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Congrats Class of 2024 GRADS!



Garrett Sidel, of Spring Road, graduated from Walt Whitman and is headed to the Kelley School of Business at Indiana Univ. Garrett's family moved to Cabin John in 2011, just two days before he started Kindergarten at Bannockburn.

See *Meet CJ's Class of 2024* on pg. 5.

Sign Up for CJ News in your Inbox

A reminder that CJCA maintains a listserv (operated through Google Groups) which we use as **our primary communications medium**. We send out announcements on upcoming events, matters concerning the community,

See *Google Group* / Listserv on pg. 3.

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An Island Getaway For All In CJ

By Heidi Lewis

Minnie's Island Community Conservancy (MICC) is planning a fabulous day out on the island for everyone in Cabin John on **Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 10 am-2 pm**. Refreshments, tours, games, music, and more are planned. The volunteers and board members of MICC are eager to share the transformation of this once overgrown, invasive-choked spot into an inviting, accessible, natural oasis, and encourage CJ'ers to take part in the continuing restoration of our own island paradise.

Bring your boat if you have one, but do not worry if you do not–volunteers will be on hand to ferry visitors to and from the island. To catch a ride over, head down to Lock 8 and MICC volunteers will help you arrange passage to the island.



CJCA News

By Scott and Heidi Lewis

The last CJCA meeting of the 2023-2024 program year was held Wednesday, May 22. This well-attended meeting featured a fascinating presentation from CJ's own local historian **Judy Welles**. Attendees learned many interesting facts and some new historical information that Judy has uncovered in the last few years. For example, did you know that:

- In 1913 Cabin John had the world's longest single-arch stone bridge.
- Cabin John once had a hotel where at least three presidents dined.
- Two of the six bridges that support the Washington Aqueduct are in Cabin John.

Several CJ'ers brought artifacts for show and tell, including prehistoric spear heads, arrow heads, and a very ancient hide scraper, all found by **Linda Green** in her yard; some of **Richard Hirsh**'s extensive collection of articles and pictures; an embossing stamper from Moses Morningstar congregation shared by **Diane Baxter**; and records and sheet music published by the Cabin John Recording Company, collected by **Jerry Hornauer**.

The presentation from Judy was an abbreviated taste of an in-depth Cabin John history presentation CJCA will sponsor this fall for all our neighboring communities to enjoy. Through slides and discussion Judy will share her extensive knowledge of our area including habitation by native Americans, European exploration in the 1700s, establishment as a country escape for Washingtonians in the late 1800s, development as a bucolic suburb in the early 1900s, our area's role in the suffrage and civil rights movements, and the colorful characters that have played roles through the years.

After the history presentation, the meeting moved to the annual election of CJCA officers. The current slate of officers was re-elected for the 2024-2025 program year: Co-Presidents **Heidi & Scott Lewis**, Vice President **Marcy Harrison**, Vice President **Charlotte Troup Leighton**, Secretary **Kelly Banuls**, and Treasurer **Bob Walsh**. CJCA is actively seeking new people to serve as officers–volunteering for a year or two is a fantastic way to meet lots of CJ'ers and get really connected to our great neighborhood. Email cjcapresidents@gmail.com to find out more.

The next CJCA meeting will be in September, but there are plenty of activities all summer long–see the community calendar on the back page of this issue.

Palisades Pool Open To All CJ Residents 11 am-1 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays

Over the summer, Cabin John residents are admitted free of charge to the Palisades Pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 am to 1 pm. Children under the age of eight must be accompanied by a person 15 years or older. Please sign in at the pool–proof of residency (driver's license or other photo ID, plus two pieces of mail) is required for admission. The Palisades Pool (301-229-2598) is located off Seven Locks Road between Long Ridge Court and Cypress Grove Lane. The Cabin John Free Swim was part of an agreement between the Cabin John community and the founders of the Palisades Pool to gain neighborhood approval of the zoning variance that permitted the pool to be constructed.



A somewhat regular update on public works projects impacting Cabin John.

By Scott Lewis

Washington Aqueduct Old Conduit Repairs Project – Work continues on this project, and many will continue to notice significant activity along MacArthur Boulevard, including within Cabin John.

The commonly referred to "Old Conduit" has been under repair since late November 2023. The Old Conduit is a 12-mile-long pipe carrying water from the Potomac River near Great Falls to the Dalecarlia Reservoir just over the border in Washington, DC.

The single-lane closures that have been occurring along MacArthur are expected to wind down in the next several weeks. The project–with a capital cost of over $50 million–will be completed this year.

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and other important news. We only send three to five emails a month, so we don't overwhelm your inbox.

To join this listserv, send an email to: **cjca-official-news+subscribe@googlegroups.com**. You'll need to include your name and address in Cabin John so we can maintain the safety and integrity of the list. The CJCA listserv is private and the mailing list is never sold or given to anyone. Only current CJCA officers have the ability to send information.

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NEIGHBORLY NEWS



Jeff Kirk, of Froude Circle, was recently honored for 50 incredible years as a director and teacher at the Glen Echo Pottery studio. Glen Echo Pottery is a year-round pottery school offering both adult and teen classes spanning all skill levels. Glen Echo Pottery includes a gallery as well. For the past half-century, Jeff has shared his passion for pottery and mentored countless aspiring artists. His dedication, creativity, and kindness have left an indelible mark on the Glen Echo community and beyond.

Clara Barton Neighborhood Recreation Center

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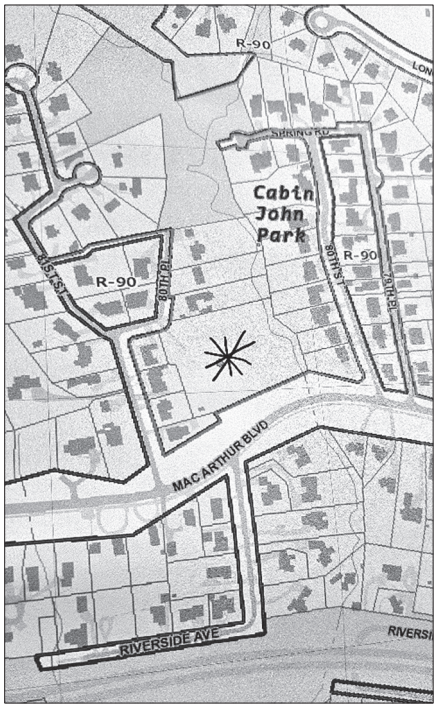
Plans for Development in Cabin John Move Forward

By Nathan Canestaro

You may have seen the signs on MacArthur Boulevard protesting development on 80th Place in Cabin John and wondered, "What's going on?" Potomac Heritage Homes (PHH) plans to build four residences on the 2.3-acre wooded lot between 80th and 81st Streets, and in order to do so will bulldoze half the forest on the property. This will destroy the green space and wildlife that our neighborhood values so much. This will also significantly increase the run-off from this lot—resulting in greater flow into the creek and culvert that runs beneath MacArthur Boulevard. This could have significant implications for properties located downstream from the construction site.

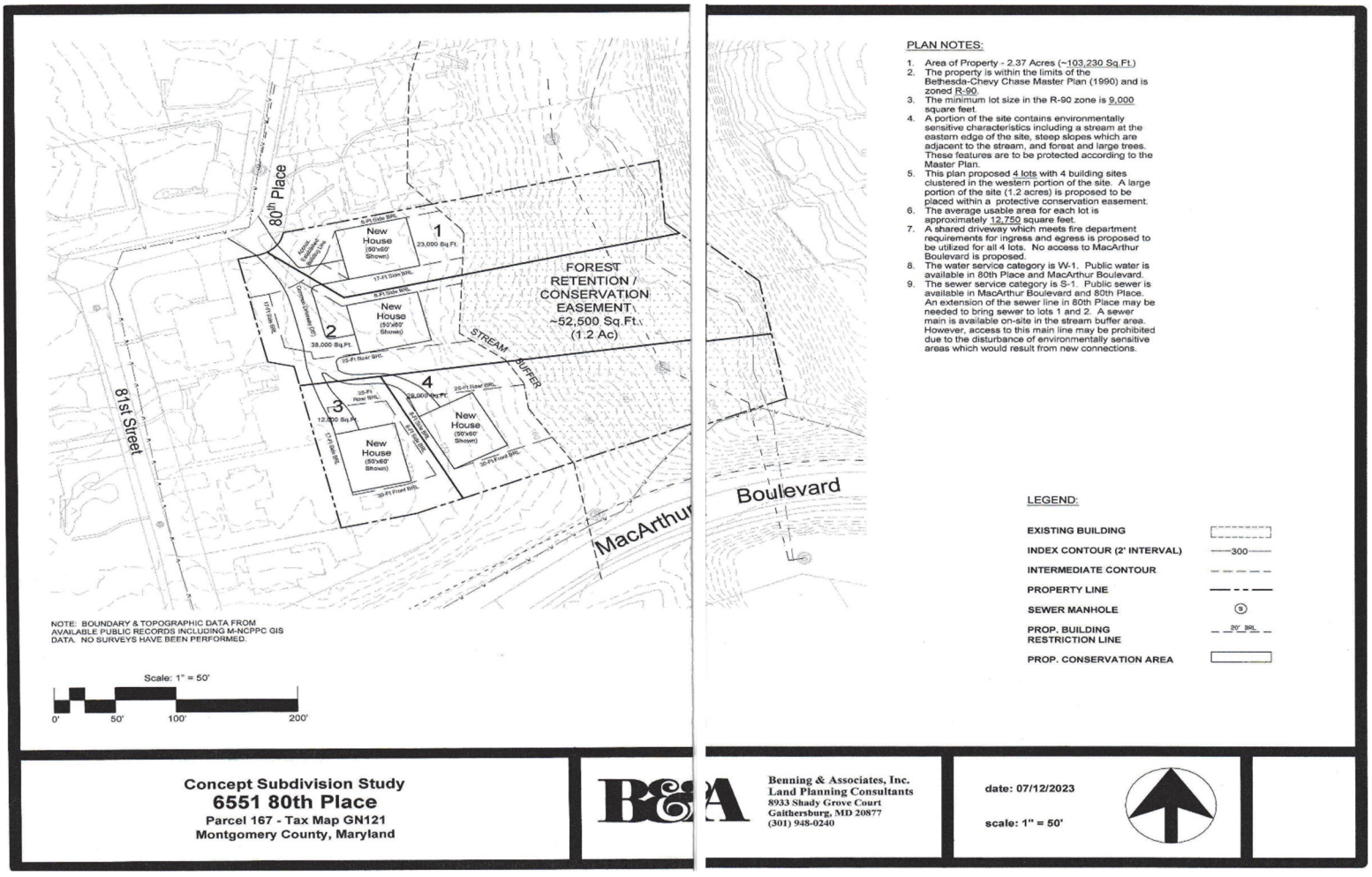


PHH recently held a neighborhood meeting, a required step before it submits a development plan to the county for approval. Discussions were contentious; the developer stated that he will not make any concessions to the community and that his primary concern is "maximizing the economic value of the property."

We are waiting to see if he submits his plan to the county or holds another meeting. There will be future opportunities for Cabin John residents to make their voices heard on this issue; if you'd like to receive updates, email **nathan.canestaro@gmail.com** to get on our mailing list.



Dan Demeria, president of Potomac Heritage Homes, Nick Demeria, vice-president, and Dave McKee, president of Benning and Associates, a land planning and landscape architecture firm, presented information about the controversial project to Cabin John neighbors on May 1.



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Meet CJ's Class of 2024 Graduates

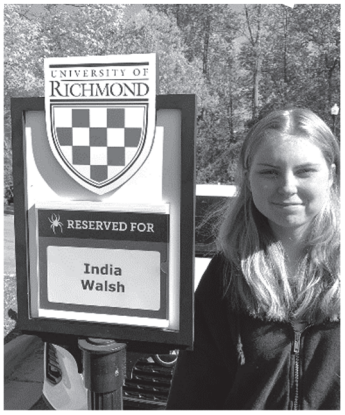
By Shelly McKenzie



Andre Thornton of Wishbone Terrace graduated with honors in mechanical engineering from Union College in Schenectady, New York. In July he starts his dream job working in the field of airplane design at Textron Aviation.



India Walsh of 81st Street is off to the University of Richmond in the fall. She is winding up a long Cabin John educational journey from Clara Barton Center for Children, to Bannockburn, Pyle, and then Walt Whitman.



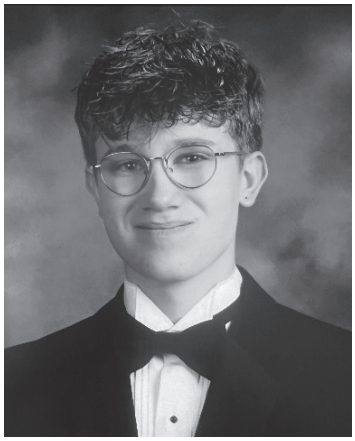


Ian Meyer-O'Connor of 78th Street graduated from Goucher College, *summa cum laude*, in professional and creative writing, with minors in communications, literature, and women, gender and sexuality studies. He will be a volunteer with AmeriCorps next year and then plans to attend the University of Maryland for a masters in library and information science.



Taylor Pyle of MacArthur Boulevard graduated from Walt Whitman. She is off to Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington, and looks forward to hiking adventures paired with studying math and science.

Ian Gaull of Arden Road graduated from Walt Whitman and will attend UCLA to study music industry and linguistics.



Talia Berger graduated from Georgetown Day School and will attend the University of Michigan in the fall.





Emily ("Emmy") Holland of 79th Place graduated from The Potomac School and will attend UCLA in the fall to study chemistry.

Amy and Gwen Arbetman of 76th Street both recently graduated from college. Amy, on the right, received her BA degree from Macalester College. Her major was Earth science with a minor in geology. Gwen, on the left, received her BA from Clark University. She majored in psychology and minored in urban geography.



Anna McGuire of 81st Street received an M.Sc. in Criminal Justice Policy from the London School of Economics. She will be attending Stanford Law School in the fall.



Rebecca Stern of 80th Street graduated *magna cum laude* from Haverford College, with a B.A. in history. In September, she will begin work as the enrichment coordinator at the Urban Assembly School for Law and Justice in Brooklyn as an Avodah Jewish Service Corps Fellow.





Xavier Maggio of Archbold Terrace graduated from the University of North Dakota with a degree in aerospace engineering.



Ashling Burns of Little Leigh Court graduated from Walt Whitman. She will study psychology at the University of Galway in Ireland.

Andrew Maurer of 79th Street, graduated from Walt Whitman and will attend Tufts University in the fall. He plans on studying data science and political science.









What Happens at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, and A Love Story

By Marcy Harrison

You know that fenced-in complex with the long building that you see along the north end of the Clara Barton Parkway or all along MacArthur Boulevard? That's the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division (NSWC). About 20 CJ'ers took a guided tour of the facility on April 18 and now we can tell you all about it!

"This is where the fleet begins." The NSWC is the Navy's laboratory for designing, testing and evaluating all their ships, submarines and unmanned systems. Before any ships are built, scale models are built and tested here in oversized tanks that simulate all kinds of weather and oceanographic conditions. It is a world-class facility and the largest of the 10 Naval Warfare Centers around the country, each with a different function. The Carderock Division employs 1,900 of a total 3,000 employees, of which about two-thirds are scientists.

This work started in the late 1800s led by Rear Admiral David Taylor, a brilliant naval architect, who perfected many of the experimental techniques used today to evaluate and predict the performance of ships. He first built a facility at the Navy Yard in DC but a larger facility was needed (and the ground was sinking!). The Navy selected the Carderock site because it is on bedrock and because of its proximity to the Navy Department and a fresh water source–the Potomac. The Navy purchased 180 acres for $100,000 and construction began in the late 1930s. It opened in 1940–in time to design and test all the military vessels used in World War II.

Our group toured the David Taylor Model Basin that consists of two long tanks (basins)–one is 50' wide, and the other is 22' wide, and 10-22' deep. They hold over 30 million gallons of fresh water from WSSC. The building is purposely kept dark so that algae do not grow. A series of carriages roll over the basins and each can tow the surface ship or submarine model through the water while scientists collect hydrodynamic data regarding power requirements and resistance that is used in the final design. The basins are 5/8 mile long, and the rails were engineered to follow the curvature of the Earth!

The second facility we toured is the Maneuvering and Seakeeping Basin. Seakeeping refers to pitch and roll; in other words, how waves hit the hull. Here, in a huge rectangular pool–240' wide x 360' long, 20' deep–a computer-controlled wave maker tests scale models of ships and submarines in in different sea conditions. The 216 individually controlled paddles along the two ends of the rectangle use data on sea conditions collected from oceans around the world to generate almost any type of wave that a ship may encounter.

The combination of data from these testing facilities can accurately predict what the performance of the ship or submarine is going to be, once built.

The NSWC has other facilities that we did not see, including water tunnels, water channels, a subsonic wind tunnel for aerodynamics and the Magnetic Fields Lab, where they perfect stealth technologies, to make ships as undetectable as possible.

The tour guide was knowledgeable and engaging and answered all our questions, except for those that touched on classified information! Of note by our participants:

- The wave machine was amazing. We were incredibly fortunate to see it in action. The U.S. Coast Guard was using the basin to test a prototype of a new type of life raft. The waves were large and could even crisscross. The test subjects in the water really struggled to climb into the raft.
- The NSWC is welcoming to the greater community–tours for kids and adults, high school and college engineering competitions, and even allied countries can test their materials and equipment there. When the America's Cup yacht was tested, they said it was the tightest security ever!
- It was surprising to learn that they are still making models with epoxy glue and fiberglass–not much has changed from early kayak design, although they do use 3-D metal printing for propellers. In the 1940s-50s there were 40 model makers and now there are four.
- Every year NSWC sends an aerial photo of the complex to National Airport for the pilots to use. Pilots have to notify the airport when they get to the Cabin John bridge, and they can't really see it, but they can spot the David Taylor Model Basin!

The tour of the complex held special memories for two of our group: Lorraine and Forrest Minor. They retired 30 years ago from the NSWC, which is where they met. They both worked in the Computer Department, which no longer exists. Computing has evolved over the years and many of the services provided by the department are available as standard software on personal computers or through Navy-wide support systems.

Lorraine's story: In the mid-1960s the-then David Taylor Model Basin had an extensive college recruiting program resulting in many young people joining the staff each year. Being relatively isolated, staff joined sports leagues, ate lunch together and socialized after work hours with their colleagues. Forrest and I worked in the same office for about four years. We were friends and socialized with the same group and dated a few times. One spring day when we were no longer working in the same office, we ran into each other on the way to lunch. He was going to get a sandwich at the cafeteria and eat it at Carderock and I joined him. All the wildflowers were in bloom, and we walked around looking at them but couldn't name them. I offered to bring in my wildflower book and we met again the next day and decided to do a hike at Great Falls the following Saturday to see what flowers were there. We were married in October 1972.

Additional information:
Free tours may be available to the public on the third Thursday of each month at 10am. Reservations are required. Email NSWCCD_CPAO@us.navy.mil to request a tour.

Since the NSWC is a secure government facility we were not allowed to bring in cell phones or cameras, so we have no pictures to share. The videos below are excellent sources for more information:

Virtual tour:
https://youtu.be/xsWzRrND3LI?si=g5VOWSxsw6m2LjPe

More details on the wave pool:
https://youtu.be/RGVVmGs4KDg?si=S-6EFBFZqV81vbas

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Our Missing Mussels

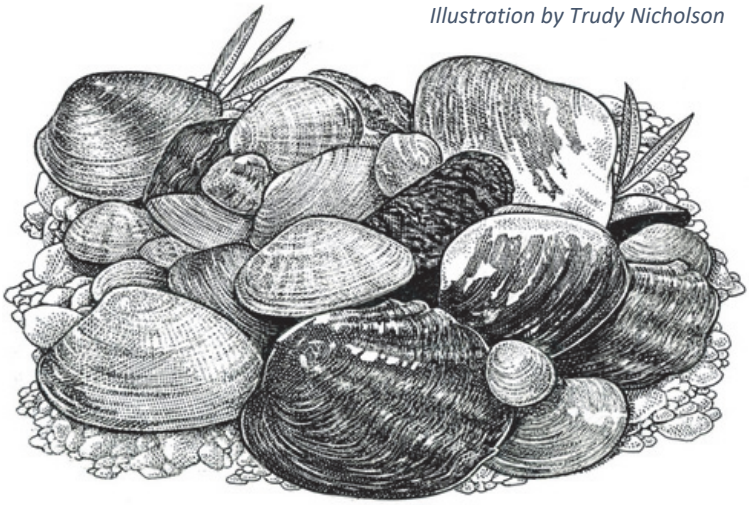
By Eric Dinerstein

One of our region's most challenging environmental struggles has been cleaning up the Potomac River. Of course, the river's pollution has been with us for many decades, but it wasn't always so. Back in the days when George Washington would leave the civilization of what is now Georgetown to survey the hinterlands (perhaps Cabin John), the Potomac was free from modern-day pollutants. It was safe to drink from, or to catch fish in, or harvest other food along its shores, as nature-savvy Native Americans had been doing for centuries. The water was pure then, in part, because the watershed was largely undisturbed, without the siltation and organic pollution of so many inhabitants upstream dumping waste into the river. But there was another factor, an underwater sanitation team, purifying the river on a daily basis. Behold the native mussel, small but mighty. Mussels, like other bivalves such as clams and oysters, use their gill structures to filter water passing through them to remove nutrients and silt.

In pre-Colonial times, native mussel populations were so abundant, as gleaned from historical records, that they probably filtered entire sections of the river of nutrients and sediment every few days. Native Americans not only collected native mussels for food, but also used the shells as utensils and for jewelry. Later, in the last two centuries, mussels became the raw material for making pearl buttons. Since the 1950s, native and non-native mussel species have been the preferred substrate for cultured pearls in Japan, and their harvest remains an important industry.

The important economic uses of mussels should not overshadow their contribution to global biodiversity. There are about 900 species of freshwater mussels in the world. The center of the universe is a group of about 300 species, not in the Amazon, Orinoco, or the Ganges, but in the southeastern United States, especially around Mobile Bay and throughout Alabama's rivers and streams. Some have highly charismatic names: the fuzzy pigtoe; purple wartyback; winged spike; fluted elephantear; spectaclecase; rough rabbitsfoot; and orangefoot pimpleback, to name a few. And mussels are favorite food items for a wide range of freshwater predators—feathered, furred, and scaly. They are central players to the integrity of the Potomac ecosystem.

Illustration by Trudy Nicholson



Freshwater Mussels

Despite the incredible diversity of native freshwater mussels in the United States, they, like other freshwater invertebrates, are among the most endangered creatures on Earth. The most serious threats are pollution and competition from other invasive mussel species. Here in Maryland we have about 17 species of native mussels, like the native yellow lampmussel, to name but one, but you will find few, if any, of them in our stretch of the Potomac. Instead, non-native species are prevalent. The reasons why non-native species are outcompeting natives are not entirely clear. One possibility is that they become overwhelmed by the same pollutants that they otherwise filter out or are unable to cope with particular pollutants. And it is also not entirely clear if the non-native mussels are any less "filter workhorses" than the native mussels. Research questions abound.

The presence of healthy populations of native species of mussels is a strong biological indicator of the health of the Potomac and other rivers, and conservationists and aquatic biologists regularly survey local waters for their abundance. The results show dramatic declines of the native species and, in many places, replacement by invasives. Now, the dominant species found in surveys are mussels that never evolved in our local waters.

Cleaning up the river with better zoning regulations, restricting development along the river, and keeping pollutants out, is critical for the restoration and future health of our native ecosystems. Being able to drink from the Potomac without fear of infection or disease should be a non-negotiable demand for future generations. So our

native mussels are the equivalent of canaries in the coal mine: where they flourish—when we keep urban growth far from the riverbanks, reduce nutrients from agricultural runoff and other pollutants—that is where our efforts are succeeding.



Freshwater Mussels

The proliferation of non-native mussels, like the crayfish discussed in a previous column, presents a more vexing challenge. The potential of gene editing, to someday remove or greatly reduce the reproductive abilities of non-natives holds out some promise for removal of invasives. Until then, let's give our native yellow lampmussels all the help they can get by fighting for a pollution-free Potomac.

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An Adventurous Woman "Living High"…in Cabin John?

By Rachel Donnan

I recently came across a *Village News* article from twenty-plus years ago about a book called ***Living High*** by June Burn, first published in 1941. An old friend from Washington State sent this autobiography to a long-ago local resident, certain that June Burn's adventurous and unconventional life started right here in Cabin John.



June Burn in an undated photo.

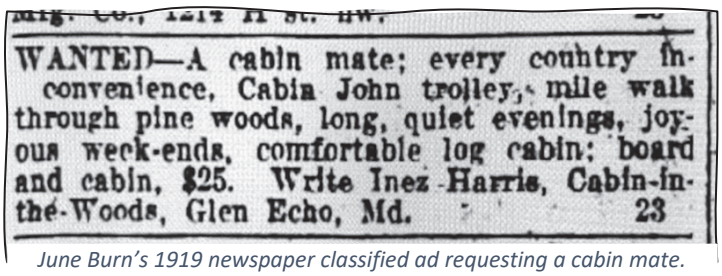
June's book begins in 1919:
"Up the Potomac River in Maryland, not far north of the district line, there used to be a little log cabin on a knoll in the heart of a hundred acre place. It had woods all about and clear cool brooks winding by on three sides. Down the trail from the house was a large tulip poplar tree that spread its huge limbs over a stone walled spring.

In a Washington newspaper I had placed an advertisement:
"WANTED, a cabin mate. Every country inconvenience. Mile walk from Cabin John trolley, through a pine cathedral. Brooks, spring, woods, wild strawberries soon. No bath, no telephone, no neighbors in sight."""



The rustic cabin in or near Cabin John where June and Farrar Burn made their home.

Thirty women responded to June's ad. Unable to choose one of them, she invited all thirty to the cabin to draw straws. She also invited Ensign Farrar Burn, a weekend rambler who was detailed to Washington during the war.



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June Burn's 1919 newspaper classified ad requesting a cabin mate.

He'd come across her cabin one Sunday while she was out, and left a note pinned to the door asking if he could send her some photos he'd taken of her rustic home.

When June was offered a job she'd applied for with the Red Cross in St. Louis, Farrar proposed marriage and staying put in the simple cabin in the woods that they both loved. Within a month, June and Farrar married and "the Glen Echo postmistress said, 'Well, you got your cabin mate, didn't you?'"

June wrote of spring rains filling the brooks, about "rooster violets [that] came out along the trail to the car line" and bluets "like a dream low over the meadows." She described the dogwood trees and mountain laurel, and how the brook "crossed the trail seven times on the way to the post office, every crossing different. Here it would be shallow, the sweet singing water honey-colored over the fallen autumn leaves…. At another crossing, the brook narrowed and was deep and still. I had to jump it here. At another, it winkled happily over flat steppingstones."

After Farrar was discharged from the Navy several months later, they visited a library. Finding an atlas, they scoured the maps in search of a place to make their permanent home. Enthralled by the idea of living on an island, they chose Washington and started planning their journey to their next home, on an island in Puget Sound.

Inez "June" Chandler Harris was an adventurous and independent spirit who was born in 1893 in Alabama. As a young woman, she worked as a writer for *McCall's* magazine. Together with a friend, they hatched a plan to take turns working, so they could each spend a few months to explore what they wanted to pursue in life. June rented that small cabin in the woods as a place to write when it was her turn.

Farrar Burn was born in 1888 in Arkansas. After he and June married, they slowly made their way across the US towards Seattle and their island. They had two sons. They even returned to the cabin in the woods for a brief time when the boys were infants. They spent time in the Arctic Circle working with indigenous communities. Farrar, a musician who "sings and sells his own songs," and June toured the country with their children in the Burn Ballad Bungalow, a car remodeled into a 1920s version of a camper van. In her fifties, June studied soil and its impact on health. She did a one-year internship in England on an organic

farm. Back in the US, the couple continued writing, making music, and cobbling together a fulfilling and fascinating life. June died in 1969 and Farrar in 1974.

Living High is the story of June and Farrar's adventures after their meet-cute in the Washington, DC area. But it's her opening pages that ring familiar. The reader gets a sense of place that sounds remarkably like the Cabin John Creek or somewhere just beyond Cabin John's borders, perhaps nearby over the bridge.

Wherever June's rustic cabin stood, her writing paints a picture of the natural beauty of Cabin John and the surrounding area before development touched much of the landscape.

POEMS FOR PASSERSBY

Presented by Meredith Griggs

LATENT

by Rosemary Wahtola Trommer

Riding our bikes through the warm
summer night, the dark itself parted to let
us pass; wind in our hair, soft whir of the
wheels---and an almost irrational joy
grew in me then, such simple joy, as if joy
were always here, waiting to flourish,
needing only to be noticed.



And is joy latent in everything?
I have felt it sometimes in the washing
of dishes, in mowing the lawn,
in peeling the carrots, even washing
the fishtank and scrubbing the floor.

So could it be, too, inside worried pacing?
In envy? In sighing? In the clenching of fists?
Is there joy where I can't imagine it?
Joy–waiting to spin like a wheel,
waiting to rise like laughter
that careens through the deepening dark.

After a visit with her friend Ute Moeller on upper 78th Street,
Gudi Kreisler *reads a poem before returning to her home on Tomlinson Ave.*

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DID YOU KNOW?

If you are a seller preparing for your buyer's home inspection, there are some essential items you should include in the home inspection checklist.

- Clean and declutter all areas to create a positive impression during the inspection.
- Clear the inspector's access points to ensure all pertinent areas are easily accessible, including the attic, crawl space, electrical panel, and basement.
- Test the functionality of everything the inspector will check. Make sure water sources are functional: light switches work, downspouts divert water from the house, fan ducts vent properly, weather stripping on doors is intact, and locks function.
- Check all utilities, including checking for leaks in sinks and water heater, visible electrical wiring is in good condition, air filters are clean, HVAC is regularly serviced.
- Make safety and security arrangements by testing smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, exterminating bugs or rodents and checking for termite infestation. Make repairs if needed.
- Replace light bulbs, re-caulk around bathtubs and sinks, replace cracked tile, repair any water damage, clean gutters, trim trees hanging over the roof line.

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Real Estate Activity in Cabin John

June 2024

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ACTIVE

8216 Caraway Street
List Price $3,175,000
6 BR, 6.5 BA, 3 GAR, 5,969 sq. ft.

6517 79th Street
List Price $3,590,000
6 BR, 6.5 BA, 2 GAR, 6,055 sq. ft.

7835 Archbold Terrace
List Price $749,999
3 BR, 2.5 BA, 0 GAR, 1,218 sq. ft.

PENDING

6628 81st Street
List Price $3,549,000
5 BR, 5.5 BA, 2 GAR, 7,465 sq. ft.

7648 Tomlinson Avenue
List Price $1,925,000
6 BR, 5.5 BA, 2 GAR, 3,442 sq. ft.

3 McKay Circle
List Price $749,900
2 BR, 1 BA, 0 GAR, 1,130 sq. ft.

CLOSED

6409 Little Leigh Court
Closed Price $1,800,000
5 BR, 4.5 BA, 2 GAR, 3,112 sq. ft.

6405 Little Leigh Court
Closed Price $1,502,000
4 BR, 3.5 BA, 2 GAR, 1,581 sq. ft.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Unless otherwise noted, all events take place at
CLARA BARTON NEIGHBORHOOD RECREATION CENTER

June 18-August 28
Free Swim for All CJ'ers
Palisades Swim & Tennis Club
11 am – 1 pm (Tues. & Thurs.)**

June 22
Minnie's Island Isle Fest
10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Meet at Lock 8
(See pg. 1 for details)

July 4
Parade and Celebration
10:00 am-start at 79th and MacArthur Blvd
10:30 am-Celebration behind CBNRC

September 14
Chicken & Crab Feast
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

**Bring proof of residency–driver's license or other photo ID plus two pieces of mail.
(See pg. 2 for more details: *Palisades Pool Open to all CJ Residents*)