

Cabin John Village News

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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- Nov. 10 Christmas Fair, Potomac Methodist Church
- Nov. 11 Christmas Fair, Potomac Methodist Church
- Nov. 12 Book Talk, Little Falls Library 10:30 am
- Nov. 13 Story Hour, Little Falls Library 10:30 am 3-5 yrs.
- Nov. 18 Over 60s Club Meeting 2:30 pm Cabin John Methodist Church
- Nov. 20 Story Hour, Little Falls Library, 10:30 am 3-5 yrs.
- Nov. 23 Citizens Asso. Meeting 7:30 pm Clara Barton School
- Dec. 7 Clara Barton's 150th Birthday Party, Clara Barton School 7:30 pm, All Welcome!

* The Four Star Banner of the Month*
 * goes to the Cabin John Volunteer *
 * Fire Department, who voted last *
 * month to give \$25 to the Village *
 * News. That will really help keep *
 * the paper going. Thanks !!!!! *

CAREER DAY A TRIUMPH

Clara Barton School's imaginative exposure to the world of work was a delight to children, parents, and county visitors.

Conceived by parents, focused by the teachers, this unprecedented undertaking brought in approximately forty adults from such varied occupations as violinist, business machine salesman, and electrician. Most all the "workers" were from the Cabin John community, many of them Clara Barton parents, and the boys and girls were delighted to have their neighbors introducing them to the mysteries of stethoscopes, acetylene torches, and quantity cooking. Kids climbed on the fire engine, tried on handcuffs, ran an adding machine, danced ballet routines, had a ball and learned.

It was the first day of American Education Week, October 25, and traditionally parents visit children in their classrooms to see how they learn. In this bold step into the wider world of experiential learning, Clara Barton led the county into an active appreciation of vocations by elementary school children. Apparently this is a first for Montgomery County, and already other schools are inquiring about how they might arrange a Career Day.

Enthusiastic visitors included Mr. Thomas Israel, president of the Board of Education, Dr. Homer Elsegood, superintendent of Montgomery County public schools, Mr. Eugene Moran and Dr. Ingrid Weise, Area I directors, and Mr. Alan Keeney from the department of Vocational Education. Reporters from county and Board of Education publications abounded.

SWAS STUDIES CABIN JOHN

Seven senior students from Walt Whitman High School, engaged in a SWAS (School Within a School) Program, have been busily interviewing some Cabin Johners and photographing interesting places in and around the community - as an exercise in urban studies. The current SWAS program consists of 85 Walt Whitman students and 3 teachers, groups of whom are not only studying Cabin John but neighboring communities such as Bannockburn, Kenwood, Sumner, and Glen Echo Heights.

Using the various communities as classrooms, the students spent part of their school time in each area, learning about the population, their homes, activities.

One enthusiastic group has already interviewed Susan Vogt, Lorenzo and Annice Totoro, and Morris Fradin. They were "fascinated" by a tour of Cabin John and a recital of its history.
 Morris Fradin

OVER 60'S DON'T STICK TO THEIR KNITTING

At their past two meetings, the Over 60's have explored possibilities of tax benefits available to senior citizens, heard from Mr. Joseph Price of the Commission on Aging about the several excellent retirement homes in the county, learned how to beat the red tape of Social Security, and enjoyed each other's company.

Mrs. Marge Tollefson from the county extension service has been enthusiastically guiding the group and providing resource experts to talk with members.

Scheduled for November 18, 2:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church, is another good meeting to delve into several concerns requested at previous meetings.

These first sessions have been on a "let's try it" basis. If there is a good attendance, the county extension service will continue to provide speakers, some direction, and a wealth of accurate information on possibilities--county, state and national--of special interest to over 60's. If attendance is not encouraging, the meetings will be discontinued. If you are of retirement age, or if you have an interest because of elderly parents, please attend the November 18 meeting to demonstrate that Cabin John is alive and ticking.

The impetus for the formation of a trial group was the often-expressed sentiment on the community survey that the special needs of the many senior citizens of Cabin John were not being met. This group could change that. If you have a question, or if you have information and experience to share, come. Better yet, come and bring your spouse or neighbor. You'll enjoy it.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR IN POTOMAC

Do you have any suggestions for the paper? Any ideas for articles? Let Barbara Clark know .. 229-6431.

Don't you have a recipe that people always ask for? Jot it down and send it to Mary McCusker 6509 76th Place, or phone it in to Frances Kandle at 229-3208.

Have you forgotten to send in your dollar subscription to the Village News? Or have you forgotten to pay for an ad? Send your money to Susan Vogt, 6509 76th St. 229-6479.

Is there a volunteer somewhere to do my billing for the Commercial Ads? It's a monthly job which doesn't take much time. And who would do some stapling once in a while? Also would someone type some things each month into columns? If you can do any of these things, please call Susan Vogt 229-6479

POTOMAC VALLEY HOMEMAKERS

The Potomac Valley Homemakers are taking part in the area-wide Homemakers Christmas Display on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 5 and 6. The Display will be shown at the Rockville Civic Center on Old Baltimore Rd. in Rockville from 10 am to 5 pm.

Another project for the group is baking cookies for the Veterans who are in the hospital. The next Potomac Valley Homemakers Meeting is on Monday, Nov. 22 at 11:30 in the Cabin John Gardens Community Center.

LITTLE THEATRE GROUP FORMING

Residents of Brookmont are currently forming a Little Theatre group and would welcome participants from Cabin John. They hope to create separate activities for different age groups from pre-schoolers to adults. There will be jobs for everyone who is interested, even for those who do not wish to act.

The inaugural meeting for parents and adults to formulate the groups held at 6034 Broad Street, Brookmont on Tues. Oct. 26. Anyone interested in joining in should call Mrs. Carmen Schein 229-2075 or 558-2180 or Mrs. Barbara Meier 229-0232 for further information/

ps The Village News editor has forms to fill out for the Little Theatre project. To obtain one, call Susan Vogt 229-6479.

LITTLE FALLS LIBRARY

There will be a Book Discussion at the library on Nov. 12 at 10:30 am. The book to be discussed is Heilein's Stranger in the Strange Land.

The Children's room is having two Story Hours, one on Nov. 13 at 10:30 am and one on Nov. 20, also at 10:30. The Story Hours will last for 1/2 hour and all 3 to 5 year olds are invited. Please pre-register.

If what you want for Christmas is something beautiful, delicious, original, or hand-made, you'll find it at the Potomac United Methodist Church's Christmas Wish Bazaar. The title of this year's bazaar, which will be held Nov. 10th and 11th in the Parish House at the corner of South Glen and Falls Rd. in Potomac, was taken from a Christmas greeting that appeared in the Virginia Almanac in 1760, and sets the colonial theme of the event. Hours will be 10 am to 9 pm Wed. and 10 am to 6 pm on Thursday.

For refreshing the shopper, "ye Luncheon Feaste" will be served from 11am to 2 pm. "Innocent Diversion" for the small fry will be furnished by "Topper ye Magician" at 3:30 and 4:30, Thursday.

OPEN LETTER FROM JUDY TOTH

When someone says Cabin John is a very special place to live, I think he means that Cabin John is full of a lot of very special people who work together and somehow, despite all our differences, have created a real sense of community. Last Mon. evening, I had the very best first hand experience with how great you all are. It meant a great deal to me that so many registered Democrats (and some Republicans too) came over to the school to vote for me for Democratic Precinct Chairman.

I have always regarded the precinct chairmanship as more than a technical party job where one extracts the maximum amount from the precinct. I have, rather, always considered it a form of ombudsman, to use as a means to help the community and individuals as problems arise. Precinct 7-3, as you know, included not only Cabin John, but Bannockburn Estates and Carderock South. I hope during the next four years, that we will all pull together for our mutual benefit, and make politics work for the people and the issues that help build great communities like ours.

What I am trying to say is "THANKS". Please remember that I am always here to help you whatever the problem. Feel free to call me either at home (229-8586) or at the office (483-5123).

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VFW PARTY

Last Saturday night, October 30, the Cabin John post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars held an Early Bird buffet supper and dance for those members who had paid their dues for the forthcoming year. Commander Lefty Starbard performed his genial host duties with grace and enthusiasm. The ladies provided more than a starving fat man could eat in the way of a buffet supper, and even the drinks were on the house. Members and their wives enjoyed their friends and welcomed strangers. Dancing to country and western music ended a happy evening.

CABIN JOHN COMMUNITY SURVEY

Number of surveys returned and tabulated 269

People living in Apartment 5 House owned 234 House rented 25

Residence meets needs Yes 224 No 44 Needs rooms 21
Needs repair 27

People planning to leave 25 due to:
 Inconvenience 3 Better housing elsewhere 9
 Friends etc. elsewhere 3 Other: High taxes, job transfer, poor services, lack of stores, tough kids

People planning to stay 170 due to:
 If fixed up 6 Friends 82
 Due to work 72 Other: Rural atmosphere, beautiful setting, diversity of people, family here, not built up, friendly people
 Convenience 138

Owners property for sale 5 Rent 1

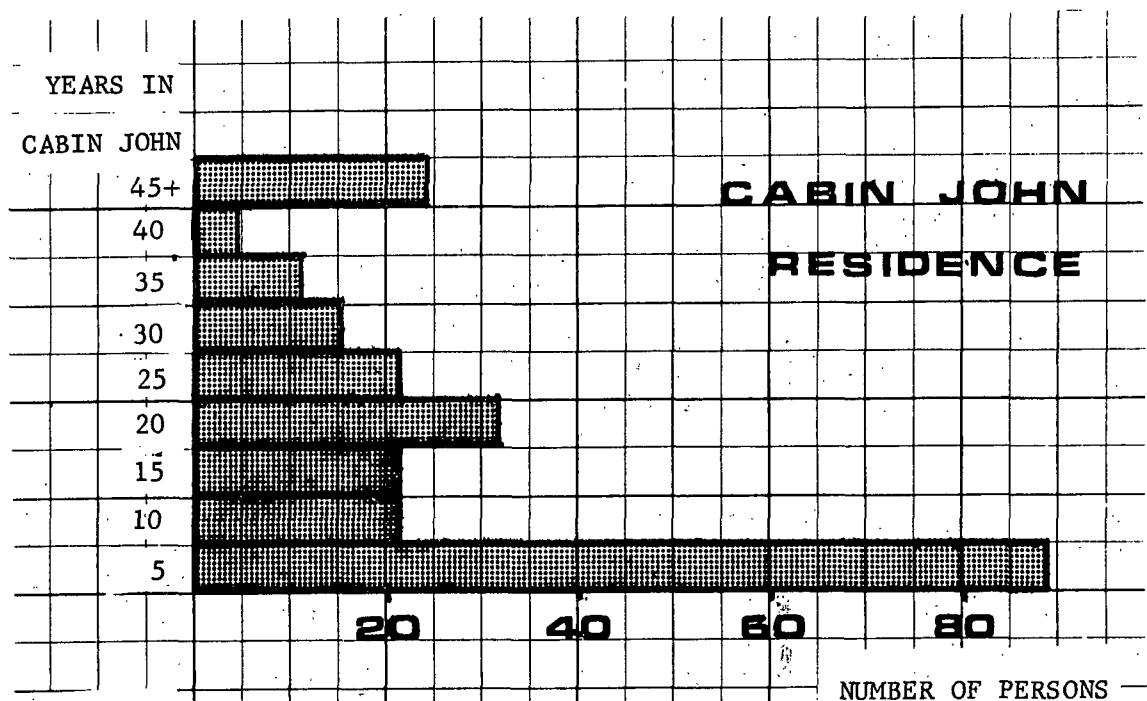
The Cabin John Community Questionnaire is now tabulated into some very interesting statistics. On the next three pages the results of the Survey are given, both in numbers and with some explanation. I think you will all find it interesting to see the town's reaction to various issues.

In the months to come, there will be discussion about this data, and an effort to give some form to our future Cabin John Plan. Getting involved with this process will be fun and important for people from all parts of Cabin John. Don't let the hard work go down the drain - plan to participate!!!

First of all it should be said that a 55% return rate (269 out of 505) is exceptionally good, and points out how hard the community worked together on this project. The average rate of return, considered good on a questionnaire of this sort is only 30%.

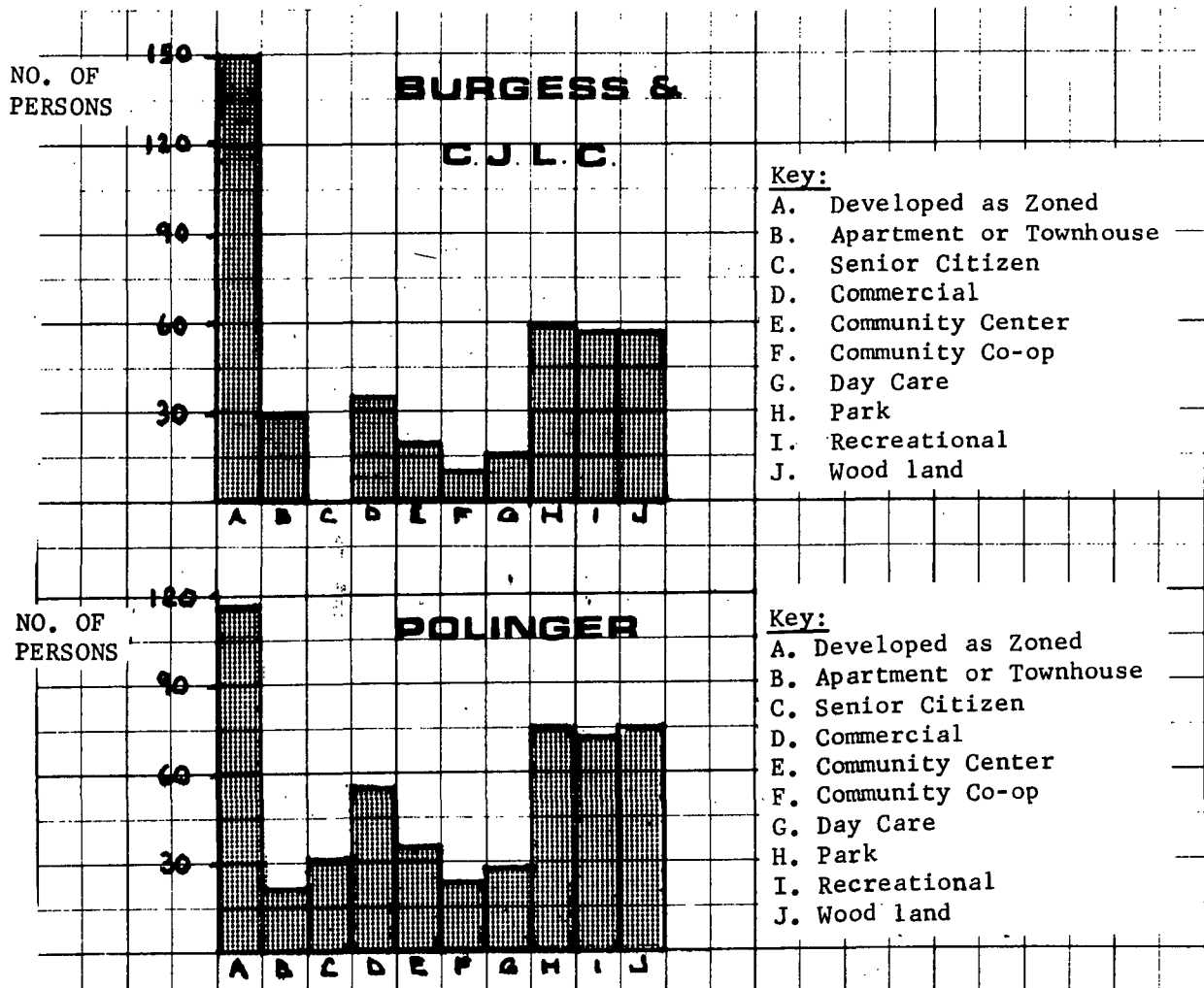
In this first section, it is evident that only a very small number of people indicated that they intended to leave Cabin John. Less than 17% thought their houses needed repair or more rooms, although on the page for comments many people indicated that their neighbors' houses could stand some work.

The length of residence in Cabin John shown by the bar graph is at first glance surprising. One would not expect to have so many new people in proportion to the total population. However, the Carderock subdivision which is less than four years old, is included within the Cabin John boundaries, and that probably accounts for many of the newer residents. The newest resident to send back a survey had lived here just 6 weeks, while the oldest resident has been here for over 60 years.



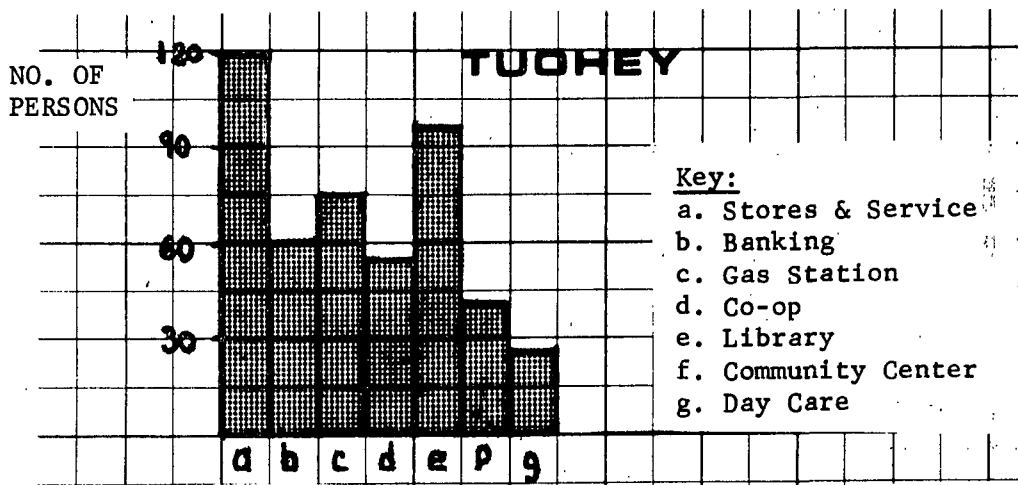
LAND USE SECTION OF THE SURVEY

<u>Residential Tracts</u>	<u>Polinger</u>	<u>Burgess and Cabin John Land Co.</u>
Developed as zoned	115	152
Apts. or townhouses	22	22
Senior Citizens Apts	32	1
Commercial Facilities	4	4
Stores	25	21
Services	26	11
Community Facilities	7	6
Community Center	34	19
Community Co-op	20	11
Day Care Center	27	15
Other Care	Medical Center	
Other	Library	Teen Center
Park	74	58
Recreational	70	57
Woodland	75	57
Canal Access	64	
Other	Low or Middle Income Housing Combined Land use	Athletic field Combined Land Use



The Land Use portion of the Survey is fairly self-explanatory, especially with the graphs of each tract. In the "Other" categories throughout the Survey, the most frequently mentioned suggestions are the ones listed on the tally sheet. Many people had individual ideas, and a record of all suggestions has been kept.

On particular land use, a large number of people indicated an interest in using each tract in a variety of ways. In other words, putting some low income, some higher income, some park, and some commercial development all on one tract, or combining a few townhouses or apartments with single family dwellings was a frequently mentioned idea.



- Key:
- a. Stores & Service
 - b. Banking
 - c. Gas Station
 - d. Co-op
 - e. Library
 - f. Community Center
 - g. Day Care

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

<u>Commercial Tract</u>	<u>Tuohey</u>
Stores and Services	124
Banking	60
Gas Station	73
Other	Family restaurant, grocery store, drug store, small shopping center, teen center, laundromat
<u>Community Facilities</u>	
Co-op Store	53
Library	98
Community Center	41
Day Care Center	25
Other	Museum for area lore
<u>Housing</u>	12
Other	Commercial business building, recreation,
Should the restaurant remain	Yes <u>85</u> No <u>114</u>

With respect to the commercial development on the Tuohey tract, a small tastefully designed shopping center had a large number of supporters. Many of the people who voted to have the restaurant leave, said they would want it to remain if it were a family-type restaurant.

PTA AND CITIZENS ASSO. COMBINE IN DEC.

COME, SEE, MEET DAVID A. RICHIE

Never heard of this quiet, nice-looking young man of 39?

Well, he happens to be the new superintendent of the George Washington Memorial Parkway that forms the southern boundary of Cabin John.

He'll speak to us at the next meeting of the Cabin John Park Citizens Asso., 7:30 pm Nov. 23 at the Clara Barton School. His subject: What's in Store for us along the area between Glen Echo and Great Falls. Any questions? Any problems? Ask Dave Richie! Also scheduled to be present is a representative of MNCP&P to answer questions.

Last month the Citizens Asso. aired the findings of the Cabin John Survey, with three members of the Community Development Office there to give an analysis of the data.

Besides a good old fashioned hoedown square dance, birthday cakes in celebration of Clara Barton's 150th Birthday, and an all around party atmosphere, - Dec. 7 at 7:30 pm promises to be a memorable event for Cabin Johners of all ages

The combined PTA and Citizens Asso. Holiday meeting will include nostalgic remembrances by Neal Potter (Cabin-John-Boy-Who-Made-Good), now a County Councilman, and Guy Jewell (first principal of the Cabin John-Glen Echo School) who just retired from Montgomery County's School system after 50 years. Also invited: Buzzy Potter, Neals builder brother, Daniel and Mrs. Humphrey (who built the famous rammed earth house at the end of 75th St., Dick and Mrs. Armstrong (Cabin John author's son), Loretta Tuohey Hall, Mrs. Charlotte Bortz "Cabin John Smith's" daughter, and all the rest of us. Plan to be there for FUN

SERVICES: HOW DO YOU RATE THE FOLLOWING IN CABIN JOHN?

	Excellent	Adequate	Inadequate	None
Access to River and Canal	46	113	68	8
Air, Water, & Noise Pollution	12	52	112	6
Day Care	2	31	22	46
Enforcement of Existing Housing Codes	9	73	49	8
Health Services	10	78	46	39
Hospital	25	89	26	56
Police Protection	32	143	48	3
Public Transportation	5	70	141	12
Parks	48	114	50	4
Playgrounds	37	98	64	3
MacArthur Blvd. Maintenance	4	35	169	36
Other street and road maintenance	6	105	83	3
School - Elementary	44	118	20	1
Sewers - sanitary	16	113	68	3
Sewers - storm	12	83	91	15
Sidewalks	6	52	106	75
Street curbing	2	54	77	69
Street Lights	15	152	55	7
Swimming Pool	26	84	53	26
Snow Removal	26	148	28	0
Taxes	11	77	29	1
Trash Collection	32	145	39	2
Welfare Services	5	63	9	21

The last page of the Cabin John Community Survey was included so that the residents could rate the county services offered to them. In looking at these statistics, several things should be noted. The things with the fewest number of total responses were often the things which fewer people knew about - such as Day Care or Welfare Services. Opposite these things, many people wrote in "Don't Know". Correspondingly, the items with the highest number of opinions registered were often things which we all deal with every day. MacArthur Boulevard won hands down as the item which almost everyone had an opinion about. Following that were Sidewalks, Access to the Canal, Street lights, and Public Transportation. But remember that these are not necessarily problem areas - just areas where people have an opinion one way or another. For instance, of the people responding to it, Access to the Canal was deemed Excellent or Adequate by 2/3.

Also to be noted, some of the items to be rated turned out to be unratable given the choices. For instance, many people wrote in "Too High" after Taxes instead of rating them Excellent, adequate, inadequate or none. Consequently, these areas seem to be of little concern when one looks only at the number of responses. In truth, taxes received the most number of comments on the side. (Who is it who pays no taxes at all?)

There were also many written comments in the Surveys which will be reprinted in the later issues of the Village News. Watch for them - in some ways they say a lot more than the hard cold numbers.

RECIPE LADY'S FILE

IN THE NOVEMBER GARDEN

November, the Indian Summer month was known by many of America's original inhabitants as the Mad Moon. Following the Moon of Falling Leaves of late October, leaf falling is now complete and by the end of the month there may even be a little light snow.

Leaves should be raked from lawns and flower beds. If left on lawns the matted leaves will kill grass roots and leave unsightly bare spots in the lawn. Matted leaves in the flower beds may choke out early spring bulbs or distort their stems as they push around and through the matting.

After raking fallen leaves into piles they may be disposed of in any of the following ways:

1. Force them into plastic bags to be carried away by the trash.
2. Use them to fill gullies on your property caused by soil erosion.
3. Chop or shred with lawn mower or leaf shredder and use them:
 - a. to mulch chrysanthemums and other tender plants
 - b. to add to your compost heap. Unchopped leaves may be used in compost but decay more slowly.

Chrysanthemums to be wintered over outdoors should be cut back to within 3" and mulched lightly after the ground freezes.

A properly applied mulch is a winter protection. It should not be put on until after the ground freeze. The object of applying a mulch after the ground freezes is to keep the ground frozen throughout the winter, preventing intermittent thawing which exposes roots, often killing them.

If any gladioli, montbretias, acidantheras or ismenes are still undug, dig them promptly.

Before the ground freezes, plant all the spring blooming bulbs not planted last month. Measure depth from the bottom of the bulb. Some generally recommended depths are: large tulips, 8-10"; small tulips, 4-6"; daffodils, 6"; Dutch iris, 5-6"; and crocus, grape hyacinths, small scillas, snowdrops and chionodoxa, 2-4".

For extra early bloom in the annual garden next year scatter seeds of California and Shirley

poppies, nicotiana, snapdragons, cosmos, calliopsis, portulaca and calendulas on loosened soil. Do not rake or cover. The weather will do it.

Replace labels that are missing and rewrite any that are faded while you can still remember what the plants are. Be sure all are tied on firmly or well anchored in the ground.

Theresa P. Jessup

Suzi's Good Pumpkin Pie

Make a 9" pie shell and bake it at 450 degrees for 8 minutes until lightly browned.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

- 3 eggs
- 1 can (1 lb) pumpkin
- 1/2 C. light brown sugar
- 1/2 C. granulated white sugar
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. ginger
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- 1/8 tsp ground cloves
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3/4 C. milk
- 1/2 C. Heavy cream

Beat eggs slightly, add solids. Mix until well blended. Slowly add milk and cream stirring constantly. Pour into pie shell. Bake 60 - 70 minutes. Serve with whipped cream.

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PTA NEEDS FROM THE COMMUNITY

More library Volunteers are needed to work at the Clara Barton School Library from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm on any weekday. This involves supervising and getting to know the children who elect to come to the library and play games rather than going outside. You needn't be a parent of a child at the school to volunteer for this opportunity. Please call Barbara Gesswein if you're interested at 229-8146.

Also a rug is needed for the School library to replace the one there now. If you have a rug in your attic which you're not using, why not donate it to the school? It would surely be appreciated.

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ECO*TIPS

Are you really up-to-date on ecology? Do you recycle your trash at the Little Falls Mall on the weekends. There are lots of volunteers to help unload your car, and you can recycle all your newspaper, glass, aluminum, and bi-metal cans (with both ends removed) Be sure all cans and jars are clean. You can really do your bit for ecology by recycling.

WANT ADS

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Free Small swing set with horse. Needs new chains. U-haul away 229-6144

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\$100 Reward for information leading to arrest of persons responsible for shooting Burmese cats on Froude Circle in Cabin John Gardens in their enclosed run, Sunday night, October 31. Call the editor with information, 229-6479.

IT'S A SMALL WORLD

Christine Donnelly and her son Billy have just returned from 8 days in Majorca, one of the Mallorca islands. They got to talking with some other guests about where they were from. The conversation went "Oh, we're from Maryland." "Where?" "Near Bethesda." "Where?" "You've never heard of it - Cabin John." "I grew up there!"

The other guest was Charles Maxim whose father built a 2 story white house on Tomlinson Ave. The Maxims were long-time Cabin John residents before moving to Bethesda.

MORE HELPERS !


Keep calling to get yourselves advertised for free in this space. Call Susan Vogt 229-6479.

Marjie Craig, sitting, pets 229-43
 Johnny Rabner, Yard work 229-2551
 Missy Rabner, Sitting 229-2551
 Mrs Althea Vigrass, Daytime sitting in my home 229-8862
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