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Stop Signs Approved for Parkway Intersection

The figures are in and the Traffic Engineering office of the County Department of Transportation says the installation of three-way stop signs at the intersection of MacArthur Boulevard and the feeder road from the Clara Barton Parkway has been approved by the County Department of Transportation. The Engineering office has applied for a "traffic order" which is necessary for the signs to be legally enforceable. As soon as the order is approved the signs will be installed, in an estimated 4 to 6 weeks.

The County conducted a traffic survey last fall, but the proposal stayed on the "back burner" for several months.

The Traffic and Engineering Office also said that the pedestrian signal at the Union Arch Bridge will be removed and a crosswalk placed at the driveway adjacent to the tennis courts. Ω

Blue Bayou's Beer/Wine License Granted

The hotly contested application for a beer and wine license for the new Blue Bayou Bistro and Jazz Cabaret was granted by the Montgomery County Liquor Board in mid-March. Lael Calloway, manager of the Blue Bayou, said that the clientele has not changed since the license was granted and that the patrons appreciated the addition of wine with their meals. Ω

Citizens Association Meeting April 28 Be There !

The April meeting of the Cabin John Citizens Association will take place on Tuesday, April 28 at 8 p.m. at the Clara Barton Community Center.

CJCA President Taffy Kingscott hopes that by the time of the meeting, the County Attorney will have ruled on whether the County Department of Environmental Protection can re-open the question of setbacks on the MacArthur Plaza Shopping Center. Because the County Board of Appeals had already ruled on some of the issues involved, it was not clear whether the DEP had the authority to proceed. The County Attorney has been pondering this matter for a month.

Nominations for officers for 1992-93 will be presented at the April 28 meeting, and additional nominations can be made from the floor. The election will take place at the following meeting, on May 26.

The Neighborhood Watch Program will also be discussed at the meeting. See the article regarding the Neighborhood Watch Program in this issue.

At the last meeting there was a committee formed, headed by Helen Daniel, to examine the fund raising proposal presented by Clear Choice Communications. Because of the recent expenditures for legal assistance the Association coffers were emptied. The proposed fundraising program would offer a steady flow of dollars by having community members sign up for service with a long-distance telephone company selected by the Citizens Association, which may be either MCI or Sprint (AT&T doesn't have a similar program). The amount of income generated for the Association will depend on the participation of all the members of the community. Here's how it works. The community members sign up to become part of the Cabin John Citizen's Association fundraising program and their new long distance phone company would kick back a percentage of the participant's long distance phone bills to the CJCA. It would cost the callers no more than they are paying already (probably less than they are currently paying, they say). If you are already a member of the selected phone company, you would just fill out a coupon indicating that you are now a participant in the CJCA fund raising program and the extra money the phone company would otherwise be keeping would go instead to the CJCA. The committee will present a report and the proposal will be put to a vote.

The Cabin Citizens Association meeting is the place to bring up any matter of concern to you, as a Cabin John resident. If it's a community problem, the Association is there to take a stand and help solve it. Ω

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Seven Locks Sees Bumpy Road Ahead!

by Kathleen McManus

A \$5 million Montgomery County Department of Transportation project designed to re-route Seven Locks Road is slated to begin in November of 1993. According to Mr. Harry Grossman, Chief of Design for the DOT, the Potomac Master Plan calls for modifications to the road going south on Seven Locks just below Bradley Boulevard at Dwight Drive. The new stretch of road will veer right at Lonesome Piné Lane and leave the existing alignment in place. The plan would place the new roadway due east of the River Hill Townhome Community. Any hills deemed to be unreasonably steep will be regraded. The road span will cross River Road, north of the stone quarry, eventually meeting the existing roadway at the Cabin John Creek Bridge. The current roadway north of River Road will be blocked off. The roadway south of River Rd., up to the bridge which crosses the Cabin John Creek, will be removed.

The realignment project was included in the Potomac Master Plan in 1984 and is shown on the Capital Improvement Program as the "Seven Locks Road - River to Dwight Project". According to Mr. Grossman, the intent of the Master Plan is to design and construct a roadway which will be a principal secondary road. The CIP sites various reasons for the realignment, such as: the existing roadway is substandard with regard to stopping sight distance, vertical and horizontal alignment and roadway width. The statement goes on to mention "safety factors" as additional justification for the realignment.

When asked if an environmental impact study had been conducted by the County to determine any effects on woodlands and wildlife in the area, Mr. Grossman said, "This project is not subject to a formal environmental impact study such as those required when Federal funds are involved in a reconstruction. However, there will be compliance with existing federal, state and local laws regarding wetlands, tree replacement, sediment control and storm water management." Mr. Grossman went on to say that the law requires the County to replace any trees that would be removed within the right-of-way or to provide trees elsewhere if replanting within the right-of-way is not possible. Any wetlands impacted by the realignment would have to be replaced.

The new section of Seven Locks Road will be an undivided curb and gutter secondary roadway with a 60 foot right-of-way. In addition, it will feature a 6 foot wide bikeway which will connect with the existing bike path on Bradley Boulevard. The traffic signal currently positioned at the intersection of Seven Locks Rd. and River Road will become unnecessary and moved north to the new intersection.

Although formal hearings on this project were completed quite some time ago, the County has tentatively scheduled an informational meeting for concerned citizens during the first half of June, 1992. Construction bids will be solicited in accordance with County guidelines beginning in June of 1993. Actual construction of the project is slated for November of 1993, with an estimated time of completion of one year. Cabin John residents who may

have questions or concerns about this project may call Mitra Kandjou, Project Manager, at 301/217-2121.

On a related note, The Montgomery County Planning Board voted unanimously to approve a preliminary plan to subdivide property located adjacent to the historic stone house at the intersection of Seven Locks Rd. and River Rd. (Preliminary Plan 1-89207). The 2.20 acre parcel of land, owned by Joseph Devereux, Jr. of Potomac, is slated to be divided into 5 lots and sold as future single-family home sites. The Planning Board gave its conditional approval with the stipulation that several criteria be met by the owner, including a limitation on grading, provisions for the necessary preservation of trees and certain stormwater management conditions. The Village News will continue to update its readers on the status of these major construction projects. □

Co-op Keeps Moving Date

When does the Bethesda Co-op move into its new and larger quarters? The latest guess about this very movable moving day (originally expected to be in February) is "by the end of April." It seems to all depend on when the construction work on the new building is completed.

Whenever the date is, the Co-op says it will close for only one day while it makes the move. After allowing two or three weeks to get settled in the new space, it plans a "housewarming" to which the community will be invited.

Meanwhile, its campaign for new members continues. A "community member" pays \$30 a year which entitles the member's household to a 5% discount on all purchases.

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A Little Cabin John History

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An Indian village occupied this site until 1742 when the Maryland legislature paid 300 pounds to the Indians to give up their claim to this land. The property was then owned by a few families who owned large areas of land. In the 1850s when the C&O Canal was under construction, many of the Irish immigrants working on the project settled here.

Once the canal was finished, it provided a means of livelihood for the Cabin John residents until 1924 when the Canal was damaged by floods. Operations never resumed on the canal because the government judged expense of repairing it to be too great. ☺

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Church Plans Rummage Sale

Donations for the May 1-2 rummage sale at the Cabin John United Methodist church are now being accepted at the church on Wednesdays (through April 29).

The always popular sale will take place from 10 AM to 7 PM on Friday, May 1, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday May 2.

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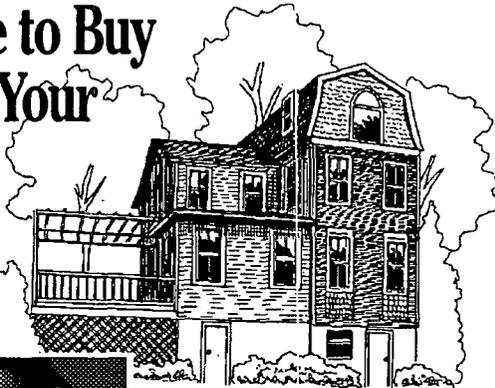
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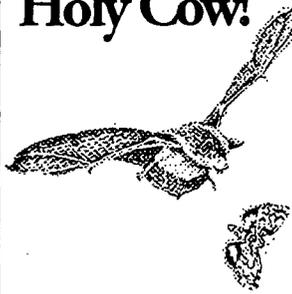
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Editor:

A modest step that would promote use of the [Clara Barton] Community Center would be to adjust the hours of operation, so that it is open when people are most likely to use it. Stay open Friday night until 9 PM. Saturday and Sunday, open from 10 AM to 7 PM. Compensate by shortening week day hours, perhaps opening from 3 PM to 7 PM weekdays.

Charles Bookman

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Clara Barton Center for Children Accepting Applications

The Clara Barton Center for Children on MacArthur Boulevard in Cabin John has several slots open for September for their two-year old class. Children may attend there three, four or five days for a half day (8-12:30) or a full day (8-6). For more details call Elizabeth Norden at 301/320-4565.

Neighborhood Watch for Crime Prevention

County Police have been called to Cabin John several times in recent months in connection with breakins in scattered areas of Cabin John.

One neighborhood has taken positive steps to protect their homes. With the help of the Montgomery county police, they set up a Neighborhood Watch Program. The Neighborhood Watch Program is a county-sponsored effort to educate residents as to how to protect their homes and neighborhoods from crime.

In order to receive signs and to be an official Watch neighborhood, 80% of the neighborhood must be committed. The county police representative will address a meeting to speak on what measures home owners can take to make their homes less attractive to burglars, from securing windows and doors to marking property, to alarms, etc. You can arrange a visit by police who will inspect your home and give advice on what you can do to make your home more secure.

Because of the wide-spread incidents, particularly around wooded areas, interested families should attend the next Citizens Association meeting to discuss arrangements for a Neighborhood Watch Program meeting.

Come to the meeting. Get involved. Ω

Community Calendar

Glen Echo Pottery will be showing work in porcelain and stoneware at the Glen Echo Park Gallery from May 1 through May 31, 1992

Glen Echo's Adventure Theatre is now featuring *The Phantom Tollbooth* which opened April 18 and will run through May 24, 1992, Saturdays and Sundays. Curtain times are 1:30 and 3:30. Tickets are \$4.50, with pre-paid group rates available. Reservations are suggested. For information and reservations call 301/320-5331 weekdays between 10 AM and 5 PM.

Bannockburn Elementary School's Mayfair will be held Sunday, May 3 from 12 to 4 at the school, 6520 Dalroy Lane. The Mayfair will include a Moonbounce, International Cafe, "Gently Used Sale," a Silent Auction, face painting, pony rides and much more. Ω

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