

# Cabin John Village News

## May Calendar

- 7 - Kindergarten Round-up - 8:30-11 a.m.  
Clara Barton School
- 7 - "Mary of Scotland" - 7:30 p.m.  
Little Falls Library
- 8 - Meeting - School Survey - 8 p.m.  
Clara Barton School
- 11 - Meet Author Morris Fradin 1-4p.m.
- 12 - Great Falls Tavern, G.F. Maryland
- 13 - Free Rabies Shots
- 15 - See article
- 23 - Meeting of 4 year old parents - 7:30pm  
Clara Barton School
- 26 - Hymn Sing - 7:30 p.m.  
Cabin John United Methodist Church
- 29 - Cabin John Citizens Association - 8pm  
Clara Barton School

### NOTICE

There will be a community meeting on the 8th of May, at 8:00 p.m. at Clara Barton School to discuss the results of the school survey. School Superintendent Homer Elseroad and area assistant superintendent Eugene Pat Moran will be there. Also, educational and social aspects of closing Clara Barton School will be discussed. Mark this important meeting on your calendar, and plan to attend. This may be the last public meeting in Cabin John on this subject.

### CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Citizens' Association needs one or more coordinators for its Senior Citizens' committee. Anyone interested in helping should call Minda Wetzel at 229-4618 or Cappi Morgan at 320-3269. Other committees are also being formed to help with the task of running our community for the next year. Interested persons should call Minda Wetzel or the committee chairperson. The committees are:

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| Education/Recreation              | Diane Kellogg<br>229-8163  |
| Land Use/Zoning                   | Fevy Schlafman<br>229-3506 |
| Environment                       | Calvin Kytle<br>229-6609   |
| Health                            | Arlyn Jurin<br>229-8279    |
| Transportation (Roads/<br>Trails) | Cappi Morgan<br>320-3269   |
| Membership and Publicity          | Jim Plumb<br>229-0463      |

The community of Cabin John will be welcoming eight new families over the summer. They are joining our community through a federally funded program under the housing authority of Montgomery County. They have all been residents of the county but will be new to our area. We hope that they will find Cabin John a happy home.

Minda Wetzel

### CABIN JOHN FOUR YEAR OLD CLASS NOW TAKING RESERVATIONS FOR 1974-75

Residents with eligible children may reserve a place in next year's program, 1) at a meeting at Clara Barton School library on Thursday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m., or 2) by calling Betsy Haas - 229-1982 or Mary Anne Wilson - 229-3397.

The Cabin John Four Year Old Class is a 5 day per week, 2½ hours per day pre-kindergarten. All Cabin John children that will be 4 by January 1, 1975 are eligible, with a good possibility that some advanced 3 year olds can also be admitted. Classes are held in the Clara Barton School. The teacher is hired and paid by the parents, an aide and school bus service are provided by the County. Parents are asked to pay \$20 per month, but no eligible child will be turned away for inability to pay that amount.

The Cabin John Four Year Old Class has been actively supported by the community since 1964. Parents have indicated that their children have benefited in the areas of greater independence, more confidence, improved self-concept, awareness and interest in learning, and basic learning skills. The class is unique in that it functions in the public elementary school with access to the school facilities such as the library, audio-visual aids, music, gym, and playground. Also, it is open to all the children of the community, not just those with limited income, or working mothers, or to the affluent. These factors aid the children in later adjustment to school life. Most children in the four year old class are forming friendships which will continue throughout school.

Every effort will be made to see that this program continues to be the success that the community has been justly proud of in the past, if Clara Barton should close.

The meeting Thursday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the school library will be held to discuss finances, educational goals for 1974-75, selection of a teacher, formation of policy in regard to enrollment, waiting lists, late payments, parent involvement, etc.

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 The Meeting of the Cabin John Citizens for May will be held on the 29th of May. Ida Mae Garrott, a member of the County Council who is running for County Executive, will be present to speak on Montgomery County property taxes. Time is 8:00 p.m.  
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The persons who rated various aspects of the school (many did not do a complete rating) numbered as follows:

|                        | Excel. | Satisfactory | Unsatis. |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|----------|
| Administration         | 23     | 37           | 30       |
| Faculty                | 29     | 45           | 5        |
| Building               | 33     | 32           | 0        |
| Teaching Basic Skills  | 23     | 50           | 20       |
| Discipline             | 13     | 44           | 21       |
| Library                | 22     | 49           | 9        |
| Lunch Facility         | 16     | 43           | 16       |
| Phys Ed                | 25     | 47           | 4        |
| 4 Y.O. Prog.           | 27     | 38           | 5        |
| Ungraded Primary Unit  | 15     | 40           | 9        |
| Music & Art            | 12     | 31           | 11       |
| Transition to Jr. High | 12     | 27           | 24       |

NOTES FROM THE CABIN JOHN POST OFFICE

The mail carriers who serve Cabin John remind you to mark your mail box with your name and address. John Baxter who regularly serves Cabin John mail deliveries, is pretty well in the know about which box belongs to which house, and which house belongs to each family, but there are substitute deliverers who cannot be expected to know every house on every route. See that your mailboxes are in good shape, and that no one parks his car in front of your mailbox, so that you can get your mail, and get it in good shape.

The following is a rundown of mentioned uses for the building should the school close. Obviously, if it were a community or recreation center, it could serve many of the functions.

Community center - 40, Recreation center - 16, Library - 15, College Extension - 2, Boys Club - 7, Movie Theater - 1, Swimming pool - 2, Medical Services - 9, Mental Health - 1, Adult Education - 24, Senior Citizens - 2, Meeting Place - 4, MCPS Resources Center and Childrens' Museum - 1, County Government Office or other - 3, Wils West Saloon - 1, Take building down and replace with high quality housing - 1, Day Care and Pre School - 11, Research Center - 1, Hot Shop - 1, School for retarded - 1, Vocational School - 3, Office Building - 1, Not an office building - 1, Special Education - 2, Close building - 1, Park - 1, Private School - 1, Some educational purpose - 3.

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I am very sorry to report that an error on my part resulted in mail subscribers not receiving their April issues of the Cabin John Village News. If you subscribe to the Village News by mail, your subscription will be extended for an additional month to help make up for the error.

Mary Anne Wilson

RESULTS OF SURVEY

As of Noon the last day of April, I have 217 questionnaires in hand.

The breakdown for keeping open or closing is as follows:

118½ want Clara Barton to stay open.

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44 were parents or students at Clara Barton in the past.

44 have never had children attend Clara Barton.

31½ want Clara Barton to close.

14¼ of the 31½ or almost 50% now have children attending Clara Barton.

10 have had children attend Clara Barton in the past (more than 80%)

of the 31½ have had direct contact with Clara Barton now or in the past.

45 persons did not complete or did not chose to answer the open-close question.

22 were returned unmarked because no one was home.

Decision was not easy for many people. Many people told me personally that they felt this or that factor should be changed but they did not want the school to close, either. One person at least thought the questionnaire was not objective, but slanted to keeping the school open. If you did not get a chance at the questionnaire, call me, Diane Kellogg, 229-8163.

There will be a public hearing at Clara Barton on Wednesday, May 8 at 8 p.m. The meeting is open to everyone in Cabin John and probably will be the last and biggest chance to make any input on the question. Superintendent of Schools Homer Elseroad and our area Assistant Superintendent Eugene Pat Moran will be there.

METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

All members of the community are invited and welcome to join us for worship, study and fellowship. You need not be members of our congregation or of the United Methodist Church. We are located at 77th Street and MacArthur Blvd. Church School for all ages is held each Sunday at 9:30am. Worship each Sunday is at 11a.m. and a nursery is provided. The schedule for May is:

- May 5 "The High Priestly Prayer" John 17:1-26
- May 12 Mother's Day--Nena Neal, a mother will preach
- May 19 "The New Commandment" John 13:31-35; 15:12-17
- May 26 "Peace, Joy, Security" John 14:27-31 16:29-33

Excluding Mother's Day, the sermons are part of a series drawn from Jesus' Last Supper Discourse, John 13:31-17:26.

May 26 at 7:30 Hymn sing  
Each Thursday at 7:30--Choir rehearsal

Other community organizations are welcome to use our facilities. Contact the pastor, Allyn Rieke at 229-8233 for information.

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Bicyclists on the George Washington Parkway will be ticketed  
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A WINDOW ON THE OPEN HOUSE

Cabin John's open house on the 21st of April was a very special event, involving very special people. Former Cabin John Citizens Association President, Ed Winslow, provided the group with the background and history of the Community Plan. Congressman Gilbert Gude presented a scroll of signatures of appreciative Cabin Johners to Bill Green, whose efforts on behalf of the Potomac Valley League and Cabin John helped to win the victory in the Polinger case.

Mr. Green said that he is convinced that his work in the Potomac Valley League is the "right thing to do for the right kind of people." He said that he would continue in the fight for as long as necessary to preserve the family atmosphere of communities like Cabin John.

Morris Fradin provided the group with some historical information on the community, and he brought along with him some pictures of Cabin John from the past.

Everyone was given the opportunity to sign up for committee work to help implement the plan, as well as to meet their Cabin John neighbors, and munch some treats.

The kids who came got a bang (literally) from Ron Morgan who filled balloon after balloon with helium so they could decorate the building (including the ceiling and the sky). I did not hear one unhappy sound from any child for the length of the party.

I take this opportunity to thank Cappie Morgan who arranged the shindig, and all the men and women who saw that everyone got a personal invitation. From where I sat, it looked like a beautiful afternoon.

CABIN JOHN TRAILS - by Ed Clark

Recently, a hit-and-run driver was apprehended when a motorcyclist followed him and alerted the policeman. Just a short while ago, in nearby Maryland, trail riding cyclists came upon a campfire that had been "put out" by the campers, but which had thereafter resurrected itself among the dry leaves; had the cyclists not come along in that remote area a serious fire would have raged out of control. It's a fact that many young men have learned mechanics, while repairing and maintaining their motorcycles. In my personal experience with my sons I've shared with them in many meaningful aspects of motorcycling. The motorcycle population, not just of Cabin John, but of the whole area is growing rapidly and with the energy crisis, certainly the motorcycle is here to stay, along with the bicycle and the trail bike and the mini-bike. Many riders are inexperienced and need your patience and consideration until better riding trails are made available.

There are many positive aspects to motorcycling that people who aren't involved with it can hardly know. Consider that the average age of a licensed motorcyclist in D.C. is about 37 years, hardly the black leather jacket, teenage hood of the films.

I think you'll find upon closer observation that motorcyclists are a pretty safe and sane group for the most part. Since it's easier to become a statistic on two wheels than on four, the motorcyclist either learns to drive safely or is forced to give up cycling because of the costs of accident involvement.

Much truth has been written about the dangers of motorcycling; however, most motorcycle accidents do not involve another vehicle and cause minor damage to the cycle and no damage to the rider. I've been riding a motorcycle for five years and have had a good look at the situation during my 35,000 miles of cycle riding. During that time I've been "down" eight different times, but with no damage to me, no damage to anyone else and only minor damage to my cycle, which was easily repaired. Of the four children in the family, three are cycle riders and the other one, my daughter, is learning.

So next time you are driving in the same part of the world as a cyclist, give the cyclist plenty of room, plenty of courtesy and at least as much respect as you would another auto driver. That cyclist has passed a rigid driving test, is licensed, registered and insured - just as are you. He or she may, however, be less experienced on a motorcycle than you are with the handling of your car. You can help by giving them a little extra room and consideration.

Closing with a little of the other point of view let me say that if you are trail bike or mini-bike rider you can help neighborhood relations, preserve your physical well-being and save yourself or your parents from hundreds of dollars in fines by not riding on the streets. Did you know that impoundment of your cycle or mini-bike by the police will also mean no auto license for you until you become 21 years of age - fact, right from the police.

And about that overnite camper and his fire, remember to clear the ground around your fire before you build it and to make sure it's "out" before you leave your campsite. Covering it with dirt will give added insurance even though some water was used. Our Cabin John trails wouldn't be "that much" without the trees, even if lives were not lost in such a fire.

Well then, for this version of Cabin John Trails, that's it, speaking as a bicyclist we are looking forward to the resurfacing of MacArthur Blvd this year which, with its added bikeway, will make things much easier for autoist and biker alike.

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The Planning Board will be updating the Census records, probably by mail survey sometime in the near future. Your cooperation in this effort will be of great help to your county government in planning programs for you and your family.  
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## POTOMAC NATIONAL RIVER

To save the Potomac and its heritage from the worst ravages of "progress," Congressman Gilbert Gude of Maryland has introduced a bill to protect the Potomac shoreline from Cumberland, Maryland to Washington D.C., bill HR 12785, would create a "green ribbon" on each shore sufficient for a trail and fishing access, and enough to protect the natural appearance of the river.

To minimize the impact of federal land acquisition along the river, HR 12785 proposes that:

1. State and local governments have five years to use zoning and other tools to protect the Potomac shoreline. Only if these efforts fail will the Federal government acquire an interest.
2. Present home owners and vacation-home owners have lifetime tenancy.
3. Towns along the river be helped - but not required - to develop historic districts to tie into the plan. An Historic Council, composed of local historians and architects, would be available to advise on restoration projects and to help communities seek federal and private funds for them.

"The bill is not designed as a means for federal intrusion into the states, but is designed to help localities keep their options open. Without this bill, those options will be closed forever by industrial and other private development along the shoreline," Gude said.

To learn when action on the Potomac National River is needed, and to be on our mailing list, contact: Citizens for the Potomac National River, c/o Mrs. Carolyn Hoffman, Kearneysville, West Va. 25430.

## RECIPE FILE

Kefthetes (Fried Meat Balls)-Carol Snowden

- 2 lbs. chopped beef
- 1 cup chopped onions
- 2 cups moist, soft bread crumbs (6 slices)
- 2 eggs
- 3 Tbl. chopped parsley and mint leaves
- 1 Tbl. salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$  t. pepper
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup oil or butter for frying

Fry onion with 1 Tb. oil until golden brown. Remove to a bowl. Add chopped meat and all other ingredients; mix well by hand. Roll meat into balls about the size of an egg and roll lightly in flour. Fry in very hot oil until brown. Do not fry more than 10 to 12 meatballs at a time; that lowers the temperature and they will not be crisp. Serve with a salad or any boiled vegetable and french fried potatoes.

This is one of my favorite, simple Greek recipes. I noticed my mint was coming up so it seemed time.

Carol Snowden

## LITTLE FALLS LIBRARY NOTES

Penny Theatre will be presented on 4 May at 10:30 for children 4 and up. On Tuesday, May 14 at 4 the program is "Stories for an English Springtime!" The movie "Mary of Scotland" will be shown at 7:30p.m. on 7 May. The movie is for adults.

## WANT ADS

Only one person took advantage of the offer we made last month to print rental or sale property advertising ads for free, but that's okay, and the offer stands for next month's issue, the last until mid-summer.

ROOM FOR RENT or house to share.

Board arrangements can be made.

Call 229-3379 evenings.

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GAS FURNACE, 95,000 BTU, \$60. Call 229-8679

LIMESTONE BRICKS, \$.10 each, call 229-8679.

NOTARY PUBLIC- Mr. E.M. Clark, 11 Carver Rd., Cabin John Phone 229-7311 Evenings and weekends (will come to your home if you wish).

MOWING LAWNS and other yard work. We have our own equipment and would like work in the Cabin John area. Philip Riddle at 229-4583, Johnny Rabner at 229-2551 and Joey Glenn at 229-5865.

## CABIN JOHN BASEBALL GAMES

The Cabin John Fire Department has a good baseball team this year and for citizens interested in attending we will publish the schedule each month. Games are at 6:30. For last minute schedule changes or other information, call the fire house at 229-4300 (not the emergency number).

- 5-2 Hillendale I at CJ
- 5-7 CJ and Kensington at Wheaten Woods
- 5-9 Silver Spring and CJ at CJ
- 5-14 CJ and Burtensville at Burtensville
- 5-16 Local and CJ at CJ
- 5-21 Tacoma Park and CJ at Hodges Field
- 5-23 CJ and Local at Hillendale
- 5-28 CJ and BCC at the Old Draft Board
- 5-30 Hillendale II and CJ at CJ

June is Money Month

I owe deep gratitude to those hosts and hostesses who included the Village News in their information about Cabin John as they made their way to each home, issuing invitations to the Open House. A hundred dollars has been collected in this way. If you weren't home, and would like to send a dollar contribution for the Village News, it would be greatly appreciated. Make your checks payable to The Cabin John Village News, and send to:

Mary Anne Wilson  
P. O. Box 186  
Cabin John, Md. 20731

Dear Editor:

I am concerned about the way in which the Cabin John Citizens Association seems to be viewed by some residents of this community. A letter printed in the April edition of the Village News stated that the Citizens Association, made up of only "a handfull of citizens," is trying to regulate this community's growth. As a new resident of Cabin John, I was greatly impressed on my arrival in 1973 at the community-wide effort that had gone into creating the Cabin John Community Plan. I have continued to be impressed with the Association's efforts to advertize its monthly meetings, to mention in the Village News issues and suggestions which affect the entire community, and to recruit new membership and involvement in Association activities.

Every resident in this community was invited to the Association's Open House held Sunday, April 21, 1974 to inform community members about the progress of the Plan and to interest people in helping with work that remains to be done. New committees have recently been set up to encourage specific involvement in the areas of Transportation, Education/Recreation, Health, Environment, Land Use and Senior Citizens. There is also a committee on Membership and Publicity charged with publicizing issues and involving as many residents of Cabin John as possible in the Association's efforts. Membership of these committees remains open. Differing opinions and approaches are being sought.

I strongly hope that people concerned about the traffic flow over Union Arch, about the future of Clara Barton, about the County's handling of matters which affect our neighborhood, and about any and all developments in this community will join such committees and/or attend the monthly community meetings, and, in this way, help the Association fully to represent the views of those of us who live in and care about Cabin John.

Cappie Morgan

Hey-ey-ey, Lock, by Morris Fradin

Adventure on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal

Hey-ey-ey, Lock is rather like the picture on the cover - eye-catching, interesting, full of detail. The C & O Canal is viewed from the Daisy Mae, a canal boat which travels the canal at three miles per hour. That is a pace well suited to taking in all sights, sounds, and points of interest along the way.

Abigail Clark and her English cousin Michael enjoy a trip from Georgetown to Cumberland in the summer of 1908, hearing with curiosity Captain Tom Clark's interpretation of history, man-made and natural phenomena, and story telling the full length of the canal.

Hey-ey-ey, Lock is fast-moving story telling, it is fun, good natured, and almost every question that could be asked about the operation of the canal is answered by the book. No reference is made to the present, of course, so Hey-ey-ey, Lock is a spur to curiosity (some day I intent to either see or find out what happened to the castle at Berkeley Springs).

Hey-ey-ey, Lock is delightfully illustrated by Carol Stuart Watson. It is informative, it is to enjoy.

**FREE RABIES SHOTS**

Free rabies shots will be given by Montgomery County Monday, May 13 from 5:30 to 7:00 at Potomac Elementary School, 10311 River Road and Wednesday, May 15 from 5:30 to 7:00 at Walt Whitman High School, 7100 Whittier Blvd. The dog must be licensed to receive the free vaccine.

**NEWSPAPER RECYCLING**

Bring your newspaper anytime--day or night to Bannockburn Elementary School at 6520 Dalroy Lane. The paper need not be bundled, but do it if it's easier for you.

Take any other recyclable materials to the Southlawn Lane Incinerator Recycling Area, 15100 Southlawn Lane, Rockville. If you have any questions about recycling, call 424-2200.

**KINDERGARDEN ROUNDUP**

Bring your children eligible for kindergarten next year and get acquainted with Clara Barton School from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 7 May. You may pick up doctor and dentist forms at the school office or at the roundup.

Meet the author of Hey-ey-ey, Lock, Morris Fradin at the Great Falls Tavern, May 12, 1 to 4 p.m.

Last month, Bill and Marie Keefe put the paper together practically double-handed, and I thank them for getting it out on time. Also, a special thank-you to Chris Donnelly, who takes the paper to the printer.

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