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DOWNZONING RECONSIDERED

On Thursday evening, September 7, after 22 months of controversy, the National Capital Park and Planning Commission at long last voted to initiate the process which will lead to the restoration of the commercial zone to the downzoned properties in Cabin John. Acting on the specific request of Norman Christeller, President of the Montgomery County Council, the Planning Board has scheduled a public hearing at 8 P.M. on November 16 for the purpose of affecting an amendment to the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Master Plan. This proposal amendment states that the properties involved shall each be: (1) Designated on the Land Use and Transportation Plan map as "Commercial"; (2) Designated on the Zoning and Highway Plan map as "local Commercial C-1".

Both President Christeller and the Planning Commission are to be congratulated on their willingness to reconsider this issue. Cooperation between the county agencies and the local community in this matter proves that the process is a fluid one and that it does exist to serve the needs of those directly involved.

Anyone interested in testifying before the Planning Board on the subject of the community's desire to restore the local commercial zoning to the downzoned properties should contact the Planning Board for details on the hearing. Although this is an enormous step towards the preservation of our local commercial enterprises, the battle is not won. I encourage you to express your sentiments at the upcoming hearing on November 16th. Ed.

UNION ARCH CLOSES AS CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

by Claudia Kane

According to Colonel Harry Ways of the Army Corps of Engineers, Washington Aqueduct Div., Christmas this year should be accompanied by the reopening of the Union Arch Bridge to pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Col. Ways told THE VILLAGE NEWS that during the summer months, concrete, dyed to match the original Seneca sandstone peripet, had been poured. The bridge closed to bicycle and pedestrian traffic on September 5th, and will remain closed while construction progresses. The Cabin John Parkway, which runs below the bridge, is also closed to traffic except during peak rush hours. According to the Maryland Dept. of Transportation, outbound traffic lanes (George Washington Memorial Parkway to Beltway) will be closed from 7 A.M. to 3 P.M. and in- (continued on page 5)

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A FULL BALLOT IN NOVEMBER: "Remember the Referenda" Part I
by Judy Toth

In addition to voting for president, senator, congressman, and the school board, the electorate will be faced with a number of tough ballot questions. There will be 21 referenda on amendments to the Maryland Constitution and at least 11 local proposals to consider.

It would be impossible to explain them all, even in a series of articles in THE VILLAGE NEWS, so I hope Cabin John voters will pick up as much information as possible from the local newspapers and the League of Women Voter's Guide, which will be available at local libraries and schools in October.

The General Assembly enacted three local measures, which must be concurred in by the voters.

Question J. Repeal the Blue Laws. This change would allow all business to remain open on Sunday and protect employees by guaranteeing them a day of rest. At present, only those stores with six or less employees are allowed to remain open on Sunday.

If you favor repeal of the "Blue Laws", vote yes. If you favor the present arrangement, vote no.

Question K. The county government would like to establish "development districts" in central business districts where there will be metro stations (e.g. downtown Bethesda). The purpose of this legislation is to allow the government to acquire by direct purchase or condemnation, private property in order to assemble larger parcels of land for high-density redevelopment. The county may then sell the assembled land back to private developers. Those in favor of this approach feel that we will get better redevelopment projects in central business districts if larger parcels are made available. Opponents fear the intervention of government in the private market place, the potential loss of a public investment if we miscalculate the market, and intervention in the small property owner's right to buy and sell whenever he wishes.

A vote yes is for "development districts". A vote no is against.

Question L. Cabin John voters will not vote on the referendum permitting the sale of alcoholic beverages in District 12 (Damascus).

To be continued. . . .

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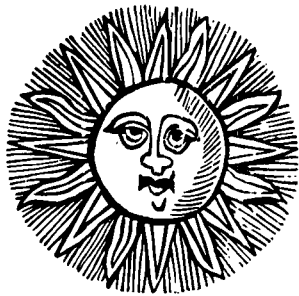


Photo by Shelly Keller

The Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department's newest addition to their fleet of fire fighting apparatus is the "mini-pumper" pictured here. Because of its speed and maneuverability, its use is chiefly for "quick attack" fire fighting.

QUILTING: TRADITION TODAY

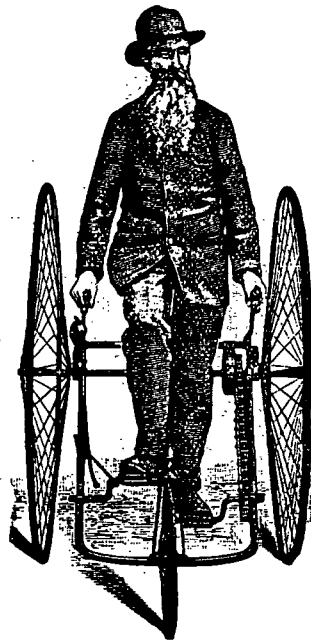
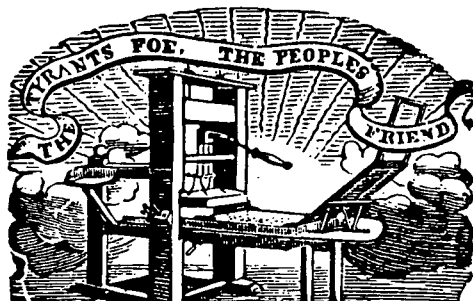
Nadine Masone and Jeanne Urciolo, two local quilting instructors, have gathered together their collection of antique quilts, and those made by their students, for this special quilt exhibition. A slide program will accompany this exhibit showing various techniques of quilting and artisans at work. Besides their own original quilt creations, Masone and Urciolo have included quilts made by children. At Great Falls Park, Virginia through September 30th, 8:30A.M.-6P.M. Call 759-2915 for more information.



THE ENERGY OF THE FUTURE IS HERE NOW!

Visit the Stained Glass Yurt at Glen Echo from noon to 6P.M. on the weekends this fall and see a solar heating demonstration unit in the process of being installed. Instructor Michael Moodie is on hand to interpret the system and discuss "Solar Heating of Buildings" a new course being offered this fall at Glen Echo Park. The course covers the practical aspects of solar energy.

For further information, call 229-3031. Sponsored by the National Park Service.



BICYCLE RACE

The Fourth Annual Montgomery County High School Criterium Bicycle Race, co-sponsored by the County Department of Recreation and Cycle Sport of Bethesda, is scheduled to be held on a Sunday in October at IBM in Bethesda. The annual race is open to four man teams from the junior high and senior high schools located in Montgomery County. For additional information, please send a post card with your return address to BICYCLE RACE, at the Montgomery County Department of Recreation or call 897-8700 for further information.

CLARA BARTON DAY CARE CENTER IN FULL OPERATION

The new day care center at Clara Barton Elementary School has now been in operation 4 months. Twenty-nine children ages 2-6 attend the center during the week. The center is unique in its effort to provide quality day care on a part-time or full-time basis. Children can be enrolled for as little as a half day twice a week. The many choices for attendance were set up to respond to the needs of the community. The hours allow parents who want part or full time care for their children to enroll them for the amount of time that is needed. Tuition is determined by the number of sessions a child attends during the week; financial assistance is available.

The daily program at the Center is carefully prepared by the head teacher, Ms. Dorrie Gleason, and includes arts and crafts, music, movement, science, language, and many other activities designed for the individual child's needs. There are also indoor and outdoor play, snacks, lunch and rest-time, all within the 8am to 6pm hours.

The Center has received many donations from community residents. Much of the rest of the furniture was built for the Center by Walt Whitman High School students. The next project is a new outdoor climber for the playground.

The Center is run by a board of directors with a majority of members being parents and the rest community or professional representatives. The staff includes co-directors, a head teacher, an assistant teacher, and two aides. They all hope to create a model day care center facility here in Cabin John -- one that can meet the needs of children and their parents.



GLEN ECHO GALLERY OPEN WEEKDAYS THIS FALL

Glen Echo Gallery will be open this fall -- Wednesdays, from 12-5, Thursdays, from 12-8, Fridays, from 12-5 and Saturdays from 12-6. Support your local art park -- we have ceramics, textiles, prints, jewelry, enamels, graphics, paintings, drawings, books on art, wood-working. The Gallery is located in that interesting stone tower that you see as you pass Glen Echo Park on MacArthur Boulevard.

UNION ARCH (continued)

bound lanes (Beltway to Parkway) will be closed from 10A.M. to 3P.M.

Col. Ways indicated that the construction should be complete in about 90 days. At the end of this time, the bridge will be reopened to alternating one-way vehicular traffic. A bike/pedestrian lane also will be provided. What a Christmas present that will make for Cabin John! Here's to Harry Ways and his 90 days!

ANTIQUES SHOW AND SALE
SEPTEMBER 22-24

The Sixth Annual Antiques Show and Sale sponsored by the United Methodist Women of Concord-St. Andrew's will take place September 22-24 at the corner of River and Goldsboro Roads, Bethesda. Hours for the show are 11A.M. to 10P.M. on Wednesday and Thursday, and 11A.M. to 6P.M. on Friday. Luncheon will be available each day, with Tea time from 3P.M.

The proceeds from this annual event are used by the UMWS for the many church and community related projects with which it is involved (aid to a school for special children, a Day Care Center, a Summer Day Camp, Hope Valley Camp, Homes for the Elderly and Children, Missions, Scholarships).

For more info call 229-3663.

3RD SEASON BEGINS FOR
STUDIO FOR DANCE

The Studio for Dance begins its third season on September 22, with instruction in Creative Dance, Children's Modern Dance, Adult Modern Dance, and Ballet for Children. Instructors are Michele Pecora and Elizabeth Risen, and classes meet Wednesdays and Saturdays at the Bannockburn Clubhouse at 6314 Bannockburn Drive in Bethesda. Registration includes 16 weeks, payable at the first class.

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This fall the Cabin John Homestudy will go back into activity with a tutoring program. Ms. Jacquie Porter, a Team One teacher at Bannockburn, has offered her help in diagnosing and prescribing for individual children who would benefit from the program. We need tutors -- persons over 18 years of age who are able to faithfully give of their time on a regular basis and we need for you parents to ask for help for your child. The program will be free; any expense will be born by Homestudy's Treasury. If you would like more information on the Homestudy Tutoring Program, please contact me, Diane Kellogg at 229-7412.

PEOPLE OF '76 BRING COLONIAL
LIFE TO GREAT FALLS PARK, VA.

A National Park Service Bicentennial program designed to show a cross-section of colonial life through the use of actors, craftspeople, props and sets, will tour various national parks this month.

On Sunday, September 12th, the performance will take place on the lawn in front of the visitor center in Great Falls Park, Virginia from 1-4P.M. and from 6-8P.M. All performances are free.

POLINGER TRACT DEVELOPMENT
By Al Riege

On July 29th the Montgomery County Planning Board approved the Pre-preliminary Plan for the Cluster Development of the Polinger Tract, which is located along MacArthur Boulevard across from 77th Street. The Polinger Company plans to build 45 townhouses on this 11.71 acre tract. The major problem of access to the tract for heavy equipment and trucks was discussed and the developers were instructed to deal with this in their Preliminary Plan. One possibility is that the 77th and MacArthur intersection will be reinforced to allow access from 77th Street. Before work can begin, approvals must also be received from the WSSC and the Soil Conservation Service, and the MCPB must approve the Preliminary Plan (a date for this hearing has not been set).

CROQUET TOURNAMENT

The 6th Annual Croquet Tournament will be held on the Mall at 7th & Jefferson Street in Washington, D.C. on Sunday September 19. Elimination trial begin at 10A.M. with finals at 2P.M. Everyone 16 years of age and older is welcome to participate. Sponsored by the English Speaking Union and the National Park Service.

E.P.A. ADMINISTRATOR VETOES DICKERSON

by Kevin Flynn

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Russell Train has decided to turn down the proposed Dickerson regional sewage treatment plant for Montgomery County. Train announced his decision August 21, four months after an EPA report had criticized the plant as being too expensive and a possible threat to Washington drinking water supplies. Train said he decided against the plant because it would have been larger than needed. Maryland Governor Marvin Mandel said the state would go to court over the matter.

(The above is reprinted from the August 1976 issue of POTOMAC BASIN REPORTER with the gracious permission of its editor.)

IN THE PARK AT GLEN ECHO

Registration for Glen Echo Park's day and evening classes for adults and children open October 4th at Glen Echo. New courses offered include poetry, and solar energy. Regular classes include theatre arts, textiles, ceramics, photography, sculpture, metal and glass arts, graphics and woodworking. Teachers are resident professional arts and tuition costs are moderate. For a free brochure on classes and special events, call 229-3031.

Weekend activities include picnicking, tours of the Clara Barton National Historic Site, gallery sales and carousel rides. Also, every Sunday, there are two free children's walk-in art workshops, noon till 5P.M. and health food sales by Mother Nature's Store. Saturday hours are noon till 6P.M.; Sunday, noon till 8P.M.

Oktoberfest will be celebrated at the Park on Sunday, October 3, with a full day of activities. There is German music and folkdancing, both German and traditional picnic-style food, beer and other beverages for sale, the German Stein Collectors International Demonstration, an Adventure Theatre production (admission is free) and other events.

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PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING SET

On Tuesday, September 14 at 7:30P.M., there will be a meeting of the Cabin John Public Safety Committee. The meeting will take place at the Toth's, 6611 80th Place. Call 229-8586 for more information.

**Dorothy
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