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2025 CABIN JOHN HOUSE TOUR IS A SUCCESS!

by Marcy Harrison

The weather cooperated to provide a bright, warm Saturday afternoon for the 2025 Cabin John House Tour held on May 3. Approximately 115 Cabin Johners and friends traveled by foot, bicycle, and car to view nine unique Cabin John homes. Tour participants commented that they enjoyed the variety of styles and features of the homes on the tour, and chatting with friends and new acquaintances during the day. Homeowners appreciated the many compliments they received from visitors, which made all their efforts worthwhile.

The house tour was a successful fundraiser, with approximately $1,800 in proceeds going to the Cabin John Citizens Association. More importantly, it was a wonderful community event celebrating the architectural diversity and the cohesiveness of our village.



L to R: House monitors Lorraine Minor and Susan Gelb greet visitors at the home of Sean Ruppert & Jason Woodward on 79th Street.

See more pictures and details at TOUR on pg. 11

Congratulations GRADS!



See pages 4-5 for a feature on many of Cabin John's 2025 graduates.

NEW PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD FOR 77TH STREET (LEVEL FITNESS) PROPERTY

by Susan Shipp



Elevation drawing by OPal Design Build

OPaL Design Build, a Cabin John-based home builder, is proposing a five-home development at 7687 MacArthur Blvd., home to Level Fitness for 20 years. Sean Ruppert, president of OPaL, held an informal meeting May 29 at the Clara Barton Neighborhood Recreation Center to share his plans with the community.

The OPAL plan calls for five homes, each between 3,900 and 4,100 square feet that would sell for roughly $2.5 million. They would be three stories tall, just under the 35-foot height restriction, and include full basements. Each would include a one-car garage and off-street parking for one car.

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Neighborly News

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

Palisades Pool Free Swim For Cabin John Residents Begins June 17

As part of a long-standing agreement, Cabin John residents are **admitted free of charge** to the popular Palisades Pool on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, June 17 through Labor Day**—whether or not they are members of the private swim club on Seven Locks Road.

The Cabin John Free Swim originated as a part of a 1967 agreement between the Cabin John community and the founders of the Palisades Pool for the neighborhood support and approval of the zoning variance needed to construct the pool.

Cabin Johners must sign in at the pool's front check-in desk and provide proof of residency (your listing in the CJ Neighborhood directory, an ID with an address, or a utility bill mailed to a Cabin John address).

Children aged 7 and under must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Children aged 8-14 without an adult are asked to satisfy a swim test by swimming one length of the pool and treading water for one minute.

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Residents on Archbold Terrace in the Seven Locks Overlook community held their annual block party on Sunday, May 18. **Burr Gray** organized the event, complete with a barbeque, potluck side dishes, and fun games for children. The weather was perfect for hours of relaxing camaraderie and laughter.





L-R: Peter, Elena and June.



L-R: Barlas and Oli.

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Free Advertising -- Share Your Talents with Cabin John Neighbors

Do you have a skill or service or talent that you would like the Cabin John community to know about and take advantage of? You can have your service availability listed in the 2025 Cabin John Neighborhood Directory that will be printed this fall. Some examples of local talents listed in the 2021 directory include artists, attorneys, executive and life coaches, financial planners, fitness/yoga instructors, health and wellness services, landscapers, home building/repair/renovation services, musicians, realtors, writing/editing services, and many others.

To have your talent included in the 2025 CJ Directory, please send an email to CJDirectory2020@gmail.com by July 31. Include your name, phone number, email address, a short line describing your talent, skill or service, and a website address, if applicable.

Thank you to those of you who have already submitted a listing. Contact **Marcy Harrison**, 301-908-8906, if you have questions.

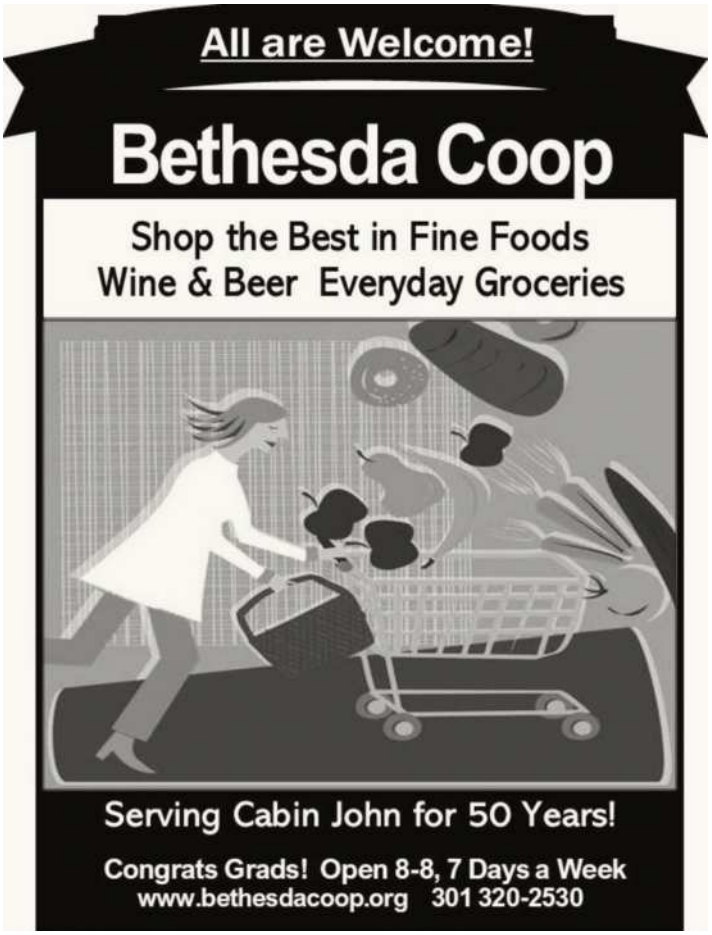
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Directory Volunteers Needed

Do you have a few hours to spare to help with the new directory? If you want to help your community but only have a few odd hours available, we have a job for you!

We need help updating the community reference information. Pick a section: Services, Parks & Recreation, Government Officials, or Local Restaurants, Businesses, Stores, and review, verify and update the information. Work at your own pace anytime over the summer.

Call or text **Marcy Harrison**, 301-908-8906, to volunteer. Thank you! ~*VN*



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Two homes would be standalone and three would be attached as that allows OPaL to comply with simplified rezoning rules for developers wanting to convert commercial property to multi-family residential units.

Acknowledging neighborhood concerns about stormwater management, Ruppert said he is looking at such features as permeable pavers, partial green roofs, and other steps to mitigate rainwater runoff. As part of the plan, he will have to upgrade the ditch parallel to MacArthur Blvd. that currently catches stormwater. He plans to prepare a stormwater management plan to submit for county approval in the next month.

Meeting participants also raised concerns about increased parking issues on 77th Street. (There is no street parking allowed on MacArthur Blvd. nor across MacArthur in the private townhome development called MacArthur Park.)

Another issue raised is the potential loss of one of the few commercial properties in Cabin John. To paraphrase one neighbor's comment, "It's the restaurants, post offices and other local businesses that make Cabin John a community, otherwise we are just a neighborhood." Several attendees expressed their desire to see Level Fitness remain in operation there.

Ruppert, who said he is the contract owner of the property, has 90 days to determine if his plan is going to work and he wants to move forward, and nine months to finalize a purchase. His plan is to hold the county-required community meeting to explain the plan in more detail, including rezoning and stormwater management, in late June or July.

Ruppert decided to explore purchasing and developing the property after hearing a Dec. 2024 pitch by Broad Branch Partners who wanted to put 11 townhouses on the roughly half-acre property. The owner, former CJ resident James Wilner, is selling the property, currently zoned primarily commercial, for $3.15 million. It includes three buildings, one of which is residential, and parking for 16 cars.

OPaL has created a hidden page on its website with previews of the concepts for the property: https://www.opaldc.com/7687macarthur.

~vn

CJCA News

by Scott and Heidi Lewis

The Cabin John Citizens Association (CJCA) held its final meeting of the 2024-2025 program year on Thursday, May 28, 2025. After the review and approval of the April CJCA meeting minutes and a presentation of the upcoming community events, the first substantial matter was election of the CJCA officers for the 2025-2026 program year.

This slate of officers was elected by unanimous vote of those at the meeting:

- Co-Presidents - **Heidi & Scott Lewis** (4th term)
- Vice President - **Marcy Harrison** (7th term)
- Vice President - **Pete Couste** (1st term)
- Secretary - **Kelly Banuls** (4th term)
- Treasurer - **Bob Walsh** will serve out his 8th term through the summer. A new treasurer will be elected in the fall.

The second substantial matter was a presentation from **Robert Soreng on Plummers Island.** Just downstream from the American Legion Bridge, Plummers Island is 12.2 acres in size with a high point of 72 feet. The island is maintained by the Washington Biologists' Field Club. Its main purpose is to bring together biologists in the region from government and educational institutions to socialize and exchange ideas. Additionally, members carry out long-term studies on changes in ecology and biological diversity in a local area without further human interference. Membership is by invitation and is limited to 65 local members.

Plummers Island is considered the most thoroughly studied island in North America. Some of the more interesting projects conducted there include studies on beetles, giant silk moths and peregrine falcons. The potential expansion of the American Legion Bridge is cause for concern; a widened bridge would have enormous impact on water quality and flow. More information on the island can be found at https://wbfc.science/. *~vn*

Clara Barton Neighborhood Recreation Center

Fall class registration begins August 12.



Awesome Grateful Shred!

The annual grateful shred was cathartic for many and enjoyable for all. One fellow who showed up with an SUV entirely full of papers received a standing ovation. FCBCC cleared over $500 to help with the rec center's programs. Our Cabin John student helpers seen in this photo were once again critical to preventing lower back injuries among the adults. From left to right: **RJ Heller**, **Phoebe Noonan**, **Stephen Lee**, and **Jackie Kimmel**.

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Cabin John Celebrates Our 2025 Graduates

Nicholas Pyle is graduating from the College for Creative Studies in Detroit, Michigan with a degree in transportation design. Nicholas has been drawing cars since his first days at Bannockburn Elementary and will soon realize his childhood dream when he starts his job with Ford Motor Company's design group in July.





Sara Lapidus graduated from Washington University in St. Louis with a B.A. in biology and a business minor. Sara was a member of the Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority, conducted research in the Student Emotions and Belonging Lab, and dedicated time to community engagement as a dance instructor for children. Sara has accepted a job offer to join Putnam Associates, a life sciences consulting firm, in Manhattan.



Sean Curran, an Eagle Scout and lifelong Cabin John resident, is an alum of the Clara Barton Center for Children and Norwood School. A Whitman graduate, he's headed to Hamilton College to study computer science, economics, and to play soccer.

Evan Schmauss, of Cabin John Gardens, is graduating from Walt Whitman High School and will be attending American University in the fall, where he plans to pursue a degree in business administration.





RJ Heller of 78th Street graduated from Walt Whitman High School. RJ played on the varsity baseball and basketball teams and has savored being a part of both teams' runs to the state finals in recent years. RJ has committed to playing baseball for the Raptors at Montgomery College in the fall and plans on studying kinesiology.



Jessica Berger is graduating from Georgetown Day School. She will be attending Middlebury College in the fall.



Hannah Duffy, who grew up on Webb Road, has been awarded her Masters of Science in International Development and Humanitarian Emergencies from the London School of Economics and Political Science. She is working as a consultant in London and continues to look for opportunities to work in humanitarian response.



Eli Putnam of 81st Street has graduated from Davidson College with a psychology major and a Spanish minor. He plans to continue to play baseball.



Grace McGuire graduated *magna cum laude* from Davidson College, where she earned membership in Phi Beta Kappa. She majored in both art history and digital studies. She will attend the University of Cambridge (UK) in the fall.

Cabin John natives **Hannah and James Skipper** of Froude Circle graduated from Walt Whitman High School. In the fall, Hannah is headed to James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia (Go Dukes!), while James will attend Brown University in Rhode Island (Go Bruno!) Their favorite school of all, however, is the one where it all began—the Clara Barton Center for Children.





Jack McGuire graduated *summa cum laude* from Middlebury College with highest honors in his major, economics, and minors in political science and film studies. Next step: Open to all possibilities!



Hayden Walsh of 79th Place graduated from Walt Whitman high school and will attend Indiana University (business) this fall.



Caroline Duffy of Webb Road received her Masters of Science in applied economics from the University of Maryland in Winter 2024. She is currently working as an analyst for the federal government.



Phoebe Noonan is graduating this year from St. John's College High School. She will attend the University of Denver in the Fall of 2026, and is looking forward to serving in Maryland's Service Year Option program this coming year.

"If one advances confidently in the direction of their dreams, and endeavors to live the life which they have imagined, they will meet with a success unexpected in common hours." Henry David Thoreau

Loretta Devery Ingalls of 75th St. embarked on a journey to a new career in nursing. She went back to school and graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Maryland School of Nursing in December. She received the Florence Hoffman Tarun Memorial Award for academic achievement and leadership. She is now working as a registered nurse in the emergency department at Medstar Georgetown University Hospital.





Clara Kachar Graduated from Walt Whitman High School. She will be studying abroad in Spain at the University of Granada. In the spring she will pursue a degree in global studies at the University of of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

~vn



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View From Minnie's Island

by Joe Saliunas

ELEVEN POINT SEVEN FEET

If you kayak, fish, hike the Billy Goat Trail, or just love being in nature, you likely check the Little Falls gauge before heading out. The US Geological Survey (USGS) gauge located at the Little Falls Dam is the most useful monitor for local Potomac River levels.

On May 15 this year, the river crested at 11.7 feet on the gauge, driven by a watershed-wide rain event that produced significant flooding in Western Maryland. As a point of reference, USGS classifies five feet as the "action level," 10 feet as a minor flood, 12 feet as a moderate flood, and 14 feet as a major flood. The last time the river was higher was in June 2018, when the river crested at 12.4 feet.

While there are undeniably negative aspects of floods, they are a critical part of what makes the Potomac Gorge so unique and biologically rich. The Potomac is a rare large East Coast river that does not have major dams or reservoirs. This allows floods to scour riverbanks, which disrupts the growth of trees and shrubs, and creates new habitats for wildflowers.

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

The impact of the flood on Minnie's Island has been positive overall. The flooding cleared away multiple fallen trees that were blocking the canoe landing and trails. Unfortunately, much of this wood is likely accumulating downstream in places like Fletchers Cove. It will be interesting to see if new native plants will be found on Minnie's in the scoured areas.

I'm surprised to be writing about flooding, as I had planned on writing on the drought conditions that have persisted in our area over the past couple of years. As recently as early May this year, the river was at 3.2 feet, and for much of last summer the river was below 2.7 feet. The impact of droughts is especially visible in the scour plain portions of Minnie's–areas covered by water when the river is between three and five feet. Last summer, there were significantly fewer flowering perennials in the scour plain compared to 2024.

It's not clear how this rain will change the drought conditions that have impacted much of the Potomac watershed this year. As of May 19, the precipitation at Washington National Airport is one half-inch above the historical average, while BWI and Dulles are still well below historical averages.

The Little Falls Gauge can be monitored at:
https://waterdata.usgs.gov/monitoring-location/01646500/#dataTypeId=continuous-00065-0&period=P7D.

Another very useful link is the National Weather Service 10-day river level probability at:
https://www.weather.gov/erh/mmefs_marfc?id=BRKM2&model=NAEFS. ~vn



View of Minnie's Island on May 15, 2025. River level 11.7 ft (photo by Jack Mandel)



View from Minnie's Island from August 2023. River level 2.4 ft (photo by Joe Saliunas)



Screen shot of the USGS website -- Little Falls gauge height.



Local History

by Rachel Donnan

AN ARTIST IN CABIN JOHN A CENTURY AGO: JOSEPH C. CLAGHORN



Women on a Riverbank (Call to Dinner) Joseph C. Claghorn, c. 1909,

Many artists have called Cabin John home. Something about the area seems to nurture creativity. While visiting the "yellow house" by the C&O Canal towpath on the recent Cabin John House Tour, I was reminded that the artist Joseph C. Claghorn had lived there nearly a century ago.

Joseph Conover Claghorn was born in Philadelphia in 1869. He studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, as well as the School of Industrial Art and the School of Architecture at the University of Pennsylvania. Claghorn was nationally recognized for his landscape paintings, murals and etchings. His subject matter stretched from New England to Florida. His uncle, James L. Claghorn, was a collector and arts patron who served as president of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. The family counted New England sea captains and whalers among their ancestors.

In 1900, Joseph Claghorn lived in San Francisco, where he worked as an artist. By 1902, he was back on the East Coast in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania and married to Constance Inman. He worked as an artist and teacher, while Constance was a homemaker. They had a child, Joseph Claghorn Jr. on August 17, 1906 but he sadly passed away only 45 days later. Claghorn continued to work as a teacher and artist and–according to teacher announcements in the local paper–was appointed to the manual training department in a local school at a monthly salary of $155.55.

Sometime before 1920, the Claghorns moved to Hiatt Place in Washington D.C. At age 50, he worked as an arts and crafts teacher in a public high school and continued painting. And by 1929, the couple was living in Cabin John in the small cottage by the canal. As noted during the house tour, the original part of the home was a one-room fishing hut built around 1900. During the 1920s, several rooms were added to the structure, including the two-story studio on the south side of the house overlooking the Potomac River (*Washington Home & Garden* magazine, 1990). Claghorn called his large studio in the cottage "the Paint Box."

Claghorn's works often depicted fleeting or tranquil moments in nature and were painted in an impressionist style with loose brushstrokes of soft colors and light. Working in both watercolor and oil, his works portrayed pastoral scenes of fields and rivers, views down winding rural roads, and scenic coastlines. Works sometimes included figures in nature, clapboard houses, blacksmith shops, or small village streets with horse-drawn coaches. He was also an accomplished etcher, creating detailed architectural renderings of local landmarks such as the White House and Mount Vernon, as well as landscapes and portraits. Yet his landscape etchings maintain a soft, almost ethereal quality.

When I first came across (online) his watercolor titled *Women on a Riverbank (Call to Dinner)* c. 1909, I thought this work must be along the Potomac River near the Claghorns' home. In this painting, early evening light illuminates the placid water, the almost bare trees dotted with a few autumnal orange and yellow leaves. Two women in long dresses and aprons stand along the river's edge, facing away from the viewer. One of the women raises her hands to her mouth and appears to be calling out. A lone man further up the riverbank faces the women from a distance, as if poised to listen. Beyond the lone figure, between the canal side of the river and the island on the left, the river opens up. This vista feels familiar. It could be the riverside path in Cabin John between Locks 8 and 10, looking west towards Great Falls, where the sheltered channel gives way to the wide expanse of the Potomac.

However, according to census records and newspaper articles, Joseph and Constance did not move to Cabin John until the 1920s. In 1909, they would have still been residing in Swarthmore. Yet a 1907 print titled *Rock Creek Near Georgetown* suggests Claghorn had already spent time in this area. Perhaps he even found his way to the Cabin John Hotel and discovered the fishing hut along the canal.

Joseph Claghorn was prominent in the local DC art scene. He was a member of the Arts Club, the Washington Water Color Club and the Landscape Club, and served as secretary of the Society of Washington Artists. In 1932, his work was exhibited in several venues,

See ARTIST on pg. 9

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attended and enjoyed a special
day with our community.

AN ISLAND TREASURE WORTH SAVING

ARTIST *Continued from pg. 8*

including a show of his paintings and etchings at the Arts Club. The Smithsonian held an exhibition of 41 of his prints that included landscapes, portraits, buildings, and even several nude figures. The Sunday Star newspaper noted "it is seldom that an etcher employs with such facility so many methods and sets forth such a variety of subjects. Some of Mr. Claghorn's work is pure etching in line, some is soft-ground and aquatint, some in color.....there is something very poetic and lovely about Mr. Claghorn's soft ground and aquatint etchings of landscape, themes witnessing to lightness of touch and sensitiveness of perception."

Claghorn died in 1947. His wife Constance remained at the "yellow house" until the 1960s. She gifted the Smithsonian American Art Museum 11 of her husband's artworks. ~VN

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TOUR *Continued from pg. 1*

The community wants to thank the very generous homeowners who went to extraordinary efforts to elegantly present their homes for this tour. The homes on the tour included: **Geetika Srivastava & Vishal Rana**, 9 Froude Circle; **Sue Mulroney & Adam Myers**, 8018 Riverside Drive; **Sean Ruppert & Jason Woodward**, 6428 79th Street; **Monica & Pascal Pittman**, 6601 80th Place; **Meryl & Joey Governski** (and Noah & Zoey), 6619 81st Street; **Peggy Portner Johnston**, 6542 80th Street; **Tina Eck & Jack Mandel**, 17 Carver Road; **Kim Henderson**, 7719 Tomlinson Avenue; and **Anthony & Kate Polise**, 7402 Arden Road.

The tour would not have been possible without the help of the following neighbors who served as house monitors. Thank you, **Kathleen Black, Rachelle Cherol**, **Helen Daniel**, **Alexis Danis**, **Emily Douce**, **Jayne Ehrens**, **Elizabeth Fox**, **Susan Gelb**, **Divya George-Wedge**, **Meredith Griggs**, **Elaine Hornauer**, **Gerry Hornauer**, **Patty Lee**, **Shelly McKenzie**, **Julie McLean**, **Amy Mermelstein**, **Roger Mermelstein**, R**ebecka Mevorah**, **Carolyn Miller**, **Laura Miller**, **Lorraine Minor**, **Forest Minor**, **Pascal Pittman**, **Monica Pittman**, **Lori Riecklеman**, **Marlys Rixey**, **Susan Shipp**, **Beverly Sullivan**, **Pam Swisher**, and **Nicki Wright**.

We also want to thank our ticket sellers: **Vee Evans**, **Susan Roberts**, **Rachelle Cherol**, **Bonnie Casper** and **Clare Amoruso**; **Scott Lewis** for his assistance with the CheddarUp payment and ticketing system; the **CJ Ladies Wednesday Coffee Group** for folding the brochures; **Nancy Shaw** for hand-delivering neighborhood traffic alert notices; and **Chip Wright** for chauffeuring and other assistance the day of the tour. ~*VN*


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CJCA VP ***Marcy Harrison*** *planned, curated, promoted, organized and directed the whole event -- THANK YOU Marcy!!!*


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Counterclockwise from top left: 1- ticket sellers & info booth at CBNRC; 2 , 2a- Froude Circle living room, Chihuly chandelier; 3, 3a- 79th St. kitchen, living room; 4, 4a- 80th St. dining room, entryway; 5- 81st St. floating staircase & baseball mitt chair; 6, 6a- Tomlinson Ave. sitting room, wallpaper; 7, 7a- Carver Rd. canoe suspended over guest bedroom, outdoor pizza oven.

Public Works Corner

by Scott Lewis

"LOG WALL" RESTORATION COMPLETED

After several years of construction, the dry wall between mile 11 and 11.5 of the C&O Canal National Historical Park has been completed. The wall is approximately 1,015 linear feet long and built with historic dry laid stone wall, which varies in height up to 35 feet tall. The Park Service states:

"The wall was originally constructed between 1828 and 1831 and is often referred to as the "Log Wall," as found in an 1890 Engineer's Report.

"This portion of the canal was altered in the 1960s by the installation of the Potomac Interceptor Combined Sewer, which is operated and maintained by DCWATER. In 2015 and 2016 a series of sinkholes formed, necessitating the water in the canal to be lowered throughout a four-mile stretch, including upstream of Log Wall to Widewater (mile 13.5) and downstream towards Washington, DC. "

While there are some lingering impacts at Carderock (primarily parking), this project is otherwise complete. The detours have been deconstructed and the tow path has been repaired and there is a new fence along the top of the stone wall for added protection.



Photo by Scott Lewis

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FRIENDS OF MOSES HALL AWARDED JUNETEENTH SCOTLAND FOUNDATION GRANT FOR DOCUMENTARY

by Charlotte Troup Leighton

The Scotland Juneteenth Heritage Festival—hailed as the largest Juneteenth celebration in the DC-Maryland-Virginia region—returns **June 14–19** with six days of vibrant cultural programming honoring Black history, freedom, and community. In addition to celebrating heritage, the festival creates lasting impact by supporting organizations working to preserve African American history and uplift local communities.

At a May 21 press conference held at the newly restored Scotland A.M.E. Zion Church, the Juneteenth Scotland Foundation proudly announced the 2025 festival lineup and this year's four grant recipients.

Friends of Moses Hall is honored to be among this year's grantees. The award will help fund the nonprofit's new documentary short film, ***Help Us to Help Each Other, Lord: The Story of Morningstar Tabernacle No. 88 of Cabin John, Maryland***. Written and directed by L. Paige Whitley and produced by Friends of Moses Hall, the film explores the powerful legacy of Morningstar Tabernacle No. 88, and the important role African American benevolent societies played during the era of racial segregation in Maryland.

The documentary premiered on June 3 at Round House Theatre in Bethesda, offering a moving tribute to community resilience, history, and heritage. This special event not only celebrated the film's release but also provided insight into its broader educational impact, including plans for screenings on local public television and in schools.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the other 2025 Juneteenth Scotland Foundation grantees: 480 Cares Inc., Delivery Opportunities thru Vocational Education Services Corporation(D.O.V.E.S. Corp.), and Agape Gibson Grove. Each of these organizations plays a vital role in advancing community empowerment and preserving Black heritage throughout our region. ~*VN*

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Poems For Passersby

Presented by Meredith Griggs

Summer

By Timothy Steele

Voluptuous in plenty, summer is
Neglectful of the earnest ones who've sought her.
She best resides with what she images:
Lakes windless with profound sun-shafted water;
Dense orchards in which high-grassed heat grows thick;
The one-lane country road where, on his knees,
A boy initials soft tar with a stick;
Slow creeks which bear flecked light through depths of trees.

And he alone is summer's who relents
In his poor enterprisings; who can sense,
In alleys petal-blown, the wealth of chance;
Or can, supine in a deep meadow, pass
Warm hours beneath a moving sky's expanse,
Chewing the sweetness from long stalks of grass



A resident of McKay Circle in Cabin John Gardens for the past six years, Rebecka Mevarah reads a poem while on a spring walk.

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JUNE	*All events at Clara Barton Neighborhood Rec Center unless otherwise noted*
21	Morningstar Moses Cemetery Clean-Up 10am-1pm 8005 Cypress Grove Ln
JULY	
4	Cabin John July 4th Parade 10am - Start at 79th Street & MacArthur
SEPT	
13	55th Annual Crab Feast 2-6pm



Join the Parade!

9:30am - Meet at 79th and MacArthur to decorate bikes and wagons
10am - Parade begins - heading toward CBNRC
10:30am - Refreshments, games, speeches behind CBNRC