



# THE PALISADES News

A Newsletter of the Palisades Citizens Association, Representing the Greater Palisades Area, Volume 28, Number 2, November 2016

## November PCA General Membership Meeting

Tuesday  
November 1, 7:30pm

At the Palisades Recreation  
Center

### ANC 3D Candidate Meet and Greet

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## ANC 3D Candidate Meet and Greet

The ANC is an important institution for our Palisades community. Your PCA has an important voice, but District agencies are required to give the ANCs' recommendations "great weight." Moreover, District law says that agencies cannot take any action that will significantly affect a neighborhood unless they give the affected ANCs 30 days advance notice. This includes zoning, streets, recreation, education, social services, sanitation, planning, safety, budget, and health services.

This year there are two contested seats, 3D02 and 3D03. (See page 7 for a map of 3D single member districts, and page 6 for a list of the candidates.) There are also two single member districts with no candidates, one of which is wholly within PCA boundaries. It is not too late to fill these seats. See box on page 5 for write-in rules.

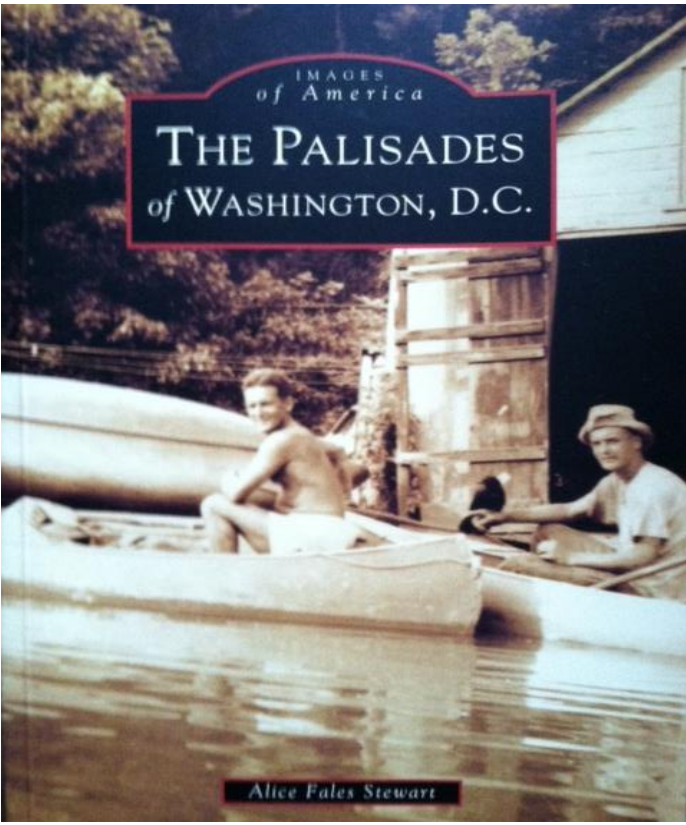
The PCA has invited all declared candidates to attend the General Membership Meeting; anyone wishing to run as a write-in is encouraged to come as well.



## Your PCA Calendar for November 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
Tuesday, November 1, 7:30-9pm	General Membership Meeting	Rec Center
Wednesday, November 2, 7-11pm	ANC3D Monthly Meeting	Sibley Hospital
Sunday, November 6	Daylight Savings Time Ends	
Tuesday, November 8, 7am-8pm	Election Day	Rec Center
Thursday, November 24	Thanksgiving Day	



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The Palisades

Local history book, by local author, Alice F Stewart  
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200 photos, many never before published

Please make check payable to Alice F Stewart and send  
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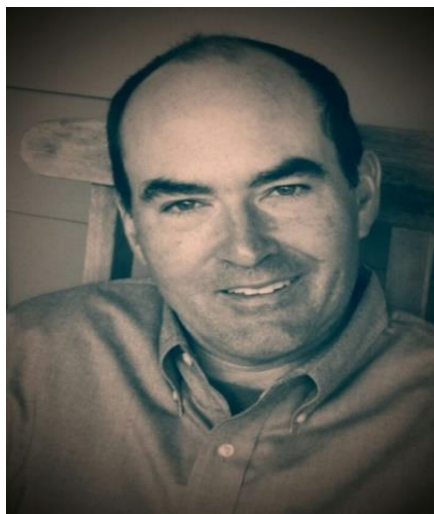


# From the President

Dear neighbors --

Please join us on Tuesday, November 1 for our regular monthly meeting. The main topic of this meeting will be the election the following Tuesday, specifically the races for Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners. The ANC's are little-heralded but key elected officials in DC -- they are our voice with the DC government on a whole range of matters, including planning, streets, recreation, social services programs, health, safety, and sanitation. The PCA boundaries overlap roughly with ANC 3D, so we have invited all of the declared candidates for seats in ANC 3D to the meeting. This is your chance to meet the candidates, ask them questions and hear what they have to say.

We had a great meeting in October, our special guest was Mayor Muriel Bowser. She updated us on some of the initiatives her administration is pursuing, and then graciously stayed and answered questions for quite a bit longer than she had originally intended. One of the pieces of news she relayed is that a decision has been made on the new design for the Palisades Recreation Center building. The design will keep and refurbish the existing building, and add an extension on



the back with a small gymnasium, fitness room and community rooms. This is similar to the Scheme 1 that was presented at the September 20 meeting .(See page 4.) If you were not at that meeting you can see the presentation by going to the Department of General Services website (dgs.dc.gov) and clicking on "Construction" and then "DGS Construction Projects." Select "Park and Recreation Center Projects" and then scroll down to find "Palisades Recreation Center." The presentation from that meeting is listed at the bottom under "Related Attachments."

Finally, Sunday, October 30 from 5 to 7 pm is the annual Family Night at the Palisades firehouse. This is always a great time, with live music and activities for the kids. The firefighters provide the BBQ, please bring a side dish or dessert.

I hope to see you either on Sunday or Tuesday!

Sincerely,  
Nick Keenan  
PCA President

## 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 <sup>th</sup> T-shirts	3,000
Civic Activity	1,500
Meetings	100
Membership	4,500
General Administration	2,000
Total Expenses	71,100



## SCHEME 1

## Palisades Recreation Center Modernization

Scheme 1, shown above, presented on September 20, 2016, at Community Engagement Meeting #4, includes a half-court sized gymnasium for basketball, a fitness room, game/team room and senior lounge in a new building constructed behind but connected with the existing historic structure. This is the option which the

Mayor said at the PCA General Membership Meeting on October 4 is close to the design chosen by the City for construction. The Department of General Services/Department of Parks and Recreation had indicated at the September 20 meeting that a community survey would be conducted to determine whether this scheme or an alternative proposal lacking the half-court sized basketball gymnasium was preferred. That survey was not carried out. Your PCA Newsletter editors reached out to the Department of General Services for an update which could be included in this newsletter, but we received no response.





## News and Notes

### Fillmore Arts Center

Friends, If you value arts education as I do, please sign this petition to save the Fillmore Arts Center, our beloved public school arts program that has been serving our students for 40+ years. And thank you for helping!

District of Columbia Public Schools has announced its intention to stop funding our shared Fillmore Arts Center after the current 2016-17 school year. This would mean an end to over 42 years of Fillmore's service to local feeder schools, as well as the entire City, in the form of quality arts and music instruction, after-school workshops, and summer camps. Specifically, it will completely end Fillmore's arts and music programming for students from Key, Ross, Marie Reed, Hyde-Addison, and Stoddert elementary schools.

Petition can be found at:

[https://www.change.org/p/john-davis-dc-gov-save-fillmore-arts-center-and-restore-its-budget-for-next-year-and-beyond?tk=d103DwaCuecq6RxRUL0mbzSX0G2AqWI016M-vTOfpaE&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=signature\\_receipt&utm\\_campaign=new\\_signature](https://www.change.org/p/john-davis-dc-gov-save-fillmore-arts-center-and-restore-its-budget-for-next-year-and-beyond?tk=d103DwaCuecq6RxRUL0mbzSX0G2AqWI016M-vTOfpaE&utm_medium=email&utm_source=signature_receipt&utm_campaign=new_signature)

Anne Masters,  
Community Representative, Friends of Fillmore  
MacArthur Boulevard

### Palisades Library Renovation

The meeting for presentation of the latest floor plans and updated timeline for renovation of the library was rescheduled from September to October 27, at 7PM at the library. Your PCA Newsletter will include a summary of that presentation in the December issue.

## THE RIVER SCHOOL

Educating Children 18 months - 3rd Grade  
**Parent and Child Admission Open Houses**  
Sept. 29, Oct. 18, Nov. 9, Dec. 9 and Jan. 4



Come learn about The River School's innovative, research-driven programs, experience our unique co-teaching model, and tour our STEAM Makerspace!

- Arrive any time between 9:00am and 10:00am to visit in our vibrant, theme-based classrooms
- Tours will be offered throughout the morning

RSVP at [www.riverschool.net](http://www.riverschool.net)

### Running as a Write-In Candidate for ANC

It's not too late to run for ANC. The deadline to have your name on the ballot passed after 5:00 p.m. on August 10, 2016. However, you can still run as a write-in candidate.

The qualifications for a write-in candidate are the same as for someone whose name is on the ballot:

- You must have lived in your Single Member District (SMD) for 60 days prior to November 8, Election Day. (In other words, you must have moved in by September 9, 2016.)
- You must be a registered voter in the District of Columbia.
- And you must also file an "Affirmation of Write-In Candidacy" with the Board of Elections. You can file this statement any time up until 4:45 pm on Monday, November 14.

Contact the Board of Elections (727-2525) if you have additional questions about becoming a write-in candidate or meeting the qualifications.



## News and Notes

### Election Day is November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Check your voter registration here:

[https://www.dcboee.org/voter\\_info/reg\\_status/index.asp](https://www.dcboee.org/voter_info/reg_status/index.asp)

#### Absentee Ballots

The deadline to request an Absentee Ballot is November 1<sup>st</sup>. Request an Absentee Ballot here:

<https://www.vote4dc.com/ApplyInstructions/Absentee>

#### Early Voting

Early Voting begins on October 22nd at One Judiciary Square and on October 28th at Early Voting Centers in every ward across the District. Ward 3's early voting location is the Chevy Chase Community Center (5601 Connecticut Ave NW). Other locations can be found here <https://www.dcboee.org/ev/index.asp>.

#### Polling places

Most Palisades residents vote at the Palisade Recreation Center which will be open from 7AM-8PM. Confirm your polling place here:

<https://www.vote4dc.com/SearchElection/SearchByAddress#main-wrap>

#### Same-Day Registration

Residents can register at their precinct's polling place on election day and cast a regular ballot that same day.

Additionally, residents may also register to vote and cast a regular ballot at any early voting center.

If a resident were to register at a precinct's polling place on election day or at an early voting center, he or she will need to complete a voter registration application, swear or affirm eligibility, and provide valid proof of residency.

Valid proof of residence is either a copy of a current and valid government photo identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter.

Election Day FAQ:

[https://www.dcboee.org/faq/election\\_day.asp](https://www.dcboee.org/faq/election_day.asp)

Voter Registration FAQ:

[https://www.dcboee.org/faq/voter\\_req.asp](https://www.dcboee.org/faq/voter_req.asp)

### ANC Candidates

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#### 3D09

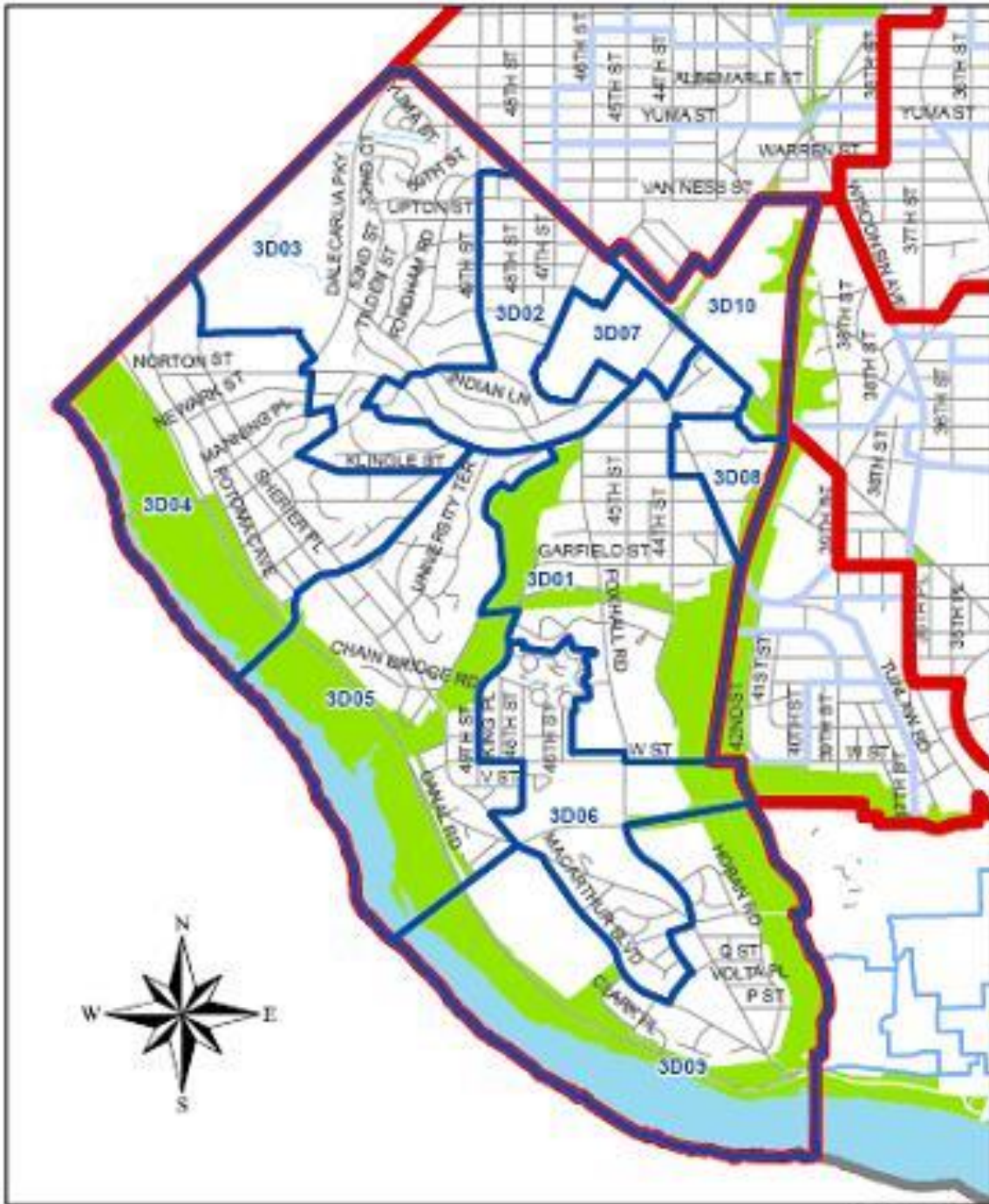
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# News and Notes



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## ANC 3D 2013 Boundaries





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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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