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Serving the people of Cabin John and Beyond

August 1993

Cabin John Crab Feast

Saturday

September 11, 2-6 PM at the Clara Barton Center

Calling All Kids: Join in the Parade. Bring bikes, skates, wagons, dogs (on a leash).
Parade begins at 2:00 PM sharp at 79th Street & Mac Arthur Blvd.!

Crab Feast Committee Needs Your Help

Calling all volunteers to help make our 24th annual crab & chicken feast the best yet. If you are new to Cabin John or have never pitched in before, it's a great way to meet your new neighbors and share in the fun. This annual event is the major fund raiser for the Cabin John Citizen's Association. We need the following items, so if you can, please lend them (if not your services):

-  Very large pots, pans & serving plates;
-  Tongs, long forks, mitts for chicken cooking;
-  Food processors for dicing the veggies;
-  Cutting boards & knives
-  Anything you think would be useful in preparing or serving food to a 500+ crowd.

The feast will have all the terrific ingredients as those in the past: children's games and events, crafts and antiques booths, live entertainment and, of course, the stars of the day, crabs, Texas-style charcoal broiled chicken, and home made veggie dishes. A new Cabin John T-shirt will be on sale for avid collectors and proud Cabin Johners.



Advance tickets will be on sale in front of the Co-op Saturday, August 28 from 10 to 1:00 pm and Sunday August 29 from 12 to 3:00 pm. Advance tickets for chicken or crab with veggie dinners will be \$6 each and the all crab dinner will be \$7. Prices will be a dollar more at the feast. If you can't make it to the Co-op to buy your tickets you can buy them from Suzanne Parmelee (229-9854), Steve Gurwitz (229-0933), Clare Amoroso (229-2685), Diane Leatherman (229-7412), or Helen Daniel (229-1521). Helen Daniel will be selling the tickets at the Co-op and could use some help. If you can help please call her.

Crafts people, flea marketers and antiques vendors are welcome to set up a table at the crab feast for \$15 per table. Contact Steve Gurwitz for more information.

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 11

Crab Feast Help Wanted!

HELP!! Below is a list of jobs that need volunteers. If you can pitch in, please fill out the slip below and send it to Diane Leatherman, 6511-78th Street, Cabin John, MD 20818 or just hand it to Diane.

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 Name _____ Phone # _____

I want to volunteer my time for the following:

- 1. Veggie preparation on Thursday or Friday evening before the feast.
- 2. Cooking chicken the day of the Feast.
- 3. Serving food the day of the Feast.
- 4. Helping with sales of refreshments, T-shirts.
- 5. Helping to set up tables & chairs the morning of the Feast.
- 6. Clean-up at the end of the Feast.
- 7. Help out wherever needed.
- 8. Selling Tickets.
- 9. Go-fers (great job for kids).

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 Or call one of the feast organizers:

Overall coordinator:	Diane Leatherman	229-7412
Chicken Cooking:	Stan Schaper & Jan Smith	320-3422
Food Serving:	Clare Amoruso	320-2685
Feast Set-up:	Cherry Doyle	320-4171



Cabin John Fire Department Fund Drive

The Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department's Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring its annual portrait fund drive to update fire and rescue equipment. Representatives will be visiting the neighborhood offering a \$15 certificate entitling you to a 10x13 canvas mount family portrait. A professional studio will take the pictures at the fire station, Station 10, 8001 River Road, Bethesda, MD.

The fire department representatives will have identification and a letter from the Fire Department.

The Village News urges you to show your support and appreciation for our neighborhood fire department.

Cabin John Citizens Association Membership

It is time to renew your annual membership in CJCA. Or, if you are not a member, to join up. Beat the crowds and avoid the long membership dues line at the Crab and Chicken Feast. Send in your membership due to CJCA, P.O. Box 31, Cabin John, MD 20818. Or, fill it out and bring it to the Crab Feast. It's only \$7.00 for an individual and \$10.00 per family. An absolute bargain. Where can you purchase any other membership so inexpensively?

Name(s) _____

Ad-
dress _____

Phone# _____

Letter from the New Citizens Association Presidents

Now that the summer has ended its second half, the Crab Feast is being planned and is our next community event. For both of us, our first Crab Feast 8 years ago was the means that we used to quickly feel at home in our community. Ever since it has still been a way of renewing our community ties. We hope that many of you can join us in this annual event and share in Cabin John.

While there are no formal business meetings during the summer, this is a good time to state some of our goals for next year. They all center on maintaining Cabin John as the community that attracted us to it eight years ago. We recognize that change is inevitable and even desirable, but that we still want to maintain the quality of life that we all treasure.

The most obvious threat to our community is the degradation of our environment along MacArthur Boulevard. This results from traffic generated from outside our community as well as enforcement and maintenance problems arising from its mixed jurisdiction. For years we have watched the Corps of Engineers, the Park Service and Montgomery County point to the others as the responsible organization. If all we can accomplish this year is the fixing of responsibility, we will have won a major battle.

Also, we will find some way to moderate the traffic demands on our community. In the fall, we will try to address this issue. I am sure that other, unforeseen issues will arise. However, until business resumes, we wish to convey our best wishes to all for a good end to the summer and look forward to meeting as many of our neighbors as we can.

Fred and Judie Mopsik



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Union Arch Bridge: Long a Source of Woes to Cabin John

The historic Union Arch Bridge has become the focus of one of the most obvious problems in Cabin John. Though the gridlock hasn't been as bad through the summer months as during the school year, the nightmare of the traffic will begin again soon. Each morning and evening we will endure the droves of commuters stalled on both sides of the bridge while we must wait our turns to get out of our own community. But this was not always the case.

Not so long ago Cabin John was a sleepy little community, off the beaten track. Few houses were built along MacArthur Boulevard and River Road carried the commuter traffic from Potomac and points west. MacArthur Boulevard wasn't the fearsome traffic corridor then. Children who lived on both sides of MacArthur Boulevard were allowed to cross the streets, with little concern by their parents; traffic wasn't a problem. The bridge connected the communities of Cabin John, Glen Echo and Bannockburn and residents saw it as "Main-street."

In the winter of 1974-75 a 700 pound chunk of the ledge projecting from the bridge crashed to the Cabin John Parkway below. The bridge was immediately closed to car and truck traffic but allowed pedestrians and bicycles between 6:00 AM and 9 PM. Engineers were called in to examine the bridge. One long year later, in January of 1976 the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), the agency that maintains the bridge, released a document entitled Restoration of Cabin John Aqueduct Bridge that pronounced the bridge passable except for some surface deterioration and the projecting ledge, which had been removed after the large piece fell to the parkway below.

The report proposed three possible "schemes" for repairing the bridge. Scheme 1 would close the bridge to all but pedestrians, bicycles and emergency vehicles at a cost of \$749,000. Scheme 2 would permit pedestrians, bicycles and vehicular traffic under 6 tons (sound familiar?) and would cost \$731,000. Scheme 3 would allow only pedestrians and bicycles at a cost of \$583,000. Scheme 1 was recommended by the report.

At the January 1976 meeting of the Cabin John Citizens Association CJ residents, frustrated at being inconvenienced for more than a year, demanded that the Union Arch Bridge be reopened immediately since it was structurally sound. The representative from the ACOE who attended the meeting, Harry Ways, said that temporarily re-opening the bridge had not been considered. He said he would recommend a study to reopen the bridge and suggested that residents should write requests to his boss Col. Robert McGarry, District Engineer. Angry citizens went on to discuss seeking legal advice on the possibility of filing a suit against the ACOE for damages and to get the bridge reopened. To gain further attention from the ACOE and anyone else who could help, residents then staged a demonstration at the bridge.

One of the problems in repairing the bridge was the agreement between ACOE and the Committee on Historic Preservation. The agreement stipulated that the bridge would be restored to its original appearance, but that required more money than the estimate contained in the Restoration report.

The Citizens Association enlisted the aid of Rep. Gilbert Gude and with his aid kept hammering on the ACOE until the repairs began. On a very cold December 4, 1976 the bridge reopened to great fanfare for last the bicentennial event of the year. Officials from the Army Corps of Engineers hosted the festivities and an estimated 300 local residents came out to celebrate. Channel 7 and

Channel 9 sent reporters. The speaker's platform held representatives from Congress, the Montgomery County Council, Maryland Department of Transportation, Maryland Historic Trust, WSSC, Army Corps of Engineers, the Glen Echo Community. Frank McKinney, then Vice President of the CJCA and Minda Wetzel, CJCA Union Arch Committee Chairman were Cabin John's official representatives. Rep. Gilbert Gude cut the ribbon to formally reopen the bridge. Members of the 1st North-South Brigade from Alexandria showed up in full Civil War regalia, marching across the bridge and waving flags from the Civil War period. Minda Wetzel drove the lead car across the bridge, followed by the a fire engine from the Volunteer Fire Department.

And the rest, as they say, is history. ~



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Debby Does Kitchens

Cabin John has a lot of entrepreneurs in the neighborhood and now there is another. Debby Saling of the Cabin John Gardens has just launched her new company, Kitchen Konnection, in Beltsville.

When her old employer laid her off in mid-July, she saw it as an opportunity to get herself into gear to do what she had wanted to do for some time: be her own boss. So by the next week she had found an office. By the following week her phone was installed, new office was painted and Kitchen Konnection was in business. Since word got out among her existing clients (mostly builders, remodelers and architects) that she was on her own, her phone hasn't stopped ringing.

She began her career designing kitchens 12 years ago (many are in Cabin John houses). Depending on what her clients want, she designs modest to extravagant kitchens. Her meticulous attention to detail, her knack for optimizing space and creating innovative designs keeps her clients coming back. For her customers who are homeowners, she says "I like to sit down and make friends with my customers and get to know them. You know, talk girl talk. That way I know exactly what they want."

Because of her hard work, dedication and outgoing personality, her colleagues voted her Vice President of the Baltimore/Washington chapter of National Kitchen and Bath Association, a position she's held for the last 2 years.

She views being in business for herself a challenge, but one that will give her a more flexible schedule so she can spend the time with her favorite people, her daughter Jessica and son Brandon. Teamed with her husband Danny who has his own remodeling business, she looks forward to being able to provide a full package of services to homeowners, from design to execution.



Dear Editor:

Should trash collections in Cabin John be reduced to once a week instead of twice?

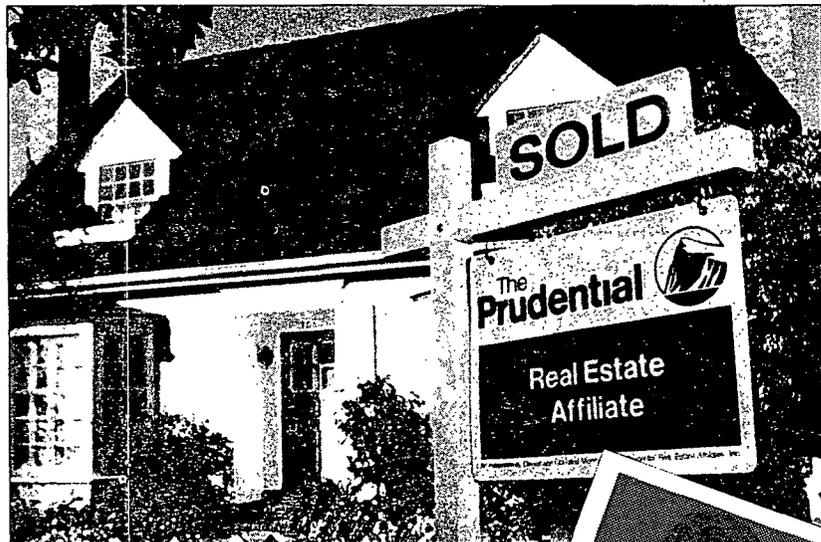
Until recycling started in January 1992 we had two collections. Since then we've had three -- two regular, one recyclables. Same amount of trash, just differently divided.

If you've looked at your property tax bill, you will have seen that having regular trash collected twice a week costs about \$42 more a year than having only one collection per week.

I can see no reason why we should have a total of three collections a week when we got along for years with only two. The County has already cut back collections in some districts to only two (one regular, one recyclables). Cabin John should ask for this too.

I hope this matter can be considered at the next Citizens Association meeting.

Andy Rice



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Cabin John United Methodist Church
10:00 Worship Sunday
School resumes in September
Food Received for the Hungry

Traffic Up-Date

by Helen Daniel

Department of Transportation (DOT) Engineer, David Loughery, gave an update on DOT's plans to meet some of the Cabin John Traffic Safety Committee's recommendations. Now in the work schedule of the County Highway Maintenance Division (hopefully to be completed before Labor Day) are the following items: (1) Crosswalks at the Clara Barton/MacArthur Blvd. intersection (2) Construction of a sidewalk on the north side of MacArthur Blvd. from the intersection (and new crosswalk) to 75th St. (3) Rumble strips on Clara Barton to warn drivers to slow down (4) a "STOP AHEAD" sign on Clara Barton to warn drivers to slow down and be prepared to stop at the intersection.

The Transportation Dept. has also given approval for a signal study to be done for the Clara Barton/MacArthur intersection. The study would see whether a traffic light there, working in conjunction with the one at Union Arch Bridge, could help alleviate some of the traffic problems at the intersection. If the study showed benefits from a signal, there would be no right-hand turn allowed on red from MacArthur onto Clara Barton and a stop line to the west side of Ericsson would be put in to keep traffic leaving the Parkway from blocking Ericsson. And, probably the best news of all: DOT's idea for a 250 foot right-hand turn lane on MacArthur Boulevard north of the intersection has been abandoned due to community opposition.

Glen Echo Park Scene

Adventure Theater is presenting *The Fabulous Fable Factory* through September 5, weekends at 1:30 and 3:30. Tickets are \$4.50 each. For more information call 320-5331.

September 19 is children's *Chautauqua Day* at the Park. Local artists will offer hands-on experiences, along with story tellers and other performers.

The Glen Echo Gallery will feature *Glass and Anvil*, a 3-person show showing cast or fused glass and forged metal from September 3-26. The Gallery is open from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, closed Monday & holidays.

Two artist-in-residence positions are open at the Park. Spaces are rent-free but a regular fee is charged to cover utilities. Artists are expected to give classes and demonstrations or performances for the public. For more information write Request for Proposals, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, MD 20812 or call 301/492-6266. Proposals must be received by Friday October 15.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT CABIN JOHN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION July 1, 1992 - June 30, 1993

Beginning Checkbook Balance (7/01/92) \$1,424.53

Income \$6946.66

	Deposits	Amount
Crab Feast Income	6	\$4,480.26
Interest	12	\$104.90
Membership Dues	25	\$1,807.00
Misc. Credits	5	\$92.50
Publications	2	\$25.00
T-Shirt Sales	3	\$437.00
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Total:		\$6946.66

Expenses (\$4,148.75)

	# of Checks	Amount
Crab Feast Expenses	13	(\$1,351.23)
Gifts	13	(\$2,479.20)
Misc. Debits	8	(\$253.52)
P.O. Box Rental	1	(\$49.00)
Stamps	2	(\$15.80)
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Total:		(\$4,148.75)

Balance as of June 30, 1993 \$4,222.44

Checks Outstanding \$153.55

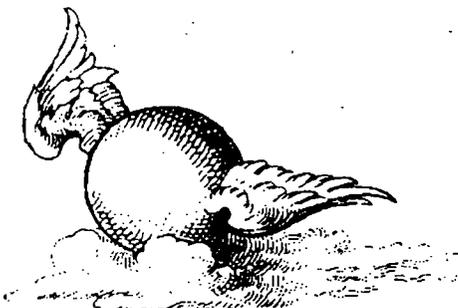
525	9/15/92	Greg Bassett	\$3.55
530	10/12/92	Glen Echo Baptist Church	\$50.00
552	6/21/93	Cabin John Village News	\$100.00
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Total Checks Outstanding:			\$153.55

Ending Check Book Balance as of June 30, 1993 \$4,375.99

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