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BID SOLICITATION NEAR FOR CLARA BARTON RENOVATION

A call for construction bids for the renovation of the Clara Barton School building will be issued in about 3 weeks, according to David Schindel, Chair of the Citizens Association Liaison Committee. The Committee has been working closely with two departments of the Montgomery County government--Family Resources and Facilities & Services--to finalize plans for Phase I renovations, which will cover the first floor of both the old and new parts of the building.

The job will cost about \$750,000 and will provide better space for the existing Clara Barton Center for Children and the Cabin John 3&4 Year Old Program, as well as for Bethesda Youth Services (for teen-agers) and probably other multi-generational uses.

Schindel expressed appreciation for the excellent cooperation received from Bennett Connelly, the County's Director of Children and Youth Services, who is coordinating the renovation program for the County. Cabin John citizen views have been fully reflected in making the plans, he said.

MANY SERVICES AVAILABLE THROUGH COUNTY FOR OLDER RESIDENTS OF CABIN JOHN

By Barbara Goodno

Once each month--usually on a Tuesday morning--the Montgomery County "Seniormobile" visits Cabin John. Parked behind the old firehouse at the intersection of MacArthur Blvd. and Seven Locks Rd., the van provides one-stop referral service for senior citizens interested in the many services that the County provides its older residents.

Do you need home repairs or help in meeting your winter fuel bills? Do you have health problems on which you'd like to consult? Do you need the services of a lawyer? Are you looking for a part-time job? Or an opportunity to volunteer your services?

The van provides face-to-face service, but information is also available by telephone by calling 468-4443 (you can call this number too to find out when the Seniormobile will be in Cabin John).

Some of the programs operated for the benefit of elder citizens are listed below. Their main purpose, says Donald L. Wassman, the County Director of the Division of Elder Affairs, is to preserve individual rights. "As we get older, we suffer many losses. We lose our hair, our teeth, our friends, our job, our income, but we don't lose the right of self-determination."

The multiple services offered by the Division help assure that seniors do in fact have the means to make choices, Wassman added. We want "to keep people in the community as long as possible and to avoid premature placement in a nursing home." For nursing home residents, the County provides an "Ombudsman" service (468-4433) which will speak up for the rights of the residents.

For individuals who feel isolated in their homes, there are two contact programs:

- Telecare, which provides a warm, friendly phone call every day at an agreed-upon time; and
- Friendly Visiting Program, which arranges for home visits. For Telecare, call 468-4046; for information on the visiting program, call 468-4443. (Continued on page 2)

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SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS...

Many older residents want to keep active in the community. For them there is the "Job Support for Seniors" program that provides counseling services for finding employment (phone 933-5882). There is also the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) which already has placed 1200 senior volunteers in 120 locations, matching an individual's skills and interest with an agency's need. The number to call is 468-4441. Many volunteers work in schools.

A centerpiece of the County's programs is Holiday Park Multiservice Senior Center, at 3950 Ferrara Drive in Wheaton. The center provides medical and dental care, legal services, a daily noon meal, recreation, physical fitness programs,

education programs, gardening, and cultural trips and events. (Phone: 468-4448).

According to Wassman, the people using the center help determine the services offered. For example, one of the more popular adult education programs has been a "55 Alive" mature driver education course. Those successfully completing the class have been able to receive lowered insurance premiums.

Information on other programs is available as follows:

Housing services, 933-9767;

Legal services, 942-3633;

Library special services, 493-2555;

Recreation programs for senior adults, 468-4480;

Transportation services, 468-4446.

WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND CABIN JOHN...

...The new president of the Cabin John Citizens Association is Maureen Willoughby. She was elected at the May 26 CJCA meeting, together with the following other officers:

Ed Kelly, first VP
Adriana Klich, second VP
Judy Vogt, recording sec
Judy Duffield, corresponding sec
Clare Amoruso, treas.

...At the same meeting, it was agreed to ask the National Park Service for a truckload of free tulip bulbs. They are available to associations after being dug up from NPS flower beds. Depending on demand and availability, one load might amount to 8,000 to 30,000 bulbs!

...The free swim program for Cabin John children at the Pali-sades Pool will again be coordinated by Mary Potter, 365-0420. Each child must have a signed permission slip. Parents may use the form in this issue of the Village News.

...Do you have any old records from the Citizens Association? Many years' records are missing, including minutes of meetings. If you have some, or can suggest who might, please call Wanda Veraska, 229-5029.

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MEANWHILE, DOWN THE ROAD IN GLEN ECHO...

...The Glen Echo Park Foundation announces that the Big Apple Circus is coming to Glen Echo Park and the opening night performance, Tuesday, August 11, will be a benefit for the Foundation. The Foundation was organized last year to preserve the Park and seek funds for the rehabilitation of its historic buildings.

The Big Apple Circus is a non-profit, one-ring circus in the European tradition. The audience, rather than being distant spectators, are entertained and educated in an intimate setting.

Tickets will be available at the Bethesda Co-op for \$15, \$25 and \$50. The Foundation is seeking businesses interested in purchasing boxes of six seats. Each sponsor will be acknowledged on the box and in the program. For information, call Diane Leatherman at 229-7412.

(Classified ads should be sent to P.O. Box 164, Cabin John 20818. Next deadline: Saturday, August 15, 1987. The rate is 50¢ per line (figure 7 words to a line). Please send check, payable to "Village News," with ad.)

FOR SALE: 1984 red Ford Econoline 150 van, 4 speed, \$6,500. Call 229-5286.

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GIVEAWAY. Above-ground swimming pool, 25' diameter. You disassemble and remove. 229-3482.

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FOR SALE: Refinished antique heavy hardwood desk. Dimensions: 60" long, 34" wide, 30" high. Locks. Large file drawer +. Looks masculine. Glass cover. Price \$900 cash. Call 229-1705 after 6 p.m.

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RENTAL DESIRED 8/1 or 9/1: Professional couple (photographer & psychologist) desire rental in Cabin John, Glen Echo or Bethesda. Currently renting in Cabin John for summer, have fallen in love with people, neighborhood. Call Tom or Terrie, 229-9611.

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BEACH HOUSE FOR RENT in South Bethany. 1½ blocks from beach. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 decks. July 5 thru July 11. Cost: \$375 or negotiable. Call 320-2685.

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LOST CAT: "Ashleigh," a long-haired male, Seal Point Himalayan. Creamy-tan in color w/ dark-brown tips on the ears, tail, paws and mask of face. He has blue eyes, is wearing a red collar w/ blue threads in it. Was last seen in the Persimmon Tree & MacArthur Blvd. area. If found, please call 229-7868 or 229-5286. REWARD.

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DAYLILIES--still plenty left. Also mint. All free. Barbara Martin 229-3482.

I hereby approve my child's participation in the Cabin John Free Swim program and consent to emergency medical treatment for my child on my behalf. To the best of my knowledge there is no physical or other condition that would interfere with my child's participation in this program. I am aware the neither the Cabin John Citizens Association nor the Palisades Swimming Pool Association assumes responsibility for injury or damages resulting from participation in this program. I also understand that if my child is under 6 years old, he or she must be accompanied by an adult.

Name of child _____ Age _____

Signature of parent or legal guardian _____

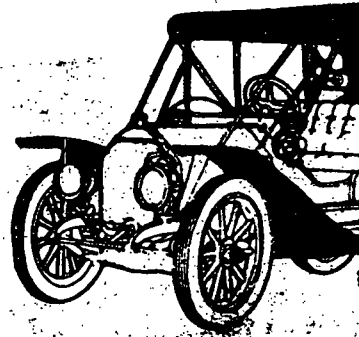
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The Village News needs your input if it's going to cover all the news in Cabin John. Some important event going on in your family or organization? Some complaint you want to register? Just drop a line to P.O. Box 164, Cabin John 20818, or call the editor, Andy Rice, at 229-3503.

The volunteer staff is taking its annual summer break, so the next issue of the paper will appear in August. The deadline for all items to be included is 12 noon on Saturday, August 15.

Have a nice summer!

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