

# THE VILLAGE NEWS

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## CALENDAR OF COMMUNITY EVENTS

Tuesday, October 25 8 p.m. Capt. R.W. Robertson, Commander of the Bethesda District, Montgomery County Police Department, will speak at the monthly meeting of the Cabin John Citizens Association and answer questions about police work, juvenile vandalism, etc. Everyone welcome. Clara Barton School All-purpose Room.

(Please send items for this calendar to The Village News, Box 164, Cabin John, Md. 20731)

### Cabin John Smith (1887-1977)

Seven months after his family, friends, neighbors, and antique car buffs gathered in the Cabin John Community House from faroff places to honor Charles Reginald Smith of 6512 75th Street on his 90th birthday -- our most remarkable Cabin Johner was dead on September 26.

Last February 20 was a banner day for "Cabin John Smith". Now, no-one can witness his passing without sorrow, for he WAS Cabin John in the best sense. Here he constructed his own home and lived in it for 63 years; he built several other houses in the community. Here were born his children: Charlotte, Jean, Donald, and Beebe. Here he collected old classic cars; a Franklin he restored with the aid of his son Beebe, now deceased, is still exhibited by the Smithsonian Institution.

Mr. Smith built three "Smith Special" automobiles of his own in 1914. He was also a building contractor, and maintenance head at the Sheraton Park Hotel. When he retired, he became the area's principal bicycle supplier and repairman -- as many grandfathers and their children fondly recall. When anyone in the neighborhood needed his mechanical know-how, a repair tip, or a tool or a part for a certain job -- Mr. Smith was the man to see. If you needed something he

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CABIN JOHN CLEAN-UP WEEK,  
OCTOBER 31 THROUGH  
NOVEMBER 5, 1977

Suppose every household in Cabin John called 424-2662 and asked for a free pickup of unwanted junk lying around the yard, in the garage, in the basement, in the attic, in closets? Suppose everyone made the call during the week beginning October 31?

The result: a cleaner household for you, and a cleaner Cabin John for everybody, by Saturday, November 5.

That's the idea behind Cabin John Clean-up Week being encouraged by the Cabin John Citizens Association, with Erika Rogala in charge.

424-2662 is the number of United Disposal which has a contract with the County to make these free pickups. (In fact, you can have one every three months for free.) Items to be picked up should be containerized and placed where you keep your trash cans.

There is a charge for picking up some of the really big items, as follows:

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## FROM THE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION.....

The flower gardens are under way. Plots have been plowed up all along the south strip of MacArthur from Persimmon Tree Road to the bridge, and people who agreed to care for a plot are now putting in bulbs and shrubs. If you didn't ask for a garden but would like one, please call Katy Glakas at 229-6253. I will be glad to plow a garden space for you. Let Katy know, too, if you would be willing to mow a section of grass; six people have agreed to do that, and we need a few more mowers. I expect to see a beautiful MacArthur Boulevard next spring.

The project we're now concentrating on is the updating of our telephone directory. Within the next few weeks, someone will be coming by to check out with you how you want to be listed. The directory is being put together and paid for by the Citizens Association as a gift to every person in town; there will be no charge for it. In those neighborhoods that have not yet had a chance to donate to the Village News, the people who are checking directory listings will be accepting your contribution to the paper at the same time. If by any chance you are missed in the directory canvass, please call Pat Duff, after November 1, to be included. Pat's number is 229-1261.

At our coming meeting, on October 25, we will be taking a serious look at ways to prevent juvenile crime -- especially vandalism -- in Cabin John. If you have any thoughts, feelings, suggestions or experiences in this area, please come to the meeting. A juvenile squad officer will be at the meeting, and Jay Goodrow has a plan for citizen cooperation that needs your consideration and vote.

There is a possibility that Avenel Farm on Persimmon Tree Road may be chosen by the County as the site for a solid waste disposal plant. Minda Wetzel will tell us the situation with this proposed project. And Frank Sordyl has news about a Maryland Coalition to lessen the use of National Airport.

See you Tuesday the 25th, at 8 p.m., at Clara Barton School.

Barbara Clark  
President

## COMMUNITY NEWS NOTES.....

The Cabin John Volunteer Fire Department held its annual open house this year at its Falls Road station, Potomac, on Sunday, October 16.

John P. Ikeda, 17, son of Mrs. Mildred Ikeda, 6516 77th Street, and a student at Walt Whitman High School, last month became the first person in Cabin John to become a semi-finalist in the National Meit Scholarship Program.

The John Rabner residence, 6519 75th Place, was extensively damaged in an early morning fire on October 5. The home was built many years ago by Charles R. Smith who died recently.

## CLEAN-UP WEEK (from page 1)

\$15 for each major appliance, such as refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, window airconditioners, freezers, etc.

\$10 for other fixtures such as sinks, bath tubs, metal shower stalls, toilet bowls, water heaters, etc., per item.

Some items will not be collected; they include poisons, acids, caustics, gasoline, explosives, ammunition, TV picture tubes. If you want the complete list, come to the Citizens Association meeting on October 25 where individual copies of the regulations will be available.

## NEW GIFT SHOP AIDS VISUALLY HANDICAPPED

Cabin John's newest enterprise, the "Room at the Top" Thrift and Gift Shop, located in the former Clara Barton School, is open and well stocked. Manager Sally Wheeler has extended an invitation to everyone to come up, browse, and have a cup of coffee.

Proceeds from sales go to Volunteers for the Visually Handicapped, an organization which provides services to the blind or visually impaired. It records textbooks for students and is sponsoring several college students who are totally dependent on these recordings. It provides transportation for shopping, and sponsors the White Cané Shop which sells special equipment for the blind.

The gift shop is open from 10 to 4 on Wednesdays and Fridays (a change from previously announced days). Ms. Wheeler says the shop can use the following donations: gift items, household items, books, small appliances (which work!), clean clothing in good condition, jewelry, purses, and children's clothing.

## CABIN JOHN SMITH (from page 1)

didn't at the time -- it was yours! He was also "Mr. Straight"; he stood for no shenanigans from anyone, bless him! Yet he knew how to chuckle aside human imperfections and get matters into perspective.

There were depths to this extraordinary man unknown to this reporter even after 35 years of being his neighbor. For example, I learned only recently that he sang with a barbershop quartet and was an honored member of a Masonic order.

Mr. Smith is mourned by his wife, three children, 11 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. He is also mourned by all his neighbors in Cabin John, and relatives and friends everywhere.

The family has requested that contributions in his memory be directed to the Cabin John United Methodist Church. And, doubtless, if ANY soul is capable of happily restoring those "golden chariots of the blessed hosts up yonder" -- that could only be our own Cabin John Smith.

-- Morris Fradin

**CLASSIFIED**

(Classified ads cost 50¢ per line, payable in advance. Please send to Box 164, Cabin John, Md. 20731 by the 6th of each month.)

**GUITAR LESSONS:** Children, teens, and adults, individual and group. Mrs. Judy Novick, 229-1450.

**TYPING DONE** in my home (8220 Lilly Stone Dr.) esp. manuscripts, theses. \$4 per hour. Call: 469-8642 Catherine Forman

## OF COMMUNITY CONCERN.....

The Montgomery County Commission on Aging is looking for an outreach worker to help contact elder citizens in the Cabin John area regarding various programs of benefit to them.

Applicants for the job should be at least 60 years old and have a car. The pay is \$2.90 per hour for a 20-hour week, with 12¢ per mile reimbursement for car use.

If interested, please get in touch with Mr. Price, 279-1487.

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A different outreach program, under the County's Department of Recreation, operated successfully in Cabin John during the summer. Over 50 children participated in a wide variety of activities that are not available to them without this program. Vandalism at the school playground noticeably declined.

The recreation department tried to get additional funding to carry on the program on a year-round basis, but was turned down by the County Council during the first week of October. It is hoped that it will be revived to work in cooperation with private youth service organizations in the county.

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**NEWS FROM THE COUNTY**

Jot down this number if you aren't sure where to turn for help on some problem that the county government deals with: 279-1900.

That's the Montgomery County Information and Referral Center and they will tell you how to get information or assistance on such matters as adoption, alcoholism, animal care, divorce, drug problems, minibikes, etc., etc.  
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If you are a low-income resident, you may be eligible to participate in a "weatherization program" funded by the Federal Government.

Minor home repairs, such as installing storm windows or insulating attics, are available at no cost through this program.

Call 279-1245 (the Community Action Agency) and ask for the details before winter sets in.

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**ENVIRONMENT NEWS**  
The Environment Committee of the Cabin John Citizens Association is continuing its work on the problem of noise from jet overflights. In conjunction with neighboring groups, it is working with Sen. Mathias on new Congressional legislation.

It is also working on a plan to form an organization similar to Virginians for Dulles which would promote the transfer of flights from National Airport to Baltimore-Washington (Friendship) Airport.

If you would like to work on the committee, contact chairperson Minda Wetzel, 229-4618, or Janet Dence, 229-7394. And, speaking of numbers, the committee says: "Don't forget to phone the sound complaint center at 557-2081 every time you are bothered by a jet."

**TRANSPORTATION NEWS**  
Frank McKinney has announced that the state of Seven Locks Road will be the topic of a top officer of the county Transportation Department at the November 22 Citizens Association meeting.

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