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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

(Please send items for this calendar to P.O. Box 164, Cabin John 20818, or telephone Susan Luchs at 320-3401. Deadline: 10th of each month)

- September 1 Public schools open
September 2 Cabin John Gardens Association Quarterly meeting. 8 p.m. Community House
September 4 Parent Clean-up, 3 and 4 Year Old School. 9:30 a.m.
September 7 International School opens
September 8 - 12 Cabin John United Methodist Church Revival Meetings, 7 to 8:15 p.m. Rev. D.P. Titus, Minister for Evangelism of the United Methodist Church in India
September 11 CRAB FEAST (see flyer enclosed)
September 13 - 15 3 and 4 Year Old School opens
September 14 Primary election. 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Clara Barton School

SHOULD THE BURNED-OUT RECREATION BUILDING BE RESTORED?

At the next Cabin John Citizens Association on Tuesday, September 28, at 8 p.m. at the Clara Barton School, a major topic will be the replacement of the Recreation Center (on MacArthur Boulevard next to the tennis courts) which was heavily damaged by fire in June.

In a recent letter to the Citizens Association, Carl E. Schoening, Associate Director of Parks for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, solicited comments on the Commission's proposal to reduce the level of service from a building to only a shelter. This issue should be discussed thoroughly, and volunteers are needed to help explore potential recreational uses and benefits for the community such as classes, arts and crafts, club meetings, etc.

If you are interested in helping explore the possibilities or have ideas to contribute, please attend the September 28 Citizen Association meeting. (The Association also welcomes other items for discussion on September 28. Please contact the President, Patrick Connelly, 320-4806, before September 8. The Executive Committee will meet on that evening to plan the agenda for the September 28 meeting.)

CABIN JOHN T-SHIRTS!

Response to the Cabin John T-shirt contest has been enthusiastic. Numerous calls came in and 15 adult entries, all of excellent quality, were submitted.

The winner of the contest and recipient of the \$100 First Prize is Linda France, a Cabin John resident. Honorable Mention is awarded to Dave Murphy and he will receive a special T-shirt with his own design.

In the children's category it was not possible to select a winner due to insufficient entries; however, John Lee and Joe Lee will receive free T-shirts as rewards for the drawings they submitted.

T-shirts with the winning design by Ms. France will be on sale at the September 11 Crab Feast, where prizes will also be awarded. Shirts may also be ordered by mail (see box below).

The T-shirt contest was sponsored by the Cabin John Citizens Association's Executive Committee. Its purposes were to raise money for the Village News, to foster community spirit, and to provide a little summer fun.

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SOME PERSONAL MEMORIES OF THE FAMOUS
CABIN JOHN CRAB FEAST

By Susan Vogt

I believe the Cabin John Crab Feast started about 20 years ago as a way to raise money for the Home Study Program -- a program which offered free elementary and secondary school tutoring to anyone who needed it and which currently raises money for scholarships for black students.

In the beginning the Feast was always held in July. Then, in the early 1970's (I believe because Home Study got tired of all the logistics and time involved), there was a threat of no more Crab Feasts! At that point other Cabin John organizations offered to help by donating cooks and volunteers in exchange for splitting the profits.

In 1973 there was the first Crab Feast jointly sponsored by Home Study and by the Citizens Association. In 1977 the four organizations which today produce the Feast (the original two, plus the Cabin John Four Year Old School and the Village News) got together for the first time on a joint effort. That year the Feast was held in September, and September has been the month ever since.

Several people have played major roles in the Crab Feast, but really the central nerves have been Celeste Swedenburg and Bill White. For many years Celeste was the person who somehow remembered who did what last year, how much of which groceries should be bought, which stores had the best buys, etc. In fact, as Celeste began to get busier with other things, Cappie Morgan realized how much Celeste knew and how much would be lost in Celeste were not involved. Cappie was the first to write it down and produce the "Bible" for a Cabin John Crab Feast.

Bill White is the heart and soul of the Crab Feast. For one thing, it has always been in his back yard. Secondly, Bill always produces unexpected extras -- and, of course, the greens. Some people I know go to the Crab Feast just to eat Bill White's greens.

Speaking of food, most everything served at the Feast is someone's gem. Margaret Coleman's baked beans come from a secret recipe -- and I mean SECRET. Ingredients for the beans are divided up and given to different shoppers. There are never any baked beans left over at the Crab Feast.

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The winning design was selected by a panel of judges: Virginia Smith and Virginia Haven of the Atlantic Gallery and

Gary Evans of the Gage Gallery, both in Georgetown; and Tom Green, Cabin John "artist-in-residence", who served as consultant to the contest committee chair, Betsy Lawrence.

CABIN JOHN IS GROWING!

The Cabin John community will welcome 150 to 200 new residents in the coming year.

Porten Sullivan, developer of MacArthur Park (Polinger tract), expects to complete the remaining units in its 48-townhouse development during 1983. Meanwhile, the Hufty tract (north of the water tower on Seven Locks Road) is being cleared for the construction of 31 townhouses.

Completion of the grading of the Hufty tract, necessary before actual building can begin, depends on the approval of the WSSC for water and sewage lines. Under the best conditions, construction by the developer (C.I. Mitchell & Best Co.) will start in late fall, but the weather, utility approvals or Seven Locks Road construction could delay the starting date until early spring.

SEPTEMBER 11 IS THE DAY

Get your tickets now for the most enjoyable community event of the year: the Cabin John CRAB FEAST. The enclosed flyer has all the details.

Musicians or other local talent interested in performing at the Feast, call Katy Glakas, 229-6253.

No parking will be available at the Palisades Pool, so walk to the Feast or leave your car in the shopping center lot or in the County park lot off Seven Locks Road.

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Members of the Cabin John Citizens Association and the community turned out in force for a lively and constructive meeting on June 29 on what could be done to prevent acts of vandalism.

Recently, Wildflower, the estate at 8300 MacArthur Boulevard, was destroyed by fire. The Recreation Center suffered \$75,000 in fire-caused damage, and a home on 75th Place was burned. In addition the Clara Barton School property has been vandalized on several occasions. Another serious problem is speeding on MacArthur Boulevard.

Officials from police and fire departments offered the following suggestions:

* Call police at 911 to report illegal or suspicious activities. You may request that your identity be kept confidential (that your name not be mentioned on police radio and officers not visit your home).

* Call Fire Marshal (251-2440) to report suspected arson, or the Park Police (949-3010) for trouble in park areas.

Several teen-agers attended the meeting to present their needs for recreational facilities. A citizens task force is being set up on this.

**Crab Feast (Contd.)**

The cole slaw and potato salad are put together by teams of people and the standards are high. I remember once when 20 cups of chopped celery and onions were returned to the volunteer who produced them because they were not quite fine enough.

In previous years at 6.a.m., the Cabin John Fire House became the site of frenzied chicken frying activity. Deep pans of sizzling fat, mounds of seasoned flour and hundreds of empty egg cartons for draining were strewn everywhere. The firemen helped dispose of hot fat and lug heavy things around. Joan Hook ran the chicken frying with total control -- always taking bleary-eyed novices and allowing them to produce golden brown crispy and juicy chicken.

When Joan left, the frying process relied on Jane Winslow and other stalwarts. Last summer the frying crew was invaded by men, and this summer David Murphy and Pat Lee are running things.

As for the crabs, they are bought from a wholesaler in Baltimore through the efforts and good offices of Ken at SeaAir. Susan Gash picks them up in her truck in Baltimore the day of the feast in insulated containers -- all hot and spicy!

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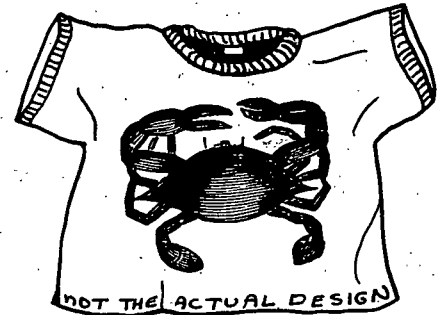
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