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SERVING THE PEOPLE OF CABIN JOHN AND BEYOND

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## Big Air Victory For Cabin John

By Dan Costello

After many years of protesting jet noises, the citizens of Cabin John finally scored with the Washington Council of Governments (COG). On May 3 the COG voted for a several month long test of the Coalition on Airport Problems (CAP) Scatter Plan. The test is slated to begin this Fall. The approval of this test gives recognition to the fact that Cabin John has for years borne the brunt of Washington's jet noise. Any permanent changes will be made after the test. Cabin John should accept any and all equitable changes, but we must continue to fight to make sure that all the noise is never again put back over Cabin John.

The Co-chairmen of the Jet Noise Committee (Frank Sordyl and Dan Costello) express their appreciation to all those who helped to achieve this important victory at the COG. Special thanks should go to Eric Bernthal, the President of CAP; to Erich and Klara Buchmann who helped over the years; and to our President, Alan van Emerick. With continuing support and help from all the citizens, we shall one day achieve final victory -- a permanent scatter plan which spreads noise as equitably as possible.

## Citizen's Association Election

The first order of business at the May 26th Citizen's Association Meeting will be the election of officers for the coming year. Following is the slate of nominees:

President - Alan van Emerick  
First Vice President - Susan Vogt  
Second Vice President - Pat Connelly  
Recording Secretary - Jean Maggio  
Corresponding Secretary - Dan Costello  
Treasurer - Cephias Patch

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## Village News Contributions Drive Off To Strong Start

More than thirty people responded to last month's appeal to keep The Village News afloat with over \$200 in contributions-- almost enough for two issues. Special thanks to those who generously gave more than their share-- Barbara Martin, Laurent and Mary St. Georges, Josephine Havens, Andy and Constance Rice, Daniel Musgrove, Vera and A. McDonald Dodds, Pat Duff, Elizabeth and Charles Towler, and Wilford Dawson.

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**Newspaper Deadline  
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**Citizens Association Meeting--Clara Barton School Library  
8 PM, Tuesday, May 26, 1981**



**LETTERS**

Dear Editor,

While driving down MacArthur Blvd. the other day, it suddenly struck me what an eyesore the MacArthur Square shopping center is. We have become used to its ugliness during its construction. But it is finished now. How do we get the builder to complete his promise to landscape? Concerned citizens please call our president Alan van Emerick at 229-8936.

C.J. Resident

**Man Bites Dog**

To the Editor:

This letter refers to Judy Duffield's article in last month's News about the growing number of dogs at large in Cabin John.

I am a dog owner and I am perfectly aware of the fact that there is a Montgomery County leash law. Nevertheless, I must point out that it is very difficult for a dog to be kept in confinement (in the house, yard, or on a

leash) all day long! This will result in the dog becoming all the more vicious, creating an even greater problem. Animals need freedom!

It is an equal strain on the owner to have to walk the dog several times a day.

After all, there are not that many victims of dog attacks and most of these attacks come about because the dog has been harassed or otherwise disturbed prior to the incident.

I would also like to point out that dogs are very helpful in protecting not only the "master's" house but the entire neighborhood from burglaries and other crimes!

As for those people who have been harassed or bitten by a dog, there is a way of solving the problem: Calling the dog pound will not help the situation! It will only anger or create problems for the owner. Why not go over to the owner's house and meet with him and his dog? Get to know and be friendly with the dog! If everybody were to handle the problem

this way, the problem would be no more.

Christoph Syllaba

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS \*\*\*

In addition to these nominees, nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Serving on the nominating committee this year were Andy Rice, Panya Duff, Frank McKinney, Frank Sordyl, Linda Wichmann, and Bill White.

The choice of community officers is a particularly important aspect of life in Cabin John. These are the guys who protect our interests in dealings with developers and county politicians. They also organize those fine gatherings like the Annual Crab Feast.

## Fund Raiser Big Success

by Judy Nygren

The Clara Barton Center held its Raffle/Dance Fundraiser Saturday evening, May 16 in the school gym. The event raised about \$3,000 and a good time was had by all.

The room was colorfully decorated in balloons and streamers. Gabe's Disco, in the person of Mr. Otis Gabriel, provided a continuous melodic accompaniment

and dancers of all preferences had their tastes catered to-- from slow and easy to fast and wild! Gabe's revolving, multi-colored lighting set the mood for this most enjoyable evening. The food, provided by Clara Barton families, was extraordinary--each dish (and there were dozens) was unique and delicious.

Raffle winners included four Cabin John people: Nick Glakas won four English Boxwood plants; the Guidas won a Kodak Instant Camera Outfit; Mary Beth Sauder

received season tickets to the National Symphony Orchestra and Denny Kennedy of the Cabin John Post Office won a dinner at Benihana of Tokyo. Thirteen prizes went to Clara Barton and Bannockburn Extended Day families including the NO.ONE PRIZE of a trip for two to Bermuda, won by Alex and Janet Dean, parents of a 3-year-old child in the Center.

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## Full Summer At Glen Echo

The Chautauqua Season is under way at Glen Echo. That means --almost any Sunday you can bring a picnic and come enjoy yourself. Reminisce --over there where the airplane ride was, is Heidi Heflin inviting the tots to come create with paint, clay and fibers while their parents are enjoying a band in the Bumper Car Pavilion. Some Sundays will have only dance concerts in the ballroom, no outside concerts, no part art under the cuddle-up. (See schedule.) But the carousel will always be running, every Sat. and Sun. noon until six.

Saturday evening, June 6, Cat's Cradle, Cabin John's own traditional country dance band, will play

for a dance in the Spanish ballroom.

The summer brochure is out--call 492-6282 if you are not already on the mailing list. This summer's offerings will include a day camp with an emphasis on drama for children; jazz instrument classes for musicians; a special pottery session for teenagers and much, much more.

May 24, Irish

Folk Festival

12:00-6:00

Co-sponsored with the Irish Cultural and Folklore Society

May 31

1:00 p.m.

Hoffman Dance Consort, modern dance company, \$1 admission, Spanish Ballroom.

2:45 p.m.

Deaf Dimensions, a dance company of deaf dancers, free Spanish Ballroom.

Original Music co-sponsored with the Songwriter's Association of Washington, Bumper Car Pavilion.

2:00 p.m.

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June 6 & 7,

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Festival

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Sun. 12:00-6:00 p.m.

Co-sponsored with the Folklore Society of Greater Washington.

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Barbara Weinstock  
COUNTY TRASH PICK UP

Once a quarter the  
County schedules a  
large item trash pick  
up. The next large  
pick up for Cabin John  
is scheduled for June  
10.

Any contributions of  
plants, shrubs, etc.  
for the Cabin John  
Community Playground  
will be greatly  
appreciated. Call  
229-6265 for pick up.

### PRESNOTES

by Alan van Emmerik

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

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