



# Village News

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## Dance the Night Away With Dagmar and the Seductones Feb. 25 at the Clara Barton Center

On February 25, 2006 (7:30–11 pm), Dagmar and the Seductones will come to the Clara Barton Community Center to play some great music (R&B, vintage rock 'n roll, rockabilly, etc.) and blow the winter blues away! Check out the band on

[www.theseductones.com](http://www.theseductones.com).

This is a wonderful opportunity to do some serious dancing, mingling, eating of heavy hors d'oeuvres and partying close to home. Net proceeds from the sale of tickets will be used to support our local Clara Barton Community Center (CBCC). This is the third year that the Friends of CBCC have organized this event in cooperation with the County Rec Department. Everyone who is anyone in Cabin John attends.

Tickets are \$20 per person. You must be 21 or over to purchase tickets and attend. The doors and bar open at 7:30 pm, with the music starting around 8:15



*Dagmar and the Seductones.*

pm until 11 pm. Desserts and hors d'oeuvres are included in the ticket price, and a cash bar will be available for beer, wine and soda/water. Please make checks payable to Friends of CBCC, and send them to Trudy Bick, 6713 Tomlinson Terrace, Cabin John, MD 20818. Make absolutely sure to include your e-mail address and telephone number to allow Trudy to confirm your purchase and to contact you if any

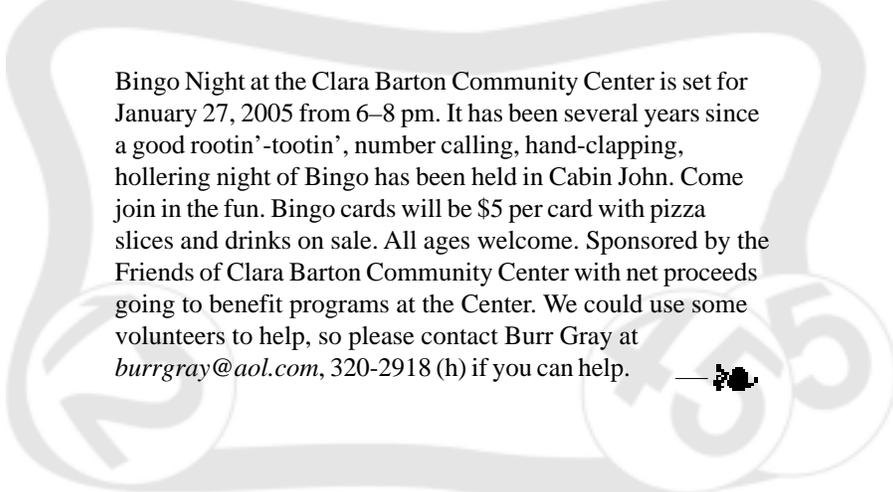
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## Bingo Night Slated For January 27

Bingo Night at the Clara Barton Community Center is set for January 27, 2005 from 6–8 pm. It has been several years since a good rootin'-tootin', number calling, hand-clapping, hollering night of Bingo has been held in Cabin John. Come join in the fun. Bingo cards will be \$5 per card with pizza slices and drinks on sale. All ages welcome. Sponsored by the Friends of Clara Barton Community Center with net proceeds going to benefit programs at the Center. We could use some volunteers to help, so please contact Burr Gray at [burrgray@aol.com](mailto:burrgray@aol.com), 320-2918 (h) if you can help.



# Neighborly News

by Barbara Martin



**Isabelle Leizear** died in November. She was 86. Mrs. Leizear lived on 83rd Place for 40 years. She was the first president of the Ladies Auxiliary of Cabin John Memorial VFW Post 5633. She also belonged to the Daughters of America. Mrs. Leizear's children are Deborah Carpenter of Cabin John, William Leizear of Greencastle PA, Patricia Money of Front Royal VA, and Norman Leizear of Ijamsville MD. She had 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

In December, **Kate Davison** of Woodrow Place danced in *The Nutcracker* at the Kennedy Center with the American Ballet Theatre from New York. Kate, 15, has been studying ballet for many years.

In the December issue of the *Village News*, we ran a 30-year-old photo of several CJ boys relaxing at the Good 'n Quick. At that time we didn't know where Buddy Kuster and Benny Bays are living now, but word has come that **Buddy Kuster** owns an auto mechanic shop in Westminster MD.

The Montgomery County Historical Society is featuring an exhibit about the C & O Canal that might be of interest to Cabin John residents. The exhibit, at the Beall-Dawson House in Rockville through January 29th, includes a picture of Lock 8 when the canal was in operation. For more information, go to [www.montgomeryhistory.org](http://www.montgomeryhistory.org).

From the Glen Echo ECHO: The section of the towpath between Old Anglers Inn and Great Falls, known as Whitewater, has finally been restored. It has not been traversable since being washed out by Hurricane Agnes in 1972. Since then, bikers have either carried their bikes over this section or detoured to Berm Road, across the canal, and pedestrians have had to pick their way among the rocks. The reconstruction required two wooden bridges. (Editor's note: a couple, who shall remain anonymous, recently walked this new path, climbing over or under the plastic orange no-trespassing fences. It is a beautiful wide section of the towpath.)

Cabin John resident **Eric Dinerstein** has a new book out, *Tigerland and Other Unintended Destinations*. The book, now available at the Co-op (and from Amazon.com) covers Erik's adventures tracking tigers in Nepal and snow leopards in Kashmir, and describes his visits to the Galapagos, the Serengeti, the Amazon, and Orinoco, New

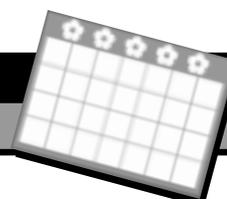
Caledonia. Eric is Chief Scientist at the World Wildlife Fund and lives on 78th Street.

**Joel Rosenthal** was a Cabin Road resident for 30 years, and kept a menagerie that was the delight of Cabin John kids. From his new home on an island near Hinton, West Virginia, he writes, "Life here in the mountains is so very wonderful because of my pristine location. Every day I pinch myself because I cannot believe I'm really here. Pocahontas County is 1,000 sq. miles but has fewer than 10,000 people. No one lives on my side of the Greenbriar River for miles. I currently have all the parrots I brought with me and of course Kip, my border collie. There are also pheasant, wild turkeys, a raccoon, several hawks, owls, a crow, and a wonderful black vulture. Last year I got a bulldozer and I now have 15 ponds, with the two largest at 4 and 2 1/2 acres. I sometimes see bear hiking around the pond nearest my house."

*I'm very glad to receive news of CJ residents, past or present. But I need YOU to let me know: [barbmartin@comcast.net](mailto:barbmartin@comcast.net) or 301-229-3482.*

Editor's Note: The due date for next month's Village News is a week earlier than usual—Feb. 8.

## Community Calendar



JAN	24 .....	CJCA meeting Clara Barton Center 7:30 pm (see p. 4)
	27 .....	Bingo Night Clara Barton Center 6 - 8 pm (see p. 1)
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FEB	5 .....	Blood Drive Clara Barton Center 10 am - 3:45 pm (see p. 6)
	22 .....	Free Design Seminar Clara Barton Center 7:30 pm (see p. 7)
	25 .....	Community Dance Clara Barton Center 7:30 - 11 pm (see p. 1)

## Cherry Doyle — Business and Art in Harmony

By Tina Rouse

Good times and good luck—Cherry Doyle has had her share of both, and what else would you expect of someone who took her toddler out of preschool to celebrate every Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>? Elizabeth Cherry Doyle started making her own luck when she came into this world on June 13, 1946. Her son Joe was born on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, her dog Popsicle was born on February 13<sup>th</sup>, and she bought her house on 78<sup>th</sup> Street on the 13<sup>th</sup>, as well.

Henry and Elsie McWhorter Doyle's third child of six was born at Georgetown Hospital while Henry was working with the U.S. Public Health Service. Although he was trained as a chemical engineer, Henry became committed to occupational health and safety issues, and eventually focused on the legal protection of miners with black lung disease. His early career path was more general, involving the establishment of state public health departments, and took Cherry and her older sisters, Mary and Marcia, to Denver, Phoenix, and Salt Lake City. Two brothers, Hank and Chuck, were born while the Doyles were living out west. Nancy, the baby of the family, was born after the family returned to the Glen Mar Park neighborhood of Bethesda in 1952. While her mother returned to her career of teaching at Clara Barton Elementary School, Cherry attended Wood Acres elementary school, Western Junior High (since renamed Westland, after it was combined with Leland), and was in the first class to attend Whitman High School. She did not, however, graduate from Whitman, and instead began her first great adventure.

Henry Doyle had arranged to bring his four youngest children with him to Geneva, Switzerland, while he worked on a two-year project at the World

Health Organization. Cherry was mortified to miss out on her senior year at Whitman, and had to be dragged kicking and screaming onto the boat that carried them across the Atlantic. Once in Switzerland, she was enrolled in the very exclusive International School and joined what turned out to be the largest and (somewhat euphemistically termed) most exuberant class as yet in the American program, and never looked back. Although her French never really developed and she never quite connected with the British and French students who ate their bananas quite properly with a knife and fork, Cherry made friends and memories to last a lifetime—losing control of a jerry-rigged raft on Lake Geneva, helping a team called “the Mother Bears” cross the finish line of an annual student marathon on a brass bed on bicycle wheels, or just roaming the city from dawn to dusk.

The Doyles were supposed to be in Europe for two years, but Henry Doyle was called back to fill his boss's shoes, and Cherry returned to the U.S.

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Cherry Doyle

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# CJCA News

by Burr Gray

**Next CJCA Meeting Agenda**—1) appreciation of Diane Leatherman, 2) update by Wireless Cabin John Committee, 3) report by Friends of Clara Barton Community Center, 4) status of WASA Canal Sewer Stink Project, and 5) status of MacArthur Bike Path Improvement.

*The next meeting of the CJCA will be Jan. 24, 7:30 pm at the Clara Barton Community Center.*

### Summary of the November 22, 2005 CJCA Meeting

—1) The meeting revolved around the development and building of new homes now occurring in Cabin John. CJ residents Eric Federing and Pete Couste gave a presentation on their successful efforts in convincing the County to not approve a request by a developer to create two lots, one of which would be a pipestem lot, at 6517 78<sup>th</sup> St. The main basis for the County's disapproval was that a pipestem lot would not be consistent with the character of the neighborhood, which only had two pipestem lots out of about 30 lots. The builder/developer has filed a lawsuit.

CJ resident/architect Tom Manion then gave a presentation on the recent changes in limits to heights of new homes. (On page 10 is a chart that lists the various zoning and set-back requirements

that apply to a house being constructed; the requirements vary depending on the year that a lot was created.) A motion was passed noting that CJCA has an interest in the development going on in Cabin John, even if no neighbor has objections, and asking CJ residents to alert CJCA (P.O. Box 31, Cabin John, MD) of the construction of any new homes next to them. CJ resident and realtor Patricia Ammerman volunteered to provide CJCA with a list of land transfers during the past year (see page 9). The County notifies CJCA only of proposed subdivisions in lots.

2) The attendees approved payment for replacement of the historical panels at the Cabin John Bridge with more durable versions, costing approximately \$700. The life span of the existing panels was only expected to be 3-4 years, which has been exceeded since the panels were installed in November 2001.

### Another Excellent CJ December Holiday Party

—At the annual Holiday Party held on Dec 11, the food was plentiful, the music and sound system

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## Diane Leatherman 1938-2006



Diane Leatherman has possibly made the most contributions to Cabin John of any other resident, past or present.

Born and raised in Kansas City, Missouri, Diane came to Cabin John in 1967. She helped enroll enough members to build the Palisades Swimming Pool on Seven Locks Road, and was instrumental in securing the permanent guarantee of free swim days for Cabin John residents. She drove for FISH, a Christian organization that takes people without transportation to doctors' appointments and grocery stores. In 1970, along with Bill White and other residents of Carver Road, she helped to organize the very first Crab Feast. In the beginning, the Crab Feast was an outgrowth of Home Study, a group which aimed to make things better for the black children of the community, with a pre-school program (similar to Head Start and open to all Cabin John kids), after-school tutoring, and small scholarships to local colleges. She was a faithful worker at the Crab Feasts every year for 33 years. In 1991, she served as president of the CJ Citizens Association.

In 1971, after finishing her BA at American University with a major in education, she started teaching the 4-year-old class at Clara Barton. After 3 years she joined the National Park Service, working as a costumed interpreter at Claude Moore Colonial Farm in McLean.

Diane then transferred to Glen Echo Park. Her initial job was to open an art gallery in the Tower and to hire and supervise the people who operated the Carousel. Diane was a fabric artist; her own creations have been displayed in the McCrillis Gallery.

From 1976 to 1990, she was registrar for classes at the park and was in charge of publicity for park-wide events. In 1977 she initiated Saturday night dances in the Spanish Ballroom, lining up musical groups to play for contra and folk dancing or to give concerts (e.g., jazz bands). Diane was a hostess at the dances, making beginners welcome and thinking of new features. One evening she put on a Renaissance Dance.

When the Park Service decided to put Glen Echo Park up for historic leasing, Diane spearheaded a movement to save it, becoming Staff Director of the Glen Echo Park Foundation. As chief fundraiser, she persuaded legislators in Annapolis to float a state bond for \$300,000, with the provision that Glen Echo supporters would raise a matching sum. Dancers and friends contributed money, and in the 2 years before she left Glen Echo in 1990, \$180,000 had been raised toward the goal. The Ballroom has been renovated, and today is

known among dancers and musicians all along the East Coast as a favorite venue.

Diane and Mark Leatherman were married in 1982 and have lived in their house on 78th Street with their daughter Blythe.

In addition to her posts with Glen Echo Park, Diane served as Executive Director of Friends of the Library, Montgomery County, and D.C. Coordinator, Orphan Foundation of America.

Diane served as secretary and later as president of the CJ Citizens Association. She led efforts to enlist the County's support in preserving and restoring the historic Black Cemetery behind the AME Zion Church on Seven Locks Road. In 2001, she received the Governor's Volunteer Service Award.



A freelance writer, Diane produced four books, two of them for young readers: fictionalized accounts of young girls in history, *Rebecca, A Maryland Farm Girl*, based on her mother-in-law's growing up in rural Frederick County; and *Abigail—Before the Revolution*, a story of life on a subsistence farm in Colonial days. Her last book, *The Lunch Bunch*, is a collection of true stories of Montgomery County patients and survivors of cancer who meet weekly for lunch and support.

Following her diagnosis of ovarian cancer, she began a campaign of educating women and health

professionals about the strong possibility of a connection between fertility drugs and ovarian cancer. Articles on this subject appeared in numerous publications including *The Washington Post*, the *Montgomery Sentinel*, the *Gazette*, and *Washington Woman*.

Diane died on January 7 at her home. She is survived by her husband of 24 years, Mark Leatherman; four children from her first marriage, Heidi Heflin, Leland Liu, Mitchell Heflin, all of Los Angeles, and Holli Heflin of New York; a daughter, Blythe Leatherman of Cabin John; two nieces, a nephew, and four grandchildren.

Diane has left our town a great legacy of vision, service, and courage.

— Barbara Martin

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excellent (courtesy of Jim Gilchrist), Santa showed (courtesy of the Cabin John Fire Department) and managed to not get crushed by eager munchkins, so the party proved once again to be very popular. There were probably about 200 people present. One real treat was the viewing of the final two historical panels that will be hung at the Center featuring Cabin John's history. As always, Ger Quinn did a wonderful job of formatting the panels that had been researched and prepared by Andy Rice, Diane Leatherman, Barbara Martin, Peter Vogt, and Burr Gray. Once again, Ritch Kepler provided the beautiful framing. The event is a joint effort between CJCA and the Montgomery County Recreation Department (who manages the Clara Barton Community Center). The following volunteers should be thanked profusely should you run into them on the streets of Cabin John: Decorations – Janet Dence, Greg Whiteaker, and Robin Gurley; Music/Caroling – Barbara Martin played piano, and Pete Couste led the Cabin John Youth Holiday Singers (who never practice but sing once a year); Sound System – Jim Gilchrist; Setup – Greg Whiteaker and Burr Gray; Food Setup and

Management – Marcy Harrison, Patricia Ammerman and Niloo Spencer; Food Pickup from the Merchants – Clare Amoruso; Storytelling of Santa's House – Liz and Lorena Clark and Katherine Barnhard; Kids Crafts – Heidi Lewis and Helen Harris; Kids gifts – Robin Gurley and Ruth Rabner did the wrapping and the CJ Fire Department did the delivery through Santa; Raffle – Bruce and Katherine Wilmarth; Christmas Tree Pickup – Burr Gray; and Cleanup – Bruce Wilmarth, Pete Couste, Patricia Ammerman, Niloo Spencer, Dominique and Xavier Maggio.

This effort continues to be very well supported by the local community merchants, both with food and raffle items. In the food department, the partygoers benefited from food provided by the Bethesda Co-op (lots of cheeses & crackers), Glen Echo Sub Shop (Brad Siegel–manager), Pizza Hut, and KanPai Sushi. Finally, the raffle contained items provided by the following: Hughes Landscaping – Christmas tree; nice basket with goodies from Eleanor Balaban; Alpine Animal Hospital – free pet checkup courtesy of Dr. Tom Ramirez; Glen Echo Hardware – \$50 gift certificate courtesy of Mike Christopher and Carl Essl; Firehouse Cleaners – \$50 certificate courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Ahn; Kan Pai Sushi – \$50 gift certificate courtesy of Katz Toyota; \$50 gift certificate from Glen Echo Subs; and four yearlong memberships to the weight room donated by the Clara Barton Community Center. CJCA raised about \$200 from the raffle to help offset the cost of the event.

**February 5, 2006 Cabin John Blood Drive**—The next community blood drive will take place on Sunday, Feb. 5 at the Clara Barton Community Center. Please contact CJ Resident Karen Melchar ([ardenroad@mac.com](mailto:ardenroad@mac.com) or 229-9049) if you are willing and able to donate blood. Time slots start at 10 am, with the last slot at 3:45 pm. We have managed to reach our 50-pint goal for each of the last three blood drives and hope to continue the success. As always, we need help in manning the sign-in table and in helping with setup and takedown, so please let Karen know if you can volunteer some help whether or not you plan to donate blood. Call 1-800-272-2048 (Red Cross nurses station) if you have any questions regarding eligibility to donate. —





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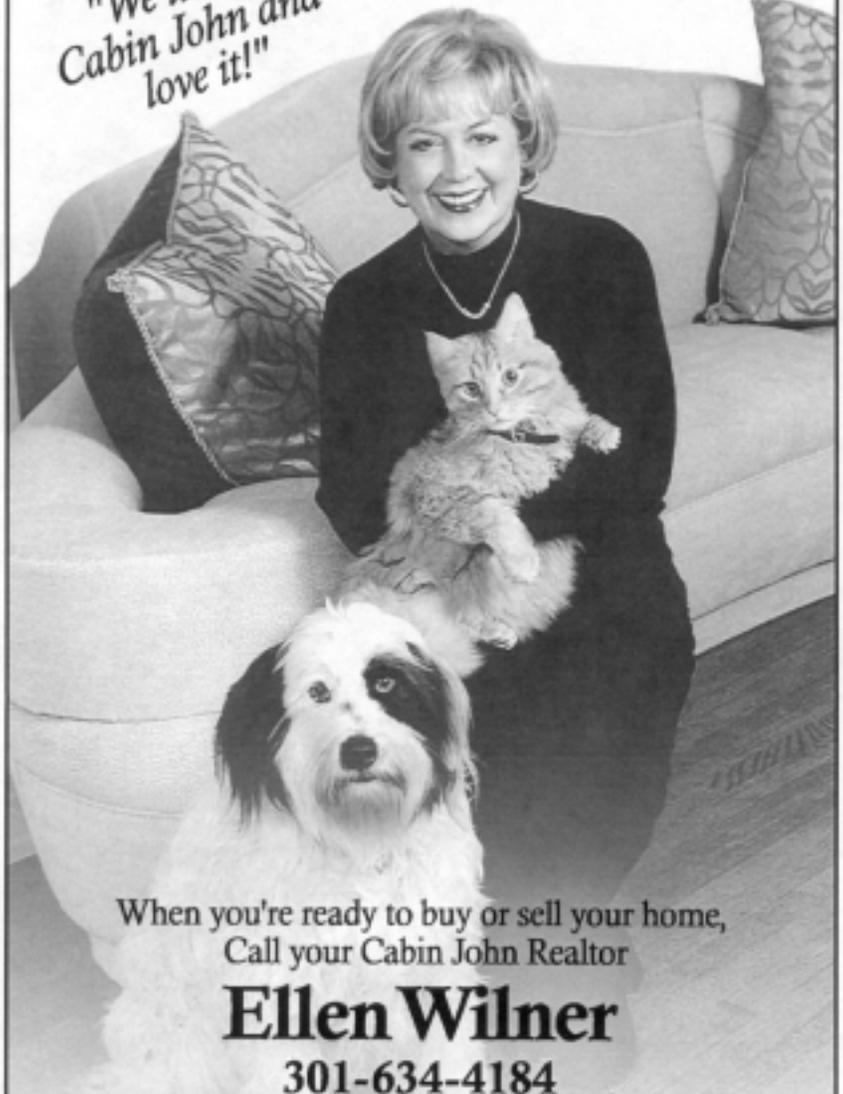
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Design That Fits, LLC will be holding a FREE design seminar by Interior Decorator and Re-designer, Rebecca Subbian on Wednesday, February 22 at the Cabin John Community Center at 7:30 pm. She will be discussing interior re-design and effective accessorizing techniques. The event is open to the public.

Registration is appreciated, 301-257-9229 or [rebecca@designthatfits.com](mailto:rebecca@designthatfits.com).

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# Looking Back in Cabin John

by Andrew E. Rice

## Catching the Bus in Cabin John

Getting into or out of Cabin John by public transportation for many years was an “iffy” thing. Beginning in the 1830’s, the only public option was to ride the canal boat from Georgetown. (The roads were limited to Seven Locks and Persimmon Tree and they weren’t much to look at. In fact it was not until after the Union Arch was built in the 1860s that a new route opened up when farmers discovered they could drive their wagons across the aqueduct.)



The trolley car came to our town towards the end of the century. In its heyday, streetcar Route 20 started at downtown Union Station, came up Pennsylvania Avenue into Georgetown and then proceeded up river. It was a popular commuter route for those living along its path, but it was probably most used to get to and from Glen Echo Amusement Park. Morris Fradin, who was Cabin John’s historian in the 1950-80 period, has written of the joy of swinging along at a fast clip

through fields and forest, with occasional glimpses of the river. In the summer, the Capital Traction Company put open cars on the line, so it was a particularly delightful experience.

But the ride didn’t end at Glen Echo. Number 20 continued onward (you can still see the trestles) until it came to the sharp slope leading down to Cabin John Creek. This was the end of the line. For a while there was a footbridge leading across the ravine to the grounds of the Cabin John Bridge Hotel, making it simple to access the beautiful hotel gardens with their Japanese lanterns and huge music box called an orchestron.

A taxi would often be waiting at the end of the line to take passengers who wanted to go further. For some years, certain trips carried the mail to and from Cabin John via the Georgetown Post Office.

This era ended when the transit company abandoned all streetcar service in January 1961. For Cabin John that meant the inauguration of a new bus line — then called the N-8 — that ran from Sibley Hospital to the Quick Food Store (now the Captain’s Market), with occasional trips to the David Taylor Model Basin or up Persimmon Tree Road. But the service never caught on and, except in rush hours, there were very few passengers, and so, in November 1976, all service was terminated. The *Village News* reported on the final run thusly:

*“Friday, 6:45 p.m. The little crowd at the Glen Echo Shopping Center peers down the darkness of MacArthur Boulevard...Around the bend the running lights finally appear. A quick cheer, the bus arrives, the faithful band clambers aboard...Champagne and pretzels are handed round as the bus begins its final trip through Cabin John.”*

It turned out that one of the riders was a newspaper reporter, for the next day’s *Evening Star* carried a story and even a photograph of the N-8’s demise.

More than eight years elapsed before Cabin John again had any public transportation. In fact, it was just thirty years ago this month (January 26, 1976) that “Ride-On” service began to be offered as Route 32. The service was directly related to the extension of Metrorail’s operations into Montgomery County. Learning from past experience, the buses ran only during weekday rush hours at a fare of 60 cents per ride.

Today the service is well established to meet Cabin John’s public transportation needs, with the route and the timetable virtually unchanged since 1976. Only the prices have gone up.

It’s good service, but it sure isn’t half the fun of riding the old trolley line along the Palisades into Washington!



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## 2005 Home Sales in Cabin John

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**Active:**

7833 Mac Arthur Blvd	\$1,485,000
6416 83rd St	\$1,000,000
19 Ericsson Rd	\$469,000
6528 79th St	\$1,599,000
6421 83rd Pl	\$899,000

**Under Contract:**

6629 81st St	\$1,595,000
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**Sold:**

13 Ericsson Rd. #000	\$377,200
6517 Persimmon Tree Rd	\$700,000
8017 Cypress Grove Ln	\$860,000
8009 Cypress Grove Ln	\$810,000
6600 80th Pl	\$777,000
6418 Wishbone Ter	\$715,000
6930 Seven Locks Rd	\$1,310,000
6514 79th Pl	\$614,100
6420 79th St	\$1,269,000
8022 Cypress Grove Ln	\$1,299,999
6408 83rd St	\$1,195,000
6524 78th St	\$1,050,000
5 Thorne Rd #0	\$487,000
6605 Seven Locks Rd	\$725,000
6515 78th St	\$850,000
6622 81st St	\$1,179,000
2 Tomlinson Ct	\$1,180,000
6457 Wishbone Ter	\$815,000
7 McKay Circle	\$644,000
8014 MacArthur Blvd	\$1,350,000
6524 75th St	\$750,000
6528 75th St	\$950,000

**Sold For:**

**Listed For:**

\$377,200	\$375,000
\$700,000	\$799,000
\$860,000	\$875,000
\$810,000	\$820,000
\$777,000	\$639,000
\$715,000	\$715,000
\$1,310,000	\$1,325,000
\$614,100	\$479,900
\$1,269,000	\$1,200,000
\$1,299,999	\$1,299,999
\$1,195,000	\$1,195,000
\$1,050,000	\$1,130,000
\$487,000	\$487,000
\$725,000	\$725,000
\$850,000	\$825,000
\$1,179,000	\$1,179,000
\$1,180,000	\$1,177,000
\$815,000	\$815,000
\$644,000	\$649,000
\$1,350,000	\$1,350,000
\$750,000	\$799,500
\$950,000	\$950,000

## An Appreciation of CJ Resident Diane Leatherman

Long-time Cabin John resident and community activist Diane Leatherman passed away recently from cancer. As I told her husband, Mark, Diane had the unusual combination of being willing to fight for her community and getting results. Her efforts led to programs and events that have stood the test of time and many years later are still benefiting local residents. She helped organize the early Crab Feasts, helped the black youth of Cabin John as they entered local public schools. She advocated for and started the swim program at our local Palisades Pool that to this day allows Cabin John kids to swim for free on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the summer. She worked hard to create the group and momentum to preserve the historic Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, which continues to be the venue for wonderful dances and other events and a huge resource for Cabin Johners. Diane also serve as President of CJCA. The last CJCA-related project that Diane advocated on behalf of was to preserve and record the history of the cemetery associated with the historic Gibson Grove Church in Cabin John. Angela Coppola, Colleen and Trav Daniel, and I are working to make that dream come true, having received a grant for \$1000 from the County last year to help with that. We would not have embarked on this venture but for Diane's prodding and advocacy.

So, Diane, many, many thanks for all of the work that you did to make our community a better, more interesting, and more caring place. We owe you.

*Burr Gray  
CJCA President*



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# CJCA Handout – Zoning Restrictions in Cabin John Area

(Current as of 11/22/05)

Do not rely exclusively on this chart. Also check with zoning expert and County if any real issue comes up.

Zone	Area Requirements	Lot Coverage	Front Yard Set-back	Side Yard Set-back	Rear Yard Setback	Lot Frontage
R-90 Sec. 59 -41(d)	Min 9,000 sq ft	30%, incl. accessory bldgs	30 ft from front property line or established front line of majority of bldgs	Total combined setback from both sides of 25 ft, min. 8 ft from each side, corner 36 ft (or 15 ft). Lot recorded before May 31, 1958 - total 21 ft, min. 10 ft. Lot recorded before Dec 31, 1965 – 7 ft each. Lot recorded before March 6, 1928 – 40 ft to 50 ft lots 5 ft each.	25 ft	75 ft min. at bldg line; not less than 25 ft at street line.
R-60 Sec. 59 -42(d)	Min 6,000 sq ft	35%, incl. accessory bldgs	25 ft from front property line or established front line of majority of bldgs	Total combined – 18 ft, min 8 ft corner 25 ft or 15. Lot recorded before Dec 32, 1953 – 7 ft each. Lot recorded before Mar 6, 1928 – 40 ft to 50 ft lots 5 ft each.	20 ft	60 ft min, at bldg line, not less than 25 ft at street line

Zone	Building Height	Accessory Buildings	Remarks
R-90	Recently revised as per zoning text amendment. New limit - 30 feet from midpoint grade (ground level at middle of house) to midpoint of roof or 35 feet to peak of roof.	Only in rear yard: 25% occupancy. 60 ft from front line: 5 ft from rear or side line: 5 ft from alley. Corner lot – 30 ft from side street and if less than 60 ft from side street, 10 ft from rear.	
R-60	Same as above	Same as above except corner lot 20 ft from side street line.	



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This event is being organized by Friends of the Clara Barton Community Center, who are interested in dancing, hearing good music, and the continued success of activities and programs held at the Clara Barton Community Center. If you are interested in helping out with this event (decorations, set-up, stage set-up, food serving, cleanup, etc), please contact Lori Rieckelman at (301) 320-6299 or [rieckell@aol.com](mailto:rieckell@aol.com). In particular, we can use four volunteers who might be willing to form the cleanup committee in return for free entrance to the event. This will entail working for about an hour & a half after the music stops. —



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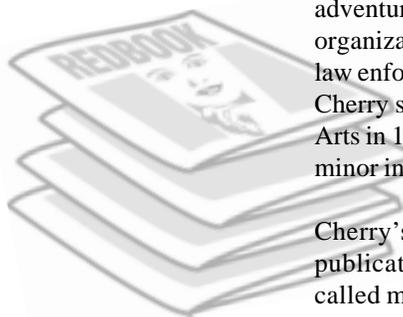
having made no arrangements to attend college. So Elsie Doyle made a call to her alma mater, Mississippi State College for Women, and Cherry headed down to Columbus, MS, that fall. Another high jinks-filled year followed and facing an 18-week period of restriction to campus, Cherry returned to Maryland and enrolled in Montgomery College for a year and a half. She eventually returned to Mississippi and new on-campus adventures, including campaigning for civil rights organizations, which attracted the attention of local law enforcement and the Ku Klux Klan. However, Cherry survived to graduate with a degree in Fine Arts in 1969, with a focus on Commercial Art, and a minor in Interior Design and Art History.

Cherry's specific interest was preparing publications and artwork for printing, a process called making mechanicals. By her own admission, Cherry's strengths fall not in drafting or painting, but in the business and technology of art. This ability to combine art and science runs throughout the Doyle family, with three musicians, one dancer, a commercial artist, two art dealers, a physical therapist, and two engineers, spread over the six Doyle children. This talent arises from a combination of their

father's engineering mind and their mother's eye for a diversity of artistic styles.

On returning to the DC area, Cherry found herself working at McCall's printing plant in Glendale, MD, where *Redbook* magazine was printed. This was during the transition from hot-type and letter-press printing to offset printing, and labor regulations were in turmoil, so anxiety ran high in the plant. Cherry's job was to put magazines together—to arrange computer type, paste it down in the appropriate arrangement, put in any images or save space for them—and this put her right at the frontline of the union tensions. When one of the other magazines that used the printing plant asked her to take over getting each issue out for publication on deadline, Cherry jumped at the chance and became the production manager for *Science News*.

After about nine months, Judy, a friend from the printing plant who had moved to Manhattan, called Cherry and said that *Modern Photography* was looking for a production manager and Cherry needed to come up to talk to them right away. After what turned out to be a pro forma interview, followed by a salary offer three times what she had been making, and offices on Times Square, Cherry



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packed up her little sports car and moved to New York City. She and Judy eventually found a spacious two-bedroom apartment in a grand, pre-war apartment building whose scheduled demolition had been cancelled mid-stream. Needless to say, it became party central for Cherry and all her friends.

Five years of a long-distance relationship eventually brought Cherry back to DC, and she put the word out with friends and colleagues for a new job. A freak October snowstorm chased Cherry down to Key West for a leisurely tropical vacation. She came back to DC, tanned and rested, to an interview with Ed Thompson, former editor of *Life* magazine and publisher of *Smithsonian* magazine, for a production management position. It was a wonderful place to work, like a second family, and Cherry felt like she had the best job in city—for 20 of the 25 years she worked there.

In the last five years, the publisher who had hired her retired, and a new publisher was brought in, with a new business model. The magazine lost much of its autonomy within the Smithsonian's non-governmental Trust division, despite bringing in a significant amount of revenue for the institution. The consolidation was a reflection of what was going on in business in general at the time, and by 2000, Cherry decided to retire from the magazine and spend more time on her latest side business.

With friends, Cherry had at various times put together companies such as a home-based typesetting business and a distribution center for artwork. In 1999, she and her sister Mary began buying, importing, and selling Hungarian artwork and antiques. They found a New York art dealer to work with at first, but eventually broke out on their own, opening the *Objet D'Heart* gallery in the MacArthur Boulevard shopping center. They eventually joined forces with Potomac Village Antiques on River Road, opened a second branch near Charlottesville, and, capitalizing on Cherry's experience as a realtor (another current side business), expanded into estate sales under the name ODH. The businesses have finally begun to turn a profit, but Cherry and Mary would continue for the sheer pleasure of it.

Probably the most important side project that Cherry has been working on for over 20 years is raising her son Joe. Cherry has been a working single mom for most of Joe's life, which made bedtimes problematic for her, since she loved

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spending as much time as possible with him after she got home from work. Although Joe's father had shared custody and Joe spent a lot of time with his father in DC, it was the need to find Joe daycare that brought Cherry to Cabin John, since she knew about the Clara Barton child care center from her mother's years of teaching while it was still an elementary school. Joe is continuing the Doyle tradition of combining art and technology, working at a hardware store in Dupont Circle and set to enroll in classes at the Corcoran School of Art this winter.

Whether it's bedtimes, art collecting, stuffing poster mailers, or printing world-class magazines, Cherry Doyle's philosophy on life is clear: enjoy what you're doing, have a little fun, surround yourself with good people, and the good luck will follow. Words to live by, for all of us. — 

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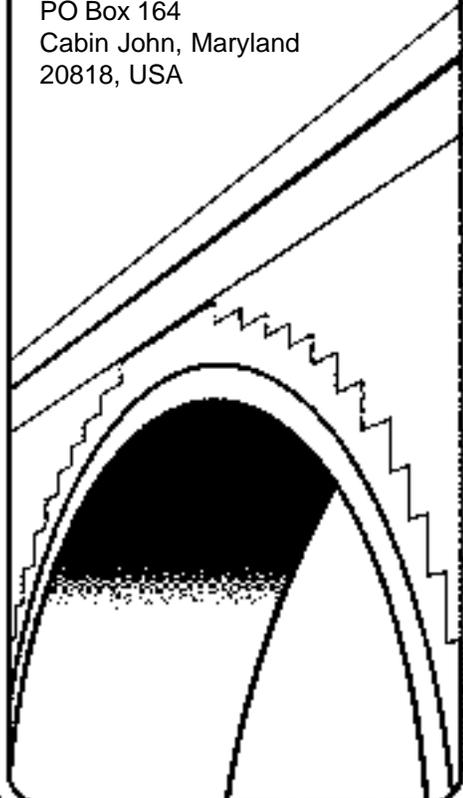
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