



THE PALISADES News

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PCA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

In partnership with
Cleveland Park Citizens
Association

MAYORAL CANDIDATES' FORUM

TUESDAY,
MARCH 7, 2006
7:30 PM

SPECIAL
LOCATION:
SIBLEY HOSPITAL
AUDITORIUM

Michael Brown, Linda Cropp, Adrian Fenty, Marie Johns, and Vincent Orange will be at Sibley Auditorium to make their pitches to neighbors from The Palisades and Cleveland Park! This is a great opportunity to evaluate the candidates and get their positions on neighborhood and city-wide issues. The forum will be moderated by Northwest Current Publisher Davis Kennedy. Come armed with questions and let all the candidates learn about our community's concerns and needs!

Residents Learn to Prepare for Emergencies

What have DC officials learned from last fall's hurricane disasters down south? The main lesson seems to be that each home should be prepared to care for themselves. Anyone who saw the local and federal government's response to Hurricane Katrina should realize that they shouldn't rely on the government and first responders to care for them. In addressing the PCA's monthly meeting in February, members of the DC government outlined what residents should do to prepare for such an emergency. They suggested all residents set up an Emergency Home Kit, which should contain the following items:

- 3-5 day supply of water for drinking, sanitation, and hygiene. Water should be stored in sealed plastic containers.
- 3-5 day supply of Ready-to Eat, non-perishable food e.g., pasteurized milk, canned meat, vegetables, and fruit; canned juices, peanut butter, jelly,

granola bars, crackers, candy, sweetened cereals, nuts, and instant meals.

- Food for infants.
- Vitamins.
- Manual can opener.
- Flashlights and lanterns with extra batteries.
- Cash (if the power is out ATMs won't work).
- Battery powered radio and extra batteries.
- Telephone with cord.
- 3-5 day supply of pet food.
- A TV with antennae is useful if cable is out.
- A generator (for use only outdoors) can be a life saver if the power is out for an extended period of time. Make sure you have sufficient heavy duty extension cords, gas, and motor oil.

From now until June, this newsletter will present a monthly preparation and response list. The PCA Board also is setting up an initiative to identify eld-

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SERVICE WITH A SMILE



Talk about your full service Valentine's Day: Parker's Exxon provided roses, formal attire and pumped gas for women who visited their MacArthur Blvd. station on Valentine's Day. Picture (l to r): Jeff Ross, Lynn Cook and Russell Doten.



OUT & ABOUT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

ANC3D meeting, 7:30 pm, Sibley Hospital's Ernst Auditorium, www.anc3d.org.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

2006 July 4th Parade Planning Meeting, 7:30 pm, Starland Café, everyone welcome, 363-7441.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

The Community Preschool of the Palisades Annual Spring Auction, 5-9:30 pm, Buffalo Billiards, 364-8424.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

PCA General Membership Meeting, 7:30 pm, Mayoral Candidates' Forum, Sibley Hospital's Ernst Auditorium.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

River-Friendly Living Lecture sponsored by the Potomac Conservancy, The Nature Conservancy, ANC3D and PCA, 7pm, Sibley Hospital's Ernst Auditorium.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

PCA Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, Palisades Comm. Church, 5200 Cathedral Ave., open to all.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

Dinner & a Movie, Soup and salad served at 6 pm followed by 'My Favorite Year' at 6:45, Palisades Comm. Church, 5200 Cathedral Ave., Tickets are \$10. Reservations preferred, but not necessary. Call 966-7929.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

Saturday Morning Classics, Pancakes and sausage are served at 10 am followed by Disney's classic 'Peter Pan' at 10:30, Palisades Comm. Church, 5200 Cathedral Ave., Tickets are \$5. Reservations preferred, but not necessary. Call 966-7929.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

Key School Auction, 6:30 pm, Human Rights Campaign Building, 1640 Rhode Island Ave. NW, 364-6675.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

The Palisades Stamp Club, 7:30 PM, Palisades Library.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

The Palisades Book Club, 7:30 PM, Palisades Library.

PALISADES LIBRARY

Our schedule will be as follows:

MWF 9:30 – 5:30

TuThSat 9:30 – 9:00

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

- **Palisades Book Club** Tues, March 21 • 7:30 pm
- **Palisades Stamp Club** Tues, March 21 • 7:30 pm

CHILDREN'S ROOM PROGRAMS

- **Pre School Stories** (ages 2-4): Mon • 10:30 March 6 & 13 (Spring session resumes Mon. April 10)
- **Lap Time** (ages 4-24 months): Wed • 10:30 March 1 & 8 (Spring session resumes Wed. April 5)
- **Story Time** (ages 4-8): Mon • 4:00 pm March 6, 13, 20 & 27
- **Science Tuesdays** (ages 9-12): Tues • 4:00 pm March 14 & 21. Call 282-3113 to register for Science Tuesdays.

AARP Tax Assistance is available at the Palisades Library. Walk in assistance is available from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon on March 7, March 21, April 4 & April 11. If you prefer to make an appointment, please call 282-3139 to schedule.

— Lucy Thrasher

Palisades Community Fund Grants Due April 15

The Palisades Community Fund (PCF) was established by The Palisades Citizens Association (PCA) in December 1995 as the grant-making committee of the PCA. The Fund finances projects that promote charitable activities, cultural enrichment, community education and service, economic improvement and environmental enhancement projects which benefit the residents of The Palisades.

The Palisades Community Fund accepts grant applications twice a year. The Fund is now accepting grant proposals for its spring round. Proposals must be postmarked by April 15, 2006.

Applications need not be complex, but they must include a budget — including named individuals who will be responsible for installation and maintenance, and a budget for installation and maintenance (if applicable). PCF can only fund proposals for prospective work, not for projects that have been completed.

It is best if applications come from a group rather than from an individual. Applications must spell out in detail how the project or program will specifically aid Palisades residents.

Send applications to Palisades Community Fund, P.O. Box 40603, Washington DC 20016. If you have questions, please call Nancy Hammond (PCF chair) at 686-6627.

ART IN THE PALISADES

During the next few weeks, Ursula will be showing a few of her wonderful photographs at the post office. Ursula Daniel says, "Little is known abroad about Western China's ethnic minority within China's borders. They represent a wealth of ethnic origins, religions and customs still actively practiced in an ever-changing China, and traditional village life has not yet been taken over by that country's rapid progress toward modernization."



— Ursula V. Daniel
udan@starpower.net



FROM THE PRESIDENT

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTICES

- **Goodbye to Yu...**After 30 years on MacArthur Boulevard, Dr. Joung Sik Yu is retiring from **Ross Veterinary Hospital**. The practice has been sold to Dr. Bruce Herwald, owner of a vet practice in Dupont Circle. Current plans are to close Ross for a few months this spring to update the facility. Dr. Yu has many devoted clients—two-legged and four-legged variety—who will miss him. We wish him well.
- **Engine 29 McMansion...**The design is nearly complete for the renovation of Engine 29 at 4811 MacArthur Blvd. The project will add an additional garage bay to make room for an ambulance to be stationed there for the first time. That should help EMS response times in the area.
- **They're looking at you...**At the February general membership meeting, Police Officer McElwee of the second district reported four identify theft crimes in our area from Jan 1-29. Buying a shredder may be a wise investment.
- **What are you doing with the kids this summer?**Judy Southerland will host an **Art Camp** for children ages 7-14. One-week sessions will be held June 5-July 28. Let your kids paint, draw, sculpt and make prints. Southerland is a longtime Corcoran College of Art and Design professor who has taught children's art classes for more than 10 years out of her Palisades studio near Sibley. Contact: www.judysoutherland.com/artcamp or call (202) 363-9637. Other options include Discovery Creek's **Summer Nature Adventure Camp** www.discoverycreek.org or a variety of activities at the Palisades Rec Center www.dpr.dc.gov or call 282-2186.
- **Dust off those bikes...**Bike to Work Day 2006 is Friday, May 19th.
- **C'mon—get patriotic...** The July 4th Committee needs you! The first meeting of the year will be Thursday, March 2nd at 7:30pm at Starland Cafe. We have volunteer opportunities to fit every schedule. The meetings are fun (Joan provides wine), the people are great and it's a super way to get involved in your community. If you cannot make the meeting and would like to help or just want to offer suggestions, ideas or comments, email palisadesdc@hotmail.com or call the PCA office at 363-7441.

On March 7, your Palisades Citizens Association will host all five candidates standing for Mayor of Washington DC. Michael Brown, Linda Cropp, Adrian Fenty, Marie Johns, and Vincent Orange will appear to hopefully translate campaign rhetoric into something useful and clear for the residents of The Palisades.



I am also pleased to report that this candidates' forum will take place in partnership with the Cleveland Park Citizens Association. Both The Palisades and Cleveland Park share many similar issues and problems, and this can add focus and strength behind the concerns of both neighborhoods. I am also sure that the candidates themselves appreciate attending one less forum as they campaign.

We have agreed to also have a joint candidates' forum with Cleveland Park later this spring that will feature candidates for the Ward Three Council slot, to be vacated by Kathy Patterson, who is running this year for Council chair. Hopefully, this kind of cooperation with Cleveland Park can be expanded and replicated in a host of other situations, and we are all excited about the collaboration.

Given the anticipated higher-than-normal attendance, the Mayoral Candidates Forum will be held at Sibley Hospital Auditorium rather than at the Rec Center. *The Northwest Current* Publisher Davis Kennedy has generously agreed to moderate the forum, and he will be supported by one representative from The Palisades and another from Cleveland Park in the moderation duties.

There are dozens of questions that we should be asking the candidates. There are city-wide issues that merit attention — the stadium deal still creates controversy. Educating our children is and will be a massive priority for the District. As we see the prices of homes spiral upwards, building affordable housing can be a city-wide priority. These are only a few of the huge issues

facing the District today.

But there are other issues that the candidates should all weigh in on that are more neighborhood specific. Deconstruction of the Whitehurst Freeway will have dramatic impacts on our neighborhood, and we should get each candidate on the

record. Likewise, the trucking of wastes from the Washington Aqueduct down Palisades streets is another potential bureaucratic miscarriage that will impact our lives permanently. Despite the DC Department of Transportation's repeated promises, our streets remain potholed and continue to decline. As mayor, these candidates can and should do something about these matters.

The other side of the booming real estate market is the rise of illegal construction. The DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs is dysfunctional and does not have the capacity to provide oversight over construction and building. Promises of reform have not been fulfilled, and the results are illegal structures that, in some cases, the District cannot even order to tear down. I plan to ask how the candidates will make appointments to bodies like the Board of Zoning Adjustment, or how they intend to fix what is clearly broken Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs. As taxpayers and voters, we deserve better.

This is only a partial list of issues where The Palisades needs help from our future mayor.

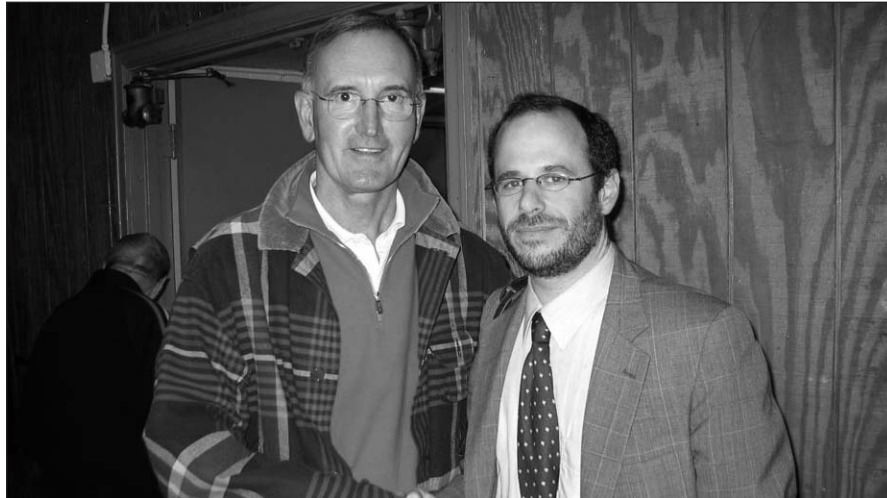
We need a mayor who can advocate for our needs, rather than issue statements filled with city-speak pablum that ultimately does not solve community problems or improve our lives. To paraphrase Edmund Burke, bad things happen when "good men do nothing."

Our next mayor can make a difference. The March candidates' forum can be a tremendous opportunity to evaluate each candidate and make sure that whoever deserves our votes is responsive not just to the needs of the city writ large, but to the specific needs of our community.

— Spence Spencer, PCA President



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS *Continued from page 1*



Past President Stu Ross and Ed Reiskin, Deputy Mayor for Public Safety

erly at risk residents who may need assistance during an emergency or disaster.

We are encouraging residents to visit the following websites for detailed information about how to prepare: www.DCEMA.dc.gov; www.Ready.gov; www.CitizenCorps.gov. The DCEMA site provides information specific to the District of Columbia and The Palisades (e.g., Emergency Plan for The Palisades), including DC emergency contact and telephone numbers, family

planning guides, and information about the DC Alert and Notification System.

Emergency preparedness presentations were made at the PCA General Meeting by: Deputy Mayor for Public Safety, Ed Reiskin; Deputy Director for Citizen Corps, Millicent Williams; DC Director, AARP Mimi Castaldi; Project Manager, DC Emergency Management Agency Tom Ryan; and Joan Lewis, Executive Director, Iona Senior Services.

— Carolyn Ortwein

The Palisades Mourns Fire Victim

The Palisades lost one of its most colorful, socially active residents Feb. 12 when my neighbor and friend, Ann Tonjes, died in a house fire in the 5100 block of Fulton St. She was 63.

The indelible image we all have of Ann is her laugh, a big, booming cackle that caused everyone within earshot to smile. Because she had no family in the D.C. area, Ann relied on neighbors for companionship. Everyone who lived on her block became well acquainted with her many passions: from liberal politics and reading to gardening and beading. I remember Ann most for her love of children; she called her favorite kids on the block the “Fab 5.”

Ann had an accomplished career. From 1987 until her death, Ann worked for the Association of Flight Attendants.

Ann’s tragic death highlights the importance of fire safety. The day after the fire, the DC Fire & EMS Department spread out through Ann’s neighborhood to educate neighbors on fire safety. Did you know that they offer free home fire safety inspections? The inspections look into smoke detectors, appliance safety, proposed escape plans, emergency exits, fire-place/space heater safety, fire extinguishers, storage hazards, electrical wiring hazards and furnace/water heater safety.

Call the DC Fire and EMS Department’s Public Information Office at 202-673-3331 to arrange for a free home fire safety inspection; schedule a fire company’s visit to your child’s school; or set up a visit at your local firehouse. Call the Fire Safety Education Office at 202-727-1614 to schedule a fire safety presentation at work or in the community.

Another tip from the fire department: make sure your address can be seen from the street. That means keeping shrubbery around your house cut back and replacing missing address numbers.

— Anne Ourand



ZONING UPDATE

DCRA CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

Applied for and Granted • Dec. 1, 2005 – Feb. 10, 2006

Address	Description	Permit #	Owner	Est. Cost
GRANTED				
5144 Cathedral	Fence plus gate	B86654	Jeffrey Kuck	5,600
5143 Cathedral	Retaining wall	B89156	Rodney Peyton	10,684
2416 Chain Bridge	One-story addition	B87082	David Passage	76,000
5222 Klingle	Addition under 1st Fl	B86291	Alan R Thompson	-
5082 Lowell	Two-1/2 story addition	B83791	Jaye & John Rogovin	361,000
5357 MacArthur	New rear addition	B82352	Halcy Bohlen	131,000
5153 Sherier	Alteration and repair	B86543	Ross A Vang	49,000
5523 Sherier	Two-story+basemt add	B85628	Evelyn M. Suare	262,850
2806 University	Excavate new SFD	B87378	2800 LLC	10,000
2810 University	Excavate new SFD	B87379	2810 University LLC	10,000
3025 University	Plat	B87289	Morgan O'Brien	10,000
APPLIED FOR				
2510 Foxhall Road	One-story addition	Pending	Foxhall 2510 LLC	991,000
5152 Manning	Two-story addition	Pending	Diana Daniels	100,000
5206 Sherier	Side addition	Pending	Garth Ross	85,000
2964 University	Various alterations	Pending	Heidi Hatfield	25,000



ANC Update

Sibley Hospital:

As Sibley proceeds with its proposal to build a new Medical Office Building and parking garage, here are a few facts to keep in mind about the hospital's financial health and community contribution:

- According to a November 2005 report by the DC Hospital Association, Sibley had the highest operating margin of any DC hospital: 5.6 percent. That's up from 2.79 percent in 2003 and 2.28 percent in 2002. Next closest, at 1.25 percent, was National Rehabilitation Hospital.
- For 2004, the same report finds that as a percent of total care, in dollars, Sibley spent 2.86 percent (\$4.84 million) on unsponsored care in 2004, placing it 7th out of 9 hospitals reporting. GWU hospital and National Rehabilitation Hospital spent relatively less at 2.6 percent and 1.9 percent respectively. For the year just ended Sibley budgeted \$7.1 million in charity care, according to the hospital.
- Sibley's patient mix appears steady over the 2000 to 2004 timeframe. About 45 percent of patients have Medicare; about 1 percent Medicaid; a hair under 50 percent have "other insurance"; about 4.5 percent are self-paying.

Read about Sibley's charity care policy here: http://www.sibley.org/geninfo/charity-care_notice.tmpl

The full DC Hospital Association report is available at <http://www.dcha.org/>.

Transportation:

Canal Road: The Department of Transportation has revived a 2002 plan to seek federal highway funds for new paths and crossings, and signage and promotion on Canal Road under the District of Columbia Scenic Byways Program. Get more details at <http://ddot.dc.gov/ddot/cwp/view,a,1247,q,560808.asp>.

There are some interesting elements to this proposal, not all of which everyone will agree on. We'll want to look at it more closely if DDOT qualifies for the program. But two ideas cheered by those who attended a January open house on the project are a)

making the intersection of Fletcher's Boathouse, Reservoir Road and Canal Road safer for both vehicular and foot/bicycle traffic; and b) providing better pedestrian (not bike) access to Fletcher's, the canal and the river from Discovery Creek and Battery Kemble Park.

The contact person at DDOT for Scenic Byways is Colleen Hawkinson. She's at colleen.hawkinson@dc.gov. Two Palisadeans watching this pretty closely are Sally Strain (seawalk@starpower.net), who's been working on the Georgetown Boathouse issue, and Jack Koczela (jack.koczela@verizon.net) who works closely with DDOT's bicycle person, Chris Holben (chris.holben@dc.gov).

MacArthur and Arizona: Due to the growing commuter traffic on Arizona Avenue and MacArthur Boulevard, Alma Gates and I have begun to explore whether it makes sense to have a left-turn arrow for drivers on Arizona (going both directions) who want to make the corner onto MacArthur. The informal feedback I've had on this has been very positive, so we're going to propose a trial of a new light with DDOT's Traffic Services Administration. Feel free to send me or Alma your thoughts on any traffic issue. And we have a terrific new Ward 3 Transportation rep, Jeff Jennings (Jeffrey.jennings@dc.gov).

Zoning and Building:

Homeowners Center: At long last the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs has opened its Homeowners Center which is supposed to make it easier for ordinary residents to get through the zoning and building review/permit process. A flyer about the Center, which is located at 941 North Capitol Street, NE, Suite 2102 (DCRA headquarters), lists these resources:

- General information on permitting regulations and the permitting process presented in simple, plain language
- Information about the requirements of your specific project
- Dedicated staff members to review your plans
- One place to apply for and receive your permit

The phone number for the Homeowners Center is (202) 442-4400 and it is open

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. I would suggest calling as far ahead as possible to make an appointment. Apparently Friday is the busiest day at DCRA and they will take you on a walk-in basis on that day. If anyone uses the Center please write to the listserv and tell us all whether it went smoothly.

DCRA Oversight Hearings: The City Council begins annual oversight hearings for many agencies starting in March. As you read this we will have completed an oversight hearing on DCRA at which both Alma Gates and I plan to testify. Next to traffic and street paving, issues related to home building generate the most complaints from residents.

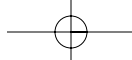
As the building season gets underway again we encourage you to contact us immediately if you have a worry about construction on your street. It's good to talk first with the owner or builder if you think that conversation can be productive, but we've also seen a goodly number of cases where a neighbor patiently waits on information from a builder only to discover that so many months have passed that they've lost their right to appeal.

Here's DCRA's website with information about permits applied for and granted. <http://dcra.dc.gov/dcra/cwp/view,a,1343,Q,602122,dcraNav,33408}.asp>. If you click on Building Plan Review Status you can check on permits by address or permit number.

Trees: Remember that any tree with a circumference of 55 inches or greater is designated a Special Tree under the city's laws and you cannot cut it down without a permit. It makes no difference whether the tree is located in your backyard or out by the curb. Likewise your neighbor can't just go and cut down a big tree that provides shade to your yard too – without certifying the tree is dangerously unhealthy, or paying into a tree replacement fund. More information is at <http://ddot.dc.gov/ufa/site/default.asp>. You can also contact Earl Eutsler, one of the city's arborists, at earl.eutsler@dc.gov.

Please, if you see anything that looks like clear-cutting on any property, contact Earl and your ANC representative right away.

— Rachel Thompson,
ANC3D Commissioner



Keep MacArthur Beautiful!

Many years ago, the median strips along MacArthur Boulevard were an eyesore. Palisades resident Sally Fallon, along with a cadre of dedicated volunteers, decided that this grand Boulevard should be a beautiful asset to the community. Thus, MacArthur Beautification was born.

Today, one of the main routes into DC is known for the delicate blossoms of the cherry trees, lovely evergreens shrubs and colorful perennials that bloom throughout the year. The Boulevard is a cherished backdrop to our vibrant community.

Sadly, Sally recently moved from the neighborhood. Her leadership and dedication will be sorely missed. But we MUST continue what she started.

MacArthur Beautification needs YOUR help! We need volunteers to serve on the MacArthur Beautification board to take over the many functions that Sally has personally done for years. That includes organizing volunteers to weed mounds, raising funds to purchase mulch, mowing grass and replacing plants.

Here's what you can do:

(1) MAKE A CHARITABLE CASH CONTRIBUTION. Over the next few weeks, we will be mailing PCA members an appeal letter



You can thank MacArthur Beautification for sights like this.

looking for donations. MacArthur Beautification needs to raise funds for landscaping work. This is the best way to ensure the Boulevard thrives through the spring and summer. (Mail tax-deductible contributions to MacArthur Beautification Group, c/o Palisades Citizens Association, P O BOX 40603, Washington, DC, 20016.

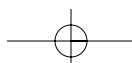
(2) VOLUNTEER! We need your arms, legs, brains, not to mention rakes, hoes and shovels to make sure MacArthur Boulevard stays beautiful. Contact Nancy Hammond at 686-6627 or Hammondx3@aol.com for information about upcoming meetings or to volunteer.

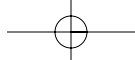
— Caroline Ervin

RECENT NEIGHBORHOOD REAL ESTATE SALES

Courtesy of Nancy & David Hammond, Evers & Co. Real Estate - taken from MRIS (Metropolitan Regional Information System)

ADDRESS	LIST PRICE/CLOSE PRICE	ADDRESS	LIST PRICE/CLOSE PRICE	ADDRESS	LIST PRICE/CLOSE PRICE
2836 Arizona Ave NW	\$1,350,000/\$1,280,000	5047 Klinge St NW	\$1,425,000/\$1,400,000	5028 Macomb St NW	\$1,059,000/\$1,305,000
2852 Arizona Ave NW	\$799,000/\$817,000	5138 Klinge St NW	\$870,000/\$870,000	5070 Macomb St NW	\$1,449,000/\$1,449,000
2809 Battery Pl NW	\$999,000/\$985,000	4620 Laverock Pl NW	\$1,595,000/\$2,000,000	5206 Manning Pl NW	\$995,000/\$995,000
4763 Berkeley Ter NW	\$1,395,000/\$1,350,000	4430 Lingan Rd NW	\$724,900/\$695,000	5315 Manning Pl NW	\$995,000/\$975,000
5118 Cathedral Ave NW	\$819,000/\$820,000	4836 Loughboro Rd NW	\$1,575,000/\$1,550,000	3315 Maud St NW	\$1,350,000/\$1,305,000
5125 Cathedral Ave NW	\$1,495,000/\$1,410,000	4433 MacArthur Blvd	\$759,000/\$725,000	2801 North Glade St NW	\$929,000/\$929,000
2724 Chain Bridge Rd NW	\$1,950,000/\$1,950,000	4471 MacArthur Blvd #103	\$285,900/\$305,000	4871 Potomac Ave NW	\$995,000/\$920,000
2726 Chain Bridge Rd NW	\$1,250,000/\$1,250,000	4545 MacArthur Blvd #104	\$279,000/\$279,000	5411 Potomac Ave NW	\$1,399,000/\$1,210,000
3045 Chain Bridge Rd NW	\$1,495,000/\$1,622,000	4555 MacArthur Blvd #104	\$277,900/\$270,000	4508 Q Pl NW	\$575,000/\$690,500
4840 Dexter St NW	\$1,875,000/\$2,050,000	4570 MacArthur Blvd #G6	\$269,000/\$275,000	4624 Q St NW	\$695,000/\$745,888
5308 Dorsett Pl NW	\$749,900/\$720,000	4570 MacArthur Blvd #G7	\$269,000/\$269,000	4473 Q St NW	\$685,000/\$685,000
5018 Eskridge Ter NW	\$2,725,000/\$2,650,000	4570 MacArthur Blvd #203	\$200,000/\$200,000	4831 Reservoir Rd NW	\$785,000/\$790,000
4501 Foxhall Cres NW	\$1,350,000/\$1,300,000	4607 MacArthur Blvd #A	\$409,000/\$404,500	4866 Reservoir Rd NW	\$999,500/\$1,110,000
4605 Foxhall Cres NW	\$1,549,000/\$1,549,000	4611-1/2 MacArthur #B	\$575,000/\$570,000	4930 Sherier Pl NW	\$2,100,000/\$2,000,000
4703 Foxhall Cres NW	\$1,695,000/\$1,650,000	4617-1/2 MacArthur #B	\$589,000/\$585,000	5153 Sherier Pl NW	\$649,900/\$716,700
4724 Foxhall Cres NW	\$1,650,000/\$1,587,500	4627 MacArthur Blvd #B	\$629,000/\$620,000	5315 Sherier Pl NW	\$869,000/\$850,000
4827 Foxhall Cres NW	\$1,795,000/\$1,700,000	4631 MacArthur Blvd#B	\$559,000/\$582,500	5624 Sherier Pl NW	\$749,000/\$750,000
4837 Foxhall Cres NW	\$2,495,000/\$2,500,000	4870 MacArthur Blvd #1	\$269,000/\$250,000	5717 Sherier Pl NW	\$1,399,000/\$1,399,000
4853 Foxhall Cres NW	\$2,395,000/\$2,635,000	5056 MacArthur Blvd	\$949,000/\$949,000	5747 Sherier Pl NW	\$699,000/\$665,000
1400 Foxhall Rd NW	\$795,000/\$810,000	5112 MacArthur Blvd #4	\$275,000/\$275,000	2929 University Ter NW	\$3,700,000/\$3,700,000
5000 Fulton St NW	\$769,000/\$754,000	5135 MacArthur Blvd	\$945,000/\$960,000	5017 V St NW	\$599,000/\$599,000
5050 Garfield St NW	\$899,000/\$899,000	5151 MacArthur Blvd	\$599,000/\$615,000	4409 W St NW	\$1,550,000/\$1,550,000
4610 Greene Pl NW	\$689,900/\$702,300	5351 MacArthur Blvd	\$999,000/\$999,000	4801 W St NW	\$2,750,000/\$2,550,000
4638 Greene Pl NW	\$639,000/\$639,000	5417 MacArthur Blvd	\$649,000/\$634,000	4801 W St NW	\$2,750,000/\$2,550,000
5403 Hawthorne Pl NW	\$649,000/\$710,000	5524 MacArthur Blvd	\$1,395,000/\$1,325,000	5193 Watson St NW	\$1,399,000/\$1,399,000
2330 King Pl NW	\$1,149,000/\$1,110,000	5501 MacArthur Blvd	\$1,225,000/\$1,200,000		





PCA Dues to Increase

For the first time in several years, the PCA is raising its annual dues. At the same time, the PCA is offering a reduced membership fee for senior citizens starting in March.

The fees are:

- Individual \$25 (was \$15)
- Senior (over 65) \$20
- Household \$40 (was \$25)
- Sponsor \$100 (was \$50)
- Patron \$250 (was \$100)
- Life \$500 (was \$300)
- Business \$100-\$500 (was \$50 – \$500)

PCA supports itself financially from dues, contributions and a modest amount of revenue from July 4th. About 70% of our revenue comes from dues and contributions. Our expenses continually go up while our revenues essentially have been flat. On an operating basis we generally break even.

We encourage you to consider a higher membership level and an additional contribution during this renewal period. We have a modest reserve of about \$25,000. At the same time there are projects suggested that have obvious merit but are beyond the PCA's budget limitations.

Last year, we founded The Palisades Defense Fund to cover the expense of special situations, such as zoning infractions, which cannot be undertaken on an individual basis. Our reserve provided initial funding; however, we need outside contributors to make this a viable operation. We welcome contributions to the Fund: The Palisades Defense Fund, c/o PCA, Box 40603, DC 20016-0603.

Finally, we welcome any comments/suggestions about PCA funding and activities requiring funding in which you believe PCA should be involved. Contact me at nevisbill@aol.com or 966-2167. I will pass along comments to the committees/officers involved. Thanks for your past financial support.

— Bill Barnard, Treasurer

Can You Smell Me Now?

Did you notice the story in *The Washington Post* Health section in November about losing your sense of taste or smell? I certainly did, as I haven't been able to smell much of anything for about a decade. Imagine my surprise, then, when I discovered that the first clinical facility in the world set up to treat patients with taste or smell dysfunction is four blocks from my home!

The Taste and Smell Clinic—more formally, the Center for Molecular Nutrition and Sensory Disorders—is in the same building as Starland Cafe. For 20 years Dr. Robert Henkin has evaluated and treated thousands of patients at this facility. People's symptoms most frequently follow a flu-like illness, but they can also be due to a head injury, allergies, or other causes. The clinic claims that more than 75 percent of its patients report outright cures or measurable improvements in their conditions.

Patients are evaluated on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays, and the small staff deals with 15–20 people a week. Since about 7 percent of Americans suffer from chronic dysfunction of smell or taste, according to Dr. Henkin, the clinic remains busy. In fact, there is currently a wait of several months for an appointment. When you do get in, the first appointment will take four to five hours—it involves careful examination of your head and neck, measurement of the protein growth factors in your saliva, and sometimes an MRI. The clinic has been recognized as “an accepted medical practice,” but insurance coverage depends, of course, on your own plan. For many patients, treatment involves oral medication that can help increase production of certain proteins that are out of balance.

For more information on this Palisades establishment, see the center's Web site at www.tasteandsmell.com. And if you smile with delight when you stop and smell the roses this spring, remember that not everyone is so lucky. (At least I can smell fresh-cut grass, which makes me very happy.)

Taste and Smell Clinic, 5125 MacArthur Boulevard, N.W., Suite 20; 364-4180

— Linda Starke

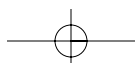
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To Earl Eutsler...

Writing last fall about plans to replace unsound Locust trees along Dalecarlia Parkway with 200 new trees, Earl Eutsler, an arborist with the Urban Forestry Administration, said he would alternate two Natchez Crape Myrtle with one Redbud Forest Pansy. “I think it will be gorgeous,” he said. So with spring coming on quickly, here's hoping for an eyeful of new color along this sometimes dreary stretch of road. And if you'd like to thank Earl you can reach him at earl.eutsler@dc.gov.

To Jan Aber...

for being the PCA bookkeeper for the past six years and to **Julie Russell** for agreeing to take on the job now that Jan has retired.





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To join or for additional information,
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PCA Seeks New Members

Imagine if The Palisades had no Fourth of July Parade. Imagine if the Family Night at the Fire Station and Candidates' Forums didn't exist. What would our community be like without volunteers working to reduce the effects of aircraft noise, slow down speeders on our streets and fight the disposal of residuals from the Washington Aqueduct?

There's a reason why The Palisades retains a small town feel even though it's smack in the middle of Washington, D.C. Our active citizens association, the PCA, works to improve the quality of life in our neighborhood.

But our citizens association can only be effective with the community's support. With more members, the PCA can become more powerful and effective dealing with D.C.'s red tape.

We're asking for your help. March marks the launch of the PCA's annual membership campaign to recruit new members and renew existing memberships. You can:

- **Renew your PCA membership.** If your membership expires this month (or even last fall – see your mailing label), you've received a convenient renewal envelope. Just write your check and mail in your membership information.
- **Find out if your neighbors are members.** If not, encourage them to join and highlight the benefits and importance of being a part of the PCA.
- **Ask local businesses to join.** Retailers and other businesses benefit by being located in a thriving community — their support will be recognized and appreciated.
- **Volunteer — for anything.** You'll help our community thrive. And you'll meet like-minded people who want to keep our neighborhood the great place that it is.

In April, the PCA's Membership Committee is launching a door-to-door campaign to recruit new members. Our goal of 100 new household memberships is an achievable goal. We'll be taking walks on our own streets asking friends and neighbors to join. If you can help by taking on your block, contact Caroline Ervin, (202) 364-9355 or ccervin@rcn.com.

— Caroline Ervin



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