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WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND CABIN JOHN...

...Cable TV is on its way to Cabin John and probably will be available by the end of the year. Residents may expect to start hearing from the Marketing Department of Cable TV Montgomery during the month of November.

According to a story in our friendly neighbor newspaper, the Glen Echo Echo, the basic \$14.95 monthly service will include channels from DC, Baltimore, Cable News, C-Span, ESPN, Nickelodeon, Weather, Financial News, and others. At an extra charge HBO, Disney, Showtime, and Home Team Sports will also be available.

...Persimmon Tree homeowners will hold a "Hallowe'en Happening" for residents on Saturday, October 31, from 1 to 4 p.m. on Carlynn Court.

A number of new families have moved into Persimmon Tree in recent months, and the occasion provides a time to meet neighbors, said Alan Bekelman, president of the Persimmon Tree Homeowners Association. A highlight will be a neighborhood parade of children in Hallowe'en costumes.

Blanche Wine of Car-
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RE-DOING OF CABIN JOHN MASTER PLAN TO BE TOPIC AT CITIZENS ASSOCIATION MEETING, OCTOBER 27

Every resident of Cabin John---whether or not a member of the Citizens Association---is invited to the next association meeting, to be held Tuesday, October 27, at 8 p.m. at the Clara Barton School. The principal topic will be the determination of community views on any changes to be made in the Cabin John Master Plan.

The Cabin John plan is part of the larger Bethesda-Chevy Chase Master Plan which is now coming up for review by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The process will take about a year.

After hearing community views at the October 27 meeting, it is expected that a Master Plan Committee of interested citizens will be set up to discuss with the MNCPPC authorities Cabin John's views on any zoning or other changes. The last time this process was undertaken, in the early 1970's, there was much community sentiment against "downzoning" existing commercial properties.

At the last Citizens Association meeting, held on September 29, when this question was
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LINDA BILLINGS MEMORIAL DEDICATION, OCTOBER 25

As previously reported in the Village News, the dedication of the memorial to Linda Billings will take place on Sunday, October 25, at 2 p.m. at the west (Cabin John) side of the Union Arch Bridge.

Special thanks go to Mark Willcher for building and installing the memorial bench and planting the Dawn Redwood trees; to Reed Martin for constructing and engraving the memorial plaque; to Eva Stolwein for organizing the memorial and working with the Army Corps of Engineers; to the Corps of Engineers for their helpfulness in granting permission; to Susan and Peter Vogt, Tevy Schlafman, Betsy Lawrence, Tresa Bass, Andy Rice, Maureen Willoughby, Ken Diffenderfer, and Betsy Cheney for their remembrances and ideas; and to the members of the Cabin John community and the Citizens Association for contributing generously to make the memorial possible.

WHAT'S GOING ON...
(contd. from page 1)

lynn Drive is coordinating the afternoon activities for the Persimmon Tree neighborhood which includes 90 homes. Interested volunteers are welcome and should contact Blanche (229-2946) who is planning a variety of activities and refreshments for the event.

...The next visit of the Montgomery County Seniormobile to Cabin John is expected to be Wednesday morning, November 4, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Very few people visited it on its last appearance, on October 7, and there is therefore some question as to the continuation of its service to the Cabin John community. It is understood that the November visit will include a podiatrist, as well as the usual blood pressure testing and the providing of information about all kinds of services for senior citizens.

...The Bethesda Co-op in MacArthur Square will be celebrating its 12th birthday on Sunday, November 1, at 7 p.m. The Co-op will provide a free main dish featuring Mexican cuisine, and asks those attending to bring salad or dessert. Music will be provided by Peter Jones and Denny Buck.

...Income from last month's annual community Crab Feast totalled about \$2200, according to early calculations. At press time a full report on the event was not yet available.

CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED TO CUT BACK NIGHT FLIGHTS AT NATIONAL AIRPORT

At least 30 phone calls were made by Cabin John residents on October 7 to complain about jets taking off or landing at National Airport between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. October 7 was Cabin John's "day" to log in complaints; other communities up and down the Potomac had other days. The campaign is being orchestrated by CAAN (Citizens for the Abatement of Aircraft Noise), which is seeking a total ban on flights in or out of the airport during those hours.

As of September 30, CAAN reported that there was an average of 17 overflights during the "curfew" period and that a master plan for the future of National Airport now being developed by the new Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority foresaw an increase in these flights to 33 scheduled commercial jets.

The CAAN telephone campaign is continuing through the month of October and was endorsed at the last meeting of the Cabin John Citizens Association. The number to call is the Airport complaint center, 685-8020.

For more information, listen to radio station WFAX (1220 AM) on October 30 (Friday) at 7:45 p.m. or on October 31 (Saturday) at 7:00 a.m. or 6:45 p.m., or call Helen Popenoe, 229-0549.

CABIN JOHN MASTER PLAN... (contd. from page 1) first discussed, it was tentatively agreed that, following the October 27 meeting, a questionnaire would be sent to the whole community asking for views on Cabin John zoning and future development.

Citizens Association president Maureen Willoughby urged that anyone who has real concern about Cabin John's future come and speak out at the October 27 meeting.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday-Saturday, October 23-24 Rummage sale at Cabin John United Methodist Church (Friday in late afternoon and early evening and Saturday during the day until about 4 p.m.)

Sunday, October 25, 2 p.m. Dedication of Linda Billings Memorial (see story this issue)

Tuesday, October 27, 8 p.m. Citizens Association meeting. Clara Barton School. All welcome, whether or not members. Discussion of Cabin John Master Plan.

Saturday, October 31, 1 to 4 p.m. Persimmon Tree Homeowners Hallowe'en Party

Sunday, November 1, 7 p.m. Bethesda Co-op 12th birthday party. At the Co-op.

"DO NOT FEAR," SAYS PLANNER ABOUT PROPOSED MASTER PLAN REVISION

(In view of community concern about the expected revision of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Master Plan -- which includes Cabin John -- the Village News asked reporter Barbara Goodno to interview the authorities. This is her report.)

Revisions to the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Master Plan will not threaten the Cabin John community as many fear, Denise Boswell, Community Planner for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, said in a recent interview.

Responding to questions generated at the September 29 Cabin John Citizens Association meeting, Boswell assured residents that the revised master plan would result in few changes.

"Cabin John will still exist in the year 2000," Boswell asserted, "and it will probably look a lot like it does now. I know of no changes contemplated in the existing zoning and land use plan," she added, noting that Cabin John, with only four exceptions, is already zoned solely for single family dwellings.

The new master plan will update the plan approved in 1970 and will be valid into the next century, Boswell said. The revision will address three basic elements--land use, community facilities, and transportation.

In community planning, Boswell said, "we try to maintain residential character. This is something we really want to preserve in Cabin John. It is one of only a few areas in the county that has a real sense of community."

Residents are unreasonably fearful of the possibility of commercial rezoning, she said. "Rezoning is a very serious process," she declared. "It is not looked at flippantly, and is a very difficult, expensive process. Unless the residents really want commercial zoning, it's usually not approved," Boswell added.

According to Boswell, a recently completed opinion survey revealed

that Montgomery County residents believe that the quality of life in the county remains quite high. The survey, conducted for the Montgomery County Office of Management and Budget, found, however, that a majority of residents were concerned about growth and the resulting problems of traffic congestion.

These kinds of problems are among those to be considered during the next twelve months. And the planning process will include much opportunity for citizen participation, including three public forums and a county-wide Citizens Issues Committee to be set up with 18 members, one of whom will represent the Cabin John area.

Membership on the citizens committee will be a long-term commitment, Boswell noted. It will involve one meeting a month for at least the next year.

In addition to the public forums and the issues committee, the planning commission will establish "access centers" at various spots to accommodate people who have something to say but who tend to avoid large meetings. "Some people just need to talk to us one on one," Boswell said.

"We hope that involvement in the process will help put people in accord with one another, even though everyone will not be satisfied."

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1986-1987 Treasurer's Report

...Concern has arisen about a proposal to make Dalroy Lane in Bannockburn a through street, rather than a dead-end one as it is now. Bannockburn School, the public elementary school attended by Cabin John youngsters, is on Dalroy. Although currently closed for renovation, the school will re-open in September 1988.

...The Montgomery County Board of Education is wrestling with the problem of whether to renovate Walt Whitman High School or tear it down completely and put up a new building. The building is only 25 years old but has deteriorated badly.

...A Hallowe'en story telling program for families will take place at Glen Echo Park on October 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the Adventure Theater. Designed for children five or older and their parents, admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children. Call 362-7881 for reservations.

...Don't put out your old newspapers on Fridays for recycling if the Montgomery County Schools are closed due to snow. That's the official word from the County Department of Environmental Protection. But if it's just ordinary inclement weather, put them out.

Income

	1986-1987	1985-1986
Advertising		768.40
Classified	128.00	-
Display Ads	712.90	-
Donations	48.00	1,041.75
Sears House Tour	185.00	-
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T-Shirt Sales	-	666.00
1986 Crab Feast Proceeds	577.13	552.01
Subscriptions	65.00	70.00
Checking Account Interest	155.32	88.93
Miscellaneous	8.50	34.12
	<u>2,879.85</u>	<u>3,907.21</u>

Expenditures

P.O. Box Rental	22.00	22.00
Labels	181.41	-
Printing	1,493.87	408.46
Postage	811.99	758.89
Miscellaneous	26.70	17.88
Annual Bulk Mailing Fee	-	50.00
Bank Charges	-	12.78
Purchase of T-Shirts	-	813.83
	<u>2,535.97</u>	<u>2,394.86</u>

Net Income for September 1, 1986 through August 31, 1987 343.88
 Balance Forwarded from August 31, 1986 2,394.86
 Balance on Hand, August 31, 1987 \$2,738.74

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COMMUNITY PROBLEMS DISCUSSED AT
SEPTEMBER CITIZENS ASSOCIATION MEETING

So far Cabin John has escaped the infestation of gypsy moths that have attacked other nearby areas. But they are all around us, and at the September 29 meeting of the CJCA there was discussion of the advisability of Cabin John applying to take part in the Gypsy Moth Aerial Suppression Government-Neighborhood Cost Sharing Program (quite a name!) under which County shares the cost of an aerial spraying program.

This is done in areas that are not considered serious enough to be covered by the State program. No final decision was reached.

Some complaints were voiced about mail service. Recently some residents were not getting their mail delivered until after 6 p.m. Apparently there has been some turnover of mail carriers at the post office.

The Association decided to take action to get the very bright lights around the cellular phone building turned down or off. The building is located next to the water tower. Moreover, the landscaping around the building has not been done.

The Association's officers were reminded that continuing attention must be paid to stop illegal activities on MacArthur Boulevard. These include speeding, cars driven or parked on the bike path, and dragracing. The police do not always respond promptly to complaints, and even when they do, the offenders can often pick up messages on the police radio and vanish by the time the police arrive.



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CABIN JOHN PLAYMATES looking for a sixth playmate. We are five people, aged 2 to 2½ years, who play together every Friday from 9:30 to noon with two parents in attendance. If you are interested, have your mom or dad call Diane at 229-7412.

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SALE: Couch 81" long, 3 cushions, very good condition, \$50 or best offer. Call Mary Mattia, 229-3430.

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PSYCHOLOGIST: Fonya DeLong, Ph.D., has relocated her office to Cabin John. Individual psychotherapy for adults, adolescents, and children. Also offers guidance for parents, couples therapy, and psychological testing. 229-9120.

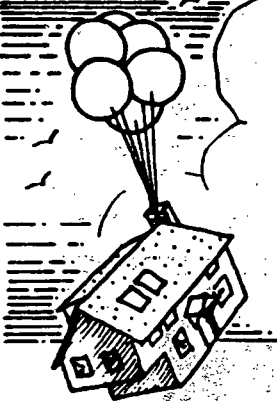
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