

# Cabin John Village News

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## MARCH CALENDAR

- 12 - Grab Bag Walk - 10 a.m.  
Great Falls, Md.
- 16 - Grab Bag Walk - 10 a.m.  
Great Falls, Md.
- 16 - Meet The Authors - 2 p.m.  
Great Falls, Md.
- 14- Semi Annual Rummage  
16 Sale, Methodist Church
- 20 - Air Force Concert Band - 8 p.m.  
Glen Echo Town Hall
- 23 - Story Hour - 10:30 a.m.  
Little Falls Library
- 24 - Friends Day - 11 a.m.  
Gibson Grove AME Zion Church
- 27 - Citizens Association - 8 p.m.  
Clara Barton School
- Weekends until 4/26 - Canoeing Show  
Great Falls, Virginia

## CITIZENS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Ed Winslow was nominated and elected second vice president and presided in the absence of Minda Wetzel at the February Meeting.

Citizens Associations letter to Palisades Pool Directors was read to the group, along with their reply. We had requested that a community swim for families be developed for week nights and also that residents be granted early membership as the pool is located in our community. The reply was that the pool was up to capacity in visitation, and that it is their policy to remain open to all regardless of location of home, but that they wish to maintain the present free swim policy for the community.

It was noted that requests for waiting list applications are not taken until April, and that in the case of seasonal vacancy of membership, persons on the waiting list may rent pool use for a summer.

Improvements to MacArthur Boulevard are under way. A suggestion to solve the problem of pedestrian traffic on Union Arch was given. That is to put a light at each end of the bridge which would regulate one way at a time traffic in one lane. The other lane could be barricaded and used only for pedestrians and hikers.

Formulation of committees and asking people to join to help implement the Plan is under way. Don't pass up the opportunity to help your community grow the right way.

Mr. Winslow reported that specifications for the silent alarm for the fire house were sent in at the end of December. Also, rules concerning response to calls have been revised downward because of the fuel shortage.

It was moved, seconded, and approved that Mrs. Wetzel or chairman of the Transportation Committee appeal to the rationing

board (energy office) Cabin John's designation as an inner city community.

An open house is being planned for April to introduce newcomers (and old-timers) to the community; emphasis: Cabin John - Past, Present & Future.

Mrs. Kellogg volunteered to keep in touch with the school board and keep the community informed concerning the closing of Clara Barton School.

Next meeting, March 27.

## OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 21

In order to refresh the interest of old timers and introduce newcomers to the community, an open house is being planned for April 21. Featured is orientation to Cabin John, our history, goals past and present, landmarks, everything you always wanted to know about Cabin John. (Don't be afraid to ask!) In preparation, block hosts and hostesses will be bringing new-families Citizens Association membership forms, directory forms, a questionnaire on the school, and invitations to the open house.

## CABIN JOHN DIRECTORY TO BE UPDATED

It is our hope to update the Cabin John Phone Directory in the near future. If your name and phone number are included in the directory now and you do not want them in the future directory, please let me know. If you would like a copy of the directory we are presently using call me - 229-3397.

If you would like a copy of the Cabin John Community Plan, call Cattie Morgan, 320-3269.

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A meeting of parents of four year olds for next fall will be called sometime in April. Continuance of the class will be determined on the results of this meeting. Check April's Village News for the place, date and time.

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Mr. C. R. Smith celebrated his 86th birthday  
on February 20. Happy Birthday!

Here are some excerpts from a letter to Environmental Protection Agency from the Canal and River Rights Council concerning an alternative to dumping advanced waste treatment water into the Potomac.

"An alternative to the 'environmental park' use of AWT water in the C&O Canal."

"The most heavily used part of the C&O Canal is the rewatered section from Seneca to Georgetown, a 22 mile stretch that had over 2,500,000 visitors in 1973 (and will have more in 1974 if the gasoline shortage continues). Since the rest of the Canal ditch is un-watered, and would need major restoration to hold water again, the lower segment is the only one that is available for canoeing and fishing. It is also an important resource for inner city children who participate in canal-based programs sponsored by the Summer-in-the-Parks program.

"The lower section also parallels the most treacherous reaches of the Potomac, where the river drops through the major falls and rapids of the 'fall-line'; and where, except for experts, boating and fishing opportunities are mostly limited to the Canal. This same vital reach of the Canal also gets very poor water.

"When we discovered that AWT water is used for swimming, boating and fishing at Indian Creek Reservoir in California, many groups that have fought for the interests of the Canal saw another chance to use AWT water for human recreation and enjoyment---buoyed by an EPA brochure about Indian Creek and the report of Mr. John Gonzales, plant engineer at South Tahoe, that discarding "this highly treated water rather than using it beneficially for mankind would be a tragic waste of effort. . . (it) should be put to valuable use either for recreation purposes or to augment underground fresh water supplies."

"If Mr. Gonzales' reasoning is solid, we wonder about the rationale of the 'environmental park'; and why State officials are eager to have such valuable water evaporated from the Pepco cooling towers? .....

"The use of AWT water in the Canal has many facets: a chance to bypass the water intakes, the chance, if technology improves, to deliver the water to the 'door' of the Little Falls pumping station; and the chance to release it to the river in increments above or below the proposed estuarial intake....

'Land treatment. Official fascination with the 'environmental park' precluded close analysis of other sites and systems, including land treatment. Land treatment deserves further study, and perhaps a test program to evaluate it in the 'field' --- another reason for going slow on the AWT plant size.

"Even a limited use of land treatment in Montgomery County would result in energy and resource conservation; and preservation of agricultural land, which is already an 'endangered' land use."

Note: If you would like to know what is happening and what is being planned for your Potomac River, join the Canal and River Rights Council and subscribe to the Valley News - both for the same \$3.00. Send your subscription to 7101 Ridgewood Ave., Chevy Chase, Md. 20015.

Note from the Department of Police, Montgomery County, Maryland

**STREET NUMBERS ARE LIFESAVERS**

Recent comments from our officers indicate they are having difficulty locating address numbers of homes and business houses when responding to requests for service from citizens. Some numbers are distorted by age, weather, or hidden by landscaping. In fact, some structures have no numbers at all!!! This problem can affect the time it takes us to reach a citizen in need of help. SECONDS ARE VITAL WHEN A SERIOUS INCIDENT HAS JUST OCCURRED.

Using the below check list, does your house, apartment complex, or business establishment meet the suggested criteria?

Are your numbers on a contrasting background?

Can your numbers be easily seen from the street?

Will the porch light illuminate the numbers at night, or are they reflectorized?

Are your numbers posted immediately overhead, or left or right of your entrance way?

If your house is a distance from the road, are your numbers posted on a fence or a column at the intersection of your entrance and the road-way?

If your dwelling or business establishment is on a corner lot, do the numbers face the street named in your official address?

The time you take in preparation today will give us those much needed seconds tomorrow. We need your help in order to better help you.

**FREE CONCERT!**

The Montgomery County Department of Recreation is sponsoring an Air Force Concert Band Concert at Glen Echo Town Hall. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend, Wednesday, March 20, 8:00 p.m.

**FRIENDS DAY**

The Gibson Grove AME Zion Church will have its annual Friends Day Sunday, March 24 at 11 a.m. All friends are welcome. Bill White, Chairman.

Over a year ago, when Montgomery County Public Schools began to think of ways to cut excess out of the budget, the closing of the county's small schools began to loom as a possibility. This affects us directly because Clara Barton is the smallest. Our last PTA meeting of the 1972-73 school year dwelt on this subject as did several gatherings during the summer.

The problem was handled by MCPS appointment of a group called the Small Schools Task Force, made up of parents, teachers and administrators from both small and large schools. Susan Vogt and Burt Richardson of Cabin John were both members. The Task Force met through spring and summer and their final report was published a couple of months ago. They came to several conclusions. Among them were 1. That it can not be proven academically that small or large schools per se are superior and 2. It is more expensive to educate on a per capita basis in a small school than in a large one.

This report was submitted to the Board of Education a few weeks ago and met with a somewhat skeptical reception. One point raised was would the saving of a comparatively small sum in the face of a very large budget be worth the disruption that could be caused to a community? The report is due to come up again next week before the BOE.

The last week of February, Montgomery County Council of PTA's passed a resolution which proposed to the BOE the formation of committees at each area level (there are 6 areas; we are Area I) and one county-wide committee to re-study this whole matter in greater depth before anything permanent is done.

March 4, Dr. Moran (Area One Assistant Superintendent) and several members of his area office came to meet with a few PTA and Citizens Association executives to discuss this matter and ascertain Cabin John's wishes. I, personally, feel that we do not know the will of the majority. I have heard feelings expressed that our children might be better off in the long run to start in a different environment and I've heard that the children might be better off forming their self-concept at home in their own community. Feelings have been expressed that, with the loss of the school, Cabin John would lose its cohesiveness, and I have also heard there is no community; that it's a myth.

For this reason, several persons will be composing in the next month a short questionnaire really trying to find out what the community wants apropos a school. If you want to help compose the questions, please call me at 229-8163.

Next month I will try to cover some aspects before the questionnaire is taken 1. If we want to save Clara Barton what we might do. 2. If Clara Barton closes what is Bannockburn--the school that would serve our students--like?

If readers of the Village News have questions or input before next month's issue they can call me at the above number or write care of Box 31. The matter was not and is not decided and there is still time for each of us to think the problem through and make our voices felt!

Diane Kellogg

## CANOEING SHOW

The Canoe Cruiser Association of Greater Washington, D.C. has put together a fine show about their sport at Great Falls Park, Virginia. Included in the show are excellent photographs of the river and past canoeing/kayaking events, slides, films (on weekends) and displays of several types of white water craft as well as related equipment and books of "how to do it" and "where to go."

A volunteer Canoe Cruiser member will be in the Park Visitor Center Saturday and Sunday to answer questions about the river, the sport, techniques, and equipment. Every weekend between now and April 26th is a wonderful opportunity for those of you who have more than just a passing interest in the river to learn what it's all about. For more information call 759-2915.

## League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, Md., Inc. Urges You to Check the Check-Off

See Line 8 - Form 1040 (1040A) of U.S. Individual Income Tax Return

Taxpayers this year have the opportunity to direct one dollar of the taxes they have already paid into a new Presidential Election Campaign Fund. Simply check line 8 on your federal tax return, and \$1.00 (or \$2.00 for a joint return) will be directed from your tax payment to a special fund. This will cost you nothing. The fund will be distributed to the candidates after the Nominating Conventions in 1976.

The Democratic and Republican candidates, if they elect to participate, will receive equal amounts, based on a formula of 15¢ per eligible voter in the U.S. They will not be allowed to accept any contributions from other sources. Minor parties will receive pro rata shares if they receive over 5% of the vote.

If enough citizens use this simple check-off, we can end the financial role of special interests and return the financing of Presidential Elections to the people!

## EVENTS OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

On March 12th at 10 a.m., and the 16th at 10 a.m., it's the Grab Bag Walk, led by Helen Johnston. The walk will take about 1½ hours, wear sturdy shoes, bring lunch and binoculars. 299-3613.

On the 16th from 2 to 4 p.m., it's a meet the Authors reception featuring Hooper Wolfe, 80 year old author of I Drove Mules on the C & O Canal. Authors present will be Tom Hahn, Robert Shosteck, Barbara Winslow, William Claque, Morris Fradin, and Jim Reber. Call 299-3613 for additional information.

March display in the exhibit room at Great Falls Tavern, Great Falls, Md., are paintings by June McAdams.

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Greetings, and welcome to Mr. Michael Ferrel, new neighbor at 7711 Tomlinson Ave. Mr. Ferrel comes to Cabin John from Buffalo, works for Radio Station WGMS.  
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RECIPE FILE

It is falsely rumored about that I am a rotten cook. I wish to submit for the Village News a special gourmet recipe for

Elephant Stew - Barbara Clark

- 1 elephant, medium sized
- 2 rabbits, small
- salt, pepper

Cut elephant into bite-sized pieces and cook on kerosene stove for 4 weeks at 465 degrees. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Will serve 3,837 people. If a larger crowd than expected shows up, add the 2 rabbits. (Do not add the rabbits unless necessary because most people do not like hare in their stew.)

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 Homemakers Club meets on the 4th Thursday of each month in the community house in Cabin John Gardens, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome  
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METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

The Semi-annual Rummage Sale of the Cabin John United Methodist Church will be held on the 14th and 15th of March from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on the 16th of March from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LITTLE FALLS LIBRARY NOTES

The movie Captains' Paradise will be shown on April 2nd. There will be a childrens Story Hour on the 23rd at 10:30 on the march wind.

In the interest of saving gasoline, I would like to find someone who passes Cordell Ave. in Bethesda on the way to work or some other necessary trip. Then he could take the paper to the printer and pick it up (a transaction which normally takes about 5 minutes once a month). Can you help? Call 229-3397.

In the interest of saving paper, I will try to fill up all the holes in the V.N. Coming next month - some camping areas close by which you may want to consider in your search for vacation places, more info on the Cabin John Open House, and a recipe for Brunswick Buffalo.

**HAULING**  
 (INCLUDES ROCKVILLE DUMP)  
 REASONABLE. ED CLARK  
 229-7311 WEEKDAYS 7-8PM  
 SATURDAYS 11AM-1PM

WANT ADS

FOR SALE: GE Electric Roaster Oven, Good Condition \$10. Call 229-1338  
 FOR SALE: Poodle Puppies, AKC, small miniature, apricot. Call 229-8862, Mrs. Vigrass.

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