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HOLIDAY

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY SET FOR DECEMBER 17

Save Sunday afternoon, December 17, from 4:30 to 6 p.m., for one of Cabin John's "funnest" traditions--the annual family Christmas/Hannukah party!

This community event is especially designed for families with small children but always attracts many older folks as well. Highlights include the singing of seasonal carols and the dramatic appearance of Santa Claus with small gifts for the boys and girls.

Each family is asked to bring cookies or other light refreshments to put on the buffet table; beverages are provided by the Citizens Association.

Site of the party is the parish hall of the United Methodist Church at 77th and MacArthur. In charge this year is Taffy Kingscott (229-8135) who would be glad to hear from anyone volunteering to help with some of the arrangements.

TO OUR READERS

Happy holidays to you! There will be no paper in December, but we'll see you again in January, when we'll continue presenting some of Cabin John's history.

CABIN JOHN COMMUNITY LEADER TAKES STAND FOR WOODLANDS PRESERVATION, AGAINST MORE TRAFFIC

Testifying before the County Council on October 30, Taffy Kingscott, president of the Cabin John Citizens Association, put on record community objection to proposed cluster development on 3+-acre parcels of undeveloped land, such as the property at Tomlinson and Osage. Presently zoned for 8 single family houses, the proposed new plan would permit 11 cluster units. Despite the plan's claim that such development would preserve woodlands, Kingscott said that "our experience is that cluster development has not resulted in environmental preservation."

She also asked that any future assemblage of 3+-acre parcels "be particularly well scrutinized to ensure adherence to...county slope and stream valley protection guidelines. To date we have not seen the guidelines...being given an adequate level of enforcement."

The Association president also raised questions about two suggested transportation items in the proposed revision of the master plan. One suggests a "park-and-ride" facility near the intersection of Seven Locks Road and River Road; "we are concerned," said Kingscott "that the proposed River Road site will increase cut-through traffic on MacArthur Boulevard and Seven Locks Road."

Strongly opposed was the designation of MacArthur as an arterial road (although another proposed designation of MacArthur as a "scenic route" was supported). "Cabin John," she testified, "is a defined community, not a part of a through-traffic corridor. We expect Montgomery County to protect the community from the creation of such a corridor that would effectively split the community in half."

Kingscott's testimony was prepared jointly with David Murphy, with Barbara Martin typing it and reproducing it for County Council distribution. It was based

on discussions at the Citizens Association meeting on October 24. At that meeting, the community also indicated its approval of the way the county planners had resolved the revised zoning of the commercial properties where the Wild Bird Center and the Alpine Animal Hospital are located. The two lots occupied by the Wild Bird Center would have the land now covered by structures or parking lot retain its C-1 zoning, while the rest of the property would become residentially (R-90) zoned. Thus any new building on the lots could not
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WHAT'S GOING ON IN CABIN JOHN.....

* Rachael Rice will lead the final cooking class in the series organized by the Bethesda Co-op. Under the title "Vegetarian Pastabilities," the class will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, at the Bannockburn Clubhouse. Pre-registration at \$15 (including the meal) is necessary through the Co-op (320-2530).

* Beginning in December the regular Saturday morning bird walks organized by the Wild Bird Center will start at 9 a.m., rather than 8 a.m., because bird activity starts later during the winter months. Bald eagles that nest near Great Falls are being frequently seen.

Meanwhile, Wild Bird Centers of America has been created and is operating out of the house immediately behind the Center on MacArthur Boulevard. President George Petrides says that franchise opportunities are now available; there are already four other centers in the DC metropolitan area. There are job openings too, in management and sales, full and part time. For details call 229-3141.

* Thanks to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #5633 for once again marking Veterans Day by placing flags all along the Cabin John stretch of MacArthur Boulevard.

* Cabin John weaver Jill Martinson, of Tomlinson Avenue, will be represented in the "Designs Original" exhibit and sale which takes place Saturday, December 2 (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and Sunday, December 3 (1 to 6 p.m.) at the Bannockburn Clubhouse (6314 Bannockburn Dr).

HOW CABIN JOHN IS DESCRIBED IN THE COUNTY MASTER PLAN

"The unique character of the Cabin John community should be retained by keeping the existing scale and type of housing along with the semi-rural, wooded environment...This community is one of the few areas in Bethesda-Chevy Chase providing a diversity of housing types at a range of prices. This mix results in an opportunity for housing people who otherwise might not be able to live in the Planning Area. This is one important factor in the strong sense of community which exists among the citizens of Cabin John. It is important that this neighborhood with its variety of housing be maintained."

NEXT MEETING SET FOR NOVEMBER 28

"Glen Echo: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow?" will be a feature presentation at the Cabin John Citizens Association meeting on Tuesday, November 28, at 8 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 77th and MacArthur. This fascinating slide show is narrated by John Daly.

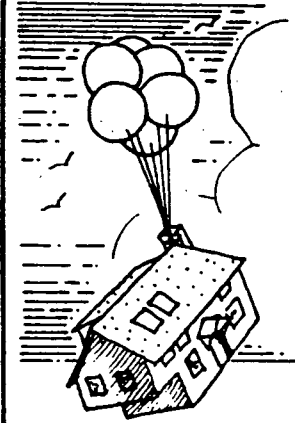
Also on the agenda will be a vote on disposition of the \$1219 profit on the 1989 Crab Feast.

NEWS OF CABIN JOHN CHURCHES

A potluck supper will be held at the Cabin John United Methodist Church on Sunday evening, December 3, at 6 p.m., with special emphasis on India....The church's traditional Christmas Eve service will take place at 7 p.m. on December 24, with local children playing roles in the annual Christmas pageant.

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exceed the "footprints" of the existing buildings.

For the veterinarian property, C-1 zoning would be maintained on the developed lot, but the vacant lot would become R-90.



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The year-long renovation of the Clara Barton school building at 75th and MacArthur is expected to be finished by the end of 1989. Already the cooking and refrigerating units for the community-sized kitchen are on hand, and the only remaining major work to be done is the flooring.


If all goes as hoped, the major new tenant of the building, Bethesda Youth Services, will be moving in after Christmas. In anticipation of the move, BYS is now seeking a 20-hour-a-week (preferably 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) administrative assistant to work on computer data entry, record keeping, and statistical reports, as well as community relations. Persons interested in the job should call Debbie at 652-2820.

DIRECTORY PLANNING GETS UNDER WAY!

Jerry and Barbara Quinn of Arden Road have volunteered to head up the team which will put together the 1990 Cabin John community directory. And Kathy and Lee Hunter, Susan Frechtling, Elaine Tama, and Cherry Doyle have all offered to help in neighborhood data collection and its processing. More canvassers are needed, so why not join in this community enterprise? Call the Quinns at 229-8030.

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People wanted

BABYSITTER WANTED for parents' night out: Cabin John couple seeks babysitter for Sunday nights, sixish until elevenish, to care for girl, 6, and boy, 5. \$5.00 per hour. Call Susan or Dan, evenings, at 320-9570.

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