

# Cabin John Village News

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## OCTOBER CALENDAR

- Oct. 7 Ladies Aux Fire Dept Bake Sale  
10 am Little Falls Mall
- Oct. 8 Pilgrimage to the National Shrine 4 pm  
\*Movie "In a Quiet Place"  
Methodist Church 7 pm
- Oct. 10 Pyle Jr. High Back to School Night for parents. 8 pm  
\*Skating Lessons Registration 10-2 & 5-7:30 C.J. Reg. Park  
\*Rummage Sale 10 - 2 & 6 - 9 pm  
Methodist Church (every Tuesday)  
\*Girl Scouts 2nd meeting 3-5 pm  
C.J. Recreation Center (every Tues.)
- Oct. 11 Boy Scout Meeting every Wed. pm  
7 pm Methodist Church
- Oct. 12 School Board Candidates  
7:30 pm Clara Barton School
- Oct. 14 Quilting Demonstration 10am - 1pm  
Renwick Gallery 17th St. D.C.  
\*Ham and Turkey Dinner 4-7pm  
Methodist Church
- Oct. 16 Potomac Valley Homemakers  
11:30 am C.J. Gardens Comm. House
- Oct. Cabin John Park Citizens Asso.  
7:30 pm Clara Barton School
- Oct. 22 Community Yard Sale 10am - 4pm  
7712 Tomlinson Ave  
\*Fireman's Sunday Worship Service  
Methodist Church
- Oct. 24 Pyle Parents in Cabin John Meeting  
Call 229-0280 or 229-0108
- Nov. 3 Book Talk 1:30 pm  
Little Falls Library
- Nov. 3, 4, & 5 St. Bartholemews  
Christmas Bazaar

## VILLAGE NEWS DELIVERERS

It has come to my attention that some people have not been getting their papers regularly. I think that the best solution to this problem is to publish a list of the deliverers and their areas. If you're missed, call your deliverer - not your editor. Thanks.

Cabin John Gardens - Grace Gesswein  
229-8146

Clara Barton School to Seven Locks Rd  
Michael Wilson  
229-3385

Seven Locks Rd. and Carver Rd.  
Tony & Bill White  
229-5363

The Apartments, North 79th St., North 79th Pl., 80th St., North Mac Arthur  
Judy & Brad Vogt  
229-6479

Buxton Terr., and South Carderock, Persimmon Tree Rd. north of Caraway  
Doug Robertson  
229-2676

81st. St North, Caraway St. and lower Persimmon Tree Rd., 82nd St. and Pl. 83rd St. and Pl.  
Laurie Geib  
229-8095

South 78th St., South 79th St. Riverside Ave and Drive  
Heidi & Mitch Herlin  
229- 0280

## SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

Once again Cabin John is fortunate enough to be host to all the School Board candidates for a public airing of their various views. The night is October 12 at 7:30 pm in the All Purpose Room of the Clara Barton School. This event is sponsored by the Clara Barton PTA, the Carderock PTA, the Bannockburn PTA and the Cabin John Citizens Association.

In a presidential year, the school board elections may seem to take a back seat in publicity. Their importance, however, to every family in the community should not be underestimated. For those of us who have school aged children the effect of the school board is obvious. Those of us who have pre-school children will be feeling the effect of the school board members elected next month when our children become school aged. And those of us whose children are either non-existent or out of school, the high school taxes we all pay are reason enough to pay close attention to the school board race.

Come on Oct. 12 - hear the candidates speak, ask a question, and decide on your vote.

## FALL RECREATION PROGRAMS

The Montgomery County Dept. of Recreation will be offering after-school programs for elementary school children, beginning in October. The programs will be conducted at the Clara Barton Elementary School and are open to any child in the community.

Flag Football will be offered to boys in grades 3,4,5 and 6. This program will include the formation of teams, instruction and league play.

Soccer will be offered for girls in grades 3,4,5, and 6. Teams will be formed and following basic instruction, League play will begin.

First and second grade children can participate in Goal-Ball, a modification of the Olympic sport Team Handball. This activity provides an opportunity for the child to develop running, kicking, and throwing skills as well as learning to work with others as a team.

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Do you have a special interest you would like to share with others? The Montgomery County Recreation Department is interested in helping the citizens of Cabin John develop meaningful community recreation programs. If you and your friends have ideas for programs you would like to see started in Cabin John call Rick Robinson at 652 - 2249.

**Community Fights Back****Cabin John Maps Out Its Own Future**

Editor's note: This is the first of two articles on Cabin John, a community that has fought off land developers for a decade and has now developed its own plan for the future.

By Morris Fradin

Wooded and almost raped by land developers, dragged into one rezoning battle after another, fighting off "Special Exception" attempts by realty entrepreneurs for more than a decade, Cabin John, a scrappy little community northwest of Bethesda, has now mapped out its own future.

It is fighting back at outsiders bent on carving up the area for "progress."

**Community Plan**

Cabin John is probably the first town in the nation to study itself critically and produce a community plan for survival and improvement. The anachronistic place likes being an oasis of greenery surrounded by new suburban sprawl. It likes to be girdled by highways, but wants no concrete pavements bordering its streets, roads, and avenues. Only trees, bushes, and shrubs. It likes being

heterogeneous, with professionals residing next to blue-collar workers, old retirees next to young families, and with a large black community within a white community.

Cabin John likes the history of its settlers: immigrants from Erin's "auld sod," imported to build the C & O Canal; dig and lay the conduit for Washington's water supply (beneath MacArthur Boulevard); and construct the Union Arch across Cabin John Creek. The aqueduct-bridge-highway was for 40 years among the world's engineering marvels.

**Likes Scenery**

Cabin John likes its greenery and scenery—intact! It would like to have additional recreational areas: a play and activity center beneath a WSSC water tower, a pedestrian access to the canal, a hike-bike trail bordering most of the community, canoe and bike-renting concessions. Also a small library within a neighborhood shopping center. And a much better sewage system.

The town doesn't like the stench from the creek, the noisy clatter of lowflying helicopters (including White House choppers shuttling to and from Camp David), the deafening noise and toxic air pollution from lowflying jets thundering up from National Airport.

**Noise Pollution**

Nor does the tiny "quiet" town take kindly to noises generated by illegal minibikes, muffler-less cars, and giant trucks on its narrow, tree-line streets. It insists that Federal, State, and County agencies (All are present here!) enforce their own established guidelines and abolish the sources of air, noise, and water pollutions that threaten the health, welfare, and happiness of Cabin John.

Cabin John's community plan for its future counters the old neglects of Federal,

State, and County authorities. Aided by S. W. ("Spike") Parrish, director, Montgomery County's Office of Community Development, five planning groups of the Cabin John Park Citizens' Association were formed. They dealt with Land Use, Natural Resources (including air, noise, and water pollution), Housing, Public

Services (including education, health, recreation day care centers), Public Improvements—even a unique Cabin John Development Corporation to purchase, rehabilitate, repair, and dispose of homes within the community.

**Surveyed Community**

Other volunteers expended thousands of manhours surveying the community, tabulating its needs, gripes, strengths and weaknesses. Sixty-five persons were listed on the five committees and the corporation; countless more formed ad hoc units to phone residents, knock on doors, tramp throughout the area, informing, querying, cajoling, arguing, tabulating the resultant input.

The Village News, a monthly compendium of

news, ads, garden tips, recipes, and local history, edited by indefatigable Susan Vogt, kept the townspeople posted one every development. Thomas Rhyne Brown, a County planner was assigned last year by "Spike" Parrish to assist the community and coordinate its efforts, under the County's Capital Improvement Project 70-0116, with Federal assistance program. Tom soon endeared himself to Cabin John; he practically lived there, digging deeply into every facet of the town and "what made it tick." He traversed most of its 550 acres, inspected the exteriors of its 530 houses, and met more of their 1500 inhabitants.

The Land Use committee contracted for a 3-by 5-foot polyurethane relief model,

exhibiting the area's topographic features. Ideas were evolved for the best uses of vacant lots, public terrain, and commercially zoned properties, based on demographic surveys. Current situations were appraised by the National Resources Committee; future plans for housing

rehabilitation were evolved by the Development Corporation; Public Services dealt with its health, welfare, and services recommendations; the Public Improvements committee came forth with challenging projects; the Schools committee became a "fighter" unit under the Public Services group.

**Self-Portrait**

The "self-portrait" of Cabin John evolved; its strong and weak points became evident. Photography, graphic displays, maps, sketches, circulars, bulletins, phone calls by the thousands, printed words by the millions were produced by the 65 sparetime volunteers and the full time involvement of Tom Brown—blossoming finally into a Cabin John Community Plan. It will soon be presented to the County Executive and Council with "the expressed desire of the citizens of Cabin John to make both their village and Montgomery County a creative and rewarding place in which to live."

Reprint,  
Courtesy of

THE **Bill**

**NEEDED !!**  
**VOLUNTEERS AT THE SCHOOL**

**YOUR "PLAN BY LETTER" KIT**

Stapled onto the back of this Village News issue is the first draft of the land use proposed in the Cabin John Community Plan.

The final draft is being worked on now, and in November the entire plan will be presented at a Town Meeting. At this meeting any questions will be answered, and a consensus of town feeling about the Plan will be taken.

If there are any questions or suggestions about the Plan, please call any of the following:  
Tom Brown, Community Planner 770-5822  
Barbara Clark 229-6431  
George Deihl 229-6312  
Tevv Schlafman 229-3506

Volunteers are still needed at Clara Barton. People who do not have children in Clara Barton are welcome to take part in our various volunteer programs. Our programs cover reading, math, art, baking, Library, and class room volunteers. If you have any free time please call Mrs. Geib - 229-8095 for details.

**OLDER PEOPLE**

You're needed to volunteer for an hour or two, one or more mornings per week to help small groups of 6 to 8 year olds with reading, spelling, etc. in their classrooms. No experience necessary. Their teachers will provide instructions. For further information call Barbara at 229-8146.

Lost: Child's homemade crochet poncho in blue, green, yellow, and coral. Last seen on the Clara Barton playground. Call 229-3038

Babysitting wanted: Mrs. Patricia MacDougal, 79th Place. Mon. - Fri. job. Also, ironing taken in. Call 229-1817.

Married couple with baby would like a small house to rent in Cabin John or Brookhaven area. Good references. Please call Chris or Lillian Herz at 387-7471

For Sale: Girls Size 8 Brand New All weather tan trench coat with zip in lining. Call 229-8146.

Giveaway: Doberman Pincher, 5 years old petigreed, good with children, perfect watchdog. Call 229-7288

For Sale: Pontiac Catalina 70, 4 door sedan, excellent cond. Air Cond. Auto. trans., P. Steering & brakes, Radio & heater, new tires & snow tires. \$1995 229-1510.

For Sale: 1961 Plymouth, Guar. Md. Insp. P. Steering & P. Brakes, Air Cond \$150 Call 229-8873

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Yard Sale: Community Yard Sale at 7712 Tomlinson Ave. Save Swap and Sell on Sun. Oct 22 from 10 am to 4 pm. There will be a 75¢ fee for selling space to help offset the cost of advertising in the Post. Anyone wishing to donate salable items for the benefit of the Village News may do so, providing he PROMISES to pick the items up at the end of the day if they do not sell. Come explore the contents of your neighbor's attic, and get rid of the contents of your attic!!!

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Register to vote until Oct. 10 Mon - Fri 8:30 am to 5pm at the Election Office 690 E. Jefferson Rockville, Md. For info. about absentee voting call 424-6265. Send change of address or name, signed to Box 333, Rockville, Md.

CONTRIBUTION THANKS

Thanks go this month to the Cabin John Citizens Asso for their generous \$75 check for the Village News Fund. This is much appreciated.

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NEW NEIGHBOR

The new neighbor residing at 11 Carver Rd. is Ed Clark, a computer programmer at the US Treasury Department. He has just been commissioned by the State of Maryland as a Notary Public to serve residents of the Cabin John area.

Ed has lived in Cabin John for over two years and has four children. His daughter Marian worked in Israel this past summer and is in her sophomore year at Walt Whitman High School. His older two sons, Steven and Matthew attended Walt Whitman also and are now skilled bricklayers, while the youngest member of the Clark family is Andrew, a burgeoning fourth grader at Clara Barton Elem. School.

Please change your Cabin John Phone Directory to show Ed's new number 229-7311 as well as his new address. Thanks.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (4th and Mich. Ave NE)

Invites all faiths to a Pilgrimage to Honor the Motherhood of our Blessed Lady and the Value and Sanctity of Human Life. Sun. Oct 8 Time: 4pm --- Bus Accomodations free

Bus leaves 3pm from St. Bart's School, 6900 Blacklock Rd. Bethesda For bus reservations call: Katy Barilla 229-5227 or Mgt Lawton 229-7591.

Chief Concelebrator Cardinal Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle.

EVERARD DOLEZAL Piano & Violin Studio 7101 Persimmon Tree Rd. 229-5685 Children & Adults. All levels



Phone: 229-1361 or 229-9811 Dorothy Helen's BEAUTY SALON 7630 Tomlinson Ave. Apt. 15 Cabin John, Md. 20731 "Personal Hairdressing"

EMIL DOLEZAL for PLUMBING AND HEATING 229-5685 Repairs Remodeling Water Heaters Drain Service Registered Master Plumber

QUICK FOOD SHOP Mon. thru Sat. 6:30 am - 6 pm Groceries, Breakfast, Pastries Lunch, Meats, Carry-Out

Potomac National Bank Mon - Fri 8:30 am - 2 pm Wed and Sat 4 - 7 am 229-0100

Potomac Village Coiffeur MRS. ELIZABETH GOSSIN 10111 River Road Potomac, Maryland 20854 DISTINCTIVE HAIR STYLING FOR THE GRACIOUS LOOK



CABIN JOHN BOASTS  
NEW BOY SCOUT TROOP

by Morris Fradin and  
Ron Wilson

Twenty-year-old memories of famous Boy Scout Troop 444, with Norman L. Nelson as Scoutmaster, came to mind when new Scout Troop 1448 was organized Sept. 20, under the sponsorship of the Cabin John United Methodist Church, at 77th St and MacArthur Blvd.

Rev. Donald Fishel and Ron Wilson National Park Service Ranger, some-time ago determined that local youngsters were deprived by the lack of a Boy Scout troop in Cabin John. They "leaked" the information that boys in the 5th grade of school or 11 years old were missing a lot of fun.

In the "old days," said Lud. Catlett, visiting District Scout Executive, Dads were the prime movers of scout troops. But since Women's Lib, Catlett emphasized, Moms were "in" and very much welcome in every aspect of Boy Scout activities.

Catlett addressed the initial meeting on Sept. 15 at the church. About 20 persons, including 6 boys were present. Noted there were Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Eisenberg and their son, Mark; Dr. and Mrs. Burt Richardson and their son, Henry; Mrs. Joseph Glenn and Jimmie, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gesswein. Also Rick Robinson, County recreation representative.

Carter Rila, Unit Commissioner, spoke on the advantages of Boy Scout membership in building good citizenship. Ron Wilson outlined all the interesting events he planned for the new troop, urging the attendees to spread the good word among other youngsters in the community.

Marvin Eisenberg accepted the post of Committee Chairman; Neil Oliver signed up as institutional representative of the church; Ron Wilson as Scoutmaster; Doug Earp as Assistant Scoutmaster; Maryanne Wilson and Joe Gesswein as committee members.

On Wednesday, Sept. 20, Scoutmaster Wilson instructed the new scouts in scouting requirements, the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Outdoor Code, and Regulations. They also discussed their uniforms, tied bandages, and learned something of First Aid.

On Wednesday, Sept. 27, Ron Wilson announced that 11 boys had signed up and paid their dues: Mark Cissel, Mark Eisenberg, James Glenn, Terry Hook, Jeff Jones, Keith Mazzi, Phil Okkers, John Rabner, Henry Richardson, Philip Riddle, and Mike Schlee-ter. Cplin Turner and Billy Stevenson were among the uncommitted "observers".

Ron Wilson (229-3397) and Doug Earp are expecting more youngsters to sign up as scouts. The Troop meets each Wednesday at 7pm in the Multi-purpose Room of the Methodist Church.

Get over there, boys (and parents too!) while there's still room in Troop 1448 of the Boy Scouts.

To date, full troop activity plans are not complete, but the general goal of one outdoor activity per month, either a day hike or overnight campout, and a variety of activities at each weekly scout meeting has been set.

You can contribute to the success of this troop by volunteering your time and special skills. Your professions and hobbies make each of you uniquely qualified to help the troop. Whether you want to be a merit badge counselor, a driver on campouts, or an adult leader, and whether or not you have boys in scouting, we need you. Fill out the Boy Scout Parent Talent Survey Sheet enclosed with this issue of the Village News. When completed, give the survey to any boy registered with the troop and tell him to bring it to the next meeting, or mail it to Ron Wilson, P.O. Box 186, Cabin John. Someone will contact you to discuss scouting once we have your form. Remember, your special skills and your interests, once known to the adult leadership of the troop, will enable us to provide a variety of activities to Cabin John Scouts.

Look for "Scouting News" in future issues of the paper, where you will find notices of activities and reporting on troop events.

Ron Wilson  
229-3397 (Home)

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GIRL SCOUTS MEET

Jr. Girl Scouts will have their first meeting on October 3, 1972, from 3 pm to 5 pm.

We will meet at the Cabin John Recreation Center with leaders Mrs. Bast and Mrs. Wilson.

All girls 9 - 11 years old or in 4th - 6th grades are eligible ---- so plan to come.

We are planning an exciting year with hikes, overnights, crafts, Badge and Service Projects and local trips.

Girl Scouts meet every Tuesday from 3 to 5 at the Rec. Center. Hope to see you Tuesday!

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"Why I Love Cabin John " Department

September died gloriously in a stunning sunset--but I wouldn't have known this if a knock on my door hadn't drawn me away from the dinner table.

There was Mrs. C.R. Smith moving swiftly away from our house to join Mr. C.R., who stood, transfixed, gazing skyward and oblivious to an approaching car.

The driver carefully threaded his way around the three "nuts" in the road who watched the dying sun enshroud itself in a blanket of flaming colors.

Where else would thoughtful neighbors come knocking on the door to share a superb autumnal sunset?

--"Crabbin' John" Fradin



COMMUNITY PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

At the September Citizens Asso. meeting Gladys Richardson presented 6 reports from her Schools and Other Public Services Committee.

**HEALTH:** A random survey of residents in Cabin John showed that basic health needs are met; over 95% did not know what services are offered by Mont. County, nor had they heard others mention their experiences with county health services; finally, there was total support for a Community Health Day (medical screening without charge). Eight recommendations, including a standing health committee to carry out some of the recommendations such as Community Health Day were made.

**SCHOOL HEALTH:** Because the school nurse can give no health care, nor can she teach, two recommendations were made: the school health nurse meet with the PTA health comm., and also meet with the school health club, established along the lines of a student government.

**PYLE JUNIOR HIGH:** Because the school board set the goals and objectives of education, and because the state sets the courses of study, the school must adapt these requirements to fit the interests and abilities of its students; Pyle designs three programs within each grade, each at a different level but covering the same basic material. Placement is determined by 1) judgement of 6th grade teacher (sometimes plus parent and counselor) 2) standardized test scores, 3) achievement in elementary school. Counselor ratio to students is 1 to 415. Recommendations included a joint request by Pyle staff and committee members that parents of students meet together and with Pyle staff.

**LIBRARY:** Cabin John doesn't meet qualifications for a library; however the bookmobile comes to Cabin John once a week; there are no fees for cards, and books will be brought on request. Also, the school library is open until 4 pm to children with signed notes, usually every day except Wednesday.

**RECREATION:** Parklands are available in abundance for individual or group use. Strong support is made for Land Use Comm. recommendations. Scouts and Dept. of Rec. provide group activities for children. Recommendations: community needs to be alerted when leadership vacuums occur in scout troops. Swimming is available to Cabin John children 2 days a week at Palisades Pool, and 1 day a week at Mohican Pool.

Three other major reports, 4 year old program, elementary education, and senior high education will be completed by the Oct. Cit. Asso. meeting. If you would like to read any or all of the Education and Other Public Services reports, please call Gladys Richardson at 229-0108.

The Cabin John United Methodist Church just completed a weekend of Renewal -- a Lay Witness Mission. There were programs and activities for all age groups. The weekend was climaxed by the Sunday morning service when the Lay Witness Coordinator, Bill Michaels, from Hanover, Pennsylvania, delivered the morning message.

The next event at the Cabin John United Methodist Church will be a motion picture film, "IN A QUIET PLACE" starring David Cassidy. The film's high point of emotion is when the star and his girl friend go up into his bed room and their sexual desires are expressed. To tell you more would spoil the show. TEENS and families are encouraged to come and see this Family Films Presentation at 7:00 p.m. on October 8th at the Church.

October 14th the church will sponsor a ham and turkey dinner. All from this end of the Potomac valley are encouraged to attend and support this program. Monies from the dinner will be used for painting and maintaining church properties. The time will be from 4:00 p.m. on Saturday the 14th until about 7:00 p.m. depending on how long the delicious food lasts. Tickets are available by calling 229-8233. The adult tickets are \$2.75 and the children's tickets are \$1.25. Carry-outs are 10¢ extra.

October 15th Bishop James K. Mathews will come to dedicate the church building. Friends and neighbors are encouraged to come and join us in the joyful celebration.

Also on October 15th following the Worship Service a brief dedication service is planned on the lawn around the newly constructed bulletin board. This service will be to dedicate the bulletin board in memory of Robert Lee Kuster.

October 22, will be observed as Firemen's Sunday at the church. An opportunity for the firemen and their families to come and join us in worship, representing the Cabin John Volunteer Fire Company. Our speakers that day will be Ted and Shirley Dewolf who are students at Wesley Theological Seminary. Shirley is a native of Rodesia and Ted, her husband, spent several years there teaching.

The Rummage will be open Tuesday, October 3, and Tuesday October 10th, from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 each day. We must make room for preparation for the turkey dinner so come and get your bargains while they last. We have lots of "goodies" so don't miss this BIG sale.

The Boy Scout troupe will meet at the church on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. If your son is scout age, why not encourage him to come and join the troupe. Scouting helps build character in men and gives boys a purpose in life.

CABIN JOHN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

RUMMAGE SALE  
EVERY TUESDAY 10 am to 2 pm (day)  
6:30 pm to 9 pm  
(night)

For additional information call  
229-3149 at night or  
227-1611 at work