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## ACTION UNDER WAY ON COMMUNITY ISSUES

The final 1983-84 meeting of the Cabin John Citizens Association, held on May 22, discussed action on a number of community issues. Below are some of the main points, as summarized by outgoing President Susan Vogt in a letter to members:

Bus service: The ride-on bus service between Cabin John and the new Metro stop in Bethesda, scheduled to start in December 1984, has been cut out of the 1984-85 budget. The small buses needed for this route, because of the MacArthur Blvd. load limit, will be purchased, however, and the CJCA Transportation Committee under Ed Kelly intends to lobby for the restoration of the planned service.

Tomlinson Ave.: This street will be closed to regular traffic at the intersection with Seven Locks Road, if plans developed by the committee headed by Linda Wichman come to fruition. A public hearing is being requested on the proposal to block traffic by planting grass at the junction.

In December 1982 a special article in the Village News celebrated Cabin John's oldest couple, Lewis (Buck) Worsham, 96, and his wife Irene, 92. Now we are sad to report the death of Buck Worsham who passed away on June 7.

Emergency vehicles would still be able to pass.

MacArthur Blvd.: The new vehicle weight limits are being enforced, with the only authorized truck crossings at Persimmon Tree Road and 77th Street. Residents south of MacArthur who are reachable only by other streets must get an exemption if they need heavy vehicle traffic to their door by calling the Bethesda Police station at 565-7366.

New officers: Betsy Lawrence has been elected 1984-85 president of the Citizens Association. Other officers are: Harley Balzer and Walt Cramer, Vice Presidents; George Lichtblau, Treasurer; and Wanda Veraska, Becky Harris, Jean Maggio, and Kay Kemp, members of the Secretarial Committee.

### ARE YOU NEW IN TOWN?

A warm welcome to newcomers in Cabin John! For a free copy of your community directory, or for other information about the town, call Jean Maggio at 229-6301.

## SEVEN LOCKS CELEBRATION

Scores of Cabin Johners celebrated the completion of the "new" Seven Locks Road with a "Sunday Stroll" from the Gibson Grove Church to MacArthur Blvd. on June 17.

The two-hour event opened with ribbon-cutting ceremonies at the church in which community leaders and county officials took part. Then, led by the Washington Scottish Pipe Band, the assembly moved down to closing ceremonies at the Cabin John Methodist Church, followed by refreshments.

The Cabin John community had been working for 15 years to improve the road, first to get it widened and (Continued on page 2)

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**CRAB FEAST A-COMING!**  
Saturday, September 8, will be the date of the 1984 Cabin John Crab and Chicken Feast, the most important community event of the year. It's a big job to put on this all-Cabin John party, but many hands make light work. So call co-chairman Linda Billings (229-3212) now and take on a little piece of the action: cooking, serving, selling tickets, etc., etc. And be sure to save the date!

LETTERS  
FROM OUR READERS

To the Editor:

On the subject of a clean Cabin John, thanks from all of us are due to Lillian Hillman and her sister Frances Price of Riverside Avenue.

Daily they stroll with their dogs down the MacArthur Blvd. bike path. Each is armed with a large bag. A picnic? A dog treat? No. It is full of trash they encounter on their walk. When I stopped one day to ask their names and say "thank you", Ms. Hillman explained away the trash collecting with "I'm from New York, you see". Well, I don't exactly. Cabin John sure has a big head start over New York but we're very proud to have such fine residents.

-- Mary Vinton

(Continued from page 1) straightened and graded, and then to get it aligned to preserve the homes and property on the west side. The original county plan would have widened the road to the west, but citizen protest, which culminated in a march down the road in a snowstorm in January 1979, led to changes and the use of park land on the east side.

Taking part in the June 17 event were Robert McGarry, head of the County Transportation Dept., State Delegate Constance Morella, former Delegate Robin Ficker, and County Council member Neal Potter. Chairman of the event was Ed Clark.

OF TRASH AND TREASURES

By Barbara and Reed Martin

Friday, May 11, was the Big Trash Day. Advertised in the Village News, eagerly welcomed by householders who wanted to get rid of all those cumbersome items disdained by the regular trashment. "Must be at curbside before 7 a.m." said the notice. "Quarterly pickup."

But wait! For those who see opportunity in every dumpster, Big Trash Day is a chance to prove it's just as blessed to receive as to give. So -- we were up at dawn, and off to make the rounds by six. Here, in a Village News exclusive, are the results of our team's working survey.

Statistics on Cabin John's first-in-a-long-time official Cleanup Day: curbside piles--78; most popular throwaways--folding lawn chairs; second place tie: tires, carpets; third place tie: children's bikes, games. Honorable mention: power-saw tables, mop handles, and old mailboxes.

Nearly every street (and we hit every one) had at least one stash of intriguing articles. An exception was MacArthur Park; perhaps those householders haven't been moved in long enough to have appropriate throwaways. Appropriate means you hung on to it all this time because you knew you would have a use for it, and now you finally admit you never will. Since MacArthur Park is only two years old, maybe no one has reached that point of resignation.

Last-minute householders were carting things out to the street and cheerfully hailed us as we scavenged. "Glad to have somebody use it."

We had very little competition in our search-and-save project. A diaper-delivery truck driver was measuring sizes and treads on tires. "I think this is just what I need," he told us. "Do I have to be a Cabin John resident to qualify?" We assured him he was welcome to salvage whatever he wanted, that the official United Disposal truck would be along very soon.

Lawnmowers were in short supply -- only two, and those in hopeless condition. In years past -- and in other "collection districts" -- lawnmowers were a frequent item. But since the price of a mower has climbed impressively in the past couple of years, people seem to be thinking repair rather than throw away. Read the signs of the economy in trash piles.

We brought home an IBM electric typewriter, astonished that such a valuable item was no longer wanted. But later that week, a trip to the typewriter repair shop explained it. "That's an Executive, proportional type model," said the expert. "The machine works okay, but trying to

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operate it will drive you nuts. IBM made a big mistake putting out that baby. My advice to you is to throw it out in the trash."

A day-glo pink plastic hula hoop lent a touch of nostalgia. And the most heartwrenching treasure was an electric, double-keyboard console pump organ. All it needed -- maybe -- was some carpentry to repair its upporting legs. Music lovers though we are, we just could not think of any place to install a pump organ, and reluctantly left it for United Disposal.

So what treasures did we garner? A good length of heavy wire fencing, with posts. The bottom of a birdbath (which now, matched with a top from the garden shop, sits under our persimmon tree). A child's swing, rocking chair, and see-saw -- all needing a little shopwork before being ready for the grandson. Two very respectable tennis rackets, and three rolldown bamboo shades for backporch privacy (if we had a backporch).

By 8 a.m. we had zipped up and down every street in town, and were just minutes ahead of the trash truck. It was a fascinating experience and one which we expect to repeat the next time Cabin John has an official pickup day. One family's unwanted stuff is another household's valued find. So join us.

We're entitled to another pickup in August. Maybe we ought to have a "best pile contest" -- most artistic, most unusual, most valuable, unlimited heavyweight.

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW CITIZENS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

On behalf of the new and continuing officers of the Cabin John Citizens Association, I would like to say thanks for the opportunity to serve during the coming year.

We are in need of four more people to join us in the following capacities: 1) co-chairman of the Crab Feast; 2) co-chairman of the December holiday party; 3) chairman of the Public Service Committee; and 4) member of the Western Area Recreation Advisory Board for Montgomery County. Please contact me at 229-6706 if any of these positions interest you.

I am glad to report that so far six designs have been received for the 1984 Cabin John tee-shirt design contest. The deadline for entries is June 30. Please submit them to me at 7629 Cabin Road, Cabin John 20818.

--Betsy Lawrence, Ph.D.  
President, Cabin John  
Citizens Association

#### GLEN ECHO HIGHLIGHTS...

...Cabin John veterinarian Dr. David Zeiler is one of the sponsors of "dogs in art" show currently (until July 4) under way at the Glen Echo Park Gallery.

... "Cool and the Clones" (an avant-garde jazz and rock 'n' roll band) will perform at the Spanish Ballroom on July 19 (7:30 p.m.). The band is headed by Cabin Johner Eric Ziarko.

...Park Ranger and long time Cabin John resident Diane Leatherman has announced "Midsummer Magic" at the Park on Sunday, July 8. There will be continuous musical and dramatic activity on four stages from noon to 6.

#### COMMUNITY NOTES....

The Cabin John 3-and-4-Year-Old School is accepting applications for the next school year. Please call Carla Wilkins at 320-5804....

Bike riders are reminded that it is dangerous (and illegal) to ride your bike across the Union Arch bridge either on the roadway or the walkway. It is too easy to take a tumble into oncoming traffic. Always walk your bike across the bridge.

New staff volunteers on the Village News are Lora Feldbaum, handling the community calendar and production, and Cherry Doyle, doing the lay-out. Welcome, and thanks to their loyal predecessors, Susan Luchs and Jeanne Casamento.

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(Classified ads should be sent to P.O. Box 164, Cabin John 20818. Next deadline: August 24, 1984. The rate is 50¢ per line.)

THINNING OUT YOUR GARDEN? All contributions welcome: bushes, bulbs, perennials. I'll be glad to dig and carry. Barbara Martin, 229-3482.

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NEEDED: PART-TIME SECRETARY (approx. 12-15 hrs. per week) for typing, filing, etc. Flexible hours. Office at MacArthur Park. Call Michael Kamestein 320-2440 (h) or 229-0935 (o).

**FREE SWIM PROGRAM**

Once again the Palisades Pool and the CJ Citizens Association have agreed on a free swim program for Cabin John children two days a week. Children must have parental permission. For information call the program coordinator, Sheila Laufer, at 229-2412.

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