the lack of jurisdiction of the Montgomery County Police over the Boulevard, plus the apprehension of many community members (particularly elderly members) who have been annoyed by happenings at the Inn but who could not envision any action being taken.

Action concerning the takeover came from many circles, but particularly from the Army Corps of Engineers and the Director of the Aqueduct Police (who admitted to me many times that policing of the Boulevard was a problem), Congressman Gude, the Montgomery County Police, and citizens. If something really positive is to come from the decisions concerning improvement of MacArthur Boulevard, then citizens will have to speak out against those handful of persons who create a poor environment through speeding, using abusive language outloud for anyone to hear, and the like. If there is to be "joy" in our Muddville, then we must begin to use the policing power that the MacArthur face-lifting has given us.

Sincerely,

Joseph Penbera

## MACARTHUR BOULEVARD TO GET A NEW FACE

On November 6 Ed Winslow represented Cabin John at a Press Conference in the County Executive's office. At that time, the County Executive and Col. Prentiss, representing the Army Corps of Engineers, announced their cooperation in transferring responsibility of policing and maintenance of MacArthur Blvd. to the county.

The immediate effect for us in Cabin John will be a new surface to our main street, and some much needed maintenance of the right-of-ways on either side of the road. Two reinforced crossover points are proposed - at Persimmon Tree Road to 83rd, & at Seven Locks to 79th. MacArthur Boulevard will remain a 20 foot wide two lane road, with a weight limit of six tons, and a continued speed limit of 35 mph. The resurfacing will be done by Montgomery and supervised by the Corps of Engineers.

Montgomery County Police will now have authority to police MacArthur Blvd. as they do other county roads.

# CABIN JOHN TRAILS

by Ed Clark

For a really interesting starter, try out your group of family or just friends on this 45 minute exerciser! Take the description and footnote comments along.

Cross MacArthur Boulevard opposite the firehouse and walk downhill on 79th Street. (1) At the Parkway resist the urge to short-cut across. Remember you're not trying to save time - turn right at the parkway downhill following the street, (2) left through the underpass, then left up Riverside Drive to its end. (3) At this point, by the log barrier you can choose to either go straight ahead through underbrush into the Lock #8 Parking Lot Area and then down its cliff trail to the lock house or you can turn to the right, through the barrier, down the gravel road, left across the creek foot bridge, through the picnic area to the lock house. After inspecting the lock house and crossing the canal bridge for a look around, you may be warm enough if the sun is out to pause for a picnic snack before starting home. Circle back to Riverside Drive by the trail you didn't choose coming down.

Comments in Passing 1) 7910 Mac Arthur is the white home to your left on the corner of 79th Street. In warmer weather you'll see the elderly Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Worsham out in their oft-flowered yard. I think they are everybody's favorite neighbors in that block with their friendly, helpful hands and spirits. Their sons have all been well-known golfers, including Lew Worsham who was National Champion, but I suggest that the parents have made a home which has counted more with their family than later personal recognitions.

2) The mailbox on your right just before the underpass says Costanzo. During their stay in Cabin John Mr. and Mrs. John Costanzo have displayed great resilience under sometimes trying circumstances. After settling in their beautiful, glass-walled home nestled among tall trees with its stonework patio and creek pond, the Costanzo's have had serious illness, followed by the disruption of a major remodeling improvement (second floor added), followed by flood damage from the creek (thanks to Agnes and an old tire that blocked the small 8" drain from their pond.) Well, they are both right back up, remodeling furniture together and making new plans. The pool drain has been greatly enlarged the fence rebuilt and the Costanzo's are going strong. Two more amazing Cabin Johners they are, rightly proud of their home. Its a pretty creek too. Let's all help keep it clean!

3) On your right at the end of Riverside Drive is the home of the Thompson family. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson remember that before the Parkway was built, Riverside Drive was not dead-end, but circled back up into 78th Street and to MacArthur Boulevard. Both their larger home up at the crest of the hill overlooking the river, and the smaller house next to you are of genuine log cabin construction over 200 years old. The

houses were disassembled at their original site in Bucks County, Pennsylvania and moved here during the 1930's. The brickwork arch over the chimney of the main house is just one example of its beauty. This wooded setting is another that's involved in remodeling with a river-view study being added by the Thompsons.

Hope you enjoy the town hike and the "passing comments". With regard to that latter - how usual are the unusual and outstanding friends around us.

## SCOUTING NEWS

The Cabin John Boy Scout Troop has had a successful month ending in an overnight campout in which 15 scouts took part. The campout was held on Mr. Neil Oliver's lot on Persimmon Tree Road. In spite of the cold, the scouts enjoyed the campout and gained experience in camping skills such as pitching tents, outdoor cooking, fire building, and dressing for winter camping. For many, it was a first camping experience, for others, it was the first time planning and work was done by the scouts themselves.

On November 18th, before the campout, the troop participated in Good Will Day. They collected 31 bags of discarded and useable clothes which were taken by the fire department to a collection center for Good Will Industries.

On the 8th of November, the scout meeting room was dedicated by Reverend Fishel in a short ceremony. During the month, plans were made to begin a first aid course to be taught by C. R. (Bob) Flick, who is now on the troop committee. Mr. Flick is an experienced first aid instructor employed by the Arlington County Fire Department, and has taught first aid at police academies and the FBI academy. Mr. Flick's course will be geared to requirements for first aid merit badges and boys who participate will earn a first aid merit badge by the end of December.

A calendar for the next six months was prepared by the Troop Leaders Council (3 patrol leaders and the senior patrol leader). Complete information is available from Ron Wilson and will be sent to each scout parent during December. These scouting activities are fun and educational, and all Cabin John Boys aged 11 to 16 are invited to come and take part.

The scouts are planning three activities for December: acting as ushers for the church Christmas program at Cabin John United Methodist Church; acting as ushers for a community program; and cleaning up roadsides in Cabin John Gardens as was done along MacArthur Boulevard.

Boy Scout Troop 1448 needs the support of boy scout parents and all interested persons in Cabin John. There are openings for committeemen and women on the troop committee, merit badge counselors, and special instructors in many fields. If you are a scout parent and have not completed your Boy Scout Parent Talent Survey Sheet, please do so and send it with your scout and send it to the next meeting.

**CABIN JOHN BOYS COMPETE  
IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY FLAG FOOTBALL  
TOURNAMENT**

Two teams representing Clara Barton Elementary School competed in the annual Recreation Department Flag Football Tourney. 64 teams, representing 16 area elementary schools, participated in the two day event. Teams consisting of boys in grades 3 and 4 competed on Saturday, November 11. The following week fifth and sixth grade boys competed.

Clara Barton's third and fourth grade team met a strong opponent from Ayrlawn in the opening round of the tournament. After a Clara Barton fumble, early in the game, Ayrlawn scored to take a 6-0 lead. Although behind in the score, Clara Barton's defense refused to quit. The Defensive line including, David Dealph, Benny Bays, Donald Fisher and Gene Fisher, put on a strong pass rush, while Linebackers Buck Gildon, Gary Senger, and Danny Fyock contained the running plays. The defense allowed only one more score as the half ended with Ayrlawn leading 12-0.

In the second half Clara Barton began to make a comeback. The defense swarmed over their opponents, giving up ground grudgingly. The offense started to click as quarterback Sean Howard handed off to his speedy halfbacks John Sullivan and Troy Anthony. Late in the game Sean handed off to Troy, who followed the crushing blocks by Buck Gildon, Paul Neursi, and John Sullivan, resulting in an 80 yard touchdown run. Unfortunately, time ran out before the Clara Barton Team could score again. The final score was Clara Barton 6 Ayrlawn 12.

**TEAM ROSTER**

QB Sean Howard	DE Benny Bays
HB John Sullivan	Dt D. Fisher
HB Troy Anthony	DT G. Fisher
FB Paul Nasouri	DE D. Dealph
E Gary Senger	LB G. Senger
T Buck Gildon	LB D. Fyock
G Benny Bays	LB B. Gildon
C Donald Fisher	CB P Nasoufi
G David Dealph	CB J. Sullivan
T Gene Fisher	S T. Anthony
E Danny Fyock	S Kevin

The following Saturday, Nov 18, Clara Barton's fifth and sixth grade team entered the competition. In their opening game Clara Barton displayed an overpowering defensive team. Donald Fisher, Wade Hardeson, and Andy Clark were outstanding players on the front line. The Linebackers included a tough trio of Dick Reid, Paul Nasouri, and Gary Senger. Twice Clara Barton's defense stopped their opponent in their own end zone scoring safeties for Clara Barton. The final score found Clara Barton the Victor 4-0. This win permitted the Clara Barton team to advance to the quarter-finals of the play-offs, to play against a team from Brookmont.

Clara Barton had some bad breaks in this contest, as Brookmont scored 18 points as a result of two pass interceptions and a fumble by Clara Barton. Despite this misfortune the Clara Barton Boys showed championship form as they worked together to make a comeback attempt.

Clara Barton's powerful running backs Allan Ludwig and Wayne Cissel made consistent gains, forcing Brookmont to defend against their strong running. With the defense adjusted to defense the running play, QB Gary Close dropped back and threw a long pass to Harry Swedenburg, who caught the ball at midfield and outraced the defenders to complete a 90 yard touchdown play.

The defense also rallied to the cause. Inspired line play forced Brookmont to abandon their running game and attempt to gain by passing. Late in the contest blitzing linebackers forced Brookmont's quarterback to throw off balance. Tom Shank intercepted the pass and raced toward the opponents goal, finally to be downed near midfield. Time ran out before Clara Barton could score. The final score was Brookmont 18 Clara Barton 6.

**TEAM ROSTER**

QB Gary Close	DE H.Swedenburg
HB Wayne Cissel	DT D.Fisher
HB Alan Ludwig	DT W. Hardeson
FB Harry Swedenburg	DE A. Clark
E Dick Reid	LB D. Reid
T Gary Senger	LB Paul Nasouri
G. Donald Fisher	LB Gary Senger
G Wade Hardeson	CB T. Shank
G. Sean Howard	CB A. Ludwig
T Andy Clark	S W. Cissel
E Tom Shank	S G. Close

WOMAN HELD IN VALLEY INN SHOOTING

Robert Jerome Harich, 34, part-owner of the Valley Inn, was wounded in the stomach on Nov. 29 when he was shot during an altercation outside the tavern, Montgomery County Police reported.

Police said they arrested Frances E. Schildroth, 40, of Rockville, and charged her with assault with intent to commit murder.

Harich is in satisfactory condition in Suburban Hospital where he was taken following the incident.

Several days ago a petition was circulated in Cabin John requesting that the liquor license granted to the Valley Inn be revoked. People who signed felt that the clientel was growing more unsavory every day and that the latest incident was the last straw.

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