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CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR CABIN JOHN POST OFFICE

Space in the "new" shopping center next to the Fire Department on MacArthur Boulevard near Seven Locks Road will become the new home of the Cabin John Post Office later this summer.

The current quarters in the old Clara Barton School have become too cramped for efficient operations. The new office will have about double the existing space to provide more storage and working room, according to Bill Carney, one of the postal clerks. It is anticipated that there will be at least the same number of post office boxes and possibly more.

Design of the new space is now under way by the U.S. Postal Service's real estate office in Columbia, Md. where specialists review visitor statistics and projected growth data and apply a formula for the amount of window and carrier space needed.

The Post Office has occupied the office at the school for about nine years and now employs a staff of six, Postmaster Shirley Schuler and five postal clerks and carriers.

 * SPECIAL MEETING *
 * of the *
 * CABIN JOHN *
 * CITIZENS ASSOCIATION *
 * Tuesday June 28 *
 * 8 pm *
 * Clara Barton School *
 * Discussion will con- *
 * cern Tomlinson Ave. *
 * from Seven Locks Rd. *
 * to MacArthur Blvd: *
 * Plans for its future. *

CRAB FEAST SET FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

The annual Cabin John Crab Feast has been set for the afternoon of Saturday, September 10. Co-chairing this popular community event will be Linda Billings and Judy Duffield with Katy Glakas as advisor emeritus.

The Crab Feast depends on dozens of volunteers for putting it all together. So, if you like to cook, construct tents, serve food, sell tickets, count money, clean up, or help in other ways, please call Linda (229-3212) or Judy (229-4567). This year there is a search also for local entertainment talent to perform at the Feast. If you sing, dance, play a musical instrument or otherwise entertain, call Andy Rice at 229-3503.

NEXT VILLAGE NEWS TO APPEAR IN AUGUST

The next issue of the Village News will be the September issue to appear in late August. Items to appear in the Community Calendar, or personal news items, should be sent to our Post Office Box 164 at the Cabin John Post Office or telephoned to Susan Luchs, 320-3401, by August 10th. P.S. If you're interested in writing for the Village News, call Andy Rice at 229-3503.

VOGT CHOSEN HEAD OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Susan Vogt was elected president of the Cabin John Citizens Association for 1983-84 at the CJCA meeting on May 24. She succeeds Patrick Connelly.

Other new officers are : Linda Billings, first vice president; George Hessler, second vice president; Barbara Martin, secretary; and George Lichtblau, treasurer.



THE FUTURE OF TOMLINSON AVENUE

By Linda Wichmann

During the past few months there has been growing concern about the speed and volume of traffic on Tomlinson Avenue between MacArthur Boulevard and Seven Locks Road. Of particular concern is the curve opposite Tomlinson Terrace.

Discussion has produced a variety of possible solutions. A special June 28 meeting of the Citizens Association presents an opportunity to clarify the issues and move towards solutions. Since the impact of what is done with Tomlinson Avenue will affect residents on other streets as well, all interested citizens are urged to attend.

In brief the issues are as follows:

Safety: There have been a variety of proposals. One group of these deals with ways to slow or stem the flow of traffic. Another group deals with changing the design of the street itself. Some would like the street closed to through traffic. Others want greater traffic restriction. Some prefer to realign the curve and others want sidewalks. All options will affect property owners in one way or another.

Maintaining Service to Residents: Some people are concerned that closing the street to through traffic will cause them to lose services which can only be provided by trucks in excess of weight limits on MacArthur Blvd. There are verbal assurances from County officials that services would not be denied, but all property owners need an iron-clad assurance on this count.

Maintaining the Residential Nature of Tomlinson: Some residents are concerned that changing the design of the street will invite greater volumes of traffic. Others feel that the possible addition of sidewalks will cause property loss. There is concern that storm run-off will increase with more pavement. There is a widely shared desire to protect and enhance the residential quality of the street.

All these issues need to be resolved by community consensus. The June 28 special meeting of the Citizens Association (8 pm, Clara Barton School) provides a chance to reach agreement.

**QUICK
FOOD SHOP**

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

"FRIDAY NITE ALIVE"
IS RIVERSIDE CHURCH FEATURE

A Gospel music series outdoors behind the Washington International School featuring the "Riverside Praise Band" and area-wide Christian music groups, speakers and films is being offered by the Riverside Assembly of God every Friday night except the last Friday of July and August. The program begins at 7:30 p.m.

Among the forthcoming highlights are: July 8 -- "Vessel" (a contemporary Christian music group) and David Baird (a youth minister); July 22 -- "The Messengers" (a 12-person choir); August 5 -- James Brenn, the Chaplain for the Washington Redskins, who will show a movie of Redskin highlights of 1982; August 12 -- Kathy Sinni (an area soloist).

The church is collecting food and clothing for the needy in this area. Please call Pastor Gavin at 229-5054 to arrange for donation.

CABIN JOHN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

The Village News congratulates the following young citizens of Cabin John who graduated from high school this month. (If we omitted anyone by error our sincere apologies.) Noosheen Amiri, Susan Bast, Steven Causey, Jeffrey Council, Americo De Las Casas, Jeffrey Fisher, Cora Jane Hay, Holly Heflin, David Jellema, Jeannette Klein, Erik Luchs, Lisa Marshall, Brendon McGrab, Luann Plumb, Walter Shaw, Jack Vigrass, Bradley Vogt, Peggy Sue Williams.

The People of Cabin John

AROUND THE WORLD ON SKATES



By Barbara Martin

When Peter Bart watches the Winter Olympics on television, he remembers a time when the flashing skates and excited cheers belonged to him. For most of his life, Peter has been an expert ice skater; for more than a dozen years, he was in active competition.

Peter grew up in Czechoslovakia where his father was a school director and soccer coach. When Peter was 11, the family moved to a town large enough to have a sports center, and Peter soon focused his time and energy on the ice. Figure skating was popular in Czechoslovakia then, with heavy TV coverage and hero worship. In a few years, Peter was the Junior National Champion.

After high school, he moved to the capital city to study architecture and to get professional coaching. In three years, Peter was #2 in the Senior Division for the nation.

Absorbed in skating, Peter still gave serious attention to his studies, and spent six years at the university earning his degree in architecture.

He became interested in pair skating and with his partner practiced two hours each day. In pair skating, he was five times national champion, competed in six European and four world competitions, and skated in the 1964 and 1968 Olympics.

Increasingly unhappy with the political situation in Czechoslovakia, Peter made up his mind to defect. In 1969 he went to Sweden on a four-month contract to teach skating. As soon as he reached that country, he went to the police and asked for political asylum. He lived in Sweden for three years, working with a Swedish architectural firm and teaching skating.

During his time of competitive

skating, Peter had met a young woman named Milena who was also a world team skater. By 1969 Milena had left Czechoslovakia and come to Washington to live. During his years in Sweden, Peter visited Milena, and when she finished college in 1972 he moved to the Washington area where they were married.

Peter continued his interest in skating by coaching young aspiring skaters. "I did everything I was teaching them to do," he says, "all the steps, all the jumps. It kept me strong and healthy."

When you ask him to compare opportunities for development of athletes in Communist countries with that in the United States and Canada, Peter is adamant.

"It's much better here. All that you hear about government support of sports in Communist countries is propaganda. Only the very best get training and support; all others are discarded. But in the US, everyone who is interested can practice and learn."

"And the result is that the US and Canada consistently produce world champions. These are skaters with great variety and originality. Communist bloc skaters are trained to a faultless perfection, but they are restricted to whatever their trainers dictate. They copy; they don't create. The freedom here shows itself in the superior skating."

Three years ago the Tysons Corner rink closed -- the local center for serious skating -- and the new location was much farther away. Since then Peter has done little skating, concentrating instead on his family. In 1980, the Barts bought the house across from Clara Barton School, the house built and lived in for 40 years by Charles Smith, the bicycle man of Cabin John. The Barts have done beautiful things

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to the old house; Peter's imagination and skill are evident in every room.

Peter speaks six languages. Both Czech and Slovak are native tongues, and Russian is compulsory from the third grade in Czechoslovakia. English he learned in high school; German and Swedish he "picked up".

In his own lively household, the three children speak English, Czech and Slovak. Will his kids be champion skaters? Peter answers: "They know how to skate. They also are enthusiastic about swimming, gymnastics, Brownies and music. Sports are great for kids. Through sports they develop a sense of worth, they find friends in common, they keep out of mischief. But I want them to follow their own strong interests. I would never push a child into any sport. Nobody pushed me; I was a natural fanatic about skating. It was living and breathing to me."

And he has the medals to prove it.

DEADLINE APPROACHES ON SCATTER PLAN COMMENTS



The Federal Aviation Administration has set July 20 as the deadline for receiving public comments on the plan for scattering the noise from jet aircraft using National Airport. Cabin John citizens who wish to express support for a test of this plan should write to James Wilding, Director of Metropolitan Washington Airports, Washington National Airport, Washington, D.C. 20001.

Meanwhile, despite renewed objections from some jurisdictions which will receive a small share of jet traffic under the plan, the Council of Governments is expected to reaffirm its support for the test at its next meeting on July 14. The test period would then be expected to begin this fall.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM STARTS JUNE 27

Swimming and softball will be featured on Mondays and Wednesdays in the new County recreation program starting in Cabin John on June 27. On those two days free transportation to the Bethesda Pool off Little Falls Parkway will be offered, with the bus leaving the front of Clara Barton School at 11:30 a.m. and returning there about 2:30 p.m. Then from 3 to 5 p.m. there will be softball.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6 to 8 p.m., there will be special activities. Everyone is invited, especially young people and senior citizens. For further information, call Rick Robinson or Brady Blade (who will be in charge of the program) at 468-4210.

HOUSE TOUR SUCCESS

Despite a roaring thunderstorm early in the afternoon, well over 200 people turned out on May 15 to visit nine homes in Cabin John which were open for the community's second House Tour.

The Cabin John Three and Four Year Old School, the organizers of the event, would like to say a huge "Thank you" to the homeowners who were willing to open their lives to the rest of us -- both for their work in preparing their homes and for their trust of their neighbors.

Also to be thanked is our own Cabin John Volunteer Fire Department. Tom Tucker, Pat Young and Robbie Carter, in the early hours of Saturday morning, worked off a fire truck to rig the House Tour banner across MacArthur Boulevard (and later re-rigged it several times and finally took it down after the event).

In addition over 40 workers helped out as hosts and hostesses at the houses.

The House Tour raised over \$700 for the School, but, equally important, it served as another positive and community-connecting experience for Cabin John.

-- Cappie Morgan

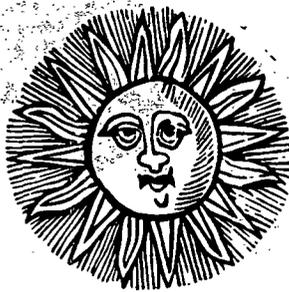
CITIZENS ASSOCIATION CITES
1982-83 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Looking back over the past year, outgoing Citizens Association President Pat Connelly noted the following accomplishments in his final remarks at the Association meeting on May 24:

- County approval of replacement of the Recreation Center and of a summer recreation program
- Calling attention of officials to public safety, resulting in increased police patrols, speed signs and decrease in vandalism
- Beginning of construction on Seven Locks Road -- the result of past years' efforts -- and beginning of efforts to improve MacArthur

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for 3, 4, or 5 days, full
or half-day. For informa-
tion, call 320-4565.

The Cabin John 3 and 4
Year Old School is accept-
ing applications for its
1983-84 class. For infor-
mation, call Carla Wil-
liams, President, 320-
5804, or Amanda Ford, Mem-
bership, 229-3434.

FREE SWIM
HEAD NAMED

Carla Wilkins has taken
over as head of the Free
Swim program. The pro-
gram offers free swim-
ming for Cabin John chil-
dren on Tuesday and
Thursday mornings at
Falisades Pool. For in-
formation about times
and procedures, call
Carla at 320-5804. Carla
also is looking for
adult volunteers to help
run the program.

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229-1404

RETROFITTING THE
CLARA BARTON SCHOOL

The Clara Barton Center for Children in the old Clara Barton School is presently undergoing minor reconstruction inside and out in order to permit access to children who are physically handi- capped. The work of re- trofitting involves building ramps from classroom doorways to the outside, the widen- ing of some inside doorways, the widening of toilet stalls and the replacement of the old bathroom sink with one that will accomo- date a child in a wheel chair.

The retrofitting taking place is the re- sult of a Community De- velopment Block Grant allocated in 1981 for retrofitting three Mont- gomery County day care centers to serve as models in the integra- tion of handicapped children to day care. Clara Barton Center was selected as the center to serve the Be- thesda-Potomac-Chevy Chase area.

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(Please send your classified ad to P.O. Box 164, Cabin John 20818. The rate is 50¢ per line. Next deadline: August 10.)

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CAR POOL: MacArthur Blvd. area to 19th & M area. Hours 8:30 - 4:30. Will drive and/or share expenses. One way or round trip. 229-1296.

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WANTED TO RENT: Secure, (lockable), clean, dry, garage space needed for classic car storage, preferably in Cabin John/Glen Echo area. Call Gary at 229-6086, EVENINGS.

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JENNY VOGT, of springer spaniel fame, had seven puppies on June 14 -- six girls and one boy. Jenny believes that they will be ready for happy homes in the middle of August. If you're interested, call the Vogt family -- they're taking messages for Jenny. 229-6479.

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YARD SALE. Sat., June 25th, 10 am til. 6510 79th Place, Cabin John

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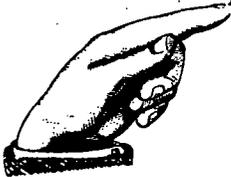
REFRIGERATOR-FREEZER. 2 years old. \$150. Call Paul after 6 pm. 933-4490.

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PATIO studio partially furnished apt. for rent 9/1/83 on Canal. \$445. 229-4674.

RABID RACCOON IN GLEN ECHO

The village newspaper of Glen Echo, The Echo, reports that a rabid raccoon was trapped in the town last month. It had been observed several times during a three-day period before being caught by a Park Ranger.



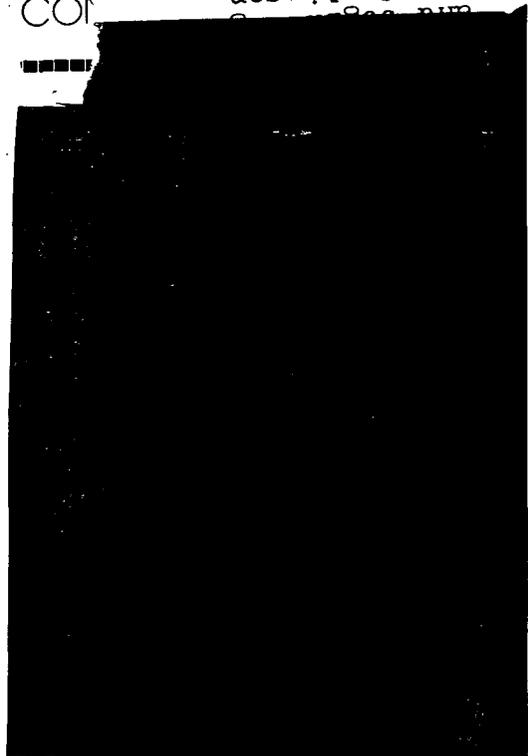
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