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Annual Cabin John Creek Cleanup Saturday April 28th, 9:30am-12:00noon

Meet at the usual location at the park on the Cabin John side of Cabin John Bridge (one-lane bridge) on MacArthur Blvd. There might be a brief educational presentation by Stream Striders for kids.

Wear shoes that can get wet, bring gloves, and a hat. Trash bags and refreshments provided. Kids under 14 welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. Stretch of Creek to be cleaned up is between MacArthur Blvd. and Seven Locks Rd. We also need a couple of volunteers to help lead the Creek cleanup on the other side of Seven Locks Rd in Carderock Springs on the same day, so please contact Burr Gray (703-607-2740 (w), 301-320-2918 (h), burr.gray@alum.dartmouth.org) if you can help with the Carderock event or if you have any questions on the event in Cabin John.

NEIGHBORLY NEWS May 2001

by Barbara Martin

Have you always wanted to bicycle down the towpath from Cumberland? **Reed Martin** will be making his annual trip this Memorial Day weekend, leaving Thursday, May 24 and arriving back in Cabin John Sunday, May 27 . You will be staying in motels--no camping or cooking out--and enjoying the ride of your life. You will ride about 60 miles a day over flat-to-slightly-downhill towpath trail-not racing alone Reed will arrange to carry the bikes to Cumberland; call him at 301-229-3482 to talk about details.

Village News editor **Heidi Lewis** and husband **Scott Lewis** have added a daughter to their family. The sister of Riley and Lennon is named **Daisy,** born in March.

A son, **Thomas George Wilmarth**, was born in March to **Barbara and Bruce Wilmarth.** Baby Tom's big sister and brother are Catherine and Edward. The Wilmarths live on 75th Place.

On Arden a baby boy, **Ian**, was born to **Jennifer Jordan** and **Skip Brown.** Ian is the new best friend of proud, loyal dog Boo.

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Next CJCA Meeting - 7:30 p.m. April 24, 2001 at the Clara Barton Community Center:

Agenda - (1) Outdoor historical viewing panels for Cabin John Bridge, (2) New Community Directory (2001-02 version), and (3) Bethesda Safe Neighborhood Day (one-day coordinated event by communities to make drivers slow down).

Minutes from March 27, 2001 CJCA Meeting

1. Comments to Army Corps of Engineers Re: Repair of the Cabin John Bridge. The discussion focused on the general concerns of the community regarding the Corps' proposed complete closure of the bridge from July 1 - Nov. 30th for repairs.

In the letter that was drafted and sent to the Corps on April 11, 2001, we noted the following among others:

(1) we are appreciative of the Corps efforts to maintain the bridge in a historically consistent fashion, especially since the bridge is an important part of Cabin John history and an important part of the identity of our community,

(2) the closing of the bridge and MacArthur Boulevard for five or more months greatly impacts the community of Cabin John,

(3)shuttle service - more thought needs to be given to a shuttle service/Ride-on Bus service that would get people from Cabin John to Glen Echo and back during certain hours, especially during rush hours (CJCA is willing to work with the Corps and Montgomery County officials in this regard - We need to ascertain and demonstrate the actual demand so please call Ann Johnson (301-229-0719 (h) if you need such a service and let her know when you would need it and for what purpose),

(4) Bicycle Detour - Even with an occasional shuttle, the need for short clear detours for bike traffic is quite apparent (one possibility is using the foot-path on east side of the bridge that goes down to the Canal, run west briefly along the Canal towpath, and then come back up to MacArthur Blvd via Lock 8/Riverside Drive/79th St,

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(5) the height of the proposed barrier between the vehicles and pedestrians might be too high; we are supportive of the need to protect pedestrians/bicyclists from vehicles on the bridge, but worry that the proposed barrier height of 30 inches could be a hazard in and of itself to vehicles,

(6) construction noise - it appears that there will be a period of time when there is work on the bridge at night (at least two months it appears); we requested that the Corps consider placing temporary portable sound barriers at an appropriate location during this period in order to mitigate any impacts,

(7) adequate signage - the signs to alert traffic to the upcoming project must be large and easily readable and we asked that the Corps be especially vigilant during the first few days that the bridge is closed in order to respond quickly to obvious problems and congestion, and

(8) Progress reports and community interaction - we asked that the Corps keep us informed as to the progress of the project and any schedule changes.

There were also several comments that while not significant, fell in the "nice-to-have" category and we included those in the letter. (For an electronic copy of the letter, please send request to burr.gray@alum.dartmouth.org).

2. **Status of Canal Stink Issue** - On March 22, 2001 the Water & Sewer Authority (WASA) gave a presentation on the status of their efforts to eliminate the stink from the Potomac Interceptor sewer next to the Canal.

While most of the current vents would be sealed, WASA has identified certain locations where they would like to have an active carbon filter system where the sewer gases would be sucked from the sewer through the filter system and emitted outdoors. Two of the WASA preferred locations are in the sections of the Canal next to Cabin John and Brookmont. While it seemed from the WASA/Montgomery County presentation as though noise would not necessarily be a problem, residents from both communities voiced their opposition to locating these facilities (20 ft X 30 ft bldg's with a 12-15 ft stack) nearby.

WASA plans to do some actual field testing in the near future to determine the engineering aspects of locating the active filters in various locations. The clear preference of the Cabin John residents was to locate the active filter near the Beltway, where the noise and other aspects of the filter structure would be less apparent to residents. The C&O Canal Park Service and the GW Parkway Park Service both play a major role in determining the location of these vents, and both of those entities apply different criteria. CJCA hopes to continue a dialogue with all parties and convince WASA that a location outside of Cabin John is the preferred approach for an active filter, even if it is not ideal from an engineering viewpoint. The CJCA contact on this issue is Larry Heflin (301-229-4674).

3. **Glen Echo Park** - Dina Hudson-Taylor from Glen Echo gave a presentation regarding the National Park Service's preference to have the operations of the Park done under a Modified Public Partnership. (Previously CJCA commented in support of the Park Service's proposal, but noting certain issues.)

Essentially, a board likely consisting of representatives from private sector, Montgomery County, and the Park Service will run the Park. It is likely that more emphasis will be placed on having activities in the Park that will help support the maintenance/funding for the park. Dina noted a concern that the Park Service was not proposing to provide any funds for the maintenance of the buildings. The next step in the process is to see what the County Council desires and what the negotiations between the County and the Park Service produce.

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LOOKING BACKWARD IN CABIN JOHN

By Andrew E. Rice

How Big is Cabin John?

This is a difficult question to answer, principally because of differing ways of identifying the geographic area. The most recent figure is the one just released by the U.S. Census Bureau from the decennial Census of April 2000. As far as I can tell from the map on the Census Bureau web site, the figure is one based on the area covered by zip code 20818. Only some basic data has yet been released; other information on age categories, housing units, etc., will follow.

The 2000 census says there are 1734 people residing in Cabin John, of which 1287 (73.4%) are 18 years or older. The only other breakdown given thus far is categories by race, as follows:.

White	1474 (85.0%)
Black	63 (3.8%)
Native American	4 (0.2%)
Asian	152 (8.8%)
Other	8 (0.5%)
Two or more races	33 (1.9%)
Hispanic (of any race)	47 (2.7%)

When we try to compare these figures with those of the 1990 Census, we immediately run into trouble, because in 1990 the Cabin John count was included in a wider area known to the Census Bureau as the Brookmont-Cabin John CDP (Census Designated Place). I have not yet determined exactly what this area was, but it sounds logical that it was the whole area along MacArthur Boulevard from the DC line to the Beltway. In 1990 there were 5341 people living in this area of which 4585 (78.2%) were 18 or older and 4946 (92.6%) were white.

For 1980 The Village news files don't reveal any data, but after the 1970 Census, a story in the paper reported that the population of Cabin John (then as now a single Census tract, but the exact boundaries not indicated) was "just over 1600."

A couple of years ago, in February 1999, I estimated that the population of Cabin John (including the areas in zip code 20817 off Persimmon Tree Road but inside the Beltway) was somewhere around 2200. This estimate was based on the 1998-1999 Community Directory.

So take your pick. Whatever its size, it's a great place.

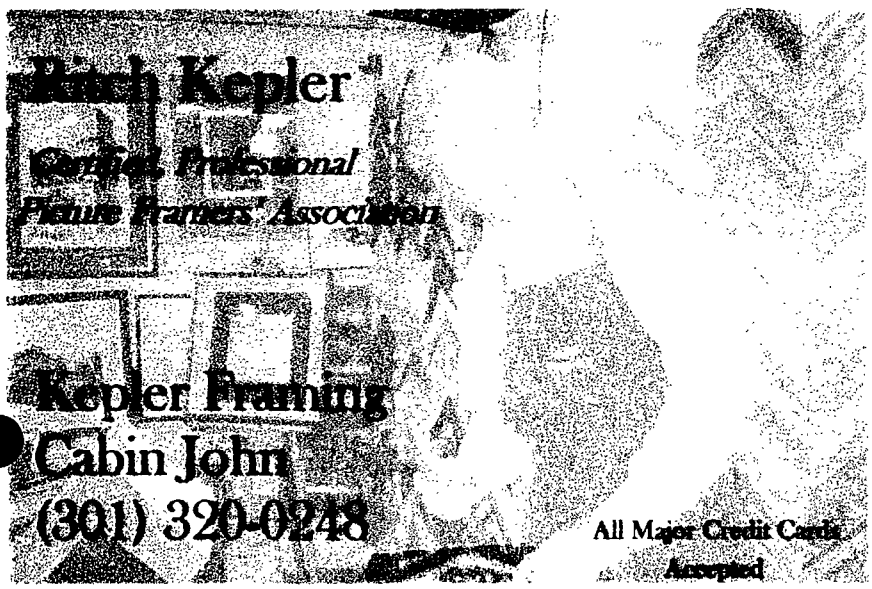
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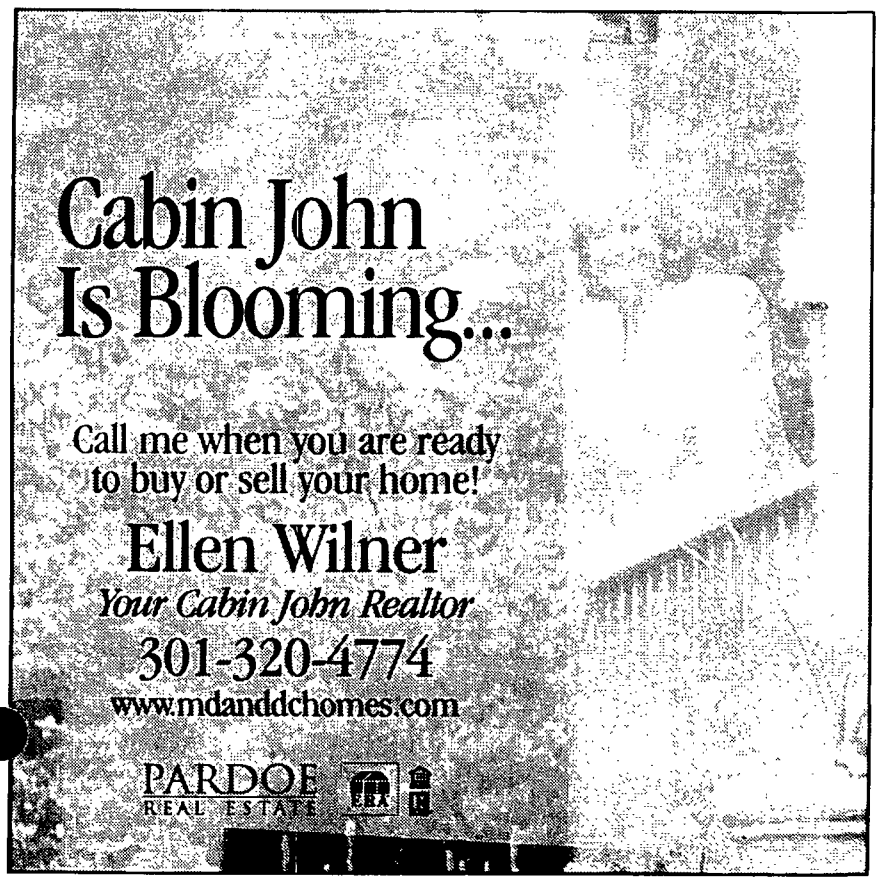
Results of Canal Lock 8-10/Minnie's Island Cleanup: A number of Cabin John residents (and parents), various Potomac Conservancy members, and other nearby residents participated in the 13th Annual Potomac Watershed Clean-up coordinated by the Alice Ferguson Foundation. Our stretch of the River/Canal ran from Lock 8 to above Lock 10 and included Minnie's Island as well. The Potomac shores were surprisingly clear of debris, perhaps because the water level was high, so much of the trash was collected from areas around the Locks and the Beltway. The C&O Park Service collected the 30 or so bags that we generated, so many thanks to Superintendent Doug Faris. We also had the opportunity via the Potomac Conservancy to see inside Lock House 8, which is in a very decrepit state but is awaiting a new roof this summer (courtesy of the Park Service) and other substantial renovation by the Conservancy if the funds are available. Many thanks to the following souls who were fed some crumb cake and orange juice for their efforts, in addition to the psychic rewards that come from investing energy in our community: Bob Ward, who dragged his parents, La Fon & Bill Ward, over from VA, Reed & Barbara Martin, John Paul Jolson, Larry Heflin, Mike Dorsey, Carolyn Beck, Virginia Quesada, Jim Browne, John & Patsy Mathews, Greg Humes, Carrie Stokes, Grant Merkel, Jim & Carlotta Anderson, Allegra Wilson (the youngest of the group at 4yrs (?)), Burr Gray, Diane & Mark Leatherman, Blythe Leatherman, Nathan Wilkes, and Mathew Logan. (Please let The Village News (301-320-0918) know if there were any other participants who should be named.)

Bannockburn Elementary School Mayfair Sunday May 6, 12noon - 4pm

Bannockburn ES would like to extend an invitation to members of the Cabin John community to attend Mayfair 2001 - a family-oriented afternoon of fun and entertainment. Mayfair will be held on the school grounds.

At various intervals throughout the afternoon you will enjoy live music played by "Special Edition," wowed by the unique performances of magician, clown, fire-eater, tumbler, and balloon-sculptor. You can view and bid on an items in the silent auction ranging from entertainment outings, culinary experiences and sports opportunities to home furnisihings, toys, books, professional consultations, personal services and much much more. There will be a fabulous plant sale and as always, for the younger set there will be lots of games and prizes, featuring pony rides and a moon bounce.

Whatever you do come hungry, because the food will be plentiful. But don't forget to leave room for the cake or two you may win playing the ever popular cake roulette game. All proceeds generated by Mayfair 2001 will be used to fund PTA programs.





Blossom-Promoters Unite in Cabin John

Cabin John is brimming with nature-lovers, boat-people, walkers, joggers, stream-monitors (bug counters,) bird watchers, hikers, pollution-police, litter-removers, fish-catchers (and no-fish catchers,) 2,3,and 4 wheel bikers, hill climbers and star gazers.

Among this group are the most precocious of Mother Nature's children, the gardeners. These artists in horticulture work with sun, soil and seeds to create all-natural sculptural paintings. Colors, texture, shapes, sizes, and ratios are applied in various ways to amuse and entertain all the other nature-lovers.

They work with their hands, they work with their backs. They make the most of the daytime, and are spotted digging and tilling into the sunset, and in darkness. On hot summer days they get dirtier and sweatier than anyone you would want to know, but they don't seem to care about that.

Like little fairies that come out at night from under their mushrooms in the deepest forest to gather together. On monthly Tuesday evenings they chatter with each other and listen and learn more about how to paint and how to sculpt with sun, soil and seeds.

But much like the fairies, Cabin John garden club members seem to be fading into the shadows of their own mushrooms. Please fight the extinction of the Cabin John garden club! Blossom promoters unite! The Cabin John Garden club needs you. This is a not a ladies with white gloves sipping tea kind-of a group, it's earth lovers and earth artists, men and women of every age and other-occupation. Some who know a lot, and some of us who know barely anything at all, but want to know more. Please join us.... soon...before we fade away.....

The next meeting will be held on Wed (this time only) April 18th at 6503 75th Place, 7:30pm. We will be learning about orchids and discussing the future of the group. Call **Bramman Avery** at 301-320-5696 or **Marie Rojas** 301-320-2514 for information.

Lynne Hopkins

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And yet another Cabin John baby. **Eva Helene Herscowitz** was born March 1st. She joins big brother Jack and parents **Rob Herscowitz** and **Terri Strassburaere** The family lives on Woodrow Place.

Former residents of 78th Street, **Ini and Bob Beckman**, along with their children Colin and Anna-Ruth. will be back in the area during the month of June. If you know of anyone who would like them to house-sit for that month. please contact Dorothy Welsh at 301-229-3351.

New residents on 75th Place are **Marcia and Paul Ferraiolo** and their son, Paul. Marcia and Paul most recently lived in Germany. Paul works for Land Rover, a division of Ford. Paul Jr. is a student at Walt Whitman.

The Ferraiolos bought their house from **Jack Smith.** Jack was recently married to **Pam Peffer**, and they have moved to California.

Frank and Eileen Waqner have moved from 79th Street to Kensington. **Eddie O'Connell** is the new tenant in that house. Eddie is a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force, stationed at the National Imagery Agency on Massachusetts Avenue. His last tour of dutv was in Rome, Italy.

Rene and James Adams with daughters Ella and Grace will be moving this summer from 79th Street to Ashland, Oregon, home of the months-long Shakespeare Festival and Southern Oregon State College.

Cherry Doyle and her sisters have started a new business-bringing oil paintings from Hungary to sell in the United States. All are early 20th Centurv works. The company is named Objets d'Heart; one of their services is to find just the kind of painting wanted by an individual. Visit Market on the Boulevard to see some of them displayed.

Cabin John's Garden Club meets the second Tuesday of every month. Call **Bramman Avery** at 301-320-5696 or **Marie Rojas** 301-320-2514 for information. New members very welcome.

Would you like some free daylilies for your yard? This is a good time for transplanting. Call me to arrange a dig-up time. Please call or write Barbara Martin 1301-229-34821 with news of your family, new neighbors, old neighbors. You are the reporters for this column.

Resolution of the Cabin John Citizens Association

Following a unanimous vote at the March 27, 2001 meeting, the Cabin John Citizens Association wishes to congratulate the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. on 70 years of invaluable service to the community of Cabin John and others. The evolution of the Cabin John community and the history of the Fire Department overlap. Under the leadership of Mr. Charles Benson of Cabin John, in 1930 the Department started with a Ford Model-T pickup truck equipped with a 100-gallon portable pump. Loretta Harrison Touhey gave one-half acre for the firehouse to be built on the corner of Seven Locks and MacArthur Blvd. The cornerstone for that building is now at the station on River Road. The Ladies Auxiliary was founded and in 1931 competed in a hookup contest against a team of women from the Gaithersburg fire station, winning a trophy that rests in the River Road station.

Today, the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department, in addition to fighting fires, is the primary care provider in emergency medical services, river rescues, and heavy rescues. Our fire department is a visible community force, equally adept at handling emergencies and delighting the crowds at the annual Cabin John Crab Feasts and Holiday season parties. We thank the Department and the Chiefs who led it, including Chiefs N. Lynch, G. Sullivan, H. Streams, C. Kipps, J. Johnson, W. Curtain, N. Hunt, K. Touhey, D. Touhey, O. Howell, E. Kearns, D. Marshall, F. Prather, R. Hook, G. Touhey, E. Gotthardt, D. Power, D. Money, V. Esch, and J. Seavey.

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Thursday April 26	5pm - 9:30pm
Friday April 27	10am - 9:30pm
Saturday April 28	10am - 9:30pm
Sunday April 29	noon - 6:00pm

"Meet Clara Barton" and Open House

The public is invited to attend a special program and the Clara Barton National Historic Site, entitled "Clara Barton - Red Cross Angel" and featuring the performance of Mary Ann Jung. Her entertaining portrayal of this famous neighbor encourages a love of history, drama and literature in young and old alike.

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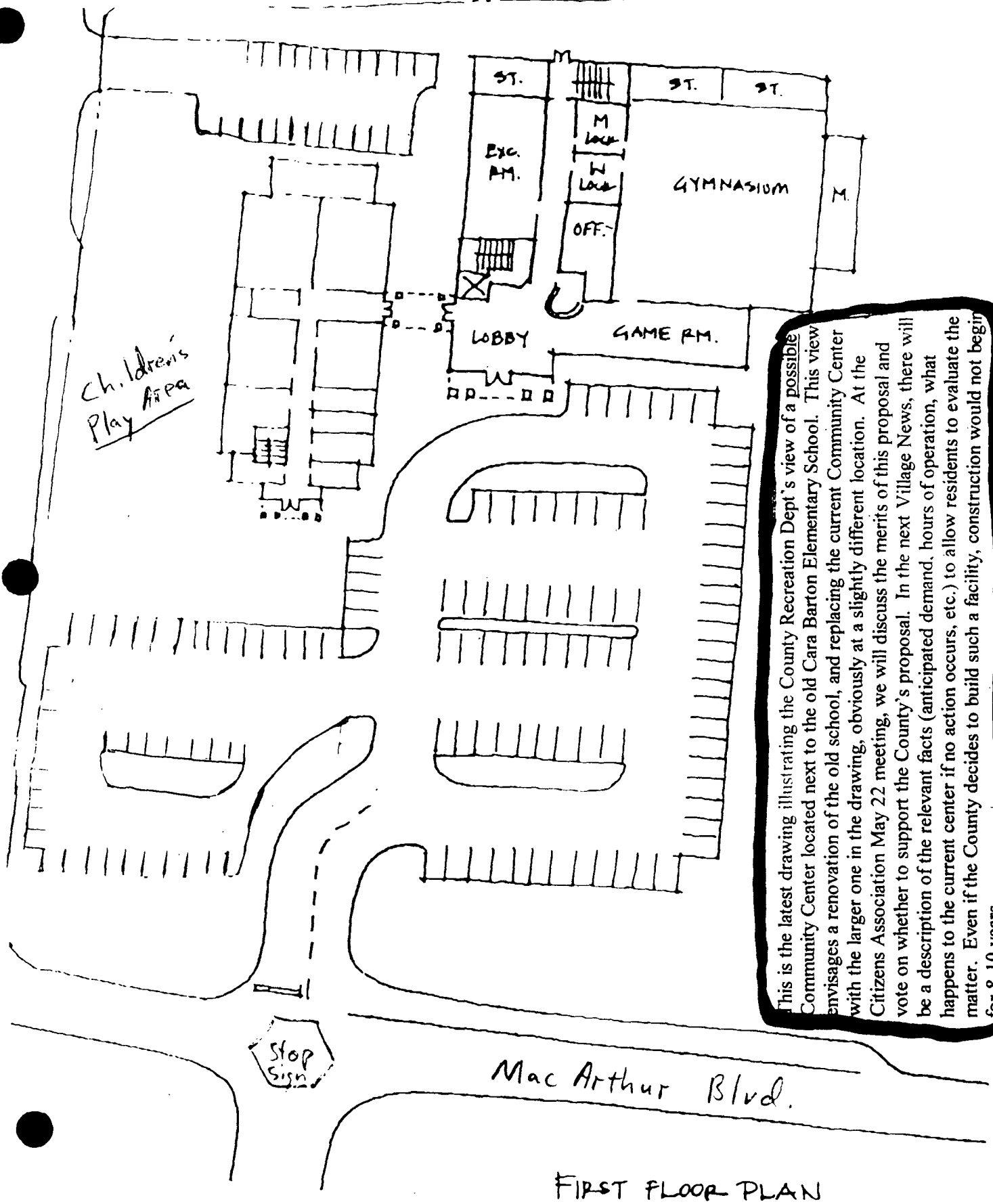
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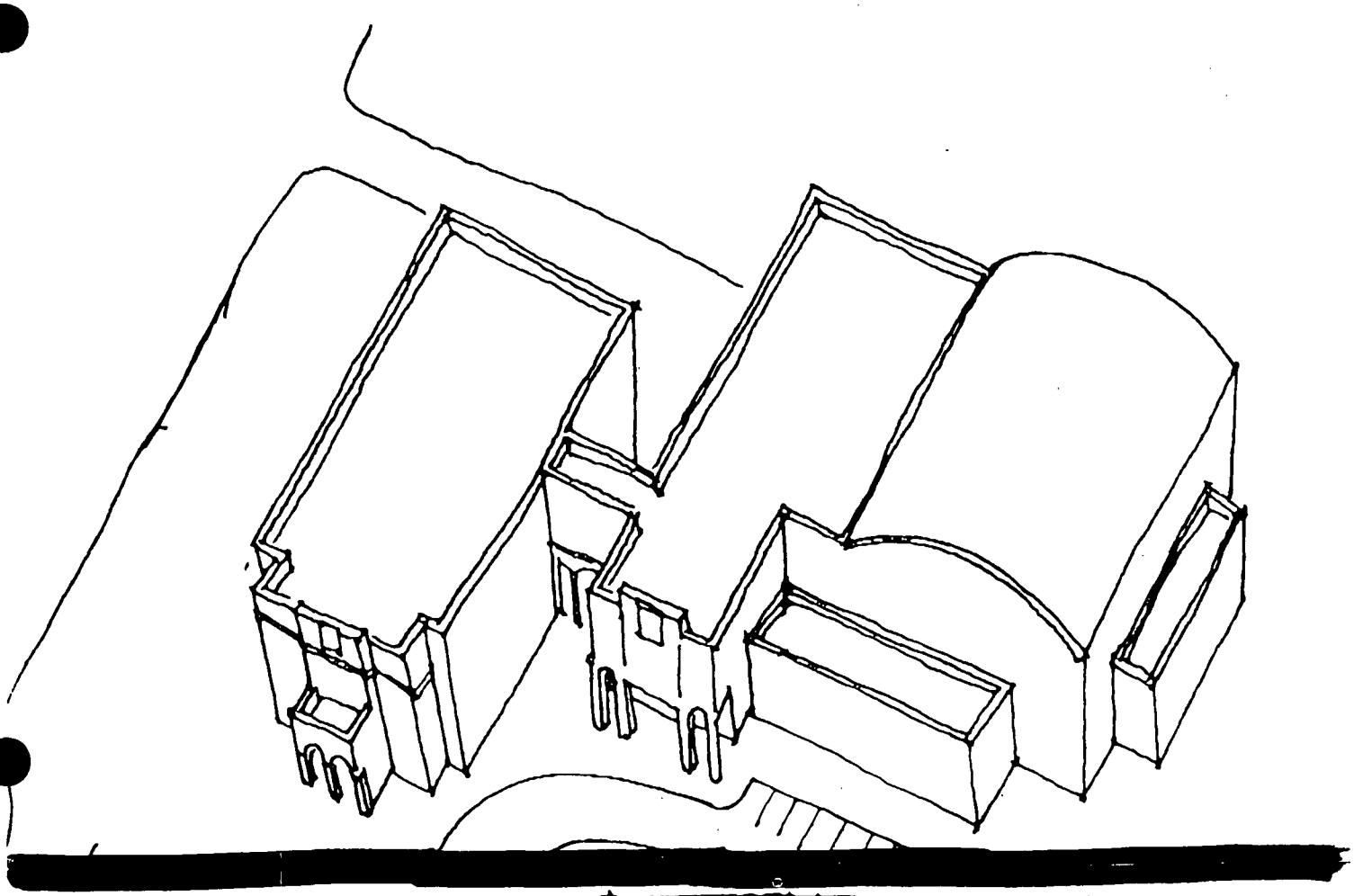
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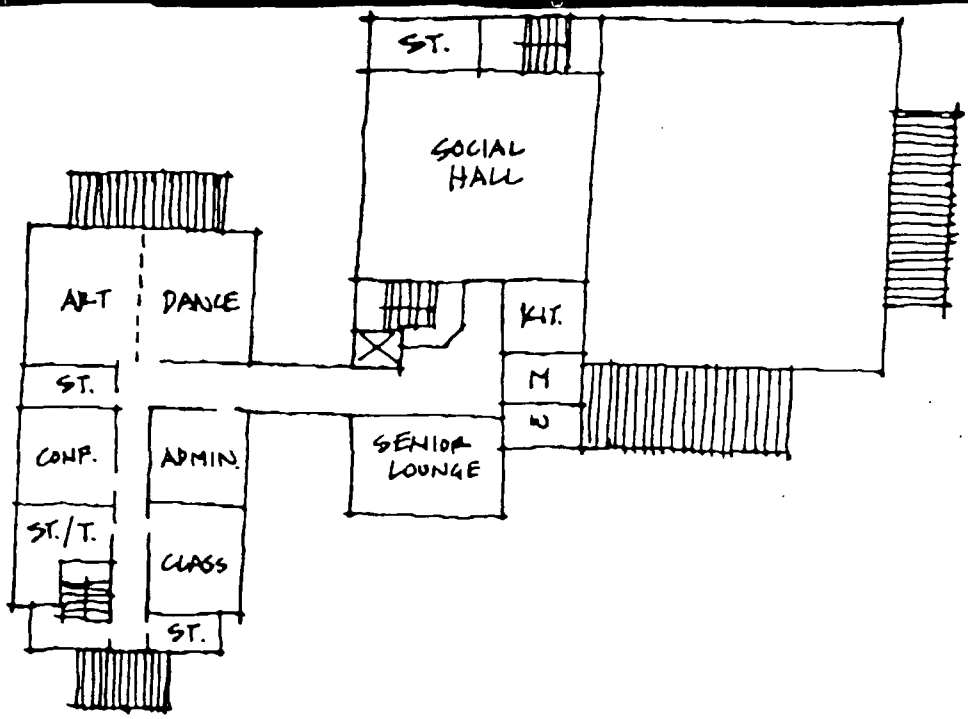
County concept: Community Center / Gym



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

This is the latest drawing illustrating the County Recreation Dept's view of a possible Community Center located next to the old Cara Barton Elementary School. This view envisages a renovation of the old school, and replacing the current Community Center with the larger one in the drawing, obviously at a slightly different location. At the Citizens Association May 22 meeting, we will discuss the merits of this proposal and vote on whether to support the County's proposal. In the next Village News, there will be a description of the relevant facts (anticipated demand, hours of operation, what happens to the current center if no action occurs, etc.) to allow residents to evaluate the matter. Even if the County decides to build such a facility, construction would not begin for 8-10 years.





SECOND FLOOR PLAN