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WHAT'S HAPPENING

IN CABIN JOHN...

Annette Davis, at 229-0754, is a spokesperson for Cabin John in the continuing battle against aircraft noise. She welcomes co-workers! Currently, attention is being given to a proposal by the metropolitan Council of Governments to limit flights at National Airport to "quiet" jets between 8 and 10 p.m., and to ban all jet flights after 10 p.m.

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Jay Stedman, at 229-6302, is a source of knowledge on the gypsy moth caterpillar (not to be confused with the tent caterpillar which showed up during the past month in unusual abundance).

At the current stage of their development, the gypsy moth caterpillars have five pairs of blue dots and five pairs of red dots. They are in the tree tops at night (particularly the tops of oak trees), chewing away on the leaves, but crawl down the trunk during the day and so can be trapped. Previous issues of this paper have given information on the sticky tape and bur-lap methods of catching them.

HOME OFFICES, ELECTIONS ARE ON AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Five items are on the agenda for the next meeting of the Cabin John Citizens Association on Tuesday, May 24, at 8 p.m. at the Clara Barton School:

1) Proposed restrictions on professional home offices: should the community take a stand? (See story in this issue on this controversial question.)

2) Election of officers for 1988-89. Nominees are as follows--but additional nominations may be made from the floor:

President: Robert Greenberg, 6715 Tomlinson Terrace
1st Vice-Pres.: Ed Kelly, 6511 76th St.
2nd Vice-Pres.: Maurice Willoughby, 7910 Woodrow Place
Recording Secy.: Kathleen (Taffy) King-scott, 8109 Riverside Ave.
Corresponding Secy.: Judy Duffield, 7507 Arden Road
Treasurer: Clare Amoruso, 7521 Arden Rd.

3) Proposed donation to the scholarship fund of the Clara Barton Center for Children.

4) Latest developments on the proposed revisions of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Master Plan (which includes Cabin John).

5) Traffic problems connected with the Kemper Open golf tournament in late May.

Everybody living or working in Cabin John is welcome at the meeting to bring up any community problems they would like to have discussed.

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COUNTY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER RESTRICTIONS ON OFFICES IN HOMES

New restrictions on professionals--such as doctors, dentists, lawyers, architects, etc.--who practice from an office in their homes are being proposed by the County planning board. The proposals would have to be approved by the County Council in order to become effective.

A tentative date of June 27 has been set for a public hearing on the issue.

The proposed changes in the County's zoning laws would permit no more than two non-resident employees to be employed in the home office of a professional. At present there is no limit on the number of non-professional staff.

In addition, the proposal would put home offices into three categories:


- 1) offices with few or no client visits would require no additional regulation (aside from the basic "use and occupancy" permit);
- 2) those with up to ten client visits per week

would need a minor home occupation permit and could have no more than one non-professional employee;

3) those with more than ten client visits per week would require a "special exception" permit that would deal with traffic and parking issues and would regulate hours of operation.

The proposals are controversial. Backers argue that they are necessary to preserve the residential qualities of residential neighborhoods. Opponents point out that home offices are convenient for clients, patients, etc., and help keep professional fees lower than would be possible in commercial office space.

The issue concerns many Cabin Johners and will be on the agenda at the May 24 Citizens Association meeting. A move to amend the proposed regulation so as to "grandfather in" existing home offices is expected.



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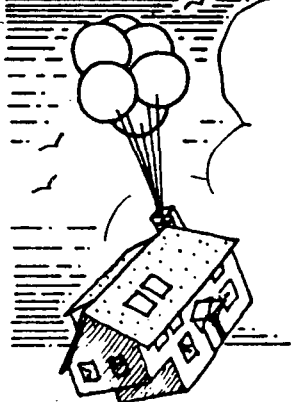
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At the same time the entrance to the shopping center parking lot from Benalder Drive will be shut off.

The changes are coming about after a long period of complaint about the highly inadequate bus stop that now serves as the terminus of Metro routes N-5 and N-8 and Ride-On Route 31. It has been a muddy strip of private property next to the Exxon station, with riders walking through the gas station to reach it.

BUILDING RENOVATION BRINGS CLARA BARTON MOVE

The long awaited renovation of the Clara Barton school building is expected to begin this summer. As a result, the existing programs of the Clara Barton Center for Children will be moving to two temporary locations. The move is scheduled for July 27, 28, and 29, and the Center is accepting bids for the move.

The Radnor School building (7000 Radnor Rd.) will be the site of the Center's preschool program in 1988-89. Also Bannockburn kindergarten children who use the center for before- and after-kindergarten care will attend the program at Radnor.

The Extended Day Program, which serves the 1st

through 5th grades, will be relocating at the recently refurbished Bannockburn School (where it was housed from 1978 to 1985).

To help in the moving and to get comfortably settled, the Center is looking for boxes, air conditioners (larger than 5 BTU's) and outdoor playground equipment (Radnor has little).

A new teacher, a recent graduate of Gallaudet University, is joining the staff of the Center on May 24 and is looking for housing in the area, at a modest rent or in exchange for services. If you have something to offer, call Judy Nygren at the Center (320-4565).



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