

CABIN JOHN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
MEETING

Tuesday, November 25, 1980

CLARA BARTON SCHOOL

Coffee and doughnuts will be served

OCTOBER SPEAKER
WILL BE:

Lt. Taylor or Officer Novelo
from the Montgomery County
Police Department. talking
on vandalism.

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SERVING THE PEOPLE OF CABIN JOHN AND BEYOND

October 1980

PRES NOTES

Crab Feast

Thank you, one and all, for a fine event. We must do it again, soon. The volunteers, the weather, and the feasters all cooperated to make our main social event a community and financial success. We need more than one chance a year to work together and get together.

It would be literally impossible to thank all the volunteers or to thank them enough. A full report appears elsewhere in this issue. Some people may have been overlooked, because there were so many jobs done by so many people. Others did far more than just one job. No offense meant - thousands of hours were freely given, and many necessities went unnoticed.

PLAN GLEN ECHO'S FUTURE!

Glen Echo's many activities have all come about without the benefit of a plan. But that is soon to change. The Park Service is developing a "Development concept" to guide the future of Glen Echo. They want community advice to help them in this. They are holding a meeting at Glen Echo, in the Adventure Theatre, on November 7th, at 7:30, for this purpose. If you like Glen Echo, or have ideas and interest, please attend and make your opinions known.



NEW PEOPLE

I should have been more forthcoming in welcoming the many new people who came to the August meeting. It was good to see you, and I hope that you will all make the fourth Tuesday of every month meetings. Please make yourselves at home here, and make your views known.

THE OCTOBER MEETING

Two important issues: community security, and community participation through people who will contribute to getting the numerous jobs done by committee service. Nick Glakas has arranged the appearance of Lt. Taylor to hear our security concerns and needs. Please come to the October meeting and let the police know our needs, it will be interesting and profitable.

But security is only one of our purposes. There are many committees proposed by your

Executive, to do a number of necessary chores. Come, help shape the committee structure, help staff the committees, contribute some of yourselves to a better, stronger Cabin John.

Most of all, please come and add to the October meeting, and every meeting every month.

Ed. Note -- The following submission has to do with broken glass littering the Clara Barton Playground and drag racing on MacArthur Boulevard.

FEELING ONE'S OATS
(and oats and barley)

Hanging out -- it's what teens do, always have done, always will do. Think back to when you were "that" age. The best things in life were your friends, a beer or two, and maybe a car. What if someone called the cops on you? Did you break it up, wise up, stop loitering and drinking? I sure as heck didn't. I would not expect my kids to either.

Cabin John is a community for young and old alike. Calling in the authorities to police our finest residents, our kids, won't help anybody. Rather than think of new ways to drive a wedge between young and old, let's work something out among ourselves. I have some suggestions:

1. Make sure all Cabin John teens read this article. If you hang out in the evening, show this article to your friends. If you're the parent of a teenager, put this article on his plate at breakfast.

Crab Feast Report

Congratulations to Cabin John for a most successful Crab Feast. On Saturday, September 13 over 500 people turned out to enjoy the beautiful weather, good company, and delicious food. We had a wonderful time and made a substantial profit as well - \$1,620.64 (as compared to \$928 in 1979). It will be divided equally among our community organizations: C.J. Citizen Assoc., Village News, C.J. 4-Year Old School, and Homestudy, Inc.

For all those who sold advance tickets - thank you. You are the people who make the event work. Katy Glakas did a fine job organizing the campaign, with \$1,554 in advance ticket sales, and \$536 at the gate. A special mention to these zealous people: teenager Nancy Fisher who sold 74 tickets! Pat Duff (36 tickets sold), Bill White (39 tickets) and Susan Gash (53 tickets).

Everyone who attended the Feast said the food was delicious as always, and we wish to thank the real "stars" of the Feast - the cooks. Joan Hook and her daughter, Jan Winslow, Susan Gash, Susan Vogt and daughter, and Delina Saling worked frying chicken for 8 hours. The special vegetables were from the kitchens of Bill White, Margaret Coleman, Celeste Swedenburg,

Frank McKinney, Lois Barton, Lilly Gibbs, Elizabeth White, and Claude Clifton. Thanks also to the people who helped wash and chop vegetables: Fran Patch, Pat Duff, Diane Kellogg, Kitty Kelly and Susan Luchs.

The crabs were fresh and tasty thanks to our resident crab cook, Pete Hunter. The warm weather made us all thirsty, and beverage sales totaled \$574. The beer and sodas were handled by Linda Wichmann, with the help of Tom Green, Steve Walter, and Don and Jean Hay. Feast site construction was supervised by John Gelb and Charles White, and the set-up and serving of food went smoothly, courtesy of Bill White, Marie Keefe, Wanda Veraska and Bev Sullivan. A special thank you to our tireless workers who served "with a smile."

Our entertainment was provided by Charles Bookman and the group "Cats Cradle" whose country-folk tunes were a lively addition to our day. The Four Year Old School Bake Sale, under the direction of Lilly Liang, completely sold out and made \$145. All the parents who made those delicious desserts know that their efforts were appreciated.

The Citizens Assoc. booth was run by Kay Kemp, Angela Coppola, Irene Crawford and George McKinna. Cashiers were Ceph Patch and Frank Sordyl, with Renee Fishman, Diane Kellogg, Cappie Morgan and Dan Costello. The clean up at the end of the day went quickly thanks to all the willing volunteers. Ed Clark provided us with his truck; the truck patrol was organized by

Allen van Emmerik with Don Vetrano, Ray and John Kemp, Pete Hunter and Nick Glakas. Tables and chairs were lent by C.J. Methodist Church, Assembly of God, Glen Echo Baptist Church and Church of the Redeemer.

Special thanks to: Susan Gash for phoning all the volunteers; Merri van Emmerik for designing tickets and flyers and painting the signs and Betsy Cheney for Publicity; Cabin John Fire Dept. for the use of their kitchen; St. Andrews School for storage facilities; Palisades Pool for parking facilities; Calvin Dove for refuse collection; and Tony's produce and Sea-Air seafood for sponsoring our printing.

The Crab Feast was very successful - our only anxious moment was at 5:20 pm when we ran out of good - our apologies to those who were disappointed. We will plan for an even larger turnout next year, with enough for everyone. The Crab Feast requires the efforts of many people to work at tasks both large and small; such as delivering flyers, shopping, hauling, saving newspapers and getting ice. These things are what makes the Crab Feast happen. Next year we hope even more people will volunteer and join in - its fun and a great way to meet your neighbors. You'll become part of an event that only happens in a small friendly community like Cabin John.

Merri van Emmerik
Linda Wichmann
Pat Duff



The Association hopes for a big turnout at the October meeting to conclude the discussion of citizen committees. Your ideas and participation are essential for this to work

These committees have been proposed:

Transportation: bus routes, car pools, road and traffic conditions.
Cephus Patch, 229-8542

Community Activities: Crab Feast, Christmas party, 4th of July Parade, sports.
Nick Glakas, 229-6253
Education PTA liaison with Pyle Bannockburn, and Whitman, Clara Barton School usage.
Judy Duffield, 229-4567
Public Safety: vandalism, liaison with police and fire, dog bites.
David Murphy, 229-5794
Community Relations: Cabin John Gardens, Persimmon Tree, Bannockburn, Glen Echo, Palisades Pool.
Susan Vogt, 229-6479
Environment: sewer links, bike path, Cabin John Creek Preservation.
Murphy

Noise: Airplan noise and traffic over Cabin John.

Patch
Land Use: new developments, parks, community plan.
Vogt

Community Services: sharing talents, providing help, jobs for kids, older resident programs.

Glakas
Communications: Village News, event publicity.
Duffield

The names and numbers after each committee are exec. committee members who members of the designated committees. Contact them for info or if you want to serve.

FALL AT GLEN ECHO

By Diane Kellogg

Glen Echo's ADVENTURE THEATRE will be performing DRAGONSONG on Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 and 3:30 from October 18 until November 16. Tickets are \$2.50 each with group rates available. Beginning November 29 CHRISTMAS CAROL will be performed at the same times for \$3.00 a ticket with group rates available. For reservations or information call 320-5331 between 10-2 on weekdays.

The Glen Echo Gallery will be honoring the artists who have designed the sets and costumes for Adventure Theater over the 28 years of its existence. The show will open on Friday, November 7th, from 7-9 p.m. and continue through the month of November. There will be sales items available.

Not all of the Fall Classes are over. There will be a CHRISTMAS PATCHWORK WORKSHOP on Thursday evenings beginning October 30. There will also be a Saturday morning workshop in making NATIVE AMERICAN GAMES for teens and adults. On Saturday November 8th, there will be a PARENT AND CHILD QUILT-MAKING WORKSHOP. All of the above have a very reasonable tuition fee. To find out more about these and other classes call the Registrar at 492-6282.

The WRITERS CENTER has several classes beginning in late October and November: TYPE-GRAPHICS, PHOTOTYPESETTING, PLOT AND ACTION and DESIGNING BROCHURES, NEWSLETTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS. Readings continue on Sunday afternoons and the Writers Center houses a second-hand bookstore and small press outlet. For Writers Center information call 229-0684.

GLEN ECHO CERAMICS is offering a new term of pottery classes beginning November 17th with a special emphasis on PORCELAIN. For information call Glen Echo Pottery at 229-5585.

There are still a few scholarships for persons who are handicapped or elderly in weaving, quilting, silverworking, dance or consumer interests. If you are interested in a scholarship for a winter class in these areas and you are over 60 or in some way handicapped, please call 492-6282 for information.

On Sunday, October 26th, at 5 p.m. Glen Echo will host Howard Fox, Assistant Curator at the Hirshhorn in the Fine Crafts Room. He will discuss aspects of contemporary art in the United States.

Speaking of Glen Echo, did you know that 1,080 lightbulbs illuminate the Carousel?

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THE BIKE PATH

Recently, an area resident wrote to the County Council inquiring into the care of the MacArthur Bicycle Path. He found out that the maintenance of the path -- gravel sweeping, brush removal, and so forth -- is not on a regular maintenance program, but on an as-needed basis.

This means that if the condition of the bike path is irksome or even dangerous or hazardous to its users, then they have to bring the condition to the attention of the authorities before it will be corrected. The county office number to call is 460-4020. A few timely phone calls can possibly produce a crew of sweepers in short order!

While we're on the subject, we've noticed that the bike path remains gravel-free wherever it is separated from the road by a grassy strip. Where the bike path and the road merge into an uninterrupted stretch of Tarvac, the bike path becomes covered with stones in short order, posing a real road hazard to cyclists. The solution is obvious -- action anyone?

JET NOISE UPDATE

by: Dan Costello

On August 15, 1980 the Secretary of Transportation announced a new Metropolitan Washington Airport Policy to provide a slight cutback in flights at National Airport to allow the use of widebodies, therefore, to establish a curfew of 10:30 pm for jets taking off and 11:00 pm for jets landing. The policy also set a passenger ceiling of 17 million per year. Last year 15.1 million passengers used National whereas only 3 million used Dulles and 3.8 million used BWI. Although the new policy did not provide much needed relief, last month Congress compounded the problem by delaying until April 26, 1981 the cutbacks in commercial jet flights. At the same time, the FAA was told by Congress to go ahead with the jumbo jets.

On September 30, an emergency meeting was held by the Washington Metropolitan Area Coalition on Airport Problems (CAP) to discuss the latest action by Congress. CAP is the Washington area "umbrella" citizens group on airport noise. At that meeting, it was decided that massive lobbying efforts were needed to convince Congress of the seriousness of the problem

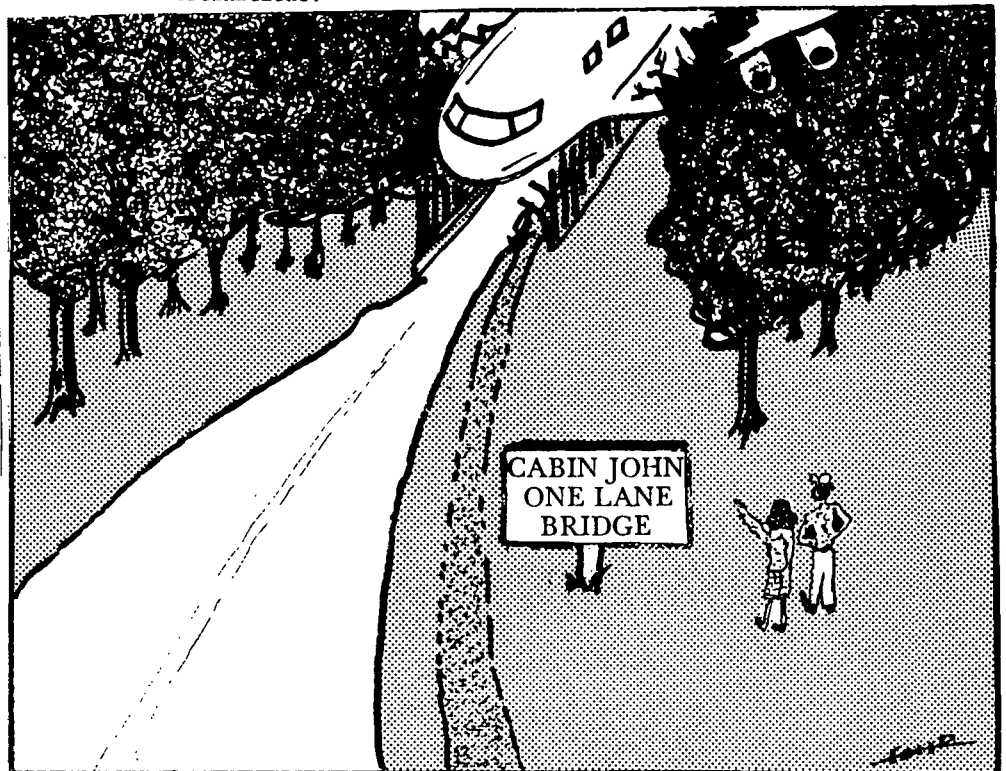
and to show that it is in everyone's interests to expand Dulles and Baltimore Airports. National is already operating at capacity with one jet either landing or taking off every minute from 7:00 am to 11:00 pm every day of the year. If anyone is interested in helping CAP in this lobbying effort or in joining the organization, please contact Dan Costello (6514 75th ST, Phone 229-7698) or Frank Sordyl (10 Russell Road, phone 229-6417). Also, everyone is asked to write to the Secretary of Transportation to state that the policy for National Airport must go as a package, i.e., there must be a cutback in flights before the other aspects of the policy are put into effect. Address letters to The Honorable Neil Goldschmidt, Secretary of Transportation, 400 7th Street S.W., Washington, DC 20590. Copies of your letters should be sent to our representatives in Congress: Congressman Barnes and Senators Mathias and Sarbanes.

The Neighbors Opposed to Irritating Sound Emissions (NOISE) is another local organization which has been active in the jet fight. The general counsel for the group is Mr. Joel D. Joseph. He is leading a suit against the FAA and 10 airlines for noise damages. Trial date for this suit should come up within 6 months. Mr. Joseph publishes a monthly NOISE LETTER which provides an update on efforts to curb aircraft noise. To obtain a copy of the NOISE LETTER or to join the organization, contact N.O.I.S.E., 1712 Eye Street N.W., Suite 1010, Washington, D.C. 20006 or call 338-5845.

In addition to efforts to reduce jet flights at National and transfer them to Dulles and BWI, there has been a long standing effort to have a "scatter plan" implemented. In virtually every other airport in the United States, jets are "scattered" so that no one community suffers unbearably from the noise burden. Since 1967, the FAA has been using Cabin John as a convenient "noise dump." As we all are aware, it is at Cabin John where jets apply "increased climb power" (FAA terminology) before turning off towards their ultimate destinations.

In 1977, a scatter plan was proposed by the FAA for National Airport but it was turned down by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG). However, as a result of intensive efforts by the CAP and other organizations and individuals, the COG has directed the FAA to come up with another scatter proposal. The FAA will present their latest proposal to the COG later this month. The position of Cabin John should be clear. We have been discriminated against for the past 13 years and we are not going to take anymore. Hence, some kind of a scatter plan should be implemented within the next 6 months. If action is not taken by that time, we should go to court without further delay.

Again, please write, call, GET INVOLVED. If anyone has any questions, or if you want to help Frank Sordyl and Dan Costello in the jet fight, give them a call. They need and welcome your assistance.



"I just KNEW that was going to happen someday."

MORE ON...

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THE SHOPPING CENTER

The following letter was sent to the Montgomery County Council, and to the shopping center developer:

"Recently, the Cabin John Citizens Association conducted a poll of community residents regarding the shopping center that is rapidly approaching completion at the corner of MacArthur Boulevard and 79th Street.

"In view of the fact that the community has had only limited opportunity to express its concerns on the matter to the county government and to the developer, I thought you would be interested in reviewing the results of the poll (See August and September Village News). The article describes pressing public safety concerns and also details the services that the community would like to see provided at the shopping center.

"The Village News will be happy to feature any responses to the article that you may wish to make, in its next issue."



A READER WRITES

I would like to thank "another friend" who commented last month about the entrance to the bridge, for their criticism. But I would thank you a lot more for your help!

For at least 10 years I've been proud to do the garden - because I'm proud of my community.

But my helpers have grown up and moved away, and now:

- The crab grass is awful and cuts my hands;
- The summer has been hot and dry;
- I have a pinched nerve in my neck.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

The following letter was sent to the Montgomery County Executive, the director of Metrobus, and Congressman Mike Barnes.

"Recently, The Village News, a newsletter serving the 600 residents of Cabin John, featured a letter to the Editor on the subject of providing bus service to the Cabin John area. The letter met with an overwhelming community response. Copies of the original letter and letters of support are attached.

"The Village News is interested in determining whether or not it is realistic to try to obtain bus service in this part of Montgomery County. How should the community proceed?

"The Village News will be happy to feature any reply to the letters, or to this letter, that you may wish to make, in its next issue."

Ed. Note: Watch this space next issue for a host of replies (we hope).



2. While the three schools in the Clara Barton building complain about trash and broken glass that gets strewn about every weekend, the schools sure don't try very hard to provide an alternative method of trash disposal. The schools should get it together to have a secure trash can near the play structure and to empty it at least twice a week. If its there, people just might use it.

3. A sturdy gate or chain at the entrance to the parking lot could keep cars out on weekends. The schools have a lease with the county. They have some legal basis to request that the county install and operate such a gate. Perhaps the schools and the community association should get together on this one.

4. People notice cars. Rather than complain abstractly about "drag racing," get a good look at the offending car. Next time you see that car in the daytime waiting for the light to change at the bridge, tell the driver how he bothers you at night. People pay attention and are polite on a one-to-one basis. Our community isn't so big that we can't get to know one another as individuals.

5. Why should The Village News be for adults only? Is it rated "X"? There's an entire separate life to Cabin John -- The Kids' life -- that goes unreported in your pages. Get yourself some teen reporters to cover local sports and activities. That kind of coverage could bring young and old together. This might make the adults loosen up a little bit, while the kids might become a little more aware that they're an important part of Cabin John too.

Signed -- One of the Seven Locks (not Goldi)

Ed. Note: Any reporters out-there. Drop us a line. We could use one to cover Junior High and one to cover High School.

POTOMAC VALLEY LEAGUE
There will be a general Party and Meeting of the League **SUNDAY OCTOBER 26, 3-5p.m.** at Glen Echo Picnic Grove-rain-Glen Echo Town Hall. All Civic associations, 22 in the area, will be in attendance.

If you care and would like to help, I could use: mulch to smother the crab grass; mums for beauty now; and some bulbs to plant now for Spring; lots of help weeding!

Any volunteers? Please Call!

Joan Hook - 229-2504

Ed. Note: The garden looks beautiful this Fall! Feast your eyes as you drive by: To make sure it blossoms in the Spring your editors are going to plant a passel of bulbs.

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basement. ***October 25th***
10 AM - 4 PM - Furniture, kids
toys, clothes, interesting
"things", food. Rain or Shine
Antiques and Collectibles

For Sale Walnut accordion
door 7'x8½', wrought iron
fence with gate 168x 34".
call 320-5759

**EXPERT ALTERATIONS
CUSTOM SEWING**
Call Theresa, 229-1404

**CRAFTERS WANTED for three-
and four-year-old school craft fair.**

December 6

...table fee only...call Sheila
Gottesman at 229-3344 for
reservations or additional
information.

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AROUND TOWN

Welcome to Cabin John -- Jane &
Lee Price and their two boys,
Dean 3 and Lito 6. The Family
resides on Tomlinson Terrace.

Cabin John wishes Dr. Errett
Albritton (Dr. "A") well. He
is living with his family in
California. We'll miss seeing
him "running" up MacArthur
Blvd. Dr. A resided in C.J.
for 15 years.

Townhouses will soon be going
up on the Pollinger Tract, west
of C.J. Gardens and east of
Dr. Zeilcrs'.

Very appreciative thanks go to
Merri and Alan Van Emerick for
designing and painting our new
and beautiful Citizen's Assoc.
signs and the permanent Crab
Feast signs. Thanks also go to
silent donors of the plywood.

The NEWS thanks the anonymous
donors who put \$22 in the News
cup at the Crab Feast. And yet
another \$10 donation was re-
ceived at the last citizens
meeting.

Welcome baby Victor Wash-
burn Crook, and Congratul-
ations to the proud parents.
Victor resides on Arden Rd.
and was born 5 October.

The News is looking for
reporters, any age, to dig up
information for the Around
Town column. If you have a new
neighbor, a new baby, etc., or
perhaps have sited an unusually
large flock of geese, drop the
Village News a line.

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Community Forum of the Beth-
esda- Chevy Chase Citizens
Advisory Board

There will be a Publis Forum
for Citizens to express their
regional concerns affecting
the Beth, Chevy Chase, Friend-
ship Heights, Glen Echo and
Cabin John Areas. The Advisory
Board is the Direct link to
The Montgomery County Govern-
ment -County Council and
County Executive.

Please try to attend and
bring your concerns on transp-
ortation, public safety, health

etc. If you wish to speak
please call the service Center
9-5p.m. at 656-6796.

The Forum will be held
NOVEMBER 17, 8 p.m. at
Beth-C.C. High School

Lets have a rousing turnout
from CABIN JOHN

SCOTTISH DANCING

Every Tuesday night at 8p.m.
you are welcome to attend the
Dancing at St. Andrews. Begin-
ners are welcome and it is open
to the public. Please call
Margret Stevens at 569- 5975

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351-3583.

Joan Walden