

# THE VILLAGE NEWS

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SERVING THE PEOPLE OF CABIN JOHN AND BEYOND

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## Tight Budget Pinches Glen Echo

Times are tough all over, and Glen Echo Park is no exception. Funding cutbacks will mean fewer summer activities. Sunday afternoon concerts and Saturday night dances will, in the main, be curtailed. In addition there will be less money for supplies and maintenance.

The Village News asked Audrey Calhoun, the National Park Service Site Coordinator, about the Carousel. She noted that the maintenance and operation of the Carousel are specifically protected in the Act of Congress that established Glen Echo Park. The Carousel will open for business as usual on the second weekend of May.

If you're concerned about the future of Glen Echo Park, there are two things you can do. The most important, according to Audrey Calhoun, is

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## PUBLIC HEARING

### Next Occupants in Clara Barton School

St. Andrew's School is moving out for more space and The Washington International School is moving in! The transfer requires a sublease and a public hearing on this was held at the school building on the evening of March 11. The hearing was attended by about 25 people representing St. Andrew's School, The Clara Barton Center for Children, The Cabin John 3 & 4 Year Old School, and the Cabin John Citizens Association.

The Washington International School's 4th and 5th grades will occupy the building. There will be about 100 students.

After hearing the many community concerns voiced by local leaders at the meeting--guaranteed space for the existing nursery schools and Post

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## Neighborhood

## Hotline Established

Are you living alone? From time to time do you need somebody to shop for you, run to the doctor, or pick up books at the library?

Do you need help on your income tax?

Are you recovering from sickness or an accident? Would you welcome some company and a friendly hand around the house?

Are there months when you have trouble making it till the next Social Security check comes in?

Does your child need a tutor? A sitter? A playmate?

If so, the Community Resources Committee wants to hear from you.

The committee, chaired by Susan Gash and Ray Kemp, is organizing a Hot Line.

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 **CITIZENS ASSOCIATION MEETING  
CLARA BARTON SCHOOL LIBRARY  
8 PM--Tuesday, MARCH 24, 1981**

# PRESNOTES

by Alan van Emmerik

## AGENDA

### Committee Reports:

1. Land use (modernize Cabin John Community Plan, MacArthur Sq. tenancy, & other good stuff).
2. Community relations
3. Aircraft noise.
4. Education.

### Miscellaneous:

1. Frank Sordyl has agreed to chair the Nominating Committee. Committee members and suggestions for the slate would be welcome.
2. Donald Hay and David Harwell have agreed to be our delegates to the Rock Run AWT Plant Citizens Advisory Committee. Mario Tama is alternate.

### Principal New Business:

The major agenda item is the feasibility of incorporating Cabin John as a township. The Montgomery County Bar Association has named Attorney Jerry Pinsker to speak to the legal implications and details of such a venture. Mayor George R. Bosari of Glen Echo will provide his views on the politics and practicalities of incorporation. Mayor Borsari is past President of the Montgomery County Municipal League, the Association of Town Executives, and currently the League's

Municipal Representative to the Montgomery County Cable TV Advisory Council. Both gentlemen will be glad to answer questions.

As time permits, your views will be sought on the growing damage to the Union Arch Bridge roadway. This is our main link to metropolitan life. Mostly Virginia commuters are pounding the Bridge to powder. Any interruption of use would be clearly bad for us. Your Transportation Committee is studying the matter, and your views are welcomed.

THROW-BELT  
**Roto-tilling  
& Landscaping**

Gardens   
Backyard Privacy  
Lawns: Seed or Sod  
Grading & Drainage Problems  
Trees and Shrubs Installed

**232-7892**

## HOTLINE \*\*\*\*\*

Any Cabin John resident with a problem is invited to phone any one of the seven committee members. A quick and earnest effort will be made to meet every request for assistance, either directly or through an appropriate agency of the county. All requests will be held in strictest confidence.

The committee is also developing an inventory of Cabin John resources. It would like to hear from you, too, if you have time, a skill, or a service to contribute or to barter.

Members of the committee are:

Susan Gash 320-3317  
Mary van Emmerich  
229-8936  
Susan Gelb 229-5851  
Ray Kemp 229-2018  
Linda King 229-6522  
Nick Glakas 229-6253  
Calvin Kytte 229-6609

## TIGHT BUDGET PINCHES GLEN ECHO \*\*\*\*\*

to participate in the revision of Glen Echo's master plan. Call the park at 492 - 6282 to request a planning questionnaire. The second thing you can do to show support for the park is to write a short note to the Site Manager. The note should say how much you like the park and value its programs: Audrey Calhoun, Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, Maryland 20768

## WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL \*\*\*\*\*

Office, vandalism, and traffic--Mr. Frank Southard of the Washington International School said that the school was willing to take over all obligations that had been assumed by St. Andrew's School. The County's Hearing Officer, Mr. Lewis Roberts, will now recommend to the County the steps he considers necessary in response to the community concerns about the sublease.

## WHAT ARE YOUR TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS ?

Everybody wants to find a way to beat the high cost of commuting by car these days. For those living in Cabin John the problem has been that there is no alternative in the absence of public transportation. Your Association would like to know if there is sufficient support to establish alternatives. Before we can begin to explore possibilities, we have to know what needs are to be met and what the Community's preferences are for meeting them. The Association's Transportation Committee is charged with surveying the transportation needs and wants of Cabin John. When we know what you want and the extent to which you are prepared to support it, we can then get to work on developing the most inexpensive means of providing it.

Our first inquiries have established that there is no prospect for bringing Metro bus service back to Cabin John. The nearest service is from Glen Echo. The problem is that you can't get there from here--at least, not easily. Your Transportation Committee has come up with several possible solutions. We might solicit Montgomery County to provide a service similar to the Ride-On busses which feed the Metro lines. We might acquire a van which would make continuous round trips to Glen Echo during commuting hours. We might organize spouse-driven car pools to and from Glen Echo. If there is interest we might organize van or car pools to and from your place of work.

Before we can do anything, we need to know the real needs of the Community and how they can best be met. In order to make this first step we ask you to take a moment to provide the information requested below, and to mail this survey to the address on the back. If you have questions or suggestions, please call Ed Kelly at 229-1952.

1. What form of service would you support ?  
 Ride-On bus to Glen Echo  
 Car pools to work  
 Car pools to Glen Echo  
 Van service to work  
 Van service to Glen Echo
2. Where do you go?  
 Downtown D.C.  
 Northwest D.C.  
 Bethesda/Chevy Chase  
 Rockville  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_
3. What time do you:  

Go?	Return?
<input type="checkbox"/> 6:30-7:00	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:30-5:00
<input type="checkbox"/> 7:00-7:30	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:00-5:30
<input type="checkbox"/> 7:30-8:00	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:30-6:00
<input type="checkbox"/> 8:00-8:30	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:00-6:30
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
4. If van service could be arranged to Glen Echo and back, how much would the convenience be worth to you, per day, round trip ?  
 25¢     50¢     75¢     \$1.00     \$1.25
5. Would you use "on-call" transportation to such places as shopping centers, if available at less than commercial rates ? If so, how many times a week? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you have any other possibilities for the Committee to explore?

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Cabin John Citizens Association  
P.O. Box 31  
Cabin John, Maryland 20731

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ATTENDANCE PICKING UP  
AT MONTHLY MEETINGS  
by Judy Duffield

Vandalism at the Clara Barton School was the major topic at the January Community Association meeting, and many area residents filled the meeting room to listen, to learn and to speak out. The County should do more, people felt, and the Community Association should investigate the County's responsibilities in this regard.

On a positive note, community teenagers should be offered constructive outlets for their energies. Also, the school, Rev. Borg in particular says, they're responsible for trash. So if you think the schoolyard needs janitorial attention, call him personally at 229-2700.

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CABIN JOHN NURSERY  
ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS  
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The Cabin John Three and Four Year Old School is now accepting student applications for the 1981-82 school year. This is a non-profit, accredited preschool for children ages 3 & 4. Class is held five mornings a week, September through May, in the Clara Barton School building. To learn more about the school, please call Susan Gelb, 229-5851.

BANNOCKBURN  
BINGO NIGHT

A family-community Bingo night will be held at the Bannockburn Elementary School on February 25 from 7-9 p.m. All ages are welcome. The prizes awarded will be age appropriate. Light refreshments will also be available. The event is sponsored by the Bannockburn P.T.A.

NEW COMMUNITY  
DIRECTORY -----  
TO BE PUBLISHED

A new Cabin John Directory is being prepared and your name and address are needed for inclusion. A form for this purpose was included in last month's newsletter, but we forgot to tell you what to do with the form!

The new directory is due out in Spring, 1981. To place your name in the new directory, drop a postcard with name, address (& skills if you wish) to the Cabin John Citizens Association Directory, P.O.Box 164 Cabin John, MD. 20731.

To help with the new directory, call Merri van Emmerik, 229-8936, or Kay Kemp, 229-2018.

SUNDAY EVENING  
BASKETBALL  
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A pick-up basketball game is rolling at the Clara Barton gym every Sunday evening through April. Ray Kemp has pulled this together and is looking primarily for 12-16 year-olds to participate, but he welcomes all players, including other adults. Call Ray for further information 229-2018.

**ED CLARK  
& SON**

**ABC TRUCKING**

**moving  
hauling  
yard work  
reasonable**

**229-7311**

QUICK  
FOOD SHOP

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

### Gibson Grove to Honor Area Resident

The Gibson Grove AME Zion Church is holding its annual Friends Day Program at the church Sunday, March 22 at 11 a.m.

A special feature of this year's program will be a tribute to a very special church member and community resident. The tribute is a surprise, otherwise the Village News would tell you who it is!

All area residents are invited to the Friend's Day Program, and to share in the delicious food that will bring the activities to a close.

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### CLASSIFIED

Rototilling TROYBUILT. I will turn the earth upside down for you....by appointment only  
Sugarsnap Pea Seeds call 942-4345

EXPERT ALTERATIONS  
CUSTOM SEWING

Call Theresa  
229-1404

WATER COLOR PAINTING----  
Classes starting...taught by local Georgetown University teacher...  
Please call Arlette Giselle...  
229-1718

Housework/Baby sitting:  
Daily or live-in.  
Speaks Spanish. Call  
229-7687 evenings.

Moped--Poch Maxi Mk.II,  
the Cadillac of Mopeds.  
Low mileage, 120 mpg.  
\$525.00. Call 229-6265

Wanted: Good Used Car  
\$800-\$1200. Call  
229-8233.

CUSTOM CAKES for children's birthdays....Superman a specialty....Call 229-6253

MANY THANKS to the unknown lady seen cleaning up MacArthur Boulevard recently...a real debt of gratitude from all your Cabin John neighbors.

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## ED CLARK & SON

### ABO TRUCKING

**moving**  
**hauling**  
**yard work**  
**reasonable**  
**229-7311**

The NEWS Encourages Reader Participation. If you want to say it...say it in the NEWS

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