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WHAT'S NEW AROUND TOWN...

Mailings Increase in

Cabin John: According to Cabin John postmaster LaVerne Baptist, the new "snorkel" collection box across from the Captain's Market has proven very popular; lots more mail is being deposited there than before. At the post office itself, the volume of metered mail has led to the installation of a second collection box for use only for mail with metered postage. This speeds up its subsequent handling since it doesn't require cancellation.

Kudos to Danny Harris:

A Cabin John resident, Daniel J. Harris of Caraway Street, has won the Community Service Award given by the Bethesda Almanac newspaper. Harris was honored for his leadership in providing aid to people in disaster-stricken areas, beginning with the West Virginia floods in 1986 and continuing through Hurricane Hugo. Harris leads an organization called People for America through which supplies, appliances, building materials and other equipment, donated by area residents, have been sent to the devastated communities.

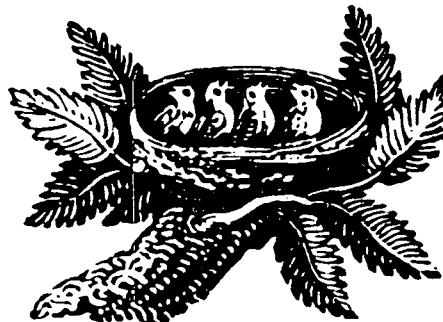
NEWS FROM THE CABIN JOHN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION....

* The next meeting of the Cabin John Citizens Association, the most representative "voice of the community," will take place on Tuesday, May 22, at 8 p.m. at the Clara Barton Recreation Center. A major item on the agenda is the election of officers for the 1990-91 year beginning in June. (If you have a hankering to be involved, why not call Taffy Kingscott at 229-8135 and find out what offices are still open; there may be a place for you!)

* Everything is "on hold" with respect to the proposed construction of a new commercial building at the MacArthur Square shopping center, pending the resumption of the hearing on the "variances" requested by the owners. The Board of Appeals hearing will continue on Wednesday, June 20, and Cabin John citizens are urged to attend to demonstrate the general community opposition to the proposal. Information as to the time and place of the hearing may be obtained by calling 217-6600 and asking about Case #A-2847.

* Should a parking lot be built on the MacArthur Boulevard side of the Clara Barton Center where grass now grows? This question was discussed at the April 24 Citizens Association meeting. Given the expanded usage of the building, the county says that 20 more parking spaces are needed. Neighbors of the Center are worried about the increased noise if the parking lot on the north side of the building is expanded, but other citizens dislike the idea of destroying the grassy area to the south. Further discussions with the county will be held. In any case, no public funds are currently available for the parking expansion.

* At the same meeting, CJCA President Taffy Kingscott said she had expressed community concern about saving trees in the ravine south of MacArthur Boulevard between 79th and 81st Streets, where two houses are to be built. The owner said that he "would see what he could do."



Please Don't Dump Your Trash at the Clara Barton Recreation Center: That's the plea of Vince Burke, manager of the newly opened recreational facility. People are putting personal trash into the dumpster there, and when it is full, they are just leaving it on the ground in front. This is not only illegal, but it's an eyesore and potential health hazard to the children at the center, since it attracts rodents. "I would greatly appreciate community cooperation in keeping the Clara Barton area clean," says Burke.

He also has announced arrival dates for the long-awaited furniture for the building: all the tables will be on hand by May 25, he promises, and all the chairs by June 18. Burke's phone number, for those who want to reserve space for events, is 229-0011.



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LOOKING BACK IN "THE VILLAGE NEWS"

What was the big news in town, looking back at the May issues of recent years?

In May 1975, the main story was about the contract that had been let by the Army Corps of Engineers to repair the Union Arch Bridge. The bridge had been closed to motor vehicles earlier when pieces of it had broken off and fallen on the Cabin John Parkway below. (Note: the Bridge finally re-opened on December 4, 1976, ending a long period when access to Cabin John from Glen Echo was only via the George Washington (now Clara Barton) Parkway.)

In May 1976, an editorial in the paper warned that the new shopping center then being planned (MacArthur Square) "could end the small-town character of our community overnight. "This is not a neighborhood center," wrote editor Skelly Keller. "There is no way a community of 3000 persons can support that amount of commerce. This center will attract others who will drive through our community in ever greater numbers..."

In May 1977, the lead story began: "We have reached a critical time in Cabin John's effort to obtain relief from the jet noise and pollution...." [Sound familiar?]

In May 1979, the big news was that the county had agreed to widen Seven Locks Road on the east side of the street, where there is park land, rather than widening it on the west where private property would have had to be condemned.

In May 1987, page 1 featured a story which began: "Montgomery County's Departments of Family Resources and Facilities & Services have agreed to proceed with the first of two phases that will eventually renovate all of the Clara Barton School..."

In May 1988 the big issue was the proposed new county regulations on "home offices" which affected many residents of Cabin John.

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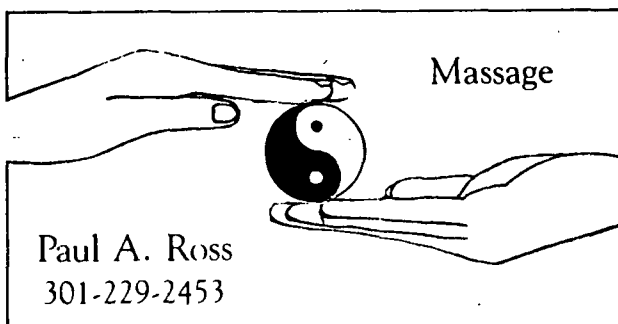
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Vacation Bible School: Glen Echo Baptist Church (1 Vassar Circle) has announced its Vacation Bible School, from June 25 thru June 29 (9 am to noon for children up to age 17, and 7 to 9 pm for adults). Registration will take place from 10 am to noon on Saturday, June 23, with singing, games, and hot dogs. Details: 229-2934.

Progress at the Park: Reconstruction of the Glen Echo Park parking lot, washed out a year ago, is expected to begin in late July, according to the Glen Echo town newspaper, The Echo.

Meanwhile, the Glen Echo Park Foundation has announced that it has raised \$100,000 towards

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its \$300,000 goal for the restoration of the Spanish Ballroom. Nine benefit dances are being held this year to raise funds, and the Foundation is actively promoting the "sale" of spots on the dance floor, from \$1 for a square inch to \$144 for a square foot (with \$25 required to become a Wallflower). Information on the campaign is available from Cabin John resident Diane Leatherman at the Foundation office, 320-2330.

Any Western/Ellington Alumni around Cabin John?

The Village News has been asked to publicize the search for graduates of Washington's Western High School, and its successor, the Duke Ellington School of the Arts. The school, at 35th and R Streets, NW, will celebrate its 100th anniversary in October, and a concerted effort is under way to locate all alumni. If you are one, or know of one, please call the Alumni Association at 232-4692.

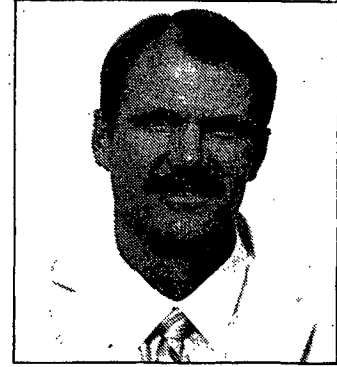
DEADLINE FOR DIRECTORY

The absolute final deadline for any material to go into the new 1990 Cabin John Directory is Saturday, May 26. This includes listings for the alphabetical list of residents; entries in the "services offered" section; and advertising. You can mail your item to the Directory, c/o the Cabin John Citizens Association, Box 31, Cabin John 20818, or get in touch with the editors, Gerald and Barbara Quinn, at 229-8031.

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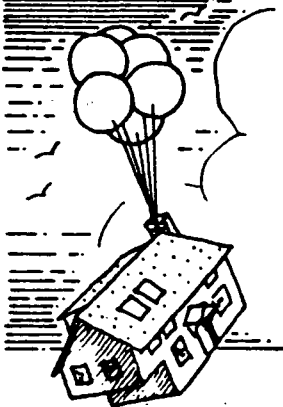


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May 19(Saturday): Car wash open at the Cabin John United Methodist Church, 10 am to 2 pm, organized by the church youth group.

May 19(Saturday): Across the street from the church at 3 pm, Kitty Marconi will present a "Hawk Talk" at the Wild Bird Center. Master falconer Marconi will talk about birds of prey and falconry.

May 19(Saturday): Meanwhile, down the street at the Clara Barton building, the Clara Barton Center for Children will be holding its annual MAYFAIR from 11 am to 3 pm. This family-oriented event features a yard sale, a craft fair, entertainment and games, pony rides, music, and food. In case of rain, it will all take place on Sunday, May 20.

May 22(Tuesday): The Cabin John Citizens Association will hold its May meeting at the Clara Barton Recreation Center, starting at 8 pm. Election of officers will take place. All Cabin Johners are welcome.

May 28(Monday): On Memorial Day, from 10:30 am to noon, the Wild Bird Center will hold a Purple Martin Seminar, with a talk on how to become a martin "landlord" and featuring the martins who live in the martin houses in front of the store.

June 2(Saturday): An unusual display of spotting scopes will be set up at the Wild Bird Center, so that bird lovers can compare the various models.

June 3(Sunday): A 10K Fund Run will be held by the Bethesda Co-op to benefit its Donation Fund. The race begins at 8 am, and the course starts at the Co-op and winds around Cabin John. There is also a 1K Fun Run. Refreshments will be served, and there will be a number of prizes. Runners are asked to obtain sponsors who will pledge dollars.

Pre-registration is required; the fee is \$10, but kids can run free. Registration forms can be picked up at the Co-op.

June 5 (Tuesday): A slide and photo exhibit of birds of prey and Africa, with the photographers explaining how they took the shots, will be held at the Cabin John United Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m., organized by the Wild Bird Center. Admission is free.

CRAB FEAST DATE SET

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(Classified ads should be sent to P.O. Box 164, Cabin John 20818. Next deadline: 10 a.m., Saturday, June 16, 1990. 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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