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The Second Annual Cabin John Great Black Walnut Hunt -

Soon the leaves start to change colors, the black walnuts and acorns will fall from the trees, and volunteers throughout the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay watershed will scurry about collecting as many seeds as they can.

On **Saturday, October 12**, the Potomac Watershed Partnership and the Potomac Conservancy will sponsor the second annual Growing Native event, a volunteer-led effort to replenish depleted reserves of native tree stock for tree planting projects throughout the region. As was the case last year, we need Cabin John residents to collect their black walnuts as Cabin John's contribution to the Growing Native effort. These black walnuts can be collected beforehand and will be picked up on Oct 12th by the Potomac Conservancy volunteers to be delivered to the state nurseries who are running short of saplings due to demand from reforestation efforts, etc.



CJCA will pay a penny/walnut so tell your kids of the deal, but make sure they are collecting black walnuts. And make sure that they keep the walnuts outside in something that will let air pass through it as the walnuts go bad quickly when they are all stacked together. Let Burr Gray (703-607-2740 (w), burr.gray@alum.dartmouth.org) know if you plan to collect black walnuts.

There are other nuts/acorns in demand besides black walnuts, including Atlantic White Cedar, Bald Cypress, Black Oak, Chestnut Oak, Chinkapin Oak, Green Ash, Hazelnut, Northern Red Oak, Overcup Oak, Paw Paw, Persimmon, Pin Oak, Sassafras, and more. If you want descriptions of those trees and nuts, go to the Growing Native website at growingnative.org. (Note that for now CJCA pays the 1 cent bounty only on the black walnuts.) If you have questions, contact: Rob Carey, Growing Native Coordinator, 703.276.2777 ext. 207 or 703.217.7003, coordinator@growingnative.org. Rob was able to get approval from the County to go onto County Parks so Friends of Cabin John Creek Watershed is considering a foray down to the Cabin John Creek on Oct 12th. However, we need someone to identify the particular trees beforehand so please let Roy Seidenstein (320-9880 (h)) know if you can perform that role.

Next CJCA Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Sep 24th, 2002 at the Clara Barton Community Center:

(1) Presentation by MNCPPC and DNR personnel (Cathy Conlon & Sabh Hakim, respectively) on rules that apply to cutting trees on private property, (2) Access and restoration of old cemetery near Gibson Grove Church, (3) vote on motion to make the Village News part of the Citizens Association, and (4) description of recently published Environmental Assessment on fixing the sewer stink by the Canal (see description below).

Cabin John Directory Update - We are interested in looking a photos of events and activities in the Cabin John community for possible inclusion into the Directory. Please let Bruce Wilmarth (229-8528) know if you have a photo that you are willing to lend for a short time.

Canal Stink Issue - Well, finally, one great day has arrived at last. While not "the" great day, the long-awaited publishing of the Environmental Assessment containing the plan to address the sewer stink down by the Canal was published in the Federal Register on 9/11/02 67 FR 57618 (9/11/02). The document can be located at the web site set up by Metcalf and Eddy (www.potomacinterceptor.com) <<http://www.potomacinterceptor.com>> , or can be read at the Little Falls Library on Mass Ave. There will be a public meeting in October to discuss the draft possible approaches to the problem.

Briefly, the Preferred Alternative (which means the approach currently favored by the National Park Service) would permanently cap most of the stinky vents, thus preventing the escape of any gases at those locations. At four specific locations, NPS proposes to install filters within small structures that would use activated carbon to suck the smelly hydrogen sulfide out of the sewer gases before venting it outside above ground. The Preferred Alternative would place one of those filters up by the Beltway.

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This approach is much preferable to one of the other alternatives discussed that would place the filter house at Lock 10.

CJCA plans to submit comments advocating the Preferred Alternative. Now is the time to let NPS know that we don't want one of the carbon filters located by Lock 10 and much prefer to see it up by the Beltway. Feel free to voice your opinion by writing to: Mr Douglas Faris, Superintendent, C&O Canal National Historical Park, 1850 Dual Highway, Suite 100, Hagerstown, MD 21740. Comments must be received by NPS by October 11, 2002.

New Hours for the Clara Barton Community Center

The operating hours of the Community Center for the fall are: Mon - Thurs from 3:00 - 9:30 p.m. The Center will also have staff present on Fri, Sat & Sun when specific scheduled rentals or classes are occurring. At other times, namely weekday mornings and early afternoons, the only groups allowed in will be those that have a user-supervised status and a regular use-time scheduled with the Community Center staff. The Cabin John Citizens Association is creating a community organization that will assist the Center with its programs, and hopes to be able to expand the hours that the Center is available to the general public. In this era of large County and the State budget deficits, patience and teamwork will be required.

*Burr Gray***CABIN JOHN 9/11 REMEMBRANCE**

The event on 9/11/02 was quite informal, but meaningful. Jim Gilchrist provided music fitting the occasion that ranged from Mozart to Willie Nelson. Following a moment of silence, Steve Cash read a note from Senator Barbara Mikulski to the Cabin John community (reprinted on page 8) and provided a flag that had been flown over the Capitol. Burr Gray provided the last reading of the evening, quoting Mayor Rudy Giuliani, "We are defined as Americans by our beliefs - not our ethnic origins, our race or our religion. Our beliefs in religious freedom, political freedom, and economic freedom - that is what makes an American."

We had an terrific response to our request for contributions of time and money to replace the flags that had

flown along MacArthur Blvd for the past year.

VFW Post 5633 has provided the flags in the past and Danny Harris and Susan Roberts have been responsible for having them flown during this past year. We ended up raising over \$1300 from the following merchants and families: Christopher's Hardware in Glen Echo donated four new flags, Firehouse Tailor, Cabin John Gardens, Eleanor Balaban, Jim & Sarah Cahill, Evan and Virginia Mader, Forrest & Lorraine Minor, Danny Harris, Ruth Rabner, Margaret Castle, Ted & Cathy Orme, Reed & Barbara Martin, Tom & Marlys Rixey, Frances Patch, Karen & Tom Manion, Sondra Baxt, Mary Smith, Juliet Rodman, Josh & Sandy Wainwright, Barbara and W.E. Briggs, Bob & Nadja Ward, Eric & Susan Hatch, Werner & Elizabeth Schumann, Linda Smith, Jim Gilchrist & Kathy Andrle, Linda Scott Lane & Cliff & Emily, Richard & Julie Smith, Lucy Coleman, Marcel & Celia Harper, Bill & Donna Roberts & Mark, Kathryn, Danny & David, Terry & Brandon Fortune, Dennis & Blakely Burke, Amir & Judy Banisar, Margaret & Marc Pearce, Thomas & Judy Lund, Neil & Sherri Stahl, Frank & Jean Casamento, Robert Witt, Mildred Ikeda, Susan & Eric Toder, Lee Dashner, Carolyn Brehm & Richard Boucher, Clare & Phil Amoruso, Adriaan & Diana-Carter, Leslie Baldwin, Kenneth Eng, Eric and Elisa Libre, Sayeed Siddique, Morris Flynn, James & HelenKay Miyazawa, John & Susan Foulds, and Daphne Clones.

The folk that participated in the replacing the holders and replacing the flags included: Duke & Charlotte Gard, Lynn Hopkins, Dan Frish & Alice Makal, Gary Barnhard, Forrest Minor, Larry Heflin, Helen Daniel, Mark Scott, Tom Rixey & Marlys, Danny Harris, Margaret Castle, Susan Roberts, Burr Gray, Scout Troop 233 - Scouts were Alex Owen, Alex Bozworth, Colman Griffin, Nike Kleiger; Scoutmasters were Jeff Bozworth, & Bob Owen

*Burr Gray***Cabin John Citizens Association Dues are Due**

Last year, one third of the Cabin John families sent in dues. We hope to continue this upward trend, although we will be quite happy to reach one third again this year. Please use the enclosed addressed envelope. This year's projects include the new community directory, the historical display for the Community Center, printing and mailing the Village News and all the great parties, outings and programs we have have each year.

LOCAL CHURCH BEGINS SERVICES IN ENGLISH

The Full Gospel Washington Church, located in Cabin John at 6523 78th St. for the past seventeen years, invites all in the community to join with us at 10:00 am Sunday mornings for our English language service.

Our church was founded in 1977 in Washington, D.C. for Korean immigrants of the greater Washington area. Since 1985 we have been here in Cabin John, but still were primarily serving the Korean community.

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- *Spanish Service 1:00 pm

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LOCAL ARTIST EXHIBIT AT YELLOW BARN

Oil paintings, watercolors and drawings by Cabin John resident Robinwyn Lewis will be on exhibit at the Yellow Barn Gallery in Glen Echo Park Oct 5th from noon to six, and on Oct 6th from noon to five. A reception that is open to the public occurs Oct 5th from three to six.

Ms Lewis is a representational painter whose work is marked by a bold and varied use of color and composition. Ms. Lewis has studied at the Studio School in Georgetown, the Maryland College of Art and Design, and the Chautauqua Institute in Chautauqua, New York.

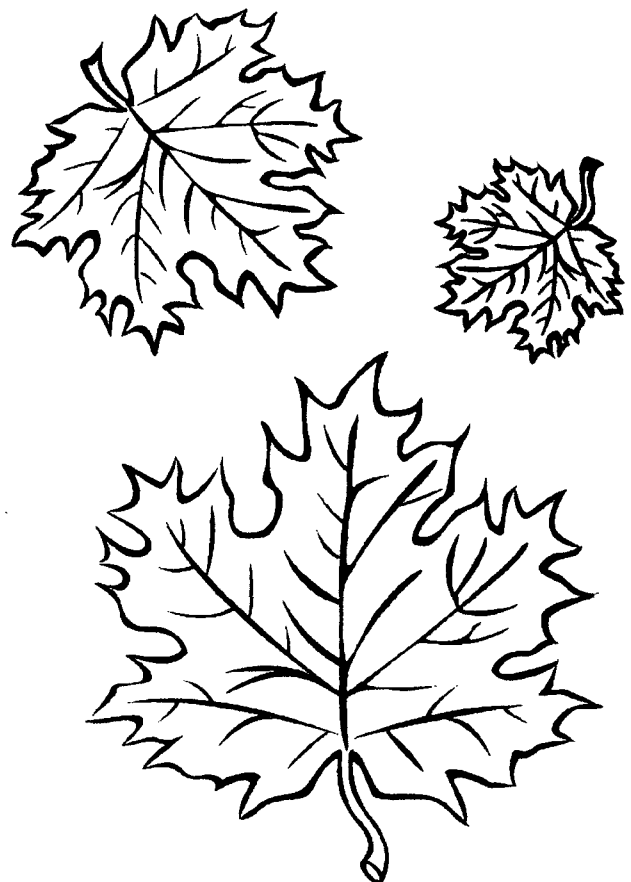
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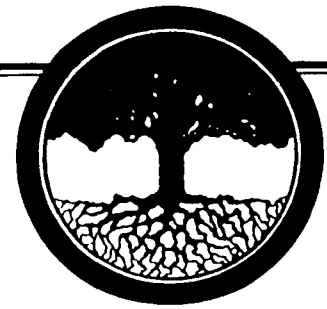
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THE HOME ADVISER

by John Rabner

Isn't it amazing how fast the seasons have rolled past this year? As you read this, we have already sent our kids back to school and the Crab Feast and bike parade is barely in our wake. And now, I hear folks talking about their unfinished (sometimes untouched) "honey do lists" at home.

I want to talk about some of the important projects and maintenance items that you will want to put at the top of the list- *before winter sets in!* These are the projects that we often put off until the last minute and even pay dearly when neglected entirely.

Gutters: Make sure they are cleaned and properly adjusted! I have seen damage in the thousands due to this simple chore being overlooked.

Caulk those joints: Open joints in your home's exterior in an invitation for infestation and rot from water/ice penetration.

Heating service: An inspection and maintenance of your heating system now means you are ready when those cold days are upon us. And doing this now means not paying a premium often charged during the winter.

Winterize: There are many products available for sealing windows and doors. Driveways should be sealed to prevent erosion and "potholes".

Emergency preparedness: Gather the items that you would need in the event of a power outage, loss of heat, or loss of mobility due to snow. A little planning now could really pay off when you least expect it.

Toss it: This Fall CJ will have its third annual "junk purge" day to rid those nasty paint cans and other useless items clogging up your garages and basements. Stay tuned for an announcement of this event!

Well. That's all we have room for here this month. You get the picture though, right? Don't put off until the last minute these necessary chores and your home will love you and keep you warm all winter long!

Contributed by local resident John Rabner, owner of 1st Choice Painting and Home Improvements. To ask questions and/or make contributions to this column, call 301-229-9100 or e-mail jrabner@erols.com. For a complete copy of the Home Advisor, go to www.go1stchoice.com

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Neighborhood Services	478.75
Donations	5.00
Cabin John Citizens Association	1,500.00
Subscriptions	120.00
Total	\$7,339.00

EXPENSES

Printing Expense	\$5,965.05
Mailing Expenses:	
Monthly Mailing	1,039.76
Bulkrate Fee	125.00
Labels	318.94
PO Box Rental	55.00
Total	\$7,503.75

TOTAL OF INCOME MINUS EXPENSES \$ -164.75

ENDING CHECKBOOK BALANCE (8/31/02) \$ 498.33

Submitted by:
Lorraine Minor
Business Manager, CJVN
12 September 2002

LOOKING BACKWARD IN CABIN JOHN

Good Neighbors: Cabin John and Glen Echo

By Andrew E. Rice

People outside our immediate area often refer to Glen Echo and Cabin John in one breath, almost as a single geographical entity. And it is certainly true that, surrounded as both communities are by the amorphous mass of Bethesda, they share a common identity.

Until 1961, they shared the famous No. 20 streetcar line that ran all the way from Union Station in Washington, up Pennsylvania Avenue, through Georgetown and then along the riverbank to Glen Echo and beyond until it stopped at the high bank on the east side of Cabin John Creek. In early days (late 1800's and early 1900's), the cars carried passengers bound for the Cabin John Hotel. A bridge, for pedestrians only, crossed the creek from the streetcar terminal to the hotel grounds. In later years the No. 20 was for many the preferred means of getting to Glen Echo Amusement Park -- and with open air cars swinging and swaying along the tracks, the fun began even before reaching the park.

And both communities shared the busy life of C & O Canal in its heyday in the 19th century. The Canal could be fascinating, but it could also be annoying when canal boats pushed through the night and awakened sleepers in both Glen Echo and Cabin John with their horns and yells as they alerted the lock keepers that they were approaching a lock.

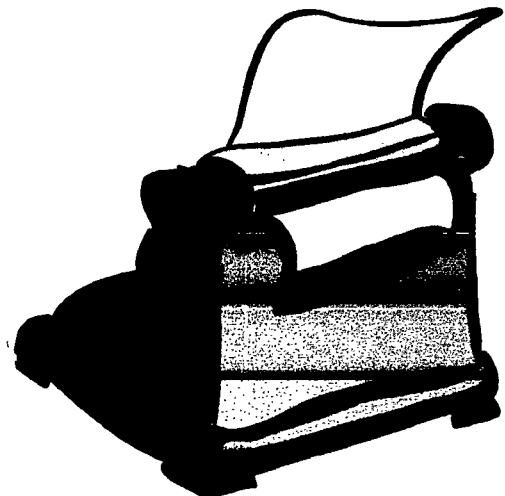
But, as everyone knows there are some major differences between the two towns. Cabin John is much the larger, but Glen Echo has the distinction of being an incorporated political unit, with its own elected mayor and town council, one of the very few such incorporated towns in Montgomery County. (The towns that are incorporated required authorization from the state legislature in Annapolis and it has been many years since any community has successfully passed this hurdle.)

Over the years there have been many instances of cooperation between the two neighbors -- such as in 1975-76 when both communities worked together in the long battle to bring about the reopening of the Union Arch bridge (which had been closed in January 1975

when a piece of it fell on the parkway below). But there was a least one time -- 75 years ago -- when the two towns were very much at odds with each other.

That was when it was decided to close the overcrowded primary school on Wilson Lane attended by children from both Cabin John and Glen Echo. The question was: where should the new school be located? In those days the state legislature had the final say in such matters, so both communities lobbied in Annapolis. Eventually Cabin John won out by demonstrating that it had the bulk of the prospective school population, and the new school was built in 1927-28 where it still stands today (as the Cabin John Community Center, the school having been closed in 1974).

As a gesture of goodwill towards Glen Echo, however, the school was named the Glen Echo-Cabin John Elementary School (in 1944 the name was changed to the Clara Barton School), and a spirit of harmony appeared to prevail when it was finished in June 1928. There was a joint meeting of the citizens of the two towns (a feature of which, according to a newspaper story, was "a beauty contest in which men dressed in female attire") and community leaders, as well as state and national luminaries, made speeches at the dedication ceremonies. (In fact there were 15 speakers listed on the program, but by good fortune two didn't show up, one maintaining that he had gotten lost driving from Annapolis and the other (a Congressman) claiming that he was tied up in a committee meeting (although the rumor was that in fact he couldn't tear himself away from a Capitol Hill poker game.)



Note from Senator Barbara Mikulski -

United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Barbara A. Mikulski
Maryland

September 5,

2002

Dear Friends,

I send you my best wishes as Cabin John pays tribute to the victims of the September 11th terrorist attack.

What happened a year ago was not simply an attack against America. It was a crime against democracy and decency. The terrorists thought they could cripple us - yet we have only become stronger. We see that strength in Cabin John - a community that has come together to honor those who died on September - and honor the values that we all hold dear.

I'm so please to give you a flag from the United States Capitol for your commemoration. I know your efforts will help everyone in your community to remember and reflect on the events of September 11th.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Mikulski
United States Senator

CONFESSIONS OF A KNUCKLEBALLER

by Mark Berman

I pitched baseball on the Eclipse;
Scrubbed decks on merchant ships;
Played ball at Ebbets Field.

Been different things to different people.
Sometimes I confuse myself.

I read MARTIN EDEN as a kid, then learned to swim.
Saw movies on Main Street in Flushing.
Fell in love with Paulette Goddard and Dottie Johnson.
Dottie was a grade ahead of me. Grade A.

Saw my mother run up to Gary Cooper at Idlewild.
She got there before the others, but turned away.
They changed its name to J.F.K. Gary Cooper passed away.
My mother died after that.

I went out to sea on the ship Grand Island,
From Buffalo to Duluth. Slept at the Square Deal Hotel
For four bits a night; twelve cents for breakfast.
The bedsprings scratched my butt, but the oatmeal was hot.

Saw a skinny stevedore dance with a chair,
Across the barroom, never touching the floor
With his feet. It happened. I was there.
Sandusky, Ohio. Or was it Ashtabula..?

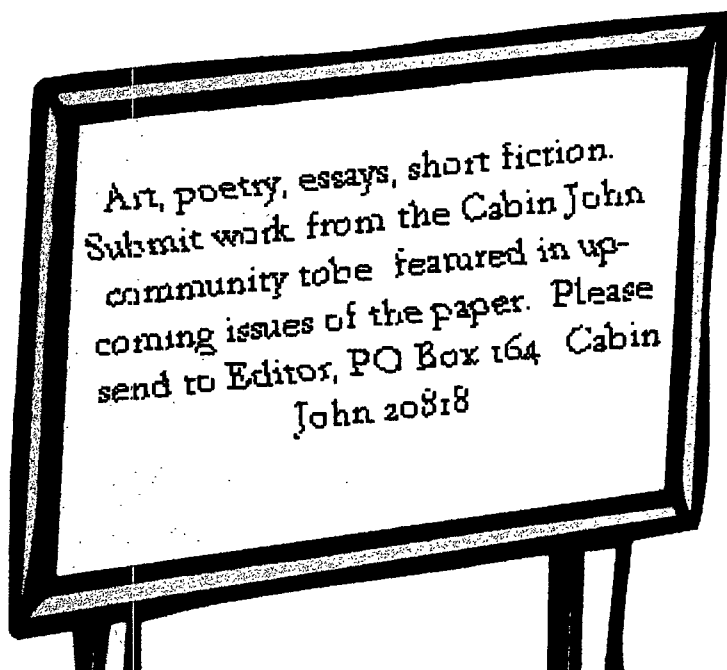
I welded and worked the punch presses at A.M.C.,
Making car bodies on the Northside of Milwaukee.
And I once pissed next to Joe McCarthy
At Billy Mitchell Airport.

"Are-you-now-or-have-you-ever-been....?"
..A pitcher and magician; a tile setter and farmhand.
A Union Head Steward, U.A.W.-C.I.o. Did construction,
Was a waiter, washed dishes; played late night blues on WMFM.

I lost my smoke when I turned forty-ish.
But my knuckler is still pretty nervous.
If it could speak, it would talk-in-tongues.
Try hitting it sometime.

I admire Williams, Miller, Sam Shepard, Megan Terry,
Baraka, Ionesco, Sonia Sanchez, Shakespeare, all.
But none of them could match my knuckleball,
After the smoke cleared.

Mark Berman lives on Froude Circle. This poem was read on WPFW during National Poetry Month and is the basis for his new play, "Altoona," which was chosen for a reading at the Edward Albee Last Frontier New Play Theatre Conference in Alaska in June.



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