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Citizens Association Meeting Tuesday, September 27 at 7:30 at Clara Barton Community Center

ON THE AGENDA:

Traffic

New Stop Signs have been installed on Tomlinson Ave. The status of other traffic improvements in our community, such as traffic lights and speed "humps" will be presented at our next meeting. Be present to state your concerns about present and future changes with respect to traffic control.

MacArthur Plaza

The owners of MacArthur Plaza have approached us to ask our agreement to a zoning exception allowing the addition of 16 parking spaces. These spaces would occupy areas on their property that are reserved for buffer space. Messrs. Garrett and Smith will be present to explain their proposal and what they will offer the community in return. Since these parking changes will make a permanent change in the status of MacArthur Plaza, this is our chance to see if mutually agreed to changes can make MacArthur Plaza a better neighbor.

Teen Center for Clara Barton Center

The Montgomery County Recreation Department is interested in community partners to establish two Teen Centers in Montgomery County. The county has appropriated \$60,000 for staffing and operational costs. With the support of Mary McConnell, Director of the Clara Barton Community Center, we have drafted a proposal for a Teen Center in our community.

Please attend the meeting to show your support for this opportunity.

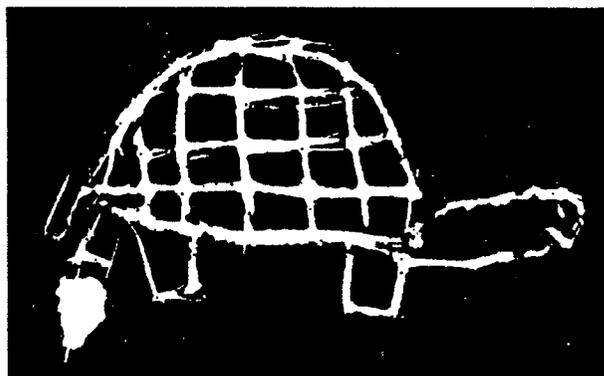
ANNUAL CRAB FEAST A BIG SUCCESS!

The community sends a big thank you to Diane Leatherman and Laurie Rieckelman, Chairperson and Co-Chairperson of the Crab Feast. Their hard work and months of planning brought together great food, wonderful music, and the community spirit of everyone in Cabin John.

As the Village News went to press, the accounting for the Crab Feast was not complete. A complete accounting of the Crab Feast, and specific recognition of all of the volunteers will be published in the October issue of the Village News.

THANK YOU MARY McCONNELL!

Have you met Mary McConnell, the Director of the Clara Barton Community Center? Mary has been with the Center for one year, and has already become a partner with the Cabin John Community. We especially want to thank her for supporting the Crab Feast. Not only did Mary and her family attend our annual community feast, but she helped set up the community center, assisted with ticket sales, and stayed to work on the clean up committee. Thank you Mary!



Efficiency in government

We are happy to report that some things other than parking enforcement and tax collection continue to work well. The County "Pothole Division" is very responsive. The gaping chasm at Tomlinson and Macarthur was fixed within 48 hours of being reported. The telephone number to call is 217-2159.

PEPCO's "Burned-out and Flickering Streetlights Department" is also on the ball. Within 48 hours of being reported, six lights in Cabin John were replaced. You need to give PEPCO the numbers (not just locations) printed on a metal tag on the pole. That telephone number is (202) 833-7500.

The Future of the Village News

The financial statement on the next page shows that *The Village News* is not paying for itself despite the loyal support of our advertisers and contributors. Advertising rates have not changed in three years while the cost of printing and postage have. Costs will continue to rise in the coming year and our advertising rates must increase for new contracts. Our objective is to make *The Village News* break even.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

CABIN JOHN VILLAGE NEWS
 September 1, 1993 - August 31, 1994

Beginning Checkbook Balance (9-01-93).....	\$624.67
INCOME	
Display advertising	\$4,430.87
Classified advertising	\$2,176.50
Donations.....	141.90
Interest - checking	2,005.00
Subscriptions.....	27.47
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Total:.....	\$4,430.87
EXPENSES	
Printing expenses	(\$4,622.29)
Mailing expenses:	
Monthly mailing	\$3,014.74
Bulk rate fee.....	1,139.69
Labels	75.00
P.O. box rental.....	203.00
Bank fees.....	35.00
Postage.....	15.00
Other expenses	5.80
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Total:.....	\$4,622.29
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Total of income minus expenses.....	(\$191.42)
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Ending checkbook balance (8/31/94)	\$433.25
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Submitted by:	
Jerry Rhodes	
Business Manager, CJVN	
September 15, 1994	

Welder Wanted

The Annual Crab and Chicken Feast could benefit from having its own barbeque grill.
 If you can weld, have access to equipment, and are interested in a little work on the side call Stanley Schaper 320-3422.

If something is bothering you, Ask Doctor Bob



Dear Doctor Bob,
 My insatiable appetite for tofu is tearing my life apart. Every time I try to go to the coop I end up driving round and round looking for a parking place. I'd ride my bike, but it's had a flat tire for six months because I can't park at the bike shop either. Last week I parked in the Elegant Needle reserved space then ran over to the coop, but I felt so guilty that I went back and bought a kit for making a needlepoint Jimi Hendrix seat cushion and never got the tofu. Should I go back to eating meat or take up embroidery ?

-Circling in the Green Gremlin

Doctor Bob replies,

The Gremlin must be about due for new seat covers especially since you've been spending so much time in it. I wholly endorse the Woodstock revival motif. As for your substance abuse problem involving tofu, you could drive to Bethesda and take the 32 Ride-On back to the bike shop, get the tire fixed, then you can park the bike at the coop any time you get the urge. This will help keep the milage low on the Gremlin. You may be interested in hearing the shopping center owners discuss their new proposal to enhance your shopping experience. They will speak at the Citizens Association meeting on Tuesday night.

Doctor Bob is not an actual doctor but is willing to give cheap, sensible opinions about legal, financial, and personal matters, and home improvement. Write to Doctor Bob c/o The Village News, PO box 164, Cabin John Md 20818

Letters

Why I like Cabin John

I like Cabin John because I have a lot of friends here. Their names are Nathan, Willie, Udit and Josh. Some of us have a Bike Band in our neighborhood. On Monday the Bike Band does writing, sports on Tuesdays, reading on Wednesdays, and Maths on Thursdays. Everyday we also bike and play.

I was born in Cabin John and live here with my mom, dad and sister. My favorite things are playing, tennis, soccer, sega, baseball, walking along the canal, and eating pizza from the new Pizza Hut. I hope you like Cabin John as much as I do.

Vinay Aggarwal
Age 6

Cabin John, Oh Cabin John

As a kid I think Cabin John is a wonderful place, but with all the traffic lately, it's not the same.

I'm a safety patrol and every morning when I go to my post, no matter how early it is, I always see strange cars zooming by, throughout the morning.

I used to get fuming mad at the drivers. I don't really get all that mad because I must be used to it now. Still I think that we can help. In your spare time, you can make posters saying to slow down. Maybe if the drivers see homemade posters telling them to slow down they will.

Despite the traffic problem, Cabin John is a beautiful and wonderful place, so lets keep it that way.

Alexandra Qinn
Age 10

Dear Editor,

In regards to the traffic problem at the Clara Barton-MacArthur Blvd intersection: Where did all the extensive backups go? Since the start of these extensive buildups (when the 3-way stop became effective) I have noticed that the problem goes away every year shortly after Memorial Day and returns full force right after Labor Day. (Guaranteed!) Do all of the passing through commuters suddenly go on vaction for 3 months?? Am I the only one who has noticed this? So far this year, since Memorial Day, I've only once found a mild build-up of traffic (to Captain's Market). The same morning, I also noticed a lot of traffic going in and out of the schools on Wilson Lane. So school must not be that much of a contributor to traffic) because they are in Summer Session now.

I am mystified. Wherever the traffic goes in the summer months, could we figure it out and make it happen year-round?

Yours truly,
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Riverside Drive



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NEW STREET NAMES FOR CABIN JOHN?

Why doesn't The Village News run a contest for new names for the numbered streets in Cabin John? The present numbers - 75th, 76th, etc. are truly boring.

It would take a while to get County approval for making changes, of course, but we can't even begin the process until we have some well-liked names to propose.

I would like to see some suggestions offered for a theme from which we could select individual street names - for example, local birds or flowers. The Village News could invite theme suggestions, publish them, and then let citizens vote on the one they prefer.

Does anyone else like this idea?

Andy Rice

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