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There is NO PCA General Meeting in January.

In February:

- Tuesday, February 5
- 7:30 PM
- Palisades Recreation Center
- Emergency Preparedness

Anthrax Update

Excerpts from a bulletin dated October 30, 2001 from Mayor Anthony Williams:

"I want you to understand that we in District government are doing all we can to protect our employees from Anthrax sent through the mail and keep residents informed with up-to-date information.

- The DC Department of Health has established a 24-hour toll-free hotline to provide callers with answers to questions about Anthrax exposure and treatment. The number is 1-866-501-1097.

- The DC Department of Mental Health has made mental health counselors available at DC General for people who are experiencing stress as a result of terrorism-related incidents. The Department of Mental Health also has a 24-hour toll-free hotline available to assist callers in crisis. That number is 1-888-WE-HELP (793-4357). The Department is also available to provide consultation to city agencies and community organizations on how to manage stress and fear with children. The number to call for this assistance is (202) 364-3422.

- The DC web site has been updated with a special page related to frequently

Traffic Concerns are Front and Center

December 12, 2001 Traffic Committee Report (excerpted)

Palisades Traffic Study

DMJM Harris Co, the consultants hired by the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), outlined the study on November 26 at Mt. Vernon College. The purpose of the study is to examine existing traffic conditions, determine short- and long-term improvements to reduce traffic congestion, improve traffic, pedestrian and bicycle safety, protect residential streets from traffic impacts, speeding traffic and safety issues. The study has begun and work will be completed and a final report issued in February of 2002.

Field School

Work on widening Foxhall Road will begin in February 2002. Jersey barriers will be placed on Foxhall, first on the school side and then on the Belgian Embassy side to protect workers during the process. The road will be somewhat narrowed by the barriers but they are necessary for safety purposes.

Mt. Vernon College

Work has begun on the Whitehaven Parkway entrance. When the light at Whitehaven Parkway and Foxhall Road is installed, the college will move its main entrance to this site permanently and use the W Street entrance for visitors.

Ward 3 Traffic Committee

Committee members met with Commander Newsham at the Second Police District to discuss enforcement issues. A follow up meeting in February will be held to discuss the effectiveness of the target areas. The Commander asked that each ANC furnish him with six sites a month for targeted enforcement. ANC3D4 Commissioner John Finney suggested these sites for December:

1. MacArthur Boulevard 5400-5800 blocks, speeding
2. Arizona Avenue 2800-3100 blocks, speeding
3. Foxhall and MacArthur, AM rush hour, officer on foot ready to direct traffic
4. Crosswalk at MacArthur and U, pedestrian safety
5. Loughboro from Arizona Ave. to Dalecarlia, speeding
6. W Street between Foxhall and 48th, speeding

We will continue to have the support of the Speed Enforcement Cars on MacArthur and Arizona. Lt. Patrick Burke informed the task force that between August 6 and November 26, 116,329 tickets were issued compared to 10,000 tickets issued by officers in all of 2000. In Ward 3, during the same time period 15,529 tickets have been issued: 2,569 tickets on Arizona, 3,768 tickets on MacArthur, 4,327 on Western Avenue and 1,384 tickets on Cleveland Avenue. There has been a drop in the numbers of tickets

on the BULLETIN BOARD

- Sunday, December 30: **DPW's Fall Leaf Collection Program** in the Palisades west of Chain Bridge Road, rake leaves into your curbside treebox space (NOT IN THE STREET) or bag them and place in the alley with your trash, 727-1000 or www.dpw.washingtondc.gov.
- Tuesday, January 1: **6th Annual Palisades Inertiad**, 9 AM, Capital Crescent Trail on the bridge behind Dalecarlia Aqueduct, bring any form of non-motorized, wheeled transportation, register at emdolan@erols.com, with "inertiad" in the subject box.
- Wednesday, January 2: **ANC3D meeting**, 7:30 PM, Sibley's Ernst Auditorium.
- Thursday, January 3: **FreshStart Smoking Cessation Program**, 4-week class on Thursday evenings, 6-7 PM, Sibley's Private Dining Room #3, free, 537-4500 to register.
- Friday, January 4: **Local musician Chuck Dorfer performs** at Barnes and Noble, 8-10 PM, 4801 Bethesda Avenue, free, 301-986-1761.
- Saturday, January 5 – 27: **Discovery Creek Children's Museum "Urban Safari" and Drop-In Weekend Program**, Sat 10 AM-3 PM & Sun Noon-3 PM, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., for adults and children ages 2-11, \$4 per person, 301-364-3111.
- Sunday, January 6: **Norwood School Open House**, K-8, 8821 River Road, free, 301-841-2595.
- Sunday, January 6: **National Chamber Orchestra**, 3 PM, Stathmore Hall Arts Center, 10701 Rockville Pike, \$22, 301-530-0540.
- Tuesday, January 8: The American University Institute For Learning in Retirement is offering a **free lecture series** for four weeks in January on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 AM-Noon beginning the week of January 8, 885-3920 or www.american.edu/ilr.
- Wednesday, January 9: **introductory computer class**, 10-11 AM, Palisades Library, 282-3139 to register.
- Wednesday, January 9: **PCA Board meeting**, 7:30 PM, The Lab School, open to all.
- Tuesday, January 15: **The Palisades Stamp Club**, 7:30 PM, Palisades Library.
- Wednesday, January 16 – February 24: **The Puppet Company Playhouse presents "The Velveteen Rabbit"**, Wed, Thu & Fri, 10 & 11:30 AM, Sat & Sun, 11:30 AM & 1 PM, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd.,

\$5, 301-320-6668.

Thursday, January 17: **The Palisades Garden Club**, 7:30 PM, 966-5430.

Saturday, January 19 – February 24: **Adventure Theater presents "Rapunzel"**, Sat & Sun, 1:30 & 3:30 PM, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., \$6, 301-320-5331.

Tuesday, January 22: **The Palisades Book Club**, 7:30 PM, Palisades Library.

Wednesday, January 23: **introductory computer class**, 10-11 AM, Palisades Library, 282-3139 to register.

Town Meeting on Emergency Preparedness

Mayor Anthony Williams told Ward 3 residents that the challenge for our city after the events of September 11 and the anthrax cases is "to rise up and show we are undeterred and undaunted." Williams spoke Dec. 4 at a town meeting on emergency preparedness held by Ward 3 City Councilmember Kathy Patterson. He told a crowd of more than 200 people at St. Columba's Church that "we are not going to be holed up in a closet." At the same time, he added, "we are going to be vigilant and prepared."

Residents also heard from Peter LaPorte, Director, Emergency Management Agency (EMA); Chief Charles Ramsey, Metropolitan Police Dept.; Chief Ronnie Few, Fire & Emergency Medical Services; Margret Kellems, deputy mayor for public safety; Dr. Larry Siegel, Department of Health; Dan Tangerlini, Dept. of Transportation and Pat Fiel, Chief of Security for DC Public Schools.

Williams said the city's response plan has been expanded with new subcommittees in place for critical areas which include new ways for handling emergencies, getting information to the public and implementing traffic controls that change signals to more easily move traffic in congested areas in emergencies. Councilmember Patterson, who chairs the Council's Judiciary Committee, serves as the DC Council's designated representative to the Mayor's emergency preparedness task force.

LaPorte encouraged residents to have a family emergency plan, including picking a meeting spot, keeping family records safe and getting a radio that picks up emergency information. As one example, he suggested people pick someone with a long-distance phone number who would be a designated source for family and friends to call in an emergency, because long-distance calls sometimes get through when local phone lines are congested.

The DC EMA has put together "A Family Preparedness Guide" with specific information for dealing with emergencies. Copies are available from EMA and from the Office of City Councilmember Patterson, 724-8062).

—Penny Pagano

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PRESIDENT'S DESK



I have a favor to ask. I need each person reading this column to think about households and businesses among your neighbors that are not members of PCA, and I need each person to speak to someone in those households and businesses about joining

PCA. "Each one bring one," as the saying goes.

I am asking you this because member households and businesses do two critical things for PCA. Most obviously, their dues provide the Association with the money it needs to continue to operate on everyone's behalf. But equally important – and much less realized – is that strong membership rolls provide a powerful legitimacy to PCA's voice.

We have work on some serious issues coming up in the next year – combined sewer overflows, the Ward 3 traffic plan, aircraft noise abatement, just to name a few. The PCA position and representational power is a function of the number of people we represent. That is evident when I tell people with

whom PCA deals that we represent over 1,100 households and businesses in the Palisades. The impact is clear. They sit up and take notice.

I would genuinely like to double the size of our membership in the coming year. I think that is a reachable goal – with your help.

As a corollary to the effort to double the size of the membership, I want to do more to add value to both business and household memberships. PCA's advocacy work is often invisible and sometimes intangible. I'd like to see more real benefits for members – in the form of increased business for our business members and, perhaps, discounts at areas businesses for our household members. To that end, I'm interested in hearing from anyone who has an interest in working on a Membership Benefits Committee. Please contact me at erik.gaul@palisadesdc.org if this is of interest to you.

Let me close by wishing each of you a happy, safe, and joyous New Year. May 2002 be a better year for us all.

--Erik Gaull

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asked questions (FAQs) on Anthrax at www.dc.gov.

The best way we can protect ourselves is to be on the lookout for suspicious mail. The USPS and the FBI have issued several advisories on identifying and dealing with suspicious mail. Following is a summary of these advisories:

What should make someone suspect a piece of mail?

It's unexpected or from someone you don't know, it's addressed to someone no longer at the address or to just a title, it's handwritten and has no return address or bears one that you can't confirm is legitimate, it's lopsided or lumpy in appearance, it's sealed with excessive amounts of tape, it's marked with restrictive endorsements such as "Personal" or "Confidential", it has excessive postage, it has oily stains, discolorations, or odors.

What should you do with a suspicious piece of mail?

Don't handle a letter or package that you suspect is contaminated, don't shake it, open it, empty it, bump it, or sniff it, wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water, notify law enforcement authorities.

What should you do if powder spills from a piece of mail?

Do not try to clean up the substance, cover the spilled

contents immediately with anything (e.g., paper, clothing, etc.) and do not remove the cover, leave the room and close the door, instruct co-workers and others not to enter the area, wash your hands with soap and water, and notify law enforcement authorities."

July 4 Patrons and Sponsors

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Palisades Image Center
Rock Creek International School
Sibley Memorial Hospital**

**Delbe Real Estate, Inc.
The Ann Hand Collection
Listrani's
MacArthur Liquors
Makoto Restaurant
Parker's Exxon**

Rain Doesn't Dampen Spirits, Sales

In spite of a cold and rainy weekend, Luminary Sales raised \$2200 on December 8-9. Luminary supplies are donated by local businesses so all of the proceeds go to The Palisades Community Fund for neighborhood projects. Thanks to Acadia Contractors for sand, Giant Food for white bags, Safeway for candles, Wild Bird Center for carrying bags, and HallMarks for flyer design.

The weather was beautiful for Luminary Night itself on Saturday, December 15. It was lovely to see the candle-lit lanterns brightening individual homes and entire blocks, and to realize that each light represented a commitment to the Palisades community, as well as a tribute to victims of September 11.

Special thanks to all the homes that participated in Luminary Night, and to the following volunteers: Paul Jeffs of Acadia Contractors not only for donating sand, but for rigging a fly to keep us dry during the sales weekend; Cary Ridder for single handedly sorting 6000 bags; Lynn Brownell for sorting candles; the Hanson, Truitt/Hoffman, and Stockton families for distributing flyers; and Nancy and David Hammond, Joan Roshkosh, Judith Dollenmayer, Anthony McKinney, Eric Gaull, Pat Hevner, John Hays, Bill Schallenberg, and Gregory and Jess McKillop for braving the weather and making the sales weekend fun and successful. Many thanks also to Key School parents for sharing their space with us at the Tree Sale.

If you would like to help organize Luminary Night next year, or have ideas regarding the event, please contact me at 966-6995 or anngince@aol.com.

—Anni Ince-McKillop



Luminary Night sales volunteers, clockwise from far left: David Hammond bagging sand; Gregory and Jess McKillop; event organizer Anni Ince-McKillop and Nancy Hammond; and PCA President Erik Gaull with Palisades Community Fund President Judith Dollenmayer.

Aircraft Noise During "Emergency Status"

On December 5, Erik Gaull and I met with senior officials of the Federal Aviation Authority to discuss aircraft noise over the Palisades. Bill Peacock, FAA Director of Air Traffic, made three points of interest to Palisades's residents. We have Erik's intervention to thank for an appointment at such a high level.

1. It is his opinion that, when and if terrorism alerts become less frequent, the White House, Secret Service, NSC, and Department of Transportation, which are the decision-making organizations for air space security over Washington, may consider reinstating some of the noise abatement procedures in effect before September 11 over our neighborhood.

2. The 10 PM to 7 AM curfew at Reagan National, a voluntary procedure before September 11 but increasingly honored in the breach, could become permanent.

3. Full-throttle take-offs, the cause of much of the increased aircraft noise over the neighborhood since September 11, improve security for two reasons. First, full throttle take offs move planes up and out of the area faster. Second, the steep angle of ascent makes it difficult for a terrorist or hijacker to move up the aisle towards the cockpit, particularly if intercepted by a sky marshal. Peacock said that full throttle take offs make a greater contribution to security than use of the 328 radial.

FAA officials believe that the use of aircraft with hush kits (hush kits upgrade Stage Two engines to meet Stage Three noise abatement requirements) would continue to diminish because these older aircraft are expensive to operate. Before September 11, DC-9s, B-727s, B-373-100s and 300s, and older model MD-80s, all equipped with hush kits, were a major cause of noise over the Palisades. To express opposition to the use of hush kits, please write Andrea Newman, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs, Northwest Airlines, 901 15th St, NW, Suite 310, DC 20005; Mark Anderson, Senior Director, Government Affairs, United Airlines, 1025 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 1210, DC 20036; or Scott Yohe, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs, Delta Airlines, 1275 K Street NW, Suite 1200, DC 20005.

Some neighbors have asked about the availability of Federal funds for soundproofing and double-glazed windows. In a December 12 conversation with MWAA, I was told that 1) such funds are appropriated by Congress, held by the FAA, and distributed to airports that have special needs; 2) to qualify for funds, airports must complete Part 150 studies showing a compelling need (for a definition of a Part 150 study, see the November PCA Newsletter); and 3) if the past is a guide, areas with day-night noise levels at 65 decibels or lower do not qualify. Prior to September 11, the Galena Place measuring station typically

registered under 62, suggesting that the Palisades neighborhood does not qualify.

Another interesting point emerged in the same conversation. The National Environmental Policy Act holds that noise abatement plans can be scuttled when an "emergency status" exists, as is now the case. After the emergency status no longer exists, however, the noise abatement plans must be reinstated unless an environmental policy study of the affected area finds otherwise. This point supports Bill Peacock's opinion described in item 1 above and is potentially good news for the Palisades.

—David Gries, PCA Aircraft Noise Chair

Protest Transfer of Hardy Rec Center Director

It was recently announced that in early January the DC Department of Parks and Recreation intends to transfer the popular and effective director, Ms. Ireatha Robinson, from Hardy Rec Center to another post. (We think it's not a promotion, but rather administrative reshuffling of longer-term employees, similar to that which took place at the Palisades Rec Center.) After years of poor management at Hardy, the community has at last found a warm, cooperative, efficient staff director in Robinson, who's been with us for little more than two years. She'd like to stay.

This community has raised more than \$20,000 to buy new playground equipment and help restore the playing field at Hardy — we all have a stake in this ill-considered decision to transfer an effective longtime employee without cause. The newly sodded ball field reopens to play in 2002, and lots of new program ideas are in the works; it's time to build on a good relationship, not orient a new director.

Friends of Hardy, Hardy Playground Pals, and the Foxhall Citizens Association all object to Robinson's removal. On taking office as DCDPR director, Neil Albert pledged to work with the community closely. Let's help him do that. Please contact Mr. Albert personally and urge him to keep Ireatha Robinson as director at Hardy.

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—Judith Dollenmayer

neighborhood NOTICES

The **DMV opened a new customer service center** on December 3 at The Shops at Georgetown Park on M Street. It is on the lower level of the mall. Services available at this new location include driver's license renewal, registration renewal, residential parking permit issuance and driver's record issuance. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 10 AM-6 PM and Saturday from 10 AM-4 PM.

To arrange to show **Sibley's volunteer slideshow** to your small group (book club, etc.), email janbohlen@aol.com.

The Palisades Community Church held a **Bible Reading Marathon** beginning Sunday, December 30. Beginning with the book of Genesis and reading continuously to Revelation, volunteers read an hour or more each. This is the second continuous oral reading that PCC has sponsored; the last one was in 1993.

The **Palisades Library Children's Room** has the following schedule (no programs Tues. Jan 1): Time for Two's, Tuesdays at 10:30 AM; Babytime, Age 6-18 mos, Wednesdays at 10:30 AM; Storytime, Ages 3-6, Tuesdays at 4 PM. Call 282-3113 to register.

St Patrick's Episcopal Day School made a presentation at the PCA General Membership Meeting in December about **an acquisition proposal for the Victorian house for sale at the corner of MacArthur Boulevard and Ashby Place**. If you would like to receive a copy of the information presented at the meeting or have any questions related to this matter, please contact Mr. Peter Barrett, head of school, at 342-2804 or barrett@stpatsdc.org.

The PCA has a new relationship with students at GWU Mount Vernon Campus. The relationship is intended to improve communication between the two organizations and to provide student services to PCA members (light handyman work, dog care, babysitting, computer tutorials, etc). The program will be unveiled shortly on the PCA website. In the meantime, please contact the student liaisons with questions and ideas at MountVernon@onebox.com or 777-2641 x8010.

Visit our **partner community association's website** at www.hillcrest.org.

BOOK CORNER

Book Corner is a new, recurring item from Ruth Samuel. Samuel was the initial Director of The Community Preschool of the Palisades and taught 4 and 5 year olds at Beauvoir and NCRC. She currently works in the book department at Treetop Toys and Books on New Mexico Avenue.

Guest appearance this month by Zoe Hall. Zoe lives in the Palisades with her parents and brothers, Kit and Keagan. She is a 5th grader at Key School and an avid reader.

Zoe and I read a very exciting mystery, [Time Waits for No Mouse](#) by Michael Hoeye. We recommend it for fifth, sixth and seventh grade boys and girls. There is suspense, mystery, intrigue, and a little romance. Our hero is Hermux Tantamoq, a mouse on a mission. Hermux is a watchmaker living a quiet life until Ms. Linka Perflinger (a mouse aviator/adventuress) drops off her watch to be repaired and turns his life topsy-turvy. There are ruthless lab rats, a tricky mole, a pet ladybug and an eccentric cosmetics tycoon. This book is an intricate story of suspense and deceit. It is a "page turner". Zoe read it in one day and declared, "I loved it"! [Time Waits for No Mouse](#) will be available starting January 28, 2002.

—Ruth Samuel

MacArthur Boulevard: to R1B or not to R1B

Our community has always considered MacArthur Boulevard, once lined with stately arching American Elms, a true environmental asset of the Palisades. Thanks to Sally Fallon's efforts in initiating the MacArthur Boulevard Beautification Committee, much of the ambiance of this grand street has been preserved. Virtually all of MacArthur is designated residential zoning R1-B, with pockets of commercial activity contained and confined to specific blocks where they hopefully serve the neighborhood best. (Many of us fondly remember the District Grocery at the corner of Dana Place and MacArthur and the Northwind Diner across the street.) But a few zoning anomalies have occurred over the years and, in my opinion, now is the time to develop a community vision for MacArthur in keeping with the Ward 3 Comprehensive Plan and our community's recent Cluster 13 submission to the Mayor's Neighborhood Action Summit. This vision will then guide our decision-making as to how far we wish to deviate from residential R1-B zoning and how proposed changes will add to or detract from the quality of life along the MacArthur corridor.

—Nick Kauffman, PCA Environment Chair

The Potomac Conservancy and the Palisades

Did you know that you live next door to the wildest river that passes through a major metropolitan area anywhere in the world? Or that our neighborhood forms part of the second largest watershed on the East Coast, encompassing 14,670 square miles and spanning four states and the District of Columbia? Or that just down the hill from us are a training ground for Olympic paddlers and a recreation destination for bikers, hikers, birders, fishermen, and other outdoors enthusiasts and nature lovers? If so, you know how fortunate you are to live on the banks of the Potomac River.

In recent years, an organization dedicated entirely to protecting and enhancing the natural, scenic, recreational, and historic qualities of the Potomac River and its watershed lands has come into existence: The Potomac Conservancy.

According to the Conservancy, the single most important factor determining the health of the Potomac River is the condition of the land that surrounds it. The Conservancy works to permanently protect land with conservation value to enhance the river today and for future generations. It works to ensure that the Potomac can support an abundance of fish and wildlife; is safe for drinking and recreation; enhances our cultural and natural heritage; contributes to a strong, sustainable economy; and improves the quality of life for all who live within its reach. In addition to protecting land through conservation easements, the Conservancy works in partnership with groups and citizen associations, the National Park Service, and others to organize community action programs that provide education, outreach, and action opportunities for all residents of the Potomac watershed. These activities help to restore degraded lands, protect sensitive habitats, improve water quality, and enhance recreational opportunities.

On November 3, the Palisades community, the Potomac Conservancy and the National Park Service organized such a “community action program” to plant more than 25 trees on a degraded section of a local access path to the Capital Crescent Trail. Erosion control and habitat enhancement were the main objective of the project, and only native plants were used. Among the plantings are serviceberries, also known as “shadbush” or “shad-blow” because they bloom with small white flowers each spring at about the time the shad begins their annual spawning runs up the rivers along the East Coast, including the Potomac.

The Potomac Conservancy is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that deserves the support of residents living in the Palisades. To learn more about the Conservancy or to participate

CRIME WATCH

Mid November to Mid December 2001

The Palisades neighborhood experienced little serious crime over the past month, although car thefts appear to be a problem. Cars were stolen from the following locations in recent weeks: the 4700 block of Dexter Street, the 5300 block of Macomb Street, and the 5200 block of Loughboro Road. Car thieves also attempted to take autos in the 5500 and 5800 blocks of Potomac Avenue and the 5400 block of Sherier Place. There were two burglaries—one at a restaurant in the 5400 block of MacArthur Boulevard and the other in the 4400 block of Reservoir Road. Thefts were reported in the 4800 and 5900 blocks of MacArthur, and thefts from cars were reported in the 4500 block of Indian Rock Terrace and the 4800 block of Dexter Street. Police logged a simple assault in the park at 5100 Sherier Place, and verbal threats at a house in the 5400 block of MacArthur.

--Eliot Marshall

Spend Winter Evenings with Some Interesting People

The Palisades Library has a large, wide ranging selection of biographies. Recent additions to the collection include the very popular John Adams by David McCullough, My Wars are Laid Away in Books: the Life of Emily Dickinson by Alfred Habegger, American Chica: Two Worlds, One Childhood by Washington Post Book Editor Maria Arana, and Ariel's Gift: Ted Hughes, Sylvia Plath and the Story of Birthday Letters by Erica Wagner.

The Children's Room recently acquired The Land by Mildred Taylor, a prequel to her popular, classic novel Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry for young adults ages 12–16. For a bit younger reader, The Children's Room suggests Samir and Yonatan by Daniella Carmi, a novel about a young boy from the West Bank who is sent to a hospital in Israel for surgery and forms bonds with the Israeli children in his ward, ages 10–13. For the youngest readers, we have these new picture books: I will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato by Lauren Child and The Three Pigs by David Wiesner.

--Lucy Thrasher

in their ongoing community action programs, call Matt Berres, Director of Community Action, (703) 276-2777 or www.potomac.org.

—Sally Strain

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issued monthly since the Speed Enforcement Program began in August.

At the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Ward 3 Traffic Task Force it was learned that the light at the intersection of Foxhall and Whitehaven will not be installed until the third quarter of FY2003. No reason for the delay was given.

Lt. Scott Dignan

Lt. Dignan was assigned to PSA 203 (Palisades, Spring Valley, Wesley Heights and Foxhall Village) at the end of November. He grew up in Glover Park and is very enthusiastic about his new assignment. We expect to meet regularly with him and welcome his arrival. Lt. Dignan can be reached at 996-8110 or scottdignan@netscape.net.

St. Patrick's School Expansion

St. Patrick's School has alerted the community that it bid

on the property located at Ashby and MacArthur, the former Psychoanalytic Institute. See Neighborhood Notices for more information on this subject.

Mayors Summit

Beyond Citizen Summit II, was held Saturday, December 1 at the J Willard Marriott Hotel. It's purpose was to reconnect with citizens to: verify the key messages that were received by the Mayor from Citizen Summit II; demonstrate how those messages are now reflected in the Citywide Strategic Plan; and get input into two major issues that citizens expressed strong interest in at Citizen Summit II: creating a full spectrum of affordable housing for DC residents and getting DC the vote. Neither of these topics were a part of Palisade's Strategic Neighborhood Action Plan. In addition there was no discussion of the environment which is critical to the entire District. Education of Youth was added to the list of "Top Ten Messages."

—Alma Gates, PCA Traffic Chair

The Palisades Citizens Association Membership: Individual: \$15; Household: \$25; Sponsor: \$50; Patron: \$100.

To join, or for additional information, contact Elizabeth Ratigan at 333-6352 or EWRat4590@aol.com

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