

# THE VILLAGE NEWS

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Serving the people of Cabin John and Beyond

September 1992

## Vandals At Work ... Again

by Suzanne Parmelee

September 5th I spotted three teenaged vandals at work. With markers and skateboards in hand, they were scribbling graffiti on a large utility box on Seven Locks Road.

After talking to the youths I called Officer Bohrer at the Bethesda District Station (301/652-9200) to report the incident. So far no arrests have been made. Officer Bohrer suggests that if you see anyone "in the act," that you report the incident immediately so police can identify the vandals and help curb the recurring damage to our community.

Also assigned to Cabin John is Officer Richard Harris who can be contacted at the same number. ~

## Clara Barton Rec Center Has New Hours

Beginning the second week in September the recreation center will be open 9 am - 9 pm Monday through Saturday, closed Sunday (except for rental events). The Center features free pool, ping-pong and roller skating outside.

The Fitness Room is open to memberships at \$15 for 6 months or \$25 for a year. Stop by the Center to pick up information on events and classes available for children and adults. ~

## Citizens Association Meeting September 29 Be There!

by Diane Leatherman

The first Cabin John Citizens Association meeting of the season will be on September 29. Normally the meeting is held on the 4th Tuesday, this month is an exception. This year the time for the meetings is to be changed to 7:30 PM because the recreation center must close by 9:00 PM due to budget cuts which cut personnel hours.

On the agenda will be a recap of the Crab Feast success; discussion of ideas for the future; clean up of old business from last year and planning for programs this year. Come one, come all!

*There were two women from the Condo  
Who put on a Crab Feast profoundo  
We owe them a lot  
They filled up the pot  
And now the Association has moolah.*

Many thanks to Mandy Mitchell and Helen Daniel. ~

## Co-op Fun Run

On October 31 the Bethesda Co-op will sponsor a 10K race (starting at 8:00 am) and a Fun-Run (starting at 8:05 am). All runners will receive a long-sleeve T-shirt.

The pre-race day entry fee is \$12 for both races. The course will go through the neighborhood and along the MacArthur Blvd. bike path.

If you want to volunteer to help with registration, water stops, and mile times, you will receive a race T-shirt, post-race refreshments and

giveaways. For more race or volunteer information, call the Co-op at 320-2530. ~

## Cabin John Church Announces Rummage Sale

Cabin John United Methodist Church announces its annual Fall rummage sale for Friday, October 23 (10 am to 7 pm) and Saturday, October 24 10 am to 4 pm. Donations will be accepted 11 am to 3 pm on Wednesdays. Call Jane Hunter or Pastor David Roberts at 229-8233 for more information. ~

# Crab Fever Strikes Cabin John

by Helen Daniel

The Crab Feast was kicked off by enthusiastic Kids on Parade. Thanks to the organizer Cherry Doyle, the neighborhood kids, costumed and with elaborately decorated bikes, paraded down MacArthur Boulevard. Reed Martin, with wife Barbara riding shotgun, led the parade (briefly) in Reed's 1900 Knox 3-wheeler. The kids did a splendid job of decorating their bikes and costuming themselves. There were three-legged rollerbladers, a dog, a bicycle crab (ridden by Alexandra Quinn) and many other ingenious outfits. However Jeremiah Murphy, who decorated his bike as a dragonfly, won the prize for the best entry, a pair of riding gloves donated by Proteus Bikes.

Senator Howard Denis, and Congressmen Betty Ann Kranke and Connie Morella dropped by to join the festivities. Ms. Morella said that the event was the highlight of the fall season, and that the weather was good omen. She also observed that Cabin John is a wonderfully diverse area, full of caring people; "diversity experts of the Nation." Also spotted at the Feast were Brian Frosh, Neal Potter and one of Ms. Morella's democratic challengers in the fall election, Ed Heffernan.

When the dinner bell sounded at 2:00 PM, servers, cooks, and crab steamers were hard pressed to keep pace with the hungry crowd. While folks feasted on chicken and crabs, cabaret singers Duane, Simone and Jean Pierre gave the Crab Feast an international flavor. Children's games, organized by Phil Amoruso, delighted the kids while adults strolled around the dozen booths of crafts and collectibles, organized by Steve Gurwitz.

The Cabin John Fire Department parked their fire engine and ambulance in front of the rec center. While the kids swarmed over both vehicles, roving photographer Mandy Mitchell snapped pictures.

At 4:30 a crisis developed: the crabs were almost gone. Quick action by Jan Smith saved the day. She dashed out and was able to buy 2 more bushels of crabs. By 6:00 PM when the feast was over, there were no crabs or chicken left.

Cheryl Parker won the raffle prize of dinner for two, donated by the Blue Bayou restaurant. Door prizes were contributed by several local businesses. Merl Gardner won a bike helmet from Proteus; Leigh Parkington won a bird feeder from the Wild Bird center, Justina Pfister got a hair waver from Glen Echo Pharmacy and Ruth Aquida won a needle point canvas from the Elegant Needle.

Preliminary estimates of ticket sales for the Crab Feast have the number at about 600. A dozen bushels of crabs and over 300 chicken quarters were consumed, raising more than an estimated \$4200 net, which makes this feast the community's most successful one ever. An exact accounting will be announced later when all proceeds and expenses are tallied.

Special thanks to the local businesses and organizations that donated items to help make the Cabin John Crab Feast such a success, and the Cabin John Volunteer Fire Department who put up and took down the banner. Tables and chairs were contributed by Glen Echo Baptist Church, Gibson Grove Ame Zion Church, and Church of Christ the Redeemer. The Bethesda Co-op contributed most of the ingredients that went into the wonderful veggie dishes.

The turn out of the many volunteers who helped with the Crab Feast was heartwarming. Thanks to each and every one of you who pitched in; your efforts were really appreciated:

Crab Feast Organizers:  
(last seen growing claws and scuttling off in search of the Chesapeake Bay)

Diane Leatherman  
Mandy Mitchell  
Helen Daniel

Bean Snappers, Cabbage Crunchers  
Potato Boilers, Collard Shredders  
(Food prep crew)

Linda Green  
Taffy Kingscott  
Helen Daniel  
Cathy Nelson  
Hope Nelson  
Jeanne Cassamento  
Diane Leatherman  
Clare Amoruso  
Elaine Cherches  
Mandy Mitchell

Weight Lifters:  
(Tables & chairs, set-up/strike down crew, clean-up)

Lee Hunter  
Bill Kramer  
Joe Hugo  
Marion Purtell  
John Gelb  
Kini Kienapfel  
Michael Dwyer  
Taffy Kingscott  
Pat Purtell  
Mandy Mitchell

Fire Starter:

John Kingscott

Chicken Production Directors  
KP Duty:  
(Cookers & Servers)

Jan Smith  
Fran Miller  
Missy Parks  
Barbara Quinn  
Jerry Quinn  
Bob Epstein  
Hope Nelson  
Gloria McKinney  
Stan Schaper  
Jane Winslow  
Judy Mopsik  
Duff Marquardt  
Cynthia Carter  
Jeanne Cassamento  
Adriana Klich

Sales & Membership Dues

Joe Hugo  
Linda Green  
Susan Frechtling  
Cathy Nelson  
Tom Green

Liquid Refreshments:

Dave Murphy  
Missy Parks  
Bob Greenberg  
Mark Leatherman

Deck Swabs:  
(Clean-up crew)

Frank McKinney  
Bob Witt  
Mandy Mitchell  
Eric Hatch  
Diane Leatherman  
Mark Leatherman  
Alexis Gelb  
Jack Fellows  
Helen Daniel

FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
CABIN JOHN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION  
July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1992

Beginning Checkbook Balance (7/01/91) \$2,109.83

Income

Deposits 3,743.07

Membership Dues	\$1,619.00
Contributions to CJCA	507.00
Village News Contributions	79.00
Crab Feast Deposits	888.07
Advertisement Income (Directory)	<u>650.00</u>
	\$3,743.07

Crab Feast Cash Income 1018.76

Checking Account Interest		<u>56.39</u>
	Total Credits	\$6,928.05

Expenses

Crab Feast Expenses \$1,563.32

Reimbursement Checks

Poultry #506 (Erlick Poultry)	\$165.20
Beer & Soda #508 (A. Klich)	217.68
Ice #509 (K. Kemp)	11.68
Vegetables, etc. #510 (T. Kingscott)	<u>150.00</u>
	\$544.56

Cash Reimbursements

Crabs (T. Kingscott)	494.00
Greens and Vegetables (T. Kingscott)	105.55
Groceries and Dry Goods (J. Hugo)	<u>419.21</u>
	\$1,018.76

Legal Expenses (Knopf & Burka Law Offices) 3,859.80

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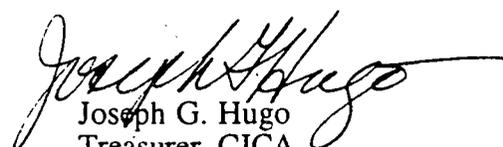
Postal Box Rental (expires 6/30/93)		<u>73.50</u>
	Total Debits	\$5,503.52

Total Credits This Report \$6,928.05

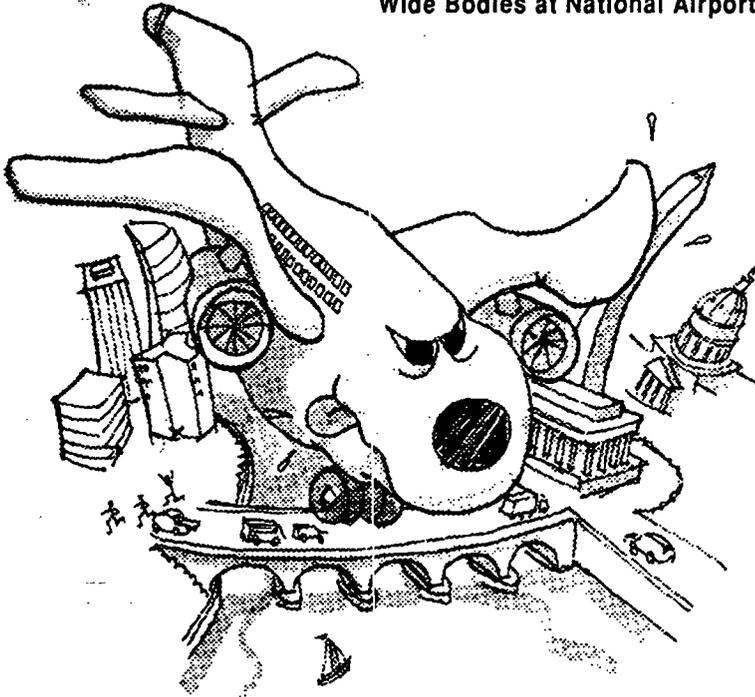
Total Debits This Report -5,503.52

Ending Check Book Balance (June 30, 1992) \$1,424.53

Submitted by:

  
Joseph G. Hugo  
Treasurer, CJCA  
July 20, 1992

## Wide Bodies at National Airport



## CAAN News

The Spring/Summer issue of *Rumblings*, published by Citizens for the Abatement of Aircraft Noise, reports that bills have recently been introduced in the House and Senate to increase the number of jet aircraft slots at National Airport and advises concerned citizens to contact your Congressional representatives to voice your concern about jet aircraft noise.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has refused to amend or remove its 1992 draft comment placed in the Federal Register that "substantial capacity exists to add air carrier operations" at National. Congress could use that statement as "evidence" that increasing the number of flights would be safe at National. Maryland Congress(wo)men Wolf, Morella, Moran and Norton wrote a strong letter to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation protesting the proposed increase slots at National.

Meanwhile, once the rebuilding at National is complete the airport will accommodate wide-body, two-aisle aircraft. The Airline Pilots Assn. has long warned of the danger of such a move at National Airport. The Secretary of Transportation, the Administrator of the FAA and your Congressional Representatives need to know how you feel about increased air carrier operations at National. For more information about CAAN, their address P.O. Box 40093, Wash. D.C. 20016.

Address letters to:

The Honorable Andrew H. Card, Jr.  
Secretary, Department of Transportation  
400-7th Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20590

The Honorable William Donald Schaefer  
State House  
Annapolis, MD 21401 410/974-3901

Your Senator  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Your Representative  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Noise complaint number at National Airport is 703/685-8020.

## Letters ...

Dear Editor:

A neighbor approached me the other day and said that I was "the laziest woman she had ever met." The comment was made in anger after a dispute over a car left to warm up outside my home and while gazing at some weeds that had sprung up through my slightly rusted iron fence.

This wasn't the first confrontation we've ever had, although I must say it was the most heated. There have been other disputes over leaves from our trees falling into her yard, rain water after excessive rains draining onto her lawn a dog barking over her fence, etc., etc.

I had to stop and think awhile. Lazy? Although my husband assumes responsibility for the situation she was criticizing me for, I somehow managed to take the comment to heart.

Lazy? My daily schedule flashed before my eyes. On the road, 150 miles per day driving two children to one school in Virginia, another to a handicapped school in Maryland. Side trips in between to doctors, therapists, hospital emergency room visits, as I diligently care for my brain injured and medically fragile toddler. Checking messages, processing mail, typing, faxing, returning phone calls, greeting clients as I run my home-based business in between trips to schools and hospitals. Breakfasts, lunches, dinners, cupcakes for school functions, shopping music lessons, swim team, housework, volunteer work for the church we attend, more typing, more messages, more returned phone calls...

Lazy? Did she think I was out partying the night I came home from my weekend job at the hospital at 1:30 am? Had she peered through my bedroom window and seen the pile of clothes that need to be folded and put away? Had she looked through my kitchen window only to see a pile of dirty dishes in the sink - or worse yet - crumbs and breakfast dishes left on the table as we rushed out the door to get to school on time? My dear neighbor, I am not lazy, I am busy. And I am tired. I am up early and I go to bed late and what I do in between should be no concern of yours. Perhaps my weeds do need to be trimmed, perhaps my leaves aren't raked the day they fall to the ground, perhaps my dog was left barking a bit too long but please, do not call me lazy. You must see that you and I have different gardens to tend. Yours is external and I will be the first to compliment you on its beauty. My garden cannot be seen through my rusted iron fence as my

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**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN  
CABIN JOHN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION  
September 1992 - August 1992**

The Cabin John Citizens Association (CJCA) hopes that all Cabin John residents will renew or join the association by returning the membership application below.

**Cabin John Citizens Association - Membership Application  
September 1992 - August 1993**

Name(s): Mr. \_\_\_; Mrs. \_\_\_; Ms. \_\_\_; Miss \_\_\_; Dr. \_\_\_ (Check Appropriate Title)

Primary Listing \_\_\_\_\_  
(First Name) (MI) (Last Name)

Mr. \_\_\_; Mrs. \_\_\_; Ms. \_\_\_; Miss \_\_\_; Dr. \_\_\_ (Check Appropriate Title)

Secondary Listing \_\_\_\_\_  
(First Name) (MI) (Last Name)

Others (Children, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Street Name  
\_\_\_\_\_, Maryland  
City Zip Code

Phone Numbers (301) \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work)

Renewal Member? ( ) Yes ( ) No New Member? ( ) Yes ( ) No

Type of Membership : Family/Household (\$10) \_\_\_\_\_; Individual (\$7) \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Donations: Village News \$ \_\_\_\_\_; CJCA \$ \_\_\_\_\_; Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Projects or Subjects of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Application and Check for Dues to:

Cabin John Citizens Association  
P.O. Box 31  
Cabin John, MD 20818-0031

For Additional Information:  
Diane Leatherman  
President, CJCA, 229-7412  
Joseph Hugo  
Treasurer, CJCA, 229-9256

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## Wild Bird Center Celebrates Seventh Anniversary

Saturday October 17, 1992 the Wild Bird Center will celebrate its anniversary. The days agenda includes a visit by park rangers with birds of prey. They will give a presentation (from 11 am to 2 PM) that includes information on ducks as well as other things that fly. The rangers will also discuss the natural history of the animals they have brought with them.

At 2 PM Mike will bring his Red-tailed Hawk and discuss the majestic, age-old sport of falconry.

At 3 PM Lola Oberman, author and Bethesda resident, will be on hand to sign copies of her new book Dial B for Birder! Lola, author of The Pleasures of Watching Birds also writes a monthly column for Audubon Naturalist News and contributes to Bird Watcher's Digest.

Also at 3 PM author George Petrides, Sr., (also father of Wild Bird Center owner George Petrides) will be on hand to autograph books and answer botanical questions.

Guess the number of jellybeans and you could win the Mandarin bird feeder containing them. There will also be drawings for a pair of binoculars, and three styles of bird feeders. The Wild Bird Center continues to sponsor bird-walks every Saturday morning at 8 am. If you have experience in leading bird-walks and want to be a guest birdwalk leader, call Michelle at 229-3141. ~

### Wild-Bird Center Offers Senior Citizen Discounts

Every Tuesday is seniors day at the Wild Bird Center. If you are 60 years or old older you can receive a 10% discount on your purchases. If you would like, you can ask for two 25-lb bags of seed for the same price as one 50-lb bag (no discount applies to this offer). ~

# Cooking with Class at the Co-op

Vegetarian cooking classes are scheduled for Wednesday evenings at 7:00 at \$20 per class, or \$140 for all eight classes. Oct. 7 - Recipes for the Emerging Vegetarian Oct 21 - Vegetarian

Middle Eastern Foods Nov 4 - Cooking Without Dairy Foods Nov 18 - Mexican Night Dec 2 - Holiday Quick Breads and Sourdough Baking Dec 16 - International Vegetarian Cooking Jan 6 - Cooking with Sea Vegetables Jan. 29 - Indian Vegetarian Cooking Participants must pre-register (at least 7 days in advance). Class sizes are limited to 15 students. ♪



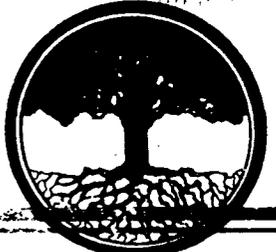
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garden lies in the hearts and minds of my children, the fruits of my labor. I do tend my garden carefully, making sure the soil is rich and the nutrients just right, and I am proud of what I see growing there.

Dear neighbor - let's not judge one another so quickly and harshly. The man whose house looks run down and needs a fresh coat of paint maybe on a fixed income and unable to afford repairs. The neighbor whose dog barks day and night may have just lost a loved one and cannot see beyond his own grief to even notice. The woman across the street whose lawn has been left to grow 12 inches may be recovering from open heart surgery and unable to do anything about it.

A sign hangs in my office that helps me keep my life in perspective and my priorities straight:

"Cleaning and scrubbing can wait till to  
morrow ...  
For babies grow up we've learned to our  
sorrow ...  
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Dust go to sleep ...  
I'm rocking my baby and babies don't  
keep."

I hope you understand. ♪

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2/3 page	\$65.00
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