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NEIGHBORLY NEWS May 1998

Ann Clemmitt, who will soon complete over 12 years teaching 4 and 5 year olds at Clara Barton Center for Children, is retiring. A reception in her honor will be hosted by the day care center on Thursday, June 11th between 5:30 and 7:00 PM. All former students and their families are invited to stop by the center during that time to offer Ann best wishes on her retirement. Please call the CBCC office, 301 320 4565 if you plan to attend.

Bob Norris, CAS/PhD, was appointed executive director of the Tuition Exchange, a national scholarship exchange program for higher education. He lives with his wife Lisa on 76th Place.

Have you seen the new "Produce Pinwheels" murals at the Bethesda Co-op? They were set into motion by a four year old. One day when Sam was brought to his Cardinals classroom at the Clara Barton Center for Children, his mother **Helen Atkocious** got an idea. She looked at the large, colorful class mural about spring and thought about brightening up her workplace just down the road, the Bethesda Co-op. Thirty-six little hands (and four big teacher hands) sprung into action!

A week in April was devoted to produce. We cooked and ate it (baba ganoush, cucumbers, sunflower seeds). We planted it (marigolds, spaghetti squash, sunflowers, cucumbers), played with it (veggie matching cards, a felt flower garden, garden tool memory game). Most of all, we colored it!

We hope you like the results!

Cabin John Creek Cleanup Of April 25th

The annual cleanup organized by the Citizens Association fell once again on a beautiful sunny day and prompted about 20 Cabin Johners to trek up and down the Cabin John Creek collecting refuse still remaining from the floods several winters ago. We filled about 20 trash bags and pulled out a couple of appliances and other

heavier items that we had not gotten last year. Once again, the Montgomery County Park and Planning Commission supported the effort by providing gloves and trash bags, picking up the trash, and issuing certificates of appreciation for the showing of such volunteer spirit. Many thanks to Susan Roberts, Rob Kibler, Helen Daniel, Ray & Kay Kemp, Adi Carter (Ray and Adi braved the Cabin John Parkway to retrieve their prizes), Burr Gray, Barbara Martin, Max & Jane Kepler, Elaine Gardner, Heidi & Scott Lewis, Jan Smith & Stanley Schaper (Stanley deserves special appreciation for his waist-deep-in-the-creek-at-times effort), Ruth, Nate & Cass Rabner, and Greg, Maria & Byrne (the youngest member of the effort) Whiteaker.

Palisades Pool Open to Cabin John Residents

Starting June 17th, Cabin John residents will be admitted to the Palisades Pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Children aged 7 and under must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Children aged 8-14 who will be left by themselves at the pool will be asked to satisfy the swim test - swimming one length of the pool and treading water for one minute. Please sign in at the pool - some proof of residency (such as being listed in the Cabin John Community Directory, an ID with address, or mail received at a Cabin John address) may be required for admission.

The Cabin John Free Swim was part of an agreement between the Cabin John community and the founders of the Palisades Pool to gain neighborhood approval of the zoning variance that permitted the pool to be constructed.

The Palisades Pool (229-9879) is located off Seven Locks Road between Carver Road and Cyprus Grove Lane. The Cabin John contact for the program is Mary Potter (365-0420).

Next CJCA Meeting - 7:30 p.m. May 26, 1998 at the Clara Barton Center:

Agenda: (1) election of new officers, (2) beautification of heating/cooling facility at Community Center, (3) Potomac Conservancy efforts to eliminate smell from sewer by Canal, (4) zoning variance requested for 7814 MacArthur Blvd., (5) future use of second floor of Clara Barton Community Center. This is the last official CJCA meeting until September.

Dear Editor,

Suddenly it is Spring, and with the weather warming up, more and more folks are outdoors. We at the Bethesda Co-op are as happy as everyone else with the move to the fresh air, but are worried that the last block of Seven Locks Road as it ends at MacArthur Blvd is a terrible accident waiting to happen! Drivers are going too fast on this stretch and disregard the fact that they can not see what is ahead of them until they crest the hill that slopes down to the stop sign. By the time you can see what is happening it is too late. There have been a rash of accidents on this stretch in the last few weeks, including three in one day!

The Co-op is asking your cooperation in petitioning the county (and the state, if necessary) to install a flashing caution light before that last hill. We have set up a petition table at the front of the store as you enter. Please come and add your signature. Get your friends and neighbors to do the same. If you want, send a letter expressing your concern and our community's need for this caution light. The area in question is the home to several residential driveways and the entrance/exit street to our small Center. AS the weather becomes beguiling, car traffic towards the towpath increases, and lots more people will be out running, walking the dog, biking, taking the baby in the stroller. More feet and more cars could be a terrible combination.

Just recently, one car lost control and took out the fire hydrant at roadside. We were able to replace the hydrant. No one can replace a life if that is what goes next. Please come in and sign the petition. The deadline for receiving signatures is June 14, so we can get them in by the 15th. if you want to comment on your own, in addition, send your letters to Scott Wainwright, 11th floor Executive Office, EROE, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville MD 20850.

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Dear Editor,

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Keep up the good work; we enjoy the newsletter immensely.

Very truly yours,
Howard J. Rosenberg, P.E.
Executive Vice President
GMR, Ltd.

Editors note:

Be sure to check out the exhibit on Cabin John history now installed in the Post Office lobby. Peter Vogt unearthed some great photos of the Union Arch Bridge under construction and the Cabin John Hotel in its grandest days. Even you old-timers will find some pictures you've never seen before.

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At Glen Echo Park...

Cathie Nelsen and Kathy Andrie, Resident Artists at Glen Echo Park, are once again offering Fine Art Summer Camps for children ages 6-12 years. Exciting summer camp right in your own neighborhood. Spaces are still available. You may call 301 320 6704 or 229 5282 for more information.

New work by artist Kathy Andrie will be featured in the Glen Echo Gallery June 6 - June 28, 1998. An opening reception for the artist and public will be held on Friday, June 5, 1998 from 7-9 pm in the Gallery.

Friends Down To the Marrow

In 1990, Linda Schlafman, a Sidwell Friends School fifth-grade teacher, had a blood test and entered her name in the National Bone Marrow Registry. Then she promptly forgot about it.

But last year, the National Institutes of Health asked Schlafman if she would undergo marrow harvesting surgery to help a California woman battle leukemia.

She readily agreed, and in February 1997, Los Angeles travel agent Joan Morse got Schlafman's transplant after three other donors backed out and a fourth was medically disqualified.

For more than a year, the two women exchanged letters. Last night they had an emotional meeting at the B'nai B'rith Humanitarian Award dinner honoring Arline and Alvin Atlas of Bethesda. In 1990, the couple founded Friends of Allison, a group that vainly sought matching marrow for their leukemia-stricken daughter, Allison. She died in 1993 at age 24. But her parents still work with the group, which has added 65,000 names to the national registry. "I consider myself a very lucky person to have Linda come into my life," Morse said before the dinner at the Park Hyatt Hotel downtown.

Noted Schlafman: "We will be cancer-free, please God, for a long time."

-Reprinted from *The Washington Post*

Cabin John resident, Linda lives on Carlynn Court. If you are interested in registering as a possible bone marrow donor, call 1-800-MARROW-2 for an informational pamphlet.

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The editorial staff will be on the road during the next few months, and needs some help getting the Village News out. If you can pitch in with some light editing or layout for a day in the middle of June or August, give us a call. Your neighbors will appreciate your help.

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CJCA Minutes April 28, 1998

1. Community Cleanup - a motion was passed to establish "clean-up" day in the fall when residents can get rid of some of those items that the regular trash pickup doesn't collect. John Rabner (229-0019) will coordinate this event with Montgomery County. Residents are reminded of the ongoing need/requirement to return their regular trash cans back to their house following the regular weekly trash pickup.

2. Montgomery County Beautiful Grant Program - Montgomery County is once again willing to support, in part, specific proposals by a community for beautification projects. Helen Daniel (229-1521), who has been responsible for successful efforts in this area the past, is coordinating this effort. One possible project would be to add a small tree to give shade over the outdoor benches at the Community Center and to beautify the Center's heating facility.

3. Summer Speakers - A possible summer lecture with speakers from the Montgomery Community College is being considered. A survey indicated that the most popular topics of interest were the C&O Canal and the wonders of the universe. Stay tuned for more information on a mid-summer event - "Cabin John and Beyond." Anyone interested in helping should contact Burr Gray (320-2918).

4. Slate of Officers for 98-99 - The current officers are interested in completing a second term. So the proposed slate, to be voted on at the next meeting is: Burr Gray - President, Susan Roberts - Vice President, Bruce Wilmarth - Treasurer, Gary Barnhard - Secretary. Anyone else interested in being an officer should contact Burr Gray.

5. Fox Channel 5 Visit - An edited copy is being made of the prerecorded and live segments from Fox

Channel 5's visit to Cabin John. Anyone interested in viewing the video should contact Susan Roberts (320-4451).

Call for Cabin John Historic Memorabilia

The Citizens Association is creating a permanent exhibit on Cabin John's history and is soliciting items/photographs of historic interest. Where desired, copies and reproductions of the items will be made and the originals returned to their owners. Please call Andy Rice (229-3503) if you have something of interest.

Call for Cabin John Directory Questionnaire

If you have not done so already, please return the questionnaire to help with updating the Cabin John Directory. To date, approximately one third of the forms have been returned. Send the form in even if the information in the current directory is unchanged.

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The Village News welcomes letters to the editor or to the community, but we will print only signed letters.

ALL CABIN JOHN CHILDREN are cordially invited to come to Vacation Bible School at Pilgrim Lutheran Church (on Mass. Ave, across from Little Falls Library), June 22-26, 1998, 9:30-12:15. Registration is open now. Call 301 229 2800 (church) or 301 229 7295 (Ini Beckman).



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