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LETTER FROM THE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

The Cabin John Citizens Association's last meeting for the 1984-85 year will take place on Tuesday, May 28, at 8 p.m. at the Clara Barton/Washington International School. Coming up on the agenda are:

* A wrap-up on all the real estate developments planned and in progress in Cabin John. (Did you know that one out of ten of all new houses, townhouses and apartments proposed in Montgomery County this year are in Cabin John or adjacent Avenel Farms?)

* Further discussion of the use of Clara Barton School after the International School moves out (see story in this Village News).

* Consideration of additional steps to limit traffic on Tomlinson Avenue, including a sign at Tomlinson and MacArthur.

* The Palisades Swimming Pool wishes to place an air bubble over its tennis courts. There will be a vote regarding the community's position on this matter.

* Election of officers for 1985-86 (see Nominating Committee report in this issue).

I look forward to seeing you on May 28.

Betsy Lawrence, Ph.D.
President, CJCA

FLEA MARKET TO BE HELD ON JUNE 8TH

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 8, the second annual Flea Market organized by the Clara Barton Center for Children will take place at the Center's playground. Located in back of the school building at 7425 MacArthur Blvd, the Flea Market will feature a rummage sale, refreshments, and -- as a special treat at 1 p.m. -- a clown.

The event raises mon-

ey for the Center's scholarship fund. Donations of toys, books, furniture, etc., will be accepted at the Center from June 1 to 7. If you want to set up your own table there (with 30% of the proceeds going to the Center) please call 320-4565 during the day.



FUTURE OF CLARA BARTON SCHOOL IS STILL OBSCURE

Who will occupy Clara Barton School building after the Washington International School moves out this summer is still uncertain. Under a 1984 law, the building must be advertised, applications received, hearings held, and a final decision approved by the County Council -- a much more complicated procedure than previously.

An exception to this procedure is for day care centers. So the County has already approved continued occupancy by the Clara Barton Center for Children of part of the space.

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NEW OFFICERS TO BE NOMINATED

A three-member committee has been set up to nominate candidates for officer positions in the Cabin John Citizens Association for the 1985-86 working year.

Committee members are Harley Balzer, Becky Harris and Jean Maggio.

The Committee's nominations will be posted at the MacArthur Square shopping center and at the Quick Food Shop.

Additional nominations may be made at the Citizens Association meeting on May 28. At this meeting the elections will take place.

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At its last meeting, the Cabin John Citizens Association voted in favor of continued occupancy by the existing tenants which, in addition to the Clara Barton Center, are the Three- and Four-Year-Old School and the Seven Locks Press. The Association also favored leasing space to the Writers Center.

The CJCA resolution (which included a request for continued free meeting space for the Association) noted that the building had deteriorated physically. The roof leaks and the boiler needs repair. The County reports that it is now examining the physical condition of the building.

MORE NEWS NEEDED!

The Village News wants to expand its coverage of personal news in Cabin John -- births, deaths, weddings, birthdays, reunions, trips, and so forth. We need reporters! Anyone interested in collecting news items of this kind, please contact Andy Rice, 229-3503

CLASSIFIED

(Classified ads should be sent to P.O.Box 164, Cabin John 20818. Next deadline: June 15. The rate is 50¢ per line.)

WANTED: Dependable person to help clean Washington International School, 2:30 to 6:30 or 5:30 to 9:30, Monday thru Friday. \$3.50 an hour. Call Barron Wilson, 670-0370.

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YOGA GROUP CLASSES: Each class is a body and mind workshop, using the breath as the link to harmonize the two, and systematic relaxation as a means to internalize the tension-releasing process. These steps are basic in our pursuit towards changing habits that are detrimental to our physical, mental, and emotional health. Each person works at his/her own pace. To attend, buy a booklet of 10 sessions valid through June 1985. Classes are offered in the morning Tuesday and Thursday and Thursday evening. Begin the sessions any time. By individual appointment, therapeutic massage. For more information call Ileana DeGeyndt, 320-2065, 6504 80th St.

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BABYSITTERS WANTED: For 1 yr. old and/or 4-1/2 yr. old. Afternoons and/or evenings. Please call 229-3448.

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WANTED: Apt., preferably in a house, to rent in Cabin John or nearby. I presently live in Cabin John. Call Jill, 275-4465 (wkdays), 320-2275 (evenings/wkends).

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NATIONALLY CERTIFIED piano teacher specializing in adults and children has limited openings for both summer and fall. Call 229-7882.

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IN PREPARATION for their Community Rummage Sale and Flea Market Sat. June 8th, Clara Barton Center for Children will be accepting donated items at their school location (7425 MacArthur Blvd.) for one week prior to the sale, June 1-7. Come and join us! Provisions will be made for those who want to set up their own tables (30% contribution to Clara Barton Center's com-

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WHERE DOES THE NAME "CABIN JOHN" COME FROM?

(Oldtimers and newcomers alike are often asked: How did Cabin John get its name? To help you answer this question, we reprint below a section from Edith Martin Armstrong's A Brief History of Cabin John Park.)

"The origin of the name 'Cabin John' has never really been solved. Some think it was named for a stranger who had a cabin overhanging the cliff near the present bridge. This man had little to do with his neighbors and when asked his name replied 'Call me John'...

"One story features...a heart-broken musician who played the violin and sang doleful songs of another land. Those with a romantic imagination have evolved a tradition identifying this hermit as the husband of the 'Female Stranger' whose tombstone in Alexandria still stands to challenge lovers of mystery.

"Another story makes the mysterious John a pirate who eluded his own crew and made his way up the Potomac to bury his treasures. After...his death, he returned frequently on

nights when the wind was strong...but when sighted disappeared in a flare of light. This version was believed by some residents, and for a long time they would never cross the bridge after midnight, especially on Saturday...

However, in many of the old land records, as far back as 1715, the creek is referred to as Captain John's Run or Branch. Thus it would seem that Cabin John is a corrupt spelling of Captain John....

The origin of the name Captain John is not known. Some say it was for a prominent Indian who once owned the land where the branch flows. Others believe it refers to Captain John Smith who came up the Potomac 'so high as we could bote'".

munity scholarship fund). All those interested should call 320-4565 daytime or 251-1718 after 5 p.m.

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RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY: We are located next door to Maximum Bank at 7945 MacArthur Boulevard and are looking for a receptionist/secretary for our busy, yet congenial office staff. If you have a friendly phone manner, are articulate, reliable and type approximately 65 wpm, please contact Nancy at 229-7600. We are a non-smoking office and offer good benefits. Previous office experience with some word processing is desired. Hours are 9-6. Salary commensurate with experience.

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HELP! WE NEED A HOUSE TO RENT! Our home, the Johnson tract, by the watertower, is being developed. We are looking for a 3 or 4 BR house, pref. in CJ, with privacy and serene surroundings. Any vacancies? Any leads? Call Dave, Betsy, or Delia at 320-4205 evenings before 9:30. Thanks!!

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HERBS, WILDFLOWERS, vegetable plants for sale. Basil, chives, dill, fennel, marjoram, oregano, parsley, rosemary, thyme and many others. One dollar each. 6509 Seven Locks Road. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.

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HOUSE SITTER wanted for month of August. Need someone who likes cats. Call Elaine Tama at 229-8733.

HISTORIC PROGRAM AT GLEN ECHO PARK

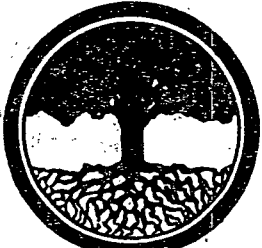
On Sunday, June 23, at 2:00 p.m., join a Park Ranger at Glen Echo Park for a free program about the history of the site. The park interpreter has prepared a fascinating and insightful look into Glen Echo which reveals social and political trends affecting the entire nation.

The program is an hour long and uses wonderfully amusing slides from the Victorian and amusement park eras. Meet at the stone tower at 2. For more information, call 492-6282.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

(If you want your event listed in this calendar, please call Amy Wilson, 229-8745. The next deadline is June 15. The calendar is open to all community-related groups.)

Tuesday, May 28 Cabin John Citizens Association meeting, 8 p.m., Clara Barton/Washington International School. Everybody welcome.

Saturday, June 8 Flea Market, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Clara Barton Center for Children, 7425 MacArthur.


FREE SWIM PROGRAM

Free swimming for Cabin John children in Palisades Pool is expected to start again on a twice weekly basis after school is out. But -- a chairman for the free swim pro-

gram is still needed, as this issue of the paper went to press. If you want to volunteer to keep this ever-popular program going this summer, call Betsy Lawrence, 229-6706.

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