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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CABIN JOHN...

The date for Cabin John's famed annual Crab (and Chicken) Feast has been set for Saturday, September 10. Committees are now being formed, and anyone interested in helping with this fun event is invited to come to the organizational meeting which will be held on Thursday, June 30, at 8 p.m. at Clara Barton School. An overall Feast Chairperson is still needed, as well as two coordinators, and people to take charge of vegetable preparation, T-shirt sales, entertainment, and signs. And many other volunteers! If you're new in town, this is great way to become acquainted fast.

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Bob Greenberg of 6715 Tomlinson Terrace (229-5888) was elected President of the Cabin John Citizens Association for 1988-89 at the Association meeting on May 24. Greenberg, an architect, grew up in Bannockburn, lived in Virginia for a while, but moved back here about 1½ years ago.

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Free swimming for Cabin John children in the Palisades Pool is expected to begin on June 28 and continue every Tuesday and Thursday thereafter

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NEW REGULATIONS ON HOME OCCUPATIONS NOW BEFORE COUNTY COUNCIL; WHAT DOES CABIN JOHN THINK?

An amendment to the County's zoning ordinance regarding "home offices" is now before the County Council. The proposed changes would affect many Cabin John residents, and will be the major topic of discussion at the next Citizens Association meeting on Tuesday, June 28, at 8 p.m. at the Clara Barton School.

Joan Yamamoto of the staff of the Montgomery County Planning Board, which prepared the proposed changes, will be present to explain the proposals and respond to questions.

On the basis of a letter from Norman Christeller, Chair of the Planning Board, the Village News has prepared the following summary of what is proposed:

1. At present home offices are treated in two different ways under the zoning ordinance. "Professionals" -- doctors, lawyers, etc. -- can have an office in his or her home with relatively few restrictions. "Non professionals" -- realtors, dressmakers, travel agent, and many, many others -- must obtain a special exception from the zoning authorities and generally are more restricted. For instance, professionals may have non-resident employees; non-professionals may not.

The proposed change would eliminate these distinctions and treat all home offices under the same rules.

2. The proposed amendment would set up a three-tier system for all home offices:

- a) a home occupation "with no discernible impact on the neighborhood" would not require any regulation.

- b) a "minor" home occupation would be defined as one having no more than 5 visits -- by clients, patients, etc. -- in any one day and no more than 10 a week. One non-resident employee would be allowed. Permits for these offices would be issued by the Department of Environmental Protection after adequate neighborhood notice.

3. A "special exception" permit by the Board of Appeals would be required for all offices who could not meet the minor limits. The Board could set restrictions on hours, employees, parking, etc. However, while special exception applications were being processed, existing offices could continue without restrictions.

WHAT'S HAPPENING.....

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from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Uncertainty as to the starting date is due to the absence from town from June 28 to July 11 of the Free Swim coordinator, Mary Potter. Anyone who could volunteer to handle the program during those two weeks should call Mary at 365-0420. Each child who participates needs a signed permission form.

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The Clara Barton Center will have a part-time assistant teacher position to fill in the fall. Hours are 8:30 to 1:30 and include driving children home in a little van. Salary from \$5.75 to \$6.50 depending on training and experience. Some experience needed. If interested, call 320-4565... A teacher is looking for a house or apartment to share in the area or a family that would like a live-in person. Call 320-3097... At its May 24 meeting, the Citizens Association voted a \$500 contribution to the Center's scholarship fund to help local children.

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The first public hearings on proposed revisions in the Bethesda/Chevy Chase Master Plan are expected in the fall. According to a report by Dave Murphy at the last Citizens Association meeting, Cabin John will particularly want to monitor proposals to widen Goldsboro Road and Massachusetts Avenue, since this could attract more Virginia traffic through Cabin

John. The meeting expressed opposition to one idea being talked about--the building of a 500-1000 car park at River Road and the Beltway, with express bus service to downtown and Bethesda.

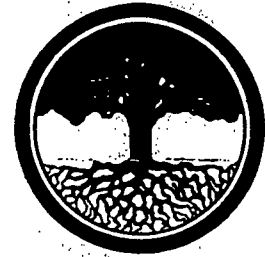
Environmental groups are pushing proposals to require County permission before large numbers of trees are cut and to eliminate steep slopes when calculating the developable area of a piece of property.

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Tulip bulbs from the National Park Service will be planted around the Linda Billings Memorial (at the Union Arch Bridge) during the fall.

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Gypsy moth caterpillar activist Jay Stedman reminds us that insecticides should not be sprayed on the caterpillars. They will kill good insects rather than the caterpillars.

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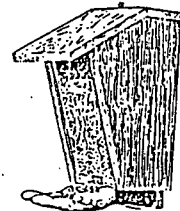
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Maintaining Cabin John

A basic purpose of the proposed new home occupation ordinance is to maintain the character and integrity of neighborhoods. In Cabin John these factors include the existence of HOME-offices, as noted in the 1973 Cabin John Master Plan.

Parking congestion is seen as a major reason for regulating home offices. But a separate bill now in the County Council would require off-street parking in any case where a person has 3 or more cars at one time. This bill is not opposed by anyone and will surely pass.

Our committee--Tom Manion, Bob Wilkoff and myself--has surveyed Cabin John residents informally and has found the majority wants to maintain the status quo to protect peoples' livelihoods.

We need a good discussion on June 28. Some parts of the proposal

seem good; others take away rights. Come and make your views known (and also call the County Council at 219-7900 and register your views there). There is still time to make modifications in the proposal.

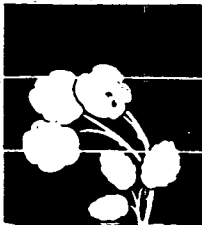
-- Betsy Lawrence
229-6706



A Mis-Spelled Name

I enjoy reading your paper as I was born and raised in Cabin John. I liked your article about the Post Office, but the name Tuohey was mis-spelled. Ruth Tuohey Shuff had the P.O. in the old Carper store. The P.O. is now where it was from 1890-1925. That was the original Tuohey property --my grandparents.

--Loretta Hall
Kensington, MD



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Properties currently for sale in Cabin John:
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6532 79th Place, new contemporary colonial, 4 br, 4 ba, \$439,000
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