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3RD ANNUAL CJ TURKEY TROT WILL INCLUDE FOOD DRIVE

BY IRENA BOJANOVA
CJCA Vice President of Activities

Once again, Cabin John residents and friends will have a chance to join their neighbors in a family-friendly run/walk at the CJ Turkey Trot Thanksgiving morning. While the trot is free, in the spirit of Thanksgiving, we are asking all participants to bring non-perishable grocery items for Manna Food Center's Smart Sack program.

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FREE - FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
WHEN: 10:00 AM
Nov. 28 / Thanksgiving Day
WHERE: Cabin John Local Park
By the one-lane bridge
REGISTER:
tinyurl.com/2019CJTurkeyTrot

CJCA COMMITS $2,000 FOR MOSES HALL CEMETERY CLEANUP

BY MEREDITH GRIGGS
CJCA Secretary

Roughly 20 CJ residents braved the rain and skipped the start of Game 7 of the World Series Oct. 30 to discuss ways to preserve and protect the Moses Hall Cemetery, a historically significant African American burial site located within Cabin John, off Seven Locks Rd.

The cemetery is in very poor condition with tombstones knocked over, broken, and buried; the grounds enveloped with bamboo, fallen trees, and vines. Neither the state nor the county has fully assessed the number of graves there, and Beltway expansion plans threaten the property.

By the end of the evening, the community unanimously voted to commit $2,000—half of the $4,000 profit from the 50th Chicken & Crab Feast—to fund initial cleanup of the site. For decades, Crab Feast proceeds were split among deserving community causes, and those present at the meeting felt it was fitting that funds from the 50th should go to preserving the cemetery where members of Crab Feast founder Bill White's family and other Carver Rd. families are buried.

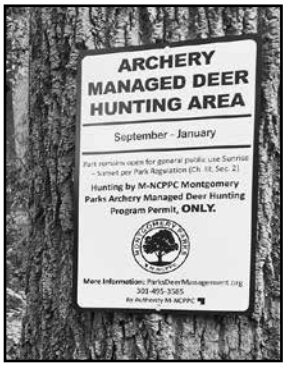
Charlotte Troup Leighton, CJCA vice president of advocacy, whose home on Cypress Grove Lane is next to the Moses Hall site, detailed some of the issues that need to be tackled. First is to establish current ownership of the cemetery, which can be done by locating at least 10 descendants of Tabernacle 88 members. Tabernacle 88 was the fraternal order that established the hall and cemetery sometime after the Civil War.

One descendant, Diane Baxter of Washington DC, attended the meeting

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County to Discuss Deer Management Program

BY SUSAN SHIPP
CJCA President



In August, the county expanded its "Archery Managed Deer Hunting Efforts" to include the 1.7-mile section of the Cabin John Stream Valley Trail that abuts our community.

Not surprising, the news was upsetting to many who are concerned about safety for people and pets or see this type of hunting as cruel. But others are supportive of county efforts to manage the deer population because they have been in car accidents with deer, had their carefully tended gardens ruined, or encountered starving deer in the park over the winter and want to end that suffering.

If you want to better understand the county's

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LETTER *To the Editor*

Is there a solution to reducing the dangerous speeders in our community?

In Mrs. Goodneighbor's June column Slow Lane, you talk about speeding on our streets by people who live here in the community. Here are some facts to consider… Montgomery County Traffic Ops completed a 13-hour traffic count (6am-7pm) at the intersection of MacArthur Blvd. and the Clara Barton Pkwy. access road in 2015 and the total count was 13, 288 vehicles. This equates to 299,000 per month which is 3,588,000 per year.

There are roughly 800 houses in Cabin John. It's hard to believe, as you said, that "We have met the enemy… and he is US!" considering these official traffic counts. Clearly what ills us lies OUTSIDE our borders not just Cabin John residents.

You can see from the traffic count the exact number of vehicles coming northbound from Virginia in the morning and traveling southbound towards Virginia in the evening. It doesn't help that there is no speed limit posted on the parkway access road at all. In addition, Montgomery County Police has said they don't pull cars over on MacArthur Blvd. in Cabin John because of the lack of room on the road and the soft soil shoulders which were implemented when the bike lanes were installed. The situation is aggravated by irresponsible behaviors of many rogue drivers who "cut through" by way of GPS and Waze to bypass the beltway – including running the 3-way stop. Cars, pedestrians and cyclists take their lives into their own hands when dealing with this situation.

We certainly can make improvements for all like digital speed limit/slow down signs, speed cameras, a raised pedestrian crosswalk with yellow flashing lights and electronic activator, "Yield to Pedestrian" signs for turning vehicles, markings on northbound access indicating "Parkway Ends, Slow Down", a "Welcome to Cabin John, please obey our neighborhood safe speed", "Safe Speed Corridor" signs, and lower the speed limit on MacArthur Blvd. We really need a solution to this urgent problem we all face in Cabin John every day.

I encourage residents to communicate with local officials to voice concerns related to this increasingly dangerous situation.

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Thank you,
Darla Cable

TURKEY TROT

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The Smart Sack Program provides backpacks of food each weekend to some 2,850 Montgomery County school kids. Popular food items include jars of peanut butter, boxes of granola bars, instant oatmeal, and canned vegetables and fruits.

The trot will start at 10 am Thanksgiving Day, which is Nov. 28 this year. Folks are asked to gather by the banner at the park by the one-lane bridge. We'll take a quick commemorative photo before the race begins.

To keep it simple, there will be only one race option this year: the 2.5 mile run/walk that has participants following the bike path from the park, to 79th Street, down to the C&O Canal, along the canal to the path by the one-lane bridge, and back to the park. There will be water and light refreshments at the end of the race.

The trot is free, but if you and your family are thinking about coming, we are asking that you please register online at *https://tinyurl.com/2019CJTurkeyTrot* so that we can plan accordingly.

When registering, you also will have the opportunity to purchase a 2019 navy blue long sleeve t-shirt with the Turkey Trot logo for $16.



PHOTO: COURTESY OF SUSAN SHIPP

Cabin John's Turkey Trot is a FREE family-friendly event sponsored by the CJCA. Come join the fun on Thanksgiving Day!

CAN YOU VOLUNTEER?

As always, volunteers are key to making this event safe and successful. We need volunteers to help set up before the event or to be course monitors during the trot. To volunteer, please register online at the link above or contact Irena Bojanova at *ibojanova@gmail.com*. VN



Meet the New CJCA Officers and *Village News* Content Editor

MARCY HARRISON

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS



PHOTO COURTESY OF M. HARRISON

WHAT BROUGHT YOUR FAMILY TO CABIN JOHN?

My husband, Chip Wright, and three daughters, twins Kate and Whitney, and Erica, moved from Tenleytown to Cypress Grove Lane in 1993. Kate & Whitney entered Bannockburn in 5th grade and Erica entered in 1st grade.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT CABIN JOHN?

The location is perfect. We love having woods and Palisades Pool behind our home; quick access to the towpath and hiking; quick ride to theaters and the museums downtown. We also love the community spirit – living in a small town that is a real community, but still within a major metro area.

WHAT CJCA ACTIVITIES HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN?

I attend and help out at almost every event, when I am in town. I serve regularly at the Chicken/Crab Feast (kitchen duty) and the December Holiday Party (food prep/serve). My husband and Erica, who now lives in DC, participated in the first annual Turkey Trot and they sometimes come to the Crab Feast.

WHAT LED YOU TO VOLUNTEER AS THE VP OF COMMUNICATIONS?

I wanted to help with a new Cabin John Directory. It's a job I think I can do well and it fits with my busy work schedule. I'm a spreadsheet/database geek and, by personality, pay great attention to detail. I'm looking forward to the project!

WHAT OCCUPIES YOUR TIME?

I work fulltime for a company that helps hospitals and health systems improve their cost, quality and market performance. I also attend classes at Level Fitness, cheer on Arsenal F.C. (English Premier League soccer), try new recipes, swim at Palisades in summer, and spend time with family.

WHEN NOT IN CABIN JOHN, WHERE DO YOU LIKE TO BE?

We go to Bethany Beach every year and spend many weekends in Pittsburgh visiting the grandkids. We just got back from Grand Tetons & Yellowstone National Parks. Next year: Portugal.

READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?

I enjoyed Tony Horwitz's *Confederates in the Attic*. I loved both of [CJ author] Eric Dinerstein's books that I got for my grandson: *A Circle of Elephants*, and *What Elephants Know*.

STEPHANIE LAI

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

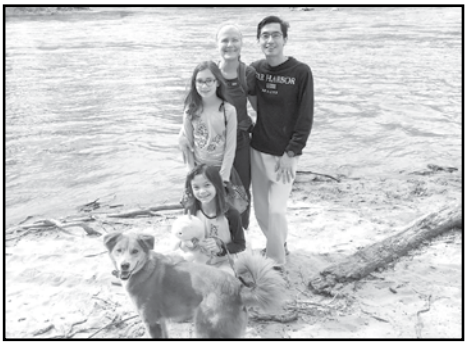


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WHAT BROUGHT YOUR FAMILY TO CABIN JOHN?

We moved here in 2015. We previously lived in the Wildwood neighborhood of Bethesda and my husband, Mike, and I were looking for something away from the hustle and bustle of Rockville Pike. Shortly after moving here, we added Buddy, our dog, to the family.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT CABIN JOHN?

The river and towpath top the list. It is always a treat to see a heron in the canal on one of my runs. We love the small-town feel in the middle of this huge metropolis and all the neighborhood activities. It is so nice that my girls can walk to the rec center for youth classes.

WHAT CJCA ACTIVITIES HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN?

We love the July 4th parade and the Crab Feast. We did the canoe trip one year and have lamented we haven't been in town in subsequent years to do it again.

WHAT LED YOU TO VOLUNTEER AS A VP OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH?

I really love the hometown feel of Cabin John that the CJCA and volunteers have cultivated. Nancy Russell has done a wonderful job organizing the potluck and welcome bags for newcomers. I wanted to help out where needed and continue the welcoming vibe of CJ.

WHAT OCCUPIES YOUR TIME?

I stay at home and am the personal Uber driver for our two daughters, Elizabeth and Grace, in 8th and 5th grade. Currently, my most joyful volunteer work is tutoring a young refugee mother. It isn't a big-time commitment, but the rewards are huge.

WHEN NOT IN CABIN JOHN, WHERE DO YOU LIKE TO BE?

In the summer, anywhere out West away from the humidity of the Mid-Atlantic.

READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?

A Mango-Shaped Space by Wendy Mass for my 5th grader's mother-daughter book club. If you have a 'tween daughter, I highly recommend it.

TELL US SOMETHING SURPRISING ABOUT YOU?

I grew up near Death Valley, thus the aversion to the Mid-Atlantic humidity.

CHARLOTTE TROUP LIEGHTON

VICE PRESIDENT OF ADVOCACY



PHOTO COURTESY OF C. TROUP LEIGHTON

WHAT BROUGHT YOUR FAMILY TO CABIN JOHN?

We moved to Cabin John from Glen Echo in 2012. Russ is from Bethesda and I'm a native of Houston, Texas. We were married in 2010, "blending" our families with my two daughters, Morgan and Lucy, and Russ' two sons, Taylor and Aidan. Russ, as well as all four of our children, graduated from Walt Whitman High School. Taylor is an assistant district attorney in Colorado. Aidan is in banking in Colorado. Morgan is a senior at the University of Texas at Austin. Lucy is a freshman at Penn State University.

AFTER LIVING HERE FOR SEVEN YEARS, WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT CABIN JOHN?

We most enjoy the sense of community and history in Cabin John. People here are warm and welcoming and there is a laid back and eclectic vibe. We enjoy Cabin John's small-town feel, along with access to nature, while also being within close proximity of big-city amenities, culture, and energy.

WHAT CJCA ACTIVITIES HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN?

The Crab Feast, Trivia Night, New Neighbor Potluck, and CJCA's 50th Anniversary celebration come to mind.

WHAT LED YOU TO VOLUNTEER AS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF ADVOCACY?

I am thrilled to be able to contribute by advocating for the Cabin John community — primarily on the proposed Beltway expansion and pedestrian safety issues. I am very committed to bringing together the community to research, restore, and preserve the Moses Hall cemetery property, a historic Cabin John treasure. *(See story pg. 1)*

WHAT OCCUPIES YOUR TIME?

Russ and I now have an empty nest, but our careers keep us pretty busy. I work in the commercial real estate industry and Russ is a software engineer in the cyber security industry. We are also active supporters of the arts community.

WHEN NOT IN CABIN JOHN, WHERE DO YOU LIKE TO BE?

We love to spend time at the Leighton family home in Brooklin, Maine. Otherwise, we enjoy being anywhere there is family, friends, food, music, and art.

READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?

Making time to read a book is always a challenge for me, but I did enjoy Bob Woodward's *Fear* and Yuval Noah Harari's *Sapiens*.

TELL US SOMETHING SURPRISING ABOUT YOUR FAMILY?

We are active collectors of contemporary art and try hard to impart a love of the arts to our children.

LORETTA DEVERY INGALLS

***THE VILLAGE NEWS* CONTENT EDITOR**



PHOTO COURTESY OF L. INGALLS

WHAT BROUGHT YOUR FAMILY TO CABIN JOHN?

My husband Dave and I, and our cattle dog Foster, moved here from DC in 2014. We've since welcomed two kids: Lucy (3 years) and Sam (4 months).

WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT CABIN JOHN?

We love the easy access to hiking trails and the canal for walks and runs. We also love the community and how everyone is so friendly.

WHAT CJCA ACTIVITIES HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN?

We've loved participating in the Turkey Trot and the 4th of July parade!

WHAT LED YOU TO VOLUNTEER AS THE CONTENT EDITOR FOR THE VILLAGE NEWS?

I've always looked forward to getting *The Village News* in the mail to see what's happening around town. It's really special to have a newsletter like this for our community, and I'm excited to be a part of it.

If you're looking to get involved too, we need writers! If you'd like to write a column or take on assignments, let us know at *vneditorial@gmail.com*.

WHAT OCCUPIES YOUR TIME?

I'm at home full time with our two kids. Lucy just started at the Clara Barton Center for Children this year, and I love participating in all of the activities there. I also like to attend classes with a local moms' fitness group when I can.

WHEN NOT IN CABIN JOHN, WHERE DO YOU LIKE TO BE?

Anywhere sunny and warm. We've also loved our summer trips to central Oregon and Yellowstone.

READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?

I haven't had time to read for pleasure recently, but I found *Rest, Play, Grow: Making Sense of Preschoolers (Or Anyone Who Acts Like One)* interesting for our current stage of life!

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Holiday Happenings



CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS DEC. 15



Come share some holiday cheer with your neighbors at the annual CJ Holiday Party to be held at the community center **Dec. 15** from **5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**.

ANNUAL CJ HOLIDAY PARTY
Clara Barton Community Center
DECEMBER 15
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

The free festivities include a sing-along, crafts, a selfie station, and a delicious assortment of food and drink as well as the ever-popular visit from Santa.

A raffle, which raises money for SOME (So Others Might Eat) keeps getting bigger with more than a dozen prizes valued between $50 and $400.

Sponsored by the Cabin John Citizens Association, this event only comes together with the help of volunteers. **Can you spare a couple hours?** We need help now soliciting raffle prizes, at 3:00 pm on Dec. 15 for decorating and set up and during the party to keep it running smoothly.

To volunteer, please contact Susan Shipp at *jsjshipp3@verizon.net* or 301-320-5106.VN

Level Fitness Offers Holiday Deal for CJ Residents

Gift wrap it for someone else or use it to jump-start your own New Year's resolution. Either way, the deeply discounted gym memberships being offered by Level Fitness at 7687 MacArthur Blvd. are worth considering. CJ residents who sign up before Jan. 1 will pay just $55 a month for two months—half the regular monthly dues—and the $200 initiation fee will be waived. Membership is month to month, so there is no obligation beyond the two months.

"Level is Cabin John's neighborhood gym, and we want to give residents an opportunity to really check us out," says manger Janet Reed. Level offers 42 exercise classes weekly, ranging from cardio and strength to yoga and foam rolling. For those who prefer a solitary workout, there is cardio equipment with individual TVs as well as a full complement of weight machines. Personal training, Pilates Reformer, and massages are also offered. VN

Check Out the CJ Talent at the Holiday Craft Show Dec. 8



At least six CJ residents will be among the 50 or so artists, jewelers, potters, chefs, and other exhibitors at this year's Clara Barton Holiday Craft Show set for Dec. 8 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the community center.

Among the new CJ participants are Deborah Duffy of Webb Rd., who will be selling her legendary fudge and Sarah Cahill of Caraway St. with her homemade tinctures, oils, and soaps. Marie Rojas, formerly of MacArthur Blvd., will be offering honey as well as prizewinning salves and lip balms made with beeswax and propolis from her own hives.

The show is put together each year by the Friends of Clara Barton Community Center in conjunction with the County Department of Recreation. Admission and parking are free. Craft Show earnings, from display space fees, support events and programs at the center.VN

Community Center Budget Slashed

BY JUDITH BELL
FCBCC Board Member



CJ resident Amy Arbetman was a camp counselor at the CBCC in 2019.

In July, community center Director Barry Jones got an unwelcome surprise: His 2020 operating budget, which started July 1, was set at $8,000, down $5,000 from the previous year. The Clara Barton Community Center (CBCC) plays a critical role in the CJ community, serving as the venue for such annual Cabin John traditions as the Crab Feast, Holiday Craft Show, and Haunted House, as well as special Recreation Department events like the Winter Fun Fest and Casino Royale.

How to continue, with this shrunken budget? No moonwalk for summer camp finale? No replacements for worn-out kitchen appliances and senior lounge TV? No "ice" skating rink for Winter Fun Fest? No DJs for Club Friday?

This is not the first year the center's budget has been cut. For fiscal 2018, the center's operating budget, which covers everything from programming and events to office supplies and marketing flyers, was $15,000.

The cuts affect not just in Cabin John, but Bannockburn and other nearby neighborhoods. The CBCC offers programs and services for nearly everyone. The six-week summer camp, which had 75 participants last summer, always has a waiting list — 100 kids in 2019. (Registration for the 2020 camp, for 5 to 12 years old, opens Jan. 21. Go to *activemontgomery.org*)

There are activities, like indoor soccer and exercises classes, offered by the Recreation Department and Suburban Hospital. Kids drop in after school to use the CBCC game room, which is equipped with air hockey, pool, and video games. Adults play table tennis and pickleball several times a week. Seniors meet for movies, talks and field trips and theater events. Any adult can get an exercise-room membership for a fraction of what a comparable health club would cost.

Less noticeable but worth noting: When hiring, Barry has sought to fill slots with local residents when possible. Three center staff, Stanley Schapner, Oona Steiglitz and Matt Velasco, are CJ residents and nine of the twelve 2019 summer camp staff were from the neighborhood.

Barry's operating budget comes from the Montgomery County Recreation Department, which has been impacted by county government belt tightening and shrinking income from class, camp, and sports fees. The department has managed to avoid staff reductions, focusing instead on reductions in community center operating budgets. None of the revenue from community center facility rentals, weight room memberships or activity fees stays at the center. It all flows back to the Recreation Department.

With the budget cuts, the funds the center receives from the Friends of the Clara Barton Community Center (FCBCC) play an important role in helping Barry to continue to offer activities and services. FCBCC monies bought a new refrigerator and microwave for the senior lounge, provided inflatables for the summer camp program and paid for some of the landscaping outside the center. FCBCC funds are also being used to provide DJs and activities at Club Friday and to bring back the "ice" skating rink for Winter Fun Fest to be held Jan. 25 from noon to 4pm.

The FCBCC, a 501c3 charitable organization, was created specifically to help the center survive and thrive. Please consider making a donation by downloading a mail-in FCBCC form at *www.friendscbcc.org* or by adding a FCBCC donation to your CJCA dues payment in January. VN

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Foxes Among Us

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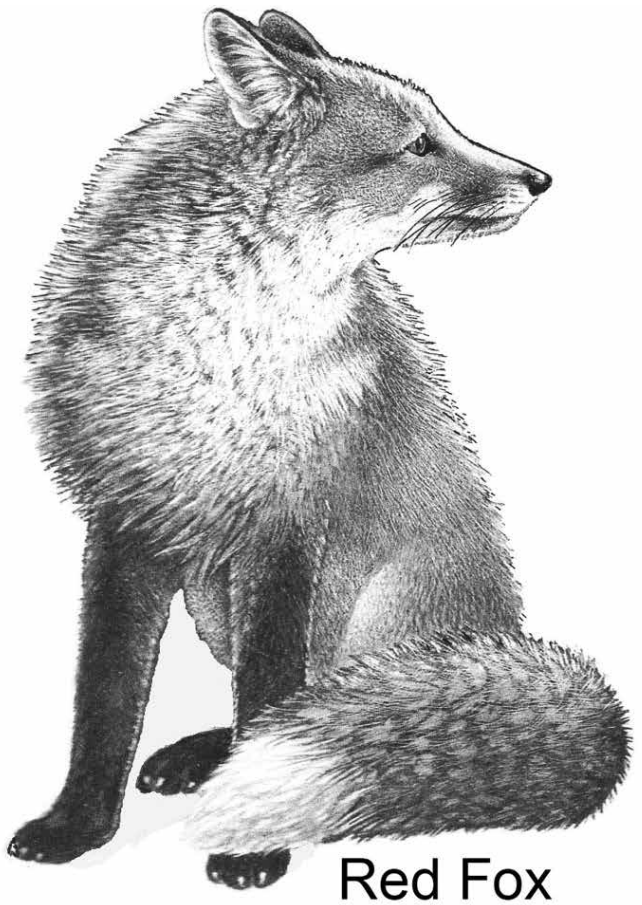
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Contributing Artist

What was that blur of red streaking across the backyard? Could that be a fox standing in the fading light at the end of the street?

I remember the joy I felt when I recognized a fox sprinted across the backyard about a decade ago. Even in wild Cabin John, I mostly saw foxes on the Clara Barton Parkway, flattened by a motorist. The beautiful bright red fur like a flag billowing in the rush of air created by passing cars, how sad it seems to lose such beautiful animals from speeding automobiles. But in the late fall, it's a good time to look and listen for those that remain of this marvelous carnivore along the Cabin John Creek Trail.

The flash of crimson fur in the forest is one of nature's great sightings. The red fox's repertoire of vocalizations is even more vivid—a mixture of woofs, barks, screams, whines, yips, and chattering sounds. Heard from a distance, sometimes they seem like a cross between an angry or hungry parrot and an animal just awakened and letting you know about it. When the ripe wild persimmons are falling from the trees in the neighborhood, the foxes come around at night to eat them and any smaller mammals intending to feast on the aromatic fruits. If you hear strange vocalizations, chances are good it's your neighbor, the fox.

The ability to subsist on a wide variety of diets has made the red fox the world's most widespread carnivore among flesh-eating mammals (along with the common leopard). Fruit, roots, birds, small mammals, turtles—there's a lot on the menu. This omnivorous diet allows the clever fox to move into new habitats or disperse far and wide.



Red Fox

They are found across the entire Northern Hemisphere from the Arctic Circle (where they bully the arctic fox), to North Africa (where they encounter a desert-dwelling fox species, among other carnivores such as the caracal). They range down to Central America and go across Asia, absent only from a few islands and extremely dry deserts. They are also the largest among the five species of foxes in the U.S.—the others being the arctic, grey, kit, and swift fox.

There is another reason why foxes are likely to share our zip code and others dominated by the urban/suburban form of land use: there is little chance they will encounter a wolf or mountain lion, and there are fewer coyotes than in less densely settled areas. In places where predators are larger than themselves, foxes typically cling to the outskirts of the territories of those larger carnivores lest they become a meal. Foxes have their stalkers, too, and a wolverine as well as a wolf would eat one. Golden eagles carry them off regularly. When the top carnivores are no longer around because humans are intolerant of their presence, smaller carnivores often flourish in numbers.

In ecology, this phenomenon goes by the jargo-bit "meso-predator release." Think of mountain lions and wolves or tigers and lions and mega-predators. When they are absent, smaller predators that typically are an order of magnitude less in body mass—i.e. meso-predators—unencumbered by predation risk themselves, see their numbers explode. This release of the predation pressure has severe ecological implications, as a rapid rise in middle-sized predators—in our case foxes, bobcats, weasels, and so forth—take over and put increased pressure on the smaller prey they devour—rodents, birds, amphibians, reptiles, even some beetles.

An offshoot of this ecological scenario occurs when foxes or other meso-predators are introduced to islands or on continents like Australia that never had these species and lack large predators to keep them in

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CJ GIVING TREE PROJECT SPREADS CHEER TO THOSE IN NEED

BY LORI RIECKELMAN
CJ Resident

For the 9th year in a row, CJ residents can help others through the CJ Giving Tree project. This community service effort provides gifts to children and adults in need through SOME (So Others Might Eat). SOME is a Washington, DC interfaith, community-based organization that helps the poor and homeless by providing services, education, training, and shelter.

As before, Cabin John is teaming up with the Brookmont and Glen Echo communities to provide holiday gifts for hundreds of people in SOME's transitional housing. This worthwhile holiday tradition kicks off Sunday, Nov. 24, when the CJ Giving Tree located at the entrance to the Clara Barton Community Center is decorated with dozens of "ornaments." Usually, all ornaments are selected within a week. If you cannot make it to the tree to pick up an ornament and you would like to donate a gift, you can either email *rieckell@aol.com* or call 301-320-6299, and one can be selected for you.

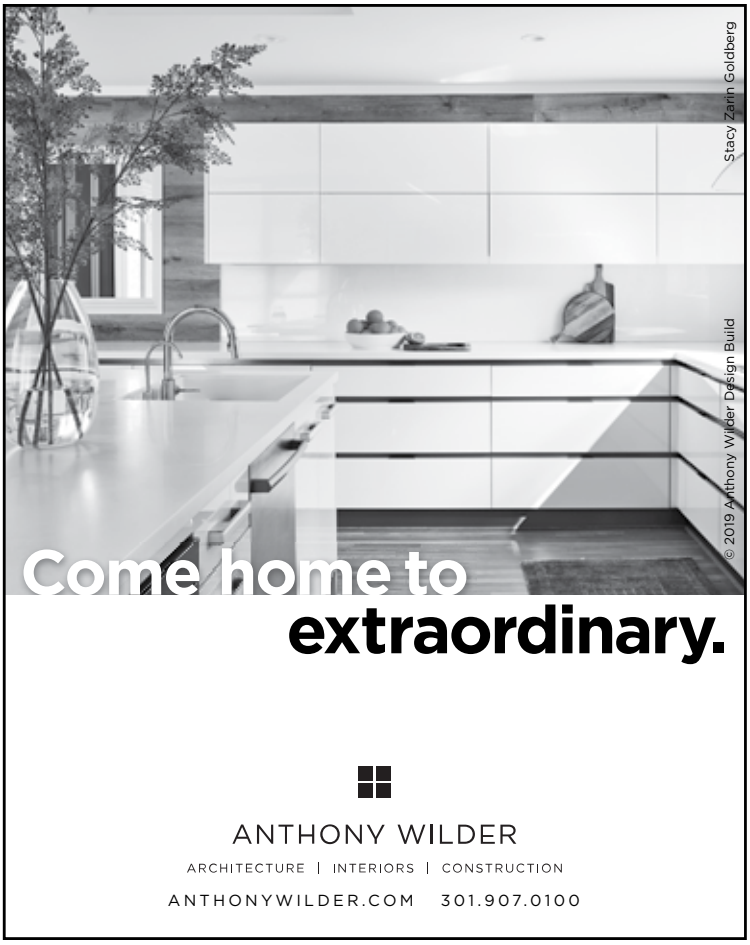
On each paper ornament is the name, gender, and wish list for a child or adult. There will also be instructions for shopping and delivering your purchases. Select an ornament or two and plan to purchase at least one item from the wish list, if possible. Gifts usually range in price from $30 to $50. If purchasing toys, please make sure to include batteries, if needed. No toys of violence will be accepted, and any dolls should be African American. Visa gift cards are great ideas for teenagers!

Ornaments that specify family gifts are for the children's parents who are setting up their homes in SOME's transitional housing. Their requests are simple and straightforward: pots, pans, sheets, comforters, towels, cleaning supplies. Target or Walmart gift cards work well as they allow the parents to select what they need for their home. Other ornaments are for older adults living alone and in need of such basics as warm clothing, Metro cards, and other personal items.

Please do not pick an ornament if you cannot follow through with donating a gift in the time frame specified. In past years, ornaments were picked from the tree but the gifts weren't donated, which creates last minute challenges.

Unwrapped gifts need to be dropped off no later than Dec. 8. This means the Dec. 15 Holiday Party will NOT work for drop-off this year. Instead, your gifts must be brought to Lori Rickelman's house at 6423 79th St. Done your shopping, but having a problem coordinating the drop off? Reach out and we can arrange something.

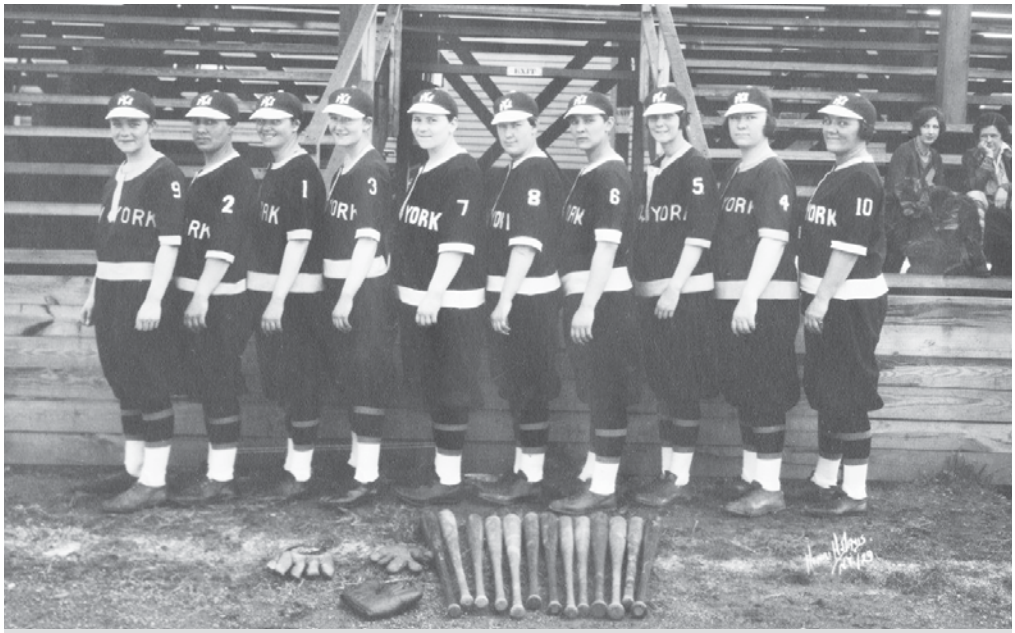
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Girl Wants Ball Job: Evelyn Lynch, Girl Baseball Star

BY RACHEL DONNAN
Regular Contributor



New York Bloomer Girls, 1929. Evelyn Lynch is #6. Photo by Henri Davis. Credit: National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

Long before *A League of Their Own*, we had the girl who was the "Leader in Cabin John Triumph," the girl who "Shows Boys How." As the excitement of the Nationals' 2019 World Series Championship slowly wanes, some baseball stories go unnoticed. This includes one baseball star right in our backyard. Not Walter Johnson, but Evelyn Lynch, who for several years in the early 1930s was a star player for the local Cabin John firemen's baseball team and many others.

Evelyn Lynch was born in 1910 and started playing baseball as a child, a glove in her hand from the time she could walk. Growing up on Conduit Road (now MacArthur Blvd.) on the District line, she played for a number of boys' teams while in elementary school. At the age of 9, she was on the Linworth Insects, a DC boys' team that paid her 50 cents each Saturday for playing catcher. "Reckon I've been a pro a long while," she once joked to a sports writer.

In 1922, an 11-year-old Evelyn beamed from a photo in the *Washington Evening Star* newspaper, the first of many pictures and articles highlighting her baseball ambitions and accomplishments. With hopes of one day catching for Walter Johnson, Washington Senators owner Clark Griffith promised her she just might do so. Though that hope never materialized, Lynch did play a number of games at DC's Griffith Stadium over the course of her career. A 1937 newspaper story boasted a photo montage of Lynch in action, singing the praises of the capital's only female professional baseball player.

When Evelyn was 15, she joined her father at a New York Bloomer Girls game in Bowie. From the 1890s to 1930s, the professional Bloomer Girls baseball teams, named for the loose trousers worn by the female players, "barnstormed" across the country playing local community, semi-pro, and minor league men's teams along the way.

Hundreds of Bloomer Girls teams throughout the country offered young female players a chance at adventure, travel, and a paycheck. At this particular game, Evelyn approached the New York manager and declared, "I'm as good a ball player as any of them."

One successful tryout later and she joined the nationally known New York team for several years. Touring with the team across the U.S., Mexico, and Canada, she not only pitched but played second base and outfield. She returned to the DC area and continued to play for several local sandlot teams, playing "a better game than many men" according to newspapers.

In 1934, Cabin John lucked out and the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department baseball team signed Miss Lynch to play first base. The Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department was organized only a few years earlier, in 1930 during a meeting of residents above Mr. Charles Benson's shop (now Alpine Veterinary Hospital). With the addition of Lynch, the Cabin John team was one of Montgomery County League's top teams. Former Major League player Jack Bentley, who started with the Washington Senators in 1913, noted that "baseball was THE SPORT in Montgomery County at the time."

Lynch may have landed upon Cabin John due to her older brother Douglas, "more familiarly known as the brother of Evelyn Lynch". He was both a resident of Cabin John

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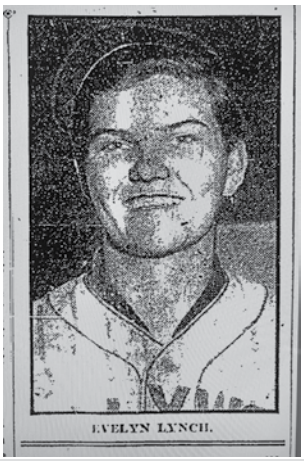


Photo of Evelyn Lynch from The Washington Post*, September 1, 1931.*

and a player on the team. Her debut game with the Cabin John firemen saw Evelyn hit three singles and, together with her faultless outfielding, they won 11-7 over Wheaton. A 1934 matchup against Bethesda A.C. saw Lynch save the game with a line-drive catch in the tenth inning, beating Bethesda by one run.

In 1936, the Cabin John nine won the Montgomery County League title. That summer in 40 games, Lynch batted an awesome .375.

By 1937, Lynch was playing first base for Baltimore's semi-pro Young Men's Sports Club in Sunday doubleheaders. *The Baltimore Sun* noted: "Women find baseball hard to understand and play. There is a certain trick of throwing the ball that usually only men can master. But Miss Lynch hurls a speedy ball and catches well too. One spectator, in the gallery of several hundred, declared she had better baseball form than some of the men."

Evelyn threw right-handed but batted left, and was a natural athlete. "I would rather play ball than eat, but I must work, so I am a telephone operator at a Washington hotel," Evelyn once told a journalist. A May 1937 advertisement in the *Evening Star* sports pages read, "Girl Wants Ball Job. Evelyn Lynch, girl baseball star, is available today to any male team needing a player." VN

LOCAL NATURE: FOXES

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check. In those cases, the meso-predators devastate native birds and marsupials. Foxes are considered a top ten pest species Down Under, spreading across the continent since they were introduced about 150 years ago.

That's why nature is so complicated. Foxes provide so much pleasure to nature lovers where they are native. But they become a scourge in ecosystems in which the species they feed on never evolved an effective suite of anti-predator strategies to prevent their capture by foxes, or, hard to resist saying this, of their being outfoxed.

Still, I am saddened whenever I see a dead fox. Evolution is just a process with no purpose, but I can't help but think that the red fox—graceful, elegant, with a fur coat anyone can envy—marks a pinnacle in aesthetics in the record so far. And when I see one along the Clara Barton Parkway or MacArthur Boulevard, laid out on the pavement, I long to bring back the trolley car that used to run to our hamlet from DC. The slower pace would be safer for adults, children—and foxes. VN

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MOSES HALL CLEANUP

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and detailed how she is compiling a list of members from Moses Hall records from the early 1990s as well as the minutes of tabernacle meetings and death notices from funeral homes that operated at that time.

Another attendee, Eileen McGuckian, director of the county non-profit Montgomery Preservation and the project director for the 2018 County Inventory of Cemeteries, explained that Moses Hall is site #226 on the county website inventory of cemeteries. She recommended reaching out to the Coalition to Protect Burial Sites, which helps map cemeteries throughout Maryland and has grants of up to $2,000 for preservation, and talking to the African American Genealogical Association for help in searching records. She also noted that the best time to do cleanup work is between October and April, when a lot of underbrush has died off.

In addition to ownership, there are several levels of approval needed to receive historic designation. These were outlined by Brian Crane, head of historic preservation of the Montgomery County Planning Board. Crane also informed the group that the county has some budget to train people in basic cemetery conservation and hopes to hold a workshop in the coming year. Charlotte said that some state money may be available to preserve African American sites, including cemeteries.

Anyone interested in helping with Moses Hall cemetery restoration and preservation should contact Charlotte at *troupleighton@gmail.com*.

2020 CJ DIRECTORY

In other business, President Susan Shipp proposed that CJCA enter a contract with AtoZ Connect to jointly produce Cabin John's 2020 community directory.

Key features of the new directory will include:

- Inclusion of cell phone numbers and email addresses
- Continued reverse look-up section (by street address)
- A password-protected electronic version for mobile phones

AtoZ, which is best known for its production of school directories throughout the Washington, DC area, guarantees that all data is stored securely and nothing is shared with outsiders. The CJCA will pay $5,000 for 1,000 directories and will receive 10 percent of the advertising revenue generated by the print directory and online app.

As with previous directories, every CJ household will receive a directory free of charge. The proposal was unanimously approved. The aim is to have the new directory distributed in the summer of 2020.

Marcy Harrison of Cypress Grove Lane has agreed to spearhead this effort, and she could use help! If you are interested in helping on this project, please reach out to Marcy at *marcyharrison@earthlink.net*. VN

NOV MEETING PREVIEW

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deer management efforts, please come to the Nov. 20 CJCA meeting, where the speaker will be Ryan Butler, a wildlife ecologist who is the Wildlife Ecology & Management Unit Leader for Montgomery Parks. A 15-year veteran with the wildlife group, Mr. Butler has been a primary lead on deer management efforts for most of that time. The meeting will start promptly at 7:30 pm and run until 8:45 pm.

Mr. Butler has been asked to speak to the following:

• What is the county's assessment of the deer population problem in the Cabin John Stream Valley Park?

• Have any archery hunts been held here and, if so, what was the outcome?

• What else might be done to better control

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the deer population in this area?
With regard to the large deer population throughout Montgomery County:

- What kind of success is the county having with its various deer management efforts?
- What is most effective? How effective is the archery program?
- Have there been any hunting accidents in conjunction with the managed deer efforts?
- What about using reproductive control?
- What else might the county consider in the future to address deer overpopulation?
- Winter is coming up. Is there anything we can do if we are out walking and see a deer that looks to be starving? VN

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Please consider signing on as the volunteer business manager for *The Village News*. Nalini Kumar, who has done an excellent job in this role since 2018, needs to step down. Thank you Nalini for your commitment to this important job!

The *Village News* business manager typically spends six or so hours a month coordinating with advertisers and managing the mailing list. This position is also responsible for invoicing subscribers and advertisers on a calendar-year billing cycle using a new electronic invoice and tracking system.

If you are organized, a good communicator, and comfortable using Microsoft Excel and Google Drive, we could really use your help! Please contact Noelle Tower at *VNeditorial@gmail.com* to learn more. VN

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TAI CHI Class
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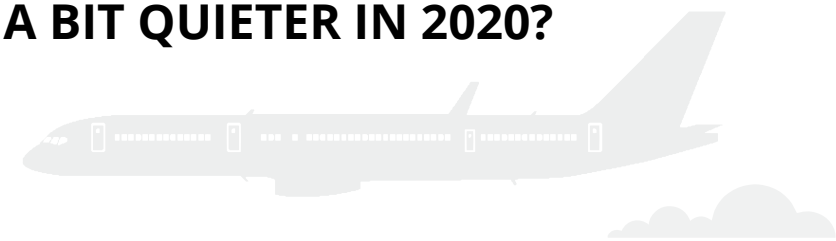
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COULD CABIN JOHN SKIES BE A BIT QUIETER IN 2020?

BY SUSAN SHIPP
CJCA President



After three years of dogged effort by the Montgomery County Quiet Skies Coalition, strong prodding by Congressman Jamie Raskin, Senator Chris Van Hollen and other local, state and federal officials, and a fortuitous assist from the Secret Service, the FAA is working on a new route for roughly 40 percent of the planes that fly over Montgomery County communities when they leave Reagan National Airport. The new procedure aims to put those departing planes equal distance between residential areas in Maryland and Virginia.

Currently, when planes out of DCA fly over county communities for destinations to the west and south, they generally are directed to fly a relatively straight line from the DC Palisades neighborhood to a point near the Avenel neighborhood and beyond. This departure route keeps planes over county neighborhoods from Brookmont through Potomac.

The pending change would have planes take a "left turn" to follow the Potomac river where it bends near Chain Bridge. Planes on this route would then fly over less populated areas like the CIA and the David Taylor Model Basin. If the FAA keeps to its schedule, the new route would come into play mid-2020 and CJ residents could experience some relief from the incessant airplane noise overhead.

Unfortunately, this new procedure does nothing for those Montgomery County communities affected by planes that are departing to eastern and northern destinations. The coalition and Montgomery County's representatives on the DCA Community Working Group continue to push for noise mitigation solutions for those routes. Working Group members are also pressing the FAA to address the extremely concentrated arrival flight paths over the county when aircraft are flying south to land at DCA.

While a full-scale victory is elusive, the coalition's indefatigable leaders and volunteers have made impressive progress in its first three years by:

• Presenting concerns about wrongful

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WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Continue to attend coalition meetings! Sign up for alerts at *www.MocoQuietSkies.org*. Elected officials and their staff members attend these meetings. **Attendance matters.**

Donate funds or time — For the first two plus years of its existence, a handful of dedicated volunteers paid thousands of dollars out of pocket to cover transportation costs to regional meetings, travel expenses for national symposiums, filing costs for incorporation, etc.

With its charitable status, the organization is counting on donations to cover these expenses. Tax-deductible donations can be sent to: MCQSC Ltd., P.O. Box 131, Glen Echo, MD 20812. Checks should be payable to: MCQSC Ltd.

The coalition also needs more volunteers for community outreach and more. Email *membership@mocoquietskies.org* to find out ways you can help.

File noise complaints, especially if you never have before! Directions are on the coalition's website at www.mocoquietskies.org under the "Take Action" tab.

The coalition was able to energize elected officials when they shared Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) data showing jumps in noise complaints filed by a growing number of county residents. Unfortunately, that is no longer happening in Cabin John.

Between 2016 and 2017, when the coalition was getting underway, the 20818 zip code went from 35 people filing 72 complaints to 132 individuals filing 1,397 complaints! In 2018, only 56 CJ residents filed a total of 965 complaints. **For the first nine months of 2019, only 34 people from Cabin John took the time to file complaints.** Once you have completed the one-time sign-up form, it takes just 30 second to file a complaint at *https://viewpoint.bksv.com/dca3*.

The FAA is counting on communities giving up the fight. We need to keep a sustained effort of citizen complaints. Noise complaints are key to keeping the FAA and elected officials at the table working on solutions. By registering a complaint, you are letting officials know that Cabin John needs relief from the relentless onslaught of unhealthy noise and emissions created by the more than 11,000 planes flying over Cabin John EACH MONTH! VN

QUIET SKIES

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procedure changes to the Maryland Attorney General and the Governor's office, resulting in the state filing a lawsuit challenging the FAA's changes to approach procedures into DCA.

• Building strong relationships with county, state and congressional elected officials, prompting the county to provide financial support for much needed technical expertise and noise studies and state and federal representatives to launch initiatives combating airplane noise.

• Providing critical support to the Working Group's Montgomery County representatives, including Cabin Johners William Noonan and Susan Shipp.

• Attending technical conferences and meeting with community groups at other airports, sharing information and providing leadership to encourage activism around the country.

• Evolving the coalition into a multi-community 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization that has become nationally known and respected. VN

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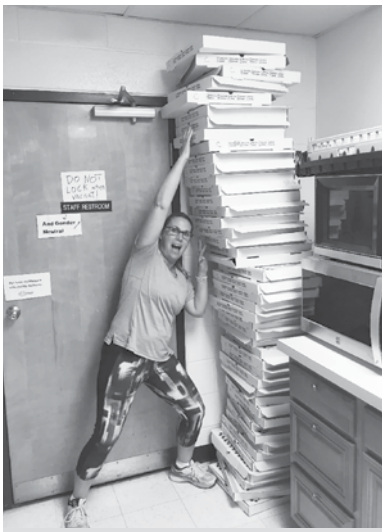
Jan Iris Smith, Mary Tyszkeiwicz, Melanie Patt-Corner, and Leslie Barden shared spooky fortunes at this year's Haunted House.

They say that being frightened increases one's appetite. Proof of that are the 45 pizzas that were eaten during the 14th annual Halloween Haunted House held Oct. 27 at the Clara Barton Community Center.

During the two-hour free event, 268 kids and adults made their way through the Scary Path, past the Soul Catcher (courtesy of Joe Lombardo), the Witches Cauldron, and the fortune tellers. Some were still were frozen with fear while reading the headlines in the Adult Scary tent.

The Haunted House is a joint effort between Friends of the Clara Barton Community Center (FCBCC) (*www.friendscbcc.org)* and the Montgomery County Dept. of Recreation. Many thanks to the student volunteers who provided direction and scary materials, and earned SSL credits for their efforts.

Thanks also to Barry Jones, the director of the Community Center, and his team for providing tents, drapes, and staff to help out. Special thanks to Jan Iris Smith, Mary Tyszkeiwicz, Melanie Patt-Corner, and Leslie Barden for sharing their talents as fortune tellers this year. VN



Stace Kimmel holds up the "Leaning Tower of Pizza Boxes."



Halloween Fun in CJ



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CJ kids enjoy Halloween trick or treating despite bad weather.



CJCA President Susan Shipp greets trick or treaters Sophia Campante and Mia Minshew.



Jillian Sidel and the 79th St. Witch



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Thanks to YOU we exceeded our goal, collecting a total of 108 pints this year! At the March 3 drive, 33 pints were collected from 37 donors. On May 12, 36 donors registered, resulting in 33 pints donated. Thanks in part to an Inova World Series ticket promotion, the Oct. 20 drive saw 45 donors registering, with 42 pints collected!

A big thanks to all who have participated in or volunteered at the Cabin John blood drives in 2019 and previous years. Since 2001, the CJCA has held 54 drives, collecting more than 2,100 pints. VN

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Filmmaker Seeks Old Photos of Glen Echo Park

Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Ilana Tractman is in search of photos and film that will help her tell the civil rights story of Glen Echo Amusement Park. She and her team are particularly interested in images or video taken during the summer of 1960 when Bannockburn residents, Howard University students, and others protested the segregated park. It was officially integrated March 1961.

Tractman also is interested in any video or photos of daily life in the area during the 1940s and 1950s. Please take a look in boxes in the attic, old scrapbooks, and elsewhere for anything of that vintage. If your material is relevant but on an old format, they will cover the transfer cost and return your original copy, along with a new digitized copy. To share your images, please contact *RubyPicturesArchival@gmail.com*. VN

TOM GREEN: OF THIS WORLD EXHIBITION

Cabin Johners have an opportunity to view a sampling of the works of acclaimed artist Tom Green, long-time Cabin John resident who died in 2012 from Lou Gehrig's disease. The exhibition, Of This World, is being hosted by Addison Ripley Fine Art in Georgetown through Nov. 30.



A "gyph" painting from legendary CJ and DC artist Tom Green, who passed away in 2012.

Tom's wife, Linda Green of Tomlinson Ave., and daughter, Kathryn Wichmann of DC, were very involved in curating the exhibit. The opening Oct. 19 was well attended by CJ residents.

The exhibit features works from 1971 to 2011 that represent "four bodies of interconnected visual explorations": the Biomorphics, the Black and Whites, the Narratives, and the Glyphs. The "glyph" paintings were described in the Oct. 2012 Village News as large, colorful, and enigmatic works containing figures resembling letters from a mysterious alphabet.

Considered one of the leading artists of his generation working in Washington DC, Tom received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, and his work was shown in more than 80 solo and group exhibitions throughout the country, including the Whitney and Guggenheim museums in New York. VN

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Community Center Budget Challenges
With the center's operating budget cut for the second year in a row, Friends of the Clara Barton Community Center hopes CJ residents will help the center. Please see story on page 7.

NOV

20
CJCA Meeting
7:30 PM
Community Center

28
CJ Turkey Trot
9:00 AM
CJ Local Park
Community Center



DEC

8
Community Center Craft Show
1:00 - 5:00 PM
Community Center

15
CJ Holiday Party
5:00 pm to 7:00 PM
Community Center