

# Cabin John Village News

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## FEBRUARY

Saturdays and Sundays, 1:30 and 3:30 PM, "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" at Adventure Theater at Glen Echo Park.

- 14 - The Rosslyn Mountain Boys at Adventure Theater, Glen Echo Park at 8:00 PM and 10:30 PM.
- 15 - Cabin John United Methodist Church Valentine Dinner, 6:00 PM.
- 15 - "Bridle of Grand Canyon" at Bannockburn School.
- 19 - D. W. Griffith's "Intolerance" at Little Falls Library, 7:30 PM.
- 21 - Bryan Bowers at Adventure Theater, Glen Echo Park at 8:00 and 10:30 PM.
- 21 - Carnival sponsored by 9th Grade Student Council at Pyle Jr. High, 7:30-10:30 PM.
- 28 - Jaime Brockett at Adventure Theater, Glen Echo Park at 8:00 and 10:30 PM.

### THERE'S HOPE FOR SEVEN LOCKS ROAD

How do you feel about the present condition of Seven Locks Road?

According to Mr. John Stout, representing the Department of Transportation on the 28 of January, plans to improve the road between MacArthur Boulevard and River Road are not scheduled until 1980. This means, of course, that the prevailing hazards of the road such as hills obstructing a clear view ahead and the void of shoulders for bicycles and pedestrians will continue to threaten the safety of our children and ourselves.

It is imperative that one act now to push ahead the scheduled improvements of Seven Locks Road to meet our present needs. We can and will ... unless the public can tolerate their own apprehensions this summer as they set out for Palisades Pool and the new park.

Send all opinions favoring "the completion" of Seven Locks Road to Janet Dence, 6503 76th Street, or call 229-7354.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

To Mary Ann and Ron Wilson on the birth of their son, William Ronald, on January 30, 1975.

### BRIDGING THE GAP

Access to MacArthur East via our Union Arch Bridge is still undetermined. Recently, Mr. Rhine, engineer in charge of maintenance for the Corps of Engineers told a VILLAGE NEWS representative that the red stone sides of the bridge are being removed. Mr. Rhine adds that the removal of the antique sides will avoid the hazard of any more stones falling down onto Cabin John Parkway. Estimation for re-opening of our bridge is an outrageous 6 months and will exclude any travel including pedestrians and bikers. During this period a study will be done by consultants to determine what is to be done about the sides.

Clearly, the bridge situation indicates the need for community intervention and supervision so that our needs can best be served. If our small community remains passive the Corps of Engineers will carry on to the best of their ability to serve their needs instead. Don't complain after the fact, respond now.

Peter Vogt, Trudy Nicholson, and Minda Wetzel are working on possible ways to get a pedestrian walk/hike-way added to the bridge during the reconstruction of the sides. If anyone would like to work along with them, call Trudy 229-0195.

If you prefer to contribute on a less active basis but want to make your opinion count, please address a letter to our state and federal delegates (see a listing in the CABIN JOHN COMMUNITY DIRECTORY on pages 30-31). Nip the Corps of Engineers in the Bud, respond for response.

### BICENTENNIAL PLANS

Both Cabin John and Bannockburn School are working on bicentennial plans. Cabin John's committee is headed by Calvin Kytle. In addition to teachers, the school committee includes Barbara Gesswein, Morris Fradin and Susan Vogt. The school will be focusing next year on the C&O Canal and local history. A list of ideas and resources is now being drawn up. If you have any ideas for good speakers, field trips, special events, etc., call Barbara Gesswein at 229-8146.

PARENT-CHILD DEVELOPMENT COURSE MAY BE OFFERED AGAIN AT CLARA BARTON

Starting in January, three Cabin John mothers and their 2 to 3 year olds have been attending a 10-week Parent-Child Development Course offered by the Montgomery County Board of Education at Clara Barton. The facilities of the Four Year Old School are used and the purpose of the course is to let the kids enjoy and learn from the toys and activities available and from each other; to give the mothers a chance to discuss with each other and with a qualified teacher various development issues; and to improve the positive interaction between mother and child.

The County is now considering offering this course twice a week starting in April, but only if there is enough interest. Betsy Haas (229-1982), Susan Luchs (229-0187) and Cappie Morgan (320-3269) are participating in the course now and strongly recommend it to other mothers. They would be glad to answer any questions about it that you may have.

If you have a 2 to 3 year old and you are at all interested in this course and would like to encourage the County to offer an additional weekly session starting in April, please call Betsy, Susan or Cappie. The cost of the course is \$20.00 for 10 weeks.

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INTERNATIONAL MONTH IS MARCH

March is International Month at Bannockburn Elementary School. On March 4, the PTA is sponsoring a different and exciting type of International Night. Families are asked to share one of their typical American dinners (hamburgers? fried chicken? etc.) with a foreign student from Georgetown University.

These students are here to learn English and often leave here without being in an American home. You might want to join with friends and have two students for dinner. We'd like to point out that if you have children, there will be no entertainment or communication problems. After dinner, there will be an International Dessert Party at the school from 8 to 9 PM.

If you are interested in making new friends and in showing how Americans live, please call Betsy Haas at 229-1982 or Marie Keefe at 229-5340.

SEVEN LOCKS ROAD PARK

Due to the small number of questionnaires returned regarding the Seven Locks Road Park, more were duplicated. Our suggestions -- however few -- will go to Park and Planning at the end of February. Anyone who still wants to fill out a questionnaire or simply state an opinion, should call Diane Kellogg at 229-8163 or Susan Vogt at 229-6479.

MORE ON INTERNATIONAL MONTH

The Bannockburn PTA is setting up an International Focus Month during the first three weeks of March. The first and second graders will be studying England; the third and fourth graders will be studying Africa; and the fifth and sixth graders will be studying present day Greece. The PTA is looking for information and material about these countries. If anyone has slides, photographs, maps, native articles, recipes or experience they are willing to share with our school children about any of these countries, please contact Susan Luchs (Africa), 229-0187, Evelyn Rappaport (Greece), 229-0125 and Fran Patch (England), 229-8542.

DEADLINE for submissions to the March 1975 issue of the VILLAGE NEWS is February 22. This date may be changed at the discretion of the Editor.

BANNOCKBURN PTA TUTORING PROGRAM

The language arts tutoring program has been functioning quite successfully this semester with parents and community people working both with individual and within the classroom.

We would like to expand the program this semester. If you have a minimum of 45 minutes per week, please contact Celeste Swedenberg, 229-2282 or Aimee Nover, 229-1444.

We also need volunteers for the language lab which will open this semester for Teams II and III. The lab consists of self-directed learning centers involving a variety of skills such as comprehension, listening, phonics, etc.

The lab will be open Mondays through Fridays from 12:30 to 2:00. We need parents to supervise the children in the lab. Please call Celeste or Aimee if you can volunteer some time during lab hours.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

The sixth grade at Bannockburn will be going to Outdoor Education as they used to do at Clara Barton. This year the kids will be gone March 10-14. On February 18, the sixth graders and their parents will be able to meet with Mrs. Plumer and people from the school system at Bannockburn School at 7:30 PM to talk about the plans for this week. The cost, per student, is \$23.00 and there is a special scholarship fund available. Anyone who needs more information about this fund should contact Mrs. Plumer, Bannockburn's principal, by calling the school office at 229-3097.

CARNIVAL

The 9th Grade Student Council at Pyle Jr. High is sponsoring a carnival. It will be held on Friday, February 21, at the school, from 7:30 to 10:30 PM. There will be fun, games, food and prizes.

NUMBERS TO NOTE:

Dial-a-Phenomenon	737-8855
Dial-a-Museum	737-8811

"GOLDILOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS"

The Chautauquateers, the Glen Echo Park resident puppet group will be presenting "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" at Adventure Theater every Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 and 3:30 PM. Admissions is \$1.50 and reservations can be made by calling: 320-5331 weekdays from 10 AM to 2 PM. The show runs through March 16.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CABIN JOHN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION MEETING

January proved to be a stalemate in the pursuits of the Citizens Association as revealed during the January 28th meeting.

So far, the Board of Education's failure to establish a county wide policy continues to postpone the possibility of having a day care center at Clara Barton School.

The Post Office's move to Clara Barton School is also temporarily delayed due to renovation policy problems.

Meanwhile, adult education classes have been reduced to Wednesdays only. The Tuesday and Thursday classes were both undersubscribed.

The January 28th meeting's guest speaker was Mr. Stout of the Department of Transportation in the County. He debated the possibility of improving Seven Locks Road. Additions include a hike 'n bike trail and a new two-lane graded bridge ... but not until 1980. The question is whether or not we can allow the precarious conditions of the road to remain unchanged for five years. Notable is the present accident rate which stands at 5.2 accidents "per million vehicle miles of travel." This figure has undoubtedly increased since the closing of Cabin John Parkway and the Union Arch Bridge. The County has decided to move the River Road/Seven Locks intersection 600 feet west toward Potomac which is considered an invasion to the fine folks in Carderock.

Finally, the Clara Barton Task Force will meet on the 25th of February at 8 p.m.

D. W. GRIFFITH'S "INTOLERANCE"

"Intolerance", the 1916 silent movie by D.W. Griffith will be shown at the Little Falls Library on Wednesday, February 19 at 7:30.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DOWNZONING:  
Some Interesting Facts

Susan Vogt's article, "Downzoning," which appeared in the VILLAGE NEWS last month, was vague and inconsistent in so many areas that she has confused the issue even more. She, and the other members of the Citizens Association who are responsible for the downzoning of all our existing commercial properties have made a terrible mistake. They now realize that the real citizens of Cabin John are solidly behind maintaining the small-town character of our community, and our existing commercial properties. These citizens are just beginning to make their support known. Rather than trying to correct their mistake, the Citizens Association has attempted to explain their position with half-truths, or not at all.

Let's look at some disturbing facts. The article states that there is a new zone being developed by the County called C-N or "Commercial Neighborhood

Zone." This zone is intended to serve the convenience of the immediate neighborhood. In addition, it states that, "the land-use committee will be working on all zoning matters as they come up, including the formulation of the C-N zone." Yet 6 months ago, on July 23, 1974, Citizen Association officers already had written to the County Council suggesting that the C-N zone would be highly inappropriate in Cabin John. The letter as quoted states that "...we recognize that a zoning category of C-N might be useful within some communities in Montgomery County. However, after four years of community effort for the Council staff to suggest such a basic change to the Cabin John Community Plan is, we feel, arbitrary and capricious."

In the same letter, the Citizens Association goes on to state that "Only one individual in Cabin John has been vociferous in his objection to the proposed down-zoning of Cabin John's commercial properties. James Wilner, a former member of the Land Use Committee,

spent considerable time expressing his views to the community. Ultimately, the Land Use Committee and the community rejected his lone position." How can the authors of that statement possibly explain how James Wilner's position has been supported by a petition with nearly 300 signatures from Cabin John citizens!

Finally, at the County Council hearing last year, Neal Potter, the Council President, asked Ed Winslow (President of the Citizens Association) if he was aware that the downzoning would put the Quick Food Shop in a non-conforming use status such that were it destroyed by fire, Cabin John would be left without a store. The Citizens of Cabin John are still awaiting a reply to that one.

I now offer to debate any or all of the officers of the Citizens Association on this zoning issue, at any public forum in the near future.

Jim Wilner

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The following is a letter from Judy Toth, recently elected member of the Maryland House of Delegates and resident of Cabin John, dated January 13.

Dear Citizens:

Many thanks for all of your support in the recent election. Without you help and the help of so many others like you, I could not have won.

Campaign promises are often empty, but I want to assure you that I am trying to keep each and every one of mine. I am working seven days a week for you -- primarily learning the ropes and preparing legislation for the session. If you have any ideas about what I should do or how I should be doing it, please let me know. My door will always be open to you. Just give me a call (home, 229-8586, Annapolis, 261-2500) or drop by my office in Annapolis during the session (January 8-April 7). For my part, I promise "again" to keep in touch.

Thanks again for your backing.

Sincerely,

Judy Toth

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CABIN JOHN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Ash Wednesday, February 12, a Communion service will be held at 7:00 PM. The service is OPEN TO ALL and nursery will be provided.

A Valentine Dinner will be held Saturday, February 15 at 6:00 PM at the church. Dinner is roast beef and there will be entertainment. The price is a low \$3.00 and everyone is welcome. Call 229-3149 or 229-8233 for reservations.

The church is holding a semi-annual Rummage Sale on March 13-15. Donations are now being accepted Contact any church member or call 881-1488 or 229-8233.

Anyone interested in earning a few dollars being our Nursery Attendant on Sunday mornings from 10:30-12:15, please contact the pastor at 229-8233 or Mrs. Margie Oliver at 229-3149.

TO PARENTS OF CABIN JOHN  
THREE AND FOUR YEAR OLDS

As you make plans for your child for next September, remember the excellent Cabin John Four Year Old School. This year the program has been outstanding and we expect it to be just as successful next year. The school meets five mornings a week for 2½ hours each day. It is run by a Board composed of present, past and future class parents as well as other interested people. Priority is given to Cabin John citizens and to children who will be four years old by December 31, 1975. There will be a planning meeting in April. Please attend. For more information, call Betsy Haas at 229-1982.

BELONGING TO THE CABIN JOHN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION ... WHY AND HOW

WHY? To help solve community problems concerning roads, schools, recreation, fire protection, environmental preservation and many other services and facilities of every kind. Naturally, everyone in Cabin John will not think alike on every issue affecting the community, but where there is a generally held viewpoint, the Citizens Association can effectively represent us in dealing with a multitude of county agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, Boards of Education, Suburban Sanitary Commissions, and many more. In this kind of situation, all of us are stronger in a group than we can possibly be individually. Our Community Plan is evidence of this fact.

To help create a more pleasant place to live through community activities. Cabin John has a geographic unity which is unusual; through the Citizens Association we can enjoy the pleasures and satis-

factions of small town community life.

To support community information media of value to us all, such as the Cabin John Community Directory and THE VILLAGE NEWS.

HOW? It's very simple. Anyone living in Cabin John can belong. Annual membership dues are \$2.00 for single membership, \$3.00 for family membership.

1975 Membership dues are now payable

Just fill out the form below and send it with your payment (cash or check payable to the "Cabin John Park Citizens Association" -- that's our legal name) to the Treasurer:

Andrew Rice  
6517 80th Street

You'll receive a card indicating your membership in the Association.

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

If you are joining for the first time, please check here \_\_\_\_\_

I/We would be interested in serving on one of the Association committees; (Please check if interested)

- Land Use
- Health
- Education/recreation
- Transportation
- Environment
- Senior citizens

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

This month's recipe comes from Cappie Morgan. She tells us that this recipe, according to Latin friends, is supposed to be handed down only to young woman about to be married. Her comment on that was, "...given what we hope is the lessening chauvanism of our times, here it is!" Right on, Cappie.

\* \* \* FLAN DE QUESO \* \* \*

Ingredients:

- 1 8 oz. pkg cream cheese
- 1 14 oz. condensed milk
- 1 13 oz. can evap. milk
- 6 whole eggs
- 2 Tbs. vanilla
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- Rum or brandy to taste

Melt 3-4 Tbs. of white sugar directly over heat in the top of a double boiler and, as it melts, thoroughly coat the bottom and sides of the boiler with the caramelized sugar. Put coated pan in the refrigerator.

Mix all ingredients with a beater and add the rum or brandy to taste. NOTE: The cream cheese will not fully blend in and will come to the top in small lumps. This later forms the base of the flan.

Pour the mixture into the top of the cooled double boiler and cook on top of boiling water for one hour. NOTE: The center will still be slightly liquid -- that's okay.

Immediately turn the flan upside down onto a flat plate so that the caramelized sugar is on the top. Serve hot or cold. Makes 8-10 servings.

BANNOCKBURN PTA PRESENTS FILMS

On Saturday, February 15, the Bannockburn PTA will show "Bridie of Grand Canyon." Tickets will be sold in advance for 75¢ each and also at the door. Time to be announced. "Bridie" is an award winning film about the adventures and misadventures of a burro, a boy, and a mountain lion hunter.

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POTTERY CLASSES

For older 4's and 5 year olds. Two sessions limited to 5 kids  
Monday 10-11:00 AM  
Wednesday 1-2:00 PM  
Each class goes for 6 weeks beginning week of Feb. 17. All materials and firing \$24.00.

Also, introductory wheel classes for kids aged 10 and above. Call for scheduling and information. Susan Vogt at 229-6479.

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