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County Announces New Penalties for False Alarms

Montgomery County Police Chief Clarence Edwards has announced the formation of the False Alarm Reduction Unit (FARU) to administer the recently amended county false alarm law. The amended law, which requires current residential alarm users to register their systems between September 1, 1993 and October 31, 1993, was passed because of the extraordinarily high percentage of false alarms to which the police department is required to respond. In 1992 approximately 99% of all alarm calls were false.

Residential alarm users will be registered through their alarm companies and charged a one-time registration fee of \$30. Escalating response fees will be charged for four or more false alarms from the same alarm in a single calendar year. The law requires that all alarm users have their systems inspected following their third false alarm and upgrade to new county alarm installation standards following their eighth false alarm in the same year.

Non-monitored commercial and residential alarm systems must be registered as well. New purchasers will find necessary forms at the retail outlet where they purchase the system. Existing non-monitored users may

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Citizen's Association Meeting

7:30 pm, October 26 — *Be There!*

by Fred and Judie Mopsik

Do We Want Off-Track Betting? One of the more enjoyable benefits of being the co-presidents of the Citizen's Association is that now and then we get small surprises. Such was the case on October 6 when we learned from the *Bethesda Gazette* that the Cabin John-Bethesda area is being looked at as a possible site for locating off-track betting by the Maryland Jockey Club. While we were not contacted for comment, our past Presidents, Taffy Kingscott and Diane Leatherman were.

The article that appeared did seem to say that a suitable facility would be a very large restaurant capable of seating several thousand, such as the Cracked Claw in Urbana that opened this past May for betting. While we do not see an immediate possibility for our community as a result of this requirement, the Jockey Club does reserve the right to build on a site if no existing site were available.

Welcome Signs. On a much more pleasant note, David Murphy will make a presentation on erecting welcoming signs to Cabin John. These signs should help reinforce our community location and enhance our community.

Other Business. We hope to present a final report on our very successful Crab Feast, an operating budget for this year, and any possible developments with respect to traffic. Also, we will report on some apparent headway on fixing enforcement responsibility at MacArthur Plaza.

Please come. We look forward to seeing everyone.

People of Cabin John

Andy Rice: A Practical Idealist

by Barbara Martin

Andy Rice grew up in Wisconsin, a state famous for progressive ideas and social responsibility. He is a true son of that heritage.

His father, a professor of law at the University of Wisconsin, and his mother, "an energetic lady who was always helping someone," imbued their three children with a social conscience and a world awareness. One year the family lived in Geneva, Switzerland, where his father served as the first U.S. permanent representative to the International Labor Organization. Andy attended the International School. In that year he learned his first foreign language, French, and began a first-hand appreciation of life beyond the United States.

At Harvard, he studied political science, ran cross-country, and played cello in the orchestra. "Although I did respectably enough in college, most of what I learned came from my extra-curricular activities, including student politics and volunteer work in the community centers of the Boston slums."

During World War II, Andy was drafted but allowed to complete college. During his senior year, he studied Japanese at the request of the U.S. Army.

In the Signal Corps, he was given more training in Japanese and stationed in Washington where his job was translating intercepted radio messages from the enemy. With war's end, he was sent to Tokyo with the Occupation. To keep aware of how the Japanese citizens were

responding to Allied occupation, he read mail (routed by the Post Office) and listened to long-distance phone calls. He also had the job of censoring Japanese-made movies to cut out anti-American references before the films were shown in movie houses. "This was one of the more unusual jobs I've had. We did our screenings in the mornings in unheated theaters. I had as assistant a Japanese-American who had been trapped on a visit to Japan and interned for the war. He was great at catching things I missed—militaristic sound-track music, even background posters that were pro-war."

On the GI education bill, Andy earned a Master's degree at Harvard in Far East regional studies. In Washington, over the next dozen years, he had several jobs with the Federal Government and public policy organizations. In 1960, he was co-author of one of the feasibility studies that led to the formation of the Peace Corps.

Andy spent 2 years at Syracuse University teaching undergraduate courses and earning a Ph.D. in American government. He returned to Washington for a job in the Kennedy Administration—Special Assistant to Undersecretary of State Chester Bowles. "I really enjoyed my work. I wrote speeches for Mr. Bowles, represented him at interagency meetings, and concentrated on Latin America, the Alliance for Progress."

Did he ever consider running for elective office? "No, although

I had an uncle in Congress during the New Deal years, and my brother was in politics for 24 years in Syracuse, New York. I felt I was better suited for affecting policy and development by working with executive agencies and international organizations."

From the State Department, he went to work for the Society for International Development, an organization he had helped to found 5 years earlier. He stayed for 18 years. He edited their magazine, organized meetings, and traveled throughout the world keeping member chapters abreast of what the Society was doing. He became Executive Secretary of SID and when the organization moved its headquarters to Rome, the Rice family lived there for 3 years. "My Italian was just adequate, but my wife speaks the language fluently." (In addition to French and Italian, Andy also knows German and Spanish.)

When he retired from SID, Andy joined former Cabin John resident Calvin Kytile at Seven Locks Press, a book publishing company. The Press published in many fields—children's books, current issue books, regional books—"anything we enjoyed and wanted to publish." The company was sold in 1987.

Now Andy is an independent consultant and editor. He is also a very active volunteer, organizing conferences on international development, editing the United Nations Association newsletter, and serving on the Board of Directors for several international

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organizations. For pure enjoyment, he plays cello in a string quartet.

He will soon begin teaching at American University in the School of International Development—a course entitled “Problems of the Third World.” Teaching is a part of his family tradition: his father taught labor law and his sister teaches political science in Connecticut.

Probably most of us know Andy best as editor of the Village News, a job he did expertly for 10 years. “I saw the Village News as a way to strengthen the community. The paper wasn’t exclusively a voice for the Citizens Association; all news and opinions were welcome. I enjoyed doing it.”

Long-time Cabin John residents will remember Andy as an outstanding president of the Citizens Association in a year (1975-76) when zoning laws proposed under the Cabin John Master Plan stirred up much feeling among the townspeople. That he guided us firmly and reasonably to an acceptable resolution says much for his managerial skill and social values.

Andy’s wife, Connie Bergfors, is a sculptor who teaches at the Corcoran School of Art. They have twin sons, Brandt and Stefan. Brandt is a microbiologist, working at the Navy Medical Center and completing his M.A. at University of Maryland. Stefan is a composer and pianist living in Paris.

We can be proud of Andy Rice, a man who has given so much of himself to Cabin John, to the United States, and to the world. ♪

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Dear Editor:

Regarding the traffic survey and police enforcement of Cabin John speed limits, Officer Falcinelli was enforcing in front of my house on Tomlinson Avenue by giving tickets only for speed exceeding 40 mph (the speed limit is 25). What do you think of that . . . ?

Larry Byrum

Natural Wood is Best After All

Remember when we were bombarded by the media quoting the Department of Agriculture that those wooden cutting boards sitting on our kitchen counters were probably harboring the nastiest kinds of germs we could imagine. Kitchen suppliers advised that we should burn them in favor of the *new*, *improved* plastic ones *now available at your favorite store*?

Recent research at the University of Wisconsin-Madison has shown that those old kitchen favorites should be back in favor. Researchers put up to 10,000 cells of E. coli and salmonella bacteria on a wooden cutting board. Within three minutes 99.9% of the cells were unrecoverable and presumed dead. When they tried the same test on a plastic cutting board, none of the bacteria died. When the researchers left Salmonella on the plastic overnight, numbers of the bacteria increased. ~

Thanks, Ger Quinn, for
September's Village News.
Good Job.

Abeillés Celebrate

The Abeillés recently hosted a grand house warming to celebrate the renovation and expansion of the house they bought on 79th Street last December.

Architect Bernard, who studied architecture at Beaux Arts in Paris, and real estate agent Barbara discovered Cabin John when the Bethesda Coop moved their operation to Cabin John. When they first decided buy a house here, they settled on a townhouse on Wishbone Terrace. As their daughters grew up they found their townhouse too small and went house-hunting. Their quest led them to a house on 79th Street that was well-situated on a beautiful lot.

Getting to settlement on the property was a big problem. Barbara says that Margaret Stream, longtime resident of Cabin John, was wonderful and patient as the Abeillés had to postpone the scheduled September settlement because the buyers of their townhouse had to delay that settlement. The buyers of the Abeillés townhouse were moving from south Florida but the day before that scheduled settlement Hurricane Andrew damaged their buyers' house, delaying settlement on their buyers' Florida house. They finally settled in December.

"When we went looking for houses, every place else was boring, you know, all the lawns that look the same. Cabin John is eclectic and definitely not boring."

They meticulously restored the interior of the old house, and the addition was artfully designed to give the feeling of spacious airiness and light. Says Barbara of her new house, "This gave us a chance to do something together and gave Bernard a chance to create something for ourselves." ~



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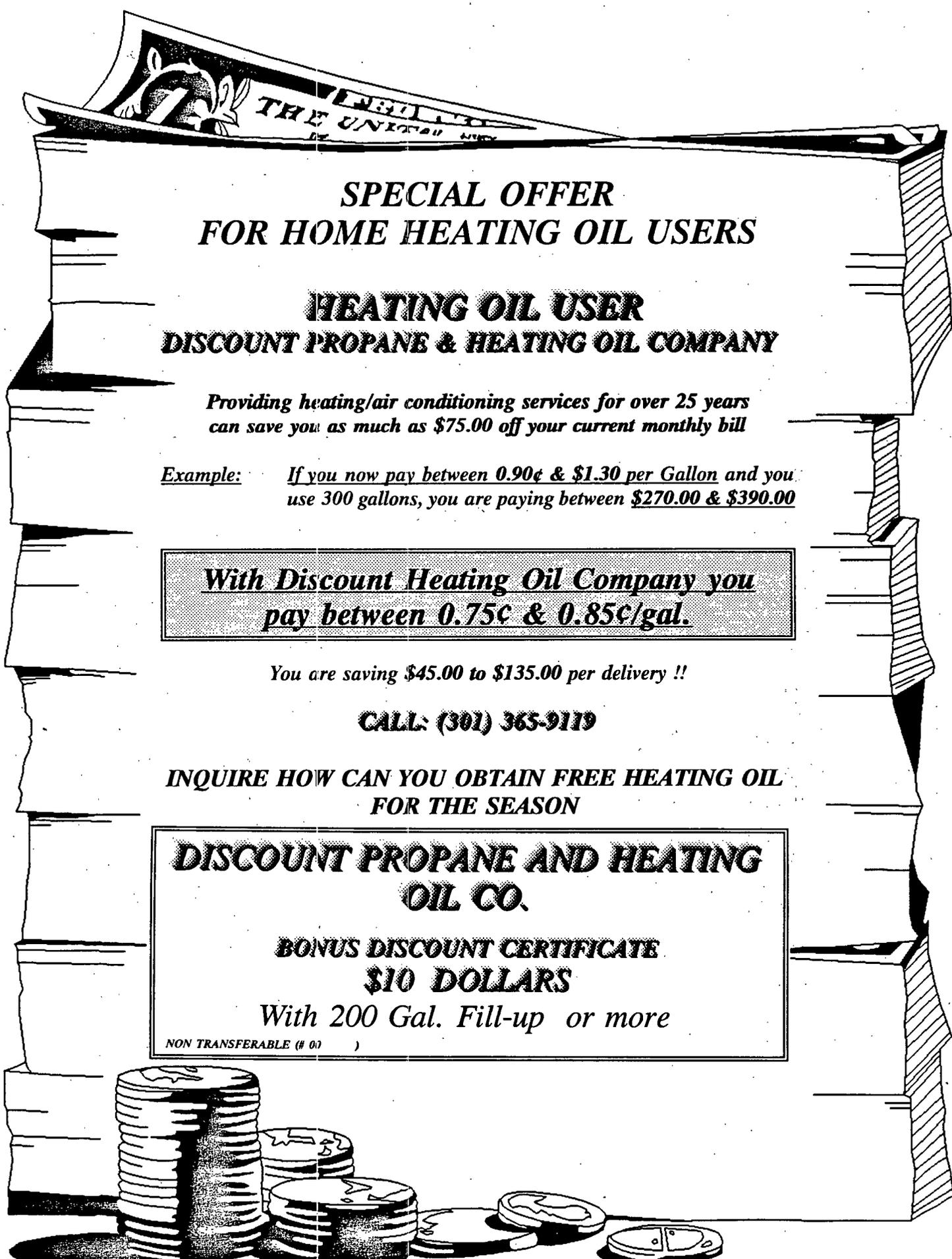
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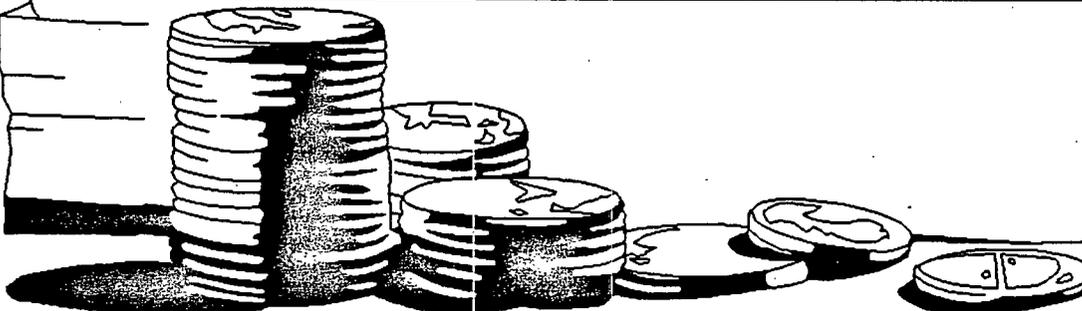
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Community Calendar

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Wildlife Photography Seminar Sunday November 7, 1993. Michael L. Smith, a native of Glen Echo, will visit the Wild Bird Center of Cabin John, 7687 MacArthur Blvd., on November 7 at 1 pm for an informal slide presentation on wildlife photography. His work has appeared in *National Geographic*, National Wildlife Federation publications and many books on birding.

Bannockburn Nursery School's Annual Fair will be held Friday Nov. 12, from 9:30 am to 4:30 PM and Saturday November 13 from 10 am to 2 pm. Books, toys, tapes and gifts will be for sale.

Bannockburn Nursery School's Open House will be held on November 13, 10 am to noon. Meet the teachers, co-oping parents and students, and sign up for the 1994-95 classes for 2-5 year olds. Call 320-3331 for information. The Bannockburn Nursery School has an opening in the current afternoon 3-year-old class. For information call 320-3331 or 320-4252.

Holiday Craft Fair. Friday November 13. Beautiful items by gifted artists from far and near will be on sale from 10 am to 3 pm. There will also be a bake sale and lunch will be on sale from 11 - 2.

Community Thanksgiving Eve Service. Everyone is invited to Gibson Grove A.M.E. Zion Church at 7700 Seven Locks Road on Wednesday, November 24 at 6 pm. Rev. J. David Roberts of Cabin John Methodist Church will speak and the choirs of both churches will sing. The offering will go to help area hungry.

Clara Barton Recreation Report

The Clara Barton Community Center is open Monday through Thursday from 10 am until 9 pm, Fridays from 10 am until 5 pm and Saturdays from 12 noon to 5 pm. During these hours many activities take place. Senior Adult Ping Pong, Aikido, Karate, and Soccer classes are just a few of the offerings. A Brownie group and Boy Scout Pack are currently meeting here.

County residents who subscribe to the Washington Post will find the Winter Guide to Recreation and Leisure Programs tucked in the Weekend Section on Friday, November 19. Others will receive Guides by mail. New classes offered at the Clara Barton Center to look for are Dance Dynamics and Step Aerobics classes.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please stop by or give us a call at 229-0010 or 229-0011.

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False Alarms *Con'd from pg. 1*

obtain the forms from the police department by phoning 217-4290.

An alarm user who, after proper notification, has failed to register an alarm system may not receive a police response to an alarm system.

The county estimates that it costs approximately \$38 per false alarm response. During 1992 there were some 41,300 false alarm calls at a cost of over \$1,500,000 to county taxpayers.

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Tragedy Strikes Cabin John

by Tricia Peters

I know we consider Cabin John to be a very special place, otherwise we wouldn't live here, Right? But did you know that this month **NOBODY** did anything interesting? No-one was born, no-one died, no-one was married. In fact, there wasn't even a birthday celebration! Well, at least that is how our editor, Lauren Forestell sees it. Everywhere she goes, every time she meets another Cabin Johner, she says, "write to me, tell me what's happening in our community," and every month she receives . . . zero.

Come on now, you are all very individual types, who are sure to have very interesting lives, and thought the word "Cabin" attracted you in the first place because you wanted to hide yourselves away in the woods, couldn't we reach out just a little bit and share our interesting selves with our own Villagers?

Five minutes or less is all it takes to drop a note in the mail to her. Don't think your fellow Villagers won't want to hear about it—they will. Write to Lauren at The Village News, PO Box 164, Cabin John, MD 20818.

Lauren Says she'll publish **ANYTHING** you send (so long as it's clean) and here is the proof of the pudding: she published mine!

More follows next month. Watch this space . . . you might be in it. ☺

Briefly noted . . .

The *Post's* Dr. Gridlock reports that the construction on the Clara Barton Parkway is scheduled for completion in October 1995. What a wonderful 2 more years of traffic headaches we have to look forward to.

. . .

Traffic congestion in Cabin John is expected to worsen when the 31 new houses in Bannockburn and Fairway Hills, now under construction, are completed in the next 18 months. Something else to look forward to.

. . .

From the *Bannockburn Newsletter*: "The *Wall Street Journal* had an article detailing the folly of building incinerators such as the one being built for the County now. It said that recycling has reduced the need for incinerators and that there will not be enough trash generated locally to keep the incinerator going, or to pay for it. Thus, the County is likely to charge its captive customers large amounts to cover its costs and import trash from other areas to lower rates. Anticipate huge increases in non-tax deductible trash collection fees within a few years to pay for the incinerator and more air pollution from the burning trash."

. . .

The green-space that the Citizen's Association fought long and hard to preserve in the middle '80s in the development at Tomlinson Avenue and Seven Locks Road which became Tomlinson Terrace is now gone. It was recently given away by the adjoining property owners and is the site of a nearly completed house. Thanks. ☺

Glen Echo Dark Scene

October 30. Halloween Swing Dance.

Every Friday night: Square, contra and country dances 8:30-11 pm, \$5.

Every Sunday night: Square and contra dances, 7:30-10:30 pm, \$5.

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The Puppet Company performing every Wednesday and Thursday 10 & 11:30 am, and most Saturdays and Sundays, 11 am, 1 & 2 pm, tickets \$4, is presenting **Trouble in Toyland** through November 18 and **The Nutcracker** from November 26 through December 23. For more information call 320-6668.

The Gallery is featuring **Raku Art** through October 31. Gallery hours are from Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 5 pm. Beginning November 5 through the 28th **Labyrinth and Song**, a **Silk Painting and Mixed Media** exhibit will be featured. A free artist's lecture will be held Sunday afternoon, November 7 at 3 pm.

Proposals Sought. The Glen Echo Gallery is accepting proposals for art exhibitions to be held from June 1994 through May 1995. Individual and group proposals will be considered. Proposals should include 15-20 slides of the type of work to be exhibited, an artist's resume, a statement about the work and an indication of the price range and a choice of three possible months for exhibiting. Proposals representing diverse cultures are encouraged. Deadline for proposals is November 1, 1993. For more information call Britt Reeves at 301/492-6229.

The Capital Crescent Trail A nearby Recreational Resource

Early this century, the B&O Railroad ran trains from Silver Spring to Georgetown on the "Georgetown Branch," carrying coal, chemicals, and building supplies. Disused since 1985, the tracks are being removed and the right-of-way is being turned into an excellent recreational resource for walkers, joggers, bikers, and other users of all ages. From Georgetown, the Capital Crescent Trail parallels the C&O Towpath, crosses the Canal at Arizona Avenue, rises below Potomac Avenue, passes behind the Dalecarlia waterworks and under MacArthur Boulevard, continues beside Sumner and across Massachusetts Avenue, and parallels Little Falls Parkway and Arlington Boulevard to downtown Bethesda. Eventually the Trail will continue to Silver Spring. Most of it is heavily wooded and very scenic. There will be numerous access points.

The Park Service portion from Georgetown to the District Line should be fully ready for your use by early fall. Pepco has completed the portion from the Bethesda Pool to Woodmont Avenue. The remaining Montgomery County portion Bethesda Pool to the District Line has been funded and preliminary work begun, with completion expected in the spring of 1994. For the section east to Silver Spring, designation as an interim trail is being sought.

With enough citizen support, the Trail will be completed to Silver Spring, connecting to Rock Creek Trail and other trails. The non-profit Coalition for the Capital Crescent Trail, made up of citizen's associations and recreational groups, is spearheading the effort to complete the Trail. For more information on membership or about the Capital Crescent Trail, call John Dugger of the Sumner Citizen's Association, 301/229-5425, or the Coalition at 202/234-8874. ~

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