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## NEXT CITIZENS ASSOCIATION MEETING TO REVIEW ZONING CASES PENDING IN TOWN

The monthly open-to-all meeting of the Cabin John Citizens Association will take place on Tuesday, February 26, at 8 p.m. at the Clara Barton Community Center, with an agenda focused on the three major land use cases pending in the community.

Adriana Klich and George Stockton, co-chairs of the committee considering the variance request of the owners of the Captain's Market at Tomlinson and MacArthur, will give an update on where this case now stands. It involves a proposed addition to the structure to house a drycleaning establishment.

Reports will also be given on the long-pending application of the owners of the MacArthur Plaza shopping center to construct a new building, as well as on the plan of George Rixey to build several houses near 82nd Street and Riverside.

CJCA President Taffy Kingscott has pointed out that the legal action that these cases may require is going to cost money. A report on the Association's financial condition and how to

## CABIN JOHN DIRECTORY, IN PREPARATION FOR A YEAR, FINALLY TO APPEAR IN MARCH

At long last, a new Cabin John community directory, which has been in the works since the spring of 1990, is actually coming off the press. Distribution is planned to all Cabin John residences during the first half of March under the direction of Reed Martin.

This edition of the directory, which has been produced every five years, was dogged by a series of delays frustrating to all concerned and has demanded hours and hours of volunteer contributions of time, particularly on the part of the door-to-door canvassers who collected the original data about each household. The directory lists everybody who lives in Cabin John with address and phone number.

In addition, the new book contains a great deal of other useful information, including a listing of the skills and services available from Cabin John residents. A centerfold presents a community map.

Information is also provided about community and nearby schools, churches and synagogues, libraries, recreational facilities, and stores and shopping centers. And there's a page of Cabin John history. The inside back cover has a handy list of important phone numbers for county

and emergency services.

Thanks go to Barbara and Jer Quinn for their leadership on the project, ably supported by Jean Casamento, Betsy Cheney, Cherry Doyle, Kathy Kingscott, Andy Rice, and Lucy Van Heekerin, plus the more than 20 volunteers who canvassed each neighborhood.

Despite all the time and care put into the book, errors doubtless exist. Corrections will be published in the "Village News", so all corrections should be sent to the paper at P.O. Box 164, Cabin John 20818.

raise additional resources will also be discussed.

Newcomers are particularly welcome at the meeting. "If you come and become interested, maybe you'd like to take on a more active role in

community affairs. It can be quite a lot of fun," says Kingscott who welcomes calls by anyone interested in knowing more about the various committees and projects through which community wellbeing is promoted. Her number is 229-8135.

## MEMORIES OF CABIN JOHN IN 1910

In 1976, when the nation celebrated its bicentennial, Elizabeth Kytte interviewed 18 Cabin John oldtimers. This memory book, called *Time Was*, was published by the Citizens Association as part of the community celebration of the bicentennial. Now unfortunately out-of-print, the book makes fascinating reading. The "Village News" continues below its occasional publication of extracts from this volume.

[From the interview with Norman Touhey about Cabin John in 1910]

"...There were only about six houses in Cabin John. I'll start at the bridge, with the old Cabin John Bridge Hotel. The next thing you hit was Benson's store. On up the road, close to the road, an old house sits down on the bank to your left, just on the curve of where you get to the firehouse...That's one of the oldest houses...That's three places.

"The next place was the house I was born in, between the old beer joint and the firehouse. The next place came down by the side of our place, and all that property from 79th Street clean over to Persimmon Tree Road was Dowling's farm. A big dairy farm, and the old house is still standing. It was remodeled when Roy Carlock bought it during World War II...

"Then there weren't any more houses until you came to where Cabin John bridge is on the beltway. That was the old Gray farm. And that house is still standing....

"The Conduit Road [now MacArthur Boulevard], I remember when they put the finishing stone on it...The farmers from up in the country, when they didn't have anything else to do, they'd come down and haul stone for the road. They were putting

a base down for the road -- -- stone about two inches thick. But of course it never was supposed to be a road, because it was the only flat place around, people -- farmers with their wagons -- started driving on it. Something had to be done to protect the conduit; so the government engineers finally put this stone base down...The farmers used it because it was the only road through the woods...to Washington. Before then, the farmers had used pig paths -- like River Road. River Road was only wide enough for one horse and wagon to get through, and if you met somebody you'd have a heck of a time...

"I started to school up Persimmon Tree Road. The old schoolhouse was just before you get to the beltway...Friendship School, a one-room school house. It was very pleasant going to school there. Maud Lynch made it her business to take care of me, because I was only six and she was older. We had double desks at school and could sit with anybody you wanted to. We weren't segregated by grades at all. I sat with Maud Lynch..."

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\* Funds for realigning the narrow and curvy section of Seven Locks Road north of River Road are included in the County Executive's Capital Improvements Budget now before the County Council, as part of a \$3.2 million item for improvement of the road. If approved, planning and design would begin in 1994 and construction in 1996.

\* Little Falls Library is among those now offering Library Express Service. The Service makes new, best-selling books available (first come, first served) for 3 days (as contrasted to the normal 3 weeks), with a 25¢ daily fine thereafter up to \$10.

\* Cabin John is apparently not going to be sprayed by the county this year against the gypsy moth. A list released this month of zip code areas scheduled for spring spraying did not include 20818.

(Classified ads should be sent to P.O. Box 164, Cabin John 20818. Next deadline: 10 a.m., Saturday, March 16, 1991. 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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HOUSE TO SHARE in Cabin John. Female desired to share large house. Lower floor with large family room/livingroom, bedroom and bath opening to patio and garden, Southern exposure. Share kitchen, laundry, and garage. Available after mid-April. Phone Susan -- home 229-0915.

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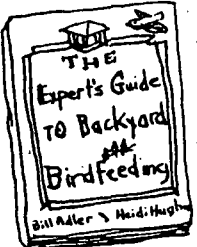
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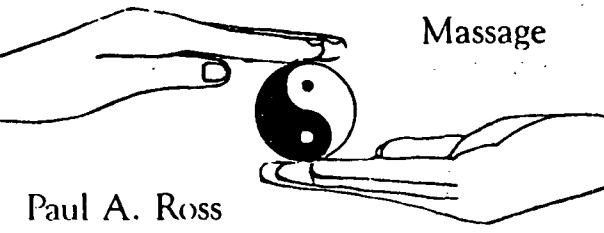


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WHAT'S NEW IN CABIN JOHN...

§ Danny Harris is still at it. The work he began several years ago after floods devastated communities in West Virginia -- collecting household furnishings, kitchen equipment, etc. for the destitute families -- is continuing to help many impoverished households in Western Maryland and adjacent Virginia and West Virginia. But the trucks that have transported the goods have broken down and donations are piling up at the Harris house at 8207 Carroway Street. He needs a new van. Call him at 229-7982 to help, or send him a check payable to "Interfaith Consortium."

§ Vince Burke, director of the Clara Barton Community Center, is calling all table tennis players to take part in a Table Tennis Ladder tournament which starts on February 25 and continues every Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. There's no charge for participating. For all the details, call him at 229-0010.

§ The Capital Improvements Budget submitted by County Executive Neal Potter to the County Council includes an \$18,000 item for design costs for widening and restriping MacArthur Boulevard from Falls Road to the DC line to show the four-foot wide bike lane that runs along the road.

§ A fourth generation Cabin Johner arrived on January 15 with the birth of Kyle David Fyock, son of Kevin Fyock and Dawn (Cable) Fyock. Kyle checked in a 21 inches, weighing 8 lbs., 2½ oz.

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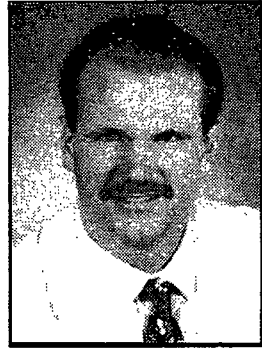
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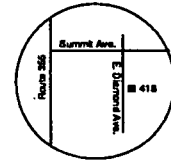
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Dear Neighbors,

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--Beth Norden

Director,  
Clara Barton Center for Children



### EASTER EGG HUNT

Cabin John children are invited to hunt for candy-filled plastic eggs and enjoy a pinata, games, refreshments and an Easter Bunny visit on Saturday, March 30, from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Cabin John United Methodist Church, 77th and MacArthur. No charge, but reservations are required no later than Sunday, March 24. Please call 229-8233 with names of those attending.

## FROM OUR CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS...

¶ The Cabin John/Brookmont Children's Program is currently accepting applications for enrollment in September 1991. Children may be 3 or 4 years old. At present there are 10 children, 4 from Cabin John and 6 from Brookmont and environs. Half of the enrollment will be reserved for children from Cabin John until the end of April 1991. For more information, call Teri Tomlin (229-9277) or Ann Johnson (229-0719).

¶ Cabin John United Methodist Church has announced its annual Soup 'n' Salad Dinner on Saturday, February 23, from 4 to 7 p.m. Also coming up is another of its popular Hymn Sings -- on Wednesday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Looking ahead to Easter, the church will hold a Holy Thursday service on March 28 at 7:30 p.m.; a joint community service at the Glen Echo Episcopal Church of the Redeemer on Good Friday at 12 noon; and a sunrise service beginning outside at 5:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday, March 31.

Donations are now being accepted (until April 24) for the traditional rummage sale on Friday/Saturday, April 26/27. For information, call 229-8233.

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