



THE PALISADES News

A Newsletter of the Palisades Citizens Association, Representing the Greater Palisades Area, Volume 28, Number 3, December 2016

December PCA General Membership Meeting

Tuesday
December 6, 7:30pm

At the Palisades Recreation
Center

Vote on 2016/17 PCA Budget

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Your PCA

It's That Time of Year Again

*Key School Tree Sale
December 3 and 4 (see p. 5)*

*PCA Breakfast with Santa
and Cookie Exchange
December 10 (see p. 2)*



Your PCA Calendar for December 2016

The Palisades News welcomes announcements of all local events that may be enjoyed by all Palisades residents!

<p>Every Sunday, 9am–1pm Saturday, December 3 and Sunday, December 4 Tuesday, December 6, 7:30-9pm Wednesday, December 7, 7-11pm Saturday, December 10, 9:30-11am Sunday, December 25</p>	<p>Palisades Farmers Market Key School Tree Sale General Membership Meeting ANC3D Monthly Meeting Breakfast with Santa and Cookie Exchange Christmas Day</p>	<p>Next to Safeway Key School Rec Center Sibley Hospital Palisades Community Church</p>
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Santa Claus is Coming to Town!!



Come one come all to the Palisades Citizens Association’s Breakfast with Santa and Cookie Exchange, Saturday, December 10 from 9:30-11am at the Palisades Community Church, 5200 Cathedral Ave NW. Take pictures with Santa, enjoy coffee, hot chocolate and pastries with your neighbors and get in the spirit of giving by participating in the cookie exchange. Please bake a batch of your favorite holiday cookies to share with your neighbors and to box up for local firefighters at Engine 29 and the women at Veronica House, a local women's shelter.

This event is free for members of the Palisades Citizens Association and \$10 donation per family for non-members. Membership information can be found at www.palisadesdc.org. We encourage you to join your neighborhood association!



From the President

Dear neighbors –

Please join us on Tuesday, December 6 for our last regular monthly meeting of the year. We will be hearing committee reports, the police report, and we will be voting on the PCA annual budget. The meeting is at 7:30 at the Palisades Rec Center.

We had a great turnout for our November meeting, where we hosted a candidates forum for Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D. We got to hear brief presentations from all of the candidates, and then broke into groups so people could meet them one-on-one. In marked contrast to our national politics, the mood at the forum was serious but not too solemn, the candidates were thoughtful and dignified while at times even light-hearted. I extend my profound thanks to everyone who campaigned for one of these seats, it's a lot of work for an unpaid position and we are lucky to have the group of candidates we had. These local elections are a cornerstone of our democracy and are only possible when people step up to seek the positions.



annual holiday tree sale. It's always a great selection of trees and holiday decorations. I will be there loading trees, as I have for the past twelve years, I hope I can help you with your tree!

On December 10, please join us for the annual PCA Breakfast with Santa and cookie exchange. It's 9:30-11:00 at the Palisades Community Church, 5200 Cathedral Avenue. I understand we will have a special musical Santa!

I'd like to extend a special thank you to everyone who helped make the family night at the firehouse a success – the volunteers who organized it, everyone who brought a dish, and especially to our firefighters for hosting and providing the barbeque.

A reminder that there is no regular membership meeting or newsletter in January, we'll be back in February. I hope everyone has a joyful and safe holiday season.

Sincerely,
Nick Keenan
PCA President

On December 3 and 4, please support our neighborhood public elementary school by coming to the Key School

Palisades Citizen Association Proposed Budget 10/16 through 9/17

Income

Business income	15,000
Interest and dividends	100
Farmer's Market Dues	21,000
Resident Dues	27,000
Grants	0
T-shirt sales	8,000
Total Income	71,100

Expenses

Professional Fees	20,000
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Newsletter	7,000
Bank Fees	200
Farmer's Market	11,000
Aircraft Committee	1,000
Family Fire Station Event	1,800
Fourth of July	16,000
Tax Preparation	500
Insurance	2,500
July 4 th T-shirts	3,000
Civic Activity	1,500
Meetings	100
Membership	4,500
General Administration	2,000
Total Expenses	71,100



News and Notes



Palisades Library Modernization

The Palisades Library at 4901 V. St. is scheduled to close in early 2017 for remodeling. It is expected to remain closed for 9 months. During our temporary closure, customers we hope you will visit neighboring DC Public Library locations like Tenley-Friendship Library, Georgetown Library, or many others. See <http://www.dclibrary.org/hours-locations> for the full list of Library locations. To read more about the planned remodel of Palisades Library and to see the slideshow about the plans, please visit: <http://www.dclibrary.org/node/51964>

Happy Holidays from the PCA Board:

Nick Keenan, President
Avi Green, 1st Vice President
Ellen Maxwell, 2nd Vice-President
Mary Ann Floto, Secretary
Ken Buckley, Treasurer

Best wishes for a happy new year!

The Editors will see you back in February



News and Notes

Palisades Recreation Center Renovation

The floor plan to the left is the plan shown to Advisory Neighbor Commission at its November 2 meeting which differs in several details from the plan published in the November PCA Newsletter. Check the DC Department of General Services website for the entire presentation to the ANC. The next steps forward include review and approval of the design concept by the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts and the Historic Preservation Review Board. The website of the former did not indicate that they had yet received the design concept, the website of the latter indicated that they had the design concept for review.



**GET YOUR TREE AT KEY
5001 DANA PLACE
(Key School Parking Lot)**

Dec 3rd and 4th!

**Over 400 Freshly Cut Trees!
Wreaths
Garland
Kissing Balls
Much Much More!!**

Dec. 3rd and 4th!

*****SAVE THE DATE!*****



News and Notes

New to the Neighborhood

Move Well Fitness, your local Palisades boutique fitness studio, is offering all adult residents of the Palisades a complimentary discovery fitness session. It's our token of appreciation for being new to your neighborhood! To sign up: please go to: <http://www.moveowellfit.com/campaign/consultation/>. We look forward to meeting all of you!

Jetliner Noise Pollution

The broader community takes notice. On October 26, Martin Di Caro of WAMU, in a report titled "Jet Noise is No Joke for Residents Burned by Report About Airport Complaints," laid the issue out clearly and succinctly.

Check the WAMU website to listen to the report or read a transcript of it.

Canal Road Between Chain Bridge and M Street Study

Public Meeting #4 was held on October 17 at the Palisades Library. DDOT has completed a planning study to examine opportunities for transportation safety improvements. It addresses safety, traffic operations, drainage, erosion and slope stability issues to ensure a safe and protected roadway. The study proposes widening the roadway, though not increasing the number of lanes, overhead signage, a new safer vehicle entrance to Fletcher's Boathouse, and a pedestrian bridge over Canal Road for access to Fletchers.



Christmas Concert by the DuPont Brass!

Sunday, December 4 (7-8pm)

Get in the "Holiday Spirit"! Bring your family, friends and neighbors to enjoy the season's sounds with the popular "DuPont Brass"!

"DuPont Brass" is an eclectic, soulful ensemble that has played at venues as varied as the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage, The D.C. Jazz Festival, and local metro stations! Started by five music majors from Howard University who busked at metro stations to raise their tuition, the ensemble mixes jazz, hip-hop, and R&B to uplift the spirit of it's audiences. Admission at the door: Adults \$15; Children 12 and under \$5; \$30 max per family.

Advent at The Palisades Community Church

Sun, Nov 27, 10am—FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Worship features soloist Harper Denhard

Sun, Dec 4, 10am—SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Celtic harpist, Jared Denhard enhances our worship.

Sun, Dec 11, 10am—THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Violinist Sandy Choi brings her musical joy to our sanctuary followed by the children's pageant during fellowship hour.

Sat, Dec 17, 11am-3pm—PARENT'S DAY OUT
Contact the church office for details.

Sun, Dec 18, 10am—FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
The sanctuary comes alive with our annual Choir Cantata followed by our traditional Christmas Tea.

Sat, Dec 24, 5pm—CHRISTMAS EVE
This traditional family service will feature carols and readings.

Sun, Dec 25, 10am—CHRISTMAS!
Enjoy the Christmas Spirit with a service of carols.

The Palisades Community Church

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News and Notes

The Palisades Community Fund is Looking for Your Good Ideas!

Do you have ideas of ways to make our already great neighborhood even better? Many of the traditions and institutions that make the Palisades unique began when one of your neighbors pursued an idea. The Palisades Farmer's Market, Palisades Village, the beautification of MacArthur Boulevard with new cherry trees, and outdoor movies at Palisades Park blossomed because of people's generosity with their time, energy and money. And the Palisades Community Fund (PCF) has been in on the ground floor, providing critical funds and connections to help bring these ideas to life.

In 1995, the PCF was founded by the Palisades Citizen's Association as the charitable arm of the PCA. The Fund's mission is "to provide financial support for projects which promote charitable activities, cultural enrichment, community education and service, economic improvement and environmental enhancement for the residents of the Palisades." In the past 21 years, the PCF has granted thousands of dollars to improve local schools, parks, programs and institutions.

None of this would have happened without the support of community members like you who have given generously over the years. The Key School playground is a safer place for our children, the Boulevard is decorated with Centennial banners and "parcrun" is able to offer a free 5K race every Saturday morning because of your generous support. Our Sunday mornings are enlivened by the neighbors we meet and the food we buy at the Palisades Farmer's Market, another good idea brought to reality with the Fund's help.

But the PCF needs you now more than ever! We need your ideas for a better Palisades, assisted by financial help from the PCF. And we need your contributions to be able to continue to fund your ideas and those of your neighbors. Please consider contributing to the PCF— together, we can continue to create new traditions and keep the Palisades a great place to live.

All contributions are fully tax deductible--and greatly appreciated. Please send donations, made payable to

"PCF," to The Palisades Citizens Association, PO box 40603, Washington DC 20016.

There are two grant cycles per year. Grant proposals are due October 30th and April 30th. The Board looks forward to reviewing your good idea!

--PCF Board

Chain Bridge/University Terrace

The Chain Bridge Road/University Terrace (CBR/UT) Preservation Committee was established in 1999 to preserve and enhance the park-like setting of the area by providing for widely-spaced residences and by regulating alteration or disturbance of terrain, destruction of trees, and ground coverage of permitted buildings and impervious surfaces. The intent of the Preservation Committee is to preserve the natural topography and mature trees to the maximum extent feasible in a residential neighborhood; prevent significant adverse impact on adjacent open space, parkland, stream beds, or other environmentally sensitive natural areas; limit permitted ground coverage of new and expanded buildings and other construction, so as to encourage a general compatibility between the siting of new buildings or construction and the existing neighborhood; and limit the minimum size of lots so as to prevent significant adverse impact on existing infrastructure. The CBR/UT provides for lot occupancy and ground coverage restrictions and tree removal limitations.

As a registered non-profit organization, our mission is to preserve the natural and historic assets of the neighborhood comprised of all Chain Bridge Rd, much of University Terr, Garfield St, Battery Pl, Dana Pl, Fulton St, Esckridge Pl and a portion of Arizona Ave, Loughboro Rd and MacArthur Blvd.

For more information please visit our website at: cb-ut.org



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To join or for additional information, contact the PCA Administrator: 202-363-7441 or palisadesdc@hotmail.com

Membership Update

PCA memberships expire either at the end of September or the end of March. If you are unsure whether you are a "September" person or a "March" person, please check your mailing label. If your membership has expired, please send in your dues (\$15 senior individual, \$20 senior family, \$25 individual, \$40 household, \$100 sponsor, \$250 patron, \$500 life) to PCA, PO Box 40603, WDC 20016. Please make your check payable to **PCA**. You can also renew on line using PayPal or a credit card. Go to www.palisadesdc.org and follow the easy instructions. We have PAL magnets for all paid up members. Please call the office at 363-7441 if you'd like one. Thank you for your continued support.

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