

# THE VILLAGE NEWS

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## WHAT'S GOING ON

### AROUND CABIN JOHN...

...Continuing a tradition, a community Thanksgiving service will be held on Wednesday, November 25, at 7:30 p.m. under the joint sponsorship of the Cabin John United Methodist Church and the Gibson Grove AME Zion Church. The service will take place at the Gibson Grove Church (7700 Seven Locks Road) and the preacher will be the Rev. Walter Shropshire of the United Methodist Church. All are most welcome.

..A special feature of the next visit of the Montgomery County Seniorsmobile to Cabin John will be the services of a licensed podiatrist to advise on foot problems. Blood pressure checking will also be available, as well as complete information on all County services for older citizens. Time: 9:30 a.m. until noon at the MacArthur Square Shopping Center. The day is Wednesday, December 2.

..The Clara Barton Center for Children will benefit from a performance for children of "Babes in Toyland", described as a "rollicking holiday treat." Tickets are \$6.50 in advance and (Continued on page 2)

## CABIN JOHN'S FUTURE IS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN UP-DATING OF MASTER PLAN; CITIZEN AND COMMUNITY ACTION GETS UNDER WAY

By Ed Kelly and Cappie Morgan

Your involvement is needed now if you want to influence the type of community Cabin John will be in the next decades. The Montgomery County Government is in the early stages of revising the basic plan that will shape future development and growth in the Bethesda/Chevy Chase area, of which Cabin John is a part for planning purposes.

The process by which the County will seek community views and the manner in which they will be incorporated is somewhat uncertain at this point. What is clear is that the process is beginning and the earlier we make our views known the more effective they are likely to be.

The County appears to be seeking both individual views and collective or community views. And individual citizens of Cabin John will have an opportunity to express their opinions about zoning, transportation, environmental protection, school facilities, etc., at a public "access meeting" that will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday, November 23, at the Clara Barton. This meeting, chaired by a staff member of the County Park and Planning Office, will enable you, the individual citizen, to speak directly to the authorities to give your views about any of the issues. (See later in this story for some of the issues involved.) So anyone concerned about any aspect of the future of Cabin John should come to this meeting and express his or her individual opinions on current and future trends. This is the only forum to be held for the expression of individual views.

Parallel with the above hearings, the County is also seeking the views of organized groups -- and particularly of organized community groups. For our community the Cabin John Citizens Association is preparing to be the channel through which a collective expression of community opinion will be submitted. This is not new. In the early 1970s, Cabin John took part in the last planning process by developing a Cabin John Community Plan. This plan described the

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\$7.50 at the door and may be purchased thru the mail from the Center at 7425 MacArthur Blvd., Cabin John 20818 (tel. 320-4565). The performance will take place Saturday, December 5, at 11 a.m. in Gaston Hall on the Georgetown University campus.

..An anonymous correspondent has asked the paper to publish the following message:  
"Thanks to the couple who aided us Oct. 24 when bicyclist with guitar fell on tow-path; recovering nicely, thanks in no small measure to your kindness."

#### NEWS FROM NEARBY...

..A proposal to build 49 multi-storied town houses adjacent to Bannockburn School was turned down by the National Capital Park and Planning Commission after substantial opposition from the community.

..Interested in checking your house for radon? For information and a list of firms that do radon testing, contact the County's Division of Environmental Planning and Monitoring at 251-2380.

The next issue of the Village News will appear in January 1988. We wish all our readers a happy holiday season.



The above plaque appears on the memorial bench dedicated on October 25 at the Cabin John end of the Union Arch Bridge. The bench, together with three Dawn Redwood trees, is in honor of Linda Billings, an active member of the Cabin John community until her untimely death two years ago. Linda's mother came from California to join many friends at the dedication. (Photo by Peter Vogt)

#### ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY, DECEMBER 6

Every December Cabin John has a family holiday party. This year it will take place on Sunday afternoon, December 6, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Clara Barton School. There will be singing of carols, and Sandy Rothman, professional storyteller, will tell two stories. It is even rumored that Santa Claus may put in an appearance! Small children are especially welcome. Beverages will be provided, and each family is asked to bring a plateful of snacks, cookies, etc., to place on the refreshment table.

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## PLANNING. . .

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unique history of our neighborhood and specified the guidelines by which it wanted to influence future growth in areas such as land use, transportation, environment, and education.

And in most respects the Cabin John plan was followed in the intervening years. But now it is time to update those guidelines so as to make sure that the B/CC Master Plan accurately reflects Cabin John's vision of its future.

To this end an informal working group was set up at the last meeting of the Citizens Association in October. The group is wide open for additional members and of course will be complemented by the existing committees of the Citizens Association.

A preliminary report of the working group will be made at the next Citizens Association meeting that will be held on Tuesday, November 24, at 8 p.m. at Clara Barton School.

Here are the major issues as seen by working group thus far:

**A. Transportation:** The development of lower Montgomery County has resulted in a substantial increase of traffic through Cabin John. Control of thru traffic and safety issues are therefore critical to our community.

**B. Environment:** The

existing natural and human environment of Cabin John will be severely impacted by additional development, either public or private. All such development must be considered in the context of preserving the existing sense of space in Cabin John. This involves:

- maintaining trees
- retaining existing narrow streets
- retaining the current housing scale and density
- protecting or restoring community streams, springs, and drainages
- protecting and expanding pedestrian connections (paths)

**C. Development:**

Clearly there is community concern about further development within Cabin John. Can we preserve our present tree-canopied, rural-like setting? We need to take a look at all remaining undeveloped parcels, at possible subdivisions, and at the potential for commercial development under current zoning.

**D. Facilities and Services:** The community has an interest in many public facilities such as the Clara Barton School; the C & O Canal and the George Washington Memorial Parkway; the Cabin John Parkway; MacArthur Boulevard; the Union Arch Bridge; and the Griffith Park Bridge (small bridge next to MacArthur Boulevard and the Beltway bridge).

**E. Historic sites:**

As part of its planning process, the County is considering historic sites. Some, but by no means all, of the historic sites in Cabin John are:

- Union Arch Bridge
- Griffith Park Bridge
- Cabin John Hotel Gas House
- Lock Houses 8, 10, and 11
- Locks 8 - 12
- TeToro's chapel
- Archeological sites of Indian and industrial activity

A tentative timetable for working out community views on these issues has been outlined as follows:

Nov. 1987 - Citizen input at November 24 CJCA meeting (probably to be continued with another meeting in December)

Jan. 1988 - Working group meetings (continuing through February)

Mar. - Presentation of draft updated plan for citizen comment and reaction

Apr. - Revision of plan

May - Final review and adoption of plan by community

In the early 1970s, the community worked together to develop a community plan that has stood the test of time. Building on it, we should be able to do the same again.

For a good start, we are looking for a lively discussion at the November 24 Citizens Association meeting.

Come!

## A THANK-YOU TO CRAB FEAST HELPERS!

With the first snow of the season already come and gone, it's hard to remember that it was only two months ago that Cabin John celebrated with its annual crab and chicken feast. But it's not too late to thank those who volunteered their time to make the big event a success. Here's a list (and the Village News apologizes in advance if anyone has been omitted; it's hard to keep track of so many enthusiastic volunteers.)

Ticket sales: Diane Leatherman, Eva Stollwein, Helen Wesner, Mike Wright, Jean Maggio, Bob Willkoff, Betsy Cheney, Celeste Swedenberg, Elaine Mazzi, Kay Kemp, Catherine Lichtblau, K. Corrigan, Frank McKinney

Tables & Chairs: Andy Rice, Mike Hahn, Ed

Kelly, Joe Lee, Mark Leatherman, Milo Robinson, Mark Willcher, Judy Vogt. (And thanks to the churches that lent the tables and chairs: Cabin John United Methodist, Glen Echo Church of the Redeemer, Cabin John Full Gospel Washington Church)

Set Up: John Gelb, Tom Green

Signs: Pat Lee, Jill and Phil Sayre. (And thanks to the Wild Bird Center for storing the signs)

Clean Up: Mark Leatherman, Peter & Susan Vogt

Yard: Claude Clifton

Crabs: Susan Vogt

Vegetables: Gloria McKinney, Margaret Coleman, Liz Hook

Veggie cookers and servers: Betty Ann Bullard, Claude Clifton, Margaret Coleman, Susan Gelb, Liz Hook, Anne Hunton,

Peter Jones, Mia Keefe, Basia LeClere, Frank McKinney, Gloria McKinney, Karen Manion, Michele Morgan, Alisha Morgan, Connie Rice, Lena Rose, Stacy Rose, Susan Vogt, Judy Vogt, Celeste Swedenberg, Leslie Wells, Linda Wichman, Maureen Willoughby

Drinks: Tony and Jean Maggio

Chicken: David Murphy, Cherry Doyle, Scott Gilkeson, Fred and Judy Mopsik, Gene Wright

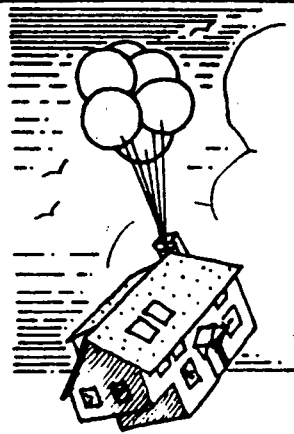
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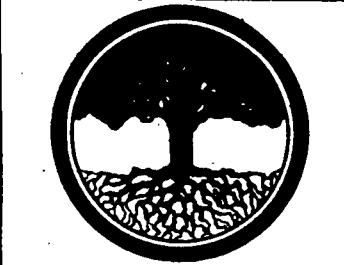
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COMMUNITY MOURNS  
DEATH OF BILL WHITE

Nathaniel White, known to his scores of friends in the Cabin John area as "Bill" or "Billy," died on October 21 after a long illness. Funeral services were held at the Gibson Grove Church on October 24.

Bill was a real go-getter when it came to doing things to benefit Cabin John. His leadership in organizing the annual town Crab Feast was legendary and it was only proper that for many years the Feast was held in the open space behind his house on Carver Road.

He always had some community betterment project to work for, but he modestly didn't take much credit, although he did consent to serve for a period as vice-president of the Cabin John Citizens Association.

Bill was also very active in the Gibson Grove Church of which he was a Trustee. And he was known far and wide as a remarkably fine gardener, whose flowers and vegetables were the envy of all his friends. But they benefited too, because Bill, in his true community spirit, was very generous in giving away the beautiful things he had grown.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, November 23 From 7 to 9 p.m. County Planning staff will be at Clara Barton School to hear views of individual citizens on zoning, roads, and other public facilities

Tuesday, November 24 Cabin John Citizens Association meeting, 8 p.m., Clara Barton School. Discussion of community views on Cabin John Master Plan

Wednesday, November 25 Community Thanksgiving Service, 7:30 p.m., Gibson Grove AME Zion Church (7700 Seven Locks Road)

Wednesday, December 2 Montgomery County Senior-mobile at MacArthur Square shopping center from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon

Saturday, December 5 Benefit performance for Clara Barton Center for Children of "Babes in Toyland" at 11 a.m., Gaston Hall, Georgetown University campus

Sunday, December 6 4 to 6 p.m. Annual Cabin John Holiday Party, Clara Barton School

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