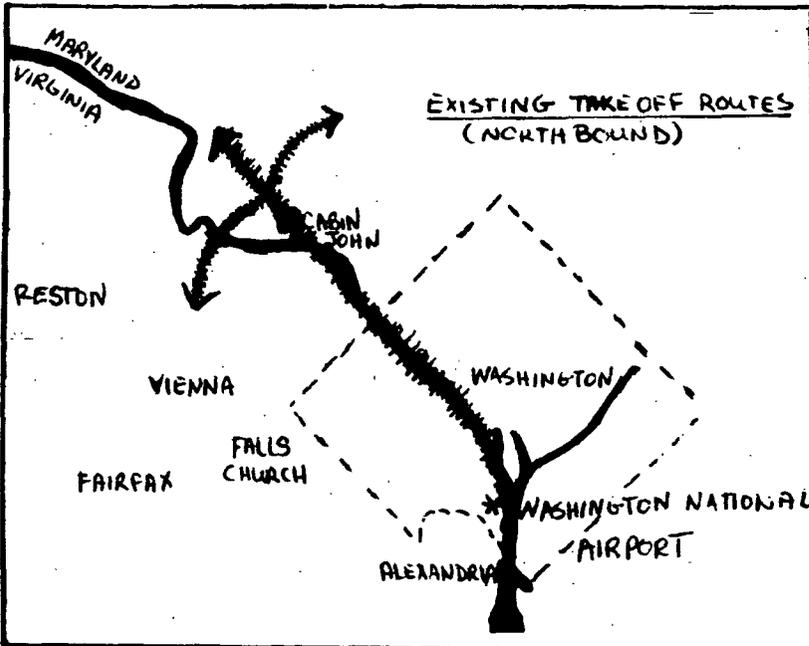


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RESIDENTS JOIN TO OPPOSE SEVEN LOCKS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

by Allen van Emmerik

The Cabin John Citizens Association and residents of Seven Locks Road have united in an attempt to persuade the new County Executive, Mr. Charles Gilchrist, to suspend action on the Gleason-approved road improvement plan. They have presented alternatives for the improvement while respecting the needs and nature of the community.

The Gleason plan, for which right-of-way agents are already harassing residents to sell their land, would drive a 60-foot right-of-way past the Gibson Grove A.M.E. Zion Church to Macarthur Boulevard. The right-of-way includes a 26-foot wide, curb and gutter roadway bordered on the eastern side by an 8-foot wide bike path. The right-of-way runs west of the existing road boundary, instead of east into the woods, causing heavy loss of land and privacy to the Seven Locks residents north of Tomlinson Avenue to the Gibson Grove Church parking area. South of Tomlinson, the impact of the project and loss of privacy is worsened by the County's insistence upon continuing the bike path there despite the narrowness of the block.

The 26-foot width of the road exceeds that on any other portion of Seven Locks Road as far north as Montrose Road, over which the width will be kept at around 20 feet, and never more than 24 feet, without curb and gutter. Most of the affected residents will have to pay from \$700 to \$3,300 for new driveways required by the County, in addition to heavy front foot benefit charges for improvement made to their properties as a result of the roadway.

The County plan ignores the 1973 Cabin John Community Plan which was developed

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RESIDENTS RENEW FIGHT AGAINST JET NOISE

by Dan Costello

Why is it that 80% of all northbound departing jets from Washington National Airport fly up the Potomac River to the Cabin John area and apply full power over our community before turning toward their destinations?

Why is it that, of all the departing jets that fly over the Cabin John area, only 22% continue straight ahead, while 32% turn right and 46% turn left into Virginia?

Why is it that all arriving jets (when other jets are departing southbound) first come to the Cabin John area before flying down the Potomac River to land at National Airport?

For many years, Cabin John residents and neighbors have been posing these and other questions to governmental representatives and officials of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), which is responsible for the operation of Washington National Airport.

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CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
WILL NOT MEET
THIS MONTH!

THE OFFICERS OF THE CABIN JOHN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OF THE RESIDENTS OF CABIN JOHN A VERY, MERRY HOLIDAY SEASON!



WHEN IN ROME, DO AS THE RICES DO!

Connie and Andy Rice made their big move to Rome. At first, they had a difficult time finding a house, but they are finally settled. They would like any and all of you Cabin Johners to stay with them the next time you visit Rome. If you would like to call first, their number is 609-4415. Their address:

Connie and Andy Rice
 Via Pietro Romani 89
 00124 Rome, Italy



PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR FUTURE
OF CLARA BARTON SCHOOL

A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 17 at 8:00 pm in the First Floor Auditorium of the County Office Building at 100 Maryland Avenue in Rockville. The hearing has been scheduled to consider the application of Grace Chapel to lease the Clara Barton School.

Grace Chapel is a Protestant religious organization with headquarters in California and branches in several mid-western states and Virginia, according to preliminary information from County officials. The County has requested a full financial statement and other pertinent data from Grace Chapel, which will be available at the hearing.

Grace Chapel plans to use the school building for services, a day school and other activities normal to a church organization.

According to county officials, it has been made clear to Grace Chapel that the post office, day care center and four year old programs should be permitted to continue their occupancy of portions of the school building. In order to protect the interests of our community, all concerned residents are urged to attend the public hearing to satisfy any questions they may have about Grace Chapel as an organization and as a tenant in Clara Barton School.

QUICK
FOOD SHOP

PASTRIES*MEATS*CARRY-OUT!
 GROCERIES*BREAKFAST*LUNCH
 MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

6:30 am to 6:00 pm

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Cabin John residents are becoming weary of all the delays and lack of meaningful action in bringing about noise relief. The mood of the community is such that people are tired of being discriminated against. We are tired of being deprived of our rights to enjoy our homes. We are tired of being subjected to more than our fair share of noise and air pollution which is harmful to our health and well-being.

All residents of Cabin John (and all other interested areas) are urged to join MCCAN (Montgomery Citizens Concerned About Aircraft Noise) immediately to demonstrate your outrage against the current unfair and immoral practices of the FAA. What we are experiencing is denial of equal protection under the law. Cabin John is located more than 10 miles from National Airport and there is no justification for the FAA to have, in effect, turned our community into a noise impact area.

Also, until this injustice is corrected, residents should call the Washington National Airport Sound Complaint Center at 557-2081 and register their complaints whenever they are bothered by jet noise.

There is also an effort underway to have a petition signed by all residents of Cabin John, protesting the noise. Volunteers will be contacting you for your signatures.

We need your help. Eric Bernthal has emphasized that to be effective, MCCAN's membership needs to represent the entire Cabin John community.

Please join MCCAN now. Call Dan Costello at 229-7698 or Frank Sordyl at 229-6417 to offer your services in the petition drive or if you have any questions about MCCAN. If you would like to become a member of MCCAN, write to:

MCCAN
P.O.Box 76
Cabin John, Md.
20731

Sincerely,
Dan Costello

Dear Editor:

The Seven Locks Property Owners Group is fighting to save our community from the land grabbing efforts of the County. Our vote of thanks goes to Mrs. Judy Toth, our delegate, who helped clear the way to the newly-elected County leadership by meeting with Executive Gilchrist and by writing him in support of our efforts to suspend planned actions on the road. She supports changes in the path of the road and its accompanying bike path to prevent otherwise disastrous land takings from almost all of the property owners along the right-of-way.

The fight goes on! We say to the new County Executive, Mr. Gilchrist: GIVE US BACK OUR PROPERTY! We are optimistic after the December 11 meeting with him that the path of the roadway will be re-drawn to maintain the western edge of the existing roadway as its limit for change. In addition, an alternative plan has been submitted to Mr. Gilchrist and his staff by our land planning consultant, Mr. Benning.

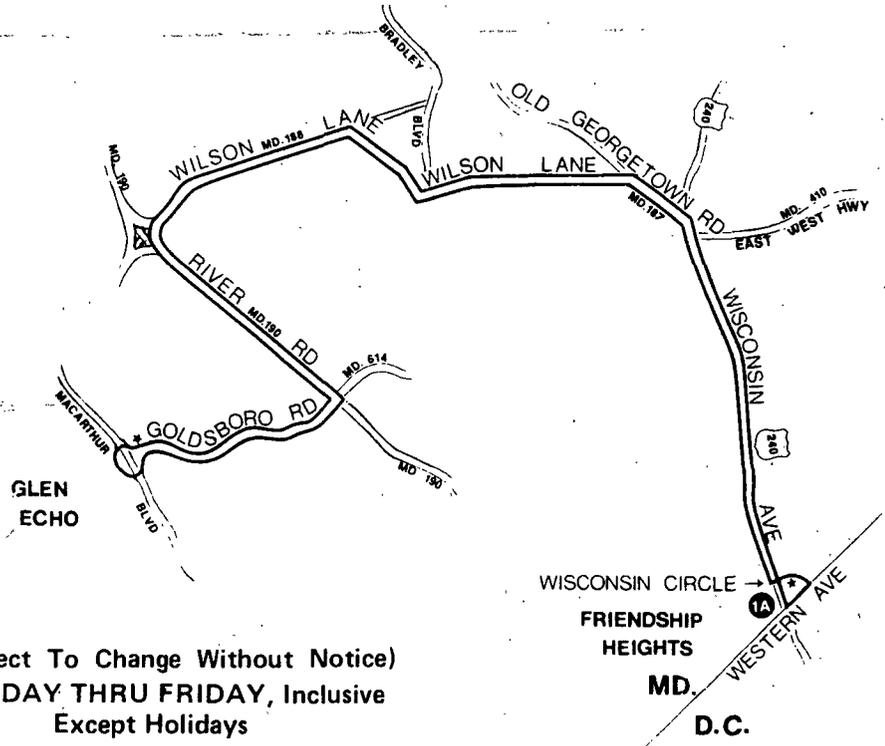
If you would like to join the effort and support the group, please call Mrs. Panya Duff at 229-1261.

Sincerely,
Edward Clark
Carver Road, C.J.

NEW BUS ROUTE FROM GLEN ECHO TO FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS

ROUTE C-1

WILSON LANE LINE
BETWEEN
FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS
(WISC. & WESTERN AVES.)
BETHESDA
AND
GLEN ECHO



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MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, Inclusive
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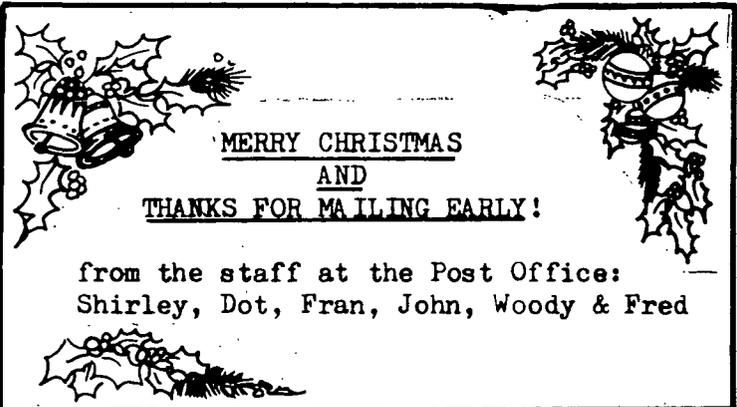
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AIR NOISE (cont.)

In 1976, after many complaints, the FAA asked the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) to cooperate in a study which proposed a scatter plan to lessen the noise exposure over some communities (to include Cabin John). After numerous public hearings in 1977, the COG recommended no change to the existing flight patterns because many people who were experiencing little or no jet noise did not want to share in the burden. The FAA then promised to study the feasibility of extending the flight pattern five miles up the river from Cabin John. In November of this year, the FAA announced that jets could not follow the bend in the river because of "state of the art" difficulties in aircraft control. Instead, the FAA proposed a three-mile extension over land which would have brought 100% of the departing jets over the Cabin John area. This proposal was turned down by the COG, and will not be implemented by the FAA.

The FAA is now asking for comments on its Draft Environmental Impact Statement, which proposes to increase the number of passengers at National from 14 million in 1978 to 16 million by 1985 and 18 million by 1990. (Dulles International Airport, which was designed specifically to handle jet transports, will only have 3.5 million passengers in 1978 and Baltimore-Washington International will only have 3 million.

There is a new organization to lead the fight. In May of this year, the Maryland Citizens Concerned About Aircraft Noise (MCCAN) was formed. The President of the organization, Mr. Eric L. Bernthal, was instrumental in getting the COG to turn down the FAA proposal to have all departing jets fly over the Cabin John. Mr. Bernthal has filed a detailed rebuttal to the FAA's Environmental Impact Statement. He also promises a court fight, if necessary, to try to bring about justice.

SEVEN LOCKS ROAD (cont.)

and agreed to by both the County and the residents. The Community Plan envisioned more modest improvement, which would not impinge upon Seven Locks Road residents and would preserve Cabin John from increased traffic, air and noise pollution. The County design was forced through the approval process unchanged, in spite of strong objections voiced by the citizens at a public hearing last April 20 and the Association's written objections filed afterward. The single concession to the community was provision for parking at the Gibson Grove Church.

Executive Gilchrist and his aide, Mr. J. Evans, met with Panya Duff and Edward Clark, representatives of The Seven Locks Property Owners Group of Cabin John; newly-elected Delegate Robin Ficker; Mr. Canby, the group's legal counsel; and Mr. Benning, the group's land planning expert. The meeting took place last Monday, December 11 in Rockville. Hopefully Executive Gilchrist will consider the alternatives presented and will base his decision in the direction of preserving the values of the community.





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FINANCIAL REPORT

Thanks to the crab feasts, door-to-door collections and donations, the Cabin John Village News has almost \$800.00. This is up from the financial low of January 1977, when there was a \$50 deficit. At present expenses, the \$800.00 should be enough to last nearly two years, if inflation is not taken into account.

Here is a summary of income for the last two years:

Cabin John Citizens Association donation	\$ 100.00
Cabin John Gardens Association donation	\$ 50.00
Crab Feast 1977	\$ 400.51
Crab Feast 1978	\$ 242.00
Door-to Door Collection	\$ 301.06
	<u>1,093.57</u>

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