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CITIZENS VOTE AGAINST ZONING CHANGES

In a spirited community meeting held on January 24, the Cabin John Citizens Association voted against any change in the current C-1 zoning for the properties where the Wild Bird Center and the veterinary hospital are located. The draft revised Bethesda/Chevy Chase Master plan had proposed "downzoning" the lots (i.e. putting more restrictions on their use). The citizens also voted to oppose cluster housing for the vacant area at Tomlinson Avenue and Endicott Court.

Bob Greenberg, CJCA President, as well as a number of other citizens, testified against the proposals at a Park and Planning Commission public hearing on January 30. The issues are now "on hold" until the Commission releases its final recommendations later this year.



CABIN JOHN TRAFFIC SURVEY SHOWS HEAVY TRAFFIC ON PERSIMMON TREE ROAD

On Thursday, February 16, a precise count of traffic passing through Cabin John during the morning and evening rush hours was carried out by a corps of 21 volunteers coordinated by Dave Murphy. Eight intersections were covered. A number of senior citizens, including Ralph Springman, age 90, enjoyed the opportunity to take part in an important community project.

Results of the survey will be presented in full at the next meeting of the Cabin John Citi-

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PERSONAL NEWS ABOUT THE PEOPLE OF CABIN JOHN

Local Girl Wins Essay Contest

Kate Berkowitz, an 8th grader at Pyle Middle School, has won a \$100 U.S. savings bond as first place winner in an essay contest sponsored by the real estate team of Zeke and Ray Zeender, agents of Lewis & Silverman Realtors. Writing on the topic "What I Love about My Neighborhood," Ms. Berkowitz described Cabin John as having "retained the peaceful and friendly ways of a small town, despite the very suburban surroundings." She lives on 75th Place with her parents, Joan and Fred March.

Neighbors Fight to Save Cherry Tree

Residents of 79th Street, 79th Place, and 80th Street have banded together to protest the proposed removal by the County Transportation Department of a cherry tree in the center of the small traffic circle where 79th Street and 79th Place join. Connie Bergfors is leading the petition campaign; five or six years ago she initiated the neighborhood collection which raised money to purchase the tree. County approval was given then for the beautification; now the same department has drawn plans to remove it as a "hazard."

A "Map" Street Becomes a Real Street

A street long appearing on maps of Cabin John as Spring Road but actually not existing has come to life with the completion of 4 new houses. New Cabin Johners living on Spring Road, which

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Joan Greene Responds

You have no idea what a treat the publication of the Clara Barton School article in the January issue of "The Village News" held in store for me! First of all, I was thrilled to hear from Barbara Martin while she was preparing the article, and to catch up a bit with some of my favorite "kids" from years gone by. I loved the idea of commemorating the last class with a publication of their stories.

Then, this past Monday, I was called from my classroom at Flower Hill Elementary to greet a visitor. Thinking it to be an irate parent, I took my time in getting there, only to find a strange man putting a copy of "The Village News" in my hand and stating that he was not in either of the pictures printed therein.

I thought I was pretty good at recognizing former students, but Mike Reid surely had changed! We had a grand visit and in the process discovered that Mike is now older than about a third of our teaching staff at Flower Hill. (Of course, I haven't aged--just Mike!) I was truly thrilled to see him, to be remembered both by the paper and by a former student, and to have the time for reminiscing so unexpectedly.

I must thank you all for thinking of us--all of us from the "last class"--and for affording me the opportunity to recall some very happy days with some very special students. They will never be forgotten, the five classes of my first years in MCPS. We shared some very happy and very sad times, and they will always have a special place in my memory and in my heart.

-- Joan M. Greene

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zens Association on Tuesday, February 28, at 8 p.m. at the Cabin John United Methodist Church, 77th and MacArthur. The meeting will also hear a progress report on the renovation of the Clara Barton School.

Murphy said that a preliminary assessment of the traffic count showed that 80% of the cars coming inbound on MacArthur during the peak morning hour (7:30 to 8:30) originated from Persimmon Tree Road. He also noted that inbound and outbound traffic from MacArthur on and off the Parkway was about equal, with slightly more cars turning on to the Parkway than coming off it. About 50% of the cars turning up Wilson Lane and Goldsboro Road from MacArthur had Virginia licenses.

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A Sunrise Service at 6 a.m. on Easter Sunday, March 26, has been announced by the Cabin John United Methodist Church. Other events during the preceding Lenten period include Lenten Study Groups, one every Monday at 10 a.m., and one every Thursday at 8:15 p.m. The church, located at 77th Street and MacArthur Boulevard, will also hold a Maundy Thursday service at 7:30 p.m. on March 23.

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Clare Fiore of 78th Street (320-2403) will be editor of the March issue of The Village News, since Andy Rice will be out of the country during that month.

(Classified ads should be sent to P.O. Box 164, Cabin John 20818. Next deadline: 12 noon, Saturday, March 18, 1989. The rate is 50¢ per line. **RESPONSIBLE MALE WRITER** wishes to rent one-bedroom apartment in Cabin John. Non-smoker, good tenant, good neighbor. Call 229-6319.

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WANTED: HANDYMAN living in the Cabin John area needed for approx. 10-15 hours a month. Must be available weekdays during normal business hours. Please write to MacArthur Park Condos, 7630 Tomlinson Ave., #39, Cabin John, MD 20818.

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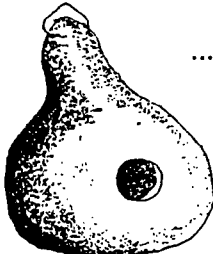
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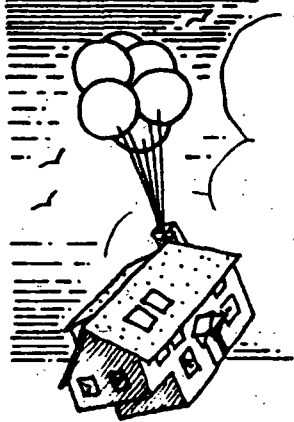
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runs west from the head of 79th Place, include Richard and Claudia Fehrenbacher, Sylvia Fiegel, John and Leslie Mannis, and the John Pyles.

Welcome to New Neighbors in Cabin John Gardens

Brothers John and Chris Tousimis have moved into 19 Froude Circle, the house they purchased from the Leizears. Helen Waugh is the new resident at 3 Thorne Road in the house formerly owned by the deGroats.

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