

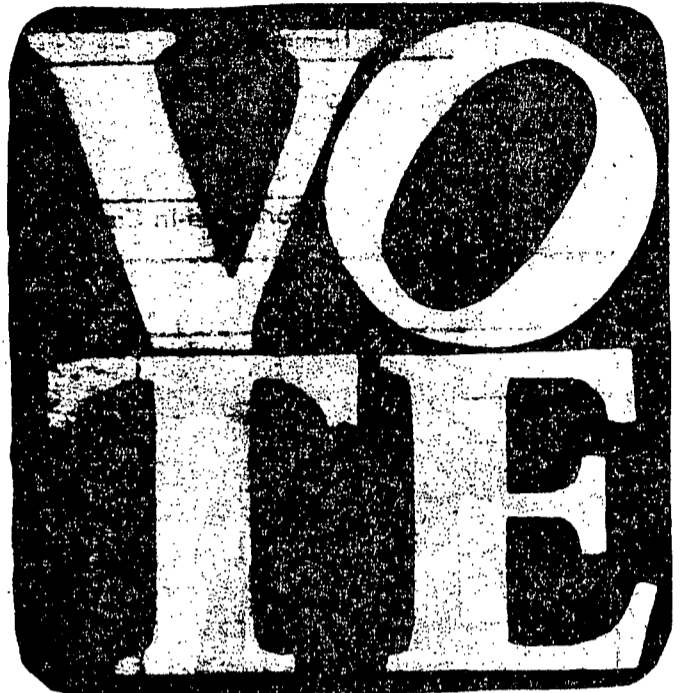
# Cabin John Village News

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## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- Nov. 3, 4, 5 St. Bartholemew's Bazaar.
- Nov. 7 Election Day - Polls open 7am - 8pm and Election Day Bake Sale Clara Barton School
- Nov. 11 Story Hour Little Falls Library 10:30 am
- Nov. 13 Women's Society Meeting Cabin John Methodist Church
- Nov. 14 Clara Barton PTA Committee Meeting 7:30 pm at the Clara Barton School  
\*Films at the Little Falls Library 8 pm
- Nov. 18 Bazaar at Westmoreland Church 10am - 4 pm
- Nov. 20 Story Hour Little Falls Library 1:30 pm
- Nov. 21 Walt Whitman PTSA meeting 8 pm
- Nov. 23 Happy Thanksgiving !!
- Nov. 24 No School



AT THE CLARA BARTON SCHOOL  
7 am to 8 pm.

MAKE YOUR VOICE COUNT WITH A VOTE

## IMMUNIZATIONS FREE

The county health department has scheduled special clinics to give any school aged child needed immunizations required under a new state law. By Jan 1, parents must provide written evidence that their children have at least begun a series of immunizations if the child is in nursery school, Kindergarten, or First Grade. As of Sept. 1 1973, all children through sixth grade will have to have this written evidence unless a physician gives a reason why not, or unless a religious belief interferes. By law, a school principal is required to keep a child out of school if the series has not been started.

The health department clinics will give out immunizations free, and the closest places to Cabin John are:

- \* 4848 Cordell Ave. Bethesda  
3pm to 6pm Thursdays through Dec. 14. For info call 654-5525.
- \* 12701 Twinbrook Parkway Rockville  
5pm to 9pm Mondays through Dec. 11. For info call 279-1627

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## NEEDED ONE VILLAGE NEWS DELIVERER

We need a deliverer for the 100 houses in the Cabin John Gardens! This will earn some lucky person \$1 every month. If you would like to sign up please call Susan Vogt at 229-6479.

## BAKE SALE SET FOR ELECTION DAY

The Clara Barton PTA, in cooperation with the Cabin John scout troop will hold a bake sale at the school from the opening of the polls to closing, or until all baked goods are sold. Anyone who wishes to support either of the groups may make a donation of baked goods or candies; you may either deliver them to the school or call Mrs. Glenn at 229-5865, to arrange for pick-up.

Doughnuts and coffee will also be sold at the school as long as they last. Plan to vote, bake, and buy on election day, November 7.

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## CABIN JOHN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ACTIVITIES

A Women's Society meeting will be held on the 13th of November. There will be a guest speaker presenting slides of countries of the United Nations. The Hymn Sing will be held on the 26th of November at 7:30 p.m.

Church services are held each Sunday morning at 11:00, and Sunday School at 9:30.

## LITTLE FALLS LIBRARY NOTES

On November 14th at 8:00, two films will be shown at the library, Television Land, and Making of a Television Show. In the children's room, two story hours are set for the month of November for children ages 4 to 6. They will be held on November 11th at 10:30 and November 20th at 1:30.

# VOTE AGAINST REFERENDUM QUESTION 18 ON NOVEMBER 7

On November 7, 1972, Maryland voters will decide whether or not they will allow public funds to be diverted to the support of denominational and private schools.

In 1971 the Maryland legislature passed a bill to provide \$12.1 million annually to non-public schools under a so-called "Nonpublic Education Scholarship Program." Over 69,000 Maryland voters immediately signed petitions to bring the matter before the state's voters in the November 7 general election.

When Maryland citizens go to the polls November 7, they should vote AGAINST Question 18 for at least the following reasons.

1. All public funds for education should go only to public schools. Diverting public funds to private and sectarian schools can only weaken and harm the public schools enrolling 88% of our children.
2. Diversion of public funds to sectarian schools violates every citizen's constitutional right to support only the religious institutions of his free choice.
3. This law's \$12.1 million nonpublic school subsidy applies only to the first year. If it is passed, strong efforts will be made to get the General Assembly to increase this amount every year.

4. Tax aid for separate, duplicative non-public schools will mean higher and higher taxes to pay for lower and lower educational efficiency.

5. This law will not help parents of non-public students, since nonpublic schools will raise tuitions to absorb the state payments.

6. Approval of this law would stir up interfaith antagonism and bitterness.

7. This bill will subsidize sectarian, racial, and other kinds of separatism and imbalance. In Maryland denominational schools, at least 95% of the students are members of the religious body sponsoring the school. Maryland nonpublic schools enroll proportionately only one fourth as many black children as the public schools and therefore contribute seriously to public school racial imbalance problems.

8. This bill violates the U.S. Constitution's provision separating church and state, as ten U.S. Supreme Court and lower federal court rulings since June 1971 have made clear.

BUT WHAT IF . . . nonpublic schools close and "dump" all their students into the public schools?

Only 12% or less of Maryland school children attend nonpublic schools. Birth rates have declined so much in recent years that our public schools can accommodate transfers from parochial schools without difficulty, as U.S. Commissioner of Education Sidney P. Marland, Jr., stated on June 15, 1972.

Here is the way Question 18 will be worded on the ballot:

"An Act to provide for a state scholarship program for children attending approved non-public schools in Maryland, and to permit shared time arrangements between public and non-public schools."

*If you care about public education, religious liberty, and economy in education, VOTE AGAINST QUESTION 18 on November 7.*

This announcement paid for by

Maryland Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty (Pearl)  
1647 East Jefferson St., # 203, Rockville, Maryland 20852  
(Authority Andrew d'Elia, Treasurer)

## POLINGER TRACT AN ISSUE IN THE GUDE VS. ANASTASI CONGRESSIONAL RACE

Roger Ohlrich, president of the Potomac Valley League, has sharply criticized the use of the controversial Polinger tract as a campaign issue in the Congressional race between Joseph Anastasi and Gilbert Gude. Anastasi has favored the proposed apartment complex and has charged that his opponent's opposition to it does not serve the needs of the elderly of the county. Gude has denied any opposition to the interests of the elderly and has cited a number of reasons why he agrees with the Potomac Valley League's position that this would be harmful to the Palisades and contrary to good planning. Ohlrich says that the issue has become a political football. He stressed the opposition of both Democratic and Republican administrations to dense development of the Potomac shoreline and cited He noted that the Planning Commission, the Corps of Engineers, and the Park Service have all opposed the apartment complex for the elderly and that the Park and Planning Commission had taken an unusually strong stand on this matter. He volunteered further League assistance in locating an alternative site within its

Dear Neighbor,

Registered voters will go to Clara Barton School on Nov. 1 to vote for the candidates of their choice. Many people - especially those who don't have children in school - may not have thought about the School Board race. We all want a responsible Board - one that will spend tax dollars wisely by keeping budgets within revenues, and one that will insure a quality education for all children. This Tuesday your vote can help create that kind of a School Board. A vote for **MARILLYN ALLEN**, **HARRIET BERNSTEIN**, and **TOM ISRAEL** will support:

- \* 1. Reading and other basic skills - reducing class size K-3, better diagnostic & remedial programs
- \* 2. Community evaluation of schools using an annual questionnaire and discussion at the local level.
- \* 3. Better personnel running the schools by working with MCEA on the selection and evaluation process.
- \* 4. Alternatives in education allowing choice between innovative and structured schools for each family.
- \* 5. Improved classroom atmosphere enforcing Board policy on reporting absences, smoking, and conduct.

All 3 candidates have years of experience. Marillyn and Tom are veterans of the School Board. Harriet was an officer in the County PTA with a special interest in reading skills.

For those of us with children in school the effect of the School Board is obvious. Those of us who have pre-school children will be using the schools before these candidates' terms have ended. And those of us whose children have grown up, or who have no children still pay high taxes for education - and ought to help determine how that money is spent.

If ALLEN, BERNSTEIN, and ISRAEL are elected, we will have helped the county educational system obtain 3 strong, knowledgeable, constructive leaders.

Join us - Vote for Marillyn, Harriet and Tom on Tuesday - and tell your neighbors to do the same.

Sincerely,

*Roz and Bob Hirsch*  
*Margie + Frank Petrosch*  
*Susan Vogt*  
*Trace and Samuel Gorbitz*  
*Diene Heflin*  
*Jan E Hutchinson*  
*Barbara Clark*  
*H. Bruce Richardson, Jr.*  
*Janet Hutchinson*  
*Shelby T. Richardson*  
*Herbert & Rena Schultken*  
*Celeste Swedenburg*  
*Liz Schiffer*  
*Barbara Gesswein*  
*Judy Toth*  
*Joanne Whitaker*  
*Estly + Ai Dell*  
*Vincent and Helen Freely*

Mavis Thadin

THE WESTMORELAND BAZAAR

The annual bazaar of the Westmoreland Congregational Church's Womens Guild will be held on Saturday, Nov 18 from 10 am to 4 pm. A cafeteria lunch will be served from 11 am to 3 pm and will feature Westmoreland's now-famous beef-vegetable soup.

Artistic hand-made dry floral arrangements will be featured as well as hand made gifts, aprons, books, live plants, stamps, baked goods, and white elephants. Everyone is welcome and free babysitting and free check room will be provided.

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SAVE A TREE WITH YOUR PHONE BOOK

Recycle your old phone books at the Little Falls Recycling Center during the first three weekends in November. There are 300,000 potential phone books to be recycled, and that saves a LOT of trees. To get to the recycling center, take MacArthur Blvd. to Goldsboro Rd, turn right on Mass. Ave, Right on Sangamore Rd. (By the Glen Echo Fire Dept.) and turn in at the Little Falls Mall parking lot.

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VOLUNTEER AT THE RECYCLING CENTER

Volunteers are needed at the Little Falls Recycling Center to sort and smash glass, load newspapers etc. If you can help, please call Laurie Morrow at 229-4076. The hours at the center are 9:30 am to 3 pm on Saturday and 12 noon to 3 pm on Sunday.

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C.J. GARDENS RECYCLES NEWSPAPERS

The Cabin John Gardens has joined with several other communities served by the private trash collector, Waste Management Systems, in recycling its newspapers. They are collected by the hauler and recycled, thereby withdrawing 252 tons of paper having a value of \$1,992 from the waste stream every year.

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SKATING ON THE CANAL

There will be skating on the canal this winter despite the damage from Hurricane Agnes, according to the National Park Service. The two sites open include Glen Echo and Carderock and will provide the residents of Cabin John ample skating opportunities this winter. See you there!

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DRIVER NEEDED FOR VOLUNTEER READING PROGRAM:  
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY MORNINGS FROM  
BETHESDA TO CLARA BARTON  
CALL MRS. GEIB 229-8095

MEETING OF ALL LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS,  
PERSONS WILLING TO VOLUNTEER OR WHO HAVE  
ALREADY VOLUNTEERED. MONDAY, NOV. 6, 1972  
at 9:00 a.m. School Library (Clara Barton)  
ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL MRS. GEIB, 229-8095.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE CREEK ??

The WSSC has begun construction of its 48 inch diameter sewer line along the Cabin John Creek. The old sewer line was hopelessly overloaded and raw sewage has been pouring into our once beautiful stream for 5 years, making the "watershed" park both dangerous and unpleasant to smell. Unfortunately, the size of the new sewer pipe has meant that many beautiful trees are being cut and the stream bed turned into an unsightly mud road 40 feet wide for the huge equipment needed to lay new pipe. A committee of concerned citizens, with much aid from county council member Neal Potter, has been trying to insure that care be taken to preserve the beauty of the creek bed, and to restore the area after construction is completed. Two hundred year oaks are impossible to replace, of course. The whole project is in many ways a tragedy of poor planning, as our county should have had a treatment plant of its own long ago. Then the Potomac River might have been saved from its present role of overflow sewer for the entire metropolitan area.

Minda Wetzel

Anyone wishing to be part of the ad hoc committee regarding the creek ecology, call Minda at 229-4618.

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PTA NEWS PTA NEWS

WALT WHITMAN PTSA

COMING ATTRACTIONS -- INFORMATION  
SMORGASBORG

The November meeting of the PTSA is exactly what many parents, teachers, and students have been asking for. For example, did you know that there is a new County policy on Student Evaluation and Reporting (formerly known as grading) !?? Do you know how it affects students at Whitman? Are you concerned about Counseling and services to students? Do you know all the student options concerning graduation, curriculum choices, and work study? These and other questions such as Innovative Programs, Health Programs, Drug Education, procedures for dealing with parent and student complaints and more will be discussed at the next PTSA meeting on Tues. Nov. 21 at 8 pm. Come and hear county authorities and other invited experts discuss these problems which concern all of us. Sub-titled "Everything You Wanted To Know About Montgomery County Schools But Were Afraid To Ask!" You won't want to miss this one!

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CLARA BARTON PTA NEWS

The open-to-everyone meeting of the Executive Committee on Nov. 14 at 7:30 pm will focus on Grading and Evaluation. The new report card will be examined, and standardized test scores will be available.



## Pipsqueak Town

# Cabin John Produces Plan To Preserve Its Image

**Editor's note:** The first part of this story described the embattled little town of Cabin John and its likes and dislikes. This second part discusses the community's self-generated plan for its future.

By Morris Fradin

Sixty-five volunteers from the Cabin John Park Citizens' Association worked endless hours last year to formulate probably the first community plan in the nation designed to rehabilitate and remold a small town according to its own image, its own likes and dislikes.

Tom R. Brown, a planner in Montgomery County's Office of Community Development, energized the five volunteer groups of Cabin John into creating "a plan of governmental participation where citizens set the goals, objectives, organization, and direction of community development within a neighborhood" struggling to improve its quality of life.

### Natural Beauty

To retain the natural beauty of its woodlands, its creeks, the canal; its "character—a unique mix of economic levels, various housing stock, and racial and cultural diversity." The citizens' report, to be published later this year, emphasizes the doctrine: In an era when too many of our local communities are attempting to homogenize their areas, Cabin John is actively attempting to maintain its diversity."

Cabin John also insists the County enforce its own officially approved Bethesda-Chevy Chase Master Plan. This land-use code recommends all vacant land in Cabin John to be utilized for single-family residential development, with the only planned commercial facilities to be located at the intersection of MacArthur Boulevard and Tomlinson Ave. R-60 zoning classification (6000 sq. ft. lots) are recommended in the Master Plan in areas south of Mac Arthur and R-90 (9000 sq. ft.) and RR (rural, residential—20,000 sq. ft.) zones north of the Boulevard.

The Cabin John plan invites the County, State, and Federal governments to "develop a clear understanding of the values, desires, and proposal for the future, which have been evolved by the citizens of Cabin John." They stress the need to maintain the harmonious balance of man living with Nature; not how the area's land, air, and waters can be exploited to serve short-sighted goals.

Thus, even its senior citizens are still fighting, altruistically, "Special Exception" efforts by a national association of senior citizens and a local builder, to erect a 430-unit "senior citizens" development on a 12-acre residential site. Reason: The wooded tract sandwiched between the George Washington Memorial Parkway and the MacArthur Boulevard has no access roads, poor public

transportation, no shopping, no public recreation or service facilities. One Cabin Johner opined that the proposed complex, were it constructed, would instead "become a compound for its aged and incapacitated residents."

Cabin John is equally against such "civilization and progress" that threatens its woodlands, transforms its serenity into chaotic noise, and has polluted its famous old creek and stream, and the nearby C & O Canal, and even the once-proud Potomac into stinking masses of life-destructive muck. Signs warn humans away, while death claims the wildlife and plantlife trapped there. Eventually, man, too, will be trapped, unless the trend is reversed.

Throughout its own recent history, Cabin John has struggled to keep itself a homeowner community; it has fought major rezoning efforts by speculators intent on creating greater population density in the area.

Apartment-office-industry-shopping complexes were long ago proposed for the "Golden Triangle" of Cabin John by outsiders. More recently, similar "get-rich-quick" realty changes have been rejected by most Cabin Johners. They want a "housing mix"—not only \$60,000 houses; they want the curvy, narrow, potholed "Main Street" (MacArthur Boulevard) maintained and

kept as-is, not straightened, strengthened, and broadened into a 4-lane, overcrowded thoroughway at a cost of \$8,000,000.00 for the entire improvement in Maryland.

Contrariwise, they do want the narrow, dangerous, rollercoasterlike Seven Locks Road improved at a cost of \$1,493,000, because in the past 20 years many serious collisions have occurred on this hazardous lane.

Curbs, pavements, and widened streets are not wanted in the town itself, for these would destroy its bucolic charm, and bring in more usurping metal monsters to scatter the street strollers and bikers and children at play.

In short, Cabin John wants to effectuate its Concept Plan, which was developed by the town's planning committees and the County's Tom Brown.

Mr. Dave Freeberg, a teacher at Clara Barton School, has requested some specific donations from the community. They are: old jewelry (even broken), rick rack, braid, ribbon, yarn, material scraps, and styrofoam of all sizes. Please leave donations in the Clara Barton school office labeled "Mr. Freeberg". Thanks

### "THE NICE PLAN COMETH"

The Cabin John Community Plan is being brought to the townspeople through various club, organization, and church meetings in Nov. and Dec. This is being done by people on the planning committees in an effort to answer as many questions as possible before the big townmeeting in Jan. If your club would like a personal preview of the Plan call Ed Winslow at 229-4654.

### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE NEWS

Dial-a-Park: 426-6975 for up-to-the-minute information about activities.

"Freddy and the Wizard" is a free play at the Rock Creek Park Nature Center which follows Freddy going back in time visiting with the early inhabitants of Rock Creek Park. Sundays at 1:00, 3:00 and 4:00.

Nov. 8. C&O Canal conservation: meet at Lock 6 to discuss canal construction, effects of flooding, and do some conservation on the spot. 2 pm. Information call 229-7838

Nov. 11 Oxon Hill Farm Festival: Watch the farm hands make apple butter, spin and dye wool, and conduct wagon rides. 10 am - 5 pm. Farm located off Indian Head Highway exit off of 495

Nov. 11 Tavern Talks: Fun ways to Spend Winter Days, making quilts, candles, rugs, doll clothes, and crewel embroidery. Ladies with "knowhow" demonstrate and answer questions. 10:30 am at Great Falls Md. in the tavern. Call 299-3613

Nov. 23 Welcome Aboard! Walk off Thanksgiving dinner aboard the Lightship Chesapeake, a floating environmental classroom which has just moved to new pier facilities off Ohio Dr. at Hains Point. This will be a special Thanksgiving Day Open House from 10 am to 4 pm. Call 42-6896.

Nov. 25 Earlybird Canal Walk: 8 to 9:30 am for nature lovers. An easy walk along the tow path to the Paw Paw Patch. Sturdy shoes and warm clothes. Assemble at Great Falls Md. tavern.

SCOUTING NEWS

The Cabin John Boy Scout Troop 1448 is off to a good start. Seventeen boys have joined the troop since its beginning in September. There is room for many more, so parents, remind your boys of scout age, eleven years or older, that we hold meetings each Wednesday evening at 7:00 in the basement of the Cabin John United Methodist Church.

Our activities to date have been successful. Meetings are fun and educational. We have emphasized First Aid since our start and to date seven scouts have earned their First Aid Skill Award. Most of the scouts have gained the right to use a hand axe, knife and saw, by earning the Totin' Chip patch. We have elected troop leaders: Phillip Riddle, senior patrol leader; Henry Richardson, Mark Cissel, and Mike Schleeter, patrol leaders, Keith Mazzi, assistant senior patrol leader, Jeff Jones, troop scribe; Tom Kennedy, troop bugler, and Mark Eisenberg, troop librarian. Still to be selected are troop quartermaster and chaplin.

Two troop activities are now set for November. On the morning of the 18th, scouts will be collecting the Good Will bags, placed in homes prior to that day. And beginning around noon on the 18th, the scouts will hike to a local camp for an over night camp out. The troop leaders conference (scout leaders only) will be meeting to plan our year-long activities on the 12th of November and again toward the end of the month to plan details for December meetings. We are now thinking about some fund-raising activities; a pancake dinner, and door-to-door sales of Christmas candy. Dates will be set soon; help your scout troop by purchasing.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gilbert wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Gaye Gilbert to Mr. Joe Eckenrode of Potomac, Md. The wedding will take place sometime in July of next year.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith Jr. recently was their daughter Rosemarie Holick and infant son, Patrick, aged 4 mos. Rosemarie lives in Lamont California.

Mrs. Dagny Newman spent ten days in Berkley, California recently visiting friends.

The Halloween party in the Cabin John Gardens was a huge success last Tues. night. Witches, ghosts, and spooky creatures abounded, and shared treats at the Community House.

Mrs. Nora Utterback, 80 years young, passed away at her house last month. Mrs. Utterback and her husband live at #16 MacKay in the Gardens and was well known to all the neighbors as a friend. She played the piano, taught Sunday School and always had a listening ear. Our sympathies go to her husband John.

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WANT ADS

Wanted: Photofinisher to work with writer. Require local, experienced. custom work. BxW, 35 mm, and 125 film contacts and enlargements. Call M. Fradin 229-

For Sale: Austin America: 1969 Auto-trans. Low mileage, Good cond. Make offer 77--2187 after 6 weekday

Firewood for Sale: Variety or Pref. Wide pick-up full \$35. Call Doug Cable 229-3830

For Sale: (2) American Flyer "Frontier" electric trains with track, etc. New, Never used. List \$35 each, sale \$27.50 each. J.F. Phillips 7702 Tomlinson Ave.

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