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ANNUAL COMMUNITY HOLIDAY PARTY SET FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 11

Community residents will gather on Sunday, December 11, for the yearly holiday party sponsored by the Citizens Association. The event will take place from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the parish hall of the United Methodist Church at 77th and MacArthur.

All Cabin Johners are welcome, and especially those with small children. A visit from Santa Claus is promised, and there will be singing of carols. Refreshments will be served, and custom has it that each family brings some cookies or snacks for the refreshment table.

A special feature will be some songs by boys and girls in the Cabin John 3-and-4-Year-Old Nursery School.

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CO-OP NO LONGER CONSIDERING LEAVING CABIN JOHN BUT MODEST INCREASE IN SOME PRICES MAY OCCUR

By Judy Bekelman

The Bethesda Co-op has won some concessions but still faces a stiff rent hike in its negotiations over its lease at the MacArthur Square Shopping Center. While moving from the location is no longer considered an option by the Co-op board, some prices may increase slightly.

The rent, which was scheduled to rise November 1, has remained at the previous level while negotiations continue with Rubin Management Corporation, according to Ann Hunton, one of the Co-op negotiators. Currently \$13 per square foot, a rent increase to \$22 is under discussion, less than the \$25 first proposed by the landlord. A five-year lease is expected.

Because of a healthy profit and a 10% increase in sales in the past year, Co-op members do not think that an across-the-board price increase will be necessary to pay the higher rent. "Because of community support, we are in a better financial position than expected," said Joan Hall of the Co-op. Some increase in price for some products may have to occur, she said, but that's still being discussed.

The status of negotiations and the Co-op's end-of-the-year financial report will be discussed at its Board meeting on Monday, November 28, at 6:30 p.m. at the store. All monthly Board meetings are open to the public.

TIME TO PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES IN THE CABIN JOHN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Please sign me up as a member of the Cabin John Citizens Association for the period September 1, 1988, to August 31, 1989.

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___ \$10 for Family Membership

___ \$7 for Single Membership

Note: If the above is more than you can afford, please join by giving what you can. Please make check payable to CJCA and mail to Clare Amoruso, Treasurer, 7521 Arden Road, Cabin John, MD 20818.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CABIN JOHN

... The next meeting of the Cabin John Citizens Association takes place on Tuesday, November 22, at 8 p.m. at the United Methodist Church Community Hall (77th and MacArthur). President Bob Greenberg reports that a major agenda item will be making preparations for a traffic count at the Parkway access to MacArthur Boulevard. Volunteers will be needed for morning and evening shifts to gather the needed data for traffic control discussions with the County.

... Renovations of the Clara Barton school building, including asbestos removal, which started on September 1, were suspended for three weeks so that the building could be used on Election Day. So it is not certain whether the County can meet its July 1, 1989, deadline for the first phase.

Meanwhile, David Schindel, on behalf of the Citizens Association, has requested that planning funds be included in next year's County budget for the final phase of the building's renovation -- which is remodeling the second floor of the old building. The current thinking is that this would become a senior citizens center when completed. (Bethesda Youth Services will be a tenant when the first phase renovation is finished next summer.)

... Proceeds of the 1988 Cabin John Crab Feast

have been earmarked as follows: \$500 to the Clara Barton Center for Children Scholarship Fund (already given); \$750 to the Cabin John 3-and-4-year-old school; and \$500 to support The Village News.

... A Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, November 19, at the home of Celeste Swedenburg, 7 Carver Road, for the benefit of the Gibson Grove AME Zion Church. Home made rolls, pies, cakes, and cookies will be featured. Advance orders will be accepted; please call Ms. Swedenburg at 229-2282 to place your order.

... A Homecoming Service for past and present members of the Cabin John United Methodist Church was held on Sunday, November 13, followed by a luncheon. Speaking at the luncheon was Dr. Ed Bauman, well-known radio personality who is pastor of the Foundry Methodist Church in the District. Thirty years ago in November 1958 when the cornerstone of the sanctuary was laid, Dr. Bauman was the speaker!

... A Joint Thanksgiving Eve service with the Gibson Grove Church will be held on Wednesday, November 23, at 7:30 p.m. All are cordially welcome.

... Looking ahead to December, there will be a Holiday Hymn Sing on Tuesday evening, December 20, at 7:30 p.m. to which all are also warmly invited.

... Petitions are being circulated at the MacArthur Square Shopping Center calling for greater noise reduction in National Airport flights. The town's citizens association has supported the efforts of CAAN (Citizens for the Abatement of Aircraft Noise); for more information, call 393-0371.

... The Cabin John Post Office has issued a reminder that closing dates for mailing parcels and cards to overseas destinations (for Christmas delivery) are approaching. Depending on the area, the cut-off dates range from November 21 to December 9.

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**PERSONAL NEWS ABOUT
THE PEOPLE OF CABIN JOHN**

(With this issue, we are starting to run some personal news about Cabin John residents. Please send in items for publication to the Village News at P.O. Box 164, Cabin John, MD 20818.)

\$New residents in town are Henry and Margaret Reuss who have moved into a house on Riverside. Reuss is a former Congressman from Wisconsin. Welcome!

\$Friends are mourning the death of Lea Milihran who died on October 24. She was the wife of Frank Milihran and lived at 16 Froude Circle.

\$As this issue of the paper goes to press, we are sending get-well wishes to James Money, Jr., who is hospitalized at the Washington Hospital Center, and to Bernell Porter, who is at Suburban Hospital.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Class of 1974

It will be 15 years in 1989 since Clara Barton Elementary School closed. I'm going to write an article about what graduates of that year are doing now. If you or your offspring were in the fifth or sixth grade in 1974 (Miss Green's or Mr. Frieberg's class), I would like to hear from you. Please call me at 229-3482.

--Barbara Martin

Thanks from the CJCA

The Citizens Association would like to thank the community for their wonderful response to the annual membership drive. So far over 100 households have joined the Association this year, and applications are continuing to come in. If you haven't yet paid your 1988-89 dues, there's another form in this issue of the paper.

--Clare Amoruso
Treasurer

**UP AND DOWN
MacARTHUR BOULEVARD.**

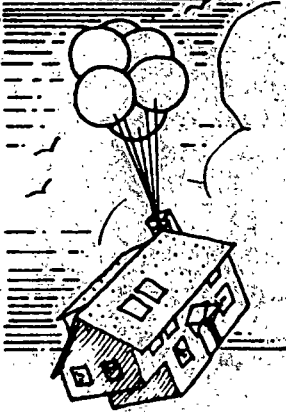
News from the Glen Echo town newspaper, The Echo, is that all bids for the new bus stop at the Glen Echo Shopping Center have been rejected by the County Transportation Department. Contractors' offers were running nearly twice the \$125,000 budgeted for the project.

The County is now considering other options, including using the front entrance of Glen Echo Park or building a sidewalk along the service road.

Anyone who has a good idea on how to provide better bus stop facilities at reasonable cost are invited to call Ed Daniel at the Transportation Department. His number is 217-2170.

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The Glen Echo Park Foundation is offering two gifts for holiday giving. One is a 1989 calendar with 14 photographs of the Park from 1890 to the 1940's. The calendar is priced at \$9.95 and is available at the Co-op in Cabin John. Another gift is a first day cover of the four carousel postage stamps issued last month. Cachets with four stamps cost \$3.50; with one stamp, \$2.50. These must be ordered from the Foundation, 7300 MacArthur Boulevard, Glen Echo 20812; please add 50¢ for postage. For more information, call 320-2330.
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NEWS OF INTEREST FROM AROUND THE COUNTY...

¶ Owners of older homes in Cabin John may solve some of their renovation problems by visiting Old Home Parts, a County-supported, non-profit architectural salvage depot. The center is open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and offers, at low cost, materials for restoration of pre-1940 houses in Montgomery County, such as doors, mantels, moldings, shutters, banisters, and porch brackets, which have been recycled from demolished houses.

Old Home Parts is located at 595 Stonestreet Avenue in Rockville. For additional information, to volunteer assistance, or to donate tax-deductible artifacts, call Lois Snyderman at 654-6423.

¶ Cabin Johners who use the Ride-On service to Bethesda will be able to ride free from November 14 through 27 by simply bringing one or more cans of food and giving them to the driver. All food collected will go to Manna Food Center for distribution to needy families in the County.

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WHERE DOES THE NAME "CABIN JOHN" COME FROM?

(Newcomers to the community frequently ask about the origin of its name. In case you are new, or in case you've forgotten, here is the story, as taken from a tape transcription of a Citizens Association meeting held way back in 1957.)

"...There seems to be some doubt as to when a mysterious stranger made his first appearance here and built a cabin, but traditions seem to agree that it was just prior to the Revolutionary War...

"He inhabited the humble hut for many years, shunning and avoiding everyone who came his way, passing his time hunting and fishing. He made his own clothes, which were mostly of the skins of wild animals he had caught... At times curious persons would venture near the cabin and would hear music on some strange instrument, sounding something like a banjo. Sometimes he would sing songs, mostly songs of the sea in a foreign language, apparently referring to distant lands and someone whose memory he deeply cherished...

"Legend had it that he had been a pirate and was guarding a

treasure that had been taken from a galleon, carted up the river to this point, and buried. And guard it he did; anyone getting too close to the cabin was liable to be attacked by his fierce dogs or hear the sound of a bullet whistling over his head.

"Then, after many years of seclusion, he disappeared as suddenly as he had arrived. Did he take his treasure with him? No-one knows. Just to be on the safe side, however, when the American Land Company was actively promoting the development of Cabin John around 1911, they carefully reserved in each property deed the right to one-half of any treasure found on the land!..."

(Of course there are other tales of the origin of Cabin John's name. One attributes it to a corruption of "Captain John," noting that Captain John Smith did sail up the Potomac not far from what is now Cabin John. He recorded finding an Indian village of considerable size in this locality. Evidence of Indian habitation is found in the many relics (arrowheads, etc.) that have been found--and are still being found--in the Cabin John area.

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¶ If you can arrange a vanpool of 8 to 15 commuters you may be eligible for a vanpool subsidy of \$2100, payable over 18 months. For detailed information, call the County vanpool office at 217-2782.

¶ Worried about radon? A new brochure may help you decide when and how to test for it, how to interpret the results, and how to reduce radon levels. For a copy of the pamphlet, call the County Department of Environmental Planning at 217-2380.

¶ A reminder from the Montgomery County Police: "Each year at this time we have a number of fires involving vehicles that park on top of leaf piles. Hot engines will sometimes start fires depending on the location of the catalytic converter on the vehicle. Be careful where you park."

HOLIDAY PARTY...

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Clare Amoruso (320-2685) and Ellen Jimerson (229-3318) are co-chairing the party. If you would like to help with arrangements, give them a call. Volunteers are particularly needed to pack goody bags for the event.

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The Salvation Army truck, which in the past has been located at the Westbard Shopping Center, now may be found every Saturday at the Little Falls Shopping Mall.

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(Classified ads should be sent to P.O. Box 164, Cabin John 20818. Next deadline: 12 noon, Saturday, January 14, 1989. The rate is 50¢ per line (figure 7 words to a line). Please send check payable to "Village News" with ad.)

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