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CAJUN COMES TO CABIN JOHN

Shrimp creole, jambalaya, red beans and rice, gumbo, crawfish etoufee, chocolate pecan praline cheesecake.... not the normal Cabin John fare! But all of that is about to change with the opening of Cabin John's newest restaurant, The Blue Bayou Cafe and Bistro. Located in the MacArthur Square Shopping Center, The Blue Bayou is scheduled to open to the public the week of January 27th.

The restaurant will feature authentic New Orleans cuisine served up under the watchful eye of head chef, Marc Leone. Adding to the "Big Easy" atmosphere will be jazz music played by groups such as the Dick Morgan Trio Plus One, as well as a lunchtime piano player featuring zydeco music.

Debbie Moran, president of the corporation which owns the restaurant, is quick to point out that the Blue Bayou's main goal is to provide the community with a comfortable, cozy and friendly atmosphere where they can gather to enjoy authentic Cajun food and listen to music. Although some Cabin John residents have expressed concern about the restaurant's application for a liquor license, Ms. Moran indicates that the serving of alcoholic beverages will be done as an accommodation to those customers who enjoy a glass of wine or a cocktail with their meals. The Blue Bayou, in her opinion, will not have any of the attributes associated with a bar or a club.

When asked why the corporation chose Cabin John as the Bayou's new home, Ms. Moran said, "We saw the Cabin John community as a wonderful location: it has a small-town atmosphere, close proximity to the Beltway and other major roads, a diverse and interesting residential mix, and quiet, comfortable, safe feeling.... which all contributed to the decision to locate in Cabin John."

The Bayou will have the capacity to seat approximately 54 - 60 patrons and will be open Tuesday through Sunday. A special Saturday and Sunday breakfast will be offered featuring veignets and coffee, a typical New Orleans French Quarter breakfast. The restaurant will be open from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, to serve the lunchtime crowd. Dinner will be served from 5:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the restaurant will be serving dinner from 5:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m., with live music beginning at 9:30 p.m. The restaurant will also offer a "lite menu" from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m.

In addition to chef and local caterer, Marc Leone, the kitchen staff includes Mr. Couri Taylor acting as sous chef. Managing the entire operation will be Cecelia Calloway, daughter of legendary jazz great Cab Calloway! The restaurant has been offering free samples of their cajun creations for the past few Saturdays in front of the cafe. Residents are invited to stop by and taste the Bayou's cuisine and say hello to our new neighbors.

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Residents Not Resigned to Signs

Montgomery County added a letter from the Cabin John Citizen's Association to the growing list of complaints about the signs posted by MacArthur Square merchants, Proteus Bike Shop and the Bethesda Coop. Frank DeLang of Montgomery County told the CJCA that, although the county issued notices of violation to both offenders, because the Army Corps of Engineers has jurisdiction over much of the right-of-way along MacArthur Blvd. the county can't enforce the zoning ordinance forbidding the signs. The County is now working to come to an understanding with the Corps to give Montgomery County permission to enforce the zoning ordinance. As of this writing, Proteus and the Coop continue displaying their signs along MacArthur and Seven Locks Road.

Where Are the Pooper Scoopers??

Great little park we have by the Union Arch Bridge. Tennis courts. Playing fields. Great place to walk your dog. But better look out for the land mines left by our 4-legged friends. Seems their 2-legged owners haven't been dutifully cleaning up after their charges, much to the chagrin of frisbee players, softball players and kite flyers. Just a friendly reminder to ... you know who you are....!

CJ's New Night Spot

The Blue Bayou Bistro and Jazz Cabaret in MacArthur Square, scheduled to open at the end of January, will be Cabin John's first night spot. Concerned citizens should plan to attend the Citizen's Association meeting to discuss the community's position on the Bistro's application for a liquor license. The Liquor Board hearing will be held on March 5 at 9:00 AM at 100 Maryland Avenue in Rockville.

Re 3-way Stop Sign at MacArthur and the Parkway

Traffic on MacArthur at the Clara Barton Parkway is a nightmare during rush hour. When the Montgomery County Traffic Engineering Office was contacted about installing a 3-way stop sign to ease the situation, the County followed through in September by conducting a traffic count to determine whether the traffic volume was sufficient to require a 3-way stop sign. When contacted in November of 1991, Sarah Navid of Montgomery County's traffic engineering office, said that because budget cuts have caused work to back up, no decision has been made yet. She said she would follow up on the issue.

Home Town Teen Wins Scholarship

Congratulations to Cabin John resident Brian Marquardt for becoming a recent recipient of the Maryland Distinguished Scholar Program Award. Brian, who is a Senior at Walt Whitman High School, earned his scholarship by achieving exceptionally high SAT scores and maintaining an excellent grade point average. The award will provide Brian with a four year education at any college in the State of Maryland. Brian plans on attending the University of Maryland at College Park where he will study Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences.

HOLIDAY PARTY A BIG SUCCESS

The annual Cabin John Christmas Party was a huge success thanks, in part, to the many Cabin John residents who volunteered their energy and time. The Christmas tree looked beautiful thanks to Cathie Nelson. Linda Green and Maureen Willoughby did a super job in putting together the "goodie bags" which were handed out to the children. Almost 50 people were entertained by Dave Murphy and Maureen Willoughby's rendition of the annual "Cabin John Christmas Story". Adding to the festive mood, the Cabin John/Brookmont 3 and 4 year old school arrived to lead the crowd in singing Christmas carols. Santa Claus arrived, looking very much like Frank McKinney, to finish off the evening in traditional Cabin John style!

THE NEWS IN BRIEF...

The Wild Bird Center (7687 MacArthur Boulevard) has announced a writing contest on the topic "Why I Like Hummingbirds." Essays - or poems - should not exceed 200 words in length, and prizes will be awarded in a Kid's Category (below the age of 12) and an Adult Category. Entries must be submitted on or before March 1. For details, call 229-3141 or visit the Center.... Also, coming up on Saturday, February 15, at 1:00 p.m., is a talk on falconry by licensed falconer Mike Dupuy. The Center also reminds everyone that during the winter its regular Saturday birdwalks start by gathering at the store at 8:15 a.m.

The winter schedule of classes has started at the Clara Barton Community Center with offerings in aerobics, dance dynamics, body sculpting, ballroom dancing, karate and tai chi. For further information call: 217-6880.

The Bethesda Co-op is getting ready to move into larger quarters at the MacArthur Plaza shopping center. The retail store will take over the first floor of the new building, with storage below and offices and meeting space on the second floor.

To raise money to cover the costs of the relocation, the Co-op is selling food certificates at \$25 and \$50 which can be redeemed in purchases after one year at \$27.50 and \$55.00 respectively. It is also seeking loans of \$250 and up, some interest-free and repayable in one year, others at varying rates of interest and repayable in one to three years.

Cold weather has further delayed completion of the repair work on the Union Arch Bridge. The latest word from the U.S. Corps of Engineers is that it will be finished in "early February" but this is dependent on good weather. When the temperature stays below 40 degrees, masonry work cannot be done.

Betsy Lawrence, former President of the Cabin John Citizens Association, was honored late last year by the Potomac Chamber of Commerce as "Business Person of the Year" for 1991. Lawrence, who lives on Cabin Road, was cited for 12 years of outstanding volunteer community service. Congratulations Betsy!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS...

"Church News"

The Cabin John United Methodist Church would like to announce the following activities which are scheduled for February:

Sunday - February 2	- 6:00 p.m.	Covered Dish Dinner
Friday - February 7	- 5:30 p.m.	Youth attend Caps Hockey Game
Sunday - February 9	- 12:00 p.m.	Administrative Council Meeting
Sunday - February 16	- 7:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship Meeting
Tuesday - February 18	- 7:30 p.m.	Community Hymn Sing
Friday - February 21 thru Sunday the 23rd		Conference Middle High Retreat West River Center, Churchton, MD

For further details about these events, please call J. David Roberts, Pastor, at 229-8233.

"Meadows, Rivers, and Airports"

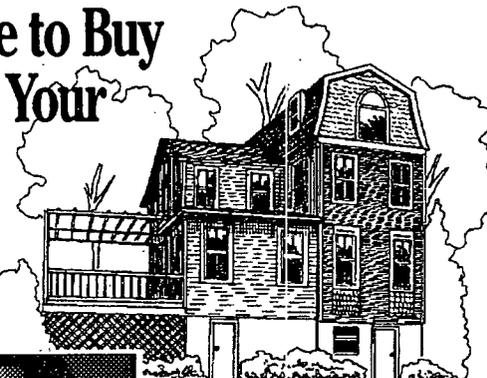
Walter Bartman, a well-known area artist and teacher, will show his recent oil and acrylic paintings at the Glen Echo Park Gallery from March 6th through March 29th, 1992. This show, entitled "Meadows, Rivers, and Airports", focuses on the past two years of his painting the cow pastures of Frederick County, the environs of Harper's Ferry, and the flight path to National Airport.

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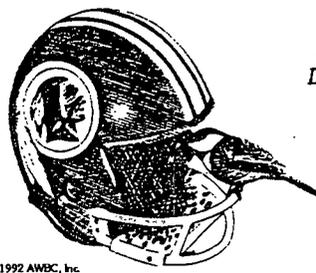
Sunday	BIBL.E. SCHOOL.	9:30 a.m.
	MORNING WORSHIP	11:00 a.m.
	OPEN BIBLE FORUM	6:00 p.m.
	EVENING SERVICE	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	PRAYER TIME	7:00 p.m.
Friday	COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY AT ANNEX	10:00 a.m.

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CABIN JOHN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION NEWS

According to Taffy Kingscott, CJCA's President, the Board of Appeals has still not reached a decision on the MacArthur Square building issue. The Association argued that the building, now virtually completed, should be moved back to bring it in alignment with already existing structures on Seven Locks Road. The Board cited the recent Christmas holiday as a reason for the delay in issuing a final ruling. The Board has indicated that their decision will be made available to the public by the end of January.

The next meeting of the Citizens Association will be held on Tuesday, January 28th. At this writing the agenda for that meeting has not been finalized. Anyone who has an issue which they would like to see addressed at the meeting should contact Taffy Kingscott at 229-8135. As mentioned earlier in this issue, residents who have concerns about the application for a liquor license by the Blue Bayou Cafe and Bistro should plan on attending the meeting.

**PHONE IN YOUR
NEWS TIPS!!!**

Remember....phone in your News Tips, Information about events, special awards or accomplishments obtained by family members, News of births, deaths, etc. to "The Ear On Cabin John" at 320-4903. We want to know what's happening in YOUR life!

GOODBYE GLENN BRENNER

Although Glenn Brenner was not a Cabin John resident, the entire Brenner family's presence in this community has been felt on an enormous scale. It wasn't unusual to pass Glenn on the bike path between Glen Echo and Cabin John. Despite his concentration on his jogging, he always had a smile or a wave for someone. There were many times when the lonely figures of a boy and his Dad could be seen on the ball field at the Clara Barton Center....Glenn and Matthew....practicing those fast balls. Whether we saw him at High's buying ice-cream for the "gang" or watched him wander through the Annual Bannockburn Elementary School May Fair with his wife Suzi, he always seemed genuinely glad to be a part of his community.

For those of us in Cabin John who had the pleasure and the privilege of knowing Glenn Brenner as someone other than the great sportscaster that he was, we extend our sincere and heart-felt condolences to his family. From all the children who walk the halls of Bannockburn Elementary and Pyle Jr. High with Amy, Ashley and Matthew; to all the grownups who marveled at his talent and his love of life and family, we extend our hands to the Brenner family in a gesture of love and caring. Please know that the Cabin John Community is thinking of all of you. Thank you for sharing Glenn Brenner with us. We are all the richer for having known him.

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