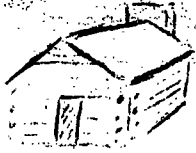


CABIN JOHN VILLAGE NEWS



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COUNTY OFFICIALS AND ARMY ENGINEERS MEET IN CABIN JOHN

CABIN JOHN HAPPENINGS

- June 13 - ELECTION DAY
- June 19 - Homemakers Club
- June 27 - GENERAL MEETING, Citizens' Association
- June 29 - VFW meeting

Postal rate changes for overseas mail effective May 1st: Surface mail 13¢ per oz. and 8¢ each additional oz.; Air letters 13¢; European Air Mail to 20¢; Central and South American 15¢.

Little Falls Library will have Story Hours this summer on July 19th and 25th and August 1st and 8th at 10:30 a.m. for all children from Kindergarten through Elementary ages. The Library will have shorter Saturday hours beginning June 19 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Clara Barton Elementary School:

- June 16 - Students go on picnics and field trips.
- June 20 - Last day of school. Noon dismissal for students. Teachers will remain at school for several more days.

Pyle Junior High School:

Effective immediately, the school will issue work permits after students present applications from employers, filled out, plus proof of birth date and a doctor's exam. (ages 14 to 17). Issuing hours are from 2 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Applications should be obtained from the employer, but can be obtained from the school in an emergency.

Summer School classes will be taught at Pyle from June 26th through August 4th.

Walt Whitman High School:

- June 10 - Student Government Carnival
- June 16 - Student Government Dance

All Driver Education Classes for the summer session are filled. Other classes begin June 26th and still have openings for morning or afternoon sessions.

Girl Scout Troop 248:

5th and 6th grade scouts visited Channel 20 on June 6. The Scouts plan an end of the year tea for their mothers and plan to display projects they have been involved with during the year.

Member of the Cabin John Park Citizens' Association and of the Cabin John Gardens, Inc. met with Richmond Keeney, Councilman of Montgomery County, Mr. John C. Kordellu, Director of Public Works, and Mrs. John Kester of the Washington Aqueduct Division of the Army Engineers to work out an agreement on our efforts to beautify the south side (some 4,000 feet) of MacArthur Blvd. from the Cabin John Bridge to Persimmon Tree Road. The County agreed that a four-foot asphalt walkway could be put along the boulevard at county expense if we demarked the shoulder from the walkway with telephone poles or some barrier to protect pedestrians. The Army Engineers agreed to fill in potholes along the shoulder, but they would not agree to grade for the laying of gravel, nor put in such gravel, "a responsibility of the County", Mr. Kester argued. The County officials would not or could not agree to furnishing the gravel either. After further discussion the Army finally agreed to grade beyond the ten-foot line for a four-foot band paralleling the road so that the asphalt walkway could be more easily installed by the County.

The Cabin John citizens present at the meeting agreed that we should accept the walkway, which definitely is needed, and continue to seek help in putting down gravel on the ten-foot strip between the edge of the road and the walk. This move was later supported by the beautification committee. Although the army has agreed to clean up and maintain a better shoulder area, there is concern that without the gravel it would deteriorate to become the eyesore it has been for the past thirty(?) years. At least, the banks will still provide adequate space for many beautiful flower and shrub gardens and will, moreover, be reseeded and maintained, where necessary, by the Army.

On May 31st, the County Council unanimously agreed to furnish \$5,000 for the construction of a 4,000 foot temporary asphalt walkway along the south side of Mac Arthur. (A member of the Cabin John Beautification Committee was there to express appreciation. Certainly all Cabin Johnners are happy with this new concern of the county government for this community and, of course, we are appreciative.)

The Army has leveled in part and will soon finish the shoulder and the County should begin the walk sometime this month.

Obviously, our planting will have to be done after the County and the Army have finished and will, therefore, be limited by the advancing summer season. We do plan, however, to do a few symbolic flower beds to show our will and intentions. Most plants will be put in during the Fall along with bulbs.

Many thanks go to the members of the Washington Aqueduct Division of the Engineers, the Montgomery County Council, and the Montgomery County Public Works for their fine cooperation in working out a solution to our problems. They spent many hours of their time and came long distances to reach an agreement.

CABIN JOHN HAPPENINGS, Continued

St. Bartholomew's Church:

The teen club will be active this summer with both entertainment and civic support projects.

On June 3, James Brown and the Fabulous Flames were at Walt Whitman High School. Proceeds from two shows are going to be used to help pay for band uniforms, portable leachers and American Field Service Exchange Student.

SCHOOL REOPENS SEPTEMBER 5TH... THE DAY AFTER LABOR DAY!

If you or your group would like to announce your meetings, social or educational events, just call Eleanor Brown at 469-8590.

\$423 RAISED FOR BEAUTIFICATION SO FAR

The fund raising drive for the beautification of MacArthur Blvd. has received outstanding support from area citizens. A total of \$423 has been collected so far, with several "block chairmen" still to report on their neighborhoods. An additional donation of \$100 is pledged from residents of the Cabin John Gardens.

The Beautification Committee thanks the community for its strong support of this project. More funds are needed, however, to meet the many expenses involved in prettying up our town. Anyone desiring to make contributions or pledge plants should contact Frances Patch (365-8542) or Nancy Schneck (365-5686).

WE SALUTE...

Mrs. Mills at Thomas Pyle Junior High School for helping us by running our newsletter off on the school mimeograph machine for two months in a row.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WILL BE EXCUSED FOR THREE HOURS ON TUESDAY IN ORDER TO VOTE!!!

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

At the May meeting of the Cabin John Park Citizens' Association the annual election was held. Those elected to office for the 1967-68 year are:

- President - Charles C. Moore
- 1st Vice Pres. - Donald Herdeck
- 2nd Vice Pres. - Fritz Jancar
- Corres. Sec. - Erica Rogala
- Rec. Sec. - Nancy Schneck
- Treasurer - Win Shaw

THE WINNER - FRANCES WHITTAKER

Mrs. Frances Whittaker has won this month's contest and \$2.00 for her entry, "Cabin John, Past".

CABIN JOHN, PAST by Frances Whittaker

Cabin John, to me, has always been a place of enchantment. Long ago, we built a little cottage here for our summer pleasure.

The hotel was standing then, deserted by its owner, so with my little boy and girl, we wandered through the gardens overgrown with vines and many beautiful trees and shrubs.

While browsing about, watching the children play among the ruins, I would let my imagination have its way and see again the gay crowds and hear the music of long ago.

We continued to explore the woods and creek for several summers, gathering berries, rocks, plants, etc., marvelling at the wild creatures we met.

Brucie, our half Beagle, loved to go with us and the air would suddenly ring with his long bugle call when he spotted a rabbit.

Leaving our loved spot and going back to the city was just an unpleasant duty.

The children were not too happy there, so when it was decided to make Cabin John our permanent home, a peaceful, contented feeling settled upon us and has remained through the years.

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BI-PARTISAN RALLY

A rally was held at the Cabin John Recreation Center last Wednesday evening for the bi-partisan candidates for the June 13 elections. The rally was sponsored by both the Republican and Democratic parties in Precinct 7-3. Present were Franklin L. Burdette, Alfred L. Scanlan, and J. Hodge Smith, all on the ABC slate, and three independent candidates, John and Joseph Dillingham and Helen Blair.

WANT ADS

Boys and girls bicycles for sale, restored, 6512 75th st., 365-5762.

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WANT ADS WILL BE PUBLISHED. There is a charge of 25 cents per ad. Call 469-8586.

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COMMERCIAL AD rates are \$2.00 per month or \$5.00 for three months per one inch.
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DON'S DOODLINGS

by Don Iglehart

The village just lost one of its original settlers when A. Clifford Wilkins moved from his former residence at 7621 Cabin Road, which he had occupied for about fifty years. Mr. Wilkins and his late wife, Marjory, were two of the first couples to purchase land in what was then the newly-opened area of Cabin John Park. Their lot, no 75, shows the remains of John's Cabin, according to the official land map dated 1918. With unpaved streets, no street lights, and neither water mains nor sewers, the Wilkins took a vigorous interest in obtaining these facilities, as well as the Clara Barton School. Mr. Wilkins has recently remarried and has moved to Brookmont.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dame of 7712 Tomlinson Avenue have returned from their winter home in Boynton Beach, Florida.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. Stephen Duvall, longtime residents and active leaders in the civic affairs of Cabin John, stopped by recently on their way from their home in Bradenton, Florida, to their summer cottage in Hillsboro, Virginia.

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Mrs. Don Iglehart returned recently after spending several weeks visiting relatives in eastern Nebraska and attending a class reunion.

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In the Broadway show, Fiddler On the Roof, one of the hit tunes is "Miracles of Miracles". So what? So this! At the May meeting of the Cabin John Fire Board, local members being Jack DeGolia, Don Marshall, and Don Iglehart, voted to reduce the Fire Area Tax for the next fiscal year from the present 15¢ to 13¢ per hundred of property evaluation. In this day of steadily rising taxes in every category, this decrease is a Miracle which we can all understand.

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Editorial

WHY VOTE ON JUNE 13?

There seems to be a great deal of apathy on the part of the voters towards the election for delegates to the Constitutional Convention. Granted that the subject is not the most exciting and that it is difficult to understand what we are voting for, we still have an obligation as citizens to inform ourselves and exercise our franchise. The strength of our democracy rests on each individual. Your missing vote weakens this democracy. The Constitutional Convention will convene in September to write up a new document which will affect every one of us. Shouldn't we be concerned about civil rights, reapportionment, a more effective government...?The way to get the Constitution you want is to send the delegates you want to Annapolis.

Being a citizen gives you rights and duties. Don't be sloppy about your sacred rights at a time when we are fighting for these same rights all over the world or at any other time. You have the right to vote, but you also have the responsibility. VOTE on Tuesday.

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+++Aren't dog owners aware that Montgomery County requires dogs to be on a leash outdoors---not roaming free?

Sometimes I wonder which are more to blame...stupid dogs that can't tell the difference between auto wheels and fire hydrants or their owners who allow them to rove throughout Cabin John ruining plants, barking and nipping at the heels of frightened children, or startling after-dinner strollers and generally setting dog-loving neighbor against do-loathing neighbor.

Doggone it, friends! Use common sense! Use the "Golden Rule"! Use a leash! M.F.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CABIN JOHNNERS, FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE BEAUTIFICATION DRIVE!

If you have any announcements or newsworthy items for our next edition, please call 469-8586.

The Democratic Montgomery County State Central Committee has recently appointed Mr. Joseph Engel and Mrs. Judith Toth to the chairmanship and vice-chairmanship respectively of precinct 7-3. They were named after the resignations of Mrs. Maureen Willcoxon as Chairman and Mrs. Annice Totoro as Vice-chairman this spring.

Mr. Engel and Mrs. Toth are presently setting up a new precinct organization which includes more area chairmen, frequent all-precinct meetings and plans for coffees, informal get-togethers a newsletter, and a local Democratic Women's Club.

BAKE SALE + + + BENEFIT

SATURDAY, JUNE 24 + + + 7 CARVER RD. 1 P.M. UNTIL EVERYTHING IS SOLD For funds to send children of the Home Study Group of Cabin John to camp this summer. There are 51 children in the group from age six up. As many will be sent to camp as there is money. All donations are welcome. Call 365-7767.

Ronnie Talkington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Talkington recently won second prize in the annual Pepco contest at school. He received \$15 for his entry, a wood lathe work-project.

POLES CUT ON MAY 13th

Under the direction of Cabin John Beautification Committee Chairman Harvey Hook, several teams of our male citizenry rallied at the Rockville PEPCO service yard on Saturday, May 13th. Their purpose: cut up, load and cart away enough footage of pole to stretch along the south side of MacArthur Blvd. from Cabin John Bridge to Persimmon Tree Rd.

The Army Corps of Engineers has approved plans for the beautification and up-grading of the boulevard. The permit from the Corps stipulates that there must be a barrier between the road and a sidewalk. PEPCO came through with used poles --- in 30 - 40 foot lengths --- for use as the stipulated divider.

Working all day long with Harvey were Bobby and Billy Peyton, who volunteered their time and skill in operating a fork lift and trucks (rented from Jack Peyton's Tree Service), and without whose help the task would never have been completed. Jimmy Green and Peter Camplair are also commended and thanked for the use of their chain saws. The logs could not have been handled without their help.

Other citizens contributing their muscle and time to this, one of many beautification projects, and serving on morning and afternoon shifts were: Al Alexander, Steve Candey, Franck Jancar, Don Herdeck, Norman Nelson, Vic Niiranen, Rob Pallmé, Wynn Shaw, Dick Whittaker, Martin Miloughby and Pedro De La Hoz.

The following is a partial list of the candidates for the June 13th election. District 1 may vote for 7.

Non-partisan slate:

- James V. Bennett 1B
Franklin L. Burdette 3A
Royce Hanson 6A
Salvatore D. Nerboso
Alfred L. Scanlan 9B
Jack Marshall Stark
Irene Tinker Walker

Bi-partisan slate:

- James V. Bennett 1B
Franklin L. Burdette 3A
Edward J. Clarke 4A
Royce Hanson 6A
Gerald D. Morgan 7B
Alfred L. Scanlan 9B
J. Hodge Smith 10A

The Free Slate:

- Helen Stern Blair 2A
Robert H. Burkart 3B
Eugene J. Hardy 6B
Donald R. Osborn, Jr. 9A
Carl R. Sturges 11B
William E. Yost, Jr.

Independent:

- John C. Dillingham 5A
Joseph Brinton Dillingham 5B

FAMILY FILM LOANED

"Parents Are People, Too," a 15-minute film on the relationships between teens and their parents, may be borrowed without charge from the Maryland State Department of Health, 301 W. Preston St., Baltimore.

If you would like to receive your monthly newsletter by mail for one year, please send your name and address plus \$1.00 to Mrs. Judith Toth, 6611 80th Place, Cabin John, Md., 20731.

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- John C. DILLINGHAM 5A
Joseph Brinton DILLINGHAM 5B

By Authority
Sandra Sutherland,
Treasurer

Volunteer your services on Tuesday, June 13, as a poll watcher on a vote "getter" out. Call 369-8586.

In our Brigadoon-like Cabin John there's a female version of an oldtime "General Store", famed for its cracker barrel, pickle tub and pot-bellied stove, where homespun wisdom was generated around continuous checker games.

Mrs. Nelson, proprietress of Dorothy Helen's Beauty Salon, at MacArthur and 77th Street, doesn't boast any such props...yet...she does serve her patrons coffee, cookies and brownies. She also sells her customers' honey, eggs, apples, anything that's in season, with which a customer may have paid for a hairdo. Favorite recipes are swapped; messages to friends and neighbors are left here. Distinctive pottery creations by a neighbor are sold in the salon and on occasion original oil paintings by a local artist have decorated the walls of the beauty parlor.

The shop boasts a "Nursery Nook" complete with toys and coloring books. Here, mothers and grannies can leave their offspring in sight while they "get the treatment" and learn about local births, marriages and deaths and other news concerning Cabin Johnners in-between those earthly stages.

Almost single-handed, the bubbly proprietress has canvassed for thousands of dollars for a new organ to be installed in the Christ Methodists Church across the street, where she is also the choir mistress. She has also sold aprons, napkins, doilies, preserves and other homemade products contributed by the church-going clientele, to fill the church's coffers.

Customers arrive at Dorothy Helen's in Cadillacs or jalopies from the Potomac Hunt area or from Bannockburn, Bethesda or Brookmont. Or they walk in from all over Cabin John. And they leave all aglow and "prettied up".

Sometimes a deserving teenager without money but with a heavy date can work out the cost of a permanent by washing the windows of the beauty shop.

Besides being a grandmother and wife, the sparkplug of the establishment has two famed collegiate football stars for sons (both now reside in Texas with their families) and a daughter, Hoan, who has remained in Cabin John as the wife of Harvey Hook. She is an active church leader, fiddler, singer, mother confessor, friend and neighbor to all in Cabin John. She sparkles into and through almost every event that takes place in the community. Her cheery disposition and common sense advice have helped smooth out many a rough spot in the lives of those around her.

Each summer, the swimming pool she, her husband and sons built for themselves in the backyard of their home near the shop is almost empty of Nelsons, but brimming with neighborhood kids...and their dogs.

One enthusiastic lady customer suggested that Dorothy Helen's salon be renamed the "Happy Hours Beauty Shoppe".

"It's really fun to come here," she said. "Like going to a party where I can let my hair down, while having it put up."

(Ed. note. This article was written several years ago. Since then Dorothy Helen's has been "prettied up" with new furniture and a very feminine all pink interior. Otherwise, Dorothy Nelson and the atmosphere remain the same.)

LIBRARY JOBS FOR TEENAGERS

Junior and senior high school students are eligible to apply for positions of Library Page and high school graduates for positions as Desk Assistants in the various branches of the Montgomery County Public Libraries. Applications may be obtained and filed at any Branch Library, the County Personnel Office or Library Headquarters at the Davis Branch. Pages work ten hours each week while Desk Assistants work an average of twenty hours per week.

Cabin John has always been actively represented in our closest library, Little Falls Branch at 5501 Mass. Ave. Mrs. Wilma Mater served as this area's first representative. Mrs. Kenneth Willcoxon is a member of the County Library Board and Mrs. Mildred Winestone and Don Iglehart are members of the Little Falls staff.

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Do you remember when we used to look forward to boarding the Bookmobile at Dickinson's Store (pre-Good + Quick)?

Charles Michael Shawen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Shawen of 6526 Seven Locks Rd., has just returned from six months of Army Reserve training.

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DRAFT PROGRAM FOR THE CABIN JOHN PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

(The Program will be published in part as space permits in this and future issues of the Cabin John Village News. Your comments are welcome and you should let your views be heard at the next monthly meeting of the Cabin John Park Citizens' Association on June 27, when the Program will be discussed.)

The following program is the product of the replies received to the questionnaire sent out by the Citizens' Association, criticism of the Association by the membership in the general and executive meetings and conversations in depth with private citizens of Cabin John. The purpose is to point out the problems in our community and to recommend possible courses of action in order to rectify them.

I. Definition of Cabin John

A. Cabin John is a town of homes, and, it should stay that way. It is already an attractive place and geographically is ideally situated. Although it is close to Washington, it has maintained something of a "country-town" atmosphere. Cabin John has not been and should not be swallowed up by greater suburbia. As Cabin John continues to grow, new subdivisions should be oriented toward us and not toward Carderock Springs or other nearby communities. We cannot afford the loss of the talent and the energies of our new neighbors. We need them and we must do our best to convince them that they need us and that they do "belong" to our community.

B. The geographic boundaries of Cabin John are set forth in the constitution of the Cabin John Park Citizens' Association and are subject to revision.

II. What are the major problems of Cabin John?

A. Roads and public transportation

1. The through streets (MacArthur Blvd. Seven Locks Road, etc.) and local streets (Carver Road, etc.) are poorly paved and maintained.
2. The incomplete George Washington Parkway at the district line continues to make commuting slow and hazardous.
3. The bus service into the District of Columbia is entirely inadequate.
4. The lack of sidewalks and safe walking areas expose the pedestrian population to unnecessary dangers.
5. The Recreation Center's parking area is too small.

B. Police security

1. There is a high incidence of burglary and theft.
2. Loitering
3. Speeding

C. Beautification

1. Irregular trash removal
2. Zoning violations
3. Lack of proper maintenance of MacArthur Blvd. shoulders
4. Neglect of firehouse area
5. Unsightly local business establishments
6. Untended vacant lots
7. Car and trash dumping

D. Noise (Jet, helicopters, firehouse sirens and other)

E. Recreation (Lack of cultural programs, teenage club, a community swimming pool, park activities)

F. Rezoning (New housing developments and business permits)

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Gerald D. MORGAN 7B

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Alfred L. SCANLAN 9B

J. Hodge SMITH 10A

By Authority Reuben Sanders, Treasurer