

Cabin John Village News

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August Calendar

Aug. 9 2nd Survey Drive begins
Aug. 10 Free Swim, Palisades Pool
Aug. 11 Army Band, Cabin John Regional Park 7:30 pm
Aug. 14 Peach Festival, Cabin John Methodist Church 3 pm
Aug 17 Free Swim, Palisades Pool
Aug. 17 Air Force Band, Cabin John Regional Park 7:30 pm
Aug. 24 Free Swim, Palisades Pool
Aug. 25 Navy Band, Cabin John Regional Park 7:30 pm
Aug. 31 Free Swim, Palisades Pool
Sept. 1 School begins

SURVEY ROUNDUP THIS WEEK

Some weeks ago, you were visited by a neighbor who left with you a Cabin John Community Survey, and an addressed, stamped envelope. Of the 500 surveys distributed, 233 have been returned, as of this writing.

It is important that we have a more complete response for several reasons. For purposes of planning our future and guiding the county planner assigned to Cabin John, we need to have a full picture of what the whole community wants and does not want. Your opinions and recommendations really do matter.

Another important use of the survey answers will be in testifying and writing letters to appropriate boards, committees, and councils as to the community's wishes in specific matters to be affected by legislation and official decisions. It is much more effective to be able to refer to the community's wishes as reflected in an 85% response to the questionnaire than if we only have responses from half the households.

So--this next week we will make an effort to round up all questionnaires not yet returned. Do you still have yours? Would you please fill it out and have it ready for the volunteer who will come by for it early in the week. Of course, if you prefer to mail it in, please do so. If you have mislaid the questionnaire, the volunteer will have another copy to leave with you.

It is not necessary to answer all questions. Just fill in the parts that you are interested in, and leave the rest blank. You do not need to fill in your name and address, either.

If you did return your questionnaire (with your name on it) you will not be revisited. If you sent in the questionnaire without your name, or if you have mailed it within the past 10 days, just tell the volunteer that when he comes.

Because some people who distributed the questionnaires earlier are now on vacation, we urgently need 5 more people who are willing to cover 1 or 2 blocks. If you could do this job, please call Susan Vogt at 229-6479.

Volunteers are also needed to begin tabulation of the questionnaire responses. Interested? Call Susan Vogt.

CIRCLE YOUR CALENDAR

Plan now to save a day (either Sept. 22, 23, or 24 to attend the St. Andrews Antique Show. More later

FREE SWIM

The Palisades Pool continues to invite the children of Cabin John to the Free Swim on Thursdays from 11 am to 1 pm. Only the first 75 children each Thursday will be admitted, so don't be late.

Due to an unexpected shortage of lifeguards, there will not be two free swims in August each week. Thursday remains the big day.

DO OLD STUDENTS FADE AWAY?

For the September issue of Village News, we want to list as many people as we can find who attended Clara Barton Elementary some years ago and still live in Cabin John. So far, we have only 18 names. If you are over 35 and a former Clara Barton student, won't you send your name (and the names of any others you know) to Barbara Clark, 6431 79th St. Call if you'd rather--229-6431. For the ladies, we want maiden names, plus married names.

VILLAGE NEWS NEEDS YOUR TALENT

Are you interested in calling on local merchants to sell ads for the Village News? This is an important source of financial support for the paper. However your editor, who enjoys (most of the time) the news-gathering, writing, and production of the paper, feels strongly that soliciting for ads is not her forte. If you have any inclinations in this direction, please call Susan Vogt, 229-6439.

Another job that needs a willing hand is that of mailing the twenty-some issues that go out of Cabin John each month. Would you be willing to do this? Stamps and envelopes are provided. On a substitute basis, someone is needed to staple papers, and to distribute them. (Kids, we pay 1¢ a copy for the letter job.) Call the editor if any of these jobs appeal to you.

THERE ONCE WAS A QUARRY

Peter Camplair remembers when the busiest place in Cabin John was the huge stone quarry behind his home on 80th Street. When it was in operation, many trucks each day came in from area builders, to be loaded up with stone of all sizes and shapes, quarried and cut on the site. About a dozen men were employed at the quarry, and the sound of blasting and cutting could be heard all over Cabin John.

I walked with Peter Camplair over the grounds that used to be the quarry. Roughly, it is the wooded area between Spring Road, Caraway Road, Buxton Terrace. About 24 acres large, it is now grown up in trees, bushes, and all the greenery that takes over when man abandons.

Peter was a boy when the quarry was in operation, and he knows every foot of it. There's the old stone weighing station, where trucks checked in empty and checked out loaded. There's the powder house up on the hill, all but hidden now by shrubs and vines, where the blasting dynamite was stored. And old Mr. Camplair, Peter's father and a master stonemason, built the ornamental pool and fountain still discernable by the main truck road. Across from the pool is the sample display mounting, showing the kinds and cuts of stone available.

It wasn't supposed to be a quarry. A man named Hugh White, a lawyer for the Commerce Department, bought the 24 acres from the American Land Company (whose president was a Mr. Tomlinson) with the intention of building houses on it. But when he discovered that his purchase was almost solid rock, he changed his plans and opened a stone quarry. In addition to selling to area builders who sent their trucks to his quarry, Mr. White had three trucks of his own that were kept busy making deliveries, many of them to government construction sites. Some of the stone buildings and bridges in Rock Creek Park are built of stone quarried here in Cabin John.

Starting in the early 30's, the quarry reached its peak of business in the last years of that decade, then came to a halt about ten years after it had begun. What happened? Why did this quarry fold when three others in the immediate vicinity are still flourishing today?

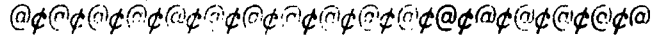
According to Mr. Camplair, there were several reasons. Hugh White, still working fulltime for the Commerce Department just wasn't on hand enough of the time to guide things closely and well. There were transportation problems, too. Restricted by MacArthur Boulevard's 2-ton limit, Mr. White was delivering small loads in twice as many trips. Persimmon Tree Road was just a dirt road, and there was no Beltway. The competing quarries on River Road had a great advantage in this respect.

Then there was trouble with the neighbors. The people who lived on Caraway Road (which was called Main Street in those days) complained eloquently that not only did the constant blasting shatter the peace of their lives, but that disturbances to the streams and springs had caused the water level to drop to a point here their wells were going dry. (Wells, yes. Remember this was the country.) So Mr. White changed the blasting site to an area near here Buxton Terrace is today. But the noise didn't improve, and the neighbors were still very unhappy.

Eventually, too many troubles overcame the quarry and Mr. White filed for bankruptcy. A young real estate woman named Nettie Mae Burgess bought most of the land and still owns it. (Today Mrs. Burgess is 82 and very sharp in real estate.) She owns about 14 acres of the former quarry, and the Maryland Park Commission owns 10 acres, and both are nice about letting interested Cabin Johners walk around.

It's a trip into nostalgia if you've lived here that long, into history at any rate, into one more surprising chapter in the life and times of Cabin John.

Barbara Clark



PEACH FESTIVAL

The Cab'n John United Methodist Church is sponsoring a fabulous Church Peach Festival. The day is August 14 at 3 pm and the place is the corner of MacArthur Blvd. and 77th St. There will be homemade cake, ice cream and lots of fresh tree ripened peaches, both to eat immediately, and to take home. In addition, the ladies of Cabin John will have homemade goodies and fresh garden produce for sale. It sounds like a delicious afternoon to me!

RECOLLECTIONS REQUESTED

Dytha Wyle is compiling a history of the Cabin John Methodist Church for the big anniversary celebration this fall. She is interested in getting information about the church in its early days. The church was dedicated in 1921, so anyone who has stories and/or recollections about the church around that time, please call Dytha Wyle at 229 - 6184.

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- 1 cup chocolate wafer crumbs
- 1/2 cup finely chopped walnuts
- 1/4 cup softened butter or margerine
- 1 quart vanilla ice cream
- 1 cup (10 oz pkg) frozen straw-BERRIES, slightly thawed
- Whipped cream and walnut halves

Mix wafer crumbs, walnuts and butter together until crumbly. Press into bottom and sides of 9-inch pie plate. Bake at 375 degrees about 7 minutes. Refridgerate until well chilled.

Spoon half of softened ice cream into shell. Spread with half of strawberries. Cover with remaining half of ice cream and strawberries. Garnish with whipped cream and walnut halves. Freeze. Let stand at room temperature 10 minutes before serving. Makes six servings.

Frances Kandle

NEWSY NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bilbert and children Gay, Ricky, Vickie, Kathy, and Cindy have returned from a week vacation at Grey's Point Camp in Topping Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Sullivan and children Connie, Betty, and Johnny have returned from a two week vacation at Grey's Point also.

And Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reid with sons Eddie and Michael spent their two week vacation at Grey's Point too.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Fradin spent several weeks in June touring the c country. They had a fabulous time, and we're all waiting for a slide show soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schmidt are moving to Chevy Chase. While we're sorry to see them leave, we expect to see them often.

New Neighbors

Phil and Margaret Dieffenbach and children Carl, David, Louise, and Ann have moved into a house on Buxton Terrac.

Dr. and Mrs. A.D. Lopez and children John, Michael, and Yolanda have moved from San Diego to a house on 76th St.

August -- The Month to Set Irás

Actually bearded iris may be divided and reset at any time between the 4th of July and Labor Day -- after the roots and rhizomes have begun to develop. If you are going away on vacation. wait until you return since newly transplanted iris require frequent watering for two or three weeks after transplanting

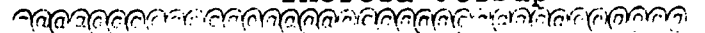
After you have dug the clumps, clean them with the hose and inspect the rhizomes for rot and borer damage. Make your divisions with a sharp knife and cut out rotted sections. Search for larvae that may have eaten into the rhizomes.

Before planting the divisions, cut back the leaf-fans to about 1/2 their length to reduce the loss of water from the plants until the roots take hold. Cut off all portions of the leaf that may show leaf spot.

Plant three to seven sections of a variety so that all leaf-fans face in the same direction and space them six to eight inches apart. Be careful to plant your iris divisions firmly with no air pockets beneath the rhizomes. The rhizome should be completely but shallowly covered with soil.

When you plant, dig two slanting holes about 2 inches apart and 5 inches deep leaving a shallow ridge of soil between them. Set the rhizome firmly on this saddle. Spread out half the roots into each hole and cover them well, but no more than one inch deep. Water the plant occasionally until new growth appears. You should have modest bloom the first year and excellent bloom the second year.

Theresa Jessup



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NEW BABY ***** AT LAST

Mrs. Janet Peluso, a teacher at Clara Barton for the past three years has a new baby. He is named for his father, Joseph Roy Peluso, and was born on July 15. Mrs. Peluso plans to return to Clara Barton in Sept. Congratulations to all.

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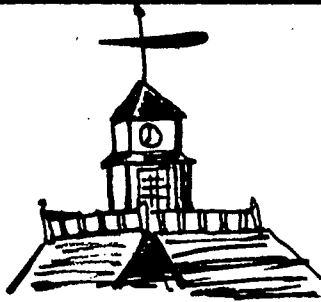
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