Cabin John Village News

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DECEMBER CALENDAR

8&9 Christmas Arrangements Workshop 2 p.m.
Great Falls Tavern
8&9 19th Century Crafts 1-4 p.m.
Call 299-3613
12 Walt Whitman Christmas Program 8:00 p.m.
Walt Whitman H.S. Cafeteria
16 Childrens Program 7:00 p.m.
Cabin John United Methodist Church
16 Christmas Sing 3:00 p.m.
Great Falls, Md.
19 Christmas Party 7:30 p.m.
Clara Barton School
22 Hansel & Gretal 1:30 & 3:30 p.m.
Glen Echo Park

CITIZENS ASSOCIATION NEWS - NOVEMBER

The Cabin John Citizens Association has endorsed the Anti-Aircraft Noise Pollution Committee's position paper which offers constructive alternatives to FAA and National Airport on overflights. Silent Alarm systems for the Volunteer Fire Department will be on order shortly, but it may be another 3 months before they are installed. Agreement on MacArthur Boulevard has been reached by the Corps of Engineers, D.C. Government, and Montgomery County, work is slated to begin in the spring of 1974.

The December meeting will be held on the 19th of December, that's the Christmas Party, plan to come now.

CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY TIPS

EVERGREEN TREES: Buy a freshly-cut tree. Beware of any tree with brittle or shedding needles. If storing, keep in a cool place with the tree base set in water. Be sure to cut off at least an inch of tree trunk to help water absorbtion. Set up the tree in a sturdy, non-tip tree stand containing water. Keep the tree away from heat (radiators, hot air ducts, TV sets, fireplaces, etc.). Never block room exits. Remember, your tree gets thirsty. Check the water level daily. When water absorption stops, discard the tree.

ATRIFICIAL TREES: Plastic Trees - Check and make sure it has a fire-retardant label. Metallic Trees - Use only indirect spotlighting. Do not hang lighting sets on metallic trees because of danger of electric shock. Trees with built-in electrical systems should carry the label of a testing agency.

LIGHTING: Inspect last year's lights closely for worn insulation, loose bulb sockets, and broken plugs. If they are damaged, replace them. Use extension cords sparingly. Do not place cords near foot traffic, through doorways, or under rugs.

National Fire Protection Association
W. R. Galloway

COME TO THE CABIN JOHN CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Cabin John Citizens Association is planning a Christmas party for its December meeting. A very short program is on the agenda, featuring Cabin John musical groups and an impromptu skit for the children. Bring your own musical instruments for community singing and playing after the program.

We are hoping to see everyone there, with kids and without, so bring a friend or come alone. If you would like to bring some cookies or refreshments, call 229-3397.

RECYCLING CENTER OPEN

The County Department of Environmental Protection announces the opening of a recycling center at the Southlawn landfill and incinerator in Rockville.

Newspapers brought to the center should be clean and not mixed with other paper products like boxes and magazines. Aluminum cans and other aluminum items should be clean and free of non-aluminum material.

The recycling center is open to the public daily 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Also, a recycling center is open in Rock Creek Park, near the nature center and the park maintenance yard, one-half mile south of Military and Glover Roads. For further information, call 426-6829.

TWIG DISPOSAL

Montgomery County Bureau of Refuse Collection and Disposal will pick up three bundles of twigs each collection day. Bundles should be not more than 4' long and 30" diameter. If you have lots of twigs, you can call 424-2200 for a special collection to which every household is entitled every 90 days. Call when bundles are ready to go as collection may be arranged for the same day.

CABIN JOHN BOY WINS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL FOR SAFETY PATROLS

Gary E. Ellis of Carver Rd. in Cabin John has been presented the Distinguished Service Medal for Safety Patrols. Gary saved the life of a Clara Barton kindergartener on his first day of duty as a patrol. Gary is 11 years old, in the sixth grade at Clara Barton School.

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The Village News is in need of a deliverer for about 100 houses, from Tomlinson Ave. to 80th Street on the North side of MacArthur. Call 229-3397. Also, we are still hoping that someone would like to take the job of billing and finance for the news, and new neighbors information.

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Clara Barton House Needs House Action

By MORRIS FRADIN

Hearings on legislation (H.R. 2841) to make the Clara Barton House in Cabin John a national historical site will take place in the Cannon House Office Building at 9:45 a.m. Monday, Nov. 26, in room 324. Rep. Gilbert Gude (R-Md.) will testify on behalf of the bill, as will members of the American Red Cross and The Friends of Clara Barton, Inc.

"The Clara Barton House, Montgomery County's first Registered National Historical Landmark, apparently will not be a Christmas gift to the Nation during this session of Congress," said C. Edwin Kline, president of The Friends of Clara Barton, Inc.

Kline added: "Passage of the long-delayed H.R. 2841 by Christmas Day 1973, the 152d birthdate of the 'Angel of the Battlefield,' would have been particularly significant." His dedicated nonprofit group 10 years ago saved the famous 82-year-old Glen Echo structure from destruction.

Sponsored by Congressman Gilbert Gude (R-Md.), H.R. 2841 has been bottled up in the Subcommittee on National Parks and Recreation, due to the death on Oct. 28 of the committee's ranking minority member, John P. Saylor (R-Pa.). Other bill sponsors are Representatives Roy A. Taylor (D-N.C.) and Joe Skubitz (R-Kansas). The legislation would empower the takeover of the Clara Barton House by the Department of Interior as a National Historical Site; it would thereafter be maintained and operated by the National Park Service (NPS).

Since the Clara Barton House, on its one-acre lot, already adjoins NPS property at Glen Echo Park (formerly the National Chautauqua which was later converted into a popular amusement park), the George Washington Memorial Parkway, and the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal — approval of H.R. 2841 would add the Barton landmark to the Nation's historic treasures.

THE 90- by 48-foot building was especially constructed in 1892 as a storehouse for the American Red Cross (ARC). Clara Barton, Civil War heroine, founded the world-famous relief organization in 1881.

Designed by Dr. Julian B. Hubbell, Red Cross Field Agent and oldtime friend of Miss Barton, the structure became ARC Headquarters and the home of the founder in 1897. Miss Barton resigned her post in 1904 and died in the rambling house on April 12, 1912 — almost 91 years old.

Dr. Hubbell's building plans for the interior were unique. They imitated the Mississippi riverboats of his native state.

The large central hallway resembles a steamboat's main salon. Overhead, handsome railed balconies open to the second and third floors, encircled by 'Staterooms.' A suspended "Captain's Room," with a canvas roof, has a "bridge" from which there is a clear view below, also fore and aft.

The hemlock lumber and flooring of the Clara Barton House once formed the barracks that sheltered victims of the Johnstown, Pa., flood of 1889. Shipped down the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal from Cumberland, Md., as a tribute to the Red Cross relief work of Miss Barton, the wood was incorporated into the 36-room structure.

All kinds of disaster relief supplies: cots, blankets, splints, bandages, medicinals, picks, shovels, rope, canned and preserved foods, and condensed milk were once stored in 38 paneled closets, four feet deep, behind the false walls on the first floor. Large, sunlit rooms at the rear served as Red Cross offices, and as reception and dining rooms.

Second floor rooms, entered from the gallery, were reserved for Miss Barton's library in the front of her living quarters at the rear, with side rooms used by convalescing war nurses, or as guest rooms for international and national visitors. The "Red Cross room" on the third floor is noted for its two large red crosses of handmade stained glass in the front window. Smaller windows of tinted blue, red, and yellow glass light the hallway and the special stairs of low risers built to accommodate Miss Barton's tiny frame of less than five feet.

MISS BARTON, who counted nine American presidents as her friends, also entertained other important personages at Glen Echo: Vice President Adlai E. Stevenson, Frances E. Willard, founder of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and Susan B. Anthony, a pioneer women's liberationist. Also representatives of numerous foreign nations, who honored her with decorations and gifts. Many such prized possessions already had been received from her friend, Grand Duchess Louise of Baden, and from Emperor William I of Germany, the Czar of Russia, Francis Joseph, Emperor of Austria, Natalie, Queen of Serbia, and Abdul Hamid, Sultan of Turkey.

Although she had been honored by the greats of her own country and by 16 foreign governments, when Miss Barton retired, she continued to care for her own household and gardens. She would prepare soups and custards for ailing neighbors and those who came for any assistance she could render. She loved children. Wishing "to be on their level," the tiny old lady, who began her career as a schoolteacher, would sit on the floor to talk with visiting youngsters.

Following Miss Barton's death, her home became the property of Dr. Hubbell. He willed it to his twin nieces Lena and Rena Hubbell, of Iowa. Rena converted the structure into seven housekeeping, income-producing, apartments and later sold the property to her fellow-Iowan, Mrs. Josephine Franks Noyes. Mrs. Noyes (now deceased), lived in the house with her four sisters: Mrs. Sarah Franks Rhodes, Mrs. Katherine F. Bronson, and Misses Henrietta and Frances Franks. (Mrs. Rhodes, 101 years old, lives in New York State; Henrietta and Katherine live in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Frances died there last year, aged 103.)

Several Franks sisters lived in the house adjacent to the amusement park for 22 years. In the early 1960s they were offered $50,000 for the land by a commercial firm that intended to demolish the old building for a parking lot. Instead, the sisters sold the house and land for $35,000 to the 18 Friends of Clara Barton — a public-spirited group, hastily organized and incorporated in Maryland, with the purpose of rescuing the property for posterity. The sellers stipulated that the house must be preserved as a monument to the 'Angel of the Battlefield.'

"Clara Barton never worked harder for her soldiers or disaster victims than did our small group of workers to save her house," said Mrs. George B. Hartman, the original corporation secretary. She still donates her volunteer services, operating from her living quarters in the Civil War heroine's library.

MRS. HARTMAN smiles in describing the 10 years of successful efforts by the Friends of Clara Barton to secure, maintain, and renovate the old property. She smiles more wanly when recollecting the thousands of letters, the countless personal contacts and phone calls, the sponsored benefits, dances, luncheon-fashion shows, polo matches, and open-house tours — all designed to raise mortgage and maintenance monies for the Clara Barton House.

Proudly, the Friends obtained and refurnished the extraordinary interior with period furniture, mementoes, and personal belongings of the diminutive founder of the American Red Cross. These included her grand piano, the tea chests she used on Civil War battlefields, the trunk that converted into a cot, her paintings, and desk. Also the ledgers, beautifully penned, listing the names of missing Civil War soldiers — compiled at the request of President Abraham Lincoln.

Mr. Kline indicates that when the mortgage was paid off last January, $100,000 had already been raised and spent by his nonprofit organization to defray the house's cost, plus expensive renovations and repairs.

"We began with nothing but the desire to preserve this house for posterity," recalls Mrs. Hartman. "We projected the aims of the late Mrs. Charles M. Stevenson, who headed the Public Information Office of the Montgomery County Chapter of the ARC. Also the efforts of our first president, Gen. Lewis B. Hershey. We all worked hard to secure this memorial to a remarkable woman. Our task has not been easy on a shoe-string budget, but our accomplishments to date seem like minor miracles."

"Mr. Kline, our honorary members, our board of directors, and countless friends and donors, all hope that our cherished Clara Barton House will soon be declared an acceptable gift to the Nation."

THE WHITE clapboard building, south of MacArthur Boulevard, at 5801 Oxford Road, Glen Echo, is open to the public daily, except Mondays and holidays, 1-5 p.m. Group tours are arranged by appointment. Phone 229-2440. Miss Ruth Bonzer, a cheery Iowan, is the resident hostess-guide. Although there is no admission charge, contributions are gratefully accepted.

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(Morris Fradin is a free-lance writer who has worked with historian Bruce Catton. Copies of his informative illustrated booklet, "Follow the Cannon, The Story of Clara Barton"... are available for 50 cents each at the Clara Barton House, or through See-And-Know Press, P.O. Box 226, Cabin John, Md. 20731.)

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LITTLE FALLS LIBRARY NOTES

There will be a book talk at 1:30 on 11 December. The book is Wonderland. A special Christmas Story Hour will be at 10:30 on 15 December. Einstein High School will present a Mummers Play at 2:30 on 20 December for first graders and up.

CABIN JOHN HOME STUDY PROGRAM
FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

1972	
May 26 Strawberry Festival - Westmoreland Congregational Church	521.25
July 5 Donations for Summer Camp Program	95.00
July Crab Feast	1,008.47
August 22 Donations for Summer Program	105.00
1973	
April 9 Lasagne Dinner with River Rd. Unitarian Church for the 4 Year Old Class	327.25
April 20 Donations for Summer Camp Fund	30.00

PAYMENTS

1972	
July-August Camping Scholarships	730.00
July Accident Insurance for Swimmers	65.00
October-December - 4 Year Old Class Teacher - 3 months at $140.	420.00
1973	
January-May - 4 Year Old Class Teacher 5 months	700.00
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May 22, 1973 Balance on Hand (Including 1973 Strawberry Festival)	794.93

D. N. Forman

THE CIRCULAR SELF

Respect for others causes acts of kindness.
Respect for self causes respect for others.
Acts of kindness cause respect for self.

PEACE ON EARTH



(Note: This spiral is reversible)

BAD NEWS FOR EVERYONE

Nonrespect for others leads to vicious acts.
Nonrespect for self leads to nonrespect for others.
Vicious acts cause nonrespect for self.

We are what we believe ourselves to be.
Anyone care to change that old self-image before next halloween?

M. Wilson

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Got some good energy saving household tips to share with others? Want to provide metro bus schedule information for other community members? Call 229-3397!

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After spending a large part of summer worrying about gas shortages, and finding the air hard to breathe, we may be spending the winter in downright discomfort. What's going to happen next? The worst that could happen will remain unmentionable by me.

The best that could happen, which I am happy to speculate on, would be as follows:

1. Everyone would make a personal commitment to himself, his friends, his children and the earth to consume wisely. Each of us would be spurred to develop mental alarm systems to go off at the first sign of waste of any of mother nature's materials.
2. Each of us would exercise our mental abilities to come up with alternatives to inflated consumption patterns and tell others (including lawmakers, industry, transit corporations) those ideas.
3. Corporations would notice the change in public attitudes and gradually adjust to the new pace, accepting gracefully that consumers will only accept materials produced with the earth in mind.
4. This and following winters would be as warm country wide as last winter was in Cabin John.

RECIPE FILE

Heavenly Sole — Walt Dence

1 lb. sole fillets
2 T. lemon juice
1/2 c. grated fresh Parmesan cheese
1/4 c. butter softened
3 T. mayonnaise
3 T. chopped green onion (include tops)
Dash liquid hot pepper sauce

Place fillets on a greased platter and brush with lemon juice. Let stand for 1 minutes. Broil for 6 to 8 minutes. Combine other ingredients and spread on fillets and broil 2-3 minutes until lightly browned.

This recipe is similar to last months, but the taste is different enough to make both recipes worth adding to your files.

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We extend our sympathy to Barbara Clark on the death of her father on November 27.

To the Brailers, our sympathy on the death of Christina.

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This early 1900's photo of Clara Barton (second from . left) shows her with some friends, among them Dr. Julian B. Hubbell (extreme left). Hubbell designed the "Mississippi River Boat" house.

PARK SERVICE EVENTS

December is filled with interesting events at Great Falls Maryland. Ellen Roberts will conduct a workshop in making arrangements for centerpieces and doors at 2p.m. on 8&9 December. Ms. Roberts is known for her artistry in 18th and 19th century Christmas arrangements. The workshop is free, but reservations are required. Ann and Ridge Kelly will demonstrate 19th-century crafts at Great Falls Tavern from 1 to 4 on the 8th and 9th.

A 45 minute slide show on the C&O Canal will be followed by a 30-minute program of songs and talk by Donna Mungeon from WGMS radio. This program will be at 7:30 on the 14th. Reservations are required.

Doll houses from the 19th-century will be on display from the 15th to 23rd. Flora Gill Jacobs, the collector, will be at the tavern from 2 to 3 on the 15th and 16th.

The Potomac United Methodist Church Choir will lead an old fashioned Christmas sing at 3 on the 16th.

Learn about the life and times of the families who once lived along the C&O Canal in a one-hour walk to the ruins of a lock-house. Meet the Great Falls Tavern at 2 on 23 December.

For more information or reservations for any of the above programs call 299-3613.

Reservations should be a week in advance.

Glen Echo Park's Adventure Theatre will present a special marionette production of Hansel and Gretal at 1:30 and 3:30 on the 2nd. Admission is $1.00.

METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

Regular Church Functions

Sunday School-9:30 All ages welcome.
Monthly Men's Club breakfast-8a.m. Sun. Call Connelly Hall
Monthly Women's Society Meeting
Share group every Thursday-Call Olga Long or Margie Oliver 229-0557 or 229-3149 for location and transportation.
Monthly hymn sing the last Sunday of the month.
Church worship service at 11a.m. every Sunday.

Special Events

Men's Club pancake breakfast on 9 December at 8a.m. Save Energy Don't Cook.
All community children are invited to come to the annual Christmas program and get treats from Santa Clause. See the drama production "A Certain Star" on 16 December at 7p.m.
A Christmas Eve communion service will be held at the church 24 December at 7p.m. The minister will preach on "The Gifts of the Wise Men".

WALT WHITMAN PTSA NEWS

The Walt Whitman Christmas Program will be held on December 12 at 8:00 p.m. at the Walt Whitman Cafeteria. There will be an informal party whose focus is music, mirth, and merriment. Entertainment will be provided by the Whitman Madragals, Modern Music Masters, Drama Department and International Club. Everyone is invited, refreshments will be provided.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE: Nettle Creek type custom made bedspread, attached pillow shams, 110 x 100, new $185, hardly used $75 or reasonable offer. 365-1862 late afternoon or evenings.

FOR SALE: Accoustically designed speaker enclosure (homemade) 12" wharfdale (model 12) and Racon CHU-2 tweeter $25. 365-1862 late afternoon or evening.

FOR SALE: Skis - 195 CM Zermatt (fiberglass) Hardly used. $40.00. Hart Mercury (metal) $30. 365-1862 late afternoon or evening.

IRONING: My home. $6.00 per basket. Mrs. Holt, 229-3642.

FOR SALE: Small girl's bicycle also boys medium size, all crome double bar bicycle 24" wheels, 2-9" by 15" summer rugs. Merchandise reasonable excellent condition. J. F. Phillips 7702 Tomlinson Ave.

FOR SALE: Christmas cards, wraps, linen calender towels, etc., for benefit of Cabin John United Methodist Church. J. F. Phillips 7702 Tomlinson Ave.

BABYSITTING: Your home or mine, fenced in yard. Call Mrs. Hunt, 6530 78th St. Phone 229-7216.

MADE TO ORDER: Crochet and Knitted Capes Sweaters, or other things handmade for sale. Call Mrs. Hunt - 229-7216

ROOM FOR RENT: Or Room and Board, Call Mrs. Hunt 229-7216.

HOMEMADE CAKES AND PIES: Also fruitcakes and cookies. Please call Mrs. Hunt. 229-7216

BABYSITTER: Experienced, 14 ½, Riverside Dr. 75¢ an hour. 229-2237 evenings.

MERCEDES 300 SE Coupe, 1964, limited production; A-1 mechanically, body fair. Superb road car. 229-2237 evenings.

SKATES: Boys hockey, size 8-8½; boy's figure, size 6; $3.00/pair. 229-2237 evenings.

CHANDELIER: Sort of Spanish provincial, antique finish, five globes, heavy, rather elegant. $40. 229-2237 evenings.

TRAVERSE RODS: Top quality, pair, close to new range; 5 feet to 9½ feet each. 229-2237 evenings.

GRANDMOTHER"S CLOCK: At least 45 years old Westminster Chimes $650. Mrs. Hunt 229-7216.

FOR SALE: Two snowtires, Atlas Weathergard, E-78-15, Rayon Cord. Bought by mistake and hardly used. $25 the pair. Call Calvin Kytle, 229-6609.

DRAPES: 2 pair., bluegreen, could use relining. 1 pr. 6' x 9', other pr. 6' X 12'. $10. pr. Call 229-2237 evenings.

HOUSECLEANING: Would anyone in our community like to work 1 or 2 mornings a week (no child care). Own transportation at least 1 way. Phone 229-2237 evenings.

FOR SALE: 8½' x 11' blue plush pile rug $25. 23" TV, UHF, working condition. $30. 229-8873.

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