

# THE VILLAGE NEWS

SERVING THE PEOPLE OF CABIN JOHN AND BEYOND

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## CLARA BARTON RAFFLE/DANCE SET GRAND PRIZE: TRIP TO BAHAMAS

Round-trip airfare and hotel accommodations for two to Freeport, the Bahamas, will be awarded to a lucky raffle winner at the annual scholarship fundraising event of the Clara Barton Center for Children on Saturday evening, March 20th.

A host of other prizes, dancing to a live deejay, a smorgasbord of delicious foods and a silent auction of useful goods and services all will be featured at the 8:00 P.M. event to be held in the Carderock Springs Club House, Hamilton Spring Ct., Bethesda.

The list of raffle prizes also includes a deluxe exercise bike, a weekend for two at the Watergate Hotel, dinner at the Four Seasons' Aux Beaux Champs, \$150 worth of interior painting on your house, a \$75 gift certificate from Georgetown Leather, a case of California wine, an ice cream party from Farrell's, a message and hot tub for two at Coolfont Re+Creation in Berkeley Springs, W. Va., admittance for two to Kings Dominion and Busch Gardens, tickets to a National Symphony performance, a Toshiba AM-FM clock radio, a pair of hockey tickets, a hamper of English goodies and more - 25 prizes in all!

There will be a silent auction table with handmade dolls, wine, children's clothes, an antique sewing machine, a cocktail pianist for your party, plus such services as home computer lessons, architect consulting time, and a day of white water canoeing. Door prizes will be given out at the event as well.

Dance music, provided by GABE'S DISCO, will cater to every taste - from country and rock to golden oldies. Gabe's Disco will also provide some spectacular lighting for this not-to-be-missed event.

Admission tickets at \$2.50 each cover the price of food and dancing. A cash bar will be available. Raffle tickets at \$1 each are being sold in advance - and will be available at the event. Raffle entrants need not be present to win. (Last year's winners included several Cabin John families!) Tickets may be purchased at the Center (320-4565) or from Center families.

## CHANGE OF WATCH DUE AT THE NEWS

### NEW EDITOR SOUGHT

This is the last issue of The Village News to be put together by Betsy Cheney and Charlie Bookman. The dynamic editorial duo are stepping down after two years at the helm of Cabin John's only local paper, and a new editor for the VOICE OF THE PEOPLE is urgently sought.

There's nothing to it, really. The editor develops stories and oversees production and distribution of ten issues a year. There are enough committed community organizers and diehard zanies in Cabin John to fill these pages year in and out.

Charlie and Betsy are stepping aside because they feel strongly that the editorship of The News should move through the different sectors of diverse Cabin John. It's high time that someone else, with other ideas, helpers, acquaintances share his outlook with the community.

Call 229-6265 for more information, or Allen van Emmerick at 229-8936 to volunteer.

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## CABIN JOHN TRAILS

by Ed Clark

Four in a Ford Escort, traveling upside down --that's the way it was for one group of young people at about midnight on Friday, February 12, 1982. They lost control, hit the bank of earth by our driveway at 6940 Seven Locks Road and then flipped! They then slid down the roadway another 100 feet or so upside down, hitting another car in the process. Somehow they all walked away!

Living along Seven Locks Road between Tomlinson Avenue and Lilly Stone Drive, we see MANY such accidents! We all know that excessive speed contributes to most accidents involving moving cars, but here the main culprit is the 16-foot-wide, hump-backed, crumbling roadway with its hills, high banks along the sides, and precipitously dropping shoulder areas. All of which is to say LET'S SLOW DOWN AND BE ESPECIALLY CAREFUL till that great not-so-far-off day when the new roadway with its accompanying benefits becomes a reality!

What is the status of that roadway project? The County plans to start construction of the new roadway in June of 1982 (could it be true?). In the meantime PEPCO needs to move telephone poles. To accomplish this project while sustaining traffic flows they have established

- (a) Lilly Stone South to Beltway overpass;
- (b) Beltway overpass to Tomlinson/Carver Road intersection with Seven Locks;
- (c) Tomlinson/Carver South to MacArthur Blvd.

Sections (a) and (c) will have their telephone poles moved first so that construction of those two sections (starting in June) can be expedited. You'd better read that part again.

A separate contractor will only clear the trees (stumps will remain) and growth of more than two feet in height. This will be done only to the extent necessary to let PEPCO move the telephone poles, etc., in sections (a) and (c). That contractor will start work in early March to be completed before June 1982.

Commencing in June (hopefully) the actual demolition and construction of the new roadway (like that already completed between Lilly Stone Drive and River Road) will start. Disruption will be extensive thereafter until the entire roadway has been completed.

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## A CHALLENGING JOB by Charlie Bookman and Betsy Cheney

We've had a lot of fun over nearly 20 issues and have learned a great deal. Certainly we learned that dogs get more people hot under the collars than any other local issue--schools, transportation, crime or what have you!

The news editor, WHOEVER YOU ARE has an exciting job in store. Following are some of the challenges that await you.

- o The mailing list is out of date. Six hundred copies of each issue are distributed. Yet the mailing list hasn't been updated for at least three years. We certainly don't reach the majority of houses that have been built in that time, and how many of you get The News addressed to the right house but the wrong name? The mailing list should be redone when the new Village Directory finally emerges.
- o The paper is not currently on a paying basis. Production and Distribution costs dwarf revenues. Either costs need to be cut (reinstating teen delivery instead of the Post Office, or utilizing free typing, for example)

or the distribution of the paper should be limited to those who pay for it. This kind of thing is objectionable to some and would have to be

accompanied by a subscription drive. Additional business ads would also help and these could possibly be forthcoming from new tenants at Glen Echo and the Cabin John Square shopping center.

How much activism is enough?--It's

all a matter of style. Some see

The News strictly as an outlet for

the Community Association, but

only ten percent of Cabin John

households are active in the

Association. The other 90% of Cabin

John seem to think that an active

association is unimportant so

long as you have a strong News to

rally support as needed, and to

remind us all of the local

celebrations and gossip.

It's a challenging, rewarding job, being

editor. Some who have done it in the past

have even used their now found talents as a

stopping stone to a job! Why don't you

give it a try?

Since the contractor will be constructing sections (a) and (c) first, it will be possible to either drive up Tomlinson Avenue and out Seven Locks Road to River Road while (c) is under construction; or to drive south from the Beltway overpass back and forth to MacArthur Boulevard while section (a) is under construction.

Eventually, when section (b) is started (in the middle) there will be little use in trying to use Seven Locks Road at all until the following spring (1983) or completion of the project, whichever comes first.

Summary--well, beginning in June 1982 Seven Locks Road will be best avoided until the new roadway is complete. Beginning in March of 1982 the order of the day will be INCONVENIENCE at best and DANGER at worst. My advice-- don't use the roadway unless you must. Safe driving to you!

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BRIGHT LIGHTS AT CLARA BARTON

Without a great to do, the County has installed strong floodlights at the playground at Clara Barton. The lights make the playground suitable for family use at night and will likely cut down on beer drinking and teenage hijinks in the area.

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The Clara Barton Center is a licensed, non-profit preschool and day care center serving the Cabin John-Bethesda community. Through its annual fundraising event, money is raised for scholarship aid to community families so that acceptance of children to the Center is not based on the ability to pay.

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The Clara Barton Center has lost, or had removed from its shed a wooden Community Playthings wagon and a scooter. A reward is offered for the return of these items. Apply at the Center or call 320-4565.  
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Need a mechanic's advice when buying a used car or truck? We come to you. Don 229-6768

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The Clara Barton Center is looking for people in the community interested in occasionally filling in as substitute teachers at the Center. Call 320-4565 if interested.  
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