



Village News

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Serving the people of Cabin John and beyond

Cyclist Lance Armstrong and the Tour of Hope Ride Down Cabin John's "Main Street"

by Heidi Brown-Lewis

The Bristol-Myers Squibb Tour of Hope raced down MacArthur Blvd through Cabin John on Saturday morning Oct. 9th. The Tour of Hope Team is comprised of 20 cyclists who have a passion for cancer research. They are survivors, caregivers, advocates, healers, and researchers who share one mission — to help future generations move closer to the ultimate miracle, a cure. Cancer survivor and 6-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong lead this year's tour from LA to Washington, including the mile through Cabin John! In addition to the 20 team members, there were over 1000 local riders who joined the last leg from Rockville to the Mall.

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Hundreds of Cabin John Volunteers Help Make 2004 Crab and Chicken Feast Another Success

by Frank Ritzenberg

We had another beautiful day for the crab feast, and a great turn-out from our community, neighboring towns and even hungry passersby. From the start of the bike parade, to the last crack of a crab claw, this annual event is a highlight of the Cabin John year.

The funds raised help support all the many events and efforts sponsored by the Citizens Association — the canoe trip, holiday party, historical panels, creek clean up, directory and *Village News* mailing, and so on.

Special thanks to the following:

- Ralph Osborn
- The Bethesda Co-Op (Helen and Fatai)
- John Hughes and his staff
- Cabin John Volunteer Fire Department
- Cabin John/Brookmont Children's Program
- Church of the Redeemer/Bannockburn
- Glen Echo Baptist Church and to Kevin Fyock
- St. George Coptic Orthodox Church
- Bob Epstein
- Joe Decker/Level

And the army of volunteers:

- Publicity
Gabrielle Herderschee-Hunter.
- Tickets
Clare Amoruso and Lisa Landsman.
- Ticket Sales
Helen Daniels, Brandon Fortune, Marian Purtell, Diane Leatherman, Lorraine Minor, Jean Betz, Sylvia Gollub, Juliet Rodman, Oona Steiglitz, Deborah Duffy, Diana Carter, Melanie Patt Corner,

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But — it is also an enormous undertaking that wouldn't be possible without a small army of CJ'ers. If you didn't help this year, consider volunteering in 2005. It's a great way to meet neighbors and contribute to Cabin John's special small-town atmosphere.



Neighborly News

by Barbara Martin

Martha Bollo has died at age 84. Mrs. Bollo, who lived on 76th Street for over 40 years, was an enthusiastic gardener and was often seen on her riding lawn mower. Her husband, **Stephen Bollo**, died some years ago. She was the sister of **Wayne Frazee**.

Last month's issue of *Village News* listed Longtimers, people who have lived in Cabin John 30 years or more. Add to that list **Marvin Barber** who lives with his wife, **Marilyn**, on 81st Street.

Once more our faithful friends, **Lorraine and Forrest Minor**, have taken over the mailing of this month's *Village News*, since we are out of town. They did that job last month, too. If you would consider volunteering to step up as a fill-in when Reed and I can't be here to do it, PLEASE let us know. It's not hard; it takes about three hours to do the labeling with two people helping, plus carrying the paper to the Post Office for mailing. We have been doing the mailing for a quarter of a century.

WSSC has notified residents that the CJ Wastewater Pumping Station at the end of Riverside Drive will be demolished and removed. WSSC says, "The removal of the pumping station will save our ratepayers approximately \$40,000 per year in maintenance and operations costs." In its

place, WCCS will install 300' of 8" diameter gravity sewer that will connect to existing sewer mains to transport wastewater from this area to Blue Plains Wastewater Treatment Plant. Now let's hope they do something about the offensive sewer smell along our stretch of the towpath.

A Cabin John enterprise, Handwriting Without Tears, was recently honored for its pre-K program, which was selected as the best children's curriculum for 2004 by the Association of Educational Publishers. Besides handwriting, the program focuses on music, movement, and multi-sensory activities.

Handwriting Without Tears occupies the white building at the corner of 79th Street and MacArthur.

Alexandra Corddry, won the title of Homecoming Princess for Walt Whitman's junior class. Alexandra is an honors student and is on the Varsity Poms Squad. She lives with her parents, **Lynne and Phil Corddry**, on 76th Place.

Bannockburn Cooperative Nursery School will hold its Open House for families applying for the 2005-06 classes on Saturday, November 6, 10 am to noon (children welcome), 6314 Bannockburn Drive, Bethesda, MD. Direct any questions to Susane Deeds/Membership Chair at (301) 263-9008. Their website is: www.bannockburnnurseryschool.com

Our crop of Oriental persimmons will be ripe toward the middle of November. If you'd like some, call us. Also, we have several banana trees to give away, one to a customer (except they're free). No they don't bear bananas, and yes they do have to be kept indoors until spring. They have large leaves and grow fast. Martins, 301-229-3482.

Please call 301-229-3482 or email barbmartin@comcast.net with any news items of residents, past, present, or brand-new. Let your neighbors know of deaths, births, weddings, special events, people moving into or out of town.

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Community Calendar

NOV

23 Going Native Collection
 MacArthur tennis court parking lot
 9:30 - 11:30 am

26 CJCA Meeting
 Clara Barton Center
 7:30 pm (see p. 4)

2 General Election
 Clara Barton Center
 7 am - 8 pm

CRABFEAST

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Connie Bergfors, Susan Roberts, Kathy Siefken, Gloria Slayton, Peter Vogt, Bob Wilkoff, and Maureen Willoughby.

Vegetable Preparation

Karen Melchar, Robin Gurley, Marlene McConnell, Deborah Duffy, Lisan Martin, Ruth Rabner, Patti Gude, Marian Purtell, Helen Harris, Orla "The Onion Man" Kastberg, Dominique Maggio, Maris Miles, Heidi Brown-Lewis, Riley Lewis, Lennon Lewis, and Daisy Lewis.

Bike Parade

Heidi Brown-Lewis, Riley Lewis, Lennon Lewis, Daisy Lewis, Ruth Rabner, John Rabner, Nate Rabner, Cassie Rabner, Robin Gurley, Mary Major, Hannah Duffy, Scott Lewis, Hayley Biegel, Nurit Erger, Tori Seidenstein, Tom Black, and Gabrielle Herderschee-Hunter.

Kitchen

Nicki Wright, Linda Green, Lorraine Minor, Diane Leatherman, Helen Daniel, Betsy Lawrence, Haley Lawrence, and Mimi Lawrence.

Servers

Clare Amoruso, Barbara Martin, Meredith Griggs, Mary K Young, Bramman Avery, Leslie Baldwin, Beth Tucker, Janet Dence, Walt Dence, Susan Roberts, Karen Melchar, Stephanie Smart, Susan Gelb, Benno Schmidt, Barbara Wilmarth, Lu Coleman, Melissa Bell, Helen Daniel, Elaine Tama, and John Rabner.

Pizza

Lynn Hopkins, Noah Hopkins, and Andrea Caplan.

Popcorn

Jean Betz and Hannah Wilkoff.

Face-Painting

Linda Ritzenberg.

Crab Steamers

Ralph Osborn, Pete Couste, Forrest Minor, Gene Wright, and Virginia Quesada.

Lemonade

The Murphy family.

Chicken

Jan Smith, Stan Schaper, Meredith Griggs, Judy Mopsik, Fred Mopsik, Rob Kibler, Margaret Fisher, Eric Federing, and Daphne Clones.

Ice

Gene Wright and Sarah Wright.

Clean-up

Andy Rice, Adi Carter, David Fry, Nan Fry, and John Gelb.



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Musician/juggler Chuck Flayhart at this year's crab feast.

Umbrellas

Lisa Landsman and Larry West.

Drinks

Trudi Bick, Tina Adler, Florence Lehr, Joel Todd, Cynthia Palmer, Rita Gerharz, and Lisan Martin.

Tables

Burr Gray, John Hughes, Phil Amoruso, Mark Leatherman, Steve France, Reed Martin, Ted Wilmarth, Kathleen Black, Rick Duffy, and Adi Carter.

Table Covering

Helen Daniel, Jean Johnson, Greg Pawlson, and Felicitas Kotner.

Music

Doug Hall and Ed Pozarny.

And last, but not least: Burr Gray, CJCA president; Bruce Wilmarth, CJCA treasurer; Lori Rieckelman and Nicki Wright, crab feast co-chairs; and Frank Ritzenberg, crab feast chair. — 🐞

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The next meeting of the CJCA will be Oct. 26, 7:30 pm at the Clara Barton Community Center.

Agenda for Next CJCA Meeting — Community Center Programs/Funding/Rentals/Personnel and Other Center-related Issues for 2004-05.

Summary of September 28, 2004 CJCA Meeting — 1) The attendees voted to spend up to \$500 of CJCA funds, along with \$500-\$1000 worth of labor to assist with restoration and improvement of access to the historic cemetery near the former Gibson Grove Church (a grant application was subsequently sent in to the county requesting \$1000 from county for the project). 2) Concerns were voiced over the location of the Captain's Market dumpsters directly along Tomlinson Ave; the attendees supported having CJCA send a letter to the Captain's Market asking that the dumpsters be relocated. 3) Concern was voiced regarding the increasing amount of commuter cut-thru traffic coming along Arden Road and using 75th St (in front of the Community Center) to get to MacArthur Blvd. during morning rush-hour; the attendees supported an effort to work with the County to prevent such cut-through traffic. 4) The financial summary of the Crab Feast was presented by CJCA Treasurer Bruce Wilmarth, who noted another successful year with net proceeds coming in at \$3,316. (See page 7 for more detailed listing.) Many thanks go again to Frank Ritzenberg and his helpers for all of the work put into this community event/fundraiser.

Annual Taking Down of the Flags — Many thanks for Reed Martin and Danny Harris for taking down the flags along MacArthur Blvd for the winter. Danny takes the old worn-out flags to the local VHF Post where they are destroyed as per proper protocol.

Skateboarding Not Allowed at Glen Echo Park — Over the past few months, Glen Echo Park has experienced escalating problems in the park with skateboarders. The problem has become destructive, resulting in damage to park property and the taking of park property for skateboarding use. As a result, the Park has posted "Use of Skateboards Prohibited" signs in the park and will be enforcing the prohibition. Skateboarding is prohibited generally in national parks by the code of federal regulations (CFR 36).

CJ Directory Change — Page 75. Change Dale to Gale in the entry O'Laughlin, John and Dale.

Helpful Clara Barton Community Center Information — Some questions have been raised about the room rental policy at the Community Center. According to the County, the following rates are being applied by the County to all Community Centers. (Barbara Martin is researching the issue of whether an agreement was reached in the late 1980's that allowed CJCA and other local Cabin John non-profit entities to use the Center free of charge.)

Rental Rates - Non-Profit Entities

Meetings without food	6 free, 7 th \$18/hr
Meetings with food	\$26/hr
Gym Rental	\$45/hr
Limited Social	\$45/hr (before 6:00pm, less than 50 attendees)
Social Function	\$90/hr

Rental Rates - Profit/Individuals

Meetings without food	\$26/hr
Meetings with food	\$45/hr
Gym Rental	\$60/hr
Limited Social	\$45/hr
Social Function	\$120/hr

There are other rental categories, such as youth prevention activities – proms, lock-ins, etc. There is also a non-county resident fee of \$10.00 added to the total fee.

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TOUR of HOPE
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Their triumphant finish on the ellipse in DC was well documented by local and national press, but their quick pass through Cabin John just prior to that was no less euphoric. Along MacArthur Blvd, many Cabin Johnner's turned out to cheer on the team — and to catch a glimpse of Lance Armstrong himself pumping down the same street we have all biked so often, even if he was going a good bit faster than most of us manage.

One particularly vocal group was gathered at 75th Place and MacArthur. Friends and neighbors of Clare Schmidt turned out to share coffee and doughnuts and show their support for the kind of clinical trials that helped treat Clare, a kindergartner at Bannockburn, so successfully. Others made their way to the parking lot at Glen Echo park, where all the riders regrouped for their last sprint into the city.

Perhaps some motorists were inconvenienced as the extensive police escort kept traffic at bay for the 15-20 minutes it took for most of the riders to pass, but for those of us lucky enough to watch the excitement from our front yards — it was a wonderful morning! — 🚴🚴



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Clare Schmidt gets a shoulder perch from Maria Whiteaker as she cheers on the Tour of Hope bicyclists with, from left to right: Daniel Sankar, Lisa Gappa-Norris, Liam Black, and Phoebe Schmidt.



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2004 Crab Feast Figures (Rounded)

Gross Deposit: \$7,553

Expenses

Crabs \$1,021
 Room Cost (Mont. Co.) \$ 600
 Beer & Wine \$ 404
 Chicken, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw \$ 360
 Clown \$ 295
 Vegetables \$ 279
 Umbrellas \$ 213
 Grill Rental \$ 137
 Ice \$ 120
 Soda & Water \$ 120
 Miscellaneous** \$ 688

Total Expenses: \$4,237

Net Revenue: \$3,316

The following were the proceeds from various noted sources, but do not include all sources, including ticket sales at the event itself:

Advance Ticket Sales \$2,865
 Popcorn (Net Proceeds) \$ 102
 Pizza (Net Proceeds) \$ 92
 Lemonade (Net Proceeds) \$ 590
 Soda, Beer, Wine, Water (Net Proceeds) . \$ 656

** Miscellaneous category includes: spices (5.00), vinegar (2.59), [Worcester sauce, charcoal, chicken broth (90.50)], Costco(164.57), Giant (65.30), Safeway (5.81), Bruce Variety (5.41), CVS (1.88), Plaza Art – Face Painting (22.14), Kinkos (60.15), table cloths (13.39), crab mallets (100.00), tips for three non-resident workers picking up/returning tables & chairs (100.00), County license for Food (30.00), County license for alcohol (30.00).

NOTES: Gross Deposit includes receipts from ticket sales, CJCA poster sales, t-shirt sales, post card sales. Tickets for the event were sold as follows: \$10 for advance ticket sales; \$11 at the door. This was a \$1 increase over the 2003 event. Crab costs were up from previous years, in part due to market prices, an increase in the amount of crabs purchased and some increase in quality of crabs. This was the first year CJCA had to pay Montgomery County for the use of the facility. Ice expense up due to limited refrigeration at Community Center.



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Looking Back in Cabin John

by Andrew E. Rice

A Collection of Some October Memories

The archives of the *Village News* are a rich source of information about our community's history. Every year I select a month when I scan issues of the paper that appeared in the same month in earlier years. Here are some of the highlights of Cabin John life in previous Octobers:

Town Meeting: The October 1970 issue of the paper encouraged everybody to come to the forthcoming Town Meeting where a planning officer from Montgomery County would meet with citizens to start developing a plan for Cabin John's future. "YOUR opinion about what's needed in Cabin John is important," the editor declared. (And in fact a large number of citizens did show up to begin a process that ultimately led to the 1973 Cabin John Community Plan that has guided our town's development ever since.)

Swap Day: The same paper also announced a Cabin John Swap Day on October 31 — a sort of super yard sale with everyone bringing saleable items to a central location on 76th Street. There were three simple rules: 1) Price your own things; 2) Bring your own change; 3) Haul away whatever doesn't sell.

Shopping Center: In October 1977 the big news was that the Tuohey tract, the open space next to firehouse, had just been sold to William Klinedienst, a developer who announced plans to build a 30,000 square foot shopping center.

Post Office: Work was getting under way in October 1982 to prepare space for the Cabin John Post Office to move into the new shopping center — that had in

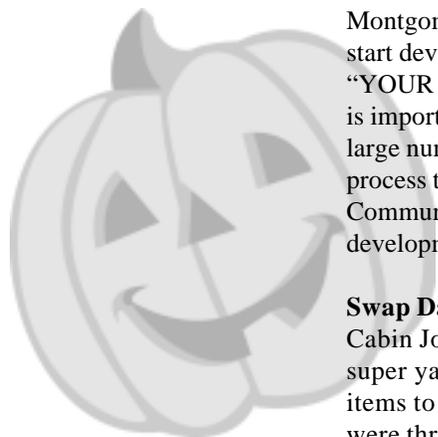
fact been built — from its then location at the north end of the Clara Barton building

Bus Service: There was good news in the October 1984 *Village News*: bus service between Bethesda and Cabin John would be starting in the following January as Ride-On Route 32. The community had been without public transportation since Metrobus Route N-8 (which ran from Sibley Hospital to Cabin John) had been discontinued some years earlier.

Cable TV: The October 1987 paper reported that cable TV would be available soon in Cabin John, probably by the end of the year.

Billings Memorial: The same issue invited citizens to attend the dedication of the Billings Memorial on October 25 at the Cabin John end of the Union Arch. The dawn redwood trees, bench and plaque memorialized Linda Billings, who had been an active community leader and who had been murdered while working late at her EPA office on Thanksgiving Eve two years earlier.

I wonder what will be remembered a few years hence about October 2004?



Memory Book Reprinting Planned: Would You Like to Have One?

The Cabin John Citizens Association is considering reprinting *Time Was*, a collection of reminiscences by 18 Cabin John old-timers interviewed by Elizabeth Kytle for the community's 1976 bicentennial celebration. Their recollections, most of them going back to the 1920's and 1930's, provide a vivid picture of what Cabin John life was like in an earlier epoch. Since the book has long been out of print, many of today's residents have never had the enjoyment of reading it. Before ordering the reprints — which will be sold at the low price of \$6 per copy — the Association would like to get some indication of interest. If you think you'd be likely to buy the book, therefore, please send a brief e-mail to that effect to Andy Rice at aerice@comcast.net.

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CJCA NEWS cont. from page 4

Donations to the Center — In the past MO County fiscal year, various funds were raised locally to help the Center as follows:

1) Funds donated to the Community Center via the Cabin John Citizens Association = \$1669.74, with expenses = \$1581.34, which included kids toys, a new TV (that was subsequently stolen), DVD player, basketball nets, end of year Mac Café costs, and purchase of canopies.

2) Funds raised by the Friends of Clara Barton Community Center (FCBCC) = \$4631 (from Deanna Bogart Concert) with expenditures from that group as follows:

- \$107.65 - one half of cost of 3/27/04 Ping Pong exhibition (co-sponsored with CJCA),
- \$395.15 - blinds for weight room, game room, and senior room,
- \$1000 - deposit for Deanna Bogart 2005 concert,
- \$286.34 - CD player for exercise class,
- \$100 - tuning for existing piano,
- \$75 - moving costs of 2nd donated piano.

This year the effort is to have all contributions come through FCBCC to keep things simple, so look for the donation flyer (created by Judy Brookes) at the Community Center if you wish to make a donation. FCBCC will also be hosting its second Deanna Bogart concert on Feb. 26, 2005, so put that on your calendar.

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Local Wisdom

Good advice and interesting information from experts in Cabin John

This month we feature good advice from Ellen Shillinglaw, 15-year Cabin Johnner and landscape designer.

Q: What's the greatest landscaping challenge facing Cabin John residents?

A: "Well, I used to joke that I knew nothing about sun plants because all I do in Cabin John is deal with shade. With our wealth of towering trees and mature plants and shrubs, many of us have no place for sun loving flowers."

Q: In an established landscape, what are some of the challenges and how do you address them?

A: "In landscaping, just as with aging faces and expanding waistlines, maturity is not always a pretty thing. Pruning is time consuming if you do it yourself, expensive if you don't."

Ellen's tips:

1. If you hire a landscape designer, pay attention to the sun before your first appointment. Look all around your yard at 9 am, noon, and 4, making notes of what is in the sun and what is in the shade.
2. Plants look better if they grow to their natural shape: don't prune bushes into sterile snowballs.
3. When you buy plants or trees, pay attention to their eventual size.
4. Experiment: look beyond impatiens and pansies for color in an annual bed. Many plants have gorgeous stripes and shimmers of color. Consider coleus, which come in almost unlimited varieties, caladium, sweet potato vines, and calla lilies. Persian Shield and Wandering Jew add different shapes and shades, and tropical plants offer huge textured leaves.
5. Support your local nursery. They have hybrids bred for brilliance, not mass marketing. Use Costco for basics like chrysanthemums, impatiens, and poinsettias.

—Interview by Ann Cochran



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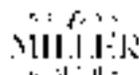
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Oct. 3, 2004 Blood Drive Summary

The Oct. 3, 2004 blood drive at the Clara Barton Community Center generated 52 pints of blood which exceeded the goal of 50!!! Many cheers because this is an excellent result. These blood drives that were re-started by the Cabin John Citizens Association at the Community Center four years ago, and have now generated 478 pints of blood for local hospitals. The 52 pint result was generated by an outstanding effort on the part of our donors, the organizers, and by the Red Cross nurses who managed to get a pint from everyone who made it to the donor chairs. As always, we don't list donor names for privacy reasons, but we can thank Karen Melchar for donor recruitment, Neil Helm for publicity, Scott Lewis and Tom Green for take down at the end of the day, and Hidemi Omori & Amanda Ingraham (both Pyle students), Lori Rieckelman, Benno Schmidt and Karen Melchar for manning the sign-in table.

It had been over two years since we had exceeded the 50 pint goal so this was a terrific result. The drives used to generate 50+ pints more often when we ran just two blood drives per year, but we went to three per year at the request of the Red Cross. This put an additional burden on our pool of usual donors and we have been trying to expand our circle since then with e-mail notices to nearby communities and local schools and churches.

With more blood needed generally these days for a variety of reasons, it is critical to expand the donor pool. One thing CJCA is considering is an incentive program for first time high school donors. Scott Lewis will be exploring the possibility of having businesses sponsor a program of this nature.




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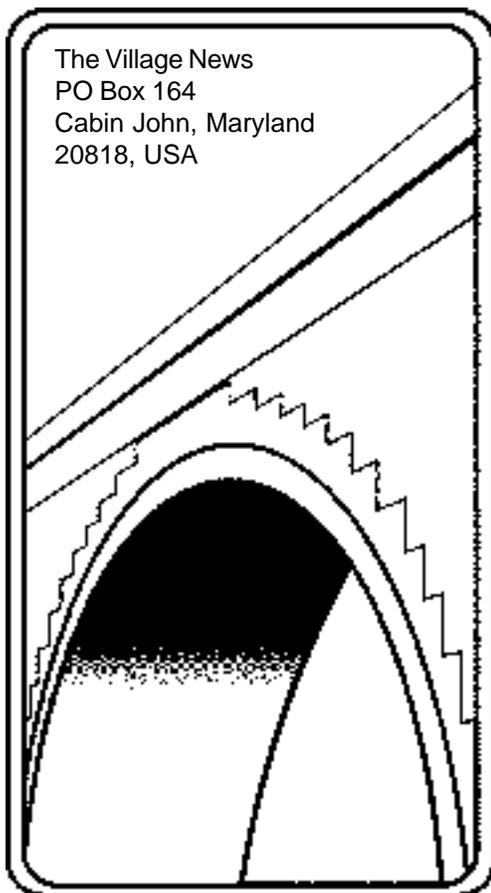
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