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Cabin John celebrates the 54th Annual Crab Feast

By Pete Cousté



Jody Wilson and Nicki Wright enjoy the offerings at this year's crab feast..

It takes a village to put together the Cabin John Chicken & Crab Feast. And our village stepped forward again on September 14 to create another successful event.

See ***Crab Feast*** on pgs. 2-5.

Documentary on Plummers Island brings attention to Bridge Expansion Threat

By Shelly McKenzie

A documentary about Plummers Island, an island on the Potomac and refuge for local flora and fauna, is bringing new attention to the challenges that potential expansion of the American Legion Bridge poses to the Cabin John area. *Growing with the City*, a film by Anne Laprevote Cantwell, traces the history and significance of Plummers Island, headquarters of the Washington Biologists' Field Club.

See ***Plummers Island*** on pg. 12.

The Attainable Housing Strategies Initiative and Cabin John

By Marcy Harrison, Charlotte Troup Leighton, and Scott Lewis

As we know, Montgomery County has issues with housing. With a population of over one million people, and expected growth of 200,000 in the next 25 years, there is simply not enough housing planned to accommodate that growth. Furthermore, some members of the business community believe the cost of housing, which has escalated dramatically over the past several decades, will drive businesses and people away, particularly downcounty.

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Pete Cousté directed this year's feast. He and a team of volunteers served up delicious steamed crabs, grilled chicken, collard greens, and corn on the cob for hungry CJers to enjoy while listening to tunes from the Starlight Orchestra. Many thanks to photographer Rick Hatch for documenting this year's crab feast with these gorgeous shots.

















Clockwise, from left*: Josh Chambers displays a feisty blue crab. Ellen Rufael and Susan Roberts help out with Cabin John merch. Dad Tyler Zarfoss brings one of the newest CJers to their first Crab Feast. Sydney Ishida, My Linh Bui, and Andrea Williams return for another year to dispense lemonade. Annaliis Hint hoops it up. Servers Meredith Griggs and Linda Green. The chicken crew– Pat Nevo, Daisy Lewis, Dan Mustico, Sam Mustico, Mike Donnellan, Phil Corcoran. The Starlight Orchestra horn section.* ***Opposite page, from left****: Brittany Powell, Monica Brickhouse, and Rose Starchild. Alessa enjoys a fine crab dinner. Brandi Scott-Swales, CBNRC Senior Coordinator Barry Jones returned to lead the kids' craft and activities. Crabs! A feast for Jie Zhang. Barbara Wilmarth dishes up the main attraction. Chicken on the "barbie". SSL volunteers were a huge help keeping tables clean.*


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Crab Feast continued from pg. 1.

For the 54th time, Cabin John residents gathered at Clara Barton Neighborhood Recreation Center (CBNRC) for our largest event of the year to share a meal, visit with long-time neighbors, and meet new residents.

This year, more than 130 volunteers helped to plan, promote, prep, sell, set up, cook, and serve about 500 meals and 600 drinks. Together they temporarily transformed our community center into a pop-up restaurant complete with live music by the **Starlight Orchestra** and kids' activities.

In just four hours, we consumed 17 bushels of crabs, 270 pounds of chicken, and vegetables galore, including carrots, green beans, potato salad, cole slaw, collard greens, and baked beans. New to the menu was local corn on the cob, as well as vegetarian versions of baked beans and collard greens.

As the event coordinator this year, I was amazed and humbled by the determination and dedication of the many Cabin John residents who offered their time and talents to make this event come to life.

We cannot thank enough those who helped make the day possible:

First, the Cabin John Citizens Association co-presidents **Scott & Heidi Lewis** led the promotion and ticketing. Those helping with advance sales were **Clare Amoruso**, **Burr Gray**, **Helen Harris**, **Dallas Harrison**, **Marcy Harrison**, **Jean Johnson**, **Susan Roberts**, **Robin Sidel**, and **Sherri Stahl**.

Volunteers handling ticket and merchandise sales for the event were **Kathleen Leverenz**, **Heather Tomlinson**, **Tina Adler**, **Assie Crossman**, **Deb Duffy**, **Michelle Fryer**, **Peg Jobst**, **Heidi Lewis**, **Susan Roberts**, and **Della Couste Neve**.

Vegetable preparations on Friday were spearheaded by crew chief **Karen Melchar**. Those helping Karen this year included **Marcy Harrison**, **Meredith Griggs**, **Elaine Hornauer**, **Beverly Sullivan**, **Sue Mulroney**, **Mireille Lisimaque**, **Gilles Lisimaque**, **Veronica Evans**, **Jan Iris Smith**, **Alexis Danis**, **Sarah Danis**, **Sue Pierce**, **Alexander Aghababyan**, **Kathy Sullivan**, **Saadat Kydyrmysheva**, **Daisy Lewis**, **Alex Aghabab-Yan**, **Dalia Jennings**, **Nyeclon Simms**, **Kyelow Simms**, and **Della Couste Neve**.

Burr Gray served as crew chief of set-up again. Those helping included **Rick Duffy**, **Charles Betancourt**, **Helen Daniel**, **Emily Helmes**, **Dana Verkouteren**, **Lee Arbetman**, **Manishvar Manimaran**, **Ella Benjamin**, **Ryan Elliott**, **Stella Elliott**, **Nadine Boersema**, **Ann He**, **Rich He**, **Tylar Zarfoss**, **Paul Shedlarski**, **Scott Lewis**, and **Heidi Lewis**.

The kitchen crew, headed by crew chief **Meredith McGuire** and **Kathleen Black**, included **Bramman Avery**, **Mary Kay Young**, **Veronica Evans**, **Marcy Harrison**, **Patty Lee**, **Sue Pierce**, **Jesse Friedlander**, **Judith Bell**, and **Karen Melchar**.

The chicken crew, overseen by chief **Dan Mustico**, included **Phil Corcoran**, **Mike Donnellan**, **Pat Neve** and **Daisy Lewis**.

Crab and corn cooking were supervised by **Barry Hubscher**. His crew included **Josh Chambers**, **John Buttman**, **Dan Berman**, **Chris Enyart**, **Dylan Enyart** and **Pat Neve**.

Susan Shipp was chief wrangler for volunteer scheduling and the serving line. Handling the food on the serving line were **Reiko Berman Shingu**, **Ella Benjamin**, **Barbara Wilmarth**, **Harry Rieckelman**, **Lori Rieckelman**, **Linda Green**, **Helen Daniel**, **Meredith Griggs**, **Alexis Danis**, **Sarah Danis**, **Amy Elsbree**, **Dallas Harrison**, **Michel Ellert-Beck**, **Christine Chambers**, **Stacey Corcoran**, **Sue Mulroney**, **Alice Kuangjin Zhang**, **Clive Harris**, **Helen Harris**, **Delia Jennings**, **Gabby Herderschee-Hunter**, **Robin Sidel**, **Julian Sidel**, **Elliott Schoen**, **Jeff Shipp**, **Finn Sullivan**, **Karen Beverly**, and **Karen Melchar**.

Jackie Hoglund was crew chief for beverages. Those assisting included **Theresa Kowal**, **Rita Gerhard**, **Joel Todd**, **Jennifer Fedder**, **Alicia Deeny**, **Kathy Dowd**,

Beth Ferrenz and **Julie McLean**. Our lemonade stand was managed by **Jeff** and **Anne Rothman**. **Sydney Ishida**, **My Linh Bui** and **Andrea Williams** also helped.

Heidi Lewis coordinated bussing tables. Those helping were **Sue Mulroney**, **Ella Benjamin**, **Cassandra Morrison**, **Josh Church**, **Nora Church**, **Finn Tomlinson**, **Finn Sullivan**, **Alice Kuangjin Zhang**, **Cristiano Andrade** and **Marcelo Andrade**.

Scott Lewis oversaw clean-up. Those assisting included **Burr Gray**, **Tim Shank**, **Rick Duffy**, **Ulrish Apeki**, **Yanzhen Tian**, **Patrick Fitzgerald**, **Finn Tomlinson**, **Finn Sullivan**, **Jeff Shipp**, **Susan Shipp**, **Elliot Shoen** and **Karen Melchar**.

Also, thank you to the musicians of the **Starlight Orchestra** for the entertainment. Our gratitude to **Bob Walsh**, CJCA treasurer, for his assistance with the event.

Finally, thank you to the **Clara Barton Neighborhood Recreation Center staff** for providing children's activities during the event. A special thank you to **Barry Jones**, who manages CBNRC, and has made it an integral part of the annual crab feast, while helping to develop a true partnership with the Cabin John Citizens Association.

Undoubtedly, there are others who pitched in whose names may have been overlooked. Please know that your help was greatly appreciated. If you didn't join in this year, you missed a good one. We hope you can make it next year.

When you see any of these volunteers, please take a moment to thank them and consider joining them to volunteer for an hour or two next year. It takes the entire village. Go to **cabinjohn.org** to get involved or email **cjcapresidents@gmail.com**.



***Opposite page**: Sarah Danis, Alexis Danis and Helen Daniels, purveyors of cole slaw, potato salad, and carrots. Crab cookers Josh Chambers, Barry Hubscher, John Butman, and Chris Engart. **Above**: John Martino and Carol Wysocki enjoy their meal.*

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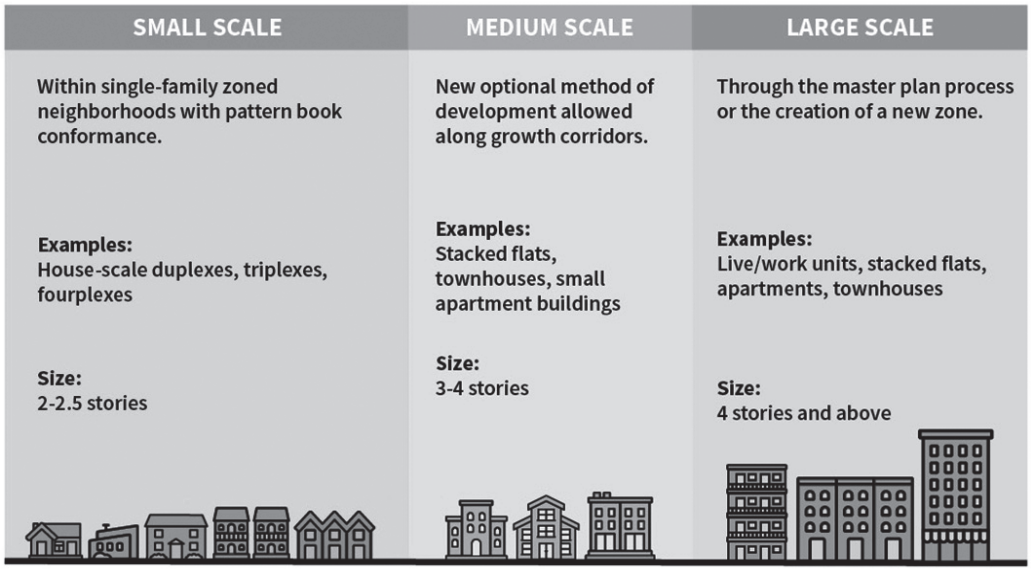
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Attainable Housing continued from pg. 1.

Enter the Attainable Housing Strategies initiative, which is currently being advocated by the Montgomery County Council, of which Andrew Friedson is president and our District 1 Councilmember. The primary goal of AHS is to develop recommendations to increase options for property owners to build more housing types in the county, particularly along the county's growth corridors as set out in the approved Thrive Montgomery 2050 plan. Growth corridors are centered around transit stations and along mixed-use corridors that are walkable, bikeable and transit-accessible.

While an obvious approach is higher-density housing, such as large multi-family buildings, this is not the ideal solution because more than a third of the county is still zoned exclusively for single-family housing. The intent of AHS is to provide an opportunity to look at zoning laws to determine if a middle ground to increase the number of units can be found all the while maintaining neighborhood character.



The Facts:

The AHS initiative consists of three types of housing density plans:

For Cabin Johners, the small scale recommendations from the AHS would be most applicable (to the extent this program has been developed). The County Planning Board recommends new house-scale (i.e., existing lot-line setbacks and height restrictions) attainable housing be permitted by right in the R-40, R-60, R-90 and R-200 zones as follows:

- duplexes everywhere in the R-40, R-60, R-90, and R-200 zones;
- triplexes everywhere in the R-40, R-60, and R-90 zones, and in the R-200 zone within a Priority Housing District;* and
- quadplexes in the R-40, R-60, R-90, and R-200 zones within the Priority Housing District.*

*Note that Cabin John is not within the county's Priority Housing District.

Most homes in Cabin John south of Archbold Terrace and Longridge Court are located in the R-90 zone, while those in Cabin John Gardens fall under the R-60 zone. Homes north of Archbold Terrace and Longridge Court are designated R-200. If elements of the AHS are adopted in their current form, property owners could have the opportunity to increase housing density in these ways: in the R-60 or R-90 zones, a detached single-family home could be replaced with a duplex or triplex and in the R-200 zone, a detached single-family home could be replaced with a duplex.

The Status

The AHS is only a set of recommendations at this point. No legislation is up for consideration and any draft legislation would require public hearings. County administration just wrapped up its series of six listening sessions, intended for residents to weigh in on the proposed initiative, with the last held on October 2. The CJCA is in information-gathering mode at this time.

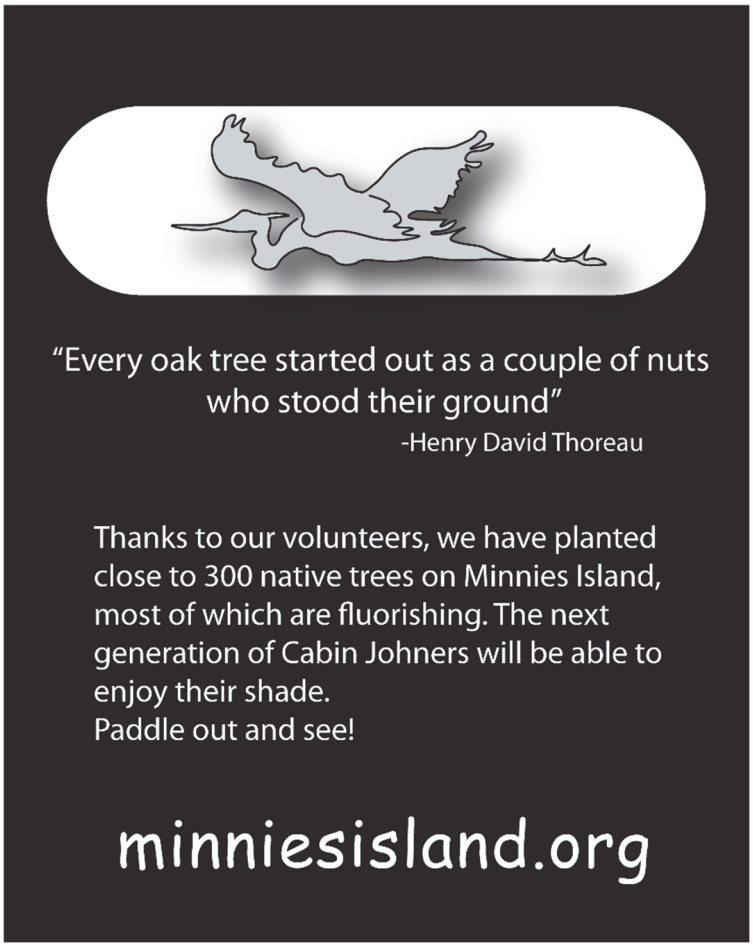
The Feedback

CJCA officers were in attendance at the listening session held at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School on September 25. Examples of comments and concerns expressed by the public regarding the potential AHS initiative included (in no particular order):

- Many recognize the need for increased density and agree something must be done.
- The county needs to increase its tax base. Too many people and businesses are moving out of Maryland for a myriad of reasons (cost of living, lack of housing, regulations, taxes, jobs).
- Many argued that such an impactful change to zoning regulations should be placed on the ballot for the public to decide and not be left to the County Council.
- Many expressed concerns with how increased density would impact the "peace and tranquility" of single-family housing neighborhoods and potentially reduce property values.
- There were questions about the role of developers in the AHS process and any subsequent legislation.
- What additional investments in public transit are being made to support AHS?
- Given that many MCPS schools are at or over capacity, a) how would the schools manage the increased enrollment, and b) should the county be more concerned with addressing the school overcrowding instead of emphasizing AHS?
- Has sufficient due diligence been performed? Can the data be shared? For example, what have we learned from the impact of allowing the construction of accessory dwelling units (ADUs)? How many ADUs have been built, where are they, and who occupies them? What about the current stock of planned housing units?
- Our county executive has come out against the recommendations.
- A new duplex in Cabin John–with all the typical new home bells and whistles–would hardly be priced below an "attainable" $1 million.
- Would there be attainable housing–under $750k–anywhere in the priority areas close to Metro?
- The Chevy Chase Lake development was cited as an example of the impact on single-family home neighborhoods, i.e. resultant high traffic and high noise with the higher density.

Cabin Johners are encouraged to visit **https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/housing/attainable-housing-strategies-initiative** for more information.

The next steps will be up to the Montgomery County Council. Given the large impact and consequences of the AHS and its recommendations, there will be much feedback and, in many cases, pushback. The CJCA will continue to monitor the AHS and may make it the subject of an upcoming community meeting.





CJCA News

By Scott Lewis

The CJCA has an exciting fall planned and hope that residents find these activities informative and fun.

Unless otherwise noted these events will take place at Clara Barton Neighborhood Recreation Center.

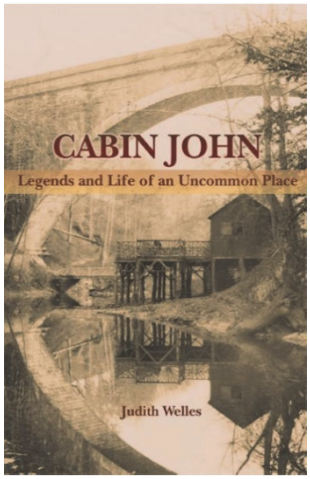
Thursday, October 23, 7:30 pm

CJCA Meeting

Maryland State Senator **Sara N. Love** will attend (note that she is not up for re-election in November). In addition, **Burr Gray** will present information about the two ballot initiatives.

Friday, November 8, 6:00 pm

Cabin John History Presentation



Who or what is Cabin John? We live in a place steeped in mystery, ghosts, and legends. There are historic engineering marvels, too, and not just what you might think you already know. Come hear more about it in a history talk by our very own **Judith Welles**, author of *Cabin John: Legends and Life of an Uncommon Place*. She'll tell new stories and show some never before seen photos. And if you have any Cabin John artifacts, feel free to bring them. Stay for dessert!

Thursday, November 28, 10:00 am

Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot - Everyone will be at our annual Thanksgiving Day walk or run along the canal. Join us!

PUBLIC WORKS CORNER

By Scott Lewis

Anyone in the vicinity of the intersection of Arden Road and 75th Street on Thursday, September 12, just two days before the Crab Feast, would have noticed water bubbling up from the small WSSC cover and a few other spots nearby, indicating a water main break.

Unfortunately, Clara Barton Neighborhood Recreation Center and Clara Barton Center for Children were forced to close the next day due to reduced water pressure. At that time, the Chicken and Crab Feast was also in jeopardy. But thanks to the quick response from the WSSC, the water main was repaired, the building reopened, and the show went on.

Why does a water main break?

- Material: Of the almost-6,000 miles of water mains in WSSC's distribution system, approximately 2,900 miles are cast iron pipe (16-inch diameter and less), which were installed between 1916 and 1976. These pipes are prone to breaks because cast iron is a brittle material that is very sensitive to external pressure.
- Soil Erosion: A previous pipeline break, excavation, or nearby construction often erodes soil around water mains, which can cause breaks.
- Corrosion: Older pipes are not cement-lined and corrode inside and outside, increasing the chances of a break.
- Pipe Diameter: The smaller the pipe's diameter, the greater the risk that it will break.
- Age: The break rate for pipes increases after 60 years. Age alone, however, cannot always be used as an indicator of failure. Some pipes installed in the early 1900s have never broken.
- Temperature: A sudden temperature drop of even 10 degrees in the air or water temperature can dramatically increase stress on a pipe.

How to report a water main break?

The WSSC asks the public to call **301-206-4002**, report the problem on their mobile app, or email **emergencycallcenter@wsscwater.com**. Unless there is an emergency, calling 911 is not recommended. You can also sign up for alerts on their website to be kept informed of issues related to water service.



DID YOU KNOW?

As summer flowers begin to wither and leaves begin to fall, your home's exterior may also begin to lose its luster. Here are a few tips to refresh your home and enhance its curb appeal:

- **Maintain Your Lawn**. Rake leaves and edge your lawn for a crisp look.
- **Trim Trees and Shrubs**. A professional may be needed to trim large trees before winter to prevent damage from wind or snow.
- **Clear Out Flower Beds**. Pull weeds and faded annuals and add a fresh layer of mulch for a polished look.
- **Clean Outdoor Lighting**. With shorter days, outdoor lighting improves curb appeal and safety.
- **Power Wash**. Clean siding, sidewalks and driveways.
- **Spruce Up Entrances**. Create an inviting look with a wreath or potted seasonal flowers.

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The Cabin John Bridge and a Ghostly Troop of Soldiers

By Rachel Donnan

The history of Cabin John is entwined with spooky fables and folklore. Tales about the origin of the name Cabin John, passed down through generations, describe various incarnations of a mysterious hermit who lived in the woods near the Cabin John Bridge and Creek.

Some legends depict "John" as a salty, tattooed pirate who jumped ship and settled here, burying his stolen treasure nearby. Property deeds from the sale of lots by the American Land Company included a clause that the "party of the first part reserves the right to one-half interest in any treasure or articles of special value which may have been hidden on said lot or parcel by John of the Cabin."

J.H. Wilson Marriott's 15¢ booklet from 1903 titled *Picturesque Cabin John* told the story of a lone man who lived along the creek, long before the Union Arch Bridge was completed in 1862. This loner "disappeared as mysteriously as he came, and nothing was ever known as to his fate. His old cabin crumbled into ruins." A ghost called "John of the Cabin" was often seen near a primitive shelter in the woods, and was even used as a clever marketing ploy for the American Land Company's sale of lots in Cabin John Park in the early 1900s. The ghost of John was rumored to return on gusty nights, only to disappear in a flash of light when others saw him. Many locals feared crossing the Union Arch Bridge after dark.

I recently came across one of the Montgomery County Historical Society's online "History Conversations" from 2021, in which historian and educator Karen Yaffe Lottes spoke about her book (with Dorothy Pugh), *In Search of Maryland Ghosts: Montgomery County*, a fun and educational take on some local history through a supernatural lens.

The book recounts ghost stories from the wider area, including one from right here in Cabin John by an anonymous storyteller. This person's father grew up in Cabin John and was a paperboy in the 1960s.

Every morning, the boy woke up before dawn to deliver newspapers along his route. At that time, the Union Arch Bridge was a busy, two lane thoroughfare. One morning, the young paperboy walked out to the middle of the bridge–to get the best view of the dwindling stars he'd said, but later revealed it was to toss bottles off the bridge for fun. In the predawn stillness, he heard a strange sound, not that of a vehicle, but rather a rhythmic sound like people marching. The sound was coming from Glen Echo, so the frightened young delivery boy raced back towards Cabin John and hid as the marching reached the bridge. He heard a voice say "Break step, march" and the footsteps heading towards him changed to a walk. This young man learned years later, when he was in the service, that soldiers don't march across a bridge as it creates vibrations that could damage its structural integrity.



The boy stayed crouched down and out of sight. "He heard the footsteps, the clothing rustling, and the clanking of metal on metal. It seemed like hundreds of men trooped by before they were finally off the bridge. He heard the command, 'Resume step, march.' In three beats, the rhythm of the footsteps went from walking to marching. When they were finally all past, curiosity overcame fear and my father crawled up (and looked)...The roadway, on the Cabin John side of the bridge, runs in a straight line for nearly a mile—and it was empty."

Construction on the Union Arch Bridge began in 1857 by the U.S Army Corps of Engineers under chief engineer Lieutenant Montgomery C. Meigs. The historic aqueduct, once the longest single span stone arch bridge in the world, was designed to carry clean drinking water from Great Falls to Washington D.C. During the Civil War, Union soldiers did indeed camp in this area to protect the bridge from damage, as well as the capital's water supply.

Just another ghostly yarn to add to the legend of Cabin John!

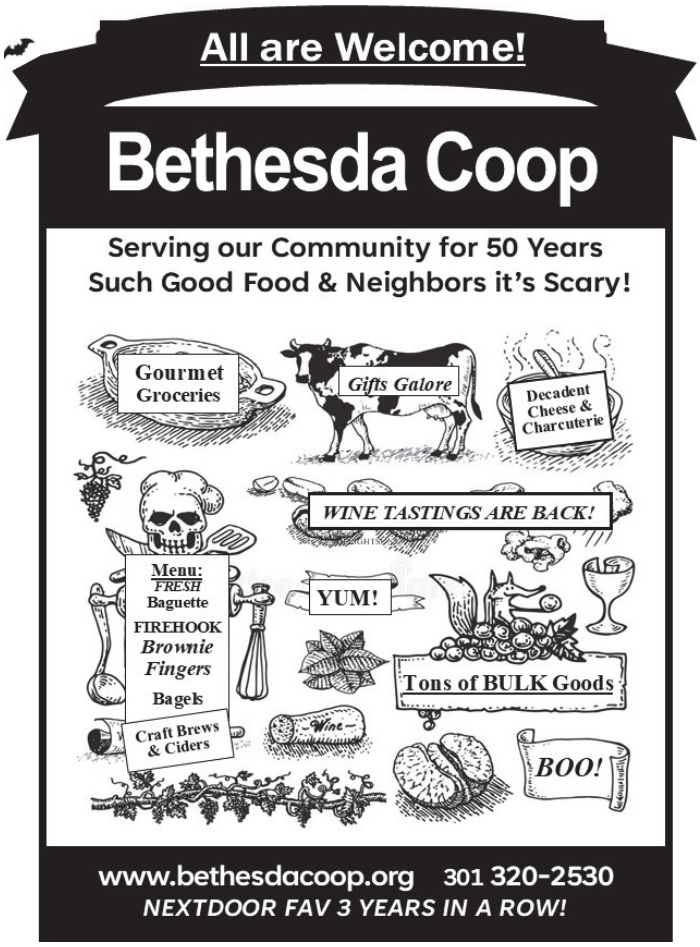
Frights and Fun at CBNRC Haunted House October 27

By Burr Gray

Get up your nerve and attend the Annual Haunted House on October 27 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at the Clara Barton Neighborhood Recreation Center in Cabin John. It's a Cabin John tradition! Spooky ghosts and ghouls will materialize to accompany Cabin John kids creeping along a very scary path. All four of our CJ fortune tellers will report for duty to give kids and adults prescient advice about the days to come.

Hopefully good weather will allow for outdoor games and activities. All ages are welcome, and attendance is free. Children up to age 10 are most likely to be spellbound. Little ones may want a hand to hold. Refreshments (namely pizza and apple juice) will be offered, plus some candy for the kids.

Conjured up by the Friends of the Clara Barton Community Center (FCBCC), in conjunction with the Montgomery County Department of Recreation, the event will usher you into the Halloween spirit. For more information on the event call the rec center at 240-777-4910. **Please note** that no dogs are allowed inside the center or on the outdoor blacktop area inside the fence.



Clara Barton Neighborhood Recreation Center

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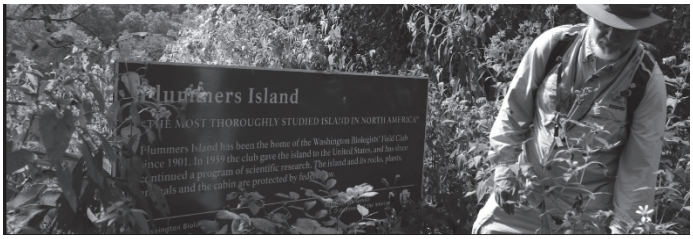
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Plummers Island continued from pg. 1.



Plummers Island is located just to the south of the Potomac River Beltway crossing, about 1.5 miles west of the heart of Cabin John. It's situated near the American Legion Bridge, on the Maryland side of the river, between the bridge and the C&O Canal towpath. Readers may be unfamiliar with Plummers Island because it is largely off-limits to the public to preserve its ecological integrity.

In the late 19th century Washington Biologists' Field Club, a membership organization for scientists across the federal government, started using it as a field station for scientific research. The island's close proximity has meant that Cabin John residents have always been part of the broader efforts to protect this beautiful area. With the looming threat of the American Legion Bridge expansion, the island's preservation has become a more prominent issue, as many fear the expansion could lead to environmental degradation of not only the island but, Cabin John as well.

The film, currently in post-production, aims to shed light on this connection and encourage more people to get involved in the preservation efforts. Over the last two years, Laprevote Cantwell and the team at Something Rusty Productions have gathered interviews and archival materials, and they are now asking for the public's help with a crowdfunding campaign.

You can view excerpts from the film and contribute by visiting **https://igg.me/at/gwtc-documentary/x/37766074#/**





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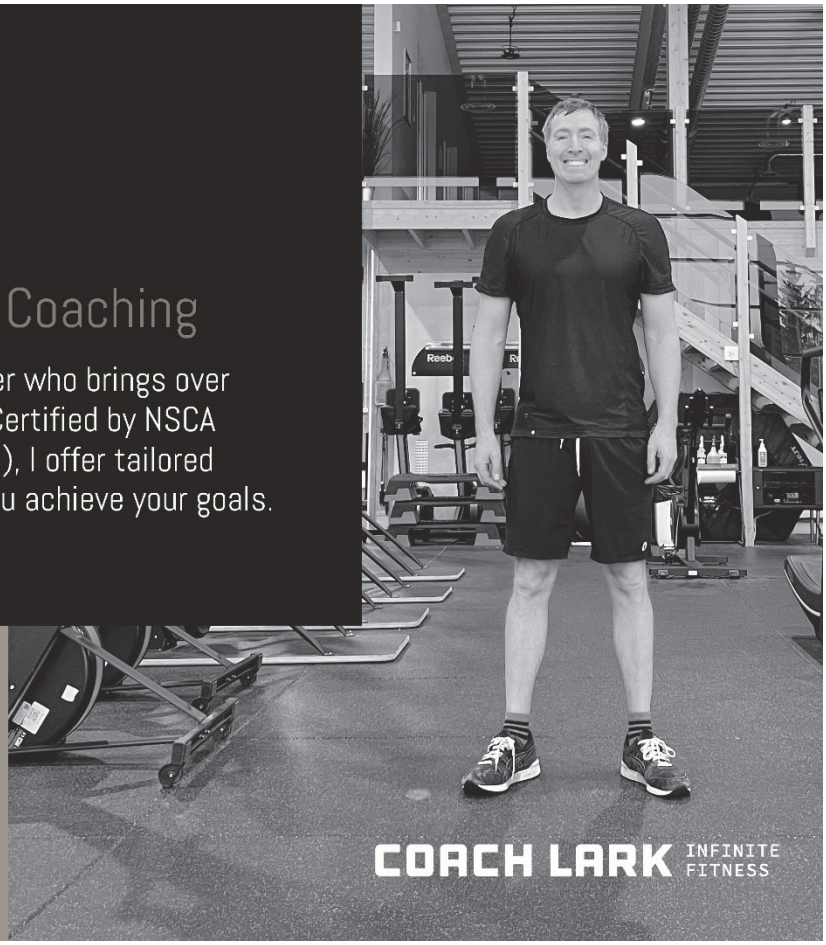
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Crosswalk Update

By Heidi Lewis

MCDOT's long-promised crosswalk across Seven Locks Road at the entrance to Seven Locks Park and Palisades Pool is a reality! There are more crosswalks needed on Seven Locks, MacArthur Blvd., and Persimmon Tree Rd. See the March 2024 issue of the *Village News* (available at **cabinjohn.org**) for the top crosswalk priorities, and what you can do to help advocate for them.







Real Estate Activity in Cabin John

October 2024

Courtesy of Cabin John Realtor Rachelle Cherol

ACTIVE

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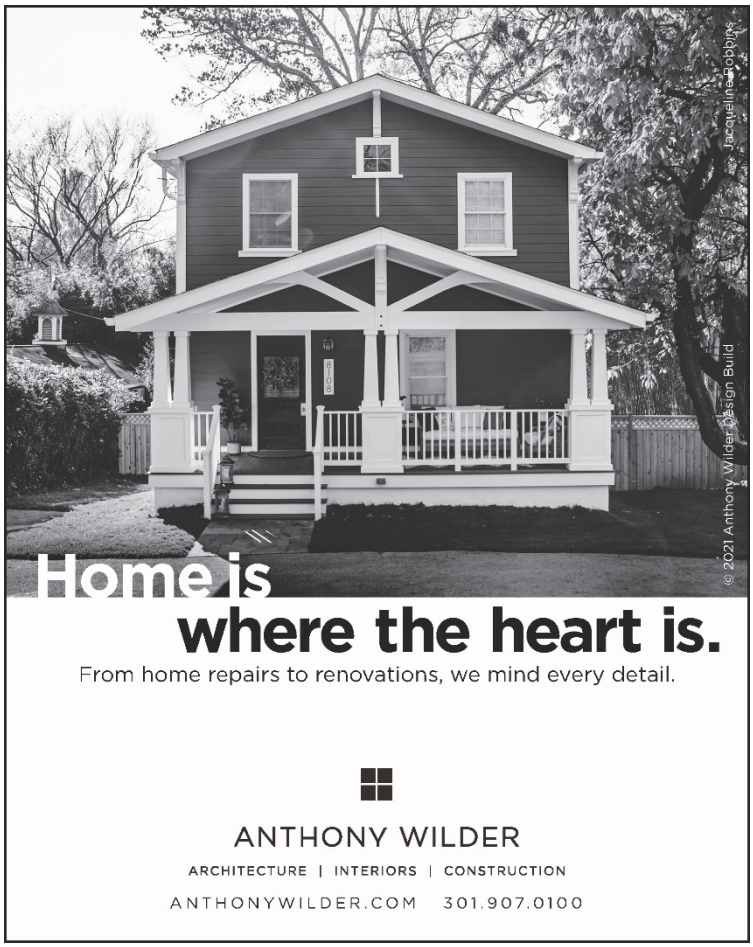
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REED MARTIN

The Village News is saddened to report that larger-than-life Cabin John character Reed Martin, seen here with his wife Barbara (deceased 2016), passed away on September 30 at Brookdale Assisted Living Potomac. In our next issue, we will publish a tribute to our beloved neighbor.

Friends are invited to send their remembrances to **VNEditorial@gmail.com** for publication.





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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

October 23
CJCA Meeting, 7:30 pm

October 27
Annual Haunted House, 4:00-6:00 pm

November 8
History Talk with Judith Welles, 6:00 pm

November 28
Turkey Trot, 10:00 am

December 8
Holiday Craft Show, 1:00-7:00 pm

December 15
CJ Holiday Party, 5:00-7:00 pm