

Cabin John Village News

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- Sept. 8 PTA Open House Square Dance
7:30 pm, Clara Barton Sch.
- Sept. 9 Methodist Church Ice Cream
Social, 1:00 pm 77th St.
- Sept. 19 PTA Executive Comm. meeting
7:30 pm, Clara Barton Sch.
- Sept. 21 Citizens Asso. 8 pm
Clara Barton School
- Sept. 29 Book Talk, Little Falls
Library 1:30 pm
- Sept. 29-30-1 Lay Witness weekend
Cabin John Methodist Ch.
- Oct. 3 PTA Back to School Night
7:30 pm Clara Barton School

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CABIN JOHN SEWAGE OVERFLOW TO BE CURTAILED

Montgomery County Council President Hovsepien announced Tuesday that the Council, WSSC, and the District of Columbia Government had entered into an agreement which will allow the WSSC to tie into the Dulles Interceptor Sewer. This action he said will be accomplished in three weeks relieving a million gallon a day sewage overflow into Cabin John Creek.

Mr. Hovsepien also noted that since there are some weak wet-weather overflows, the Council will move ahead to consider diverting another million gallons of flow from the Cabin John Basin into the Rock Creek Sewer by construction of a gravity sewer in and adjacent to the City of Rockville.

"This is the first of a number of actions that the County Council is taking to bring the County five years ahead of the sewer problems of one year ago", Mr. Hovsepien said.

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HOME STUDY THANKS

Home Study Inc. of Cabin John would like to thank all the people who came and ate or worked or both at the July Crab Feast. The organization raised about \$832 for camp and college scholarships for the children of Cabin John. They hope to be able to do it again next year.

OPEN HOUSE SQUARE DANCE

There's going to be another square dance. The date to circle on your calendar is Sept. 8 from 7:30 to 10 pm. The popular caller, Mr. Francis Furman, who first showed our children (and some of us adults) how to square dance in December, will be back by popular demand. The dance will be held outside weather permitting. The donation charge will be: 25¢ per child and 50¢ per adult, with 1.00 maximum per family.

So, come out and let's tap our feet and clap our hands together. Bring a neighbor, friend or relative, as you need not have a child in Clara Barton

A HAPPENING IN CABIN JOHN

Our first annual Cabin John Citizens dinner and square dance on August 11 was a "happening" that didn't just happen, it was community spirit in action. A host of your fellow citizens spent many hours of their time in its preparation and presentation.

What better combination for enjoyment than friends and fun in the sylvan setting of the Palisades Pool - plus excellent food. Sponsored by the Cabin John Citizens Association, this enjoyable evening couldn't have been more perfect. Its purpose was to get Citizens together to become better acquainted with one another, and with the community in which we all live.

In addition to the excellent crabs, fried chicken and all the "fixins", the Citizens Association displayed pictures and reports with enthusiastic discussion on elements of our rapidly emerging Cabin John Community Plan. Committee Chairmen and committee members were in residence at each of the various committee exhibits during the early part of the evening discussing their work to date. A summary of the preliminary recommendations and an annotated map of Cabin John was given to those attending and comments solicited from everyone about the plan. You too should make your desires known about this - your community - if you missed the dinner.

The evening was climaxed by more than 2 hours of square dancing, round dancing and real togetherness. With all participating - our younger and older, male and female, black and white, regardless of creed, income, or means of making a livelihood - getting along together as a community should. More than 250 citizens and friends were at our happening, and a net of \$300.00 is now available to your Association to support community programs.

Let's work together in the next 12 months with a common purpose, having as our continuing goal the further improvement of ourselves, our community spirit and its togetherness, and a continuation of our unified and welcomed diversity.

The Cabin John Community Plan will be a great step forward in reaching this goal. I urge each of you to become acquainted with and support this community effort in charting the future of Cabin John.

My thanks to each of you.

Ed Winslow
President
Cabin John Citizens
Association

Parent Education Courses

fall 1972

Most of us never trained to be parents. We gain knowledge with "on-the-job" training, but often feel the need for some continuing education. The courses offered by the Parent Education program of the Dept. of Adult Education will try to fill such needs.

One course being offered this fall could be scheduled at Clara Barton if twenty parents were interested. The cost is 10 dollars per person for a ten week session meeting once a week at a mutually convenient time. The course is:

Family Communication Skills

This class offers a chance to develop the skills needed for bridging generation gaps. Learn how to keep hassles to a minimum while finding alternative ways to solve problems. Participants will join in practice sessions to try out and strengthen new skills. Participants will work at applying theoretical principles to everyday situations as part of each class session.

This course uses the book Parent Effectiveness Training as a guide. One Reston, Va. father whose daughter's drug overdose death cut short his attempt to bridge the generation gap wrote in the Wash. Post of 6/11/72; "My other big mistake was I thought I knew everything I needed to know about being a parent. My philosophy was: I'm not making any more mistakes with Gwen than my parents made with me."

"But that philosophy won't hack it today, because drugs are too available and too easy to use as an escape when you are growing up and suffering all the pains of youth. And God knows there are pains. Remember when you were a kid and how nobody could understand the special anguish you were feeling?"

"It wasn't until ... I read a book Parent Effectiveness Training that had a profound effect on my thinking. A little too late ... a little too late."

If you are interested in participating in this course, please call Susan Vogt at 229-6479, or sign up at the Open House Square Dance at Clara Barton on Sept. 8 at 7:30 pm. Do it now because it's first come, first serve.

School Calendar

Sept. 5 First Day of school
 Sept. 8 Open House Square Dance
 7:30 - 10 pm (see page 1)
 Sept. 18 No School - Yom Kippur
 Sept. 19 PTA Executive Comm. 7:30
 pm at the school
 Oct. 3 Back to School Night
 7:30 pm at the school
 Oct. 9 No School - Columbus Day

Notice to parents : Due to a Federal cutback in revenue support for the school breakfast program, the breakfast for this year will cost 30¢. Our breakfast program will start Sept 11. For further information call Mr. Kaplan at 229-3014.

PTA COMMITTEE MEETING

September 19, 1972
 7:30 pm

Library, Clara Barton School

The first PTA Executive Committee meeting will be held in the school library on Sept. 19 at 7:30 pm. As always, the Executive Committee meeting is open to all teachers, parents, and students.

Topics on the agenda include a report from Mr. Kaplan on the new primary grade and upper grade programs, a discussion of this year's 4 year old program, an outline of plans for PTA committee work and programs for the coming year, and plans for an adult education program at Clara Barton.

The agenda is open. If you have any issue you would like to discuss, talk it over with the PTA member who calls you in the next two weeks. If no one calls, please do us the favor of calling Burt Richardson at 229-0108 or Susan Vogt at 229-6479 to let the PTA know your ideas, interests or concerns.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

October 3, 1972
 7:30 pm

All parents should plan to come to Back to School Night on October 3 at 7:30 pm. The program will include a discussion of the new report cards by Mr. Kaplan and the teachers. There will be an opportunity for parents to visit the classrooms and discuss their children's school activities with each of the teachers.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are many places to volunteer time at Clara Barton - reading program, math program, art, music, baking for bake sales, and others. People who do not have children at Clara Barton are always welcome to be part of these volunteer programs. If you have some free time and would like to help, please call Mrs. Gesswein at 229-8146.

Glen Echo Park Goes from Rags to Riches

By Morris Fradin

It was a Sunny, Saturday, June 19, 1971, and Congressman Gilbert Gude squirmed Gwendolyn Cafritz onto the Carousel at the Open House held to celebrate the rebirth of Glen Echo Park. Mrs. Cafritz had donated \$40,000 to save the famed old merry-go-round, showpiece of the otherwise seedy and rundown area from which the skeletonized roller coaster and other rides had been removed.

Montgomery County and Federal Government officials, political figures (even Martha Mitchell!), milled about among newspapermen and photographers, conservationists, wildlife lovers, nostalgia-seekers, contributors to the Save-the-Carousel Fund who somehow raised another \$40,000 to purchase and rescue from shipment to California of the merry-go-round and its rip-snorting, booming, music box. So did kids, holding onto their parents' fists and skirts, wide-eyed, trying to picture the stories told them of the wonderful times generated in good, ol' Glen Echo!

Happy Relief

It wasn't really a "rebirth" for Glen Echo, just then. Just a time for happy relief that the famous carousel was saved for posterity by citizens of Glen Echo, Bannockburn, Fairway Hills, Mohican Hills, Tulip Hills, Sumner, Cabin John, and many other communities.

Tall grass grew up through the parking lot macadam. The tin roof of the stone entrance building, with its conical top (one of the few original remnants of the 1892 Chautauqua buildings), was partly torn off; paint peeled from garish signs of the dead amusement park; musty smells rose from other buildings and from the cavernous Spanish Garden Ballroom, where an ancient Burton Holmes movie travelogue of the old C & O Canal was projected by a National Park Service historian.

Plans Afoot

But there were plans afoot for the park's future. And ideas were being fed to authorities, suggesting the park's future. Federal and County officials listened and the Summer in the Parks Program of 1972 have made Glen Echo Park blossom into some realities suggested 5 years ago by this writer in *American Forests Magazine*.

The Phoenix-like park is now the permanent, air conditioned, new home of the famous Adventure Theatre, 21-year old children's theatre. National Park

Service employees are busy slapping fresh paint on the old buildings, while teenage volunteers man various registration booths for area residents and their families: intent on learning handicrafts and skills for fun, for hobbies, and for profit.

Artwork Display

Look around at the displays of artworks of all types: paintings, drawings, mobiles, stained-glass creations, leather crafts, ceramics. Enthusiastic youngsters operate the Carousel, sell and take tickets, help parents guard the tiny tots that sit, bug-eyed and strapped, on the backs of wooden ostriches, rabbits, lions, zebras, tigers, and ponies.

The "Educational Center" planned here 80 years ago is now being built a second time! Examine what the current "Summer in the Parks" program offers. Glen Echo Park Coordinator William W. Anderson and his assistant, Dick Ring, expect the same program will be offered next year to adults and children: Workshops, during 3-, 5-, and 10-week sessions will "explore exciting techniques in a variety of media," weekdays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Weekends, along with other Park programs, are devoted to open workshops, demonstrations, and sales of arts and crafts. Some workshops are free; others register participants and make nominal charges for materials or tuition by well-known and capable craftsmen and instructors.



CRAFTING—Andrew Shipman, 11-year-old resident of Bethesda, paints clay model he made. Wendy Ross, a coordinator of the Day Camp Program at Glen Echo Park and another student in the class look on. Photo by Morris Fradin.

Visit the Park

Visit the glowing old-new place at MacArthur Boulevard and Goldsboro Road. Plenty of free parking. Roam around; have fun watching the Bob Brown Puppets "Clown Around." Listen to Bryan Bowers, the strolling minstrel. Hear the folk and blues music of Mark Hansen and David Raitt.

Adventure Theatre

See the exciting Adventure Theatre production of "Trouble or Nothing." There is a small admission charge and the play lasts only 35 minutes—but it will be an unforgettable experience, especially if you see and

hear it with children—yours, or your neighbors.

The Theatre director, Mary Lou Semans of Woodacres, Md., invites audiences to inspect the first "real home" of the non-profit, community theatre group since its inception in 1951. They specialize in adult professional and amateur actors performing for children: presenting classic fairy tales or original choreography and musicals. The current show, "Trouble or Nothing," closes Aug. 6.

Family-Type of Park

Young, enthusiastic, Park Coordinator Anderson sums it all up: "Here we all intend to evolve a family type of park where kids bring their parents and parents have fun with their kids. We plan to build a leisurely type of community park that existed in the 1890s—a place where families can relax together. Here, all age groups may picnic, ride the carousel, see free puppet shows, take part in folk and square dancing, listen to old and new folk songs and music. They can all learn old-new crafts for their own pleasure or profit. And 1973 will present even more exciting programs for good old Glen Echo Park!"

Indeed! Here is the Phoenix reborn from the ashes of the old Chautauqua failure of the 1890s, when religion, culture, and entertainment were offered on this site.

THIS FALL AT GLEN ECHO

Workshops are being offered for both children and adults at Glen Echo Park this Fall. The programs are designed to explore exciting techniques in a variety of crafts and art media. Open workshops and demonstrations will be included as well as sales of work by both instructor and student. Classes include pottery, weaving, painting, silk screen, performing arts, hand crafts, and childrens crafts. For information call 229-9720.

CABIN JOHN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
NEWS

The Cabin John United Methodist Church invites you to join them in Sunday Church School at 9:30 a.m. beginning September 10th and every Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. for worship.

The entire community of Cabin John is invited to come and join us in our annual Peach and Ice-cream social to be held on the church lawn on September 9th beginning at 1:00 p.m. Baked goods, bar-b-cue, hot and cold drinks and community fellowship will be yours when you attend. Ladies of the church are encouraged to bake for the ice-cream social.

The worship Service on September 10th will feature a guest speaker addressing the message to the youth. Community youth not involved in a church are encouraged to attend this service and then plan for an afternoon of fun in Neil Oliver's backyard. This meeting will give the youth some idea of what will be happening at the Lay Witness Mission to be held at the church in September and how they will be participating in it.

September 29, 30, and October 1, the church will be conducting a Lay Witness Mission for the purpose of church renewal and personal growth. Christians from other churches will come and live-in with our congregation and share with their living faith in Jesus Christ. The week-end will include small groups, a men's breakfast on Saturday morning, ladies coffees and one to one conversations with team members. Every member and friend of the congregation attending the church has been encouraged to attend and make this weekend one in which they dedicate themselves to a 3-day action-packed weekend with Christ and His church. Anyone from another church who would like to attend this program should contact Rev. Fishel concerning attendance and reservations at 229-8233. We are expecting total participation from our congregation, so space available will be limited to visitors.

Looking ahead to October 14th, the Cabin John United Methodist Church will hold its annual Turkey dinner. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar now. Previous problems we have had with electricity during dinners has been solved by installing a new electrical box and some new recepticals, so we do not anticipate any black-outs this year. A new set of wooden steps will also be built to make the climb up into our hall just a bit more safe.

October 15th will mark the Dedication service of the Cabin John United Methodist Church at 11:00 a.m. Bishop James K. Mathews will preside and bring the message that morning. The Bishop has been asked to dedicate the newly constructed bulletin board the same morning, but this is not yet confirmed, so watch this paper for confirmation of that event. The bulletin board has been erected as a result of a memorial fund for Robert Kuster and will be dedicated in memory of him.

If your life is un-fulfilled and things are not what you think they should be, it may well be that you have not included Christ in your life. Jesus, in the Sermon on the Mount, in Matthew 6:33 said: "But seek ye first the kingdom

of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." There are a lot of empty pews in the community churches; why not fill one this Sunday and every Sunday?

Donald G. Fishel

COMMUNITY ACTION

The first meeting of the Cabin John Citizens Association will be held on September 21, 1972 at the Clara Barton School at 8:00 P. M. It is possible for the Citizens of Cabin John to direct and govern the quality of life in this community if each family will join in a unified effort through the Association.

Association meetings are being held on the 3rd Thursday of each month this year, and every effort is made to make them short, meaningful to the families in Cabin John, and interesting. If each family will join the Association and see that one or more of the family members is present at most of our monthly meetings to vote on matters of importance to Cabin John, our community can begin to move decisively in taking positive steps toward those improvements we really want.

Approving our community plan is the most important item on our Fall agenda, however, there are always matters relating to zoning, education, housing, and the community. This means your family should be represented.

Please attend the Association Meeting on September 21 (a Thursday night) - become an active member and an active supporter of Cabin John.

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A NEW LOOK AT RECREATION IN C.J.

The Montgomery County Department of Recreation is hoping to involve the people of Cabin John in the planning of program services for the community. It is hoped that with the help of community residents, the quality and variety of programs will increase.

At the present time, Richard Robinson of the Montgomery County Recreation Dept. is planning for expanded services to include adults and senior citizens, as well as a more varied youth program. Mr. Robinson is anxious to receive any suggestions regarding specific programs of interest to members of the community. He is planning to be present at meetings of the P.T.A. and the Citizens Association, and may also be contacted at 652-2249, to receive your comments.

LITTLE FALLS LIBRARY NOTES

The book discussion for the month of September will be Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee by Dee Brown on the 29th at 1:30 p.m. Planning is not completed for Children's room activities for September; check at the library for information on these activities later in the month.

Want Ads

OUR REVISED BABYSITTING LIST AND PART TIME HELP LIST

YARD SALE - Sept 17 10am - 4 pm
7712 Tomlinson Ave. 229-4217
Antiques, paintings, jewelry, china, fur stole, odds and ends. Also 5 piece Ethan Allen bedroom suite cost \$900, selling for \$400.

WOMAN ATTORNEY looking for small house to rent. Please call Maud Mater 229-0651

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EXPERIENCED TYPIST will type address lists, papers, office work. Call 229-3430

HELP WANTED: Responsible person for routine cleaning once a week. Modern house. No small children. Telephone 229-4860 evenings.

BIG WORMS for fishing, 2¢ apiece. Call Henry or Kathy 229-0108 or come to 7629 Cabin Rd.

BOYS BIKE FOR SALE 24" Boys bike \$7. Call Henry Richardson 229-0108.

RIDE WANTED: from Cabin John to Mont. Mall or Chevy Chase or Tychens Corner during dept. store hours. Person will pay for job transportation. Call 229-3038

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FREE 9 wood framed screens (7' high, 3' to 5' wide) 1 screen door. Will enclose 10' by 20' porch area. Call Burt or Gladys Richardson 220-0108

HOUSE FOR SALE : 3 bedroom split level, finished rec room, 2½ baths, single car garage, big kitchen: almost ½ acre at 6408 81st St. \$49,500 Call Mrs. Fleharty 299-6700 office or 299-9061 home.

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Our postman has requested that all residents put their names and numbers on their mailboxes. This will make for a more accurate mail delivery, especially when a substitute mailman is on duty. Your cooperation will be appreciated, and your mail service will be better.

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- Heidi Heflin 229-0280 babysitting
- Angie Whitaker 229-8899 babysitting
- Jan Robertson 229-2676 yardwork, baby-sitting, housework
- Bobby Mattia 229-3430 yardwork, mowing, raking
- Moustafa Kayoumy 229-4769 yardwork
- Mrs. Althea Vigrass 229-8862 daytime babysitting in my home
- Mrs. Nancy Power 6417 78th, daytime or evening babysitting in my home 229-1136
- Mrs. Bonnie Smith 229-2683 1 child full time, infant - 4 yrs
- Mrs. Linda Hufnagel 229-0453 babysitting in my licensed home, Vassar Circle in Glen Echo
- Marta Leiva 229-7687 6404 81st St baby-sitting evenings or housework on Saturdays.

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NEW NEIGHBORS

- Mrs. Rodgers has moved to 11 Ericson Rd Former long time owners the Seales moved to Virginia.
- Mrs. Scott and her 18 month old daughter have moved to #5 Russell Rd
- Mrs. Wishner moved to Froude Circle
- Mrs. Nicol now resides at #3 McKay Circ.
- Mr. and Mrs. Alan Rogol and 2 yr. old son Ian left Baltimore for NIH. They live on Arden Rd.
- Larry and Carol Eron are also new. Larry works at NIH and Carol at the Post. They live on 75th St.
- 75th Street also claims Becky and Terrell Oistad from Mt. View Calif. Mrs. Oistad is the granddaughter of Mr and Mrs. C.R. Smith, and used to go to school around here.
- Kathy and Ron Ackerman are new from a year overseas. They live on 77th St and will be teaching at a Montessorri School.
- Mr. and Mrs. G.B. Williams moved up from their flooded lock house to Tomlinson Ave. Their daughter Peggy Sue will be at Clara Barton this year.

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