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HOW YOUR COMMUNITY VIEWS THE SHOPPING CENTER

A full 3% of the community responded to our attitude survey on the shopping center now being built at 79th Street and MacArthur Blvd - that's not bad in the mail order business! The community favors a small shopping center by about 2:1. Half the respondents thought it was too late for the Community Association to take any action - pro or con - on the matter at this late date. Those who thought community action was called for were split equally on whether to bring the Association's concerns to the attention of the developer or the County Council. Some thought the community should boycott the center if its concerns are not heeded.

The overwhelming choice was for the center to have a drug store and a gourmet deli. Other choices, in order of preference were for: a small grocery, a book-stationery-gift shop, a hardware store, a laundry, a neighborhood restaurant (not fast food), a flower-garden supply store, a craft shop, and a bank. Other suggestions included a supermarket, fast food store, a bakery, a barber shop, a sewing store, a sports or bike store, a gas station, a butcher or seafood shop, a boutique, a music store, a pet store, and a shoe repair shop. In the way of professional services the choices, in order of preference, were for a dentist, general doctor, optical center, lawyer, an accountant, and a stock broker.

Community residents have an overwhelming dislike of a liquor or fast food joint. Others on the "NO" list are a record store, grocery, bar, laundromat, movie, auto parts store, ice cream parlor, pool-hall/game emporium, adult book store, drug store, head shop or pet store.

People expressed three general concerns regarding the development. Residents are worried about the teen rowdiness that shopping centers can foster. Specific steps need to be taken to control loitering, boozing and car fetishism in the parking lot and in the vicinity of the shopping center. Good lighting, a security guard and/or police patrols are probably in order. Residents are also concerned that the Center look appealing. It should be well landscaped. Exteriors and signs should be tasteful. Care should be taken to keep the grounds neat. The other concern lies with traffic control. The traffic that the center generates should be channeled onto MacArthur Blvd and kept off the side streets. This has ramifications for the safety of the children in the area and also for the control of noise in the community.

Your effort in responding to the poll has been a real community service. At long last we know how you feel about the development and what your concerns are. In order to communicate the community's views to those who can take appropriate action, this article is being sent to the County Council, the County Administrator, and the developer. Watch this space next issue for an update.

#### AN APPEALING POLL

Last issue's poll really worked. For the first time in many moons the Community Association has a firm idea of your views on a matter of some consequence. It worked because you took an interest and answered the questions! Now we have a basis for action on your behalf.

We're willing to run other polls on other topics. Drop us a line and suggest other topics of local interest and importance. No, we won't tell you whether your neighbors like John Anderson.

#### \*\*\* CRAB FEAST \*\*\*

Extra! Extra! Crab Feast! Saturday, September 13, park at Palisades Pool on Seven Locks Road. Eat Crabs and Chicken. Live music by Cat's Cradle. Have a good time while supporting your neighborhood charities.

## NOTICE

### CRAB FEAST

### SATURDAY

#### A NEW COMMUNITY STRUCTURE

Your community association's executive committee proposes to establish a number of committees to deal with community needs and interests. The key to making this work of course, is participation: and that will be the main topic at the September community meeting.

The Association hopes for a big turnout at the September meeting to flesh out this concept and to get it working.

The committees could be structured as follows:

Transportation-Buses, carpools, road and traffic conditions.

Community Activities-Crab Feast Christmas party, July 4th parade.

Community Services-kids' jobs, older resident programs, canoes.

Community Relations-eyes and ears Schools-liaison with PTA's etc.

Public Safety-Vandalism, liaison with police and fire, etc.

Environment-parks, sewers, etc.

Noise-need we say more?

Land Use-new developments.

Communications-Village News and event publicity.

Come to the meeting on September 23 to discuss this idea. You might even become involved!



THE FRONT PAGE

Helping with the printer's ink this issue have been Richard Fahr and Judie Green. Richard has volunteered to set all of our titles and so forth on a compugraphic machine. So if you think this issue looks a little bit snappy, he's the reason why. Judie has taken on the yeoman's chore of typing all the copy for the issue. It's nice for neighbors to pitch in.

DAYTIME THEATRE SEMINAR

Do you like the theatre but never get a chance to go? In cooperation with Arena Stage, the City of Rockville has arranged for a daytime theatre group, at a nominal cost. A charter bus can be arranged, if there is a good response. For further information contact the theatre seminar at 762-4247.

THANKS GUYS

Patriotism is back in style all over the U.S. but it never left our little old burg. Even in the darkest days of the last decade, whenever a national holiday rolled around, the Cabin John Fire Department has taken the time and trouble to deck MacArthur Boulevard out in red, white and blue. This resident was proud - really proud - to return from a little Labor Day revelry and have the privilege to drive down a flag-bedecked MacArthur Boulevard. On behalf of all of us, "Thanks Guys", It's part of what makes Cabin John special.

A Friend

FLOWER POWER

While we're talking about the sights on MacArthur Boulevard, it's worth commenting on how fine the privately-tended flower gardens along the Boulevard have looked great all summer. These individual efforts are a real community asset. Now, if someone would cast a loving eye and spade in the direction of the untended flower bed at the West end of the bridge.

Another Friend

CRAFT FAIR

This December the Cabin John 3 & 4 Year Old School will sponsor a Craft Fair at the Clara Barton School building. Participants are eagerly sought. To reserve space or for more information call **Sheila Gottesman 229-3344**. It is hoped that the Craft Fair will replace the Spring Rummage Sale as the School's main fundraiser.

GAMES PEOPLE PLAY

The afternoon board and card game parties for "wise and mature" residents mentioned last month will begin in October. Drop a note to the Village News with your name and phone number and a mention of the games you're interested in.

SAY HEY TO THE STORK!

Welcome a baby boy to the Sterncamps, July 21, 1980.

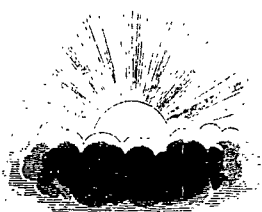
REPORT AIRPLANE  
NOISE  
557-2081

NEWS FROM GLEN ECHO

A Glen Echo class built the solar water heater in the picture in Cabin John for about \$700, in just two Saturdays. The solar class is just one of many offerings at Glen Echo. For information about other classes that could help you call 492-6292 or 229-0350.

Not only can you pick up skills at Glen Echo, but you can also be entertained. Every Sunday in September Glen Echo offers a musical pot pourri. September 21st, especially, folk, jazz and experimental music will be offered, all afternoon.

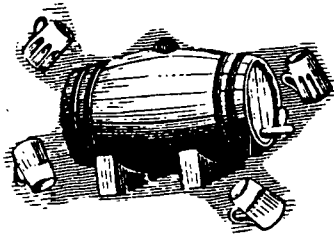
Every Saturday night in September a square dance is held at 8:30, with live music. Adventure Theater offers performances of "Tales of Beatrix Potter" (229-0350). Friday, Oct. 3, 7-9pm, the Gallery opens a show of Rava Bdnarchuk's sculpture. In addition, the Writer's Center will hold a reading of William Stafford's work on Sept. 19 (229-0684).



# QUICK FOOD SHOP

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

6:30 am to 6:00 pm



DO YOU DRINK ENOUGH BEER?

Americans already recycle 25% of their aluminum. Have you ever thought of recycling your empties? Aluminum brings 20c a pound at the recycler's, that's 20c for every case of empties, or \$400 a ton (2000 cases of empties - quite a party). If Cabin John had a community recycling center,

it would earn several hundred dollars a year for the community. After all, we drink a lot of beer! That money could cover postage on the newsletter or contribute to other community activities. Teenagers could get a recycling center going. The aluminum companies will provide advice. If you're interested, drop a line with your name and phone number to the Village News.



DID YOU KNOW?

POSTAGE FOR THE  
VILLAGE NEWS COSTS  
\$2 PER YEAR PER  
SUBSCRIBER? A SUB-  
SCRIPTION TABLE WILL  
BE SET UP AT THE  
CRAB FEAST!



## A FISH STORY

A commercial fisherman has come to Cabin John. Ken Diffenderfer, the proprietor of Sea-Air Seafood, located at the Union Arch Bridge has spent years before the mast himself. The fruit of his at sea experience is some of the freshest seafood in the Washington area.

From Ken's perspective fish is better for you than protein in other forms. But Americans have never grown accustomed to the many interesting kinds of fish. Therefore, while Sea-Air stocks those few fish that Americans have come to know and love - scallops, shrimp, and so forth - Sea-Air also markets fish whose names you may never have heard of but whose taste is unsurpassed. Next time try hake, scrod or grouper. All of these are filets that fry, grill or bake easily. Sea-Air prints recipe booklets for its customers. The name of the game is to offer the freshest fish at competitive prices. Sea-Air does this by eliminating the middleman and by keeping its overhead low. Ken, the proprietor, is a fisherman himself, with cronies from Gloucester to Key West. He stays in touch with his friends and suppliers by phone. Orders are delivered within hours of a boat's arrival at the pier. Sea-Air's scallops come from Gloucester, as does its scrod and other New England filets. The shrimp and the swordfish come from South Carolina. Salmon comes from Bristol Bay, Alaska. Sea-Air crabmeat comes from - you guessed it - Chesapeake Bay. At the moment, the Union Arch stand is Sea-Air's only retail outlet. But some of the hands are training, so look for Sea-Air to grow in the coming months. Growth, of course, will mean continued variety to choose from.

Sea Air is open Tuesday - Saturday, in the afternoon. They're in business for keeps and will operate year-round if their customers don't desert them in the winter. As Ken said, "If the fishermen can fish in it, we sure as heck can sell for them in it."

Get to know Sea-Air and add the tang of the ocean to your life.



## WILL THE BUSES EVER SERVICE CABIN JOHN?

Last month's letter to the Editor about restoring bus service to Cabin John sparked a flood of mail, all of it overwhelmingly in favor of the idea. That, of course, was to have the N-9 bus that runs on Canal Road at rush hour to pick up passengers at the Cabin John exit/entrance ramp.

Following are excerpts from several letters:

"I know five people in our neighborhood who walk to the Glen Echo bus stop everyday. Naturally, I am in favor of any extension of the bus service." Richard P. Fehr

"I would like to support Mr. Bookman's suggestion of having rush hour metrobus service to downtown." Javed Hamid

"I would use such a bus each day. Walking a mile to catch the N-5 is an aggravation which we shouldn't have to put up with." D. Steven Rutkus

"We think the idea about the N-9 bus is an excellent one." George & Susan Boutin

"Both my husband and I would be very supportive of bus service." Alice & Tony Guida

"I think that the proposal that the N-9 bus stop at Cabin John is an excellent one. We are long overdue for some public transportation." Judy Novica

"We shall sure appreciate it if we could have the facility of the metrobus."

Veener & Sushil Titus



Plant A Radish, Get a Radish  
(Never a Brussel Sprout)

Tony, the vegetable man at the Union Arch Bridge, welcomes his fishy neighbor. Between the two of them, one stop nets you a meal. What better way is there to shuck the summer and

greet the fall than with a cup of cider from Cabin John's own gardener and green grocer, Tony,

# CLASSIFIED

## CLASSIFIEDS

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seeks house to share, a room  
with kitchen privileges or  
apartment, particularly in the  
Glen Echo-MacArthur Blvd area.  
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W 287-5469

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Raised locally on Avenel Farm.  
Call Stephanie 469-6276

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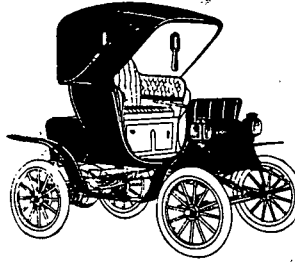
Yardwork, plant or pet care,  
etc. 12 yrs old; call Paul  
320-3284

Lawnmowing, leafraking, gar-  
dening, 14 yrs old, 229-8590

College Student seeks temp jobs  
in Sept-Oct. Baby-sitting, yard  
and housework. Heidi-229-4674  
or 229-7412.

ALTERATIONS in my home. Men's,  
women's, children's clothing.  
Will shorten draperies. Theresa,  
229-1404.

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## CAR POOLS

Save Gas! Make a friend! Drop a line to "Pool it",  
C/O The Village News. We'll run your notice at no  
cost.

### KARPOOL KORNER (free)

From Clara Barton to West end  
of DC (8:30-5) 229-6265

Barter (free)  
Any takers? or givers?

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