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Scholarship Funds Available

Homestudy, Inc. has \$700 in scholarship money available to a student in Cabin John. In the '60s, Homestudy was formed by a group of activists who were concerned with giving the children of Cabin John an educational headstart.

Homestudy was responsible for forming the 4-year-old school which moved to Brookmont 5 years ago where it still operates. The Homestudy members tutored older students and helped college-bound students with book money through the '60s and '70s. For many years Homestudy also kept the insurance paid for the Cabin John community swim at the Palisades Pool.

Although the Homestudy group was dissolved several years ago, \$700 in funds still remain available for any young Cabin John student who would like help in paying tuition or books for training or academic studies this coming fall. To apply please call Diane Leatherman at 229-7412.

Free Swim Begins June 23



The Palisades pool will be open to Cabin John residents for the annual free swim beginning June 23.

Free swim times will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday until September.

If you have any questions, contact Mary Potter at 365-0420.

Citizens Association Officers Elected

At the May meeting of the Cabin John Citizens Association the officers were elected for the coming year. Diane Leatherman of 78th Street is the new President. Three co-Vice Presidents are Adriana Klich, Helen Daniel and Taffy Kingscott. Cathie Nelsen will continue as Recording Secretary, and Joe Hugo will return as Treasurer.

Gardens to Investigate End to Cooperative

The Cabin John Gardens Cooperative voted June 11 to allocate \$15,000 to investigate what it would take to dissolve the cooperative and have their properties go to fee-simple. This would mean that individual homeowners, not the cooperative, would own their properties.

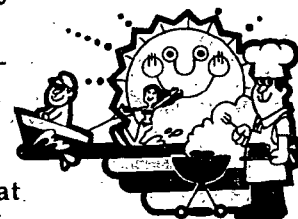
If the Cooperative can meet the requirements to go fee-simple, a ballot will be sent to each homeowner to vote to decide on the proposal. The by-laws require two-thirds of the 96 homeowners' approval.

As a cooperative, the home owners pay the homeowners association a fee each month to cover all property taxes and services (trash removal, water and sewer). However, the residents of the Gardens think that there are many benefits to owning their own land. Under current law members of coops cannot take out loans on their properties. As owners of their own properties, they would be able to obtain home equity loans or second mortgages to improve their homes. Several details must be researched, including consultation with the County, WSSC, and lenders.

The Crab Feast!

Cabin John's biggest event is approaching. The Crab Feast will be held on September 12, the Saturday following Labor Day weekend. Raffle tickets will be sold for dinner for two, donated by the popular new Blue Bayou restaurant.

Mandy Mitchell and Helen Daniel are co-chairs of the Crab Feast this year. Join them in planning the festivities at the Clara Barton Center on June 30 at 7:00 PM. Questions? Call Helen Daniel at 229-1521 or Mandy Mitchell at 229-6973 or the Leathermans at 229-7412.



Flea Market: You're Invited

The MacArthur Park Condominium Association, located on Tomlinson Avenue near MacArthur Boulevard, is planning a yard sale/flea market on Sunday, June 28 beginning at 9:00 AM. Members of the community are invited to participate for a fee of \$5 per space. For further information contact Helen Daniel at 229-1521.

People of Cabin John

AGNES SIPES

By Diane Leatherman

Agnes Sipes moved to Cabin John in 1926 when she was a young wife and mother. Her house on Sixth Street (today's 78th Street), where she, her husband John and baby Elsie lived was one of only five houses on the whole street. Those houses that were there are today numbered 6506, 6510, 6511, 6517 and 6530.

She didn't much want to move out here, "it was all woods!" But the young family wanted their own home. They had once visited friends who lived in the house they eventually bought. Shortly after they moved in, the Clara Barton School was built, in 1928; the second school built in the county. Benson's Store stood where the Alpine Veterinary Hospital is, Baker's Ice Cream Parlor was where the Captain's Market is today. There was a blacksmith's shed at the bottom of Seven Locks Road on the same side as today's Mac Arthur Square. The large and elegant Cabin John Hotel stood where the Cabin John Gardens are today.

Shortly after they moved in, and Agnes was expecting their second child, their house caught fire. The stove pipe got too hot and the roof caught fire. Agnes grabbed her baby and ran from the house, handing her child to her neighbor, Mrs. Williams. She ran down the street to Benson's Store to find her husband. Meanwhile, Mr. Williams and another neighbor went to the house next door, drew some water and climbed a ladder to the roof, and put out the fire by the time John Sipes returned home.

In 1930 John Sipes, with other neighbors, founded the Cabin John Volunteer Fire Department. Before the firehouse was built, the fire truck was parked in a private garage near where the Wild Bird Center is today. In spite of their efforts, the new fire department was not able to save the Cabin John Hotel from the fire that destroyed it in 1931.

Two of Agnes Sipes' daughters were welcomed into the world by Cabin John midwives, Aunt Emma Jones and her sister who lived on Seven Locks Road. As the children grew up, they spent their summer evenings playing on the ball field that was between the houses 6510 and 6530, on the corner. Wonder if the folks who live between 6510 and 6530 nowadays can hear the ghosts of kids hollering to catch that ball and get 'em out at first? Agnes remembers how the kids came from all over to play on that field.

I consider myself fortunate to be a friend and neighbor to Mrs. Agnes Sipes. Agnes asks that no one be offended if some of her memories are inaccurate. We would appreciate any corrections, made in the right spirit, of course.

Vacation Bible School June 22-26

6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Children age 3 through those who have completed fifth grade are invited to Cabin John United Methodist Church, MacArthur Blvd. and 77th St., for "Festival! Worship with Jesus, Worship Today." There will be crafts, music, games, and Bible stories. There is no charge, and telephone registrations will be accepted through June 19 at 229-8233.

Letters...

Dear Editor (and readers):

I want to take this opportunity through the pages of "The Village News" to express my appreciation to Taffy Kingscott for the great service she has given to the community for the past three years as President of the Citizens Association. Most of us are not aware of how much time she has devoted to promoting our well-being, since a great deal of the work is "behind the scenes," negotiating with county officials, preparing testimony for public hearings, etc. Cabin John is deeply indebted to her.

This is a good opportunity to also welcome Diane Leatherman as our new CJCA president. Diane's long residence in Cabin John and her enthusiastic participation in community affairs over the years promise great things for the year ahead.

May I also express my thanks to the wonderful group of people I have worked with for nearly ten years as editor of "The Village News." Lauren Forestell, who has taken over so well as our new editor, is fortunate to have their continued loyal involvement. I am referring particularly to Clare Amoruso, who has handled the business side of the paper (ads, subscriptions, etc.), Cherry Doyle, who has done the design and layout, and Barbara and Reed Martin who have folded, labeled and mailed the paper. Thank you all for doing a great job.

Andrew E. Rice

Attention Gardeners

Mulch recycled from garden waste collected from around the county is free for the taking at the Solid Waste Transfer Station on Rt. 355 east of Shady Grove Rd. You can help yourself to as much as you can carry between 7:30 AM and 8 PM Monday-Friday.

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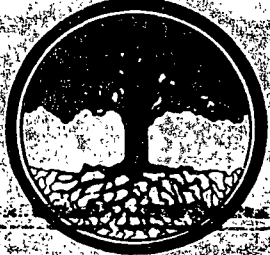
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Volunteers Needed for the Annual

Cabin John Crab Feast

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**Have some fun! Get to know your community! Help your
Citizens Association stay financially afloat!**

Questionnaire

**Detach and mail to:
Cabin John Citizens Association
P.O. Box 31
Cabin John, MD 20818**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (work) _____ (home) _____

I want to help with one or more of the following tasks to make the Annual Crab Feast a success. (Check appropriate box below)

- 1. Sell Advance tickets.
- 2. Help prepare vegetable dishes on the friday before the Crab Feast.
- 3. Help set up tables, chairs, etc., on the morning of the Crab Feast.
- 4. Barbecue chicken on the day of the Crab Feast.
- 5. Serve food on the day of the Crab Feast.
- 6. Work one of the tables for ticket sales, membership dues, raffle tickets or T-shirt sales.
- 7. Help clean up at the end of the Crab Feast.
- 8. Any other task you can think of.

3-Way Stop Signs Arrive

Good news, bad news. To the relief of many Cabin Johners the Montgomery County finally placed all-way stop signs on MacArthur Boulevard at the Clara Barton Parkway entrance. To commuters passing through our sleepy little town the stop signs are a headache. At the evening rush hour the traffic sometimes backs up onto the one-lane bridge, keeping the traffic from flowing from the opposite direction.

"They shouldn't have put the exit from the parkway through a residential community in the first place," said Cabin John resident Helen Daniel. Another resident who asked not to be identified said, "Maybe the commuters will find another route instead of cutting through Cabin John."

Residents most affected by the stop signs, those who live in the Gardens, overwhelmingly appreciate the new signs. However, one Gardens resident noted that most left turning, morning commuters don't bother to stop at the sign but roll right through it toward the parkway.

The county said it plans to keep the signs in place and to shorten the timing of the bridge's light to ease the congestion. The county also intends to put in a crosswalk on the Glen Echo side of the bridge.

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