

# THE VILLAGE NEWS

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SERVING THE PEOPLE OF CABIN JOHN AND BEYOND

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

(If you want your event listed in this calendar, please call Susan Luchs, 320-3401, by the 15th of the month. The calendar is open to all community groups.)

Saturday, September 10 Annual Cabin John CRAB FEAST, 2 to 6 p.m. (See story, this issue)

Thursday, September 15 Community meeting to introduce Bethesda Co-op. 8 p.m. Home of Mark Diehl, 6520 75th St.

Saturday, September 17 Bake Sale, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cabin John United Methodist Church, 77th and MacArthur.

Tuesday, September 27 Cabin John Citizens Association meeting. 8 p.m. International School.

## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS!

The Village News extends a cordial welcome to new members of the Cabin John community living on Archbold Terrace in the Seven Locks Overlook development. All 31 units have been rented and about half are now occupied, with full occupancy expected by the end of November.



## NEWS OF THE SCHOOLS

### THE CRAB FEAST IS COMING!

That yearly extravaganza of Cabin John's gourmet talent is nearly on us! The annual Cabin John Crab and Chicken Feast will be held Saturday, September 10, rain or shine, from 2 to 6 p.m. in the big field in back of Bill White's house, 21 Carver Road.

Advance tickets (call Gladys Vaughn, 229-5176) are \$4.50 each for either the crab or chicken dinner. Tickets at the door are \$1 more.

Music, a bake sale and new Cabin John T-shirts will add to the festivity. Parking is at MacArthur Square (not the pool). Many volunteers are needed; call Judy Duffield (229-4567) or Linda Billings (229-3212), co-chairs, to volunteer.

The Bannockburn Elementary School's annual directory (to be published in September) is accepting ads for skills and services of residents in the school's area. Rates: \$25 per half page. Contact: Harriet Cobern, 229-6510.

The Cabin John 3 & 4 Year Old School is accepting applications for its 1983-84 class. For information, call Carla Wilkins, President, 320-5804, or Amanda Ford, membership, 229-3434.

## BETHESDA CO-OP MOVES TO CABIN JOHN

About the first week in October, the Co-op Food Store, now located on Bethesda Avenue, will move into the MacArthur Square shopping center next to the Firehouse.

The move will bring to Cabin John a store which specializes in natural foods. The store will carry a wide range of produce (organic as well as locally produced), breads, cheeses, bulk grains, nuts and flours, spices, honey and oils, health care items, vitamins and natural fiber clothing.

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SIXTY-FIVE YEARS AGO IN CABIN JOHN

by C. J. "Roving Eyes"

Recently Eyes came across an old map of part of Cabin John as well as the deed to her house. Eyes' house was part of the 1918 development in Cabin John by the American Land Company whose sole agent was J. S. Tomlinson. Cabin John Park, as the development was called, included all lots north of MacArthur Boulevard between Seven Locks Road and Cabin John Creek.

The 1918 advertisement and map of these lots listed prices between one and four cents per square foot. In 1918 one could have bought lots north of Cabin Road for 2¢ per square foot. John's valley and John's hill are identified on the map and a star marks John's cabin next to Cabin John Creek.

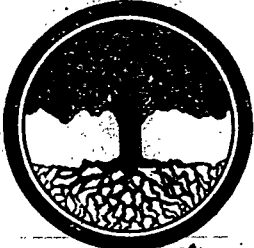
In the advertisement, a "small" lot is listed as running from 20,000 to 40,000 square feet. Reasons to buy in Cabin John Park included "splendid highways, electric cars, fertile land for gardening, Washington Monument in sight(!), refreshing breezes, sunshine and shade, and free life insurance." What a deal!

Looking at the specific deed to her house, Eyes found some interesting restrictions on her activities. According to the deed, these restrictions are binding on all future owners. Prepare yourselves, fellow Cabin John Park residents; here is what you may not be able to do.

For openers, you may not dispense any intoxicating liquors. You may not establish a soap factory, slaughter house, bone factory or brewery. Chicken pens must be 60 feet from the front property line. No hogs or cows are allowed. No outdoor toilet house may be used.

As to appearance, the deed says that no nuisance or objectionable feature is allowed on the premises. (Eyes wonders about children and dogs.) Also it is specified that the lot will be kept free of weeds and other undesirable growth so it will be neat in appearance at all times. (Time for the lawnmower!)

On the bright side, the deed gives credence to the possibility of hidden treasure in Cabin John. Item #10 states that the owner of Cabin John Park property is entitled to half interest in any treasure or article of special value which was hidden by "JOHN OF THE CABIN". The other half goes -- guess where? -- to Mr. Tomlinson of the American Land Company.



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CABIN JOHN  
APPRECIATION NIGHT

The Cabin John Citizens Association plans to have a Cabin John Appreciation Night in late October with displays of pictures and mementoes of the past and present and visions of the future. One featured event will be the showing of old movies from fairs and other events at the Clara Barton School in the 1950s and 1960s.

"This is a chance to show what we love about Cabin John and to brag a little to ourselves," says Association President Susan Vogt. If you have ideas for this meeting or things to contribute, call her at 229-6479.

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The People of Cabin JohnNICHOLSONS: PARTNERS IN PRECISION

By Barbara Martin

Both Trudy and Mike Nicholson are experts in detail.

Trudy is a scientific illustrator, particularly a medical illustrator. At her halftime job at NIH, Trudy draws illustrations for medical textbooks, journals, and lecture slides. And as a free-lancer, she widens her field to illustrations of flowers, plants, and birds. Her work is a part of the Time-Life series, "Our Planet Earth."

"Scientific illustration," Trudy explains, "involves painstaking, absolutely accurate attention to detail. You must be interested in minutiae." In this rare, very specialized field, there are relatively few artists, but Washington is perhaps the best location for the specialty.

A typical assignment for Trudy is to illustrate steps in a surgical procedure -- for use of physicians who will be performing the same operation. The surgical procedure itself may take up to eight hours, and Trudy watches it all, taking many notes and making numerous sketches. Then she studies photos of the operation, diagrams in anatomy books, and previous drawings. She will do preliminary drawings of the multiple procedures involved, and go over these with the surgeons, making corrections. Then come the final drawings and labelling. A series of illustrations for a seven-hour operation will take Trudy about three weeks fulltime work to complete.

Though the majority of her work is in black and white (with color coding to show specifics), Trudy and a colleague have recently completed full-color paintings for a surgical procedures atlas to be published in October.

Does she ever yearn to do interpretive art, or broad-sweep painting? "Oh, no," she says, "my approach to

art has always been delicate and detailed. That's what I love."

Mike Nicholson manufactures apparatus and components for scientific engineering and research firms. His Gaithersburg workshop features automated milling machines -- controlled by computers -- that turn out such items as instruments for genetic engineering laboratories, aluminum parts for high-frequency electronics operations, and tissue culture chambers in which cells can be studied and photographed under the microscope.

Until 1968 he was a microbiologist at NIH. Then, deciding to take the plunge as an entrepreneur, he set up shop in his basement with one milling machine and a lathe. "I had no experience in manufacturing, or marketing, or business. But I found I had a natural talent for machinery, for making parts."

In the early years, Mike built up his skills by making prototypes. Later, when he graduated to computerized machines, he learned to program them by teaching himself. Today, Mike says, all the successful milling businesses are operating with computerized machines. "I used to have 11 employees; now I have two fulltime and four parttime workers. And we're doing as much or more work, because once you get the machines set up, they do the machining automatically."

When he moved his workshop to the Montgomery County Airpark, Mike became intrigued with small planes. He got his pilot's license in 1978 and is now building his own fibre-glass plane. The chassis comes in a kit for assembly, but all the internal parts must be built. When will the plane be ready to fly? Mike doesn't know. You get the feeling he doesn't care so much; he's totally absorbed with making those parts and pieces -- detailed and perfect.

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LEFT OVER from last spring's Cabin John House Tour: two one-hole punches. Would owner(s) please reclaim? Call Cappie Morgan, 320-3269.

(Continued from page 1) CO-OP STORE TO OPEN

"You'll see many items that may be unfamiliar to you on the Co-op's shelves," says Co-op manager Martha Ericson. "Tempeh, tofu, hummus, wheat berries, brown rice -- these are foods which represent part of our effort to offer items which are cheap, nutritious, and require minimal expenditure of energy and resources to grow and process."

Anyone may shop at the Co-op, which is staffed largely by volunteers. If you volunteer to work three hours a week, you will receive a 20% discount on all store purchases.

If you are interested in volunteering, call the Co-op at its present number (986-0796) for full information. Or come to a community get-acquainted meeting at 8 p.m., Thursday, September 15, at the home of Mark Diehl, 6520 75th Street.

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