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THE COMMUNITY CRAB FEAST: A FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL SUCCESS

Hundreds of Cabin John residents and their friends enjoyed the 1984 annual Cabin John Crab and Chicken Feast, held under perfect weather conditions on Saturday, September 8. The crowd was so large that every bit of food and drink was consumed and some late arrivers had to be turned away.

Putting on the Feast mobilized scores of Cabin Johners in a great community effort and netted about \$2000 for four community activities: the Cabin John Citizens Association, the Village News, the 3-and-4-Year-Old School, and the Home Study Program.

While at one end of the field a number of local political figures were shaking hands with their constituents, at the other end many children were enjoying and taking part in break dancing. The total crowd was estimated at nearly six hundred.

Top organizers for the event were Linda Billings and Betsy Cheney, who served as co-chairpersons. All-round assistance of many kinds (Continued on page 2)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

(If you want your event listed in this calendar, please call Lora Feldbaum, 229-8825. The next deadline is October 12. The calendar is open to all community-related groups.)

Tuesday, September 25 Cabin John Citizens Association meeting, 8 p.m., Clara Barton/Washington International School. (See story this issue.)

Friday, October 5 Bethesda Co-op Annual Picnic. Everyone invited. Bring potluck. The Co-op will provide drinks. 5:30 p.m. until dark. Carderock Park.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: In the latter part of October or early November a public meeting will be held by the County's Recreation Area Advisory Board to go over plans for the construction and use of the new Cabin John Recreation Center. Actual building is not scheduled to begin until next summer, but this meeting will be an important opportunity for Cabin John residents to make an input into the plans. Watch this space for the exact date of the meeting.

BUS SERVICE TO START IN JANUARY

Bus service between the Bethesda Metro Station and the David Taylor Model Basin will definitely start in January, according to the Montgomery County Department of Transportation.

The new service, called Ride-On Route 32, will operate weekday rush hours only and at a 30 minute frequency. The route will be along Wilson Lane and MacArthur Boulevard.

Meanwhile, Ride-On Route 31 between Glen Echo and the Bethesda Metro Station is now operating all day long on weekdays only. Busses leave Glen Echo every half hour from 6:55 a.m. to 7:55 p.m., and leave the Bethesda station every half hour from 6:35 a.m. to 8:05 p.m.

Ride-On bus fare is 60¢, with 10¢ additional for a transfer to another Ride-On bus. A transfer is also good for 70¢ towards a Metrobus fare.

For senior citizens the fare is 25¢ and a transfer 5¢ extra. Children less than 40 inches tall are carried free.

CRAB FEAST (Continued from page 1)

was given by Bill White, Frank McKinney, Judy Duffield and Betsy Lawrence, while coordinators of specific activities were as follows:

Bake sale - Carla Wilkins
 Beverages - Tony and Jean Maggio
 Chicken - Doug and Ellen Jimmerson
 Clean-Up - Clint Wilkins and Mark Leatherman
 Crabs - Charlie Bookman
 Dry goods - George Ann Wesner
 Entertainment - Susan Vogt and Janet Newell
 Financial - George Lichtblau and Ceph Patch
 Feast Day Coordinator - Marie Keefe
 Licenses - Jane Price
 Printing - Merri van Emmerik
 Publicity & Typing - Janet Newell
 Serving - Diane Leatherman
 Signs - Charlie Bookman and Betsy Cheney
 Site Set-Up - John Gelb and Calvin Dove
 Tables & Chairs - Andy Rice
 T-Shirts - Betsy Lawrence
 Ticket sales - Kay Kemp
 Ticket booth - Amanda Ford
 Vegetables (purchase) - Nick Glakas
 Vegetables (preparation) - Elaine Mazzi
 Vegetables (cooking) - Alice Guida

Special thanks are due to the Cabin John Volunteer Fire Department for putting up the banner and for use of its kitchen for food preparation. The Cabin John United Methodist Church, through Sushil and Veena Titus, also made its kitchen available and provided tables. Other churches

lending chairs and tables were the Riverside Assembly of God, the Church of the Redeemer (Glen Echo) and the Glen Echo Baptist Church.

Dozens of other volunteers pitched in. Among them were: (Food preparation and serving) Stephanie Becker, Margaret Coleman, Joel Fischman, Susan Gelb, Dorothy Hart, Liz Hook, Jane Hunter, Kay Kemp, Olga Long, Mildred Maddox, Elaine Mazzi, Grace Mazzi, Paul Mazzi, Frank McKinney, Cappie and Ron Morgan and the Morgan girls, Martha Patch, Betty Sponangle, Bev Sullivan, Celeste Swedenberg, Lucile Taylor, Mary Vinton, Judy Vogt, Susan Vogt, Sara Weaver, Dorothy Welsh, Bill White, Sheila White, and Linda Wichman (Drinks) Nick Glakas Pat Lee; (T-shirts) Cherry Doyle, Larry Heflin, Connie Rice, Stefan Rice; (Set-up and moving tables and chairs) Alan Bekelman, Ed Clark, Pat Connelly, Tom Green, Ed Kelly, Brian Kemp, Tom Kemp, Leigh Price, Brandt Rice, Judy Vogt, Susan Vogt, Eva Willcher, Mark Willcher, Clint Wilkins.

The break dance performers were Aftab Jalil, Brian Kemp, Tom Kemp, Frankie Prather, and Andrew Vogt.

Ticket sellers on every block included: Liz Bergman, Nathan Berl, Mira Bernstein, Carol Comlish, Patti Crystal, Annette Davis, Joel Fischman, Betty Hahn, Becky Harris, Sheila Holt, Steve Jacobson, Brian and Tom Kemp, George Lichtblau, Craig Lud-

AVENEL FARM DEVELOPMENT POSES TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

In a further letter to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the Cabin John Citizens Association has raised questions about the impact on local traffic posed by the 850 new houses planned for the Avenel Farm tract off Persimmon Tree Road.

Harley D. Balzer, CJCA 1st Vice President, and Robert Wilkoff, Land Use Chairman, asked these questions:

1) What steps have been taken to provide express/commuter bus service for residents of the new development?

2) Will there be provision for shuttle bus service to the nearest Metro station?

3) Has consideration been given to safety and congestion problems on MacArthur Boulevard?

With respect to MacArthur Boulevard, the Citizens Association has received official word from the County Department of Transportation that "due to fiscal constraints", it could not construct additional reinforced crossings at several locations along the Boulevard. Due to weight limits on that street, a number of Cabin John houses are inaccessible to heavy trucks unless a special police permit is obtained to cross MacArthur at a nonreinforced spot.

wig, Elaine Mazzi, Frank McKinney, Marion Purtell, Brandt and Stefan Rice, Danny Saling, Jack Siegel, Mary Sodano, Celeste Swedenberg, Rio Tama, Amy and Billy Via, George Ann Wesner.

The People of Cabin John

BILL SHUFF:

HE WORKED ON THE "NEW" CONDUIT

By Barbara Martin

Bill Shuff has worked and lived along MacArthur Boulevard for over 60 years -- except that for most of that time it was Conduit Road.

At 16, Bill was picking up a few days' work now and then from a trucker who hauled produce to the Washington DC Center Market and also did moving jobs. The trucker was approached one day in the Center Market by a man who asked him to haul some household goods from Hamilton, Virginia, to Cabin John. Although they didn't know where Cabin John was, Bill and the trucker agreed, even though the circumstances seemed odd: they were to load all the furniture and be away from Hamilton by 3 a.m. Later they learned the man was skipping rent.

"He dressed in a long black coat," Bill remembers, "and called himself a preacher. But that man was a crook. We took all his furniture to a warehouse in back of Benson's store, where the veterinarian is now. And that's how I found Cabin John.

"I saw there was a lot of digging going on along the road, and I asked Mr. Benson about it. He told me they were putting in a new conduit (alongside the old one that was laid a hundred years before), and they were hiring help. So the next day my brothers and I came up from Lucketts, Virginia, where we lived, and hired on to dig for the new conduit. That was 1924.

"We were out near where Angler's Inn is. That building -- Angler's Inn -- was a store run by Mr. Bodine. His nephew is my friend still. My two brothers and I lived in a tarpaper shack down by the canal, batching it, doing our own cooking and such. We were paid 45¢ an hour. I worked on a gasoline locomotive, hauling concrete. We laid light-weight track and standard-gauge for the equipment they needed for the digging.

"I worked for the same company for a while in Philadelphia, then came back here and worked for the Lockjoint Pipe Company, testing reinforcing rods

for concrete pipe. My brother was married by then, and I lived with them, first on 79th Street, then in the Carlock house, except that was before Carlock's time.

"My brother had gotten a job with the government; he was maintenance superintendent for the conduit pipes. He hired all us brothers. There was five of us working for the Aqueduct. But then some folks who got laid off complained about there being five brothers working and they made enough fuss so two of us quit. Then I went to work for McMillan Filter Plant, for the Army Corps of Engineers. I guess I liked it well enough; I stayed there until I retired, 41 years later."

At the McMillan Filter Plant, Bill read water meters, repaired meters, and was eventually in charge of all meter work. When that function transferred from the Army Corps to the District of Columbia, he became maintenance foreman at the plant, supervising the work of the pipe and carpentry crews, the paint shop, and the machine shop.

Bill had a two-year stint in the Army, stationed at Ft. Benning, Georgia, where he was an instructor in the use of the Browning Automatic Rifle. "I was teaching up to colonels who came into the infantry after their anti-aircraft units were disbanded. But I stayed a private."

When he was 23, Bill married his hometown sweetheart. Bill and Margaret lived at 6433 79th Street, first renting, then buying that house -- for \$1200. In 1954, they moved to a house at the corner of MacArthur and 79th Place, where Bill still lives today.

Margaret was one of the original handful of parishoners of the Cabin John Methodist Church. "Benson, who owned the store, he paid the minister's salary, just like Mrs. Lilly Stone paid the minister at Hermon Church. And in the beginning there wasn't many more people than just the Bensons. But Margaret started rounding up the kids for Sunday School. She started with five or six, and at one time there was over 100 children going to Sunday School, and she was running it all. There's lots of people living in Cabin John today who remember her as their Sunday School teacher."

Margaret died in March of this year and is buried in Taylorstown, VA, where Bill has "dozens of nieces and nephews." Bill's daughter Joan Shuff Roark lives in Wheaton, and there are three grandchildren Bill is very proud of.

"Cabin John was some different years ago," Bill recalls. "Tuohey's was once a store, with the Post Office in a corner. Then when beer came back (that was before hard liquor came back), it became Tuohey's Tavern -- the beer joint. Across from Tuohey's was Case's Kitchen. That was a small building, but it had a big porch all around, and they served lunch and dinner out on the porch. They were known for bass, and for chicken. It was open only in good weather; they closed for winter.

"On Saturdays and Sundays there would be more traffic on Conduit Road than there is even now. That was in the 20's. People going out to Great Falls to sun and picnic. Hundreds of cars on a nice weekend.

"Benson was the storekeeper, and he also had the job of fining drivers who got arrested on Conduit Road. There was two US marshalls; one of them was Eddie Bissett who lived in Cabin John.

If anybody was caught for speeding or drunk driving, they'd be taken to Benson's store and Benson would fine them. They called him Judge Benson, but he wasn't really a judge, just commissioned by the government to levy fines. Well, he'd charge \$10 fine plus costs, usually \$7.50, and he'd keep the costs; that was his fee.

"I remember Old Man Williams, too; he was the blacksmith who had his workshop at Seven Locks Road, just beyond where the firehouse is. I used to go over and watch him work sometimes."

Bill thinks Cabin John is better some ways today. "The streets are better. And the bikepath is a good idea; makes it safer for children and the people who want to ride their bikes slower."

At 77, Bill retains a Virginia country accent. He keeps a neat house and a pretty yard. "I'm right good with flowers. And I keep a small vegetable garden." He was fixing a lawnmower for his granddaughter when I went to talk with him. "I'd rather be doing something. I'm not the fishing kind; can't stand to just sit still while I'm waiting for those fish to bite."

GELB TO RESIGN AS VILLAGE NEWS TREASURER

After six years of service as volunteer business manager for the Village News, Susan Gelb has announced her approaching resignation. A replacement is needed for a few hours of work each month handling ads, subscriptions and the bank account. Please call Susan at 229-5851 to offer your services.

Her report for Sept. 1983-Aug. 1984 period shows the following:

<u>Income</u>	
Ads	\$215.50
Subscriptions	65.00
T-shirt sales	941.05
Crab Feast share	295.00
CJCA contribution	400.00

Miscellaneous	55.20
Total	\$1,971.75
<u>Expenses</u>	
Printing	\$1,107.59
Labels	133.24
Postage	806.02
Total	\$2,046.85

ADVERTISING RATES	
Full page	\$40
2/3 page	30
1/2 page	25
1/3 page	15
1/6 page	10
1/12 page	6

SCHOOL PLACES AVAILABLE
With the start of a new school year, the Cabin John 3-and-4-year-Old School has announced that it still has some spaces available. If interested, please call Carla Wilkins at 320-5804.



When you need travel arrangements, business or pleasure, call IRENE REDECKE at 229-4469 mornings 983-1500 afternoons. Service with a smile, no service charge, tickets delivered.

CLASSIFIED

(Classified ads should be sent to P.O. Box 164, Cabin John 20818. Next deadline: Oct. 12, 1984. The rate is 50¢ per line.)

CHILD CARE - Responsible person (16+ years) to pick up children and help prepare dinner. 4:30 - 8:30 weekdays. Can be flexible on schedule. Mary Vinton, 469-6086.

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FOUND at Crab Feast: bathing suit and towel in yellow plastic bag. Call Linda Billings, 229-3212

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YOGA Group classes with emphasis on stress management and cultivating internal beauty. Classes are offered: mornings - Tuesdays and Thursdays; evenings - Thursdays. Buy a booklet of 10 sessions valid September through December 1984 and choose when you come. Individual sessions with multi-method relaxation and therapeutic massage. For more information call Ileana DeGeyndt, 6504 80th St., Tel: 320-2065. Certified yoga teacher and stress therapist.

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HOUSE FOR RENT October 15. 2-bedroom newly remodelled. Adults only. No pets. \$700 a month. 229-3482.

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ARE YOU NEW IN TOWN? For a free copy of your community directory, or for other information about Cabin John, call the Citizens Association representative Jean Maggio at 229-6301.

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NEEDED: Caring individual to work with elementary age children in after school program at Bannockburn School from 3 to 6 pm, three to five afternoons per week. Call 229-0805 or 320-4565.

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YARD SALE, Saturday, Sept. 29. Clothes, toys, household, misc. junk. 6512 79th Place.

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CJ UNITED METHODIST CHURCH will be sponsoring Holiday Craft Bazaar on Nov. 10. Interested in buying table space to promote your craft? For information call Jean Maggio, 229-6301.

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CLARA BARTON CENTER FOR CHILDREN is seeking people who would like to serve as substitute teachers at the Center. Call 320-4565.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TO MOVE IN OCTOBER

Plans to transfer the Cabin John Volunteer Fire Department to its new home near the intersection of Seven Locks and River Roads are on schedule. The shift will take place

in the middle of October, although the precise date has not yet been set.

Cabin John Vol Fire Dept will sell by sealed bid furnishings of station at 7913 MacArthur Blvd. Items may be inspected 12:00-6:00 PM daily. Bidding closed 10/12/84.

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CABIN JOHN T-SHIRTS ON SALE AT LOCAL STORES

The two new Cabin John T-shirts, introduced at the Crab Feast to popular acclaim, are now on sale (\$9 each) at the Bethesda Co-op, Quick Food Shop, and Glen Echo Pharmacy. Or they may be ordered by calling Barbara Martin at 229-3482.

VFW KEEPS THE FLAGS FLYING!

Once again this year the Cabin John community enjoyed a 4th of July and a Labor Day marked by American flags flying from each telephone pole along MacArthur Boulevard. Thanks go the Cabin John Post #5633 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for this patriotic display.

MacArthur Park

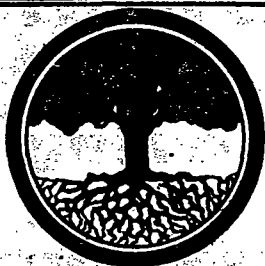
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LETTER FROM THE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

I hope you can come to the next Cabin John Citizens Association meeting which will take place on Tuesday, September 25, at 8 p.m. at the Washington International/Clara Barton School.

As previously announced, the agenda will include:

- * Update on proposed land developments in Cabin John
- * New bus service on MacArthur Boulevard
- * A report of the MacArthur Boulevard Improvement Committee
- * A report on Recreation Center public hearings
- * A request to raise dues. (So if you haven't paid your 1984-85 dues yet, come to the meeting early and pay at the current rate: \$3 individual, \$5 family.)

Two additional development plans have come to our attention since our August meeting. They are: 1) Caraway and Persimmon Tree (one house) 2) Seven Locks, Tomlinson and Carver Road (11 houses)

With these, almost 100 new homes are now proposed for Cabin John. Do you know of any more? If so, please call either of the Land Use Committee Chairman, Bob Wilkoff at 229-8536 or Leigh Price at 229-1720.

Betsy Lawrence, Ph.D.
President, CJCA

NEW HOURS AT LITTLE FALLS LIBRARY

Thursday evening service has been discontinued at the Little Falls Public Library but the Library will be open

Thursday mornings instead.

Regular hours now are Monday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday from 1 to 9, and Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, from 9-5.

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October 8, 1984

Dear Supplier of Services
to the Cabin John community,

Many people who live in Cabin John are your customers, and many more might be your customers if you reached them through an advertisement in the Cabin John Village News.

The Village News comes out monthly, except in summer, and is distributed free to everybody who lives in the Cabin John 20818 zip code area, plus others in the 20817 area off Persimmon Tree Road inside the Beltway. The total circulation is 750 copies -- which means over 2000 people are reached monthly.

Many of the recipients are relatively new to this area, since they live in new developments such as MacArthur Park and Seven Locks Overlook.

Because it is short and full of local news, the Village News is easy to read thoroughly. If you put an ad in this paper, you could be sure it would be seen by people who are most likely to be your customers.

Our ad rates are very low. Please look at page 6 of the enclosed sample copy and you will see how low they are. At these rates, you can hardly afford not to advertise!

Our next deadline is Friday, October 12. Please send your ad (camera ready preferred, but we can make it up if necessary) to P.O. Box 164, Cabin John 20818. Either include your check or we will bill you.

I hope you will decide to reach your many Cabin John friends and potential friends by advertising in the Village News.

Sincerely,

Andrew E. Rice
For the Village News team

Sample copy enclosed