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## BOARD OF APPEALS TO HEAR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION PETITION

As we go to press, the Montgomery County Board of Appeals is set to hear arguments regarding the MacArthur Plaza expansion permit issued by the Zoning Board. The Cabin John Citizens Association contends that the new building is set too close to Seven Locks Road and does not conform to the alignment of already existing structures. In a November 13, 1991 article in the Bethesda Almanac, Dennis Cate (the association's lawyer) was quoted as saying, "A major portion of the residences [along Seven Locks Road] are in a good parallel line. This building will sit in front of that line. The setback is inadequate and will not fit in with the area."

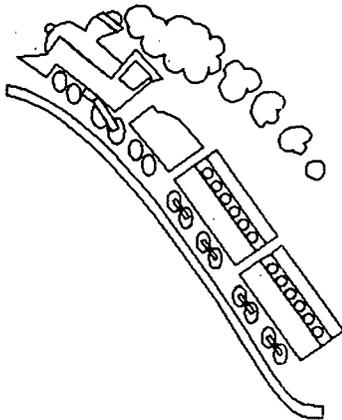
Taffy Kingscott, President of the Citizens Association, is hopeful that the Board will overturn the Zoning Board's decision. "We think that the interpretation of the code supports our view and we plan to argue it forcefully. If we prevail, we expect the County to order the building to be torn down." She goes on to explain, "After the issuance of any building permit, there is a 30 day period in which an appeal can be filed. Any construction during that thirty day period is done at the builder's risk." Those scheduled to speak at the November 19th hearing are Bob Wilcox, Charles Shawen, Geri Metz and Taffy Kingscott. The Village News will update all residents on the Board's decision in the next issue. *The next Citizen's Association meeting is Tuesday, November 26th.*

## KIDS KORNER

Working at the Wild Bird Center

By: Ashley Manion

Hi! My name is Ashley and I am nine years old. I'm going to tell you what my job is like at the Wild Bird Center. I go there one afternoon a week and I get there from school on the bus. I make up envelopes that they send out about every other month. I make signs to hang up and I also fill seed bags that someone gives out to school programs. I like helping people out and learning about all



the different birds. The Wild Bird Center had their sixth birthday on October 19th. I like working for the Wild Bird Center!

\*\*\*Editor's Note: Ashley Manion attends Bannockburn Elementary School and is in the 4th grade. When not working, Ashley enjoys riding her bike and playing championship-style soccer.\*\*\*

## KATHLEEN MCMANUS BECOMES CO-EDITOR OF THE VILLAGE NEWS

By: Andy Rice

With this issue, MacArthur Boulevard resident Kathleen McManus has become co-editor of The Village News and will work with long-time editor Andy Rice in jointly putting together Cabin John's monthly community newsletter. Welcome, Kathleen!

The regular Village News volunteer team, in addition to McManus and Rice, now consists of Clare Amoruso (320-2685) who handles the business side of the paper (ads, subscriptions, etc.); Cherry Doyle who does the design and lay-out; Dan Blum who delivers to and from the printer; and Reed and Barbara Martin who do the folding, addressing and mailing. The newest team member is Lauren Forestell who will be preparing the "Ear on Cabin John" personal news column. Call her at 320-4903 with news of your family -- births, deaths, weddings, awards, travels, and achievements of all kinds.

To report general news call either Rice (229-3503) or McManus (320-5696) or send it to The Village News at P.O. Box 164, Cabin John, MD 20818. The deadline is always the Saturday closest to the 15th of the month, and the paper normally is delivered in every Cabin John mailbox by the following Friday.

In accordance with long tradition, there is no December issue, so the next paper will appear in January (deadline: January 18, 10 a.m.). Until then, we wish our readers a joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year.



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**BRIDGE REPAIR WORK TO CONTINUE INTO JANUARY**

According to the latest word from Doug Pickering of the Washington Aqueduct Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, repair work on the one-lane Cabin John Bridge (the Union Arch Bridge) is scheduled to be completed on Friday, January 17, 1992, barring delays due to inclement weather. Until then, the bridge will continue to be closed to traffic from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays), unless the weather is so bad that work is impossible.

**EAR ON CABIN JOHN**  
by Lauren Forestell

**Cabin John...Not Immune From Crime**

In recent weeks three incidents have occurred which dispel the myth that Cabin John is immune from crime. A resident of Tomlinson Avenue who had picked up his new 1992 Ford Taurus station wagon on a Wednesday discovered by Thursday that someone had attempted to gain entry into the vehicle. The attempted break-in destroyed the passenger and rear door locks, weather stripping around the windows and left the car scratched. Police investigating the crime were able to obtain clear fingerprints and it is hoped that the person or persons responsible will be apprehended.



During the same week, a large rock was thrown through the kitchen window at the Clara Barton Center. Apparently there was no break-in and nothing was taken. Not so lucky was Proteus Bicycles which experienced a break-in that resulted in several bicycles being stolen, one said to be worth more than \$5,000.



**Out of Town Visitors**

Karen McManus and son Dylan are visiting her sister Kathleen for a few weeks. Karen recently moved from Fort Collins, CO, and is in route to the Eastern Shore where she will take up permanent

residence. Four year old Dylan is anxious to meet playmates during his stay in Cabin John and urges the "5 and under set" to give him or his Mom a call at 320-5696!

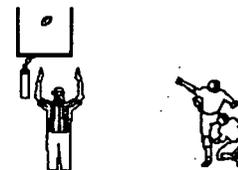
**Make the Clara Barton Center Your Meeting Place!**

The Clara Barton Center is rapidly becoming a lively part of Cabin John. Since its opening as a recreation center in 1990, it has evolved into a real community center. In addition to hosting the Cabin John Citizens Association meetings, the Center is available, free of charge, for service organization meetings, social clubs, e.g. scouts, hobby clubs, sports clubs or church groups. For a nominal fee, the Center is also available for birthday parties or blow-out bashes that can end by midnight. There is a deposit required and fees depend on what facilities you wish to use. Use of the pool room and kitchen can be included in your party plans. All groups and individuals are expected to do their own cleanup. Alcohol permits can be obtained with a 10-day advance notice. There are still several weekends available through the holidays and space can be reserved up to a year in advance. For more information contact Greg Bassett, Director, at 229-0100.



**Walt Whitman JV Football - Winning Season!**

Thanks to a GREAT team effort, the Walt Whitman High School JV Football team had a 5 and 4 season this year. Contributing to the successful record were Cabin John residents: Chris Hunter, Toby Orme and Jeremy Walsh.



**Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow!!!**

Cabin John resident and attorney, Steve Gurwitz of Wishbone Terrace, can make it "snow" any day of the year! All he has to do is take down any one of his 1,500 "snowdomes" and shake it up. Snowdomes have become one of the hottest new collectible items. These souvenirs of glass or plastic are today's "campy" keepsakes. Several hundred of Steve's domes are now on exhibit at the Potomac Public Library on Glenolden Drive in Potomac Village. They will remain there through the end of November.

Mr. Gurwitz began his collection as a result of his business travels. Collecting snowdomes from different cities or states became a way to remember each place he had visited. By 1985 he had amassed over 150 domes. His collection began to expand even more with the addition of domes given to him as gifts, specialty domes which depicted holiday scenes and older domes acquired at flea markets.

"Snowdomes remind us of our childhood and bring back memories of other times and places. Some domes that currently sell for less than five dollars at retail outlets are being sold by antique dealers for fifteen dollars or more. Unusual shapes or designs, such as snowdomes that are also salt and pepper shakers, "figural" domes that are part of a person or animal, or commemorative domes such as those from World Fairs bring higher sales prices."

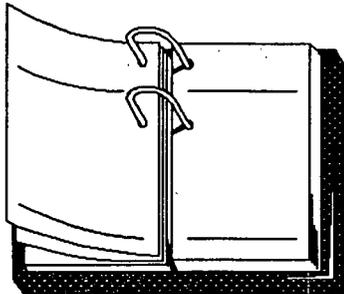
### Wood Splitters Wanted

Ever since disastrous floods hit western Maryland some years ago, Caraway Street resident, Danny Harris, has been collecting household appliances, clothing, etc., to distribute to needy families around Cumberland. Currently, however, he lacks a truck to carry the donations.

Enter Jim Wilner, his across-the-street neighbor, who has given Harris 12 cords of wood. Now Danny is looking for volunteers to split the wood to fireplace size, after which he plans to sell it (at \$75 for about half a cord) to raise money for the truck. To volunteer to split the logs, or to place an order for firewood, call Harris at 229-7982.

### CABIN JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

A "Kids Only" gift shop will be open at the Cabin John Wild Bird Center (77th and MacArthur) on Sunday, December 1, from Noon until 4 p.m. Items for sale will range in price from 50 cents to \$10. In addition, there will be free face painting for children by a professional make-up artist. Cider and ginger snaps will be served as refreshments.



The Center continues its regular 8 a.m. Saturday bird walks to which all are invited. The walk on Saturday, November 23, will be a special one at Sandy Point State Park on the Chesapeake with a scheduled return to Cabin John by 1:00 p.m. Call 229-3141 for further information.

The last two cooking classes of the season at the Bethesda Co-op will be on Wednesday, December 4 (Healthy Holiday Deserts) and on Wednesday, December 18 (Creative Innovative Vegetarian Dishes). The classes start at 7:00 p.m. and cost \$19.95 each. Advance registration is necessary since space is limited. The number to call is 320-2530.

Community Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held on Wednesday, November 27th at the Gibson Grove A.M.E.

Zion Church at 7700 Seven Locks Road at 7:30 p.m. for a combined service with Cabin John United Methodist Church. December events at the Cabin John United Methodist Church include:

- 1st 2:30 - Youth Fellowship swims at Montgomery Aquatic Center  
6:00 - Covered dish dinner
- 8th 7:00 - Youth Fellowship meeting
- 16th 7:30 - Community Carol Sing
- 22nd 11:00 - Choir presents its Christmas cantata A Simple Christmas by Lani Smith
- 24th 7:30 - Candlelight Christmas Eve Communion

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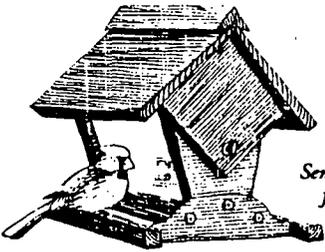


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**Addition to the Cabin John Directory** - Please add the following family to your listings:

*Terry and Brandon Fortune  
8018 Riverside Drive  
320-9223*

As mentioned in a previous issue, if you did not receive a Cabin John Community Directory, they can be obtained by picking one up from Reed or Barbara Martin (229-3482). We regret that limited time and resources do not allow these directories to be delivered to your doorstep. Thanks for your understanding!

**DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL CABIN JOHN  
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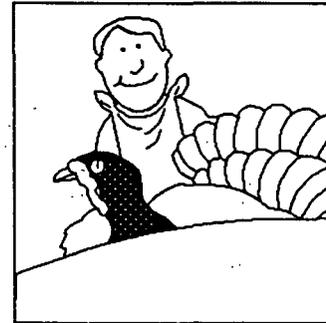
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