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SUMMER'S COMING -- AS WELL AS A LARGE SHOPPING CENTER -- TO CABIN JOHN.

Macarthur Square -- that's the name of our new shopping Center. It's really going to happen, folks. It's no longer just a line drawing in the original Cabin John Plan from 1973. According to the builder, Dan Rosenstein of Macarthur Square Development, the ground will be broken this May for the 30,000 square foot, 2 story, 154 parking space shopping center in Cabin John. (Glen Echo has 50-60 spaces.)

The more politically powerful Village of Potomac was successful in keeping it out of their backyards. What about Cabin John? Are we going to sit by while this shopping center is erected without any citizen participation or are we going to attempt some form of local control.

Alan VanEmerick, our Citizens Association President has been trying to get concrete information from the Montgomery County Planners and from Elizabeth Scull, our County Representative. So far, all he's gotten is the run around. Letters written to the County Planning Board protesting that more notice is required by C.J. residents haven't been answered as yet. So who knows what is really happening or what will happen. The Village News is suggesting that C.J. residents be prepared in their minds as to what they envision our inevitable new shopping center will look like; what kinds of services we'd like in our community; what effect it will have on traffic on MacArthur Blvd. and other such issues.

If we cannot prevent its presence, at least we can attempt to see to it that it is visually attractive and fits in with the citizens idea of community needs.

Direct contact with the county will be instrumental in making the developer's plans responsive to C.J.'s needs and desires. This could take the form of petitions and a letter-writing campaign on short notice. Those who are concerned about their community should be prepared to participate in this effort when called upon.

Come to the next Citizens Assoc. meeting to voice your opinions or send any info., points of view to the news immediately so that we can report the community's feelings on this issue.

CABIN JOHN SPRING FESTIVAL AND SALE MAY 3

Games and movies for kids,
Food for all
Bargains that can't be beat

on a huge assortment of clothes, toys, small appliances, sporting goods, furniture, spring plants, and 100's of other items will be waiting for you on Saturday May 3, 10-4 at Clara Barton School.

This year, tape recorders, t.v. sets, Fisher Price toys, furniture and hordes of clothes will be available. AND -- your children can enjoy cartoons and cookies while you wander the sale and explore. The sale will take place rain or shine.

DON'T FORGET THE SILENT AUCTION

The May 3 Cabin John Spring Festival will feature a better-than-ever SILENT AUCTION. Items for sale include a magnificent hand-woven wall hanging, a stoneware bowl, lessons in German and Spanish, a Mexican meal, an excursion for four in a private plane, rototilling service for a home garden, selected art works and many more goodies. Come and place your bids!

CITIZENS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Clara Barton School

Tuesday April 22 8:00 p.m.

Coffee and Doughnuts served

PERSIMMON TREE AND CARDEROCK SPRINGS SOUTH INVITED TO MEETINGS

The Citizens Association would like to extend a warm invitation to the residents of Persimmon Tree and Carderock Springs South to attend this and all Citizens Association meetings. We urge you to join our association and become informed about issues that affect all of us here in Cabin John. The County defines Cabin John as the area between Cabin John Run, the Beltway and the Potomac River, and the Citizens Association tries to keep people living in this area informed of events that might affect their welfare. A few of the immediate issues are the construction of the MacArthur Square Shopping Center, feeder bus service to Cabin John, the proposed redistricting of our local jr. high and high schools, organized youth activities, aircraft noise and the Rock Run Water Treatment Plant which has proposed the piping of effluent through Persimmon Tree.

We urge you to attend the meeting, hear the news and let us hear your views.

THANK-YOU TO DELIVERERS

For years, the Village News has been delivered by area young people (and others) for very little remuneration and for very little thanks. (Hopefully) with this issue, their job will have ended and so we thank all of you who delivered in the past and our present deliverers:

Alex Dence, Nancy Fisher, Danny Green, Paul and Mary Haas, Brian Kemp, Martha Patch, Jim Robertson, Michael Short, Wayne Shaw, Judy Vogt, Tony White, and our two unpaid volunteers: Pat Duff and Barbara Clark.



THE FOOD COOP - WE LOVE IT!

Do you know of a good place in your home to keep ten pounds of lasagna noodles? This and other fun problems are now being managed by 18 new cost-conscious Cabin John shoppers who have joined the Consolidated Buyers Association, a 1-1/2 year old, 180 family-large food coop. Members save 30-40% on their grocery bills.The coop regularly purchases meats, cheeses, frozen food, fruits and nuts, grains, and canned and dry goods at wholesale prices. There are only five vacancies left in the Cabin John unit of this well-organized coop. To join, call Molly Dollison at 229-3012. OR KATHY ORME at 320-4236

HARRY'S
lawn cutting
& hauling

229-2282



SWIM & TENNIS CLUB HAS OPENINGS

The EastGate Swim & Tennis Club has immediate openings for new memberships - no waiting lists! Located at the corners of Democracy Blvd. and Gainsborough, just off of Seven Locks Rd. Call Bill Page 983-0998 or their 24 hr. number 983-0808 to leave a recorded message.

COG FINALLY MOVES ON AIRPORT NOISE

After public hearings, which included testimony on behalf of Cabin John residents by Allen Van Emerick, the Council of Governments has made their recommendations to FAA. These were: that the passenger load at National Airport be cutback to 14 million passengers a year from its present 15 million level. (It rose by 2 million in the last year alone.); that the 650 mile non-stop flight distance be maintained; that the 7 grandfather cities that are now exempt from the 650 mile limit be dropped; that the curfew on flights be moved up from 10:00 p.m. to 9:30.

The COG staff will do more extensive study on the scatter plans before voting on a recommendation to FAA on June 11.

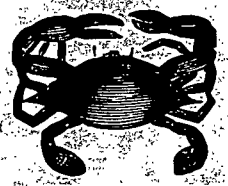
The FAA won't start making adjustments until the end of April to their proposals for National Airport and the scatter plan. Their plans must be finalized by August 15, by court order and must be implemented by January 1, 1981. If the public is not satisfied with their actions, then our only recourse seems to take them to court and make them listen to our concerns.

Two years ago, the citizens made the same recommendations to the FAA, but they paid little heed. They seem to be playing their usual politics instead of responding to the desires of communities impacted by Nat'l. Airport. Hopefully enough angry testimony was given this time to make them listen and take the appropriate action.



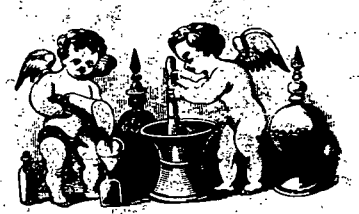
THE SPANISH BALLROOM SWINGS AGAIN

Saturday Night Dances at Glen Echo every Saturday Night from May 10 to September 27, except in August and on Labor Day Weekend. 8:30-11:30. Adult admission, $2 at the door. Fun for all Ages. Beginners welcome. ALL WITH LIVE MUSIC!



CRAB FEAST -- ALREADY?

Yes, folks, it's time to start thinking about organizing the Crab Feast. If you would like to help out this year, call Tony Guida 229-0307.



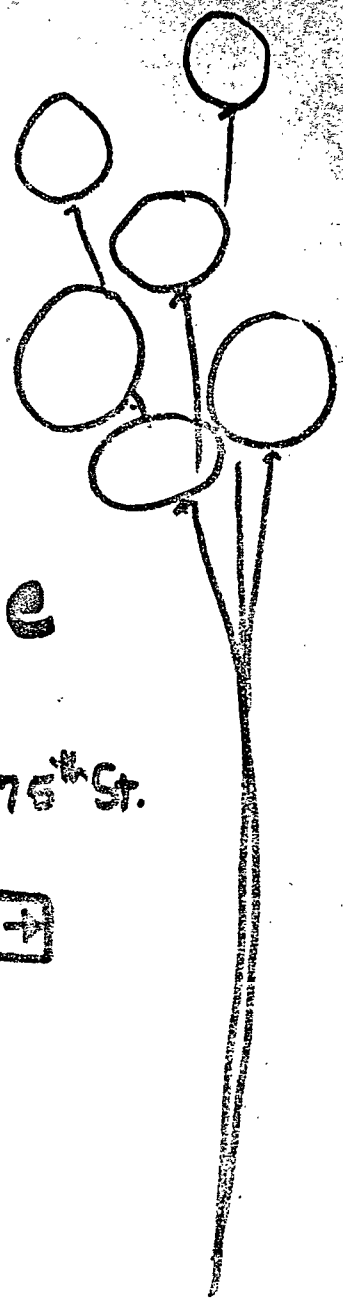
NURSERY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

The Bannockburn Cooperative Nursery School, now in its 30th year, is seeking applicants for fall enrollment. The school offers a 3-day program for 2 and 1/2 to 3 year olds and 5-day programs for 3 and 4 year olds. There is an extended day program until 2 p.m. which meets according to parent demand. For further info. and applications, call Fran Lowry 365-3665 or Ethelyn Owen 365-2093.

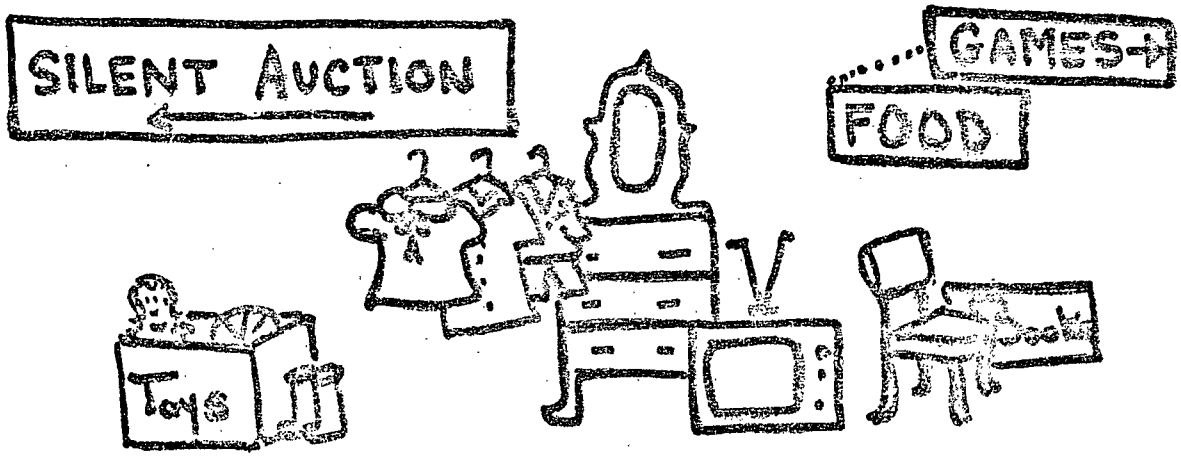
DIRECTORY TO BE UPDATED

The time has come to update the Cabin John Telephone Directory. Many new folks have moved into the community while many others have moved away. Also, the general information sections need revision. President Van Emerik is now organizing a committee to take care of this task. If you can help out, call Allen at 320-0936.

Cabin John
Spring Festival
and
Community Rummage Sale



Clara Barton School, MacArthur at 75th St.



Saturday, May 3, 10-4

Collection Centers for Rummage are still open:

Wednesdays 9-11 am
9501 Carlyn Drive

Saturdays 9-12
8½ Webb Road

for pick up call

Katy Glekas 229-6253

Gladys Richter 229-9415

QUICK FOOD SHOP

PASTRIES*MEATS*CARRY-OUT!
GROCERIES*BREAKFAST*LUNCH
MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY
6:30 am to 6:00 pm

NEWSWORTHY NOTES.....

Heartfelt thanks to the Carpenters of 78th St. for donating a lettergraph machine to the Village News.

Mr. & Mrs. Edmond Cook & son, Randall of New Hampshire, spent a week this month with Mrs. Cook's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hunter of Cabin John.

Bobbi Stuart, soon to leave to reside in Calif., is turning the editorship of the Village News over to Betsy Cheney of Arden Rd. Betsy has been active in community affairs since she and her family moved to Cabin John. Bobbi thanks all who have helped her put out the paper every month for the last 21 months.

A big welcome to the new baby at the Lee home on Riverside Dr. Momma and baby are home doing just great!

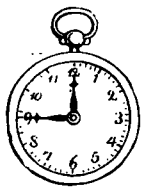
If you have news for this spot, drop a line to the Village News or call the editor -229-6265.



ST. ANDREW'S NEWSPAPER DRIVE

The Library Committee's March newspaper collection was a huge success, and we'd like to give Cabin John a chance to again dispose of it's old newspapers on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 22,23 and 24.

Newpapers only please, may be left at the tractor-trailer parked at the post office parking lot on those days. For a special pick-up, call 229-2700. The next drive will be early next September.



HARD TIMES IN CABIN JOHN

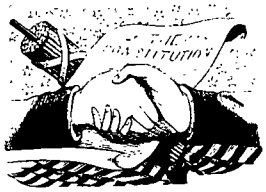
There were hard times across the nation and in C.J. this winter, as several of our residents had neither enough food nor enough fuel during some of the coldest weeks. Things are likely to worsen in this obviously failing economy.

At times like these, a community should grow even closer, like a family, with each member looking for their neighbors without being solicitous. Come to the Citizens Association meeting to hear of the services available to everyone in need in this County and how to get them when you need them. Also discuss how we might be able to help each other. Our options are unlimited. We need to rely on each other. Come to hear and be heard.



THE CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE FOR CABIN JOHN (CCCJ)
by Mia Keefe & Mary Haas

We are 8 girls who are trying to help the 3 & 4 Yr. Old Sch. earn more money. We will be selling homemade baked goods, potholders & necklaces at the C.J. Spring Festival, and running a sponge toss game. We made all the things we will sell and hope you will enjoy them. Three 1st graders, 2 2nd graders, 1 3rd grader, 1 4th grader and one 5th grader have worked hard.



EXCERPTS FROM CITIZEN'S ASSOC. LETTER TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD DIRECTOR ROYCE HANSON, BY ALLEN VAN EMMERIK Re: MACARTHUR SQUARE

...MacArthur Square was not designed with Cabin John in mind. The ... proposal is out of scale not just a little, or within any reasonable scale range, but three or four times as large as it should be... Cabin John does not oppose commercial development of the site in question. But we do categorically oppose development in which we have no voice. The piecemeal fashion in which this project is proceeding will countenance major development at the heart of Cabin John, outstripping our ability to be heard in our own defense on the merits of development as a whole.

Cabin John does not oppose commercial development on the tract in question, providing it is in keeping with the scale and character of Cabin John. We are willing to work together with the developer and the County toward an alternative accomodating the needs of all three. But the Community has been canvassed thoroughly on this plan, and I have no hesitation in saying that no one favors the scope of this plan. (4/4/80)



FOUNTAIN OF LIFE COFFEE HOUSE ACTIVITIES IN MAY

May 3rd - musician Theresa Halsell.
May 17th - movie "The Secret of Loving"
Topical studies will be on "The Best Plans for Dating and Marriage"
A giant game of volleyball is also planned.
The coffee house is at 6523 78th St. Call Steve MacGregor 229-5054 for info.

CLASSIFIED

CLASSIFIEDS cost 50¢ a line. Items for the next issue must be in before May 9th. Mail to P.O. Box 164, Cabin John, MD. 20731 or call 229-6265.

ALTERATIONS done in my home. I will work on any clothing or shorten your draperies. 229-1404.

PRACTICAL NURSE with 7 yrs. exper. would like to do private duty in a home in C.J. or babysitting. 635-4516.

CABIN JOHN KIDS NEEDED

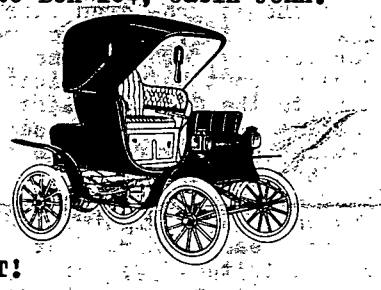
FREE advertising is available to any and all kids in Cabin John who have a job they can do for their neighbors to make some money for themselves. If you want to place an ad, send your phone number, price, job and age to Box 164, Cabin John, 20731.

WANTED

Someone who wants to learn how to sell advertising for the Village News. If we can increase our revenue, the paper can expand to include letters to the editor, a kid's corner, whatever. Call 229-6265.

BARTERING is an old custom which is experiencing a revival in this country, why not in Cabin John? The idea is to exchange skilled work with no money passing hands. "I'll do 3 hrs. of plumbing for 3 hrs. of automobile maintenance; I'll cook X# meals for X# of errands; I'll babysit 6 hrs. for 2 hrs. of gardening; I can type, you can sew; You help me chainsaw up the fallen tree and we'll divide the wood. The possible barter combinations are endless. Whatever your skill, you can be sure that someone else would like to trade off.

The Cabin John Village News will be happy to run names, phone numbers and skills offered for barter. Arrangements would be entirely between the individuals - mail in your skill today to Box 164, Cabin John.



POOL IT!

If you drive to work every day or if you need a lift to work and would like to share the ride, send your name, starting point, and destination to Pool It!, Village News, Box 164, Cabin John 20731.

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