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CABIN JOHNERS FACE PROBLEMS: NO TRUCK ACCESS

Discussions are under way on how to solve a persistent problem for about 75 Cabin John households south of MacArthur Boulevard from 78th to 81st Street -- namely, the difficulty of getting heavy loads delivered to their homes. Because of the enforced weight limits on MacArthur and the banning of trucks on George Washington Parkway, there is no access to these homes except by getting special permits.

Recently, under the leadership of Dave Murphy and Barbara Martin, discussions with Parkway authorities were held about using the Parkway for heavy vehicle access. This has been permitted from time to time, and this fall a 30-day permit was issued to a construction company (which was building houses on 79th Street) to use the 79th Street access from the Parkway for its trucks. On one day, October 29, other homeowners were allowed to use this access for deliveries of gravel, sand, compost, etc.

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CABIN JOHN: AS IT WAS

"Near the Cabin John Bridge, on the river side, once stood the famous Cabin John Bridge Hotel, built by Joseph Bobinger beginning in 1870. The completed hotel had two large banquet halls capable of accomodating one hundred guests...Besides these two halls there were private dining rooms, two lunch rooms, a music hall, two parlors, powder rooms, barber shop, a pool and billiard room, several bars, and stockrooms, all on the first two floors...

"Much of the furnishings came from Europe, as did the orchestrion, a powerful music box housed in an octagonal tower of unusual architecture. The orchestrion could be heard throughout the hotel and gardens...The gardens were laid off with paths and contained valuable evergreens, magnolias and many kinds of beautiful shrubs...

"On April 7, 1931, the hotel was destroyed by fire...Nothing was saved."

--from A Brief History of Cabin John Park by Edith Armstrong

NEW FIRE HOUSE TO BE DEDICATED

The Cabin John Volunteer Fire Department's new station at 8201 River Rd. will be officially dedicated on Saturday, December 8.

The dedication ceremonies will take place from 11 to 11:30 am. After that, until 3 pm, there will be Open House at the station with tours of the new facilities and fire rescue demonstrations.

Light refreshments will also be served. All members of the Cabin John community are cordially invited.

HOLIDAY PARTY, DEC. 16

One of Cabin John's pleasantest traditions is the annual holiday party. This year it will take place on Sunday, December 16, from 4 to 6 pm, at the Washington International Clara Barton School.

There is fun for young and old -- singing, storytelling, and for the little ones, Santa Claus in person! Refreshments, contributed by many Cabin John families, add to the festivities.

So be sure to save the date and come with the whole gang. If you'd like to help with arrangements, just give Merri Van Emmerik a call at 229-8936.

CABIN JOHN NEWS NOTES...

Cabin Johner and Park Ranger Diane Leatherman announces that the Glen Echo Gallery will open its ninth annual Holiday Show on Sat.-Sun., Dec. 1-2, from noon to 5 pm. Many types of craft items will be available for purchase.....

A Cabin John boy is on Broadway. Robert Craig, son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Craig of Arden Road, is presently doing a 10-week stint with the Royal Shakespeare Company's production of "Much Ado About Nothing" at the Gershwin Theater.....

Holiday gifts:

- Cabin John T-shirts on sale at Quick Food, Bethesda Co-op and Glen Echo Pharmacy, or call Barbara Martin at 229-3482.

- Two reprints of old-time Cabin John, A Brief History of Cabin John Park by Edith Armstrong, and The Story of Cabin John (oldtime reminiscences), available by mail at \$3 each from the Village News at PO Box 164, Cabin John....

Tuesday evenings at Clara Barton School features Scottish Country Dancing. For information call Susan Carlin at 332-3434....

The Cabin John 3-and 4-year-old School has openings. For information, call Carla Wilkins, 320-5804.



The next issue of the Village News will appear in January 1985. The staff wishes everyone a very happy holidays.

BABYSITTER WANTED. Caring older woman desired to care for my 8-month old boy in my home. M,W,F, 9:30 am to 5 pm. References required, own transportation. Shirley Pyne, 229-2646.

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YOGA Group classes with emphasis on stress management and cultivating internal beauty. Classes are offered: mornings - Tuesdays and Thursdays; evening - Thursdays. Buy a booklet of 10 sessions valid January through May 1985 and choose when you come. Individual sessions with multi-method relaxation and therapeutic massage. One session or a series of sessions would make a caring Christmas gift. For more information, call Ileana DeGeyndt, 6504 80th St., Tel: 320-2065. Certified yoga teacher and stress therapist.

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Cabin John United Methodist Church **CHRISTMAS FLOWER SALE.** Red poinsettas and Christmas cactus, \$8.50 - \$12.00. To place order or for information, call Jean Maggio, 229-6301. Orders must be placed by November 30.

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PART-TIME HOUSEKEEPER: Weekday afternoons, 3-6 pm., Cabin John. Housecleaning and care of 9-year old child. Must have dependable car. \$5 per hour plus mileage reimbursement. Call 320-2180 weekends and evenings only.

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FOR SALE: Over 50 years collection of Christmas ornaments, lights, decorations, etc. Call 229-8549.

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FOR SALE: White contemporary chair. In great condition, but could use a cleaning. \$40 or best offer. 229-8213.

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FOR SALE: Lady's 26", 3 speed bike, \$25; stereo w/ new speakers, \$50 or best offer. 229-7412.

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The Clara Barton Center is selling their **SCHOOL BUS/VAN** -- a 1976 Dodge Maxi-wagon. Good for church or other groups, transporting equipment, etc. Seats 16. Call 320-4565.

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Resident of Mohican Hills basement apartment must move. Seeks similar accomodation. Highly responsible woman, private, independent. References available. 320-2782.

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Now, as a result of negotiations, the access will remain open until June 30, 1985. The overall problem remains, however, and will be a major item of discussion at the November 27 meeting of the Cabin John Citizens Assoc.

LETTER FROM THE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

A number of interesting items are on the agenda for the Cabin John Citizens Association meeting on Tuesday, November 27, at 8 pm, at the Washington International Clara Barton School. They include:

- * Tomlinson Avenue diverter
- * Osage Lane development (a hearing is to be scheduled in early December with the Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Comm.)
- * MacArthur Boulevard load limit problems (see related story this issue)
- * New recreation center update, including results of community poll on desired facilities (the County has accepted a couple of changes proposed by the CJCA for facing the main windows southward and for air conditioning).
- * Blocking heliports in the Bethesda/Cabin John area (there is a proposal for a helistop in downtown Bethesda)
- * Plans for the December 16 holiday party

A large number of citizens have been active this year due to the number and importance of the issues before us. Thanks to each of you who has participated and "welcome" to anyone who would like to become involved.

Betsy Lawrence, Ph.D.
President, CJCA

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AROUND THE COUNTY....

Montgomery County: Two Centuries of Change, a new history of Montgomery County, has just been published. The 232-page volume is written by Jane C. Sween and published by Windsor Publications. Some 250 illustrations add to the text, which covers the area from Captain John Smith's mapping of the area in 1608 to the present day. Available in bookstores at \$24.95....

Local genealogy and history are fully covered in the Montgomery County Historical Society Library in a converted garage in back of the historic Beall-Dawson house at 103 W. Montgomery Ave. in Rockville. The public is invited Tuesday-Saturday, 12 to 2 pm, and on the first Sunday of the month from 2 to 5 pm. Admission is \$1.00.

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ENTERTAINMENT '85

Enclosed with this issue of the Village News is an announcement of Entertainment '85, a discount club and coupon book, providing savings at many restaurants and other recreational facilities.

To buy this book, contact J.L. Forestell, 320-4903. The Cabin John Citizens Association will get \$5 for every book sold.

BANNOCKBURN SCHOOL GROWS

Enrollment this year at Bannockburn Elementary School is 300, up 16 students from last year. The school employs 30 full- and part-time teachers and staff.

Salman and Rumana Kazmi of Carlynn Drive are this year's co-presidents of the PTA.

Last year several retired residents from the area volunteered time to work with children in the school. If you are interested, please call the principal, Dr. Barbara Moore, at 229-3097.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

(If you want your event listed in this calendar, please call Laura Feldbaum, 229-8825. The next deadline is January 11. The calendar is open to all community-related groups.)

Sunday, November 25 Folk concert, co-sponsored by Bethesda Co-op and National Park Service, 2:30 pm at Glen Echo Park, featuring Cabin John's own Reed Martin and friends in old timey music. \$4.00. Following Sundays will feature, Dec. 2, Jeff Warner; Dec. 9, Magpie; Dec. 16, Coeltori East; and Dec. 23, Peter and Steve Jones.

Tuesday, November 27 Cabin John Citizens Association meeting, 8 pm, Washington International Clara Barton School (see story this issue)

Saturday, December 8 Dedication and Open House at new Cabin John Volunteer Fire Department Station, 8201 River Road, 11 am to 3 pm (see story this issue)

Monday, December 10 CJ Citizens Association Executive Committee meeting, 8 pm, home of Betsy Lawrence, 7629 Cabin Road

Sunday, December 16 Cabin John community Holiday Party, 4 to 6 pm, Washington International Clara Barton School. Everyone invited.

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