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CABIN JOHN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
A YEAR-END REPORT
-Walter Snowden, President

At the Citizens Association meeting on May 22, a new slate of Citizen Association officers will be elected. It is perhaps timely to review the Association's activities of the past year and reeminate on the state of our community.

Although not specifically a Citizens Association function, the annual crab-and-chicken feast in early September was quite a success, both financially and in terms of a rousing community get-together. While many people contributed to its success, special credit should go to Panya Duff, committee chairperson, Jane Winslow, Bill White and Frank McKinney.

In addition to the perennial battle over aircraft noise, Cabin John faced two major problems during the past year: a threat by the County to build a sewage treatment plant in our midst and the County's decision to proceed with its plans to widen Seven Locks Road, seizing large slices of our residents' properties in the process.

The FAA committed itself to do "something" about the air traffic pattern at National Airport. Although we can't claim any victories in this area, testimony by the Citizens Association at a public hearing on the subject, coupled with vigorous efforts during the past year by Frank Sordyl, Erich Buchmann and Dan Costello has kept the issue in front of Congressmen, Senators and other officials.

A site between Cabin John Creek and Cabin Road was selected by the Montgomery County Executive as one of three preferred sites for a sewage treatment plant to handle future County requirements. In a public hearing on the proposal, the Citizens Association fought this proposal on several grounds and influenced Mr. Gleason and
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR



May 5-Oct.13: Saturday Nite Dances @
Glen Echo. 8:30. \$2.00 at the door.

May 19 & 20: Irish Folk Festival. Glen
Echo. All Day.

May 22: Cabin John Citizen Association
Meeting. 8:00p.m. Election Nite!
Clara Barton School.

May 26 & 30: Sights & Sounds of Spring
Hike at Great Falls Tavern, Md. 10:00am.

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CLASS ACTION SUIT AGAINST FAA
- Dan Costello

On April 24, Mr. Joel Joseph, a public interest attorney, attended the Citizens Assoc. meeting. Mr. Joseph, head of NOISE (Neighbors Opposed to Irritating Sound Emissions), plans to file a class action suit against the FAA on or about July 1, 1979, seeking damages of \$10,000 per homeowner, an order requiring aircraft to maintain higher altitudes over our homes and limit early morning and late night flights. Renters may join the suit but by law their damages will be less. Mr. Joseph pointed out that class actions of this type have been successful in Los Angeles, CA. and other areas. Mr. Joseph has agreed to include a "scatter plan" in the suit to force the FAA to stop its discriminatory practice of sending all jets over Cabin John before they turn off to their ultimate destinations.

NOISE needs additional plaintiffs who live directly under the flight path to National Airport. Anyone interested in joining the suit should contact Mr. Joseph by June 1, 1979 at NOISE, 1412 Foxhall Rd., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007. Phone 338-5560.



VILLAGE CRIER

This new feature of the Village News will appear each month. The CRIER hopes to keep its readers up to date on the people of the community, their happinesses, misfortunes, new arrivals, and departures. The BarDrum is kept exciting by contributions from the very citizens it is about, you the people of Cabin John. So keep your eyes and ears open and keep those newswy items coming in.

Wedding Bells! Barbara Clark and Reed Martin became husband and wife two weeks ago in a touching ceremony. They read their vows to each other, the minister played the trumpet, Barbara's children served as ushers and Reed's and Buzzy Pötter's antique cars nearly stole the show. Congratulations to you both; we hope you will be very happy!

Welcome to our new neighbors, John Matthews and Patricia Wagner. They are moving into their new house at 6504 75th Pl.. John is an editor from the Washington Star. We hope you both feel at home in Cabin John!

HELP THE HOMEBOUND

The Montgomery County Red Cross is seeking volunteers to serve as shopper's aides in the Glen Echo/Cabin John area. Shopper's aides perform a vital service by grocery shopping once a week for persons who are physically disabled.

This service enables the senior citizen and handicapped to obtain the items necessary for them to maintain themselves independently. Persons interested in performing this valuable service and can give a few hours a week are urged to call the Montgomery County Red Cross, Office of Volunteers, weekdays 9:00-4:00, 588-2515.

6 year old Brian Kemp went into the hospital on Monday, May 13 and his family expects him to be there for about 3 weeks. If you would like to send him some get well messages, his address is Children's Hospital, 111 Michigan Avenue, N.W. Room 3146, Washington, D.C. We hope you get well quick, Brian.

We were sorry to hear that Mrs. Gladys Smith, one of Cabin John's early residents fell and hurt her back a few weeks ago. Mrs. Smith and her husband Reggie moved to Cabin John in 1914. Reggie built or help build the house on the corner of 75th and MacArthur Blvd., the green house on 75th and Arden, his own house on 75th St., the Vogt house and several others. We hope that you have a speedy recovery recovery, Mrs. Smith. If anybody would like to wish her well, write to Mrs. Gladys Smith, Avalon Manor Nursing Home, Hagerstown, Maryland.

If you have any juicy news you think should be included in this column next month, send the item to the Village News, P.O. Box 164, Cabin John, 20731, or call the editor at 229-6931.

YEAR-END REPORT (cont.)

the County Council to drop their interest in this site and choose another alternative. The assistance of Ed Winslow and Dick Goodwin was particularly helpful in preparing our position.

The residents living along Seven Locks Road spearheaded a community effort to force the County to change its plans for widening the road. Through the hard work of a residents committee in preparation of a detailed critique of the County's plan and presentation of the critique to the new County Executive, the County has changed its plans and will use park land when widening the road, leaving the property of the residents unmolested. Credit for this achievement should go to Allen Van Emmerik, Ed Clark, Panya Duff and Frank McKinney, with key assistance from Ed Winslow. The community as a whole shares credit for its enthusiastic turn-out at the famous demonstration march on a snowy Sunday. Two individuals who contributed valuable behind-the-scenes support to our community in dealing with these issues were Judy Toth and Robin Ficker, Representatives for our District in the Maryland House of Delegates. Their advice, intervention with County officials, and testimony at public hearings helped in achieving favorable results.

Clara Barton School tenancy reached a decisive stage during the past year, when the county assumed ownership of the property. Public hearings were held on the issue. The Citizens Association and other Cabin John groups, notably the Day Care Center and Four-Year-Old Program, have consistently proposed that existing community interests in the building and grounds be preserved. It appears that they will be. The County has narrowed down the choice of tenants to the Grace Chapel and St. Andrews School. A final decision should be reached in the near future.

It might be noted that this year was largely one of reaction to issues raised from the outside. There is little to report in the way of new initiatives on the part of the community. There may be little need for new ventures. The community appears to have reached a placid state in which

the status-quo seems to satisfy most of its residents. This may be explained by the fact that most of the active community leaders or activists of the early 70's have either earned a well-deserved rest or have been forced to devote more time to family affairs. These people accomplished a great deal in guaranteeing orderly growth of the community and in protecting it against depredation.

There is a growing population of new and younger people in Cabin John, the kind of people who find it an attractive place to live. I urge that they take a more active part in civic affairs. The slate of new officers for the Citizens is comprised of individuals who have demonstrated their willingness and ability to defend community interests. But for them to be effective, they must have the support of the entire community. United, combining our collective imaginations and energy, we can help the Citizens Association move in a positive direction.



Free Swim

Every year, the kids in Cabin John are treated to a free swim at the Palisades Pool on two mornings a week. The program begins after school lets out, which is towards the end of June this year, and lasts until school begins again in September. This year's Free Swim Program is still in the formative stages and needs community volunteers to serve on the committee. Committee members sign-in children on free swim mornings. If you would like to help out in this program, call Diane Kellogg at 229-7412.

The Cabin John community lost a true and valued friend with the death of Ed Winslow on May 5. Whether serving as President of the Citizens Association, committee member, or involved citizen, he fought for the welfare and betterment of the people of this town.

Mr. Winslow worked hard and successfully to improve the present and prospective environment of Cabin John. Most notably in this respect, he led the action to gain County approval and publication of the Cabin John Community Plan. His help was invaluable in dealing successfully with many issues during the past few years.

We will miss Mr. Winslow's deep knowledge of Cabin John, his intellect, his selfless devotion to our community and his ability to use these qualities incisively to better our lives. Above all, we will miss him as a person.

Walter Snowden, Pres.
C.J. Citizens Assoc.



Cabin John lost a valuable citizen with the death of Ed Winslow. He was not only an inspired leader, but an active supporter, lending his professional skills whenever the community needed him. Many remember him ready to testify at public hearings in Cabin John's behalf, with his files of materials on the issue at hand. Others remember him in a lighter situation, calling square dances at crab feasts, Christmas parties and other community gatherings. We will all miss Ed, and extend our sympathy to his wife and children.

editor



A beautiful flower has been plucked from this community's garden, but the fragrance of this flower's love and dedication to family and community will always sweeten our remembrances, the petals of friendship, humility, and kindness will linger with us. This flower was my friend - Ed Winslow.

Frank D. McKinney

UPDATE ON JET NOISE BATTLE

- Dan Costello

On April 13, Erich Buchmann, Frank Sordyl, and Dan Costello met with Neal Potter, the County Council President and two of his associates to discuss the jet noise situation in Cabin John. Mr. Potter is aware of the problem and asked for details on ways in which he could help. Proposals were suggested which might afford Cabin Johners some noise relief (e.g., jets which fly over Cabin John and then turn into should instead make their turn at the river bend in order to stay over the river. Mr. Potter was asked to bring the proposals before the Council of Governments for immediate action by the FAA. Copies of the proposals were sent to Senators Sarbanes and Mathias and Congressman Barnes and others.

Senator Mathias promptly responded to the proposals by sending us a copy of a statement he made on April 25 introducing a bill in the Senate requiring the FAA to implement its own published aircraft noise abatement policy at Washington National and Dulles Airports.

AIR NOISE COMPLAINTS?

CALL 557-2081

GET OUT AND VOTE!

This month's Citizen Association meeting will give you the opportunity to exercise your rights as a citizen to elect officials to represent you in the community's endeavors to maintain a pleasant atmosphere in which to live. The candidates up for election are:

Allen VanEmmerik - President
George Bingham - 1st Vice President
Stephanie Becker - 2nd Vice President
Panya Duff - Recording Secretary
Diana Lee - Corresponding Secretary
Matt Stuart - Treasurer

Additional nominations may be made before the elections.

Let's see the entire community at the meeting! Show your concern! Come and Vote!

SEVEN LOCKS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS/

...a report to the community.

- Ed Clark

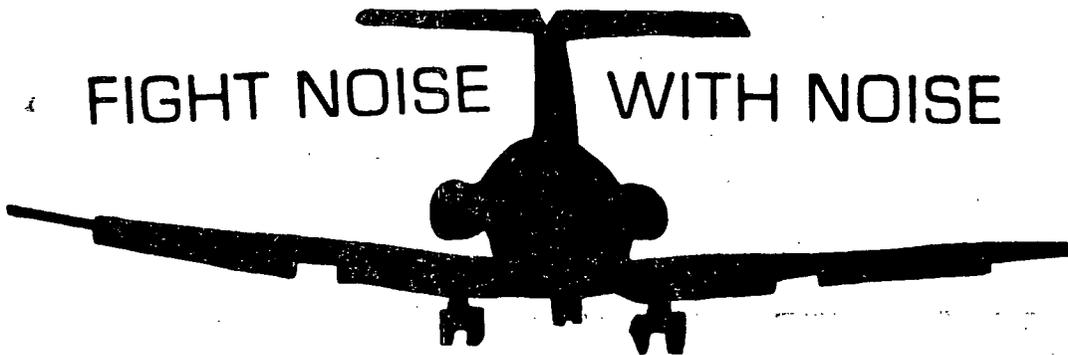
Yes, seeing is believing. In that respect we can't claim victory yet...for we have not seen the new roadway in place... in fact, construction won't even start until the spring of 1980 south of Lillystone Drive to MacArthur, for completion by the summer of 1981.

But we have won! (Perhaps as much as \$750,000 in total value saved the many citizens of Cabin John living along the roadway)

The 26-foot wide curb and gutter roadway will move eastward into the undeveloped parkland, preserving all of the existing front yards of the private properties along the western side of the right of way. No front yard property will be lost. The concrete driveway assessments amounting to many thousands of dollars have been cancelled. The driveways will be installed at no cost, in exchange for the private property that lies under the existing roadway.

The 6-foot wide bike path/side walk that will be on the park (East) side of the new roadway in parkland and parallel to the road will only come as far south as Tomlinson Avenue. It will end there and so will cause no infringement on the private properties east of the road and between Tomlinson and MacArthur Blvd.

As Chairman of the Seven Locks Property Owners Group of Cabin John I give you each our most sincere THANKS!! Some may see it as just another successful march in the snow; others know that it's the latest harvest from many years of hard work we all do here, preserving and planning the development of our home, the Cabin John Community...and thanks Ed Winslow, wherever you are.



NOISE (Neighbors Opposed to Irritating Sound Emissions) is fighting to reduce aircraft noise at National Airport.

N.O.I.S.E. is seeking to reduce aircraft noise at National Airport by:

- * Reducing the number of flights into National by transferring them to Dulles and BWI:
- * Requiring aircraft to maintain higher altitudes over residential areas.
- * Mandating and enforcing an earlier curfew at night and prohibiting early morning flights on weekends.
- * Requiring the use of the quietest aircraft and noise abatement procedures.

TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS N.O.I.S.E. SUPPORTS:

- * Lawsuits by residents who live under the flight path for damages and injunctive relief.
- * Opposition to FAA and CAB rulings which will add flights to National.
- * Complaints to FAA to require airlines to comply with existing altitude and noise abatement procedures.

JOEL D. JOSEPH, a Washington, D.C. public interest attorney, is the Executive Director of NOISE. Mr. Joseph is currently taking legal action against the FAA and certain airlines for permitting late-night and early morning flights at low altitudes into National Airport.

Clip and mail to NOISE, 1412 Foxhall Road, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007 338-5560
I want to help NOISE reduce aircraft noise. Enclosed is my check for:

Contribution: \$100 \$50 \$25
 \$10 \$5 other

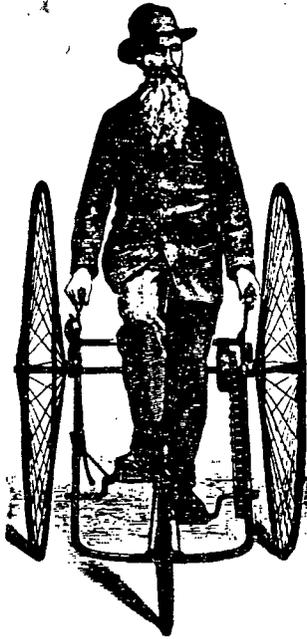
NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

Please put me on your membership list and send me additional information on your pending class action suit.

SIGNATURE



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The Village News is looking for responsible kids or adults who would be interested in delivering the paper. Deliveries are made one week-end each month to houses in your immediate vicinity. A modest fee is paid to each deliverer for each paper delivered. If you are interested, please call Judy Green, 229-5286.



PUBLIC HEARING ON USE OF CLARA BARTON SCHOOL -Walter Snowden

A public hearing was held on May 2 in the Clara Barton School on a proposal to lease the building to the St. Andrews School, a private, co-ed preparatory school. Speaking for George Bingham, Chairman of the Citizens Association Steering Committee on Use of Clara Barton, Joel Fishman presented the position of the Committee, which included requirements that the Post Office, Day Care Center and Four Year Old Program be permitted to continue in their present or equivalent spaces. The Committee also requested that community use of the building for meetings and special events be

permitted, as in the past, and that playground facilities be available for the youth of Cabin John after regular school hours.

Considerable testimony by residents focused on the future of the Four-Year-Old Program, as the St. Andrews proposal envisaged moving this group into space allotted to the Day Care Center. The St. Andrews representatives agreed to preserve the present space of the Four-Year-Old Program for one year and to cooperate in helping to make acceptable alternative space available in the building for the program.

The hearing officer agreed to keep the record of the public hearing open until May 15, at which time he will forward his recommendations to the County Executive's office. A final decision on future tenancy of Clara Barton should be forthcoming within the next month.

RUMMAGE SALE A SUCCESS & FUN FOR ALL

The Cabin John Four Year Old Program's Rummage Sale and Carnival held last Saturday, May 12 was truly a success as Cabin John residents flocked to grab up bargains. People were literally banging down the doors at 10:00 to be the first inside. Before the sale was half way over, the bake sale was sold out, the pony was tired and many satisfied customers were trudging home with new old clothes, toys, appliances, dishes and other assorted items. The silent auction was deemed a success, and the highest bidders walked away with some real steals.

Benefits from the rummage keep the doors to the Four Year Old Program open and this year's sale ensures that next year's program will be in operation and affordable to parents of the participants. If you would like to enroll your child for the program, call Annette Davis, 229-0754 or Marie Keefe, 229-5340.

Thanks to all of the volunteers who sacrificed their time, energy and elbow grease to prepare and run the rummage sale. Without them, this event could not have taken place!

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FOOD SHOP**

PASTRIES*MEATS*CARRY-OUT!
GROCERIES*BREAKFAST*LUNCH
MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY
6:30 am to 6:00 pm

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