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TOWN HOUSES ANTICIPATED IN CABIN JOHN

by Susan Vogt

Have you wondered why there is now a telephone pole in the middle of MacArthur Boulevard at 77th Street? Have you noticed the clearing of trees and shrubs on the "Polinger" tract south of MacArthur between the Gardens and the "vet"? Have you observed that the developers of that land do not seem to be using the access gate which leads from the George Washington Parkway to lower 78th Street? Well, so have a lot of other people. This article will briefly summarize what is and is not happening with respect to development on this tract of land.

For the benefit of people who are relatively new to Cabin John, the "Polinger" tract once owned by the developers named Polinger, has a long history. Years ago, the Polingers attempted to rezone the land hoping to construct a high-rise apartment house on it. That proposal was opposed by Cabin John and others and was not approved by the county. The Polingers again attempted to rezone the tract, this time for a senior citizens home. Again the proposal was defeated. Finally, the Polingers proposed developing the land in two- and three-unit townhouses -- 45 units in all, clustered in cul de sacs with a significant proportion of the land left undeveloped. This was not opposed by Cabin John, and was approved by the county.

During the long period of getting permits and sewer hook ups, the Polingers tried to persuade the National Park Service to let them construct a temporary access to the tract from the George Washington Parkway so that their construction vehicles could easily get onto the property. This would have required the Park Service to give two permissions -- one to let trucks use the Parkway and another to allow an additional exit from the Parkway, even if it were only temporarily used for construction. The Park Service refused. The Polingers took the Park Service to court and lost. The

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CABIN JOHN CHRISTMAS PARTY OUTSTANDING EVENT

by Merri van Emmerik

There was a wonderful turnout on a crisp winter day for Cabin John's Christmas Party Sunday, Dec. 14. Merri van Emmerik and Susan Gelb organized the party and set up with the help of Linda Wichman and Nancy Fisher. The Vogts lent their beautiful tree which was decorated with lights and paper ornaments which were made by all the neighborhood children when they arrived.

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CABIN JOHN CRAFTS FAIR BIG SUCCESS

by Sheila Gottesman

"A fun time was had by all," usually heard at the end of a celebration, was the philosophy carried forth in this year's fund raising project for the Cabin John Three and Four Year Old School.

Initial planning began in August and culminated in our most successful Dec. 6, 1980 crafts fair.

The publicity committee, Susan Gelb,

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NOTICE - CITIZENS ASSN MEETING, CLARA BARTON SCHOOL LIBRARY 8 PM TUES, JANUARY 27, 1981

HOOK FAMILY LEAVES CABIN JOHN

Sunday afternoon, December 14, marked not only the annual Cabin John Christmas Party, but the community's goodbye to Joan Hook and her family. The Hooks--Bobby, Joan and the five daughters: Tina, Trina, Regina, Renita and Norina--- have been a special part of this community for many years.

They have been active in the Volunteer Fire Department and Saint Bartholomews Church. The Hooks have cooked chicken for many neighborhood Crab Feasts, welcomed neighbors to the polling booth on election day, helped at the "Four Year Old Program's Spring Rummage Sale" long after the "girls" were grown, and tended the flower garden that brightens the wait at Union Arch Bridge. The Hooks, individually and as a family, have shared their talents, time and joy-of-life with many of us. They will be missed. The house on 79th Street will not be empty however. Mrs. Hook (Senior) and grand-daughter Trina continue to live in Cabin John. The new address for Joan and family is: 3632 E. Churchill St., Springfield, Mo. 65804.

====CRAFTS FAIR====
Carol Comlish, Dalena Saling, Bill Donaldson and Betsy Cheney were responsible for getting the word and signs out.

The set-up committee of Sheila Gottesman and Ann Donaldson are thankful to the VFW Post No. 5633 for the use of their tables, secured by the "go fetch committee" of Danny and Dalena Saling, Kathy and Lee Hunter, Ann, Betsey Cheney, John Gelb and Sheila.

We also owe a great deal of thanks to Dr. Borg of the St. Andrew's School for the use of the rooms and tables.

Our delicious food was handled by Sue Huguely, Segred Hasney, Mary Donaldson, Cathy Nelson, Carol Comlish, Susan Gelb, Kathy Hunter, Lilly Liang, Margie Perry, Najma Noor and Dalena Saling. Other food helpers were Marie Keefe, Cappie Morgan, Rita Burke and Sandy Hunter. It was a wonderful repast, plus a great bake sale.

We all pitched in for a complete clean up with special thanks to a fine teacher, Anne Davis. Some local participants included Mary Morgal, Jane Hunter, Linda Barnes, Karen Christenson, Joan Hook and Mary Gasaway.

It was a pleasure working with such fine people. Look for us again next year. Thank you.

The Crafts Fair raised \$1,300 for the Three and Four Year Old School. These funds will be used for scholarships. The Cabin John Three and Four Year Old School accepts all area

children. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of need, with preference given to Cabin John residents.

NO JOB TOO SMALL
OR TOO LARGE



CONTRACTOR 320-5623

HAS BOOKMOBILE
RETURNED???

The Bookmobile service for the Cabin John area is not a rumor. It parks in the Cabin John Gardens access road adjacent to MacArthur Boulevard every Monday, from five to five-thirty in the afternoon.

As the Bookmobile is a valuable community asset, regular use will insure its continued stops at the Cabin John Gardens.

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---- party ----

Our master of ceremonies, Ron Morgan, welcomed us and introduced the Four-Year Old School children, who sang delightfully. We were treated to several numbers on the banjo by Reed Martin, and Peter Vogt told a story which required audience participation and had everyone laughing. Barbara Martin then led a carol sing, accompanied by Pat Simmons on the piano, and Vera Dolezal on the violin.

The program included a tribute by Ron Morgan to Joan Hook.

Shortly thereafter hoofsteps were heard on the roof, and sleighbells sleighbells, and a "HO-HO-HO." Children crowded around to greet Old Saint Nick himself! Santa had a fat candy cane and a bag of goodies for each good little girl and boy. Adults and children alike then enjoyed the refreshments -- all those holiday treats brought by our friends and neighbors. Serving went smoothly thanks to Pat Duff, Janet and Walter Dence and Susan Gasch. Our table centerpiece was a lovely cake baked by Mary Morgal for Joan Hook. We were glad to welcome the Clara Barton Day Care children, who baked special cookies for the party and attended with their families. A special commendation to Pat Lee, and to all those who attended and lent a hand -- Thank you.

---- TOWN HOUSES ----

decision was that the developers would have to find some other way to get the heavy construction trucks onto their property.

Eventually the Polingers sold the land to another developer, Herman Poston. This developer decided to use the same kind of development plan which the Polingers had developed -- cul de sacs and 45 townhouses. However, the Poston firm had the same problem -- how to get construction trucks onto the property. They decided to come in from the north via Seven Locks Road, Tomlinson Avenue and 77th Street and to construct a reinforced steel and concrete pad over MacArthur Boulevard which would protect the aquaduct under the roadway. Both the county and the Army Corps of Engineers gave approvals for this plan. The Poston firm has begun construction of the pad which is why MacArthur Boulevard has a temporary curve (and telephone pole) in it at 77th Street.

Meanwhile, the developer asked the Park Service if they could use the Parkway access gate at 78th Street temporarily to begin clearing and hauling dirt while the steel and concrete pad over MacArthur was being constructed. The plan was to bring trucks up 78th Street and onto the tract by going in back of the vets. The Park Service refused and development is halted while the pad is being finished. The road work should be completed in early February and work on the tract will begin then. At this point the developer has invested enough money and time into the northern approach that he is no longer interested in pursuing the Parkway access.

There will be forty-five 3-bedroom townhouses with 4 or 5 townhouses grouped together. The general layout resembles a "T" with two cross pieces, making four cul de sacs. The townhouses will have garages and will sell in the \$170,000 range. The contractor hopes to begin construction of the model homes in March, opening them for inspection in late 1981.

This development and others are being monitored by the Land Use Committee. Come to the Community Association meeting January 19 at 8:00 PM and join us, or call Susan Vogt, 229-6479. Everyone is welcome.

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The entire community extends a warm welcome to the latest and newest. Anjuna Mary, a baby girl, born December 30, 1980, to the Titus family.

CLASSIFIED

WANTED -- SNOWPANTS, Size 5, one pair, size 7 one pair needed in good condition, please call 229-5851.

WANTED -- Typist, person to type letters and documents in their home. Please call 229-1450 or 320-5446.

JOBS AVAILABLE

Interested in gaining valuable experience with the elderly and handicapped, providing a community service, and earning \$2.50 or \$4.00 an hour at the same time? Many families in Montgomery County are caring for an aged relative or handicapped member and need relief to spend an evening out or take a short vacation. The Respite Care Program of Montgomery's Department of Social Services is recruiting people to provide this service. Specialized

training, focusing on personal care services, is provided to persons who participate. For the next training session, to be held in March, persons should call 468-4367.

PRESNOTES

by Alan van Emmerik

1. The most important item, you will no doubt agree, will be lighting for the rear of the Clara Barton School. The Security Committee will have recommendations, and your views and suggestions are wanted.
2. As you know, the results of the survey of desired tenants for MacArthur Square are in. We will try to have the rental agent at the meeting. Please attend, to reinforce your survey views, to ask questions, and to contribute to this important community concern.
3. By the meeting, all standing committees

should be in place. Where appropriate, their chairs will report on activities and plans. Volunteers are still needed on some committees. Please call Alan van Emmerik, 229-8936, to volunteer, or come to the meeting to do so. In any event, come to state your concerns, and to suggest worthwhile areas of study for the committees.

4. Are you interested in natural gas service to Cabin John? Washington Gas Light has offered speakers on matters of energy use and conservation. Before we invite them please come and state whether there is interest.

BOBBIE STUART sends everyone in Cabin John her best and requests that we come to see her if we are out that way. Contact the VILLAGE NEWS for her present address.

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