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## VANDALISM IN CABIN JOHN IS TOPIC AT NEXT CITIZENS ASSOCIATION MEETING

On Tuesday, June 29, at 8 p.m. at the Clara Barton School, the Cabin John Citizens Association will meet with Captain Renfrew and Officer Miller of the Montgomery County Police Department to discuss what we as parents and community members can do about vandalism.

Several acts of vandalism have recently occurred in our community. The most notable was the destruction of pine trees at the Clara Barton School, but some residents also have had their property vandalized.

Patrick Connelly, newly elected President of the Citizens Association, reminds us that "the possibility exists that it's our own children who are the culprits. As parents we must become involved before minor nuisances get out of control and end up in court. The 'boys will be boys' attitude persists only until your own property is vandalized. (Incidentally, girls have also been known to vandalize.) Vandalism could be a cry for help or recognition by our children."

Any residents who have had any problems, or who have concerns about increasing vandalism, are encouraged by Connelly to come to the June 29 meeting. Children are welcome too.

## 3-4 YEAR OLD SCHOOL HAS SPACE AVAILABLE

The Cabin John 3 and 4 Year Old School has room for two more children in the class being set up for this fall. This is a five-morning-a-week nursery program which operates, Sept. thru May, in Clara Barton School. The class is limited to 14 children and is led by a Head Teacher and a Teacher's Aide.

This program has served the Cabin John community for the past 18 years. Tuition is \$50 per month. Montgomery County school busses pick up and deliver children at the nearest kindergarten bus stop.

For information, call Rumana Kazmi, President (229-1154) or Annette Davis, Head Teacher (229-1754).

## CRAB FEAST ON SEPTEMBER 11

The famous Cabin John Crab Feast will be held again this year. The time is Saturday afternoon, September 11, and the place is the lot on the Cabin John side of the Palisades Pool.

Volunteers are needed to help organize this community event. Those interested, please call Katy Glakas at 229-6253.

## "PAUSE FOR THE COMMERCIAL"

by our anonymous correspondent,  
"C.J. Roving Eyes"

Hardly anyone would call Cabin John a hub of commercial activity. Still, there are commercial properties in Cabin John and this reporter, the C.J. Roving Eyes ("Eyes" for short), thought that an update on several of them was in order.

Newer residents may not know that the Cabin John Volunteer Fire Department is a privately owned building which is zoned for commercial uses. For years (at least it seems like years to Eyes) the County has been

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## "G.J. ROVING EYES"(contd.)

plodding along with plans to build a new fire house at the northwest corner of Seven Locks and River Roads, next to the little stone former-blacksmith shop. Eyes has learned that construction might be completed by the fall or winter of 1983 at which time the firemen will move to their new location. Fret not, Eyes was firmly assured that fire protection will be just as good as it always has been. However, this change will mean a new owner for the fire house building. A contract has been accepted and final papers are only waiting for Country construction to progress. Eyes could not discover who the prospective new owner is or what his/her plans for the building are. Stay tuned.

Eyes was amazed to discover that the Cabin John Shopping Center is not as vacant as it appears. In fact, nearly all of the 17,000 square feet of office space on the second floor has been leased, most of it to government contractors associated with the David Taylor Model Basin. Spaces for eight retail stores on the first floor are still vacant. (Ed. Note: It is reported that the rental rate has been reduced from \$15 to \$12 per square foot.) Eyes has learned that these spaces could be used as offices as well and may be rented for that purpose. Talks are under way with a bank, an insurance company, and a hair salon but nothing is definite yet.

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 AN APPRECIATION

Thank all of you for a good three years as President of your Citizens Association. At the great risk of serious omission, I thank the officers and volunteers who stood through three administrations, those who united for special concerns, and all who made the community move together. I thank the previous staff of this Village News for maintaining the central nervous system of Cabin John, and those who now take it up. And thanks to the new officers, who have come forward to do the bidding of the community.

One of the surest statements that can be made is that there is no place like Cabin John. Merri and I are glad to have been a part, and to remain a part, of this community.

-- Allen van Emmerik

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## Cabin John Directory

A hard-working team is in the final stages of putting together a 1982 updated edition of the Cabin John Directory. If you haven't been contacted, please call Merri van Emmerik, 229-8936.

Also, if you're not receiving the Village News, please call Cappie Morgan, 320-3269. Everyone in Cabin John, and this includes Carderock Springs South and Persimmon Tree developments, is supposed to receive it free of charge. (Incidentally, Cappie would also be glad to have you volunteer for typing the mailing list!)

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# EXTRA

## Arson Suspected in Fire at Cabin John Recreation Center

Since the Village News has gone to press, we have had another act of vandalism in our community. Early in the morning of Saturday, June 19, 1982, the Cabin John Recreation Center was badly damaged in a fire that inspectors think was intentionally set. A reward has been offered for information leading to the arrest or indictment of any person(s) responsible for the fire. If you have any information about what happened at the Rec Center, please call 251-2440.

Also, if you are concerned about this and other recent acts of vandalism in Cabin John, come to the Citizens' Association meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 29, 1982 at 8:00 p.m. in Clara Barton School. Captain Renfrow of the Montgomery County Police Department will be there to answer questions and talk about what communities like ours can do to deal with such situations.

If you cannot attend the meeting but have information or ideas on this subject, please contact one of the following members of your Citizens Association's Executive Committee:

President -- Pat Conelly	320-4806
First Vice President -- Joe Moravec	229-4150
Second Vice President -- Betsy Lawrence	229-6706

**VAN EMMERIK LAUDED,  
NEW OFFICERS ELECTED**

A slate of new officers was chosen by the Cabin John Citizens Association at its May 25 meeting, at which Allen van Emmerik was honored for his past 3 years as Association President.

Elected to the top posts were:

- Patrick Connelly, Pres.
- Joe Moravec, 1st V.P.
- Betsy Lawrence, 2nd V.P.
- Mertene Stewart,  
Recording Secretary
- Barbara Martin,  
Corresponding Secy.
- Cephas Patch, Treas.

A Treasurer's report for the period June 1, '81, to June 1, '82, shows that the Association took in \$800.70 and spent \$434.78. The surplus was added to the balance on hand, bringing it to a new total of \$1945.77.

**CAP CONDUCTS CAMPAIGN FOR RESPONSIBLE AIRPORTS POLICY**

Two weeks ago, the Washington Metropolitan Area Coalition on Airport Problems (CAP), which is composed of about 100 civic and neighborhood organizations (including our Cabin John Citizens Association), mailed out 10,000 letters to residents of Maryland, Virginia and the District.

The purpose of the mailing was to educate people about the real dangers at National Airport and to raise money to mount a massive campaign to reduce operations at National and to shift flights to Dulles and BWI.

The first mailing would not have been possible if hundreds of people had not responded to requests for contributions. Cabin John can be very proud because we gave more of the "seed money" than any other area. Thanks go to Frank Sordyl for leading the effort in Cabin John and to the many people here who contributed.

CAP plans to go out with successive mailings until a large support base is built up throughout the metropolitan area. Public pressure will then be brought on the FAA and Congress to re-open the Policy for National Airport so that meaningful reductions can be made in flights there.

If you have not received a letter from CAP and would like to participate in this campaign, please send your check to CAP, P.O. Box 40703, Palisades Station, Washington, D.C. 20016. CAP needs everyone's support in order to carry its campaign to a successful conclusion. If you fail to get involved, then expect to hear hundreds of jets every day, because changes will not happen unless we all unite.

**"Cabin John: Who's He?"**

Many people who don't know Cabin John wonder who or what it is. To help clear up the mystery, the Cabin John Citizens Association is sponsoring a Cabin John T-shirt design contest. Prizes will be awarded for the best design.

Anyone can submit a design (no entry fee). The closing date is August 1, 1982. Entries will be judged in two categories: 18 and over (the prize is \$100 for this category) and under 18 (the prize is \$25 or five T-shirts). Prizes will be awarded at the annual Cabin John Crab Feast on September 11, where the shirts will be on sale (proceeds to benefit the Village News).

For more information about entering the contest or ordering shirts, call Betsy Lawrence at 229-6706.



by Dan Costello

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# QUICK FOOD SHOP

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

It's Vacation  
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Europe  
Bahamas  
Caribbean  
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Wherever  
Cruise or fly  
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For fast convenient  
service at lowest  
available fares,  
call IRENE REDECKE  
229-4469 in nearby  
Carderock.

## CLASSIFIED 50¢/line

Nags Head, 3-bedroom cottage with complete kitchen, color TV, screened porch, 1/2 block from ocean. \$350/wk in-season, \$275/wk off-season. 229-8224.

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Canoe for sale. \$165. 229-4674.

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Wanted: Person local to Cabin John with typing, clerical and administrative skills to assist professional management consultant. Permanent part-time position for right person, but workload varies considerably. Contact Craig Dreifinger 229-3434. Please leave message on answering machine if I am not home.

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PIANO FOR SALE: white Pease upright, good for student, \$250. 229-6528.

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CATERING! Your summer party will be easier, smoother and more fun with JUDY VOGT catering it. Judy will cook any menu you wish, and will even serve and clean up if you desire. Charge: \$4.00 per hour for shopping, cooking, and serving, plus cost of ingredients. Call now and reserve your date: Judy Vogt 229-6479.



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