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## The next meeting of the CJCA will be September 23rd, 7:30pm at the Clara Barton Center.

Agenda - (1) Village News funding for 03-04, (2) Presentation by Potomac Conservancy on creation and use of "rain gardens" at individual homes and paved areas to capture stormwater runoff, (3) status of Captain's Market expansion, (4) Financial summary of Crab Feast.

## CJCA News

1. Here's a short write-up of Cabin John that appeared in the August edition of the Washingtonian under the category of Cool Places to live.

### *Cabin John - Potomac's Bohemian Sister*

*Known for its eccentric mix of architecture and residents, Montgomery County's Cabin John, just west of Glen Echo, is like Potomac's bohemian sister. Residents are as likely to meet for meditation as for a barbeque. Homes range from World War II-era government housing to assertive split-levels built into the shelves of land leading down to the Potomac River. A Pizza Hut and the Bethesda Co-op organic-food store are equally popular.*

*The town's environmentalists support bike paths and creek clean-ups and complain about infill development, yet innovative architects find clients willing to build there. Residents' almost-spiritual relationship with the river is symbolized by the fire department's heroic rescues on the Potomac.*

2. "Growing Native" Event - The Third Annual Collection of Needed Nuts/Acorns in Cabin John - 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 18, the Potomac Watershed Partnership and the Potomac Conservancy will sponsor the third 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 the needed acorns, seeds, and black walnuts either beforehand or on the morning of the 18th. These nuts can be dropped off at the collection point - parking lot next to the one-lane bridge tennis courts - on Oct 18 between 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. All

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**Neighborly News****October 2003**by **Barbara Martin**

**Diane Leatherman** sends the following note. "My family and I again feel a warmth in our hearts for all of the support and love given us by our Cabin John friends and neighbors through our most recent crisis. My brain tumor was successfully removed on September 5. I will be undergoing radiation of the brain for the next few weeks, so please understand any goofy behavior on my part. Very sincerely, Diane"

**Matthew Orin Samit**, born in July, is the newest member of the Samit family of 75th Place. His parents are **Jennifer and Richard Samit**, his proud siblings are **Claudia**, 2, and **Joshua**, 6 months. The Samits have been Cabin John residents for 3 years.

**Maureen Willoughby** and **David Murphy** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in August. Maureen and David live on Woodrow Place, and are the parents of **Jeremiah**, 17; **Mariah**, 14, and **Olivia**, 10. Maureen is a lawyer for the Department of Labor; David works for the National Park Service.

New neighbors on 81st Street are **Mark and Miriam Hetfield**, and their children **Moses**, 7, and **Jonina**, 4. Miriam is a policy analyst for the Department of Homeland Security; Mark serves as an immigration counsel to the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom. The Hetfields moved here from New Jersey.

Earlier this summer, **Kathryn Roberts** of 79th Place and **Jessy Scott** of Tomlinson Court organized a bikepath cleanup, as their final project to earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, similar to the Boy Scouts Eagle Scout rating. The cleanup covered the bikepath area from Brookmont to the Model Basin.

Thanks to **Michaela Palumbo** and the CJ Gardens council for opening the Gardens Community House for a concert of blues guitar by **Scott Ainsley**, a well-known musician and friend of **Reed Martin's**. The evening event was well attended and enjoyed by all, including many Gardens residents.

Congratulations to our "sister" newsletter, *The Echo*, edited and published by **Carlotta Anderson**. The Glen Echo newsletter celebrates 30 years of continuous publication with the same editor. The first 8-page issue was mimeographed at the community's town hall.

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Please pass on items about present or past CJ residents to me at 301-229-3482 or e-mail me at [barbmartin@comcast.net](mailto:barbmartin@comcast.net). If you e-mail, please leave your telephone number. News about births, deaths, weddings, awards, new neighbors—that's what makes this column. Consider yourself a reporter. I can't put items in the Neighborly News column unless I know about them.

**FALL BLOOD DRIVE SET FOR OCTOBER 5TH****Volunteer Coordinator shares how blood donation helped her family**

Like many people, I had fallen out of the habit of giving blood, and had the vague thought that I would give blood again if anyone in my family ever needed a blood transfusion. I have since learned that the need for blood is often immediate and unexpected, and emergency situations rarely allow the time required for donating and processing blood.

This is what happened to my family almost two years ago when our three year old daughter Clare was diagnosed with leukemia. We had no warning that her fatigue and paleness was anything more than another minor virus sweeping the nursery school. When a routine pinprick blood test at the pediatrician's office showed that Clare's blood was seriously depleted of red blood cells, we were sent immediately to Children's Hospital where she was diagnosed with leukemia. Within hours, she was given a whole blood transfusion and then a platelets transfusion. These blood products were available instantly, thanks to the local blood bank.

There was no time for family or friends to donate blood for Clare. We were lucky that a supply of blood was readily available at the time we needed it, and it was entirely due to the Red Cross and strangers who spent one hour giving blood at some community blood drive like the one sponsored in our neighborhood by the Cabin John Citizen's Association.

My daughter is nearing the end of her treatment, and we are so thankful that she has remained in remission, and is a happy and thriving five year old attending kindergarten. We are fortunate that her treatment has been so successful in fighting the leukemia, and that she can expect a long and healthy life despite her illness.

Giving blood makes a difference. If you are eligible to give blood, please call me at 229-9049 or email me at [ardenroad@mac.com](mailto:ardenroad@mac.com) to schedule a time slot for the October 5 blood drive.

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## LOOKING BACKWARD IN CABIN JOHN

Lively Times in Cabin John a Generation Ago

By Andrew E. Rice

What was it like to live in Cabin John thirty years ago?

It was a smaller community, still somewhat below the radar among Washington suburbs. It had a lingering reputation in some circles as a "tough" town (and the noisy, unruly crowd of teenagers that hung out after hours around the Quick Food Shop — now the Captain's Market — gave some credence to this view).

The Clara Barton Parkway (then confusingly named the George Washington Parkway like its counterpart across the river) had only recently been completed. MacArthur Plaza shopping center didn't exist; Tuohey's tavern (called Valley Inn) occupied some of the land where the stores now stand.

The post office was in a small annex to a residence (where the postmistress lived) on 78th Street, and one mail carrier delivered the mail to the whole town.

Cabin John's children still went to school at the Clara Barton Elementary School (which today is our community center). And there was still a lot of open space (particularly south of MacArthur Boulevard, where MacArthur Park was later constructed); when I first moved here in 1972 there were horses grazing in the wide field across from my house.

But 1973 was a lively year in our community's history. In the preceding year the Cabin John Citizens Association had done a remarkable job of creating a community plan for the future development of our town. The plan was based on an actual survey of what the people of Cabin John wanted in their community.

During 1973, the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission began work on the legal actions (largely zoning) necessary to put the plan into effect. And on September 13, 1973 a public hearing was held at the school to get input on many of the proposals. (In due course most of them were incorporated in the Bethesda Master Plan, the basic land use document for our area.)

I came across some comments about the community plan by the then County Executive, James P. Gleason. Asked whether he really thought that citizens wanted to "get involved in the day-to-day affairs of their government," he replied:

"There are hundreds just waiting for a chance to become involved.... We just had a tremendous effort produced by the Cabin John citizens and, boy, I'm telling you it just makes you stand there and marvel at the capabilities of people when they put their minds to it. They've come out, they've surveyed, you know there are 1500 people there, middle to low income.... The

government helped them but didn't dictate what the decision should be. They surveyed every vacant area...and they've come up with recommendations, not only on that, but on recreation, on schools, on bicycle paths.... They had a health day out there and the community all came out.... That is the kind of community we ought to encourage."

The health day to which Gleason referred was a Community Health Day, sponsored by the Citizens Association and the Montgomery County Health Department with cooperation from almost all the organized groups in Cabin John (the Cabin John Gardens Association, the Clara Barton PTA, the VFW Memorial Post #5633, all three churches, the Homemakers Club, the Girl Scouts, and the Boy Scouts), held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 7, at the school. The event provided free immunizations for children and screening tests for several diseases, plus exhibits by volunteer agencies dealing with arthritis, hearing, mental health, drug abuse, alcoholism, and many others. More than 250 people showed up.

Was there more community spirit back then than there is today? That's a hard question to answer because, as the recent Crab Feast — and other events — have demonstrated, there's plenty of spirit today. But clearly today's activities had their roots in the lively community of Cabin John a generation ago.



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**CJCA NEWS**

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nuts/acorns should be divided according to species into separate labeled bags, and a leaf from the tree should be placed in the bag to help confirm the species.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the following tasks: (1) providing and driving a pickup truck on the 18th (around 11:30 a.m.) to take the nuts/acorns from Cabin John to a drop-off site in VA by Chain Bridge (Potomac Overlook Park), and (2) making house calls to help folk with the nut collection on their yards or to simply pick up what has already been collected. Potomac Conservancy volunteers will deliver the nuts to the state nurseries.

CJCA will pay a penny for each black walnut so tell your kids of the deal, but the deal only applies to 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](mailto:burr.gray@alum.dartmouth.org)) know if you plan to participate.


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, Southern Red Oak, Swamp Chestnut Oak, Swamp White Oak, Water Oak, White Ash, White Oak, and Willow Oak. If you want descriptions of those trees and nuts, go to the Growing Native website at [www.growingnative.org](http://www.growingnative.org). If you need help with tree identification, please contact Cabin John resident John Gelb (229-5851 (h)).

3. Cabin John Creek Water Monitoring Workshop - October 5, 2003 from 1 - 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of Cabin John Creek Watershed. First hour will be classroom training in Community Center room next to kitchen; remaining time will be spent down at Cabin John Creek next to one-lane bridge identifying macro-invertebrates. Please contact Cabin John resident Roy Seidenstein ([focjcw@earthlink.net](mailto:focjcw@earthlink.net), 320-9880 (h)) if you plan to come or if you have any questions.

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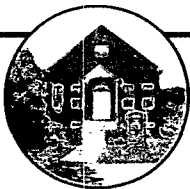
Oct 5, 2003 Blood Drive at the Clara Barton Community Center (from 10:00 - 4:00 p.m.)

The need for blood continues to be urgent. This is the third and last blood drive sponsored by the Cabin John Citizens Association this year. We hope that all adjacent communities will take advantage of this opportunity as well. If you are eligible and interested in donating blood, please get a time slot from Karen Melchar (301-229-9049 (h), ardenroad@mac.com).

The entire donation process (from check-in to donation to eating refreshments) takes about 1 hr. We also need 5 or 6 volunteers to man the sign-in desk for a one-hour period each. Even if you can't donate blood, please let Karen know if you can help with the front desk.

Eligibility - People who can donate are, in general: people in good health, 17 years or older, and weighing at least 110 lbs. People who can't donate are: (1) people who received a tattoo one year prior to the date of donation, (2) most people taking antibiotics, (3) most people taking blood thinners, (4) most people who are not feeling well, have a cold, or sore throat, (5) people who have a temperature at the time of donation, (6) people who have been in England for a total combined period of 3 months from Jan. 1, 1980 to the present, and (7) people who have been in Eastern or Western Europe for a total combined time of 6 months or more since Jan 1, 1980, (8) people who have had cancer, (9) people who have traveled recently to certain South American countries where malaria exists. Call 1-800-448-5433 if you have any questions regarding eligibility. Please read carefully the above restrictions affecting those people who have spent a fair amount of time in Europe. Better to find out ahead of time if you are eligible to give than to get to the event and be disqualified.

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## KATE GRINBERG: NATURE LOVER IN HIKING BOOTS -

by Barbara Martin

When she was 10, Kate Grinberg's family moved from White Plains, NY, where she was born, coming to this area when her father became part of the team that planned the community of Reston, Virginia. "Sometimes my dad took me along with him to the Reston job site. I remember Tysons Corner as a country town with one intersection. There was a stable nearby and I spent many hours on horseback while my dad was working. We also enjoyed sailing on the Chesapeake Bay, where we raced in the local Lightning fleet."

Even at 10, Kate was in love with the outdoors, riding her bike, skiing, hiking with her family. "I have two older brothers, and I lived my childhood as a real tomboy, trying to do everything they did. I looked forward to summers; for many years—from age 9—I went to an outdoor camp in the Adirondacks for several weeks, climbing, canoeing, and backpacking. Every summer our family spent time on Cape Cod in an 1800's saltbox house that has been in the family for six generations." Her family still has ties to Yarmouth, a town long famous for its historical salt works and Quaker heritage.

"I've always been interested in history, especially my family's history. The cultural patterns in geography are fascinating to me. I appreciate the Quaker emphasis on simplicity and compassion—something that has all but disappeared in America. When my brothers and I are together, we speak in the 'plain talk' using thee and thy." Kate has maintained connections with her Quaker roots and is the self-designated historian of the family, keeper of the archives of six generations.

At Whitman, she played violin in the school orchestra, joined the photography club, edited the School Life section of the yearbook, and was co-leader of the ski club. "For my college, I chose the University of Colorado because I wanted to be near high mountains." She majored in biopsychology, and music. "I started to work during my undergraduate years because I had a strong need to be independent. I discovered that I could learn more about life by combining work with school." She developed a love of independent film and worked as editor of the newsletter for the Rocky Mountain Film Center. After graduating, she continued her life in Boulder as assistant manager for the Boulder Philharmonic Orchestra, while also playing in the orchestra.

With a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Kate organized a film series of independent film productions, which traveled to rural areas in the state.

She lived in a house which was a converted beer brewery. Attached to the house was a space once used as a warehouse—an area Kate renovated to become her own living quarters. "I de-

signed the whole interior. I like working with space; I'm sensitive to my living environment and want as much contact with the outdoors as possible."

Kate met her husband, Tim Kallman, on a Colorado River kayaking trip; like Kate, Tim is an avid kayaker. He was finishing his PhD in astrophysics. Together, Kate and Tim built two fiberglass kayaks in her living room. "That was our courtship. We learned about each other while working with coats of fiberglass and smelling fumes of polyurethane resin. Later we organized and ran river trips on many whitewater rivers in Colorado, and led a 21-day raft trip for 18 people, through the Grand Canyon. When we weren't on the river, we were back-packing and skiing."

Kate and Tim moved to Boston in 1982 where Tim did post-doctoral work at MIT and Harvard. Kate worked for the Boston Film Video Foundation as coordinator of volunteer programs and played with the Boston Philharmonic orchestra. They moved back to Maryland when Tim went to work at the interstellar branch of the Goddard Space Center in Greenbelt. They lived on a 5-acre farmette near Olney where they had a big garden and a pond. In 1983, their daughter Maria (pronounced Mariah) was born. Maria is named after Kate's Quaker great-great-great grandmother.

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Wanting to be near a river, Kate and Tim settled their family in Cabin John. They first bought a house on 78th Street, south of Macarthur, which they completely renovated, adding a deck. But after 3 years "the Parkway traffic got to us," and in 1987 they bought their present house on 76th Street, north of Macarthur. "This neighborhood has a rural flavor which reminded me of Boulder. I think it's the quietest place in Cabin John. We bought the house from the Fishers soon after it went on the market."

Kate and Tim began another house renovation, providing most of the labor themselves. While the renovation was in progress, a huge windshear storm felled a tree which fell directly on their chimney and destroyed it. In 1989, their son Benjamin was born. Even when their children were very young, Kate and Tim were taking them along on outdoor camping, hiking, and bicycle trips. "We're an outdoor family. Two summers ago, we hiked around Europe, and hiked around Mont Blanc, the highest of the Alps."

Maria and Benjamin go to Sidwell Friends School, because their parents value the Quaker view of education with its emphasis on Quaker values and respect of the environment. Kate started volunteering as a helper in her kids' classes, then did some substitute teaching, and "discovered a passion for teaching, especially about the natural world and science-related subjects." She taught at Sidwell for 3 years, and earned a Masters degree in Education at GWU. She joined the Montgomery County public school system and is at Bradley Hills Elementary for her second year of teaching. She has a combination first/second grade class.

"The Leave-No-Child-Behind curriculum is jam-packed with math and reading, so I have to be creative in finding ways to instill my students with a love of science and ways to connect with their environment. I look for justifiable reasons to take the kids outside. What with lesson plans and so many 'assessment' requirements, I'm sometimes working 12 hours a day."

In 2002, daughter Maria was on the US National Whitewater Slalom team. Before that she was the top ranked junior in the country and was on the US National Jr. team for 3 years. She trained at the feeder canal in Brookmont with Cathy Hearn and Sylvan Poberaj, coach of the US team. Cathy is an internationally ranked canoer/kayaker who at one time lived in the house on Minnie's Island. The family traveled to Eastern Europe to watch Maria compete. Now a student at the University of Colorado, Maria continues to train, and this summer worked as an expeditionary learning camp counselor which included a community service stint on a Navajo reservation. Benji plays competitive tennis on the Mid-Atlantic circuit and at Sidwell. "Both the kids are super-charged athletes."

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## A DIARY FROM THE DARK

*(editors note - when it was discovered that a Cabin John street had been one of the last streets in the region to regain power after the September 25th blackouts, the Village News went in search of a resident to tell us their story.)*

When the storm crashed through 81st and Caraway Streets on August 25 the lights went out and we groped for flashlights and lit the kerosene lamp. With nothing better to do, we hopped in the car to take a tour of the great blackout of Cabin John, only to find out that ours were the only dark streets in the neighborhood. Although we did share our plight with tens of thousands of other Montgomery County residents, we were the only streets sent back in time in Cabin John. We expected a night without electricity and uncorked the wine, played board games by candle light, read with our battery powered "itty bitty book lights" and went to bed expecting to be awakened by bright lights in the wee hours. "At least the storm cooled it off," we said with a note of optimism.

Our optimism was short lived. From Tuesday until Saturday afternoon, we watched our neighbor's homes across the ravine and across MacArthur Boulevard glow with the flickering blue light of TVs. Meanwhile we were eating take out, squinting at the paper by candlelight and listening to WTOP constantly until the batteries went dead and then getting up the next morning and driving to Starbucks for coffee. (The Market on the Boulevard shared our fate and could offer no caffeine.)

As freelance writers who work from home (home offices are sprinkled up and down our street) we couldn't work and couldn't extract what we had already done from our mute computers. So we were left with low tech labor-digging in the garden, washing windows, sweeping floors, reading background material during the daylight hours and waiting for the light. As we watched other office workers on our block leave for cool filtered air, we began to rethink the joys of a home office.

Personal grooming took a hit as well. Getting ready for work was passable on Wednesday since the hot water was still tepid, but a cold shower takes a bit of mental preparation. As the days dragged on taking a shower was a bone chilling experience. And every day was a bad hair day. Others on our block had tapped into gas lines and continued to at least have hot water. Generators hummed during the day to keep those lucky folks refrigerators running, but courteously cut off at night. Even the dog was unhappy. At 16, life is supposed to be easier for a mutt and she took to howling her frustration in the wee hours of the night. Thursday followed the same pattern and we learned that single streets without power were at the bottom of the priority list. With that bad news, the weather turned uglier bringing back memories of pre-air-conditioning childhoods and why summer has never been my favorite season. Our neighbor gave birth to twins this spring and our miseries paled in comparison to raising babies in

## ECO EXPO Event

Clara Barton Community Center, Cabin John  
Saturday October 25, 1-5 P.M.  
Admission free

ECOEXPO will host a number of locally focused, problem-solving forums in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area to help show how simple it really is for local residents to become more green in everyday life. The Eco-Exposition offers people the opportunity to take rational steps, based on reliable scientific data, to improve the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area's interior and exterior environments.

The first ECOEXPO will be held in our very own Cabin John, and a larger EXPO will be held at the World Bank during Earth Week in April next year. (It is a little known fact the World Bank building in downtown Washington D.C. is one of the most energy-efficient buildings inside the Beltway and that the Bank works with many member countries to find cost-efficient and environmentally-friendly forms of energy for projects designed to help the world's poorest people become more independent while reducing negative impacts on their natural resources).

Forum agenda: Local and national experts will provide stalls and offer practical advice on sustainability, and how local families can incorporate these ideas into their everyday lives to improve the state of our local ecology, while also saving money in the long run, and improving the health, quality of life and the value of our homes and gardens. As many as fifteen professionals/organizations, who have successfully assisted others in this endeavor will make their advice available.

Activities include:

- 1pm: introductory remarks by Chlorophyll Co-Directors Andrew Blackman & Jason Holstine
- 1.15 pm: documentary film projection giving overview of Chlorophyll's mission and vision
- 1.30- 3pm: Several brief speeches by experts,
- 3pm: Esoteric rock music by the local group the Alice Despard band, which recently released "Thinning of the Veil" to critical acclaim
- Stalls held by local environmental protection and sustainability advocacy groups will be available throughout afternoon
- Interactive games for children throughout afternoon, and films;
- Snacks and drinks available

We hope to see you there  
Gabrielle Herderschee-Hunter

**KATE GRINBERG**  
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Kate does a triathlon each year. Every day she's up at 5:30, in order to run, bicycle, or swim before school. "At 49, I welcome the triathlon challenge as an incentive for me to train. I always want to stay active. Last winter after a big snowstorm, I went cross-country skiing on the towpath-the first day from Lock 8 to Riley's Lock, and then a little farther each day. We also love telemark skiing, skiing in back country where there are no lifts." In October she will be doing her annual 100-mile bike ride on the Eastern Shore. Kate and Tim biked through Nova Scotia 2 years ago, and are planning a hut-to-hut ski trip in Colorado this winter. Their vacations are invariably focused on athletic adventures.

"It's literally in my blood. My grandparents were outdoor enthusiasts and my parents greatly valued the natural world." Tim and Kate celebrated their 40th birthdays by biking from Telluride, Colorado, to Moab, Utah, and backpacking on Hurricane Ridge in the Tetons.

"There are so many things I want to do. The truth is I want to do everything. But I've temporarily had to let my music and my love of gardening rest. Some day I'll get back to them. When I slow down, I will focus on plans for more sedentary projects. I would love to write a book."

At the end of our interview, Kate asked if she could send a message to her townspeople: "Help Cabin John retain its character. Save our trees. Slow down and enjoy this wonderful place where we live."

Here's a woman who says "Slow down" in one breath, and in the next, "I want to do everything." And yet, with Kate, it all makes sense.  
Frontier House conditions.

By Friday, I cashed it in and fled to my son's air conditioned home for a viewing of the Two Towers, a blissful nights rest and hot water in the morning. My husband, Ted, stayed with the dog and sweltered through the night. As he was heading down our hill to pick up a generator Saturday morning, he ran into a crew from a New Jersey power company. A few hours later, the radio popped back on, "and the sound was like angels singing," he said.

At last, we could return from our enforced and highly unromantic Brigadoon. We extracted videos from the DVD and returned them with a whopping fine. We caught up on four days of lost work. We woke up to the aroma of coffee. "Isn't electricity wonderful," is now a frequent family refrain and we are considering installing a small shrine to Mr. Edison to keep the electric bugs at bay.

*Cathy Nikkel Orme*  
81st resident

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
CABIN JOHN VILLAGE NEWS  
September 1, 2002 to August 31, 2003**

Beginning Checkbook Balance (9/1/02) . . . . . \$ 498.33

**INCOME**

Display Advertising	\$5084.50
Classified Advertising	231.25
Neighborhood Services	358.50
Cabin John Citizens Association	2,246.75
Subscriptions	135.00
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Total	\$8,056.00

**EXPENSES**

Printing Expense	\$6,519.45
Mailing Expenses:	
Monthly Mailing	1,175.55
Bulkrate Fee	150.00
Labels	110.17
PO Box Rental	70.00
Checks	52.43
Stamps	37.00
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Total	\$8,114.60

TOTAL OF INCOME MINUS EXPENSES . . . . . \$ -58.60

ENDING CHECKBOOK BALANCE (8/31/03) . . . \$ 439.73

Submitted by:  
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10 September 2003

### Cabin John Citizen Association Dues are Due

Please use the enclosed addressed envelope to send in your dues (\$15/individual or family) for the 03-04 season. With the income from the Crab Feast, the dues make up the remaining portion of the funds that the Citizens Association uses for projects and events each year. We saw a bit of a decline last year in the percentage of Cabin Johners who pay dues and hope to change that. One of the large costs in the immediate future will be the printing and mailing of the new Cabin John directory expected in November.

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