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WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND CABIN JOHN...

...A full report on the September 12 Crab Feast will be given at the next meeting of the Cabin John Citizens Association on Tuesday, September 29, at the Clara Barton School, starting at 8 p.m. Although the event was partially rained out, hundreds enjoyed crabs and chicken before the rains came. A special "thanks to those who contributed and volunteered" will appear in the next issue of the Village News.

...An ophthalmologist will be one of the skilled personnel on the Montgomery County Seniorsmobile when it makes its monthly visit to Cabin John on Wednesday, October 7. The van is parked behind the old Cabin John Firehouse at the corner of MacArthur and Seven Locks. In addition to providing free tests for glaucoma and cataracts, there is blood pressure testing, and information is provided on all kinds of services for senior citizens -- help with home repairs, legal services, job opportunities, etc. All Cabin John senior citizens are most welcome to visit and find out what's available.

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CLARA BARTON RENOVATION NOW SLOTTED FOR JULY 1988

By David E. Schindel

Montgomery County Executive Sidney Kramer has declined to approve an emergency supplemental appropriation for renovation of Clara Barton School using funds from fiscal year 1987, but he has instead instructed that the project be placed in the normal funding process for fiscal year 1988. If funding is approved, construction could begin as early as July 1988. The Clara Barton project will probably be the only day care renovation scheduled for 1988, and so, according to Bennett Connelly, Director of the Division on Children and Youth Services, the prospects "look good" for construction to begin next summer.

Several weeks ago, Kramer was presented with two proposals for renovation of closed county schools for day care use. Along with the Clara Barton project, which would require a supplement of at least \$250,000 for the \$800,000 first phase of renovation, a \$600,000 renovation of the Lone Oak School in Rockville was proposed. The Lone Oak project had proceeded past the point of finished architect's plans, and bids for construction were already in hand. Rather than delay the Lone Oak project and cause the pending bids to lapse, Kramer approved the request for an emergency appropriation, which now goes forward to the County Council for final approval. According to Connelly, the County Executive reasoned that the Clara Barton project was at least 3-6 months away from receiving bids and awarding a contract, and therefore an emergency appropriation was not in order.

In placing the Clara Barton renovation on the schedule for fiscal year 1988 consideration, Kramer has approved the completion of final site plans and architectural specifications. These plans will be reviewed by the Community Liaison Committee, made up of representatives from the Cabin John Citizens Association, the Clara Barton Children's Center, and the Cabin John 3 and 4 Year-Old School.

Once approved by these community representatives and the County Department of Facilities and Services, the plans will be submitted for public hearings on Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) in

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...The Cabin John United Methodist Church has an active season under way. In addition to the new children's Sunday School which continues at 10 each Sunday morning, there will be a chicken dinner served at the church on Saturday, September 26, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Then on Tuesday, October 6, at 7:30 p.m., another of the popular Favorite Hymn Sings will take place. And, looking further down the road, a pre-Christmas Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, October 23, from 4 to 9 p.m., and on Saturday, October 24, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

...Enrollment in the after-school extended day care program of the Clara Barton Center for Children has risen from 30 last year to 50 this year, causing an urgent need for more staff. The Center has issued the following plea:

"Grandparents, Senior Citizens, Students: Wouldn't you enjoy being with young children a few hours a day? Clara Barton Center is looking for people to help out with the Center children from 3 or 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. a few days a week. No training or experience necessary. Men and women welcome. Don't be shy -- call 320-4565 to discuss hours and pay."

...The Cabin John Post Office again demonstrated its competence by delivering to Barbara, Matthew and Sherman Robinson a card addressed to them simply at "Canal #2 (about)".

DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL FOR LINDA BILLINGS

Linda Billings was a vital member of the Cabin John community. Her tragic death two years ago this November was a loss for all of us. Linda was actively involved in organizing crab feasts and holiday parties and was concerned about the preservation of Cabin John as a community.

The contributions of the community for a memorial for Linda will enable us to dedicate it on Sunday, October 25, at 2 p.m. on the west (Cabin John) side of the Union Arch Bridge. The memorial will encompass the planting of Dawn Redwood trees and the installation of a bench.

We will commemorate her active life in Cabin John, and all who come are welcome to speak extemporaneously. If you know in advance that you would like to speak, or if you would like to share some thoughts about the dedication, please call Eva Stolwein or Mark Willcher at 320-2041.



PUPPET SHOW TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE GLEN ECHO PARK FOUNDATION

On Tuesday, October 20, at 7 p.m. in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, The Puppet Co. will present "Alice-Through the Looking Glass" as a benefit for the Glen Echo Park Foundation.

Tickets for everyone over two years of age cost \$5. There will be door prizes for several children. The performance will be preceded by a potluck supper at 6 p.m. in the Bumper Car Pavilion. The entry fee for the potluck is a dish to share or \$2. Costumes are welcome at the festivities.

The event is co-sponsored by the Clara Barton Center, the Cheshire Cat Children's Bookstore, and Lowen's Toys, as well as by the National Park Service. Tickets are available at the Bethesda Co-op in the MacArthur Square Shopping Center or by mail from the Glen Echo Park Foundation, P.O. Box 719, Glen Echo 20812. The Foundation is seeking patrons for the event: Special Friends of Alice donate \$100, White Knights give \$50 and Good Eggs (as in Humpty-Dumpty) give \$25.

Cabin Johners wanting more information may contact Diane Leatherman at 229-7412. The Foundation is a non-profit membership organization formed in 1986 and committed to raising \$3 million by 1991 to rehabilitate the Park.

AN INTERVIEW WITH THE
MANAGER OF CABIN JOHN'S BANK

By Barbara Goodno

A bank is more than just a place to keep your money. And the Maximum Savings Bank, located in the MacArthur Square Shopping Center, is ready to prove it. So says manager Gracie Baten.

"This is a different bank," claims Baten, "where we make every effort to make people feel welcome and provide maximum service."

And indeed Maximum does provide a full range of banking services. In addition to checking, savings, and investment accounts, Maximum offers loan services for car, home, and commercial loans. Other services, such as money orders, travelers and certified checks, and safe deposit boxes, are available too. The Bank also provides telephone transfer authorization and makes available the use of the MOST card free of charge.

On Thursday evenings the bank is open until 7 p.m., and on Saturdays it is open from 9 a.m. until noon. Its regular hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"We have a reputation as one of the friendliest banks," Baten says, "so much so that when our customers move away they keep their accounts. We have customers as far away as Texas and New Mexico."

Maryland's recent savings and loan crisis had no effect on the bank, since Maximum has always been federally insured. In fact, Baten notes, "at the height of the crisis, one of the local papers rated local banks in terms of safety--giving red, yellow, and green lights. Maximum was the only bank in its age group to be rated green."

Perhaps because it is a young bank, Maximum has a large number of young customers. "We treat them with extra care, maybe even better than our more experienced banking customers," says Baten.

The manager says that she is looking forward to becoming more involved in the community. "When I started as bank manager three years ago, there were procedural things that I needed to attend to. Now that the procedures are set up and running smoothly, I'll have time to go out into the community."

The bank's conference rooms are available for meetings, for example. Those interested in using them should contact her (229-8700) and make arrangements.

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CHANGE IN EMPLOYEE SYSTEM OPPOSED BY CABIN JOHN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Victor Esch of the Cabin John Volunteer Fire Department is leading the fight against legislation pending in the County Council that would give the County control over the paid employees who now work for the county's many volunteer fire departments. (These paid employees are in addition to the hundreds of volunteers, and work during daytime and other hours when volunteers are generally simply not available.)

Representing the Montgomery County Fire-

Rescue Association, Esch makes the case that the centralized system would result in a drastic decline in volunteer participation and thus would cost taxpayers millions of dollars. "This is exactly what has happened in Fairfax County," Esch declares.

A government-centralized system would not only cost more but would not be as close to the needs of the community. He points to recent public dispute over emergency services in the District of Columbia to demonstrate that centralizing fire and rescue services don't necessarily provide better service.


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If you want to volunteer for the paper, please call Andy Rice at 229-3503. The volunteer staff for this issue is:

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

(For more information about these events, see news stories in this issue of the Village News.)

Saturday, September 26 Chicken dinner at Cabin John United Methodist Church, 4 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 29 Meeting of Cabin John Citizens Association, Clara Barton School, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, October 6 Hymn sing at Cabin John United Methodist Church, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, October 7 Seniorsmobile visits MacArthur Square Shopping Center, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, October 20 "Alice-Through the Looking Glass" performance for benefit of Glen Echo Park Foundation, at the Park, 7 p.m.

Friday-Saturday, October 23-24 Rummage sale at Cabin John United Methodist Church

Sunday, October 25 Dedication of Linda Billings Memorial, west end of Union Arch Bridge, 2 p.m.

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January. Members of the community will be urged to voice their support for the project then. Following CIP approval, the Clara Barton project will go through the county budget deliberations next spring, which are normally completed by May 15. If approved as part of the FY 88 budget, the plans would be put out for bids at that time. Construction could start as soon as the fiscal year begins on July 1.

TIME TO PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES IN THE CABIN JOHN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

(If you were unable to pay your annual Association dues at the Crab Feast, please do so now.)

Please sign me up as a member of the Cabin John Citizens Association for the period September 1, 1987, to August 31, 1988.

Name(s) _____

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NOTE: If the above is more than you can afford, please join by giving what you can.

Please make check payable to CJCA and mail to Clare Amoruso, Treasurer, 7521 Arden Road, Cabin John, MD 20818.

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(Classified ads should be sent to P.O. Box 164, Cabin John 20818. Next deadline: Saturday, October 17. The rate is 50¢ per line (figure 7 words to a line). Please send check, payable to "Village News," with ad.)

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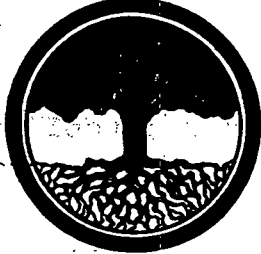
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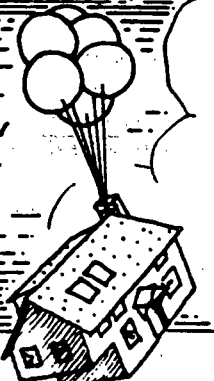
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