

# CABIN JOHN NEWS

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# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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## DECEMBER CALENDAR

- Dec. 10 Book Talk 10:30 am  
Little Falls Library
- Dec. 12 Story Hour 10 am and 10:30am  
Little Falls Library
- Dec. 15 BROWNIE AND Girl Scout Carol Sing \* 6:30 pm  
Cabin John Firehouse
- Dec. 15 Community Carol Sing and Refreshments 7 pm  
Clara Barton School
- Dec. 23 - Jan. No School  
Christmas Vacation
- Dec. 24 Methodist Church Services 7:30 pm  
St. Bartholemews Midnight Mass 12 midnight
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day
- Dec. 31 Christmas Eve Drive Carefully

## SALE

Repair clocks and watches for profit in your own home shop. Sale of workbench, light, cleaning machine, tools parts, books, watches, clocks. Bargain for interested person. Mr. Fradin 365-5339

## TAX SITUATION

The tax meeting you have heard about has involved a group of people trying to appeal the last assesment. A request will be made that they evaluate Cabin John house by house rather than by a footage formula. Not all property has gone up here equally. The group is waiting for a hearing now. Anyone wishing further information should call Mrs. Bruce Wetzel at 365-4918.

## THE PLANNING PROCESS

Lee Manes would appreciate all opinions on any subject from people in Cabin John. He can be reached any week day from 8:30-5 at 279-1582. There will be no planning meetings this month, but we'll begin again in earnest in January.

## VFW NEWS

The VFW will be spending December holding their various Christmas parties. On Dec. 17, the annual party for the servicemen at Bethesda Naval Hospital will be held. And on the 20th of the month, the VFW will be at the Baptist Home for Orphans with a big party for those children. Of course the regular monthly meeting and the Turkey Shoot will be held as usual.

editors note : Sometimes we forget to say thank you to some groups who constantly try to make our lives better. The VFW has done numerous things for Cabin John and the area for many years, and I would like to give them our thanks right now. Their Relief Fund has benefitted many Cabin Johners, and how many of us have appreciated the Holiday Flags on MacArthur Blvd. Thank you VFW.

LET'S KEEP THIS CHRISTMAS SPECIAL BY KEEPING LITTER - PAPER, BEER CANS, ETC. IN THE TRASH CANS. THANK YOU

COME TO THE COMUNITY CAROL SING 7 TO 9 pm ON DEC. 15 AT THE CLARA BARTON SCHOOL. SING!!! HAVE PUNCH AND COOKIES!! RATED "G" .. BRING THE FAMILY !!! Donations of cookies welcomed ...

## CHURCH SCHEDULES

- St. Bartholemews Catholic Church
  - 12 pm Midnight Mass on Dec. 24 followed by Coffee and Donuts
  - Dec. 25, Masses at 7, 8:30, 10, 12 noon. There will be a Pageant at 9:45 am before the loam service.
- Cabin John Methodist Church
  - Dec. 20 at 7:30 a Childrens Program
  - Dec. 24 at 7:30, Chirstmas Eve Service
  - Dec. 25, 9:30 Church School 11 am Church Service

Cabin John is one of the few remaining real communities left in the Washington area. Its citizens are actively involved in a wide variety of activities related to our children, conservation, saving lives and property from fire or other calamities, church, politics... We may not always agree, but we have one concern in common - a better community in which to live.

Next year, let's try to work together even more. Let's start by bringing the entire community together for the Town Christmas Party on December 15. Please come... just for fun! Morry x-mas. Judy Toth

YE OLDE CABIN JOHN

In the next several issues I would like to reprint excerpts from Edith Martin Armstrong's A Brief History of Cabin John Park. The writer moved from Cabin John in 1940 after having lived here for 20 years. Mrs. Josephine Havens gave me her copy, and it was so fascinating, I thought others might enjoy it too.

Part I

"Centuries ago, Indians roamed the neighborhood that is now Cabin John Park, fishing in the river, shooting wild game and calling war cries from the hills. People in the community still dig up arrowheads, stone hatchets, and other artifacts to prove it. Dr. Thomas Dowling, an early resident, unearthed an Indian village on a flat section, and the find is on exhibition at American University."

"Lord Baltimore gave many land grants, as he was the Lord Proprietor and had authority to sell or rent the land. When these grants were patented, they had to have an identifying name.... In 1784, Joseph White bought a grant called Reads Delight consisting of 100 acres, plus 35 acres of unclaimed land, and called it Bite the Biter. He built a home the ruins of which were removed when the Federal Government excavated for the Washington Acqueduct...."

"The White family bought many parcels of land until they owned all the land now known as Cabin John Park. The White family graveyard was near a large cedar tree not far from where Second Street (75th Place) and Ridge Road (Arden Road) intersect. The old tombstones were hauled away during the development of Cabin John Park...."

By 1864, Joseph White (the grandson) began to sell his land. One tract, including a house and out-buildings was sold to Thomas Dowling. This apparently was the house occupied and owned by the Henry Johnsons at the time it burned May 18, 1936. William Dowling, a brother of Thomas, bought land in 1866 and called his farm Graceland, for his daughter. He built the house now owned by Royal Carlock. In 1870, Joseph Bobinger obtained a 100 acres of the White property on the south side of the Conduit Road west of Cabin John Bridge. In 1876 Thomas Tuohey bought 26½ acres on the south side of the Conduit just above the Bobinger tract. The tall white house on the road was the old Tuohey home. In the same year Thomas Dowling bought more land nearby and later deeded it to his wife Amanda. During 1885 Dennis Tuohey son of Thomas Tuohey, purchased a part of the tract called Carderrock."

In 1912, J.S. Tomlinson, sole agent and president of the American Land Company bought all the land (over 600 acres) and property owned by Amanda Dowling for \$50,000 and

developed the community known as Cabin John Park. He laid it out in four sections.

Section 1 contained 155.5 acres, and was bounded by Cabin John Branch, the Conduit Road, and Seven Locks Rd. In a pamphlet used for advertising he described the subdivision in this manner: "The first sweep of the eye over these undulations brings an involuntary expression of admiration and a closer examination confirms the first impression that this is a beautiful and meritorious situation from one end to the other"

Section 2 comprised 105.2 acres between Seven Locks Road and Persimmon Tree Road. It was bounded on the south by the Conduit Road and was about 1000 feet deep.

Section 4 included 69.2 acres and had the C & O Canal, Benson's Addition and the Conduit on three sides. The other ended 500 feet beyond Seven Locks Road.

Section 3 was never developed, and was later sold as a large tract.

In the developed sections, the property was developed into lots of varying sizes.... For the most part though, the lots were 100 by 150 feet and were sold as reasonably as \$10 down and \$10 a month. David and Mary Touhey were among the first to purchase. They bought in 1914, on Woodrow Avenue, with the provision that their house be erected within a year."

In the next issue of the Village News, I'll reprint more from this interesting booklet, including the various stories of how Cabin John got its name.

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RESTORED BICYCLES FOR SALE  
SEVERAL MODELS  
C.R. SMITH 6512 75th St.  
Cabin John  
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"Teen-Ager Go Home!"

Note -- The following Open Letter to a Teen-Ager first received public attention when it was quoted by Juvenile Judge Philip B. Gilliam, of Denver Colorado. More recently it appeared in Abigail Van Buren's syndicated newspaper column. The author of the letter is not known. It was submitted to the Village News by Morris Fradin.

"We hear teen-agers complain, 'What can we do? Where can we go?'

"The answer is: go home! Hang the storm windows, paint the woodwork. Rake the leaves, mow the lawn, shovel the walk, Wash the car, scrub some floors. Help the minister, rabbi or priest, The Red Cross, the Salvation Army. Visit the sick, the poor. Study your lessons. And when you're through, if you're not too tired, read a book.

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"How to Buy a Trailer", continued

"We bought their brand new 15' Serro Scotty trailer which they had gone to Georgia to pick up for a customer. It seems that this was their business - selling new and used trailers.

"The rest of the day Norman and Charlie changed hitches, got the refrigerator to work, and helped us move all our gear from our Nimrod into our new 'honeymoon' cottage".

"The Aikens drove to Georgia then to pick up another Scotty to take to their customer. As they were pulling our we shouted, 'Camp here again tonight - you may make another sale!'"

And that's the story of how to buy a trailer without really trying!

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PLUMBING PROBLEMS????  
STOPPED UP DRAINS????  
Call Emil Dolezal for quick and reasonable service 365-2685  
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SCOUTING NEWS

The Girl Scouts and the Brownies plan to go caroling on December 15 at 6:30 pm. All troop members should gather at the Cabin John Firehouse by 6:30, and the caroling will end at the Clara Barton School around 7:30. There the scouts are invited to have punch and cookies with the townspeople at the Citizens Assn. Community Carol Sing.

Boy Scouts

The Boy Scouts have been having weekend Camp outs each month this Fall. In October they went to Fort Frederick and in November they went to the Carderock Camp Grounds. The Troop now has 11 boys and there are openings for more boys to join. Any boys aged 11 and up who are interested should contact Dick Sponegel at 365-2475. Also any Men who are interested in helping out should call Mr. Sponegel.

Cub Scouts

Den 1 of Pack 444 in Cabin John have been very busy for the past month. They have made nice gifts for their mothers for Christmas. They have made Christmas favors for the Childrens ward at Sibley Hospital. They have made scrapbooks out of old cards and all the boys have donated an old toy for the playroom at the Hospital. The Cub Scouts are planning to go to Westwood Nursing Home on December 16 to put on a Puppet Show and hand out Christmas favors for the elderly. The boys have also collected \$6 for Childrens Hosp. They are planning to go caroling before Christmas too.

Pack 444 has also started another den. The Den Mother is Mrs. Lori Glenn. The Pack now has a group of 34 boys. Anyone interested in joining should contact Mrs. Gotthardt at 365-8683.

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TOPCON UMIREX \$110, RECEIVER  
SHORT WAVE 28-250 MHZ \$40.  
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%%% NEWSY NOTES %%%

This will be a regular column, and I'm relying on you all to keep me informed about each others newsy notes!

Mr. and Mrs. Kimber Inkrote were back in town recently. They live in Pennsylvania now, but came back to Cabin John to visit their daughter Mrs. Vivian Jones. Many of their old friends in the Community were delighted to see them again.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wilcoxon visited their daughter Bonnie over the Thanksgiving Holiday. She is married to a Major at Fort Knox, Kentucky. The Wilcoxon had a good visit there.

Newcomers to Cabin John

Jim and Janet Hutchinson have recently moved to Buxton Terrace (in the Prelude section) with their three children. Jennifer is 5, Jimmy is 4, and Stephen is 1. The Hutchinsons moved here from Arlington.

Angela Coppola has bought and renovated a house on Arden Road. Many of us have already met Angela because of her attending the Town Meetings.

Kate Long and Cathy Cummings also have moved into a house on Arden Road. Kate teaches elementary School in Virginia, and is helping out with the tutoring program of Home Study. Cathy also teaches elementary school in Silver Spring.

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GOOD 'N QUICK FOOD SHOP

7607 MacArthur Boulevard  
Mon. thru Sat. 6 am to 6 pm  
Fresh Pastries and Meats

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Recently we have had two deaths in Cabin John.

Frank Walker of #23 Ericson Rd. died in October.

Mr. Chester Sailing died on Nov. 23. Funeral services were held by the VFW at Tyson Wheeler Funeral Home. Mr. Sailing would have been 47 in Dec. He lived at #33 Ericson Rd.

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WOMANS DEMOCRATIC CLUBS

The Cabin John Womens Democratic Club went to the monthly meeting of the Federation of Suburban Womens Democratic Clubs. It was held on Dec. 5 at the new Ramada Inn.

On Dec. 11 the Federation is holding its Christmas Party at the Bannockburn Clubhouse. Boys for needy children