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CALENDAR OF COMMUNITY EVENTS

Tuesday, November 22 - 8 p.m. What's happening to Seven Locks Road? Come to the monthly meeting of the Cabin John Citizens Association and hear from a top representative of the Montgomery County Department of Transportation about the plans for widening and realigning one of the County's most dangerous highways. All-purpose Room, Clara Barton School.

Friday, December 16 - Save this date now for the annual community Christmas Party. An event for the whole family, starting about 7:30 p.m. at Clara Barton School. A tree, carols, Santa Claus, presentations by choirs (young and older), refreshments. Full details in next issue of the Village News.

POLICE EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF WORKING WITH COMMUNITY

"We want to work closely with the community in curtailing crime and vandalism," two representatives of the Montgomery County Police Department told town residents at the October meeting of the Cabin John Citizens Association.

Speaking were Capt. R. W. Robertson, Commander of the Bethesda District, and Pvt. Carl L. Holland III. Officer Holland is one of five policemen normally assigned to the Cabin John beat (which is actually only part of a large district running from Suburban Hospital to the Potomac River). The other four are Pvts. John Lonsdale, Charles Marcus and Dan Waring, and Pfc. Robert Whelan.

Gone are the days, the police representatives declared, when the police simply came around to give tickets or make arrests. Now they regularly go through the community in their patrol car (there is one car)

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS CONTINUE TO CONFRONT CABIN JOHN

Noise pollution from planes above and a possible solid waste landfill on Persimmon Tree Road are two continuing dangers to the Cabin John community. Both were debated at recent meetings of the Cabin John Citizens Association.

With the failure to get the proposed flight dispersal plan approved by the metropolitan Washington Council of Governments last summer, attention has now turned to planning a coalition of Maryland interests eager to expand service at Baltimore-Washington International (Friendship) Airport by transferring flights from congested National Airport.

Frank Sordyl and Calvin Kytle are working particularly on this approach in cooperation with James Truby, Director of Planning and Development of the Maryland State Aviation Administration. National airport now handles more than twice as many flights as all other area airports combined.

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A FIRST FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kelly Goodwin, 17, a student at Wootton High School, has become the first female junior volunteer with the Fire Department in Cabin John. She is one of four volunteers serving with the Volunteer Department this year.

The junior volunteer program, co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Board of Education and the Department of Fire and Rescue Services, offers high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to train with the Department for the entire school year. Each junior volunteer spends three days a week at the fire squad and two days a week at the County Fire Academy.

Kelly reports that she is enjoying her experience with the squad and is considering a career in the paramedic field. In addition to her work with the Fire Department, she has requested permission to observe the work of the Rescue Squad.

Fire Chief Beau Money is pleased with Kelly's work. He admits that he was a bit worried at first about a female volunteer, but he said, "I will welcome more female volunteers in the future."

Junior volunteers must be recommended by their school counselors and be interviewed at the Fire Department.

NEWS WANTED

The Village News wants to report all the news of Cabin John. So we need your help in sending us news items -- especially personal news of important events in your and your family's life. Just drop a line to Box 164, Cabin John, MD 20731.

News items must be received by the 6th of each month. The Village News will be published between the 15th and the 20th.

NEWS NOTES FROM ALL AROUND. . .

.....The Cabin John United Methodist Church will sponsor a blanket drive in December.

.....For some time Carderock School has had a dumpster in its parking lot for the collection of newspapers. The newspapers are sold for recycling for the benefit of the Carderock PTA. Help them keep the dumpster permanently by dropping off your old newspapers. It's on the right as you enter the parking lot.

.....Nathaniel (Bill) White was honored by many of his friends at a potluck supper at the home of Connie and Andy Rice on October 16, particularly for his leadership in crab feasts and other community activities over the years. Bill was really surprised!

.....Are you bothered by the traffic jams in crossing the Union Arch bridge in the morning rush hour, when Virginia commuter traffic swings up from the Parkway? Citizens Association Vice President Jay Goodrow is writing to the County Transportation Department asking that the light be "weighted" (as had been promised) to provide for a longer time for eastbound traffic at that hour.

.....Work is moving ahead on the new Cabin John telephone directory. Pat Duff and Katy Glakas hope that it will be off the press by the end of January.

.....Diane Kellogg and Linda Wickmann are in charge of arrangements for the December 16 Christmas Party at Clara Barton School.

.....The County Recreation Department's "Outreach" program which provided such a good recreation program for children in our community last summer has, it is reported, now received additional funding for carrying on its activities year 'round.

TAX CREDIT AVAILABLE FOR SOME

Any resident whose 1977 property tax assessment was more than 15% higher than the 1976 one may be eligible for a reduction in taxes, since the State Legislature limited tax increases to 15% per year.

To see if you qualify: Divide your 1977 assessment by your 1976 one. Any amount over 100 is the percentage of increase.

If it is over 15, check your tax bill to see if you have already received tax credit.

If you have not, read the front of your tax brochure to find out if you are eligible.

The increase in assessment over 15% must be on your own residence, made solely on the basis of inflation and not on physical improvement of the property.

This tax limitation does not apply to previous years.

If you think you qualify, call the number on the front of your tax brochure or 279-1466.

(The above news item is reprinted with appreciation from The Echo, the town newspaper of Glen Echo. It is of special interest to residents of Cabin John because the tax credit is based on a bill introduced in the legislature by our representative in the House of Delegates, Judith C. Toth of 80th Place.)

CABIN JOHN RESIDENT HONORED
BY FORMER STUDENTS

Way back in the early 1930's, Dr. Errett C. Albritton of Arden Road taught physiology, biochemistry and pharmacology in Thailand (then called Siam).

Just recently he was contacted by one of his former students and was presented, on behalf of 120 of these students, with a roundtrip ticket to Bangkok. Dr. Albritton left on Saturday, November 12, for two weeks in Thailand.

ENVIRONMENT (Cont'd. from page 1)

On the landfill situation, Citizens Association Environment Committee Chairperson Minda Wetzel reports that Avenel Farm on Persimmon Tree Road near the intersection with Bradley Boulevard is one of the top three or four sites now under consideration for a county refuse disposal area. Nearby residents are very much opposed, and at its October meeting the Cabin John Citizens Association voted to support the West Montgomery Citizens Association in opposition to the proposed use. It was argued that instead of dumping trash the County should be putting resources into a recycling plant.

POLICE (Cont'd. from page 1)

normally assigned to this area, but there are always 2 or 3 backup cars if needed) and make contact with residents. All information on possible illegal activities is recorded in the "beat book" which remains in the patrol car when shifts change. Little bits of information from many different individuals may eventually fit into a pattern which can solve a crime.

Information telephoned in will also be recorded, and Robertson and Holland emphasized that you do not have to give your name. Actually the police will accept three kinds of calls -- those where you do identify yourself; those where you call yourself a "reluctant complainer" and give your name but ask that it not be used in following up on the matter; and those where you remain completely anonymous.

WANTED: Inexpensive youth bed or twin bed with mattress. Please call Cappie Morgan, 320-3269.

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?

Have you tried the new Thrift Shop in the Clara Barton School? Open from 10 to 4 on Wednesdays and Fridays, it calls itself a "bargain hunter's paradise." Proceeds go to provide services to visually handicapped people.

(The following item is reprinted from the Congressional Record.)

WASHINGTON: BEHIND CLOSED DOORS' INACCURATE

HON. NEWTON I. STEERS, JR.
OF MARYLAND
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 7, 1977

Mr. STEERS. Mr. Speaker, the portrayal of Washington, D.C. in the ongoing television special "Washington: Behind Closed Doors" being shown across the Nation is grossly inaccurate, because you can hear the dialogs in the outside scenes. As a Representative from a district in suburban Washington, I would like to say that the dialogs of individuals outside buildings in Washington are almost drowned out by the sound of a jet plane winging its way over the District of Columbia and Montgomery County. However, in the glamorous, high-powered world of television, these realities of life are sometimes overlooked.

The realities are droning jets. That is why I have sent a letter to the Federal Aviation Administration suggesting changes in various cockpit procedures which can have a significant impact on reducing noise from jet planes over residential areas.

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Wilfred J. Candey
Strawberry Plains,
Tennessee

Dear Editor:

We would like to add our congratulations to John Ikeda, but must question his "first" in the Cabin John record book.

Hank Hook, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Irving L. Hook and Mr. and Mrs. Norman L. Nelson became a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program in 1974. He was a student at the Mercersburg Academy and is currently a senior at Yale University.

Harvey & Joan Hook
Cabin John,
Maryland

(Editor's Note: We welcome letters to the paper. Please address them to the Village News, Box 164, Cabin John, Maryland 20731.)

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