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*New faces led by dedicated safety patrols gather at one of Cabin John's busiest bus stops for the first week of school at Bannockburn Elementary. Big change in MCPS rules this year --no cell phone use during the school day. Drivers, remember to stop for the bus!*

## CJ CHICKEN & CRAB FEAST SEPT. 19 TIME RUNNING OUT FOR TICKETS

There may be no better way to end a Cabin John summer than at a community cookout with 500 of your closest family, friends and neighbors. The 56th Annual Chicken & Crab Feast is Saturday, September 19 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Clara Barton Neighborhood Recreation Center.





*Take your pick! Finger licking chicken or hot steaming crabs. (L to R)Dan Mustico, Josh Chambers*

**REMINDER**: Tickets are limited but still available at the CJCA website, **cabinjohn.org**. Or scan the accompanying QR code.

Adult and SSL volunteers are needed for the event. To volunteer, please go to **cabinjohn.org** or scan the QR code below.

***Tickets*** ***Volunteers***

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## GENERAL ELECTION VOTING WEEKS AWAY BALLOT ISSUES, MAIL-IN OPTION IN COURT

*by Pete Cousté*

Maryland's 2026 gubernatorial general election is less than two months away. Yet, questions regarding how voters will cast their ballots and two other potential ballot measures have been in limbo. The battle over answers has shifted to federal and state courts. All three issues impact voters here in Cabin John.

Uncertainty centers on whether the post office will handle mail-in ballots. Maryland is standing its ground in court to continue with mail-in voting. Meantime, two prominent potential ballot measures are currently tied up in state courts. One measure could allow voters to weigh in on the constitutional amendment to redraw state congressional district maps. The other could allow a vote on an annual rate-of-inflation cap on Montgomery County spending.

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# Neighborly News

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

The Evergreen Block Party drew more than 60 CJ residents of all ages who live on Cypress Grove Lane on August 30 for a hot, humid, sunny day of fun. The annual get-together began in 2019. Colorful serving tables under tents held a delicious assortment of potluck entrees, sides, desserts and beverages. New and returning neighbors were welcomed. Residents said it was wonderful to see the growing kids and the growing number of kids running around. They enjoyed a giant bounce house, pop-up pickleball court, rode bikes and scooters, and played other games. As one neighbor said, "The food and drinks were great, but the friends definitely made the feast. The sense of community is strong on this block!"





**The Friends of Cabin John Creek's annual ducky race** was run on the last Sunday in August under perfect conditions with enough water for a fast course. Delegate Sarah Wolek fired up the crowd pre-race and then State Senator Sara Love held the basket high over her head and released our intrepid little heroes.

With almost 60 contestants, the competition was fierce right from the start. A trip through the rapids separated the ducks that had been training from those that simply assumed they would be fast in the water since they were ducks. Christine Chambers' duck, Kitty, stayed in the main current in the final straightaway and crossed the finish line first, followed by Rainbow, with Ricky in third. (Roger Federduck did not place but would have won if there had been a contest for names.)

Winners received a pint of Vermont's finest maple syrup. All of the duckies crossed the finish line and were retrieved expertly, as always, by Delegate Marc Korman with his big net.





*(L to R) A large group of supporters turned out for the annual running of the ducks in Cabin John Creek, FoCJC President Burr Gray congratulates first place winner Christine Chambers.*

The following folks helped make the event fun and festive: FoCJC board member Scott Hoffman and his wife Kathy grilled and organized the food; FoCJC webmaster Sammy Miller provided logistical assistance and trumpet fanfare; CJ resident Nima Shirzad was fearless in the water; FoCJC newsletter editor Dan Kulpinski and board member Carla Dinowitz helped with various tasks; and finally, Fiona Gray photographed the event. We also had a visit from Julie Yang, who is running for the county council seat in our district.



*Cabin John neighbor Uva Cable and her extended family, pictured front and center, celebrated her turning 100 in August with dozens of friends and neighbors at the Clara Barton Neighborhood Recreation Center*

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Blood donors can sign up on their Inova–Donor Portal to reserve a time slot. Completing the forms on the donor portal saves you time and makes the blood drive run more efficiently.

Go to **inovabloodsaves.org/donor/schedules/geo** or click the adjacent QR code. If you have questions about your eligibility to donate blood, click this Inova guidelines link: **inovablood.org/donate-blood/eligibility/**.

If you prefer, CJCA volunteers can help you get on the schedule--just email **CJBloodDrive@gmail.com**. Please list your full name and a few preferred time slots. Walk-in registrations are also available, however, wait times for walk-ins may be longer. Cabin John has a long and successful history of donating blood to local blood banks. Your help saves lives.

If you are unable to donate blood you can still help out–volunteers are needed to help set up or breakdown tables and to work at registration. This is also a great way for your students to earn SSL hours.

To volunteer, email us at **CJBloodDrive@gmail.com.**






## *Clara Barton Neighborhood Recreation Center*

### Youth Activities & Classes

- Club Friday–Grades 3-6, Activity # R03002_101 , October 2026-May 2027, 7-9 pm
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- Drop-In Tiny Tot Playtime, Fridays, 9:30-11:30 am, Recfit membership required

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**NEW:** Line Dance! Demo Class Thurs., Sept. 17, 10:30-11:30 am. Led by our very own Rec Center staff! *No partner needed.

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# CJCA News

*by Pete Cousté*

## PREVIEW OF FALL EVENTS: CRABS, CROSSWALKS,SEWAGE, BLOOD, FRIGHT, AND MORE ...

September means back-to-school, last call at Palisades Pool, and a full slate of events from CJCA and the Friends of CBCC. Welcome to fall. Here's the upshot and lowdown:

**Sept. 19 The Annual Chicken & Crab Feast** is two Saturdays after Labor Day. Tickets are selling and volunteers are prepping. To buy or help, scan the QR code on the front page. Then, grab a leg or a crab. It's chow time!

**Sept. 23 CJCA Open Meeting.** Have you noticed a rise in drivers speeding or ignoring stop signs and crosswalks? CJCA is exploring how to tame threats to pedestrians and bicyclists. Our speaker from the Action Committee for Transit will detail options for better pedestrian and bike safety. Just look both ways to cross the road to the meeting.

**Oct. 3 Blood Drive:** October marks the last CJCA Inova blood drive of 2026. To give blood, sign-up at **inovabloodsaves.org** or email **CJBloodDrive@gmail.com**. Or volunteer to help for an hour or two. It's a perfect month for a bloodletting.

**Oct. 21 CJCA Open Meeting.** Our guest speaker will update us on the fallout from the sewage spill from the Potomac Interceptor failure just a whiff away from Cabin John. DC Water repairs are ongoing here and at nearby sites. Area environment groups are advocating for more protections and WSSC filed suit for a say in what DC Water does. Join us to find out what all the stink is about!

**Oct 24 Haunted House.** This is fright night in CJ! The Friends of the Clara Barton Community Center-sponsored event at the community center is the highlight of the fall. Calling all the ghosts and goblins—kids of all ages are welcome at this ghoulish gathering. Fear not, it's more treat than trick.



**Nov. 26 Turkey Trot:** Begin your Thanksgiving day by working off the stuffing and potatoes in advance. The trot's start and finish are on the CJ ballfield by the community center. Runners and walkers are both welcome. We also need volunteers along to help keep runners on course. Then you eat your heart out.

**Dec. 6 Annual Craft Show:** The Friends of Clara Barton Center transforms our social hall into a colorful bazaar hosting vendors offering a treasure trove of far-flung crafts, clothes, tchotchkes and trinkets. Just in time for the gift-giving season. It's a great way to fill those stockings hung by the chimney.

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The Chicken & Crab feast also features plenty of games, bounce houses and other activities for your kids, while adults can dance the day away to live music by the Starlight Orchestra. Two Notes to Chicken & Crab Feast patrons.

Two notes before coming to the event.

**Pets are not allowed.** County regulations prohibit pets on our playground. Only registered service animals are allowed. Emotional support animals do not qualify.

**Tents needed.** If the weather is hot and sunny, consider bringing a pop-up tent for shade. We are unable to use county pop-up tents for outdoor dining tables this year.

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# DID YOU KNOW?

Montgomery County eliminated the $692 Income Tax Offset Credit (ITOC) reducing the credit to $0 for Levy Year 2026. This change effectively increases annual property tax bills by a flat $692 for owner-occupied residential properties across the county.

Homeowners still need an approved Homestead Property Tax Credit application on file with the state to shield themselves from sharp spikes in property values by limiting how much taxable home assessment can increase each year. You can check your property status on the SDAT Real Property Search.

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# Local History

By Rachel Donnan

## EXPERIENCE HISTORY IN CABIN JOHN'S NEWLY REHABILITATED LOCKHOUSE 8

If you walk the C&O Canal towpath regularly, you may have noticed quite a bit of activity at Lockhouse 8 in recent months. In celebration of the 250th anniversary of the United States, the C&O Canal Trust, in partnership with the National Park Service (NPS), has been rehabilitating Lockhouse 8 for the Canal Quarters Interpretive Program. Work on the lockhouse began in April. After extensive improvements to the nearly 200-year old structure that included new electrical systems, flooring and framing, the rustic lockhouse will be open to overnight guests starting September 5.

The canal and its lockhouses played an important role in the development of Cabin John. Construction of the C&O Canal started in 1828 as a transport route for coal from western Maryland to Georgetown, bringing an influx of settlers to the area. The 184.5-mile long canal had 74 lift locks to manage the 695-foot elevation between Cumberland and Washington, DC.

The locks were simple, hand-operated gates based on Leonardo da Vinci's original 1485 design. Lock keepers opened gates for passing boat traffic and offered provisions for boatmen and mules. Women and children were integral to canal life, working as unpaid laborers and assisting with lock duties. They also tended gardens, flocks of chickens and other farm animals, for their families and to sell. Sounds from the canal, from the flow of water, the mules' bells and the call "He-ey Lock" were part of the new community's background noise.

Lock 8 is the first of the "Seven Locks" (hence the name of the nearby road), in which the canal was raised 56 feet over one and a quarter miles up to Lock 14. In 1829, James O'Brien submitted a proposal to the C&O Canal Company to build houses numbered 5 and 6 for $725 each–the sixth house is Lockhouse 8. The first lock keeper at Lockhouse 8 was Solomon Drew, who in 1830 was given "use of the Lockhouse" for himself and his family, as well as the adjoining land to garden and a $100 yearly salary.

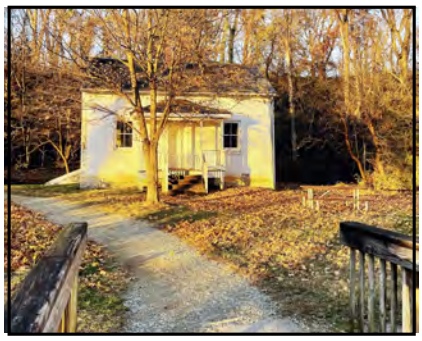
Over the next 100 years a total of nine lock tenders were custodians of the house, an 18 x 30 foot stone structure with two downstairs rooms, a large stone fireplace and two rooms upstairs





*(Left) Director of the C&O Canal Trust Lauren Riviello poses in front of Lockhouse 8, which was recently renovated and opened for public overnight use. Photo by Carrie Stokes.*

*(Right) The wood corner cabinet/shelf built by John Fields in the 1930s for Lockhouse 8. It was donated to the C&O Canal Trust by Jesse, Wendy and William Stephens, descendants of Charles Spong, the last lock keeper at Lockhouse 8. Photo by Rachel Donnan.*



*Cabin John's Lockhouse 8, which has recently been rehabilitated by the C&O Canal Trust for overnight stays.*

*Photo by Rachel Donnan.*

The last locktender of Lockhouse 8 was Charles Spong. He and his wife, Sarah, moved to the house in 1915, where he worked as the lock keeper until canal operations ceased in 1924 due to catastrophic floods and competition from the railroads. Charles and his family eventually relocated to a house on Halifax Street, just above the canal. He continued to operate the lock for pleasure boats traveling along the waterway. He died in 1934. His daughter Myrtle married John Fields, a carpenter who worked for the government. As young newlyweds, they lived at Lockhouse 8 with her parents. She and John had eight children, three of whom were born at Lockhouse 8 while the canal was still in operation, including their daughter, Lillian, who was born in 1917. During those years, seven people lived in the cozy four room space. After John died, Myrtle married his friend, Charlie Muck. Charlie and Myrtle rented Lockhouse 8 during the late 1940s and 1950s.

Lillian and Jack Fields, two of Myrtle's children, recalled their memories of life on the canal in a 2006 interview. Charles, their grandfather, kept white geese at the house. He had a rocking chair on the porch, flowers out front and a garden along the canal side. They also remembered the flood of 1924 in which the river rose up to the second floor of the lockhouse.

The first overnight guest at Lockhouse 8 will be Jesse Stephens, a descendent of the Spong family and an avid history buff. Jesse's grandmother was Lillian Fields, and his great grandparents were Myrtle and John Fields. Jesse and his siblings, Wendy and William Stephens, kindly donated a corner cabinet shelf that his great-grandfather, John Fields, originally built for Lockhouse 8.

Jesse remembers visiting Cabin John as a child in the mid-1970s and being enthralled by the sense of history, from walking over the Union Arch Bridge, visiting Lockhouse 8 and wandering over to Glen Echo. His own father often shared stories of visiting the lockhouse in the 1940s, playing in the river and how his dad often warned him, "don't get wet!

*See LOCKHOUSE on pg .9*

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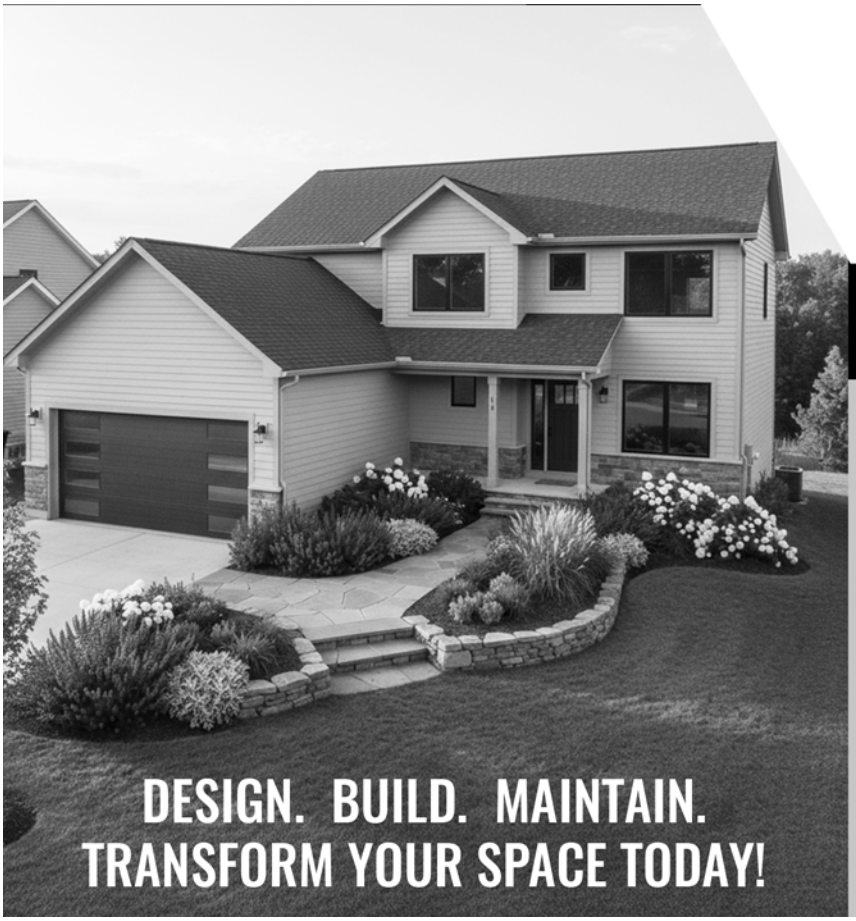
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# View From Minnie's Island

*by Joe Saliunas*

## TOOTH, TALON & TAIL

"If you spend enough time outside in a high-quality natural area, you will inevitably see lots of cool things" is advice I frequently give, and it was proven this year with observations made on Minnie's Island.

It started in late April, when I noticed an unusual animal running along the shoreline while I was sitting on one of the benches on the island. My mind first read "squirrel," but then I realized it was larger, dark brown, and with a longer tail. I then noticed a strong musky odor in the area. I immediately googled images of mink, and that is exactly what I saw. This was the first time I had seen a mink in the area. Then in early July, I was walking a trail by the rock outcrops and heard a loud splash. Investigating, I saw a small weasel biting into an eight-inch smallmouth bass. I then watched it eat the fish while under a rock. I was able to capture some brief video of this, and was able to determine the animal was about 16 inches long, which would make it much smaller than an otter and most likely a mink.

My next cool sighting was over the first week of July. Over the last several years, it was not unusual to occasionally hear and see peregrine falcons, as they nest about a mile upstream on the American Legion Bridge. This year, I observed two adult and two juvenile falcons every day for about a week. The adults had selected some dead tree snags at the bottom of the island as home base for teaching their young to fly and hunt. During this time, the juvenile birds would constantly cry out what must have been "feed me" in peregrine language. One day, I watched one of the adults perch with a large prey bird in its talons, responding to the juveniles with "no, you come here and get it." (Note that I am OK with anthropomorphizing.) During this week-long period, you would have been able to hear and see the falcons from the C&O Canal by the bottom of Minnie's. I have not seen or heard the falcons since mid-July.

The final sighting was on July 10, when I noticed two large otters right beside the canoe landing on the island. We had previously seen tracks, but this was the first sighting. The river was relatively high and I expect they were hunting fish in the pools that flow through the rock outcrops at the head of the island. I had another otter sighting in early August in the channel between Minnie's and the canal. This was clearly a younger, smaller otter that appeared to be hunting for mollusks or crayfish. This was unmistakably an otter, with its heavy, muscular tail. I was able to capture some good video of the otter, which I again saw later that day in the pool at the canoe landing on the island. Seeing










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

both adults and juveniles makes me wonder if there is a den in the area.

I'm not sure why there have been so many interesting observations this year. Maybe it's because the island has been closed to the public for the last six months, or perhaps because I have been spending more time working on the island. As most readers already know, Minnie's Island has reopened to the public and I encourage folks to visit. Details on how to get there are posted on our website at **www.minniesisland.org**. Some photos from the sightings are posted in the gallery on our website, and videos can be found on our Facebook page.

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# GETTING TO KNOW: NEW CJCA VP CARRIE STOKES

**When did you move to Cabin John, and what brought you here?**

I originally came to the DC area in 1993 to work on national climate change policy with the Department of Energy. In 1998 I began volunteering with the newly formed Potomac Conservancy. To help grow support for the organization, we developed an experiential learning program to get adults and students out on the river and Minnie's Island. While serving as the nature guide for the flatwater kayaking trips that we ran each weekend, I regularly passed through Cabin John. With the river calling, I decided to move here.

**What keeps you busy - what are your hobbies/interests/activities?**

I am an avid cyclist. Thank goodness for my wonderful next door neighbor and his shed to help store my overflow of bikes! I ride country roads, mountain bike trails, and the towpath along our beautiful river. I also love to paddleboard, hike, swim, and read a good book.

**Where did you grow up? Where else have you lived?**

I grew up in Huntsville, Alabama, as the daughter of a Yankee mother and a Southern father. This exposed me to the different perspectives of North and South from an early age. It's fitting that I ended up between the two, living in the Mid-Atlantic. I have also lived in Georgia (college), a mud hut in Niger, and Indiana (graduate school).



*CJCA VP Carrie Stokes paddleboarding on the Potomac.*

**Have you volunteered with CJCA (or other organizations) before?**

Yes–I have volunteered at Cabin John crab feasts and blood drives. In addition to the environmental education work with the Potomac Conservancy, I volunteered with the National Park Service on safety patrol, where I first met Barb Martin. We biked along the towpath to help anyone in need, using walkie-talkies to communicate. Cell phones didn't work there yet! I also served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Niger, West Africa.

**Imagine you have an old friend in town and want to show them one great day in Cabin John–what's your itinerary?**

First, a bike ride on the towpath to show off our beautiful river and backyard national park. I have extra bikes for visitors just for this occasion! Then, we'd go paddle boarding on the river. Finally, a good meal at one of our restaurants in "downtown" Cabin John.

**Why have you agreed to serve as CJCA VP?**

Because Pete Cousté, our new CJCA president, asked me to help. And because I suddenly found myself in early, forced retirement last year when the US Agency for International Development (USAID) was dismantled. After 25 years of focusing attention on the challenges faced by communities in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, I decided it was time to invest more energy at home in our own wonderful community of Cabin John.

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In the early 1960s, according to a government Historic Structures Report, the house at Lock 8 had fallen into significant disrepair and had been vandalized. It was scheduled for rehabilitation to provide housing for park employees; there were even plans to install a bathroom on the second floor. However, it remained empty and dilapidated until the Potomac Conservancy took over stewardship of the building for its "River Center" (2005-2019). The recent rehabilitation has brought Lockhouse 8 back to life, a tangible piece of Cabin John's history that can be experienced by anyone. Stays at Cabin John's Lockhouse 8 and Lockhouse 10 (and other canal quarters) can be booked at **www.canaltrust.org.**

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*ELECTION Continued from pg. 1*

Montgomery County's board of elections is moving forward with published plans for voting by mail, at early voting sites, and in-person on November 3 at Clara Barton Neighborhood Recreation Center. Below is a list of deadlines to vote in the gubernatorial general election. If you have questions about voting by mail, early voting or registration contact the county election board at **777vote.org** or call **240-777-8500.**

**Voting Options and Key Dates**

**Mail-In Ballot: Oct. 27**–deadline to request ballot by mail

**Mail-in Ballot: Oct 30**–deadline to request e-ballot download

**Early Voting: Oct. 22-29**–voting centers open 7 am to 8 pm

**Election Day: Nov. 3**–polls open 7 am to 8 pm

**Election Day: Nov. 3**–deadline mail-in ballots postmarked or deposited into a secure drop box.

Despite ballot questions or voting by mail, Cabin John will likely have one of the highest voter turnout percentage rates in the county. In the June primary election, county voter turnout totaled 22.99 % of eligible voters. In the primary election, Cabin John's precinct tallied 44% of the 3,098 eligible voters. Only three of the county's 299 precincts had a higher voter turnout percentage than Cabin John: Leisure World, Bethesda and Washington Grove.

We also have a high percentage of local Cabin John residents serving as election judges to manage the election process. Still, more hands are needed to help run the election here and in neighboring polling places. For more information, scan the QR code below or go to **https://mcg.montgomerycountymd.gov/Elections/ElectionJudge/Overview.html**.

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## Poems For Passersby

*Presented by Meredith Griggs*

### The Fan in the Window
by Ted Kooser

It is September, and a cool breeze
from somewhere ahead is turning the blades;
night, and the slow flash of the fan
the last light between us and the darkness.
Dust has begun to collect on the blades,
haymaker's dust from distant fields,
dust riding to town on the night-black wings
of the crows, a thin frost of dust
that clings to the fan in just the way
we cling to the earth as it spins.
The fan has brought us through,
its shiny blades like the screw of a ship
that has pushed its way through summer---
cut flowers awash in its wake,
the stagnant Sargasso Sea of July
far behind us. For the moment, we rest,
we lie in the dark hull of the house,
we rock in the troughs off the shore
of October, the engine cooling,
the fan blades so lazily turning, but turning.




*With her English springer spaniel, Dixie, Pam Swisher of Cabin John Gardens poses before Poems for Passersby on upper 78th Street.*

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| **SEPT** | *All events at Clara Barton Neighborhood Recreation Center unless otherwise noted* |
| **19** | **Chicken & Crab Feast! 2-6 pm** |
| **23** | **CJCA Meeting 7:30 pm - Improved Pedestrian & Bike Safety** |
| **OCT** | |
| **4** | **Blood Drive 10 am-3 pm** |
| **21** | **CJCA Meeting 7:30 pm - Potomac Interceptor Update** |
| **25** | **Haunted House - 4-6 pm FoCBCC** |
| **NOV** | |
| **25** | **Annual CJ Turkey Trot 10 am** |

September means the Annual Chicken & Crab Feast is almost here! *The Village News* will next appear in October when the leaves peak and the air chills to remind us that us fall is upon us.

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