



# THE PALISADES News

A Newsletter of the Palisades Citizens Association, Representing the Greater Palisades Area, Volume 27, Number 7. June 2016

## June PCA General Membership Meeting

Tuesday  
June 7, 7:30pm

At the Palisades  
Recreation Center

--Ward 3 Councilmember  
Mary Cheh

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**Ward 3 Councilmember  
Mary Cheh** will be our guest to  
update us on  
developments  
in our city  
government  
and to discuss  
issues of  
interest.  
**Bring your  
questions and  
concerns.**




**Palisades Citizens Association  
Celebrates its Centennial and its 50<sup>th</sup>  
Palisades Parade!! See page 5 for all  
the parade details.**



## Your PCA Calendar for June 2016

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

Every Sunday, 9am–1pm	Palisades Farmers Market	Next to Safeway
Wednesday, June 1, 7-10pm	ANC3D Monthly Meeting	Sibley Hospital
Tuesday, June 7, 7:30-9pm	General Membership Meeting	Rec Center
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## From the President

Dear Neighbors –

Please join us for our June meeting on Tuesday, June 7 at 7:30 PM at the Palisades Recreation Center. Our featured guest will be Ward 3 Councilmember Mary Cheh. Councilmember Cheh has represented us on the DC Council since 2006 and has been a tireless advocate for important local and city-wide issues. She will be giving us an update on issues she is working on, as well as taking questions.

Independence Day is only about a month away, and as every year we will be having the parade and picnic. This year is special as it marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the PCA and the 50<sup>th</sup> parade. You may have noticed the centennial banners that went up along MacArthur Boulevard in the past few weeks, the first of several special celebrations of the centennial year. We are always looking for volunteers to help with the parade and picnic, if you are interested contact Anne Ourand or Spence Spencer.

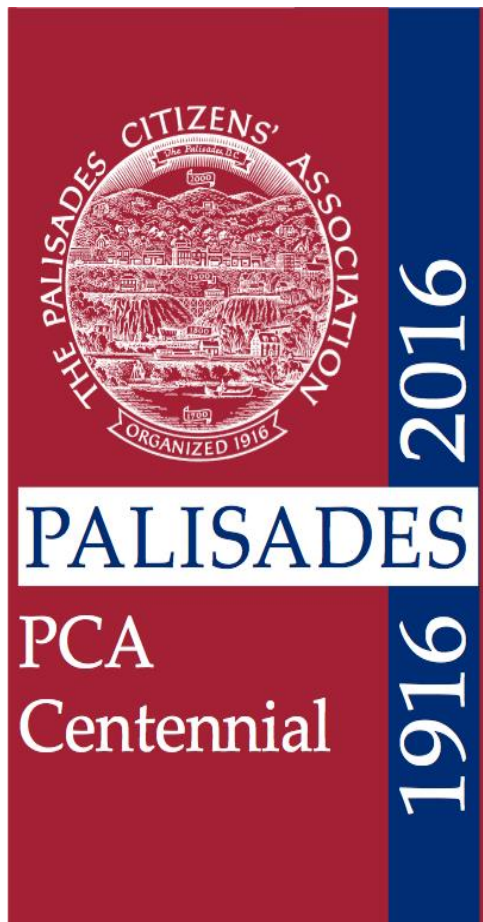
Once again the PCA will be selling limited edition July 4<sup>th</sup> parade t-shirts. The theme this year is the centennial. Shirts will be available at various locations around the Palisades, including the Sunday Farmer's Market and at the parade itself. Once the shirts are gone they're gone forever so get your shirt early!



After the June meeting the PCA will be on hiatus for the summer. While our volunteers will still be working hard on issues in our community, our next monthly meeting and newsletter will be in October.

Have a great summer!

Nick Keenan  
PCA President



## 100 Years of the Palisades Citizens Association!

The PCA was established in 1916 as the Conduit Road Citizens Association, which was later renamed the Palisades Citizens Association. This year is the centennial of the organization. To celebrate this 100th birthday, 40 banners are now hanging along MacArthur Boulevard, from Foxhall Road to Sibley Hospital.

Centennial observances will include the annual Palisades Parade and Picnic, which coincidentally marks another red letter anniversary: the PCA started to organize a Fourth of July parade every year starting in 1966 -- exactly 50 years ago. Stay tuned for other events and activities in the months to come to help mark this important milestone for our community!

To honor the centennial, the PCA decided to feature the banner design on this year's edition of the PCA t-shirt. T-shirts will start to go on sale at the Lions Club Flea market on June 5<sup>th</sup>. T-shirts will be \$20 each and will help pay for parade expenses.





# News and Note

## The Palisades Rec Center/Park landmark designation – a Postscript

Ignoring the clearly stated preferences of the Palisades community, the city's Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) voted 5-2 on April 28 to approve the landmark designation of the 80-year-old Palisades Rec Center building and the entire park area. It was a disappointing decision for Palisades residents, and the Palisades Citizens Association whose members voted to oppose historic designation.

We move on now to work with the Department of Parks and Recreation on a design for a new recreation center that meets the needs and desires of the Palisades community. We do that knowing that the HPRB's decision does not preclude change, addition, modification to the site (or) the building, or demolition of the existing building.

Palisades is a great community with incredible support from residents, and we care deeply about this park area as evidenced by everyone who has been attending meetings. Thanks to everyone who has taken the time to appear before the PCA and the ANC and also to testify at the HPRB hearing.


It's unfortunate that our ANC3D really let us down, voting 4-3 against the Palisades community. Three of the Commissioners who voted against the Palisades community live in Spring Valley and along Massachusetts Avenue, nowhere near the Rec Center. The fourth vote was the Commissioner whose ANC district includes the rec center. The three other ANC Commissioners with districts in the Palisades area all voted to support our community and oppose historic preservation.

Penny Pagano  
Co-Chair, Palisades SIT (Site Improvement Team Committee) and former PCA president.

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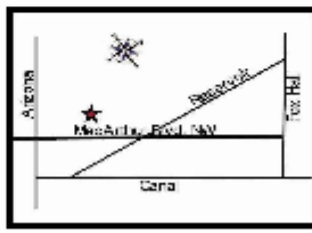
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## Out and About

### 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Palisades 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade is Coming!!!

July 4th is less than one month away and we're already ramping up some special entries to enhance the 50th anniversary celebration of the parade. To whet your appetite, here are just a few of the attractions we've rounded up for your entertainment.

What's a parade without beauty queens? We have them all:

- Miss Teen DC USA 2016, Dylan Murphy;
- Miss DC USA 2016, Deshauna Barber;
- Mrs. District of Columbia America 2016, Kinosha Michell Soden.

These women are notable not only for their beauty, but for their brains, talent and community service, too. They're role models for everyone.

For the antique car fanciers, we will have a 1903 curved dash Oldsmobile, owned and driven by Bob Geier. This car has appeared in local and national parades all over the metro area.

A Chinese Dragon will dance and cavort along the parade route, to everyone's delight.

The Rivets – the Palisades answer to a motorcycle gang – will provide some revved up excitement, as well.

We will also have our faithful participants – DC Different Drummers, the Washington Scottish Bagpipers, the United Horseman's Association and three Bolivian dancing groups!

Although the aforementioned participants were solicited for their unique talents, the Palisades Parade is unique in that anyone can participate in the parade – you don't have to register beforehand; just show up! The parade participants line up on Whitehaven Blvd. and the parade starts promptly at 11:00 AM on Monday, July 4th.

After the parade, The Palisades Citizens Association will host its huge annual picnic at the Recreation Center. Everyone is welcome. Enjoy free hot dogs, cold drinks and watermelon. We will have a terrific live band, Shirkaday, who is returning by popular demand, after a year's absence.

All of these activities will occur rain or shine, because, as we know, it never rains on a parade. (Actually, in the 24

years that I've lived in the Palisades, it never has rained on the parade. On two occasions, the rain stopped just before the parade started. Now that's good planning!)

We look forward to seeing you all along the parade route and at the gala picnic after the parade.

Bob Reed, July 4<sup>th</sup> Planning Committee

### July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade Prize Categories

**Hot Wheels Award** – best decorated bicycle, wagon or stroller

**Patriotic Pet Award** – best dressed four legged furry friend

**"Palisades Pride" Award** – the entrant whose décor and dress most exemplifies the defining characteristics of our neighborhood and this year's themes (50th anniversary of the parade, 100th anniversary of the PCA)

**Grand Marshall Award** - the entrant selected by the Grand Marshall for their outstanding dress or performance

**Founding Fathers Award** - best reflection of our "Declaration of Independence" to encourage the spirits of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, James Madison

**General MacArthur Award** - Best Salute to our Military Past & Present

**Best Motor Head Award** - antique cars, motorcycles, firetrucks, tractors...etc...

### GREAT ARTISTS IN THE PALISADES!

A huge shout out to everyone who submitted a July 4<sup>th</sup> t-shirt design! In the end, the committee decided to go with the banner image. Come by the kiosk in front of Safeway to check out the beautiful and creative designs!

Sonali Agrawal  
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 Carly HoganBruen  
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 David Mitchell  
 Carlton Stoiber  
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## News and Notes

### DC Fair Skies Coalition Update

**Current Status:** The Fair Skies Coalition filed suit last August to reopen public review and study of changes to DCA air traffic patterns resulting from the implementation of the FAA's Next Generation Air Transportation initiative (NextGen). The Coalition believes that the FAA needs to identify alternative flight paths that will reduce the excessive and technological unnecessary noise created when a south wind direction forces planes to approach and land from the north. The numerous aircraft approaches often do not adhere to the prescribed "river landing path" and instead fly directly over residential areas, producing unacceptable noise. In response to the petition filed last February by the Fair Skies Coalition to dismiss the FAA's request to throw out its complaint petition filed last August, the U.S. Court of Appeals has deferred consideration of the FAA's dismissal request. The Court directed that the parties address in their briefs the issues presented in the motion to dismiss. While this is a significant step forward, we're not out of the "woods" yet. The Coalition anticipates that the next step may be an inquiry from the Court about its willingness to enter a mediation program.

**Moving Forward:** The Coalition's brief will include declarations from affected residents that provide first-hand accounts of how aircraft noise has increased since

Spring 2015 (when NextGen was put in place) and what the impact has been on themselves and their families. Declarations from Palisades residents will be combined with those from other affected communities in the Coalition's brief to the Court's merit panel. Residents interested in contributing their experiences should contact Ken Buckley at [kbuckley20016@gmail.com](mailto:kbuckley20016@gmail.com) to [get the required format of the declaration](#). Residents can also keep up with new developments by accessing the Coalition's new website [www.dcfairskies.org](http://www.dcfairskies.org).

**Support from DC Government:** The Coalition is working diligently to gather support from the DC Government. Recently, DC Attorney General, Karl Racine, sent a letter to leaders of the FAA asking them to reconsider newly implemented flight paths that bring planes taking off to the north from Washington National Airport low over residential neighborhoods in Wards 2 and 3 -- sometimes at early-morning hours. "These new flight paths, implemented in 2015, permit aircraft departing Reagan National to the north to fly over Foggy Bottom, Georgetown University, Canal Road, and MacArthur Boulevard," Attorney General Racine wrote in the letter, addressed to FAA Administrator Michael Huerta and FAA Eastern Region Administrator Carmine Gallo. "The District residents in those areas have been seriously and adversely affected by the aircraft noise from these new flight paths." The full text of his letter can be found on <http://oag.dc.gov/release/attorney-general-racine-asks-faa-reconsider-new-flight-paths-create-early-morning-noise>. **DC Fair Skies Coalition Update**



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## 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](http://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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