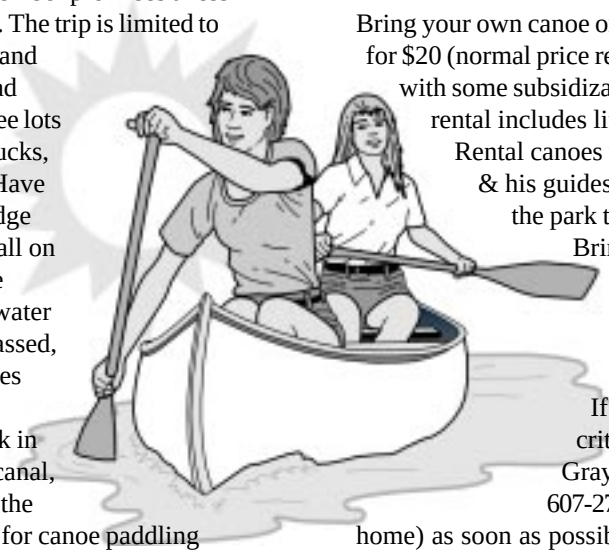
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Grab Your Oars for 7th Annual River Canoe Trip

Join the 7th annual Cabin John Canoe Trip down the Potomac River from Old Angler's Inn to Cabin John (C&O Canal Lock 10). The date is set for September 18 (a Sunday) from 11 am to 5:30 pm (ending time is approximate). Usually the trip is in July, so setting the expedition in September promises a less sweltering experience. The trip is limited to Cabin John residents and friends. Fee is $10/head (max of $20/canoe). See lots of herons, ospreys, ducks, and maybe an eagle. Have lunch on the river's edge and sit under a waterfall on the Virginia side in the afternoon. Two whitewater stretches can be bypassed, if desired. Expert guides and instruction are provided. Please check in before you cross the canal, and proceed down to the water's edge at 11 am for canoe paddling instruction. Assistance in bringing the rental canoes down to the water will be much appreciated. Departure downstream for great glory and self awareness takes place around noon.



Don't be surprised if you get wet during this trip. Younger children who get tired (and any others) can depart the trip halfway (approximately 3 pm) at Carderock Recreational Area (off of Clara Barton Parkway across from the David Taylor shiptesting center). If you plan to do this, you need to leave a car at the southernmost parking area there.

Bring your own canoe or rent one from Dave Smith for $20 (normal price reduced by Dave for this trip with some subsidization by CJCA). Canoe rental includes life preservers and paddles. Rental canoes will be deposited by Dave & his guides at Old Angler's entrance to the park the morning of the trip. Bring your own lunch/sodas/water/sun tan lotion. Dessert provided by CJCA.

If you plan to attend, it is critical that you notify Burr Gray (*burrgray@aol.com*, 703-607-2740 work, 301-320-2918 home) as soon as possible, but no later than September 14, so that we may plan the event. Please let him know if you will need to rent canoes or will bring your own (this info will be passed on to Dave Smith), how many canoes your party will be, how many people (ages of any kids), and level of expertise, and be sure to include your name and telephone number in any message.

Annual Crab & Chicken Feast Needs Your Help

Calling all chicken & crab cookers, rock-stars and laborers of love. There is a light at the end of this steamy August tunnel, and it is Cabin John's 36th Annual Crab & Chicken Feast. It is slated for Saturday September 10, from 2-6 pm at the Clara Barton Community Center, corner of 75th Street and MacArthur Boulevard, Cabin John. Once again, the community feast allows the Cabin John community to celebrate its diversity in a relaxed manner. Of course, neighbors from surrounding areas are welcome.

However, this treasured local tradition is a huge community effort and **needs your help more than ever**. Several long-time volunteer workers have gracefully retired after many years of faithful and fun service. Longtime chicken chairpersons Jan Smith and Stanley Schaper are ready to pass along their grill tongs and secret sauce recipe to new chicken barbecue masters. Jan and Stanley have kindly provided their "Chicken Cookers' Bible" to use as a step-by-step guide. Ralph Osbourne (formerly of Market on the Boulevard fame) has overseen crab steaming for many years and will help at the beginning but new crab chefs are needed.

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Neighborly News

by Barbara Martin

On Seven Locks Road, new neighbors are **Praveen and Nalini Kumar**, and daughters **Neha**, 19, and **Tanu**, 14. Both parents are economists with World Bank. The family moved here from Bethesda.

Mia Ritzenberg was awarded an internship appointment at the National Museum of the American Indian. Her internship involves researching and working with native media and publications. Mia is a student at the University of Virginia, majoring in Art History.

Alexandra Vacroux has moved in on 79th Street, with children **Theo,** 6 months, **Sonia,** 4, **and Kolya**, 6. Kolya will be attending Bannockburn. Father **Andrei,** an economist, works in Russia, and will be coming to Cabin John as often as possible. The family has recently lived in Boston and Moscow.

A new associate for the MR BUGS company arrived in July. **Nicole** and **Mike Roark, Raven** (5), and **Sean** (3) welcomed brother **Trace** to the family. The Roarks live on 79th Place.

Do you have furniture you no longer need that could be gratefully used by underprivileged families in Montgomery County? The Furniture Exchange program, headquartered in Gaithersburg, will be glad to pick up your furniture or to receive names of families who need this help. United Stor-All is generously providing free storage space. Call 240-316-1736. Sorry, they can't take sofa-beds, exercise equipment, or major appliances.

A couple of events are coming up that might interest Cabin Johners. On Sunday afternoon, September 11, 1-5, Montgomery County will celebrate its 229th birthday with a party featuring a history hunt, displays by local historical groups, living history presentations, exhibits, lectures, videos, music, and birthday cake. The party is at the Beall-Dawson Park, 103 West Montgomery Avenue, Rockville. There will be a program, "Workers on the C&O Canal," led by Karen Grey. All this is free.

Then on Saturday morning, October 8, from 10-12:30, **Carlotta Anderson,** editor of Glen Echo's newspaper, and longtime resident, will be leading a walking tour of the town of Glen Echo. Carlotta's recent book, *A Walking Tour of Glen Echo with Tales and Pictures from its First 100 Years,* has already taken a special place on many Cabin John bookshelves. The cost of the tour is $6 and reservations are required. Call 301-340-2825.

And now a blast from the past. *The Village News* received the following letter from **Mary Schley McMillan**. "I grew up at 7814 MacArthur Boulevard, located just before Fire Station Co. 10. My mom's name was **Anna Schley**. She passed away 2 years ago at age 101. I lived in Cabin John from the time I was 2 until I was 30, then moved to Harpers Ferry. I would like to search out any of my friends who still live in Cabin John or have moved. Going on the CJ web page has brought back a lot of memories, such as the parades, Glen Echo Park, going to Clara Barton Elementary School, walking on the C&O Canal, which was just behind my house. In 1970, I married my high-school sweetheart, Bo Money, who was fire chief for Cabin John and Potomac Fire Station. Unfortunately, we parted ways in the late 1980's. Many of his family served in the fire department—Jimmy Money Sr., Jimmy Money Jr., Bruce Money, Bobby Money who was a paid firefighter at the time, and a lot of friends who were firefighters as well. Can anyone send me in the right direction to finding some of my long-lost friends? Is the Good & Quick still open on MacArthur? I remember waiting there for the school bus; they had the best egg sandwiches and hot chocolate. My email is *mmcmillan@graydonmanor.org*. Or phone me at home 304-839-9381 or work 703-430-0176. Thanks again."

Let me know any news about Cabin John people, past or present. barbmartin@comcast.net or 301-229-3482.

Community Calendar

SEP

10 ..... Crab & Chicken Feast
Clara Barton Center
2-6 pm (see p. 1)

18 ..... Canoe Trip
Potomac River, Old Angler's Inn entrance
11 am - 5:30 pm (see p. 1)

24 ..... Banjo Concert
Cabin John Gardens Community House
7-9 pm (see p. 11)

Ray and Kay Kemp — Irreplaceable Cabin John Treasures

by Tina Rouse

The recent fire on Arden Road took something much more valuable to the Cabin John community than a lovely little kit bungalow, although those gems are becoming rarer in these days of tear-downs and mini-mansions. The fire is forcing Ray and Kay Kemp to relocate to Ray's hometown of Frostburg MD after thirty-plus years in Cabin John, and they will be sorely missed.

When the Kemps moved to Cabin John in 1969, they were looking for some place to raise their young family, which eventually included three sons: John, Tom, and Brian. Ray was familiar with Cabin John from weekend fishing jaunts, and the idea of raising his family along Cabin John Creek, the C&O Canal, and the Potomac River appealed to him. Ray's colleagues at Western Electric cautioned them about Cabin John, saying it was too rough and wild. But the price was right and the location was unbeatable, so the Kemps left their apartment on Bradley Boulevard and never looked back.

Ray was born and raised in Frostburg, with two older brothers and two younger sisters. Frostburg, high in the panhandle of Maryland, 140 miles west of Cabin John, is a coal-mining town of about 8,000 people. Ray's father and grandfathers worked in the mines, but Ray and his brothers were encouraged to find other careers because their father felt mining was too dangerous. All three looked to the military (which ought to tell us something about mining!). Ray joined the National Guard in high school and

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MacCafe Snack Bar/Volunteer Coordinator Needed

Two 3rd-5th grade parent volunteers are needed to coordinate snack bar food/money and schedule parent chaperones for the monthly MacCafe events. The job entails keeping inventory, stocking the snack bar, getting change, managing the money box, posting notices to Bannocknet and scheduling parent volunteers for a few hours every month. MacCafe is a kids' club for 3rd to 5th graders which meets the second Friday during the months of October–May at the Clara Barton Community Center. Please contact Ruth Rabner at (301)229-0019 or *rabneroo@comcast.net* if you are interested.

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Looking Back in Cabin John

by Andrew E. Rice

Cabin John Becomes a Community



Several people have asked me when Cabin John became a real community and not just a place. My answer: during the 30 years beginning in 1912.

Of course Cabin John had been a convenient stopping point for canal boat traffic for many decades, and the famed Cabin John Bridge Hotel made it an attractive destination for visitors during the last years of the 19th century and the early years of the 20th.

But not many people lived here. In the early 1900's, except for the Bobinger property (the hotel, now part of Cabin John Gardens), the Tuohey property (the general store and post office, now the shopping center), and the Benson property (where the animal hospital now stands), practically all the land was owned by the Dowling family. Some of it was cultivated, but much of it was open pasture and woods.

Then in 1912 along came J. S. Tomlinson and his American Land Company. For $50,000, he purchased all the Dowling land (over 600 acres) and proceeded to develop plans for a suburb which he called Cabin John Park. He divided the property into more than 250 lots of varying sizes and offered them for sale at prices from $150 to $900 (based on size and location, with the average price about 2 cents per square foot). New streets had to be created for access to some of the lots.

J.S. Tomlinson was a persuasive salesman, and the lots — which were inexpensive compared to other developing suburbs — sold steadily. Some were purchased to construct year-round homes, others for summer use only, and some, by Tomlinson's design, were sold primarily for investment purposes.

A typical title deed imposed covenants on the buyers, the most prominent of which barred the property's use by any persons of the Negro race or other persons of color (a standard restrictive covenant of the time). Other restrictions on the use of the property included barring such activities as the sale of intoxicating liquor, the establishment of a "soap factory, bone factory, brewery or similar factory," keeping of any hogs or cows or the erection of any enclosure for fowls nearer than 60 feet from the boundary line, and the maintaining of an outside toilet. These restrictions were equally binding on any subsequent purchasers (although the racial restriction was long ago outlawed by the U.S. Supreme Court).

The mystery of the origin of Cabin John's name was reflected in one final clause which reserved to the American Land Company one-half interest in "any treasure or articles of special value which may have been hidden on this property by 'John of the Cabin'."

By 1919 there were enough residents to lead to the founding of the Cabin John Park Citizens Association which became a diligent proponent of community improvements: better roads (street lights on the Conduit Road were finally obtained in 1928), trash collection, better telephone service, water service from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, etc. In 1928 also the Glen Echo-Cabin John School (now the Clara Barton Community Center) was dedicated and Montgomery County's first schoolboy patrol was organized in Cabin John, and in 1930-31 the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department was formed and its firehouse constructed. Many other community groups were also active.

Although it was not until many years later — in 1973 — that Cabin John citizens agreed on a formal community plan, its adoption was clearly rooted in the sense of community that had developed 50 years earlier. —

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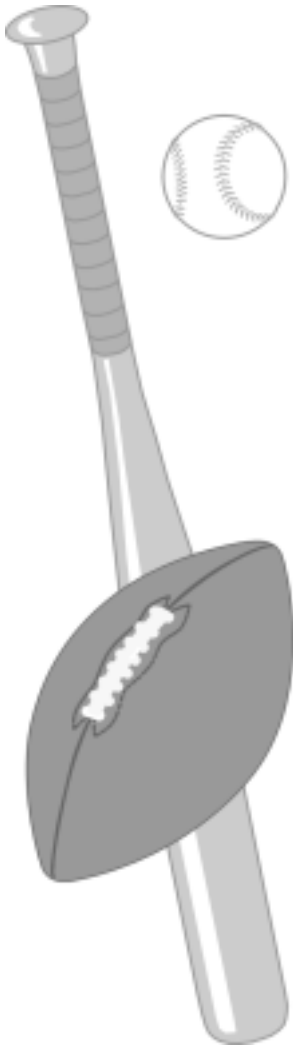
was packed and ready to ship out during the Korean War, but wasn't called up to serve until 1958, when he was thirty-two. After basic and specialty training, he was stationed in Germany for 11 months as a radio and electronics expert with the Army's 17th Signal Battalion.

When he returned to the U.S., he decided not to return to the printing company for which he had been working in Cumberland MD. He drove down to the DC area with a friend on a lark and, given his electronics background, decided to put in an application at the telephone company. They referred him to Western Electronics' Installation Division, a government and security contractor, which eventually became part of Bell Laboratories (now Lucent Technologies), and Ray stayed with them until he retired.

On a weekend trip home to Frostburg, a friend arranged for Ray to go on a double date with a pair of Frostburg State University students, and one of these was Kay Loveless, an English major with plans to teach public school. Kay had grown up with one sister in a close-knit family in Dickeyville, a small historic mill town on the western edge of Baltimore City. Her father's family would meet for years at a once-a-month dinner they called the Matrimonial Club, eating, talking, and contributing to an educational and emergency fund for the kids and grandkids. Kay's father was a prisoner-of-war in World War II and, as the oldest, acted as chaplain in his unit and stayed very involved with the men in the unit for years.

Ray and Kay's double date was a turkey hunt, where they spent the evening calling and scouting turkeys, and the rest, as they say, is history. They dated long-distance for several years, both before Kay graduated, and after, as she taught English at Annapolis Senior High School, with a short break in the middle to allow Kay to focus on her schooling. Kay continued to teach in the DC area after they were married in 1965, until John, their oldest son, was born in 1966. Tom followed in 1970 when they were already living in Cabin John, and Brian in 1972.

The boys and the outdoors were the focus of the Kemps' lives, and Cabin John can be grateful this spilled over into the community at large. The Kemp boys were athletes, both in the neighborhood and at school, and Ray and Kay were active supporters, providing coaching, cheering, rides, food, and moral support not only to their own sons, but all the kids in Cabin John. Occasionally, when a neighborhood kid was really in need, sneakers or a temporary roof might also be offered. Creek swims, hikes, and clean-ups were also a big part of the Kemp children's childhoods. When the Clara Barton Elementary School closed, Ray kept an eye on the vacant building and parking lot, keeping it clean and safe. When it was taken over by a private school, St. Andrew's, Ray helped smooth the town-gown tensions that developed among the children by setting up soccer matches on the playground. Kay directed the day care program for the three- and four-year olds at the center, as well.



Whitman High School was and is very competitive, both scholastically and athletically, and Ray appreciates the education his sons received. The boys were sometimes called Cabin John River Rats, but Ray told them that was part of life, to face it and better themselves, and that's what sports could do for them. John played football at Whitman High School and has held the high-scoring record for twenty years. Tom was a baseball pitcher; when he developed a bad shoulder he continued to play other positions. Brian was a wrestler, and went to the state championships three years in a row. The Kemps have continued to attend Whitman sports, arts, and talent events, even after their kids graduated, which makes their kids laugh. Ray and

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Kay call themselves the No. 2 Whitman fans, behind the Whitman janitor who was just honored by having the gym named after him. Ray especially prides himself on his black Whitman baseball cap with a cursive W on it, which insiders know predates the new Washington Nationals caps.

With the boys gone, Ray and Kay continued to keep the Clara Barton Center under their wing, sometimes stopping by just to chat when they're out on a stroll. Ray has been leading a ping-pong club for seniors at the Clara Barton Center. Kay and Ray also volunteer with the mentally challenged at a Rockville retail store, where the handicapped learn skills to earn money to live independently.

Their very full lives changed on April 16th of this year, a Saturday. Ray had been running errands and had stopped to visit with a neighbor, while Kay was home with their two cats and two dogs. When Ray realized a fire had started in his house, he rushed home and made sure Kay and the animals were out and safe. Ray had time to get some important papers out of the house, and then watched as the fire department quickly put out the electrical fire that had started in a wall and spread to the attic. The fire itself had caused limited harm, but the water damage that resulted from fighting the fire destroyed many of Kay's family heirlooms and memories.

They are now recreating their life "one step at a time." They had hoped to rebuild their house, but saving some of the old trees on the lot was a top priority to the couple, and even after considering pre-fabricated construction, they couldn't work out a practical and affordable solution. Ray learned three big lessons from the fire: a fire extinguisher might have been enough to put out the fire early, but it's not worth risking your life for a house; a video tour of your house and possessions is invaluable in the event of a household catastrophe; and make sure your house is insured appropriately, given the escalating housing costs in the area.

Two of the Kemp boys are now living in Colorado, working in construction. John is married and has two kids, and Brian is single. Tom, also single, recently returned from Colorado, and will be staying in the area after his parents move to Frostburg, which we hope will give Ray and Kay one more reason to come back and visit Cabin John. The new house they have bought, a brick rambler, has a view of where Ray had grown up, and there are many of Ray's old friends and family in the area, so they will feel right at home in Frostburg. Cabin John's loss has become Frostburg's gain. But Ray and Kay will miss Cabin John after having called it it home for so long, and Cabin John will miss them. We wish Ray and Kay well, and hope to see them back here soon and often!

The following letter of appreciation was read and presented to the Kemps at their farewell party.

Letter of Appreciation to Ray & Kay Kemp

Ray and Kay Kemp have been a vital and integral part of the Cabin John community for 35 years. During that period, they have made numerous contributions to improve our neighborhood and to help their neighbors. We thank them for their generosity of spirit and time and wish them well in their new home.

Early on when the Kemps' children were growing up, the Kemp's house was a haven for neighborhood kids. Kay was always cooking, and there was always an extra seat at the dinner table. In a few instances, local kids came to stay with the Kemps for a more extended period when they were having a rough time at home or just trouble dealing with growing up. Nothing formal, just a welcome port in the storm during those tough teenage years.

Ray organized numerous informal athletic events for the Cabin John kids. He always had a baseball or basketball game going that included any neighborhood kids who were interested. In some cases, Ray would contact local schools like St. Andrews and get a more formal match of some kind set up. Cabin John versus the world. Ray was willing to organize that.

Long before there was any organized cleanup of the Cabin John Creek, Ray was filling bags with trash as he walked his dogs down by our beautiful stream. When we did begin our organized cleanups about 10 years ago, Ray was the guy who took the risk of parking his truck on the tiny shoulder of the Cabin John Parkway to haul out old refrigerators, air conditioners, and other big ticket items that had found their way under the road next to the creek.

The Kemps have always been very supportive of the Citizens Association. Kay helped out with lots of CJCA events over the years, selling many tickets to the Crab Feast among other things. Ray assisted with activities at the Clara Barton Community Center, organizing ping pong games and taking on more formal paid responsibilities on occasion when needed.

On behalf of the Cabin John Citizens Association and the Cabin John community, we thank Ray and Kay many times over for their efforts to make our community a better place these past 35 years. We envy their new neighbors.

Burton Gray
CJCA President

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CJCA News

by Burr Gray

The next meeting of the CJCA will be Sept. 27, 7:30 pm at the Clara Barton Community Center.

Next CJCA Meeting—September 27 at 7:30 pm at the Clara Barton Community Center. Agenda: to be determined.

Recap of CJ Summer Cookout/Video of Past CJ Canoe Trips & Slide Show of Potomac River—The evening organized by CJCA and the Potomac Conservancy on the evening of July 21 at the Community Center drew about 80 people who ate, drank, and appeared to truly appreciate the misfortunes of others. Not really, although admittedly it is very hard not to enjoy watching your colleagues tip over in a canoe. The short 25-minute video compiled the worst and funniest scenarios from the last six years of canoe trips and was very entertaining. (For those who have participated successfully in the past, stay tuned since another video is being prepared showing successful Cabin John residents and their efforts.) Following that film, Roy Sewall (local Bethesda resident) presented an hour long slide show with beautiful and interesting slides of various aspects of the stretch of the Potomac River from Great Falls down to DC. Roy narrated expertly while showing the slides and the effect was mesmerizing. Roy has just published a new coffee table-type book called *Our Potomac* which contains the photos and his commentary. The book can be purchased by going to *www.potomac.org*. Proceeds from the on-line sale benefit the Potomac Conservancy. Susan Roberts & Helen Daniel, along with Potomac Conservancy staff Jen Schill and Christine Iffrig, helped with set up and cooking. The beer and wine was gone by the end.

Cabin John Fourth of July Parade—The annual Cabin John July 4 parade and celebration brought out a record turnout of kids, dogs, and hungry revolutionaries, judging by the fact that over 120 doughnuts were eaten quickly. The event was held under clear skies. CJCA provided flags, pinwheels, and hats for those interested. The Cabin John Marching Band (a.k.a. CD player) also performed marches as the crowd moved in leisurely fashion along the bike path. Peppi & Tim Bolger, along with Liz Gray, once again organized the refreshments that were ready for our expectant travelers as they arrived at the shopping center. Maggie Bolger and Rachel Gray passed out the helium balloons. CJCA President Burr Gray incited the crowd by reading the litany of complaints against the Crown, but everyone calmed down and returned to the doughnuts, watermelon, lemonade, and soft drinks. The effort was educational as well. Article III of the Constitution, which establishes the federal judiciary, was featured on a large poster, and CJ neighbor John Hall read from Article II, section 2 of the Constitution which states that the President shall have the right to "nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Counsel, Judges of the supreme Court..."

Next Cabin John Blood Drive October 2—The next community Blood Drive will take place on Sunday, October 2 at the Clara Barton Community Center in Cabin John. Please contact CJ Resident Ruth Rabner (*rabneroo@comcast.net*, 301-229-0019) if you are willing and able to donate blood. We have managed to reach our 50-pint goal for each of the last two blood drives and hope to continue the success. Note that there will be an opportunity to sign up for the bone marrow registry as well. Ruth will be taking appointments for the bone marrow registry as well.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for new Persimmon Tree Road Sidewalk—On September 17 at 9:30 am, the General Manager of the Avenel Community Association is inviting Cabin John residents and other neighbors to attend a short ceremony celebrating the completion of the sidewalk along Persimmon Tree Road that now runs from MacArthur Blvd to Bradley Blvd. The event will take place near the intersection of Persimmon Tree Road and Country Club Drive and will feature coffee, orange juice, balloons, doughnuts, neighbors and county representatives (primarily Councilmember Steve Silverman) who helped make the sidewalk a reality. The sidewalk was constructed by the County after a joint effort by local communities (with Avenel taking the lead) was begun in 2001 to address safety concerns on Persimmon Tree Road. The sidewalk was a key element requested to provide safe travel for pedestrians and cyclists in the area. If you are interested in biking to the event, a group of Cabin Johners will meet at the Market on the Blvd at 9 a.m. on September 17 and proceed from there.

Homework Club—The Community Center will be starting up the Homework Club again for the elementary school crowd. It will meet two days a week after school. Please contact the Center Director Modestine Snead (301-229-0010) for more details if you are interested.

CRAB FEAST
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There is another important crab feast void waiting to be filled (hopefully by some of CJ's many talented musicians) — we have no firm commitment yet for grown-up entertainment. Children's entertainment includes the bike parade and magician Chuck Flayhart.

This year we also need clean-up organizers because our usual clean up maestro Andy Rice will not be in town.

The children's bike parade starts at 2 pm, and prizes will be awarded by a local Girl Scout troop to all children who participate. Meet at the corner of 79th Street & MacArthur Blvd. (across from Market on the Boulevard) and ride to the crab feast. Many thanks to Ruth Rabner who continues to chair this event.

Tickets cost $11 at the door or $10 if bought in advance. Tickets offer a choice of: (a) 6 crabs; (b) 3 crabs and 3 vegetables; or (c) BBQ chicken and 3 vegetables. Sodas, beer, lemonade, pizza, and popcorn will also be for sale.

All proceeds are used to benefit the Cabin John Citizens Association¹s efforts to enhance the quality of life for local residents, and to publish the Cabin John *Village News*.
Among other civic issues, the CJC Association lobbies local Government officials to:

1) Reduce airplane and helicopter noise along the Potomac River;
2) Implement a practical and resident-friendly solution to the unpleasant odor arising from the C&O Canal sewerage pipeline that extends from Virginia to Washington D.C.; and
3) Increase protection of cyclists and pedestrians on the bike path as it passes through Cabin John's narrow, winding section of MacArthur Boulevard.

CALLING ALL KIDS!

Come ride, walk, stroll or scoot in the CABIN JOHN BIKE PARADE that leads to the CJ Crab and Chicken Feast.

Decorate your wheels if you want!
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Saturday, Sept 10th
2 pm
Start at 79th and MacArthur, end at the Clara Barton Community Center

CJCA also organizes volunteer cleanups of the local bike path, river, creek, and canal areas.

Local businesses such as the Bethesda Co-Op contribute to the fine food. The Cabin John/Brookmont Children's Nursery will once more sell desserts to raise funds for their non-profit program. Local resident Bob Epstein will again donate the use of his rustic popcorn machine while David Murphy will again offer refreshing homemade lemonade. Beer and wine will be available. The Clara Barton Community Center generously makes its facility available to Cabin John Citizens Association for the afternoon.

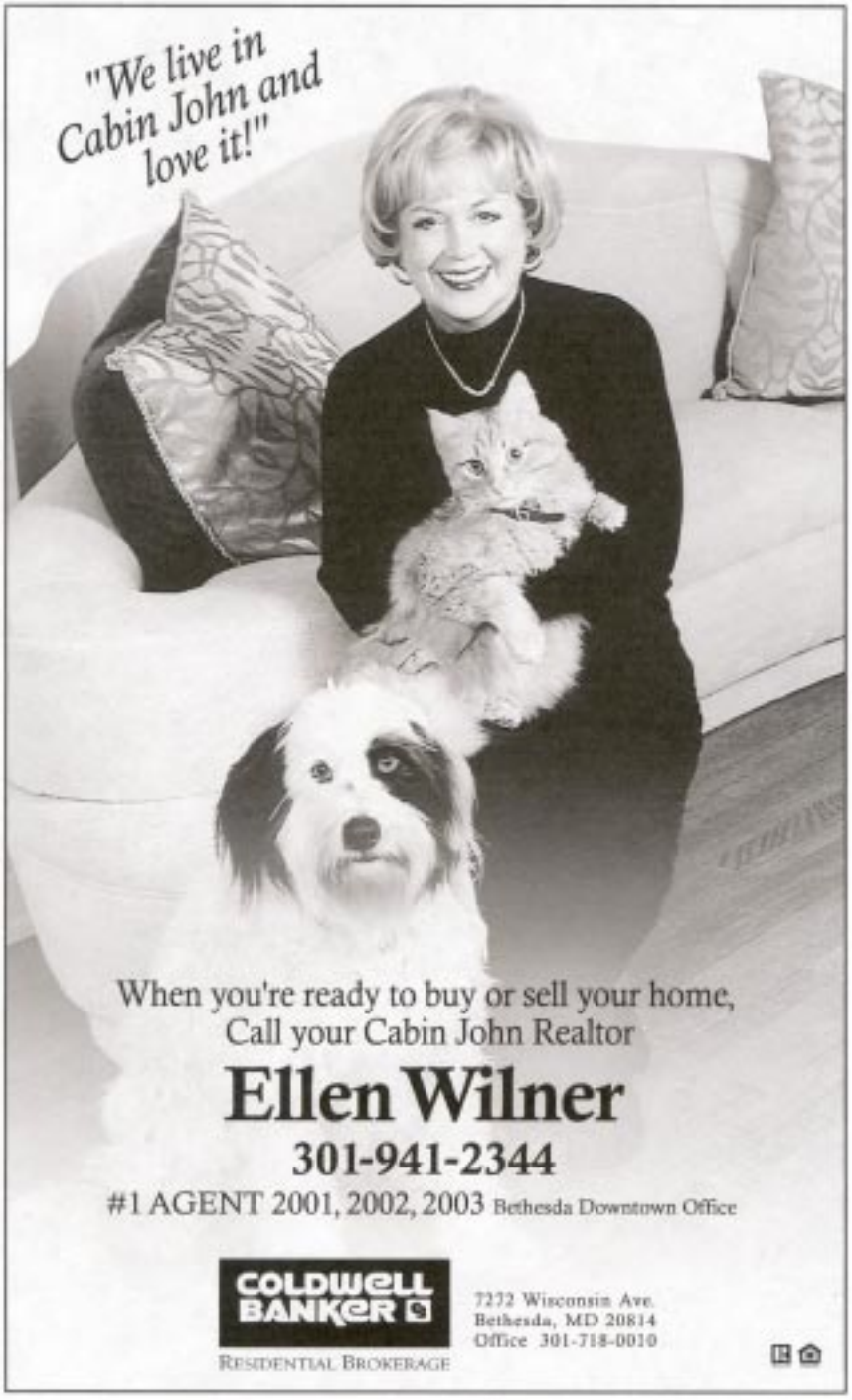
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House Concert Series

George Wilson, a multi-instrumental virtuoso, is coming south from Albany, New York, and I have asked him to come to Cabin John and play his wonderful music for us. George is known as a master of the "Uncle" Dave Macon style of banjo playing, and he is also known for his ability to sing and play 12-string guitar in the style of the great "Leadbelly." We were both teaching banjo at Banjo Camp North this past June, and I heard him playing New England fiddle tunes. We traded cassettes and I listened to his fiddling cassette for the next seven hours as I drove home. The greatest fiddling cassette I own.

The house concert will be Saturday, September 24, 7 until 9 pm at the Cabin John Gardens Community House. Put it on your calendar NOW.

The address is 8½ Webb Road. Parking is limited, so it is suggested that cars be parked in the Clara Barton Center lot, or on the wooded side of Ericsson Road.

Smoking and alcohol are prohibited in the Gardens Community House for this event. Soft drinks, chips and pretzels will be provided free. A suggested donation of $10 per person would be most appreciated, and children must be supervised by parents both in and outside the building.

If you have any questions, please call me at 301-229-3482.

—Reed Martin

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TO JUDY Please call me about the baby things. I'm sorry but I accidently lost you phone number. Please call Eva 301-229-4222.

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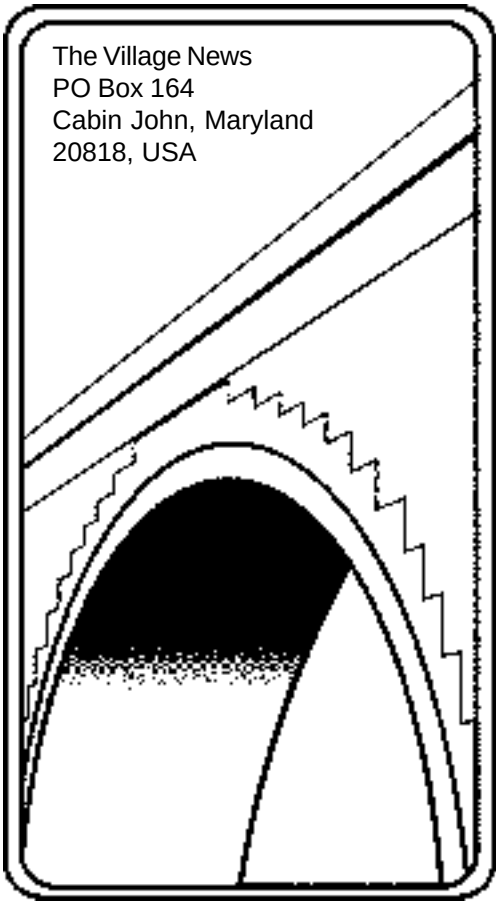
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