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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CABIN JOHN...

The Cabin John Post Office has been forced by budget cuts to close at noon on Thursday, instead of staying open until 5 p.m. as it does on other weekdays. The nearest post office open for business on Thursday afternoon is at Glen Echo (which is closed on Friday afternoon).

Longer lobby hours for boxholders to pick up their mail have been initiated, however; the new hours are 6:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. on weekdays, and 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

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Irene L. Worsham, believed to be Cabin John's oldest resident, will be 98 years old on March 27. The widow of Lewis Worsham, who died in 1984, she moved into her house at 7910 MacArthur Boulevard in 1939. Letters and cards are much appreciated, reports her daughter, Uva Cable, who lives with her four grandchildren in Cabin John Gardens.

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Cable TV is coming slowly and erratically to Cabin John, with some residents already hooked up but with many others not yet even approached by Cable TV Montgomery, which holds the local franchise. Of the six areas into which the company has divided the county for ser-
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CITIZENS ASSOCIATION TO DISCUSS HOT ISSUE OF "HOME OFFICES" AT NEXT MEETING

New regulations affecting offices in homes in residential areas have now been sent to the Montgomery County Council by the Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission, and the County Council will soon seek public comment on them.

This issue will be at the top of the agenda at the next meeting of the Cabin John Citizens Association on Tuesday, March 22, at 8 p.m. at the Clara Barton School. All interested citizens are invited to come and help formulate a community position.

Also on the agenda at the March 22 meeting will be a report of the Community Plan Update Committee on the increasingly critical problem of assuring that builders of new housing in Cabin John preserve the larger trees on the property they are developing. The question of the cellular (car) phone antennae and floodlights at the water tower will also be discussed, following a response to the Association's complaint to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

And -- can warm weather be far behind? -- the first planning will begin for the community's annual Crab-and-Chicken Feast, the highlight of the late summer season.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Saturday, March 19 Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, Cabin John United Methodist Church, 77th and MacArthur, 4 to 7 p.m. \$6 for adults, \$3 for children.

Tuesday, March 22 Meeting of Cabin John Citizens Association, Clara Barton School, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 23 Meeting on eradication of the gypsy moth, Carderock Springs Clubhouse, Hamilton Springs Court, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 26 Sneak Preview/Open House at renovated Bannockburn School, 6520 Dalroy Lane, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

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Wednesday, April 6 Regularly scheduled visit of County Seniorsmobile, MacArthur Square Shopping Center, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Wednesday, April 13 Benefit concert/dance for Glen Echo Park Foundation featuring "Asleep at the Wheel" (Western swing). Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, 8 p.m. (Tickets \$12 in advance at the Bethesda Co-op).

Thursday, April 28 "Kindergarten Roundup" for children born in 1983. At Bannockburn School's temporary quarters, 7000 Radnor Road. Call 229-8823 for an appointment.

Friday-Saturday, April 29-30 Annual Cabin John Methodist Church Rummage Sale, Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please bring any items you wish to donate to the church any Monday before the sale from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Sunday, May 1 "Pancake-Go-Round" benefit breakfast and auction for Glen Echo Park Foundation, Glen Echo Town Hall, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 1 Bannockburn School Annual Mayfair, 7000 Radnor Road, 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Sunday, May 1 Bethesda/Chevy Chase Celebration Parade, starting 1 p.m., along Wisconsin Avenue, features, among other attractions, Cabin John's Reed Martin and his antique car.

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vice purposes, Cabin John is in the area with the very latest completion date. Installation is scheduled to be 50% complete by December 1988 and 100% complete by the end of 1989.

In the meantime some public spirited (but anonymous) citizen has been putting flyers in Cabin John mailboxes urging householders to insist that they get a connection that will permit them, without having to get an extra converter box, to tape off cable TV while watching something else from antenna TV (or vice-versa) and that enables a viewer to switch from cable to antenna TV at any time. "Do not allow your antenna to be disconnected or removed," warns the flyer.

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The Union Arch Bridge and the Gas House of the old Cabin John Hotel are already on Montgomery County's Master Plan for Historic Preservation and two other Cabin John sites (as well as several locks and lock-houses along the C & O Canal) are now being considered for designation: the rammed earth house at 6532 75th St. and the William Dowling House at 6542 80th St. So reported Gwen Marcus of the Park and Planning Commission at the February meeting of the Cabin John Citizens Association. The meeting suggested two other additions: the original milestones on MacArthur Boulevard and the old "Griffith Park" bridge.

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Glen Echo's community newspaper, The Echo, reports that a survey by Rufus S. Lusk & Son found that in 1986 Cabin John had the highest average selling price of homes in the entire County: \$241,731. The figure was derived from 47 sales that year. Potomac, with 875 sales, was next with an average price of \$223,180.

HOUSES FOR SALE

Properties currently for sale in Cabin John:

- 7 Ericsson Road, rambler, 2 br, 1 ba, \$120,000
 - 11 Ericsson Road, rambler, 2 br, 1 ba, \$127,500
 - 2 McKay Circle, rambler, 2 br, 1 ba, \$107,500
 - 8010 Riverside Avenue, contemporary split level, 4 br, 3 ba, \$895,000
 - 6506 81st Street, contemporary, 4 br, 3 ba, \$439,000
- (Information from Cindy Offterdinger, 951-0313 or 897-8048)

**ACTION ON GYPSY MOTH CATERPILLAR
THREAT URGED BY COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES**

Cabin Johners are invited to a second meeting on the threat to our trees this spring by the gypsy moth caterpillar. The meeting will take place at the Carderock Springs Clubhouse at the end of Hamilton Springs Court on Wednesday, March 23, starting at 8 p.m. County representatives will be there to sell the burlap and sticky tape needed to band trees to protect them from the pest.

The caterpillar particularly likes oak trees but goes after many other trees as well. Tulip poplars, sycamores, eastern red cedars, holly trees, ash trees, and black locusts are about the only trees not attacked. After a couple of seasons of having their leaves chewed off, even large trees are likely to die.

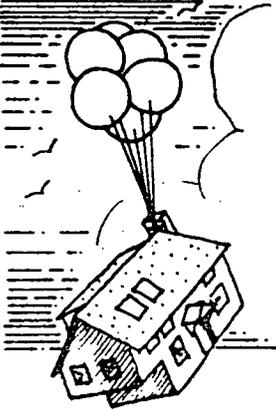
Until about April 1 you can exterminate a lot of potential caterpillars by scraping off the egg masses deposited by the moth last summer. They are light tan to pale yellow in color, about the size of a 50¢ piece, have the texture of felt, and can be found almost anywhere in sheltered spots on trees, houses, wood-piles, fences, etc. Here's what they look like: After scraping the egg masses off, drop them in kerosene or ammonia.



light tan, feltlike texture

The caterpillar itself can be stopped by using sticky tape and burlap, and the meeting on March 23 will explain how to do it. Measure the circumference of every tree you would like to band at chest level; this will tell you how much tape and burlap you will need.

For further information, call the County Gypsy Moth office at 590-2810.



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