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POLICE OFFICER JOHNSON SHARES PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

by Scott Lewis

The April CJCA Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 28, at its usual meeting place at the Clara Barton Neighborhood Recreation Center. The meeting began with the review and approval of the March meeting minutes. The March meeting featured Montgomery County Board of Education Member **Julie Yang,** representing the Walt Whitman catchment area (District 3).

The balance of the April meeting focused on public safety in Cabin John and surrounding areas and featured **Demond Johnson**, Community Services Officer for the Montgomery County Police Department, who provided updates on crime in our area and best practices to avoid becoming a victim:

- Crime Reporting & Data Access -- Data Montgomery is a public tool providing crime reports by geographic area. Local crime data can be filtered by zip code or police beat. Go to https://data.montgomerycountymd.gov/ and click on "Public Safety" to access it.

- The most common crimes in the area are theft from autos (often due to unlocked doors and visible valuables), and fraud scams which include the grandparent scam (your grandchild is in trouble somehow/somewhere and needs money), romance scams, technical support scams, and banking scams. In general, scams begin with a phone call or other outreach with an attempt to engage using one of the approaches above.

- Crime Prevention Tips -- Always lock car and home doors; remove valuables from vehicles; use alarm systems (including on upper floors), surveillance cameras and motion lights; test old alarm

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MAY CJCA MEETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

by Scott Lewis

The final CJCA meeting of the 24-25 year will be held at the Clara Barton Neighborhood Recreation Center on **Wednesday, May 28 at 7:30 pm**. You can also join online via https://meet.google.com/tpr-rbor-kyo/.

There are two topics on the agenda:

- Presentation on **Plummers Island** -- Plummers Island is a 12-acre Potomac River island visible from the American Legion Bridge.

- Elections -- We will hold **elections for officers** for the 25-26 program year. If you are interested in a position, feel free to reach out to any CJCA officer or cjcapresidents@gmail.com. Please note we are in need of a treasurer (see pg. 11 for more details). ~vn

KEEPING CABIN JOHN'S MACARTHUR BOULEVARD BEAUTIFUL

by Susan Roberts



L to R: Scott Hoffman, Dan Mustico, Sarah Cahill, Jerry Hornauer, Elaine Hornauer, Meredith Griggs, Bob Krahe, Susan Stewart, Cathie Nelsen, Susan Roberts, and kneeling in front are Harrison and Derek Price.

The gardens along Cabin John's main street are once again looking spiffy thanks to a joint effort by a CJ business and a team of volunteers. The largest section of our gardens had been raised when initially planted and its edging had been run over by cars numerous times and was no longer able to contain the amount of mulch that had been layered over the years. We searched for a landscaper who could help us renovate this area within our limited budget. Cabin John resident John Hughes of CJ-based **Hughes Landscaping** looked at the job and agreed to do the work gratis! We are so very grateful for their work removing years of mulch (along with all the weeds) and the old edging; the improvement is wonderful!

Fourteen volunteers added new mulch and plants to this area on April 26. **Scott Hoffman** provided the truck and trailer and picked up several yards of mulch. Other volunteers were **Elaine and Jerry Hornauer**, **Susan and Jeff Shipp**, **Sarah Cahill**, **Meredith Griggs**, **Susan Stewart**, **Bob Krahe, Dan Mustico**, **Derek and Harrison Price**,

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Neighborly News

Calling All CJ Graduates!

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

Each June *The Village News* recognizes Cabin John students who are graduating from high school, college, or other training programs. If you or a loved one is graduating, please send the *The VN* a photo and a few sentences that include the student's name, street, school name, along with field(s) of study if applicable. Feel free to include any other noteworthy aspects of their academic careers or future plans.

Submissions should be sent to *The Village News* at VNeditorial@gmail.com **no later than May 28**. We look forward to celebrating all CJ graduates!

In Memoriam: Peter Sperry Vogt

The Village News has learned that longtime Cabin John resident **Peter Vogt** passed away in January. The Vogts moved to Cabin John in 1969, where they lived on 76th Street. Peter devoted 30 years of service to the CJCA's Crab Feast, shaping it into the festival we know today, before moving to North Carolina in 2018. In March 2001, writer Barbara Martin contributed a profile of the Emmy-award winning filmmaker to *The Village News*, where Vogt credited his first wife, Susan, who was heavily involved in CJ volunteer work, for his interest in community affairs. Interested readers can access the original piece at https://cabinjohn.org/index.php/village-post/2001-March-Newsletter/ and scrolling to Page 5.

Peter Sperry Vogt Obituary

By Judy Vogt James

Peter Sperry Vogt, age 83 of Hendersonville, NC, passed away surrounded by family on January 16, 2025. Peter grew up in Westfield, NJ where, in the Westfield High School yearbook, he was voted Class Flirt. As a child, Peter developed an interest in collecting minerals, which carried through into adulthood. He attended Colby College in Waterville, ME, where he sang tenor in the concert choir and in the men's a cappella group, The Colby Eights. He met his first wife, Susan, singing at Colby. Peter joined Air Force ROTC and served four years as a lieutenant stationed at Orlando Air Force Base. In 1967, Peter accepted a job at Guggenheim Productions in Washington, DC and became an Emmy award-winning documentary filmmaker making videos for the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, National Museum of American History, National Rehabilitation Hospital, Children's National Medical Center, and political spots for the Gerald Ford campaign, Mondale-Ferraro campaign and others. In 1995, he met his second wife, Pam Zilly. Peter is survived by Pam and his children and grandchildren. He is the father of Judy Vogt James, Brad Vogt (deceased) and Andrew (Andy) Vogt and grandfather to Emily Vogt, Elizabeth Vogt and Lucy Vogt.



Peter Vogt (2nd from right) with other organizers of the first Crab Feast. L-R: Diane Leatherman, Frank McKinney, Margaret Cole, Bill White (seated), Celeste Swedenburg, Peter Vogt, Lena Rose.

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Cathie Nelsen, and **Susan Roberts**. Much appreciation to everyone who showed up and worked so hard to make MacArthur Boulevard beautiful!

Other volunteers who regularly maintain the gardens include **Beverly Sullivan, Dee Jennings**, **Jeanne Casamento**, U**te Moeller**, and **Elisa DeAngelis**. Thanks to you all for your dedication!

Due to the dry spring we have already had to water extensively and send our thanks to **Jayne Bassett**, who lives on MacArthur and has graciously provided all the water.

We still need volunteers to weed, water and generally maintain the gardens. Please contact susanroberts487@gmail.com if you can volunteer any amount of time.

Lastly, PLEASE KEEP YOUR DOGS AWAY FROM OUR GARDENS! They kill the plants AND it's not pleasant to work there after your dogs have lifted their legs or squatted there!



The large planted bed on MacArthur near Seven Locks is looking wonderful after the crew from Hughes Landscaping renovated it - gratis! - as a service to everyone in Cabin John. CJCA offers a huge thanks to John, Tammy, and Carter Hughes and their expert landscaping professionals.

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systems to ensure they still function correctly; be cautious of unsolicited phone calls requesting personal or financial info; form active neighborhood watch groups or listservs; and notify a neighbor if you're going on vacation so they will collect mail and turn on/off various lighting.

- Police Staffing Challenges -- The Bethesda District covers approximately 56.2 square miles and is covered by 8-9 officers per shift. Ideal staffing would be approximately 15 officers per shift. Fewer applicants are joining law enforcement despite budget and hiring bonuses, and recruitment and attrition remain major challenges.

- Juvenile Crime & Legal Limitations -- Many auto-related crimes are committed by juveniles from outside the area. This is driven, in part, by new laws which limit police authority to question minors without a guardian, complicating enforcement.

- Technology & Surveillance -- MoCoConnect allows residents to register their home security cameras (Ring, SimpliSafe, etc.) with this police initiative to aid investigations. The Real-Time Crime Center (RTCC) and drone program help monitor incidents and guide officer response.

- Drug Use -- Overdoses and drug-related incidents have declined in recent years. Police conduct outreach (e.g., school presentations) about substance abuse, especially during prom season.

- Check Fraud via USPS -- Reports of checks being stolen and altered ("check washing") have significantly increased. In some cases, postal workers have been involved. Report such fraud to the U.S. Postal Inspector and local police, and consider using online payment services.

- Traffic & Cyclist Law Enforcement -- As Cabin John is a major destination and thruway for bicyclists, Officer Johnson reminds us that bicyclists must obey stop signs and also noted that bicyclists/groups of bicyclists are legally entitled to take up a full lane just like a car. The CJCA is aware that friction between cyclists and drivers remains a neighborhood concern.

- In addition to 911, two other important phone numbers to know are the Montgomery County Police NON-emergency number, (301) 279-8000, and Officer Johnson's direct line, which is (240) 773-3672.

Officer Johnson recounted his professional journey from corporate IT professional to his career in law enforcement. After completing the police academy, Officer Johnson was assigned to the 4th District (Wheaton). Officer Johnson served as a patrol officer for three years until 2013, when he transferred to the Recruitment/Backgrounds Section. He served as a recruiter from 2013-18 and later transferred to the 3rd District (Silver Spring) where he spent 2018-20 as a patrol officer. After the pandemic, Officer Johnson transferred to the 2nd District (Bethesda) in December 2022, to take on his current role of community services officer.

~VN

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Jewels of Cabin John

by Sarah Craven

RANDOM ACTS OF RACCOONS AND KINDNESS

Cabin John is a small community with a big heart, and sometimes our brightest jewels are also our youngest community members.

If you walk along 81st Street, you might see colorful laminated signs posted on trees and utility poles–"All You Need is Love," "Kindness Matters, or "Stay Strong." These messages, now faded from years of sun and rain, were created by siblings **Noah and Zoey Governski** during the height of the pandemic. When days were uncertain and many felt isolated, this dynamic sibling duo's quiet campaign of encouragement gave Cabin John something rare and essential: hope and kindness.

Noah, now a seventh-grader, and Zoey, a fourth-grader, haven't stopped there. They are the kind of neighbors who look for ways to help our community without needing to be asked–whether it's bringing in the mail for an out-of-town neighbor or shoveling snow for an elderly neighbor. Their kindness is not performative; it's genuine and deeply rooted in who they are. In these turbulent times when compassion and empathy can feel scarce, their thinking and doing for others remind us what it means to live in community. Be like Noah and Zoey.



L - R: Noah and Zoey Governski



And they're not alone. Just this past week, Cabin John kindness shone through when a baby raccoon tumbled from its nest high in a tree. Fourth-grader **Cerine Shami** spotted the tiny ball of fur and, with great care and concern, rallied neighbors to help. **Camille Toner**, who had recently rescued a baby squirrel, stepped in with calm expertise and garden gloves to rescue the tiny and very cute foundling. Following the advice of Second Chance Wildlife Rescue, the baby raccoon was safely placed in a box nearby in hopes the mother would return.





Cerine Shami

At 10pm, the baby was still there, chirping softly. By 10:30, it was gone–and the 81st Street Raccoon Rescue Team (unofficial but proud) believes mama raccoon came back for her little one. It was a small moment, but one that captured the spirit of Cabin John: watchful eyes, open hearts, and neighbors who step up when it matters.

Kindness doesn't always come in big gestures. Sometimes it's a laminated sign, a snow shovel, or a late-night racoon rescue. Thank you to our Cabin John jewels–Noah, Zoey, Cerine and Camille. Your kindness and care make our community sparkle. ~*VN*

Know of another "Jewel of Cabin John" –plant, animal, human or mineral– that might be featured in a future column?
Send an email to lovecraven@gmail.com sharing your discovery.

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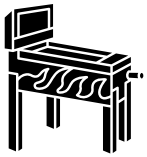
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View From Minnie's Island

by Joe Saliunas

AN EAGLE NEST FOR CABIN JOHN?



Visible from the towpath, this bald eagle nest, close to Minnie's Island and Cabin John Creek, may be an "alternate nest" for a pair of bald eagles.

Shortly after moving to the DC area in the 1980s, I visited Mason Neck State Park in southern Fairfax County, where I saw my first bald eagles. At the time, seeing a bald eagle was a rare occurrence, as they were just starting their recovery following the banning of DDT in 1972. At Mason Neck, I met fellow eagle enthusiasts, and became involved in the bald eagle survey conducted at the state park there and at Elizabeth Hartwell Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge. We would excitedly share information about nests in the area. I remember at the time there were three–one on Mason Neck, one near Pohick Bay on Fort Belvoir, and one just upstream of the water intake at Great Falls. It was not unusual for several of us to meet with our spotting scopes to watch the nest at Great Falls, sharing notes on nest building, feeding, and the excitement of seeing the heads of young eagles emerge from the nest for the first time.

In the years that followed, new eagle nests were found nearly every year, and seeing a bald eagle in the DC area, while always exciting, was not unusual. The first nest that I am aware of in the Cabin John area was started about twenty years ago on the Virginia shoreline just downstream of Sycamore Island. According to Dan Rauch, wildlife biologist with the DC Department of Energy & Environment, in 2024 there were 26 active nests on the Potomac between Great Falls and Mount Vernon. In our immediate area, I'm aware of three this year–one on the Virginia shore below Sycamore Island, one off Offutt Island below Old Angler's Inn, and new this year, a possible nest in a sycamore tree on a small island located between Minnie's Island and the mouth of Cabin John Creek.

I first observed the Cabin John nest on February 15. I did not see an eagle on the nest at that time but I did observe one perched nearby. On March 16, I first spotted the white head of an adult eagle on the nest, although I have not seen any activity since, despite near daily visits. Given the lack of activity, the new nest may not be active. It may also be an "alternate" nest for the pair below Sycamore Island, less than a mile away. In our area, pair formation and nest building starts in October, eggs are laid in February, eggs hatch in April and the young fledge (leave the nest) in May or June.

Observers can view the nest with the naked eye from the towpath about 100 feet upstream from the bench near the pedestrian bridge below the rope swings. Please send me a note if you see any activity at joe@minniesisland.org. If you do see activity, please do not disturb or get close to the nest. I'll provide an update next month. ~VN

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

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Poems For Passersby

Presented by Meredith Griggs

Mayflower

by Sylvia Plath

Throughout black winter the red haws withstood
Assault of snow-flawed winds from the dour skies
And, bright as blood-drops, proved no brave branch dies
If root's firm-fixed and resolution good.
Now, as green sap ascends the steepled wood,
Each hedge with such white bloom astounds our eyes
As sprang from Joseph's rod, and testifies
How best beauty's born of hardihood.

So when staunch island stock chose forfeiture
Of the homeland hearth to plough their pilgrim way
Across Atlantic furrows, dark, unsure–
Remembering the white, triumphant spray
On hawthorn boughs, with goodwill to endure
They named their ship after the flower of May.



Patrick Fitzgerald, a 32-year resident of Cabin John, pauses to read an Easter poem on upper 78th Street, where new poems appear weekly.

REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY IN CABIN JOHN

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6533 79th Place; List Price $1,929,000; 5 BR, 4/1 BA, 2 GAR, 3,274 sq. ft.
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6427 83rd Place; List Price $1,950,000; 5 BR, 4/1 BA, 0 GAR, 3,100 sq. ft.
7509 Arden Road; List Price $1,145,000; 3 BR, 2 BA, 0 GAR, 1,478 sq, ft,
6418 Wishbone Terrace; List Price $1,175,000; 4 BR, 3/1 BA, 2 GAR, 1803 sq. ft.
7902 Woodrow Place; List Price $1,299,999; 3 BR, 2 BA, 0 Gar, 884 sq. ft.

PENDING
6510 76th Street; Price $1,199,000; 4BR, 3 BA, 0 GAR, 2,123 sq.ft.
6408 78th Street; List Price $1,450,000; 6 BR, 5 BA, 0 GAR, 2,332 sq. ft.
7616 Cabin Road; List Price $1,725,000; 4 BR, 2/1 BA, 2 GAR, 3,239 sq. ft.

CLOSED
7870 Archbold Terrace; Sale Price $765,000; 3 BR, 2/1 BA, 0 GAR, 1,536 sq. ft.

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Our Town

by Annemarie Economou Gormley

THE WHOLE WORLD IN A CABIN JOHN SALON



Kebra, Jean Bae (owner), Sophia, Hiwot, Jacob, and Mason of Salon Jean

In 2023, my son John married Jenny Ly in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. John met Jenny at Appalachian State University and fell in love. Since they both had graduated and were gainfully employed, they decided to marry in the city her parents called home. Jenny had left Vietnam when she was in middle school, so she had never attended a Vietnamese wedding. She didn't know the rituals associated with traditional weddings, so none of us knew what to expect, but she told me that the mother of the groom was expected to deliver a speech at the reception. My primary focus during the month prior to the wedding was writing my speech.



Jenny Ly and John Economou at their 2023 wedding in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

I took my task seriously. I searched online for great reception toasts and speeches, and brainstormed ideas I wanted to express. I knew I wanted to mention gratitude to God for bringing them together, and use the word "blessing" in my talk, but I also didn't want to alienate anyone. I thoroughly researched the philosophies and religions of Vietnam so that my speech would resonate with all the guests, whether they were Buddhist, Protestant or Catholic. I discovered the commonalities of the belief systems included meditation or prayer, ethical principles, and compassion for all. When I finally wrote my speech, my main focus was their love story. A translator stood by me as I gave the speech and repeated my words in Vietnamese. Afterwards, several of the Vietnamese guests told me that they loved that I told a love story. One woman said that she hoped I had started a new tradition of telling love stories at wedding receptions.

Two years later, I moved from North Carolina to Cabin John when Bill and I, two widowed persons, decided to marry. While reading about my new town, I discovered that Montgomery County is the most religiously diverse county in the United States. How awesome is that, I thought. I hoped to meet people of various faiths on my walks and at community gatherings. Recently, I met a lovely lady whose first husband was from Israel, a Jewish man. Having been raised in an atheist household by parents with Buddhist ancestors, she enthusiastically learned about his faith, Judaism, its history and the people. Now that she is married to a Catholic, she is delving into the life of Christ. She loves learning about all faiths and cultures. She finds elements in belief systems that appeal to her spiritual being, and embraces them. In fact, as a business owner, she has very multicultural employees from Honduras, Trinidad, Turkey, Ethiopia, and other countries, and loves hearing about their spiritual journeys and incorporating diverse cultural practices in her daily life. These employees bring their spirituality to the job. These workers not only work alongside her as a team, they pray and meditate together, and create a peaceful environment to work in.

For 36 years, **Jean Bae** has been cutting, coloring and styling hair, the last 19 of those years here in Cabin John at her salon, Salon Jean and Day Spa. Between the warm friendly faces of her employees, the caring neighborhood atmosphere, the clean open spaces, and the crystals buried beneath the floor, Salon Jean Day Spa exudes a tranquil ambiance. Patrons come for hair cuts, styling, make-up, massages and more. Some bring their dogs to this pet-friendly local business, and some bring their children for the kids' haircut specials midweek.

Jean raises money for two animal charities. In 1877, long before any of us were born, the American Humane Society was formed. In 1954, former members of the American Humane Society formed The Humane Society of the United States. Now called Humane World for Animals, it has over 10 million members. In 2005, Hurricane Katrina caused the death of over 50,000 animals, including pets, livestock and wild animals. Pet Connect Rescue was founded after this tragedy to meet the needs of abandoned dogs and cats. Pet Connect rescues animals from shelters, provides them with medical care and places them in loving homes. In 2012, the Salon Jean Charity Pet Calendar tradition began in an effort to support these two worthy causes. With the help of the community, thirteen dogs and cats are selected for the calendar each year, and the proceeds from sales go to the Montgomery County Humane Society and Pet Connect.

I moved to Cabin John one year ago, and have met so many wonderful people. We are blessed to live in this charming community. I look forward to meeting many more residents. ~*VN*

If you have a story to share with "Our Town", please contact me at Annemarie.gormley23@gmail.com.

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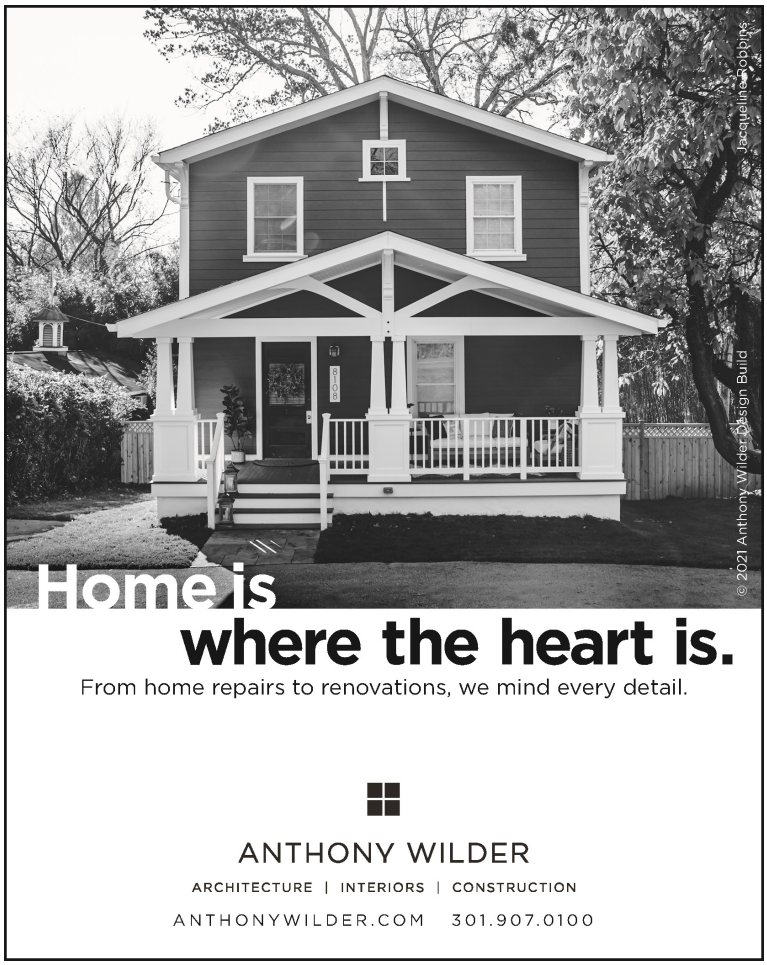


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DISTINGUISHED PANEL TO FOLLOW PREMIERE OF DOCUMENTARY ON CABIN JOHN'S HISTORIC AFRICAN AMERICAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

by Charlotte Troup Leighton

Friends of Moses Hall is honored to announce the distinguished panelists confirmed for the premiere of *Help Us to Help Each Other, Lord: The Story of Morningstar Tabernacle No. 88 of Cabin John, Maryland*—a new documentary short film that sheds light on the rich legacy of African American benevolent societies and the historic Morningstar Tabernacle No. 88 of the Order of Moses in Cabin John, Maryland.

The premiere, taking place at **6 pm on June 3, 2025**, at Round House Theatre in Bethesda, will be followed by a panel discussion featuring nationally recognized leaders in historic preservation, African American burial ground advocacy, and cultural history. Their work has shaped public understanding of African American heritage through community-based research, education, and activism. We are thrilled to welcome the following speakers:

Lisa M. Fager, Executive Director of the Black Georgetown Foundation, is a leading voice in the preservation of African American cemeteries. Under her leadership, the historic Mount Zion and Female Union Band Society Cemeteries in Georgetown have gained national attention. Her advocacy helped propel the DC African American Burial Grounds Act of 2025 and earned her the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution's first-ever Excellence in Historic Preservation medal.

Dr. Kami Fletcher, Associate Professor of African Diasporic Histories at Goucher College, is a pioneering "death scholar" whose research focuses on African American burial practices as acts of resistance and community empowerment. A co-founder of the Collective for Radical Death Studies, Dr. Fletcher has written extensively on African American death practices and their enduring cultural significance.

Chris Haley, Director of the Study of the Legacy of Slavery for the Maryland State Archives and Director of the Utopia Film Festival, brings a unique perspective that blends genealogy, historical research, and the arts. He is co-director of the acclaimed documentary Unmarked, which investigates neglected African American burial sites and the stories they hold.

Dr. Elgin Klugh, Professor at Coppin State University, leads the Laurel Cemetery Memorial Project, which seeks to restore public memory of a once-prominent African American cemetery in Baltimore that was destroyed in the 1950s. As an applied anthropologist, Dr. Klugh's work combines scholarship with community engagement.

This powerful conversation will explore the cultural importance of African American burial grounds, the legacy of benevolent societies, and the challenges and triumphs of descendant-led preservation efforts.

We hope you will join us for this inspirational evening of history, remembrance, and resilience. Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available at **friendsofmoseshall.org**. ~*VN*



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Here are some mortgage payment tips for long-term savings:

- Set up biweekly payments–to set up biweekly payments, divide your monthly payment in half and arrange to make a payment every other week. This works out to 26 payments a year, the equivalent of making an extra monthly payment.
- Pay extra toward your principal–by making extra principal payments, you directly impact what you originally borrowed. Interest is based on your principal amount, so paying down your principal can result in long-term savings.
- Refinance your loan–if mortgage rates fall in the future, you may be able to refinance your loan at a lower rate. Refinancing is more likely to be effective if you keep your loan at its current term, i.e., if you refinance after having your mortgage for 10 years, it might make sense to refinance to a 20-year mortgage rather than getting a new 30-year mortgage.

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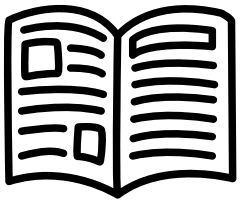
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Are you seeking to engage with our community in a much-needed and rewarding way? Can you spend a couple hours a week managing the funds associated with the CJCA? Have you ever balanced books and submitted taxes for your family, club, or other group? If you answered "yes" to the above then you've got the skills to be the next CJCA treasurer! **Bob Walsh**, who has capably and responsively managed our financial operations for more than 8 years, will be stepping down this summer. Watch for an article next month on Bob's contributions to Cabin John.

Please email cjcapresidents@gmail.com if you are interested in the position. Many thanks from your CJCA board.

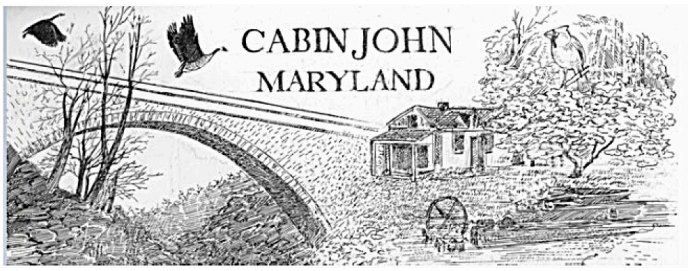


The Village News Layout Editor Needed

Do you want to contribute to the community? Get to know your neighbors? Volunteer with an awesome group of people? *The Village News* is seeking a new layout designer. We are seeking an amateur or professional to help lay out content and advertising for our monthly issues. The commitment is approximately 15 hours per month and we can provide some training.

Please contact interim layout designer Heidi Lewis, heidibrownlewis@gmail.com, to ask questions, offer ideas, or maybe do a "ride-along" for an issue to see if you'd like to step up and help out.





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Community Calendar

MAY	*All events at Clara Barton Neighborhood Rec Center unless otherwise noted*
17	Grateful Shred 9am - 12pm
28	7:30pm CJCA Mtg - Plummers Island & CJCA Elections
JUNE	
3	Moses Hall Documentary Premiere Round House Theater 6pm - see ad on page 9 for details
7	Minnie's Island Isle-Fest see ad on page 7 for details
21	Morningstar Moses Cemetery Clean-Up 10am-1pm at cemetery

SAVE THE DATE
- July 4 -- Cabin John July 4th Parade 10am
- Sept 13 -- 55th Annual Crab Feast 2-6pm