

Cabin John Village News

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

- Oct 12 Girl Scouts 3 - 5 pm
C.J. Recreational Center
- Oct 19 Brownies Begin 3 - 5 pm
Clara Barton School
- Oct 21 Over 60's Meeting 2:30 pm
Methodist Church
- Oct 25 Career Day 9-11am & 12:30-2pm
Clara Barton Elem.
- Oct 26 Citizens Asso. Meeting 7:30pm
Clara Barton Elem.
- Oct 31 Anniversary Opening 7:30 pm
Methodist Church
- Nov 4 Over 60's Meeting 2:30 pm
Methodist Church

OVER 60'S GOING STRONG

The first meeting of Cabin John's retired citizens was a good one. Old friends visited and new ideas abounded. Two women from the county's extension service were there to suggest areas the group might want to explore, and to take orders for future meetings.

The men and women were most interested in available medical services, advice on social security procedures and benefits, taxes--real estate and income--from the retiree's point of view, and in trading information about discounts, and special benefits available to senior citizens. With the help of Mrs. Marge Tollefson, from the extension service, those present enthusiastically mapped out future plans. The group will meet twice a month on Thursday afternoons at 2:30. The Methodist Church, within walking distance from almost anywhere in Cabin John, will be the meeting place.

About a dozen men and women attended the first meeting and all were enthusiastic about the group.

Coming - October 21. Mr. Joseph Price, from MC Commission on Aging will talk about the real estate tax and how senior citizens can derive the most benefit from the advantages they are entitled to. There will be plenty of time for questions of a general nature or specific help about a personal concern. Anyone over 60 or anyone interested on behalf of an over-60 relative is invited. 2:30 at Meth Church

Also coming - November 4. Mrs. Lesky from the Social Security Office will speak. Medicare will be the main topic, its coverage, additional insurance needs etc. But all questions relating to social security will be answered.

Some miscellaneous information that came forth at this first meeting is:

- *To get a Golden Age Movie Club card, entitling you to 1/3 off movie tickets, apply at any movie theatre. (Check this by phone first.)
- *The Seven Locks Theatre in the Cabin John regional shopping center has Monday nights as Ladies' Night--ladies attend for the price of a child's ticket.
- *A call to 279-1245 will provide free transportation to doctor's or dentist's appointments. Please give 3 days notice when possible, but emergency calls will be handled.
- *Telecare is a free telephone check for people who live alone and have no nearby relatives who keep in touch often. A volunteer will call every day at a specific time to make sure that all is well. To register, call 279-1487

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY FOR METHODIST CHURCH

Cabin John United Methodist Church is soon to celebrate a most important birthday--its fiftieth. This birthday will be celebrated for a whole week starting Sunday, October 31. The whole community is cordially invited to celebrate on as many occasions as possible. Here is the schedule for the week.

Sunday, Oct 31: Opening services, recital. The congregation will have an opportunity to tell what they have experienced in this church over the years. 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov 1, 7:30 p.m. Speaker, Rev. Donald Fishel, pastor. Miss Helen Wedding, who played the organ from the beginning of the church, will return to play.

Tuesday, Nov 2, 7:30 p.m. Speaker, Mrs. Ellen Muradian. Assisting in services, Mr. Don Bovey.

Wednesday, Nov 3, 7:30 p.m. Speaker, Dr. Harold A. Harris, former pastor.

Thursday, Nov 4, 7:30 p.m. Speaker, Rev. Elgar Soper, former pastor.

Friday, Nov 4, 7:30 p.m. Speaker, Rev. Herbert Glenn, former pastor.

Saturday, Nov 5, 7:30 p.m. Speaker, Rev. Dennis Chandler, former pastor.

Sunday, Nov 6, 11 a.m. Speaker, Dr. Kenneth Lyons, District Superintendent. Mortgage burning ceremony.

On Saturday, Nov 5 at 4 p.m. there will be a covered dish social. Members and friends are asked to bring one main dish and a side dish; the church will supply table settings and beverages. Several of the former pastors will attend this fellowship. You are welcome.

** The Methodist Youth Fellowship is having a Bake Sale, Saturday Oct 9 from 11 am. on the lawn of the church.

CITIZENS ASSN REPORTS

The Survey! The Survey! At the October meeting we'll have all the tabulation and analysis of the Community Survey. Find out how the town feels about a shopping center, curbing, taxes, the Cabin John image. Don't assume that everybody feels the way you do. Some areas brought forth near unanimity of opinion; many were hotly contested. If you live in Cabin John, you are welcome at the meeting. 7:30 p.m. at Clara Barton school, Oct. 26, Tuesday.

At the September meeting (the program of which is reported elsewhere) the following business was transacted:

Roberta Daihl elected corresponding secretary. Treasurer reported \$140.33. November meeting to consider Cabin John's parks--as they are, as they could be. December's meeting to be for fun and nostalgia; Neil Potter will be there and you and your friends. Illegal dumping on Seven Locks Road can be curtailed if you will note license number of any dumper and call police. Home Study group which sent 75 Cabin John kids to camp last summer will be helped in future with Annual Crab Feast by the Citizens Assn. Announced voting registration every Thursday at Montgomery Mall.

SUMMARY OF MEETING ON SEWAGE POLLUTION IN THE CABIN JOHN CREEK, SEPTEMBER 28, 1971

Officials and/or staff of agencies whose responsibilities have a direct bearing on the environmental integrity of the Cabin John watershed participated in a meeting with the Cabin John Citizens Asso. to discuss eventual solution of the sewage problem in the Creek. Mr. Bill Wilcox represented the County Council, Colonel George McRory represented the Washington Suburban Sanitation Commission and was accompanied by two members of the staff, three staff members represented the Maryland National Capitol Park and Planning Comm., and Mr. Gordon Hawk, administrative aide to Congressman Gude was also present. The Office of the County Executive was also asked to participate, but there was no indication of a representative from that office.

The meeting focused on what kind of solution to the sewerage pollution problem was proposed and when it could be implemented. As matters now stand, the County Council has approved in principle, a relief sewer line in the flood plain of the Creek. Mr. Wilcox assured the meeting that the Council was more than willing to consider alternative proposals.

In the course of the evening, the following major points were made.

1. A gravity flow relief sewer in the flood plain must be vented by manholes, and is thus vulnerable to encroachment by storm runoff.

2. It is technically feasible to locate a relief line out of the flood plain of the Creek.

3. As a legal matter, it is possible for the Park and Planning Comm. to set the conditions by which a relief sewer would be permitted in the Park portion of the watershed.

4. Any sewage transmission system, other than a gravity line in the Creek flood plain, would incur added costs of pumping and line maintenance.

Members of the community raised the following questions and possibilities.

1. Bob Pallme noted that the low cost of water probably encourages wasteful use. This in turn tends to increase the capacity requirements for both sewage transmission and treatment. He proposed higher water usage rates to reduce the volume of sewage matter, and to contribute to paying for an effective solution.

2. Judy Toth stated that the solution goal should be to remove sewage transmission lines from all creek beds in the County, and that treatment technology had advanced to the point where such a goal is both possible and practical.

3. Dick Goodwin suggested that building codes be modified to require that the volume of toilet flush tanks be reduced substantially from the present 5 gallon level.

4. Peter Vogt suggested locating the relief line in the right of way of the Cabin John Parkway.

5. Judy Toth noted that rules and regulations already on the books with respect to storm runoff and erosion from construction sites go unenforced. She also noted the need for greater public accountability from responsible public agencies.

6. It was suggested that the eventual solution, whether transmission alone, or in combination with treatment and reduced water requirements, should be a fail-safe design, given the need for clean recreational and drinking water in the area.

7. In response to official concern about the high cost of solutions, community members indicated that they rarely had the opportunity to choose what kind of solution they were willing to pay for. It was suggested that it was wrong for officials to presume that residents would only pay for the least-cost solution.

In summary, officials were frank to admit that there were questions still in search of answers, and encouraged residents to press agencies for solutions which were adequate for their needs and standards.

by Frazier Kellogg

MONTGOMERY COUNTY REHABILITATION LOAN FUND

In the light of the number of inquiries from Cabin John residents about the Rehabilitation Loan Fund it was suggested that more information be provided. The Loan Fund was authorized by the Montgomery County Council and is designed to assist owner occupants of single family homes meet the cost of providing necessary repairs to bring their homes into compliance with the existing County codes, ie. Housing Hygiene, Building, Plumbing, and Electrical Codes.

The Department of Community Development has been authorized by the Council to administer the program under guidelines and procedures which meet the Council's approval.

Highlights of the Program

Houses must be located where a safe and adequate water supply and sewerage disposal are available or will be provided as a result of the loan.

Properties must be either 1) be able to be brought up to code standards at a total cost which doesnot exceed the value of the structure or...

2) be approved by the County Executive if the total loan proposed exceeds the present value of the structure.

However, in no case can the amount of the loan exceed 80% of the estimated value of the property (House + Land) after rehabilitation less any outstanding encumbrances.

Improvements shall be only those necessary to bring the house up to code standards and cannot include luxury items such as a recreation room or carport.

Loans are secured by a mortgage on the home for the amount of the loan plus interest at an annual rate of 3% which is highly advantageous to the borrower.

Repayment terms are flexible to allow the family to maintain a reasonable standard of living.

Qualifications:

- 1) You must have the title in your name or be able to have it.
- 2) You must live in the house.
- 3) You must be unable to arrange regular financing for the cost of the work.
- 4) Your income must meet the eligibility requirements for continued occupancy in public housing which range from \$7,222 for a family of 3 to \$10,417 for a family of 10.

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 the Village News. We need the support
 *of everyone if we intend to meet all *
 *our expenses. Two dollars enables *
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The following appeared in the Boston Herald Traveler 8/6/71, and was forwarded to me by a reader there.

Death Reunites Unhappy Couple

In 1816, there arrived at Gadsby's Tavern, Alexandria, Va. two unhappy people, a married couple named John and Ellen Trust.

They had fled from England because John had killed a suitor for Ellen's affections, but on route to America, Ellen had become desperatly ill with ship fever.

A few days before she dies Ellen made John promise to bury her in an unmarked grave so that he would not be caught and sent back to England. She died and was buried in St. John's Episcopal Cemetary in Alexandria marked only as FEMALE STRANGER.

Unable to find work after his wife's death, John drifted north of Alexandria, and spent his time doing odd jobs, hunting and fishing. By 1845 he was well known in the vicinity as "Cabin John".

In order to visit Ellen's grave, John built a small skiff and made many a trip. But by 1851, the aging John could no longer row down the river and back. Finally he decided to chance a letter to his brother Harold in England, asking him to come to America for a farewell conference.

Unfortunately the letter wasn't delivered for almost a year, but as soon as it was, Harold sailed to the US.

When Harold Trust reached his brother's shack, neighbors told them John hadn't been seen for months. Searching the hut, Harold found this note:

Dear Brother- I have waited for you but now it's too late. Bury me with her in the Cemetery in Alexandria. Her grave is marked FEMALE STRANGER. Take me there at night. John

Harold finally found the bones of his brother in a tangle of weeds beside a small brook. A family ring identified him. He ordered the shack destroyed at once and two nights later, a group of silent men rowed to Alexandria with an unusual burden in their craft. They were soon at work in the cemetery. Removing the cover of the tomb marked FEMALE STRANGER, they placed John Trust last mortal remains beside the skeleton of his long dead wife.

The next day Harold started his journey back to England, leaving John and Ellen together as they had been many years before.

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HOME STUDY ACTIVITIES

Would you like to volunteer some time to Home Study? The program needs such things as tutors, typists, artists, drivers and many more. If you are interested call 469-8643.

Our local Home Study chapter is about to have a Candy Sale just in time for the holidays. November is the month when children will be coming door to door with various kinds of candy. Support our local Home Study by buying candy in November. If your family has benefitted from Home Study and you would like to help sell candy, call Mrs. Swedenburg at 220-2282.



NEWSY NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith Jr. have been gone for a month driving to and from Arvin, California where they visited their daughter Rosemarie.

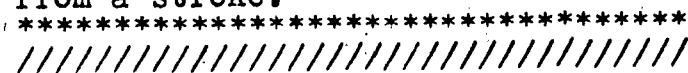
Mr. and Mrs. John Utterbach are spending two weeks in upper N.Y. state on their vacation.

LaVita Fyock has also taken time off from Dorothy Helen's Beauty Salon to travel to Illinois.

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathies go to the Camplair family upon the untimely death of Peter Camplair.

Wishes for a very speedy recovery go to Pat Badgley who is recuperating from a stroke.



BOOKMOBILE

The Bookmobile's hours have changed. Now it will be stationed in the Cabin John Gardens every Monday from 5 to 5:45 pm



RECIPE LADY'S FILES

CRUNCHY GRANOLA

Diane Heflin

Get a very large mixing container. Mix in it:
1 1/2 Cup oil
1/3 Cup water
1 Tbs salt
1 1/2 tsp vanilla
12 Cups rolled oats
2 Cups unsweetened coconut
2 Cups wheat germ
1 Cup Sunflower seeds
1 Cup raw chopped almonds
1 1/2 Cups honey
Spread mixture about 1/2 inch deep on three cookie sheets. Bake at 325 degrees for 45 mins to 1 hour. After 25 mins, turn over in pans.
When cool add to the mixture 2 Cups chopped raisins and dates.
PS Even your cookie monster will like it!

OCTOBER GARDEN CHORES

by Theresa P. Jessup

Chrysanthemums are blooming in the gardens as well as some late asters a dahlias, fall crocus and colchicums. Goldenrod and late asters grace the roadside and fields and in the woods the witch hazel is bright with its golden blooms. Leaves are turning to their fall colors -- hickories and tulip poplars to yellow and maples and dogwoods to bright red.

*This is the month to dig your dahlias, ismenes (Peruvian daffodils) and tender bulbs as soon as the frost has killed the tops. Gladiodus, acid-anthera(Peacock Orchids) and other tougher bulbs can be left a little longer but dig them before the ground freezes. Make sure the bulbs are properly dried off before storing.

* Ismenes of the fail to bloom a second year because the bulbs have been wintered in a cold place. Store them in a temperature of 60 degrees or over.

* Although October is the close of a blooming season it is also the beginning of a new one. This is the month to plant daffodils, crocus, anemones, alliums, chinodoxas, fritillarias, scillas, tulips, and many other bulbs for bloom next spring.

* When planting bulbs measure to the bottom of the bulb unless otherwise instructed. Planting depths given measure to the bottom of the hole and so to the bottom of the bulb. Bulbs planted this month should be mulched lightly after the ground freezes.

* Unpack lily bulbs as soon as they arrive and waste no time in getting them into the ground. Use sand under and over all kinds when planting them if the soil is heavy.

* If you haven't fed your lawn yet, you can still do so - use a high-nitrogen fertilizer. Continue to mow lawns as long as grass grows - especially new ones.

* Be sure to rake any leaves that have matted on the lawn else you will have bare spots there next year.

* Take in house plants promptly, potting them in good compost and keeping them in an enclosed porch or protected place so that they may gradually become accustomed to house conditions.



NEW NEIGHBORS

Suha and David Noursi recently moved to Buxton Terrace from Prince Georges County. The Noursi's have two sons Paul, 8 and Morwan 4.

Michael and Margaret Kirby have recently moved to Tomlinson Ave. from D.C. Their son Kevin is 1 year old.

Do you have a new neighbor??? Why don't you let the Village News know about it? Just call Susan Vogt at 229-6479.

WANT ADS

Service; For sales, service, and information, call your local ELECTROLUX representative at 229-8692.

For Sale; Christmas Cards and Novelties for benefit of the Cabin John Methodist Church. Phillips 7702 Tomlinson Ave.

For Sale; Leather top Bridge table with four chairs. Call before 9:30 am Mrs. Loeb at 229-2361.

Service; All Breed Grooming with T.L.C. Miniature Poodle Stud Service, Sired by "Ideal Poodle of 1969". Prospective Abyssinian kittens and parakeets for sale. Call 229-7735 after 9 pm.

For Sale; New French Provincial bedroom furniture - open stock. Bed, vanity, chest-bookcase comb. Small scatter rugs, Stereo - fine working order; Garrard-Scott-Wolverine, Books for children and current paperbacks. Call 229-7735 after 9pm

BABYSITTERS, ETC.

As a community service, the Village News will run a free listing of anyone in Cabin John who is available to sit with children or do other part-time jobs. You must make your own reference checks and arrangements. The following teenagers are interested in jobs as noted. Especially needed for this list are women who are willing to care for children in their own homes during the day, either on a regular basis or occasionally. Please call 229-6479.

Lya Badgley, sitting 229-2522
Rita Branzell, kids, hswk, pets 229-1666

Karen Camplair, sitting 229-4358
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Tina Hook, lawns, kids, hswk 229-2546
Renee Jancar, sitting, housewk 229-2318
Debbie Ludwig, kids, hswk, typing 229-8249
Maureen Powell, kids, hswk, pets 229-4143
Ann Rest, sitting, typing 229-5875
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Roseanne Whittaker, sitting 229-8899
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Nancy Kohlhafer, sitting 229-5057



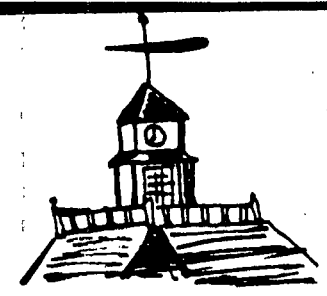
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