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WORK UP AN APPETITE AT THE TURKEY TROT

Start your Thanksgiving Day with the Cabin John Turkey Trot on **November 27 at 10:00 am.** Bring yourself, family, visitors, and friends to join some 100 neighbors to drop weight before filling your plate.

Runners, trotters, strollers and walkers are all welcome. The 2.5-mile run/walk starts and ends near the parking lot at **Cabin John Local Park**, making a loop via MacArthur Boulevard, 79th Street, the C&O Canal towpath, and back up to MacArthur at the Union Arch Bridge.

Registration is free online. Please sign the required waiver as you register. Participation is at one's own risk. The CJCA, its officers and volunteers are not responsible for any accidents or injuries that result during participation.

When registering you will have the opportunity to buy event t-shirts and to volunteer to put up course signs beforehand and other duties. Questions about registration or volunteering? Contact **cjcapresidents@gmail.com**.

This year there are two types of long sleeve shirts in both adult and child sizes. The traditional logo comes in red; the new logo is in orange.

Shirt orders must be made by November 15 for event delivery.







To register scan the QR Code above or go to **my.cheddarup.com/c/our-annual-cjca-turkey-trot-55584**

We ask that participants bring a few non-perishable grocery items to the Turkey Trot for donation to a local food charity.

C&O CANAL TOWPATH RESURFACING SET

by Pete Cousté

Funding has been approved to resurface sections of the National Park Service C&O Canal Towpath. The C&O Canal Trust tells CJCA that the project is currently in the contracting phase, with physical work expected to begin between late 2027 and early 2028.

The funding covers the towpath stretching from Georgetown to Great Falls Tavern (miles 5 to 16), which includes the section adjacent to Cabin John.



Cyclist on C&O Canal towpath at Lock 8. [Photo by Joanne Carl]

The resurfacing project involves stabilizing the path by excavating roots and other obstructions and regrading the area before applying a new surface. The path will be resurfaced with the same traditional crushed stone used in the past, as this section is especially prone to flooding.

This project is part of a 10-year NPS plan to restore and maintain the historic 184.5-mile-long park.

Because protecting, restoring, and maintaining the park requires more than government funding alone provides, nonprofit organizations like the C&O Canal Trust collaborate with the NPS to help raise private funds and make projects like this happen. To find out more or to donate, visit **canaltrust.org**.

DC WATER COMPLETES C&O CANAL CLEANUP AS CREWS BEGIN RESTORATION EFFORT

by Pete Cousté

DC Water began restoring sections of the C&O Canal that were used as a bypass to move billions of gallons of raw sewage after the Potomac Interceptor collapsed near Lock 10 last January. The cleanup occurred in late October after crews spent months removing sludge and digging out 8500 tons of contaminated soil from the canal between Locks 10 and 14. The canal cleanup was designated "complete after testing confirmed bacteria levels in the soil were safe," according to DC Water news releases.

DC Water said construction is underway "to repair the clay liner, restore the canal's shape and slope, and rebuild the wooden lock gates." All of this must be completed to National Park Service specifications.

The company's Interim CEO and General Manager Matthew T. Brown issued this statement: "We remain committed to restoring this national treasure and completing the long-term repairs needed to strengthen the Potomac Interceptor and protect our region's wastewater system." No timeline was provided for these repairs.

Meanwhile, DC Water provided an update on the Potomac Interceptor repair process: "Crews are building a bypass chamber and a bypass pumping system... It includes four pipes that run side by side capable of handling a flow rate of 120 million gallons of wastewater a day."

The next step will be to strengthen the old sewer pipe in a process called slip-lining that places a new pipe inside the existing one. The work is expected to be finished next spring. For further details, visit **dcwater.com/potomacinterceptor**.

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Send your news -- births, events, milestones, trips, new neighbors, etc. to vneditorial @gmail.com

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY DECEMBER 13, 5-7 PM

It's hard to believe the holidays are almost upon us. In just a few weeks, Clara Barton Neighborhood Recreation Center will be filled with festive residents surrounded by holiday decorations, food, drink and treats along with a raffle, singalong, and a visit from Santa for the kids. Get in the spirit and join in. Volunteers needed. To help email **cjcapresidents@gmail.com.**



HOLIDAY "GIFT TREE" TIPS

Do NOT wrap your gift. The parents will wrap the gifts for their children.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ATTACH THE ORNAMENT TO YOUR GIFT.

Calling All Bakers! Join in our Great Holiday Bake Off



Ready. Set. Bake! At this year's annual holiday party on **Sunday, December 13**, bakers are invited to show off their skills in a friendly competition. This is the time to pull out your showstopping recipes and join in the fun. All Cabin John residents over 18 are welcome to enter in the cake, pie or cookie/bar category. We will also have a special "kids cookie corner" for best holiday cookies baked by kids under 18. Entry rules and deadlines will be forthcoming on the listserv.

SOME Holiday Gift Tree at Clara Barton Rec Center

'Tis also the season of giving. This year marks the 17th year that Cabin John will donate holiday gifts to the 200 families in transitional housing run by So Others Might Eat. It is always so heartwarming to see how many of our families provide gifts each year for SOME children to receive on Christmas morning.

SOME is a DC-based nonprofit that fights poverty and homelessness by providing housing, healthcare, training, and social services. Once again Cabin John will team up with Brookmont, and Glen Echo in a joint effort that has become the largest source of gifts for SOME's holiday-season program.

Requested gifts usually range from $50-60. Any dolls should be African American. Please supply batteries with toys. No toys of violence (guns, pistols, etc.). Visa gift cards are great ideas for teenagers! No need to wrap gifts--parents will do the wrapping.

There are three ways to give. First, you can grab an ornament from our gift tree inside the Clara Barton Rec Center. Each ornament's tag lists gift card amounts or specific gift requests for children who live in SOME housing. Take one home and donate that gift. Ornaments will be hung at the center the weekend of **November 21.**

Second, you can purchase gift cards yourself in $50 increments from Amazon, Target, Walmart, Macy's, or Visa or Mastercard are most appreciated. Drop off gifts and cards at Lori Rieckelman's house at 6423 79th Street. Or order them online and send them to her directly. Text Lori at **301-655-4404** right away when leaving cards in the bin or on her porch. Or she can pick them up from you. Please write amounts on gift cards, whether printed on the card or not.

Third, you can give via Venmo or Zelle. Send donations to Lori by Venmo (@Lori-Rieckelman) or Zelle (rieckell@aol.com). She will buy gift cards in your name.



Gifts need to be delivered to Lori by **December 13**, or bring them to Lori at the annual CJCA holiday party on **December 13, 5-7 pm**

Make a Bigger Difference: The Power of Collective Giving

Impact100 is an thriving example of what is possible when women come together to give with purpose.

This all-volunteer women's philanthropic community brings members together to collectively fund high-impact grants for nonprofit organizations across the greater Washington, DC area.

Since 2021, Impact100 DC has granted over $1 million to local organizations addressing critical needs. Membership is growing and we would love to include more women from Cabin John.

We are holding Cabin John "Meet and Greet" events on **November 15** and on **December 12,** from 3-5 pm. It will be an opportunity to meet members; learn how the model works; and hear how women are multiplying the impact of their giving by pooling resources, perspectives, and networks.

Cabin John resident Francine Lamoriello is Impact100 DC's president. Email **flamoriello@impact100dc.org** to learn more.

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CJCA News

by Pete Cousté

Potomac Interceptor Update

CJCA is planning a community meeting in Cabin John focused on the Potomac Interceptor restoration. It is set for January, one year after the sewage spill. Representatives from DC Water, Maryland Department of Environment, and CLEAR Potomac have been invited to speak. CLEAR Potomac is an alliance of environmental, conservation, and recreation organizations that came together after the sewage spill to advocate for the health of the Potomac River ecosystem. Neighboring riverside communities will also be invited to attend the town hall. CJCA will provide details when confirmed.

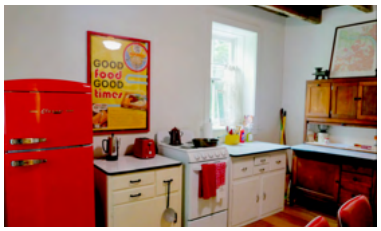
Discussion with Julie Yang

CJCA will host our newly elected District 1 County Council Member Julie Yang at our monthly meeting on **November 18** at CBNRC at 7:30 pm. She will discuss her goals as our new council representative and address some of our needs in Cabin John.

Lockhouse 8

C&O Canal Trust's Maureen Thomas joined the CJCA October meeting to tell us more about the Canal Quarters program and Lockhouse 8, which is the newest lockhouse open for visits and the eighth to be refurbished. Overnight stays run $90-$135. It's decked out in 1960s décor but without plumbing or Wifi. Built in 1830, it's one of the oldest of the original 74 lockhouses built along the towpath, of which only 26 remain. Visit CanalTrust.org to book a stay.





Lockhouse 8 and exterior and kitchen. [Photos by Canal Trust staff]

Overload Concerns on Union Arch Bridge

The US Army Corps of Engineers recently met with the county executive's office about overweight trucks, buses and other vehicles on MacArthur Boulevard and the Union Arch Bridge. At our October meeting, Debbie Spielberg, Chief of Staff for current County Executive Marc Elrich, said the Army Corps wants to work with the county and others to ensure that weight restrictions are followed; roads are repaired and maintained; and impact from overweight vehicles from new development and other factors don't jeopardize the road and underlying aqueduct carrying fresh water to DC and parts of Virginia. She stated that more signage and enforcement may be needed.



CJCA meets with Bannockburn Civic Association (L to R) Laura Sanchez, Beth Keller, Marcy Harrison, Pete Couste, Mike Zangwill, Patty Howie, Randall Ingate, Carrie Stokes. [Photo by Beth Rogers]

Strength in Numbers:

The CJCA board recently reached out to our counterparts in neighboring communities. We met with Glen Echo Mayor Dia Costello, Bannockburn Civic Association, and Persimmon Tree Homeowners Association.

The more we talked, the more we uncovered common issues and shared priorities: environment, infrastructure, traffic and pedestrian/bike safety. We are already reaching out to other nearby communities. Want to find others with common causes? Let us know at **cjcapresidents@gmail.com.**

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FRIENDS OF CLARA BARTON COMMUNITY CENTER (FCBCC) NEWS

by Burr Gray



Clara Barton Neighborhood Recreation Center Holiday Craft Show December 6, 1-5 pm

Celebrate the season at the community center's annual holiday craft show on December 6 from 1-5 pm. Browse creations from 45+ talented local vendors showcasing exceptional handmade gifts, décor, and treasures perfect for the holidays. The variety and quality continue to grow each year, making this a must-visit event for anyone who loves supporting local artisans. This family-friendly event is free and open to all ages. Come enjoy the festive spirit and discover one-of-a-kind gifts crafted by talented makers.

Annual Haunted House Frightfully Good

The screaming never stopped at the rec center the evening of October 25 but neither did the line of kids and parents waiting to be greeted at Cabin John's annual haunted house by a shadowy figure and his pet "Toady." It was truly a masterpiece of fright that CJ resident Shannon Rosenthal and husband Josh created, with critical support, tents and drapes provided by CBNRC director Barry Jones and his staff. Shannon also organized the student volunteers (lots of them), many of whom said this was the "best way ever" to get SSL hours. CJ resident Steve Lee and son Stephen had the pizza and cider flowing smoothly for those who survived the indoor experience. Girma and Candy of Glen Echo Pizza & Subs stayed open on Sunday specifically to make us 60 pizzas, 57 of which were consumed and piled high to form the "Leaning Tower of Pizza Boxes." The weather was wonderful and once outside, visitors had the benefit of refreshments, games and guidance on life's upcoming decisions as provided by the three fortune tellers, Jan Schaper, Mary Tyszkiewicz, and Caroline Casey. Many thanks to those three, as well as longtime volunteer Melanie Patt-Corner, who had to miss this year's event.



As always, the annual haunted house is organized by the Friends of Clara Barton Community Center with the hope of providing local families with a free and fun event. Mission accomplished!



A Ghoulish Night at the Haunted House : An axe-wielding Lizzy Borden, mad scientists operating on green glowing men, and creepy creatures screeching in the dark were just a few of the fright sights inside the Cabin John's annual haunted house held on October 25.

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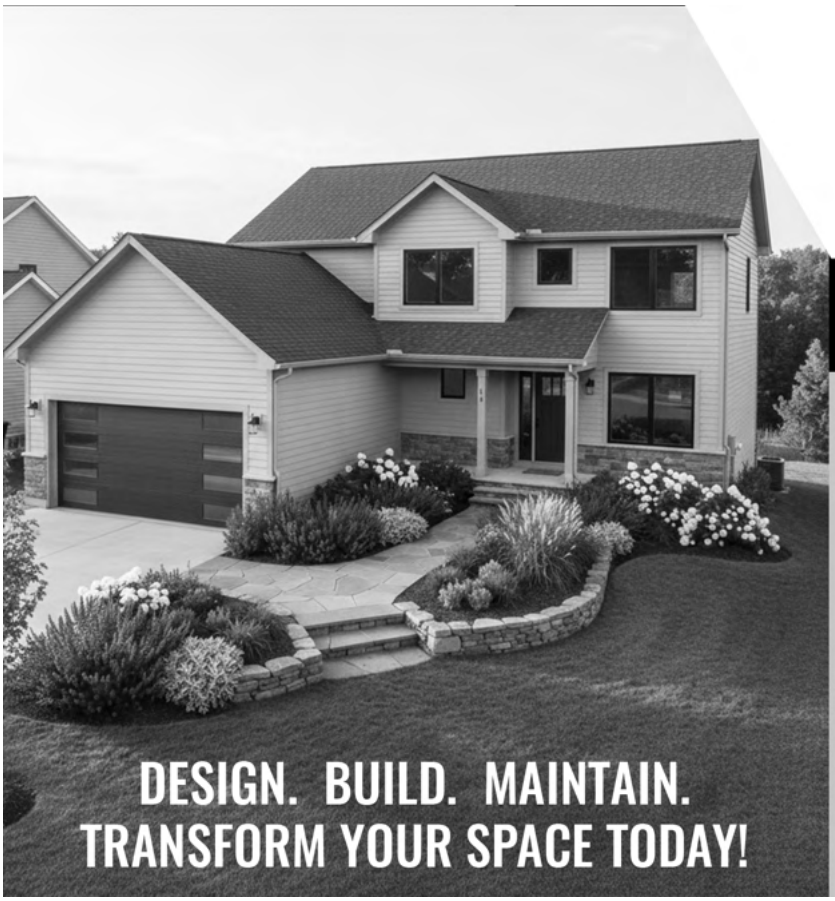
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View From Minnie's Island

by Joe Saliunas

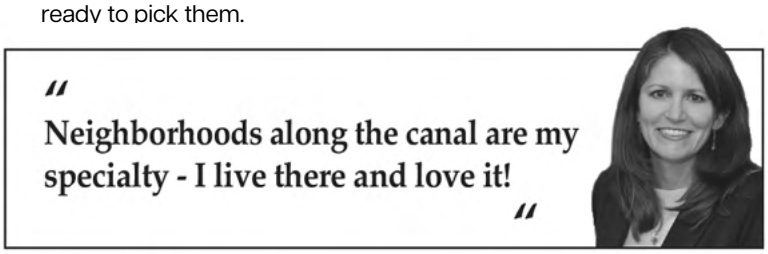
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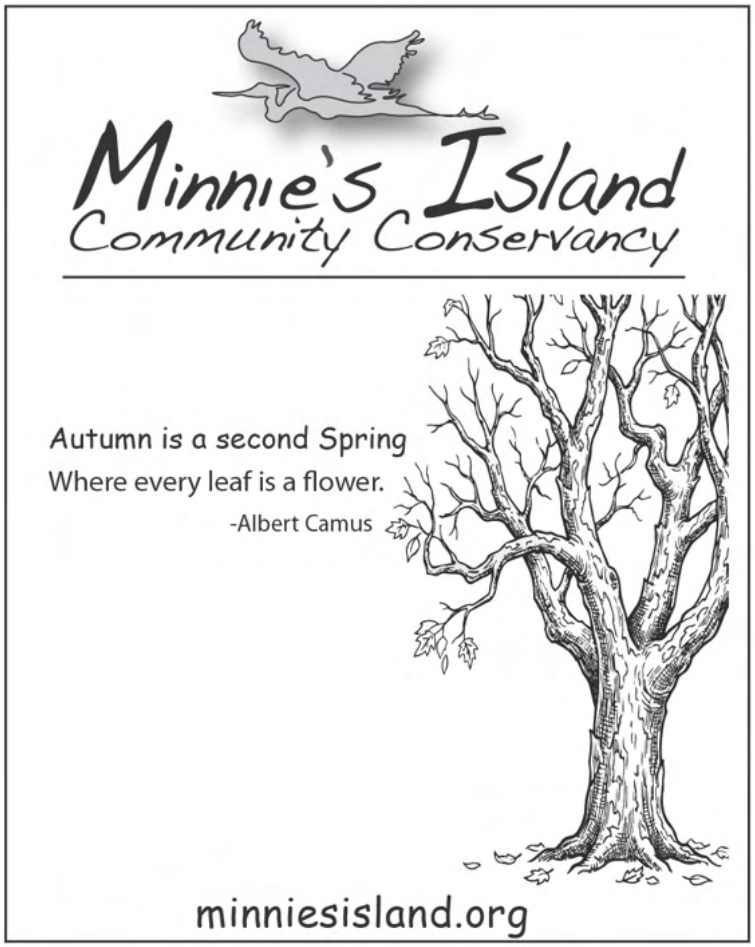
This article covers the edible native fruit, nuts, and berries currently found on Minnie's Island and probably found elsewhere along the canal as well. We have introduced several species to the island, but only after confirming that they are native to the Maryland Piedmont and have been found in the Potomac Gorge. The plants are listed in the order of likelihood to produce an edible crop from most fertile to least.

- **Persimmons** (*Diospyros virginiana*)–the tree is common along the shorelines of the island, and trees that have good sun exposure and are on the river bank can be packed with hundreds of fruit this time of year. The fruit is very sweet, but you must wait until the fruit is exposed to several frosts and falls to the ground, or your mouth will pucker up. You need to hurry to beat the raccoons.
- **Black walnut** (*Juglans nigra*)–walnut trees and walnuts are abundant on the island. I would like to someday follow the numerous steps necessary to consume the nuts, which includes gathering the fruit, removing the husk, washing the shells, testing buoyancy (floats-bad, sinks-good), cure the shells, shatter the shells, pick the meat, and then finally they are edible.
- **Black cherries** (*Prunus serotina*)–we have two medium-size trees on the island and multiple smaller ones. The small fruit are sweet and intense, but you need to beat the birds to them.
- **Paw paws** (*Asmina triloba*)–while the tree is abundant on the island, the fruits are surprisingly rare. Every year I find only a dozen or so fruits that are collectible. This is unfortunate, as the delicious mango/banana-like fruit is delicious and can be used in many ways. My favorite is ice cream.
- **Grapes**–we have multiple species on the island, with Frost Grape and Riverside Grape being the most common. The problem would be harvesting the fruit, as they are typically high up in the trees. When managing invasive vines, we take special care not to cut our native grapes.
- **Allegheny blackberries** (*Rubus allegheniensis*)–there is only a small patch on the island, and the birds typically get all the berries before they can be picked. The dry summer resulted in very small berries this year.
- **Strawberries** (*Fragaria virginiana*)–we planted a small bed of strawberries this year that did produce nice medium-sized fruit. Unfortunately, the birds got to them just as we were getting ready to pick them.
- **American elderberry** (*Sambucus canadensis*)–there are several naturally occurring elderberries on the island, plus we planted several more this year. The fruit are made into jam, wine, and pies. Our challenge is that the deer typically eat the foliage before the plants can produce fruit. We've caged some of our plants hoping to avoid this issue with the entire crop.
- **American hazelnut** (*Corylus americana*)–we planted two small hazelnut saplings this year but we will likely need to wait many years to harvest any nuts.
- **American plum** (*Prunus americana*)–we planted several small plum trees last year but they are too young to produce fruit.
- **Crab apple** (*Malus angustifolia*)–same situation as the plum above.

Bottom line: It would be hard to live off the land on Minnie's Island. The biggest challenge in harvesting our native fruits is competition with birds and mammals. They seem to have an uncanny ability to know the instant something is ripe and an entire crop can be stripped clean in hours. This is exactly how it should be for a community conservancy.

Joe Saliunas is certified as a Maryland Master Naturalist and is Board Chair of Minnie's Island Community Conservancy.





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CabinJohn.Org Facelift

October's monthly meeting featured a discussion of plans to refresh our website. More than five years old now, **Cabinjohn.org** and its mobile counterpart are showing their age. Our webmaster resident Robin Sidel provided details about what needs to be done to secure a web developer-designer.

Blood Drive Near-Record Donations

Forty donors stepped up to help save lives at the CJCA-Inova Hospital blood drive. The October 4 drive drew 38 pints of blood, which is close to the single day record. The drive is also nearing another milestone: since it launched in 2000, the grand total of blood collected is closing in on 3,000 pints. Many thanks to CJCA blood drive coordinator Karen Melchar and volunteer crew Susan Shipp, Tamzin Smith, Cathie Nelson, and Montgomery County Recreation staffer Lolita Powell. The 2027 Blood Drive dates are **February 7, June 6, and October 17.** To volunteer for upcoming drives email **CJBloodDrive@gmail.com.**

Fall Cemetery Clean Up

Volunteers are needed to help spruce up Morningstar Moses Cemetery and Hall Site on **Saturday, November 21** from 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Volunteer check-in is at 8005 Cypress Grove Lane. Volunteers ages 15+ welcome and SSL hours are available. Signed waivers required of all participants and visitors. Wear long sleeves, pants, and closed-toe shoes. Please bring rakes, gloves, and gardening tools. Email morningstarmosescj@gmail.com with questions or to RSVP. Please feel free to arrive anytime during the clean-up hours and stay for as long as your schedule allows. Beverages, snacks, and lunch available for volunteers.

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Bridging Voting and Democracy

A group of Cabin John and nearby community residents have spent multiple days this gubernatorial election season atop the Persimmon Tree Road bridge exercising their First Amendment rights to demonstrate to commuters on I-495 below with signs and shouts aimed at protecting democracy and encouraging people to vote in the general election November 3. You can follow their exploits on Instagram, **@PersimmonTreeBridgeBrigade**.





NEIGHBORHOOD CHILDREN ENJOY A SENSORY OUTING IN CABIN JOHN

By Samantha Norville, Mary Beth Monks, and Yolanda Vargas

Last month, our Cardinal class at the Clara Barton Center for Children had a wonderful morning exploring the gardens of our neighbors, Richard Goodwin and Judith Bell. Joined by two very friendly standard poodles, they escorted us through their lovely grounds. The children were amazed to see several enormous squashes and, further along the trail, giant mushrooms and spore pods, which sparked enthusiastic conversation.



Then Richard pointed out a tree trunk dotted with holes made by a pileated woodpecker, and if we looked way up, we could spot its nest.

The children's noses and taste buds were busy as they smelled and sampled fresh mint, basil, vine-ripened tomatoes, and the class favorite, green beans! We paused at the compost bin to talk about what belongs inside and why caring for the earth matters, then headed to a lily-pad-covered pond, where a frog made a special guest appearance. In the gazebo, the children tasted Japanese shiso tea from a shiso plant in the garden. The children stirred lemon juice into the tea and were excited to see the acidity change the tea's color from brown to bright red!

Our adventure ended at their beautiful dahlia garden, where our gracious hosts gave the group cut flowers for our classroom. Thank you, Richard and Judith, for being such wonderful friends and neighbors to the children at Clara Barton!

Poems For Passersby

Presented by Meredith Griggs

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Susan Stewart of Wishbone Terrace, along with Skipper, came over to check out a poem on upper 78th Street. New poems are posted each Sunday morning.

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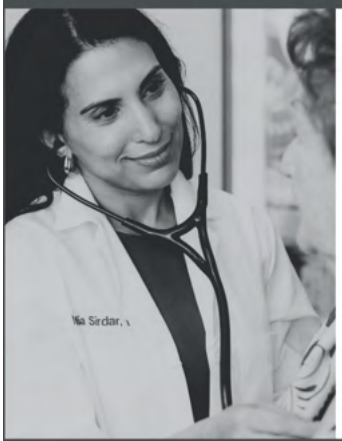
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Local History: Time Was ... Again

This is the first in a series of articles continuing the oral history traditions started by Elizabeth Kytle in 1976 for the Cabin John Bicentennial. It was titled "Time Was..." Our series highlights life in the '70s and '80s through interviews with residents living in Cabin John over 50 years.

JANET AND WALT DENCE

By Judith Welles

Janet and Walt Dence still live in the Cabin John house they bought in 1971, built by local builder and resident Ed Clark. At the time, the Dences were living in a Washington, D.C. apartment with their baby son, Ross, and wanted more space. Janet had worked as a software developer and Walt worked as an electronics engineer at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory.

Their search brought them west along MacArthur Boulevard to Cabin John. Janet remembered being struck by the sight of people out walking, the woods, the canal, and the sense of openness. "It really was like country when we moved here," she recalled. "Also, there was variation in the houses; it was not a development; and Clara Barton Elementary School was within walking distance."

By 1976, Janet had two sons and a growing familiarity with Cabin John's sounds and rhythms.

She remembered the late-night siren of the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department, which summoned volunteers for emergencies. She also recalled the sounds of people gathering at the nearby corner store on MacArthur Boulevard—known locally then as Quick Food, first named Good & Quick, and now Captain's Market.

"Everyone knew and really liked Mr. Castle," Janet said of the man who ran Quick Food. Residents also appreciated Ed Winslow, president of the Cabin John Citizens Association, a polio survivor who led square dancing. Other active community members included Barbara Clark, later Martin, Peter and Susan Vogt, and Diane Heflin. When Janet volunteered to tutor children, Barbara offered to babysit her toddler.

The Dences also knew Joel Rosenthal, who now lives in West Virginia and runs a wildlife rescue from his home. In Cabin John, he kept peacocks, chickens, and goats on his property.



(Left) Walt and Janet Dence today, (Right) Walt, Ross and Janet circa 1976

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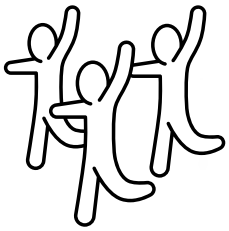


Clara Barton Neighborhood Recreation Center

Friends of Clara Barton Community Center (FCBCC) is looking for new board members. Have fun while supporting your neighborhood recreation center and your community. ***Contact FCBCC President Burr Gray at burrgray@aol.com*** if interested.

Winter Registration

Opens Tuesday, **November 17** at 6:30am, 9am for 55+ programs and activities



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HALLOWEEN BRUNCH A SCARY SIGHT

A dozen Cabin John Coffee Group ladies joined dozens of other 55+ citizens from Montgomery County recreation centers across the county to attend a Halloween brunch hosted at Clara Barton Neighborhood Recreation Center on October 28. The social hall decorations were impressive and the costumes were creative. Participants enjoyed food, music, and games with prizes.



Around the table: Clare Amoroso, Susan Stewart, Marcy Harrison, Pam Swisher, Bev Sullivan, Nicki Wright, Susan Roberts



(Above) American Gothic couple: Nicki Wright and Beverly Sullivan





(Left) Brandy Scott-Swales, Senior Coordinator, and Barry Jones, Recreation Specialist

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Out with the old and in with five new single family houses. The majority of the site at 7687 MacArthur Boulevard was demolished and cleared in late October. Records indicate that part of the main structure, which came down in the demolition, was built as a residence about in 1930. By the 1950s, a beauty parlor had been added to the house. In 1985, the Wild Bird Center opened for business there, followed by Potomac Outdoors, and in 2004 it became home to Level Fitness, which closed in 2025.

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During the 1970s, Cabin John held two crab feasts each year in Bill White's backyard on Carver Road. Janet remembered the side dish recipes, and shredding crates of cabbages for cole slaw. The crab feasts raised money for the Home Study Program, which helped children from Carver Road adjust and succeed at Clara Barton Elementary School.

Janet was an active volunteer in the Cabin John Citizens Association and served as its secretary. In 1976, then CJCA president Calvin Kytle asked her to help organize a Cabin John Bicentennial celebration. Janet began devoting what felt like a fulltime job to make the arrangements. By celebration day on June 5, Janet had helped plan a full day and evening of activities with an old-time feel. Activities included a bike parade, a softball game (CJ Volunteer Firefighters vs. the ***Village News*** Volunteers), lectures about Cabin John history, a gospel sing and Cabin John String Quartet, a play "Hey-ey-ey Lock!," talks by long-term residents, including Neil Potter (who became county executive), a puppet show, sack races and horseshoes. The day ended with square dancing called by Ed Winslow.

Beyond the Bicentennial, Janet and Walt have other memories of their years in Cabin John. Walt recalled that "MacArthur Boulevard was one big pothole, more like a country road than a suburban thoroughfare." Walt described Cabin John as "a real mixture of people and cultures," where tradesmen, federal workers, newcomers, and longtime residents lived side by side.

"Today, there's more traffic, larger houses, and fewer trees," Janet said. She misses the deeply forested areas that once lined MacArthur Boulevard and Persimmon Tree Road.

Janet remembered that the post office was once located inside a house, in a room next to the kitchen. The postmistress had to keep an eye on whatever was cooking when she stepped out to handle postal work. Tuohey's Tavern stood next to the firehouse, with little else nearby.

The Dences are grateful for the bike path the CJCA achieved in 1975, which made walking easier and gave Walt a place to rollerblade. After the Clara Barton School closed, their fourth grader rode his bike along the bike path to Bannockburn Elementary School.

For Janet and Walt, Cabin John has changed in visible ways, yet its lasting appeal remains rooted in neighborliness and the mix of people who shaped everyday life.

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NOV	*All events at Clara Barton Neighborhood Recreation Center unless otherwise noted*
18	CJCA Meeting 7:30 pm
25	Annual CJ Turkey Trot - 10 am CJ Park, Manna food drive
DEC	
6	Annual Craft Show - 1-5 pm Sponsored by FCBCC
13	CJ Holiday Party w/Santa - 5-7 pm
JAN	**TBD -- DC Water Update**
20	CJCA Meeting 7:30 pm
30	Annual CJ Trivia Night

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See you at the Holiday Party Dec 13 !!!
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