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80th Place Development Plans in Cabin John Continue

A second neighborhood meeting with Potomac Heritage Homes was held on August 27 regarding their proposed development of the 2.3-acre wooded lot off 80th Place.

About 25 residents packed the room at the Clara Barton Neighborhood Recreation Center to hear Heritage Homes discuss plans to build four large houses on one of the last forested lots in Cabin John. The proposal would require clear-cutting more than half of the woods and destroying the tree canopy. SEE ***80TH PLACE*** ON PG. 10.



The cute squirrel on these signs now dotting Cabin John lawns belies the contentious battle over one of the last forested lots in our area. Concerned CJ residents have mobilized to prevent development of four homes on the lot.

Reunion Held for Descendants of CJ's Historic Moses Hall

By Susan Shipp

The first-ever reunion for descendants of Morningstar Moses Tabernacle No. 88, the African American benevolent society that once supported the historic community of Gibson Grove in Cabin John, was held August 24 at the Clara Barton Neighborhood Recreation Center.

The gathering brought together multiple generations of the White family, including several members who live on Carver Road and the Coates family, some of whom traveled from the Baltimore area to attend. Descendants of the Crawford family joined in via FaceTime. SEE ***MOSES HALL*** ON PG. 4.

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CJCA News

By Scott Lewis

The September Cabin John Citizens Association meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 25 will NOT BE HELD at Clara Barton Neighborhood Recreation Center.

Instead, we will take a CJCA meeting "field trip" to the hearing on the **Attainable Housing Strategies Initiative** at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, Wisconsin Room, 4805 Edgemoor Lane from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

The Attainable Housing Strategies Initiative is a set of potential zoning modifications prepared by the Montgomery County Planning Department and recommended to the county council in June by the Montgomery County Planning Board. The modifications would allow property owners to have the option to build a wider range of housing types in areas of the county that have only allowed one single-family detached home per lot for decades.

This is an important and interesting initiative. More information at **https://montgomeryplanning.org/county-council-and-montgomery-planning-to-host-community-listening-sessions-on-planning-board-recommendations-to-help-address-the-countys-housing-crisis/**

If you would like to attend but need transportation, we will be putting together carpools - contact **cjcapresidents@gmail.com**.

The October CJCA Meeting will be held, as usual, on October 23 at CBNRC at 7:30 pm.

PUBLIC WORKS CORNER

The Beltway and the Commuter

By Scott Lewis

Another *Village News* issue and yes, another update on the Beltway. Commuters who travel regularly over the American Legion Bridge to Virginia will note–and be annoyed by–the construction just south of the bridge. Virginia is extending the HOT (High Occupancy Toll) lanes northward to just south of the GW Parkway interchange. When this is completed, Virginia will have almost 90 miles of HOT lanes across three areas: the I-95/I-395 lanes running from the Stafford area to the D.C. border; the Beltway lanes running from the Springfield Interchange to just south of the GW Parkway; and the I-66 Express Lanes from Rosslyn to Gainesville. One might be interested to know that an SUV towing a one-axle trailer from CJ out to Manassas and beyond will incur over $75 in fees if using the HOT lanes the entire journey. The two new miles of HOT lanes from the Dulles Toll Road to just south of the GW Parkway will open late 2025, assuming the project remains on schedule.

But what of the American Legion Bridge and potential Beltway expansion in Maryland? The public-private partnership agreement previously in place fell apart, so Maryland has essentially restarted the process, including the collection of public input and establishment of a funding approach. Here's what's known:

1. The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) has conducted a land survey in Maryland and Virginia in preparation for a new bridge.
2. According to MDOT only 6 years of use remain before the bridge will need refurbishment or replacement.
3. Wes Moore and MDOT have emphasized potential multimodal improvements to the bridge to include new bicycle and pedestrian access as well as toll lanes and widening.
4. Pushback against the widening continues based on environmental and other concerns, some of this generated from our community given the impacts it would have on Cabin John.
5. The funding required for such a significant project is not in place with some grants approved, others still under consideration and at least one grant outright denied.
6. Virginia and its local county governments are very supportive of a new bridge, but their construction is about to end.
7. Any new expansion project would start 2026 or later and would not be complete until 2032 or later.

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CJ House Tour 2025: WANTED - Homes/Gardens to Show!

It has been a long time since the last CJ House Tour: 2008! We are seeking homes to be showcased during a tour to be held on a Saturday or Sunday in May or June 2025. We would appreciate hearing from you if you might like to have your home included on the tour. Does your home have architectural or historic features of interest? Do you have a beautiful or unique interior design? Do you have art, hobby or crafts collections in your home that you are willing to show off? Do you expect to have a gorgeous spring garden to share? Please contact Marcy Harrison, **marcyharrison@earthlink.net**, or 301-908-8906, to discuss. Thank you!







MOSES HALL **CONTINUED FROM PG. 1**

The reunion was hosted by the Friends of Moses Hall, a non-profit organization that has been working since 2020 to protect the site of the benevolent society's Moses Hall and cemetery.

Located on Seven Locks Road just south of the Beltway overpass, the cemetery, which has not been in use since the 1970s, was thought to hold dozens of grave sites. But thanks to the efforts of the Friends of Moses Hall, the state of Maryland conducted a geophysical survey in 2021 that revealed evidence of 377 likely graves, including a number in the current right-of-way for the Capital Beltway.

Those buried in the cemetery were all members of the Morningstar No. 88 benevolent society. These organizations provided crucial financial and educational support, burial services and social opportunities that sustained black communities during a period of legal and social segregation in Maryland.

According to the 1900 US census, the Gibson Grove community held 18 African American households with 122 inhabitants, including nine men working as farmers, seven as construction workers and laborers, six as quarrymen, five as railway workers and three hotel staff. Several women worked as domestic help in private homes or in local hotels, and others took in laundry to supplement their incomes. By 1958, the Gibson Grove community consisted of 32 families on Carver and Seven Locks roads.

Friends of Moses Hall hopes that future reunions will bring together even more descendants to ensure that the cemetery and all that it represents are preserved for future generations.

To find out more about the cemetery and its importance in Cabin John's history, visit the Friends of Moses Hall website at **https://www.friendsofmoseshall.org/**











***Clockwise from top left**: Members of the White Family. Diane Baxter, descendant and Morningstar No. 88 Board of Trustees president holding Sage Delgado, with Nick Delgado and Karen Maryland, all descendants of James and Annie Coates. Four generations of descendants from James and Annie Coates. Shannon Steward and Jill White of Carver Rd. Carol Rubin and Austin White, a trustee on the Morningstar No. 88 Board , discuss a cemetery map showing the locations of probable graves. He has several family members buried in the cemetery, including his father Rodney White, Sr. **Photo credits**: Tina Prather, Paige Whitley, and Susan Shipp. **Page 5**: This poster lists the names of everyone known to be buried at the Moses Hall cemetery. With so few headstones, many names have been identified by scouring old newspapers for burial notices.*

Morningstar Tabernacle No. 88, Ancient United Order of Sons & Daughters, Brothers & Sisters of Moses

Cabin John, Montgomery County, Maryland

Morningstar Moses Cemetery Burials

Documented as of 2024

Henrietta (Lynch) Barber
John W. Bowen
Ada L. (Jones) Brent
Laura Virginia "Jenny" (Beckley?) Burley
Lewis B. Burley, Sr.
Georgia (Jones) Butler
Stanley Butler
Henry Carter
Mary Delia (Crawford) Carter
Robert Henry Carter
James William Coates
Abraham S. Cooper
Henrietta (Mason) Cooper
James F. Cooper
Samuel Cooper
Thomas H. Cooper
Arthur Crawford
Ella (Bowen) Crawford and child
George Crawford
James E. Crawford, Jr.
James E. Crawford, Sr.
Daisy Crockett
Annie (Simms) Coates Dixon
Louise Dorsey
Cora Ann (?) Dove
Ida Ellen (Jackson) Dove
John M. "Tick" Dove
LeRoy Dove
Lorenzo Snowden Dove
Lucy Dove
Tilghman Edward Dove
William Edward Dove
Lydia (Burley) Dozier
Clarence Gibbs
Clarence Edward Gibbs, Jr.
Odelia (Jones) Gibbs
Edward L. Gibson
Lewis/Louis Gibson*
Robert Gibson, Sr.*
Sarah (Hunter) Gibson
Charles Clarence Gordon
Harry Gordon, Jr.
Emmaline (Stewart) Gray
William Frank Harper
Amanda (Clifton) Harris
Annie (Warfield) Harris
Benjamin Harris
Charles D. Harris
George Harris
Hester (Carter) Harris
James A. Harris
Marion Harris
Mary Eliza (Jones) Harris
Mary Rebecca (Hinkle) Harris
Raymond Harris
Thomas Harris
Viola "Sadie" (Crawford) Harris
Herbert Wilbur Hinkle
Lloyd Hinkle
Oscar Hinkle
Mamie (Steward/t) Hyson
Daisy (Jones) Iverson
John Raymond Iverson
William Rudolph Iverson
Anna Jackson
Child of Lloyd T. Jackson
Fannie Jackson*
Frances V. (Crawford) Jackson
Frederick Wesley Jackson
Garfield Arthur Jackson
Lloyd T. Jackson
Phillip Jackson
Alice M. (Diggs) Jackson Johnson
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Dorcas Ann (Davis) Jones
Emma (Walker) Jones
Jane Jones
Robert Jones, Sr.
Robert Jones, Jr.
Emma Catherine (Jones) Kinslow
Lewis Kinslow
Lillian (Mason) Kinslow
Julia (Crockett) Lane
Eugene Mason
Eugene Leonard Mason
Leita Henrietta (Jones) Mason
Noah Mason
Rosa Mason
Sarah Catherine (Gibson) Mason
Wallace Mason
Walter Mason
William Mason
Virginia "Jennie" (Brooks) Mason
Lelia (Carter) Nickerson Newman
Elsie (Windear) Cooper Offutt
Ernest Palmer
Anne Dora "Annie" (?) Pendleton
Hazel Lorraine Phifer
Helen B. (Iverson) Phifer
Edward Price
John Price
Lucy Ann (Holmes) Gibson Richards
Silas Richards
Annie Steward
Alfred R. Stewart/d
Andrew Stewart
Boy Stewart
Doris Stewart
Herman Stewart
Julia (Warren) Stewart
Theodore Stewart
Frances (?) Walker
Mary Catherine (Gravatt) Warren
George Washington, Sr.
Allen White
Mary Francis (Crawford) White
Rodney T. White
Samuel Williams

**Unconfirmed, but likely early burial.*

Cabin John Chooses Its Future: The Cabin John Community Plan

By Rachel Donnan

No Development on 80th Place. Roots Before Roofs. Trees Not Drywells.

By now, nearly all of Cabin John has noticed the cute squirrel signs (and others) with a serious message against the proposed development on 80th Place. Potomac Heritage Homes plans to build four large, nearly identical houses in the 2.3-acre woods between 80th and 81st Streets, bulldozing more than half of one of the last large, undeveloped tracts of land in Cabin John. Filled with majestic trees and teeming with wildlife, the woods adjoin the Carderock Conservation Area at the end of 80th Place. A stream runs through the middle, under MacArthur Boulevard and down toward the Potomac.

Residents of the surrounding streets have mobilized in an effort to halt this proposed development. Concerns include drainage issues, emergency vehicle access and destruction of the natural environment. Clearing most of the wooded parcel would have a tremendous impact on wildlife and forever change the rural, woodsy character of Cabin John—one of the reasons people have chosen to live here since J.S. Tomlinson's American Land Company began offering lots in 1913. In fact, on Tomlinson's early maps of Cabin John Park, this lot was intended to be a public space for a school and baseball field.

Many Cabin Johners attended recent contentious meetings with the builder to voice their disapproval and concerns. It's reminiscent of another time in Cabin John's history, when residents had a voice in determining the future of the community.

In 1959, Bogley & Co. real estate brokerage proposed a massive project in Cabin John that included a large shopping center, offices, a motel and luxury "apartment houses" to replace 350 modest homes in the area. The *Montgomery County Sentinel* newspaper described the scheme in a July 30, 1959 article, "'Dream Plan' Viewed Dimly by Cabin John Residents." Several locals quoted predicted that the plan would "fall flat on its face before it ever gets started."

Andrew Wilkins, one of the founding members of the Cabin John Citizens Association in 1919, said "Personally, we love Cabin John and deeply resent promoters who claim to want to help the community but who really only want to make money and more money." Dr. Henry Briefs, an economist on the President's Council of Economic Advisors, was shocked by the proposed development and said "We came out here to live, not to speculate in real estate. We like to have a safe, friendly, small town atmosphere for our eight children and still be so close to the city… Capital appreciation is certainly not our first consideration." At a Cabin John Citizens Association special meeting, nearly three-quarters of the community expressed their dismay at the Bogley plan, and ultimately put a stop to the project.

Throughout the 1960s, developers conveyed interest in Cabin John's unused parcels of land. Residents became increasingly worried about the potential loss of the neighborhood's character and rural feel. In 1971, a community survey was sent to all residents in which their vision of Cabin John emerged. The Cabin John Community Plan was born and was later incorporated into the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Master Plan.

The Cabin John Community Plan "contains our goals, objectives and proposals for the future of the area in which we live—and the assertion that we, the citizens, have both the right and the duty to direct the lifestyle we choose to follow, rather than have it done for us." Cabin John residents expressed their wishes to maintain a quiet atmosphere, small town friendliness, many trees and a diversity of homes, people and cultures.

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Master Plan (1990) notes that the "unique character of the Cabin John community should be retained by keeping the existing scale and type of housing along with the semi-rural, wooded environment. This community is one of the few areas in Bethesda-Chevy Chase providing a diversity of housing types at a range of prices. This mix results in an opportunity for housing for people who otherwise might not be able to live in the Palisades Area. This is one important factor in the strong sense of community among the citizens of Cabin John. It is important that this neighborhood with its variety of housing be maintained."

The Master Plan notes that the "Large stands of mature trees are not only a critical asset from an environmental perspective but also greatly contribute to the ambience associated with the area." While many of the original neighborhood houses have been sensitively renovated or replaced with larger ones, older homes remain too. Wooded yards and front porches dot the narrow roads. Residents of Cabin John still embrace values of small town warmth, green surroundings, abundant trees, eclectic homes and a rustic aesthetic. Its self-defined identity continues to endure for now.

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Carpe Diem

By Eric Dinerstein

Summer strollers along the C&O Canal are often amazed to see schools of massive fish, lunkers as they are known to anglers, lurking in the dark water. They are common carp, an introduced species that is increasingly sought after by fly fishermen and reel casters alike. In Germany, there are fishing clubs formed solely around the pursuit of this species of giant fish. The carp in the Potomac originally hail from the Caspian Sea region or East Asia and the species was probably introduced in the mid-1800s. It remains unclear which species of fish they displaced or their overall ecological effects, as back then there were few fish biologists or aquatic ecologists trained to explore such impacts. Today, we know that the common carp is the most widely introduced fish globally, found in almost every country. Local anglers pursue them for sport because of the fight they offer if they strike on light tackle; around the world, fish in the carp family are a main source of protein. You won't find carp on the menu much in the Potomac area, as they are too troublesome to filet, but in Asian cuisines, carp is a delicacy.

Our common carp grows to up to 30 inches in length and typically weighs about 10 pounds, but some can reach 30 pounds. They are distinguished by two barbels, or fleshy growths, on either side of the mouth, a thick body, an elongated dorsal fin, and a forked tail. In the spring in the C&O Canal, when they are spawning, they make quite a splash, as several males can mingle with a single female as she lays more than 100,000 eggs over the aquatic vegetation. There is no parental care; the baby carp are left to their own devices or blind luck to avoid a wide range of predators. Survivors reach maturity in three to four years and live about 15 years.

It is ironic that another common name of the carp family is the minnow family. Indeed, true minnows belong to this family, the *Cyprinids*, but so do some massive beasts. With over 3,000 species, the *Cyprinidae* is not only the largest family of freshwater fish in the world, it is also the most diverse family among all the world's vertebrate families. The largest *Cyprinid* is the Siamese carp, or giant barb, a species native to the Mekong River of Southeast Asia. The giant barb can reach 10 feet long and weigh up to 660 pounds, but overfishing has left it critically endangered.

Here in America, many people are familiar with another member of the *Cyprinid* family, *koi*, a popular fish of backyard ponds.

Along the canal, we can admire the fly fishermen trying to reel in giant carp. They stalk the spooky easily spooked fish and try to coax them into taking their lure, a tiny hook with a few strands of quills and feathers that can be made to resemble mulberry fruits or cottonwood seeds, two favorite food items when aquatic insects are not hatching in numbers. We can admire even more the angler who tries to eat one of these fish. A common complaint about carp is that they are extremely bony. Unlike the easily fileted members of the salmon family, carp are full of tiny splinters that easily stick in your gums.

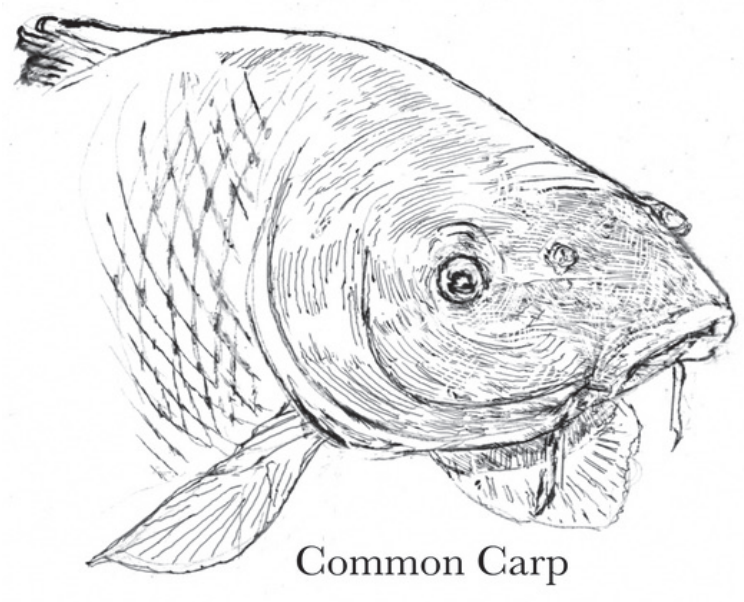


Illustration by Trudy Nicholson

I will never forget my first time eating a fish in the carp family. It was the year 1975 and I was a newly minted Peace Corps volunteer with an unusual assignment to become a survey biologist in a newly created tiger reserve in the lowland jungles of remote western Nepal. It took me two days and fifty miles on elephant-back to reach the headquarters of the Bardia tiger reserve. It was monsoon season, and all the roads were washed out, so the only way to reach the reserve was by elephant. Soon after the elephant drivers dumped me off, the park warden suggested that we take a reconnaissance trip from the headquarters near our home village of Thakurdwara to the village of Chisapani (meaning "cold water"), located 16 miles north at the gorge where the mighty Karnali River leaves the outermost range of the Himalayas and reaches the Gangetic plain. Chisapani was a small village populated by the Rajis, an ethnic group who lived by catching, among other fish,

the giant Golden Mahseer, also one of the pre-eminent sport fish in the world for fly fishermen.

For many of the forest guards stationed at Chisapani, I was probably one of the first, if not the first, white person they had ever seen. Nepal had been closed to westerners until around 1960, but even in the ensuing 15 years, few westerners had ventured along the great Karnali. In honor of my visit, the guards welcomed me with a feast: large chunks of freshly caught mahseer and piles of white rice, washed down with the unpleasant distilled rice wine known as *raksi*. I had heard of mahseer, but I had no idea a large fish could have so many bones. After eating another mouthful of mahseer, which had quite a muddy taste, I swallowed. I felt something in my throat. I tried to swallow again and took a swig of water. The object in my throat became more noticeable and then painful. It was a fish bone. For the next hour I tried everything that the Nepali guards told me to do when they had a similar problem: grab a big handful of rice and stuff it in my mouth, not to chew it, just swallow hard and force the fish bone down. I tried that technique three times, to no avail. The fish had hooked me.

It was late by then, after ten and time for bed; I was exhausted after the 16-mile trek in the rain and concerned about the new resident in my throat. I lay down but had little luck in sleeping. I must have dozed off a bit but when I woke up it was the same situation: the fish bone hadn't budged. I started to contemplate my alternatives. The nearest doctor or clinic would be 65 miles away and take several days of walking in the monsoon rains to reach. And the embarrassment! I hadn't been at my post for two weeks and I would have to return to a health post or maybe even fly back to Kathmandu or take a bus to see a fishbone removal specialist.

Brooding over my rotten luck, I walked towards the surging Karnali River that was in full spate. The dark brown water hurtled along the riverbanks. I climbed up the carved wooden steps of a thatch-roofed platform that villagers used to watch over their rice paddies to keep the wild animals from eating their crops. During the day, old men often sit on these platforms, play cards, and drink more *raksi*, especially during the monsoon, when, after the rice paddy is planted, there is not much to do but watch the river flow by.

I was trying to console myself when I saw an old man wearing nothing more than a Nepali hat called a *topi* and a loincloth. He climbed up the stairs and just stared at me. When I greeted him with a *namaste*, the traditional greeting (which literally means I bow to the god in you) words started to pour from his mouth. I nodded because it was too painful to say more than a few words in Nepali, or any other language at the moment. He was telling me fascinating stories, one after the other: what it was like to live his whole life in Chisapani, fishing for the mahseer; the tigers that approached the village and sometimes killed their water buffalo. Finally I had to stop him. I spoke up in Nepali, "Grandfather, I would love to hear your stories. But I have a fishbone stuck in my throat and it's killing me."

He merely smiled and said, "Why didn't you say so? I will be right back." He returned a few minutes later with a small leather pouch. He opened it and poured some dried and shriveled objects into his palm. "Here, chew on these dried *lali gurans* petals. We fishermen get fish bones in our throats all the time. In a few minutes after sucking on the petals, the fishbone will pass." And then he went off to tend to his buffalo.

An hour later, as if by magic, the fish bone was gone. I could swallow without pain. I had no idea what had just happened. Later, in grad school, I studied the chemical composition of *lali gurans*, the red rhododendron that is the national flower of Nepal. I learned that the foliage of rhododendrons was quite toxic to herbivores, likely due to a compound called Andromeda toxin. Perhaps the dried petals concentrated minute amounts of Andromeda toxin that caused the mucous membranes in my throat to work overtime, coating the bone and dislodging it from my gullet. Perhaps it served me as a placebo, and it was only a matter of time before the same membranes finally streamed the stuck bone away: a coincidence. In any event, I will never forget that lovely grandfather, his kind gesture, and his sparing me a miserable 65-mile walk in the monsoon rains. I have never touched carp again. I still admire them as they splash about in spring in the canal, but I will leave them to the avid fishermen. Let them seize the day, and the fish. Perhaps they have their own version of dried rhododendron petals if they choose to cook their catch.



80TH PLACE CONTINUED FROM PG. 1

The proposal would require clear-cutting more than half of the woods and destroying the tree canopy. Residents once again raised many concerns about the proposal, including significant drainage issues that will impact houses downstream from MacArthur Boulevard, the substantial loss of forest and wildlife, the lack of emergency vehicle access, increased traffic congestion, and trash issues.

Potomac Heritage Homes personnel stated that their plans meet the county requirements. They also noted that trees would remain on the proposed 1.2-acre forest easement that runs along the stream, providing a "habitat for squirrels and bugs." A separate application is required for this forest conservation plan. This particular lot is listed in the 1990 Bethesda-Chevy Chase Master Plan, which notes that a floodplain study is needed and that there may be some wetlands outside the stream buffer. The master plan also states that the trees and slope are to be preserved to enhance the treed character of the site.

Residents stated for the record that this proposed development would be disastrous for Cabin John and that the community intends to contest the plan. If you would like to receive updates, please email **nathan.canestaro@gmail.com**.

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A day so happy.
Fog lifted early, I worked in the garden.
Hummingbirds were stopping over honeysuckle flowers.
There was no thing on earth I wanted to possess.
I knew no one worth my envying him.
Whatever evil I had suffered, I forgot.
To think that once I was the same man did not embarrass me.
In my body I felt no pain.
When straightening up, I saw the blue sea and sails.



Julia Gurgaus, along with her rescue dogs Taylor and Oakley, reads a poem before setting out on a late summer's eve walk.

New poems are posted each week on upper 78th Street.



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"It's the sense if you're out here of just having dropped into the land the way it used to be... totally wild."
Margaret M. Reuss

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Real Estate Activity in Cabin John

September 2024

Courtesy of Cabin John Realtor Rachelle Cherol

ACTIVE

6629 81st Street
List Price $2,495,000
6 BR, 2 BA, 2 GAR, 3,584 sq. ft.

8216 Caraway Street
List Price $2,950,000
5 BR, 6/1 BA, 3 GAR, 5,969 sq. ft.

6517 79th Street
List Price $3,390,000
6 BR, 6/1 BA, 2 GAR, 6,055 sq. ft.

7630 Tomlinson Avenue #28
List Price $335,000
1 BR, 1 BA, 0 GAR, 648 sq. ft.

PENDING

6433 79th Street
List Price $3,000,000
6 BR, 5/1 BA, 0 GAR, 5,252 sq. ft..

CLOSED

7835 Archbold Terrace
Closed Price $735,000
3 BR, 2/1 BA, 0 GAR, 1,218 sq. ft.

6628 81st Street
Closed Price $3,300,000
5 BR, 5/2 BA, 2 GAR, 4,815 sq. ft.





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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

September 25
CJCA Meeting
7:00 – 9:00pm
B-CC Regional Services Center,
Wisconsin Room
4805 Edgemoor Ln,
Bethesda, MD 20814

October 6
CJ Blood Drive
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

October 23
CJCA Meeting
7:30 pm