



THE PALISADES News

A Newsletter of the Palisades Citizens Association, Representing the Greater Palisades Area, Volume 28, Number 1. October 2016

October PCA General Membership Meeting

**Tuesday
October 4, 7:30pm**

**At the Palisades
Recreation Center**

**--Special Guest Mayor Muriel
Bowser**

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Mayor Muriel Bowser will be our special guest to update us on developments in our city government and to discuss issues of interest. Bring your questions and concerns.



Your PCA Calendar for October 2016

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

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| <p>Every Sunday, 9am–1pm Tuesday, October 4, 7:30-9pm Wednesday, October 5, 7-10pm Friday-Sunday, October 7-9 Saturday, October 15, 12-4pm Sunday, October 23, 12-4pm</p> | <p>Palisades Farmers Market General Membership Meeting ANC3D Monthly Meeting Used Book Sale Country Market Day Harvest Festival 2016</p> | <p>Next to Safeway Rec Center Sibley Hospital Palisades Library Georgetown Day Key School</p> |
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Country Market Day Georgetown Day School

Georgetown Day School’s annual fall festival, will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2016 from noon to 4:00 pm. This event features community favorites such as Hill Country BBQ, used books sale, children’s amusements, carnival games, and more. We invite you to join us as there is fun for all ages!

In addition, the INOVA Fairfax Hospital System will return to provide the flu vaccine for a \$34 fee. Check and cash are both accepted and medicare subscribers simply need to bring their card with them. Please ask the Welcome Tent to direct you to the Flu Vaccine Clinic. (GDS provides this service at the cost of the vaccine and does not profit from this endeavor.)

Please join us this Saturday, October 15 for a great afternoon of neighborhood fun.



Harvest Festival 2016 Key School

Save the date! Key School’s annual Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday, October 23rd. Come play a vast assortment of games, get your face painted, participate in our pumpkin decorating contest and enjoy the giant moon bounce and slide! Frightfully fun and back by demand is our haunted house! Visit our used book/DVD sale, concession stand and bake sale for delicious treats! This event will be held rain or shine at Key Elementary School, 5001 Dana PI, from 12pm to 4pm. Contact Sara Tucker at saradann@gmail.com or 202-295-7595 for more information. See you there!



From the President

Dear neighbors –

Please join us on Tuesday, October 4 for our first general membership meeting of the fall. We'll be at the Palisades Recreation Center at 7:30 PM. Our very special guest will be DC Mayor Muriel Bowser. She will be coming to help commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the PCA. She will also be giving us an update on issues she is working on, as well as taking questions. It is sure to be an interesting and informative session.

In other news, the process of the renovation and rebuilding of the recreation center building continues to move along. In May we had representatives of the Departments of General Services and Parks and Recreation present design proposals. None of the proposals were well-received. On September 20, two new schemes were presented to the community. See page 9 for a full report on what was presented and how it was received. And stay tuned for information about how to participate in the survey which the City plans to conduct.



community meeting in Georgetown, and over 200 of your neighbors came out to make our dissatisfaction known. We still have a long struggle ahead of us, and right now the task is to keep the FAA from making changes that will make the problem worse. The PCA is working as a member of the Fair Skies Coalition to press for changes in the way aircraft are scheduled and routed, see the PCA website and page 7 for more details and information about how you can help.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone who made this year's Fourth of July parade and picnic -- our 50th! -- a success. Thanks to everyone who helped organize, all of our business sponsors and everyone who contributed something, everyone who marched, our parade judges, and even those who just came to watch and enjoy. We'll do it all again next year!

I hope to see you on October 4.
Thanks,
Nick Keenan
PCA President

It's the time of year when we all like to have our windows open in the evening, and aircraft noise continues to be an issue. On September 14 the FAA hosted a

The Palisades Citizens Association and your local fire fighters invite you to...

FAMILY NIGHT AT THE FIRE STATION

Sunday, October 30, 5:00-7:00pm

**Live Music..... Hats for the Kids..... Cookie Decorating Crafts great BBQ
Pot Luck Supper** (The fire fighters cook the main course. Last names starting with A-P, bring your favorite side dish; last names Q-Z, bring a dessert.)

Please RSVP: 363-7441 or email: palisadesdc@hotmail.com

See you there!

Free for PCA Members

\$20 donation per family for non-members

To join the PCA, visit www.palisadesdc.org.



Flashback

50th Consecutive Palisades Parade and Picnic Smashes All Records!

Almost three months ago neighbors and friends of the Palisades – including more than a few politicians – participated in a landmark event for our community: our 50th consecutive Palisades Fourth of July Parade and Picnic. The unseasonably cool weather meant one of the biggest turnouts in our history, with as many as 4,000 folks lining the parade route down MacArthur from Whitehaven to Edmunds. “Mayor of the Palisades” *Mat Thorp* was named Grand Marshal. The parade itself, starting with the Boy Scouts and featuring everyone from Mayor Bowser, Eleanor Holmes Norton and most of the City Council, to the Oscar Meyer Weinermobile, to mysterious groups like the so-called “Palisades Pirates,” took almost an hour and a half to snake its way to the Palisades Rec Center, where Palisades Citizens Association volunteers served the traditional picnic of hot dogs, watermelon and drinks under the tent.

Mayoral Proclamation

Mayor Bowser read a proclamation thanking the community for the parade and commending the



Lynn Thorp, Grand Marshal Mat Thorp, Mayor Bowser, PCA Board member Spence Spencer Photo courtesy of the Mayor’s Office

Palisades for the 50th consecutive parade. A special salute goes out to the Palisades own Virginia Ryan, who came home to sing the national anthem. It was also a record year for community support for the parade, both in terms of business support and sales of the PCA Centennial t-shirt, modeled after the centennial banners that line MacArthur Boulevard. The Conduit Road Citizens Association, which was later renamed the Palisades Citizens Association, was founded in 1916. And while the PCA started organizing Fourth of July parades in the 1930’s, they began to be held every Independence Day starting 1966.

Picnickers consumed over 3000 hot dogs (and buns) and over 60 watermelons. Members of our local Masonic Lodge as always turned in an exceptional performance grilling the dogs - and volunteers from the Lions Club helped serve the drinks. Mr. Funnyman tied up the balloons, and the kids enjoyed a face painter. Not one but TWO moon bounces – and the music of the band Shirkaday under the big top!

The Parade and Picnic were preceded by another Palisades Centennial event the evening before: the Hoedown on the Green! More than 100 neighbors spread out picnics under the big tent and enjoyed live music, square dancing (yes, square dancing), and free ice cream, thanks to MacMarket.

Thanks To All Who Made It Such a Record-Breaking Success!

This is an all-volunteer effort and thanks should also go out to several people: *Anne Ourand* was a steady hand at the helm, and *Bob Reed* not only was in charge of parade marshals, but also organized the music under the tent, and the Weinermobile to name only a couple of his contributions. And of course, the always-there, supremely energetic *Maria Garcia* was in charge of t-shirt sales. *Marjory Hardy* and *Jenny Wieroniey* organized both the prizes and judging of entries.

A tip of the hat always goes to Members of the Free and Accepted Masons of the District of Columbia and volunteers from the Georgetown-Palisades Lions Club for their assistance.



Free Mason Grillers

And of course, there are dozens of others who have helped make this a banner parade and picnic: Watermelon cutters. Parade Marshals. T-shirt sellers. There is not enough space to thank everyone!



Flashback

The community could not do a parade like this every year without some serious support from the city. We're especially grateful to the Department of Parks and Recreation for providing such a lovely site as the Rec Center and their wonderful staff. The PCA is also grateful to the support we regularly receive from both the Metropolitan Police Department and the Fire Department.



Awesome DPR Staff

And finally, thanks to the many MacArthur Boulevard businesses who contribute to make the picnic possible. We would like to extend an extra thank you to our Platinum and Gold members who contributed \$500 or more:

Platinum and Gold

- BlackSalt Fish Market & Restaurant
- MacArthur Beverages
- Et Voila Restaurant
- MacMarket
- Freemasons of Washington DC
- Palisades – Georgetown Lions Club
- Grand Oaks Assisted Living
- Parker's Exxon



- H.D. Johnson, Inc.
- Pro Feed of Palisades
- John I. Haas, Inc.
- Safeway
- Long & Foster,
- Christie's International Georgetown
- Sibley Hospital
- St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

And thanks also to our other 2016/2017 business members. Please patronize all these community-spirited organizations and thank them for their community involvement!

Silver

- Abramson & Associates, LLC
- Bambu Restaurant
- Building Blocks Therapy
- Dennis O'Leary DDS, PC
- Design 1
- French Seams
- Howard Eales, Inc.
- Mauck Zantzing & Associates, Inc.
- Mindy's Catering
- Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church
- Palisades Veterinary Clinic
- St. David's Episcopal Church
- The Lab School
- The River School
- Vanessa Carpenter Lourie, Esq.

Bronze

- 7th Hill Pizza
- American Painting
- B. Salon
- Capital Antiques & Fine Art
- DC Boathouse Restaurant
- Inga's Once is Not Enough
- Institute for Spiritual Development, Inc.
- Mimi's
- Palisades Deli
- Palisades Community Church
- Scott Silverstein – Caliber Home Loans
- Standard Properties
- Sur la Place



Out and About

DC Fair Skies Coalition Update

Background

The Fair Skies Coalition has been actively working to remediate the excessive noise from aircraft departing and landing at Ronald Reagan National Airport. On May 27, 2016, the Coalition filed its Administrative Petition with the U.S. Court of Appeals demanding that the FAA take immediate action to abate the currently unlawful and unacceptable levels of aircraft noise that are being inflicted upon DC communities on the East side of the Potomac River. The Petition detailed the history of the current LAZIR flight path, part of the FAA's Metroplex Next Generation (NexGen) aircraft route project, which involved moving the historic NATIONAL 328 departure flight path from Ronald Reagan National Airport approximately one-half mile east and impacting residents from Foggy Bottom to Palisades with increased aircraft noise and pollution. The Petition was signed by the Mayor, DC Council Members for Wards 2 and 3, and all At Large Council Members. The Coalition expects the Court of Appeals to request the FAA to enter into arbitration.

The Petition notes that the LAZIR flight path was done without any of the statutorily required environmental review of this new flight path and without notice or opportunity for affected communities and their elected representatives to comment and seek alternatives. It also notes that the FAA and the Metropolitan Airports Authority (MWAA) have intensified the impact of this flight path change by effectively abandoning the night time noise rule that restricted flights after 11:00 PM and prior to 7:00 AM; increasing the percentage of north flow departures from 50% to close to 65% regardless of wind direction; failing to require heavier, noisier long-range aircraft to use Dulles; and failing to impose mandatory noise abatement flight procedures. The bottom line result of all these actions and inactions is the erosion of the quality of life to DC residents from Foggy Bottom to Palisades.

LAZIR B

The historic northern departure flight path, NATIONAL 328, took planes on a straight line flight path over the Pentagon, Arlington National Cemetery, and commercial Arlington before intersecting the river above the Georgetown Reservoir. It is unclear to the Coalition

what the justification was for moving that flight path about ½ mile east so that planes using LAZIR are now flying over Georgetown University and MacArthur Boulevard nearby communities. The FAA is proposing a shift from LAZIR to LAZIR B for flights departing from National. According to the FAA's noise analysis of LAZIR B, dated Dec 10, 2015, it would decrease average noise levels from departing flights slightly in Georgetown but increase average noise levels for upriver residential areas, such as the Palisades. The FAA announced that it would host a series of Community Working Group meetings to provide citizens with an opportunity to review and comment on the LAZIR B changes. The Coalition wrote a letter expressing its serious concerns about LAZIR B to the FAA's Eastern Region Administrator and Vice President, Mission Support Services.

Community Meeting at Georgetown Library

On September 14, the FAA held its Community Working Group for Ward 2 and 3. There was strong citizen turnout and I want to thank all who attended. The woman at the comment area said that the FAA had underestimated demand as she had handed out over 200 comment sheets and only had one left.

That said, the consensus opinion from Fair Skies Coalition colleagues and other attendees was disappointment in the quality of the public outreach meeting. At the meeting, FAA controllers and staff maintained stations to engage the public on discussions of the proposed route change. Each station had a poster board with different geographic scale diagrams of the existing and proposed routes. When I engaged them on issues they were generally nice, but not helpful. Their responses stuck to rhetoric on how great the new LAZIR B route will be. To my surprise, however, one FAA staffer admitted that the change was minimal and was a tweak done only to avoid planes getting too close to the area around the white house. He acknowledge that the proposed LAZIR B departure change would actually increase the noise from flights departing National to Palisades and other upriver residents. At this time, the FAA is not proposing changes to landing routes that would reduce noise. When I asked questions about reducing the number of flights or limiting National's hours of operation, the FAA staff directed me to talk to WMAA staff. Although someone later told me that there was a WMAA representative in attendance, I couldn't find the person. The meeting did offer attendees the opportunity to submit comments - which I hope will influence the FAA's decision. Further information about the FAA's



Out and About

Nextgen efforts can be found on its web site. The site includes a link for citizens to submit comments.

The tenor of this meeting reinforces the need for citizen support of the Fair Skies Coalition to represent community concerns that will incite the FAA and WMAA to make changes that will improve the quality of life for

Palisades residents. The Coalition is not interested in any solution that pushes the problem onto neighboring Virginia or Maryland communities. It is working with representatives from these communities to align initiatives with courts and legislators that will encourage the FAA to return to the pre-Spring 2015 flight paths and reopen its 2015 Nextgen proposal to public review and comment - including a comprehensive noise study.

The Fair Skies Coalition counts on contributions from Ward 2 and Ward 3 residents to fund its efforts. Please continue your support by using the link provided on the PCA web site.

Ken Buckley
Chair, Airplane Noise Committee

Friends of the Palisades Library “Everything Must Go” Used Book Sale

Back to School and just in time for the Friends of Palisades Library “Everything Must Go” Used Book Sale. Mark your calendar for Friday and Saturday, October 7 and 8, 10 am – 5 pm both days, and Sunday, October 9, 1 – 4:30 pm to stock up from thousands of used books donated to Palisades Library, 4901 V St. NW (corner of MacArthur Blvd. & V St.).

As you may know, our library is scheduled for renovation in the near future. In preparation for the renovation, the Friends must empty all our used book space and disperse our inventory. This sale will be

your last opportunity to shop our collection before we shut down our operation.

Fill a bag for \$2 from three areas. Upstairs in the Friends’ stacks, shop rows of shelves of fiction, mysteries, classics, and non-fiction, including art, history, biographies, travel, science, philosophy, foreign language, and many other categories. In the adjacent room, find children’s books and parenting and education books. Also pick treasures here from specially priced, more valuable books: first editions, out-of-print, unique, and hard-to-find volumes.

The permanent Friends Sale Room downstairs by the Circulation Desk will be open for final clearance before closing for the library renovation. Here you’ll find popular books and award winners.

Don’t forget to load up In Bargain Alley, near the back door, especially popular mysteries.

Currently, book donations are suspended until after the library renovation. Any remaining books will be donated to charity. Email: friendsofpalisadeslibrary@gmail.com.

Note that the September meeting on the library renovation has been rescheduled for sometime in October. Rescheduled date and time will be posted on the Palisades listserv.

Renewal Time for September People

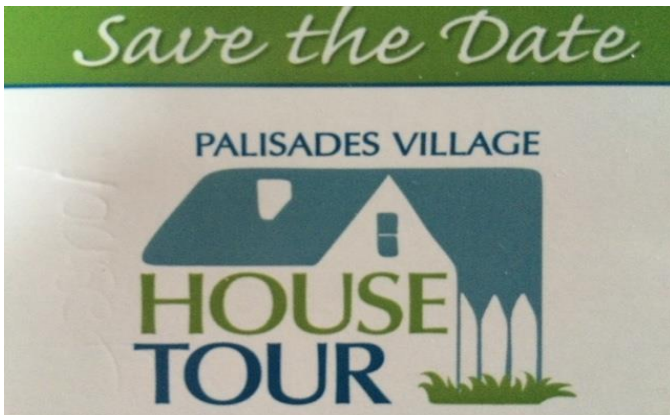
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News and Notes

Palisades Village House Tour Homes in Spring Valley October 15, 2016 from 11 to 4

Palisades Village presents its Fourth Annual House Tour in the Spring Valley neighborhood of Northwest DC. Spring Valley is one of Washington's most beautiful and bucolic neighborhoods. Unlike Georgetown and other more densely populated areas, Spring Valley has homes with expansive lawns, and ample front and back yards, giving it a countryside feeling while still well within the District's borders. Eight homes in the historic and tree-lined neighborhoods of Spring Valley are showcased. The homes include large Tudors and Colonials that have been remodeled and expanded over the years. The homes have been exquisitely updated with contemporary art and furniture with a mix of antiques and traditional furnishings.



Tickets, which are the booklets with home descriptions and addresses, can be purchased for \$30 up to 4 p.m. on Friday, October 14, 2016 online at www.palisadesvillage.org or by calling 202-244-3310. Day-of tickets can be purchased for \$35. All tickets will be available at 5018 Tilden Street, NW beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 15.

Palisades Village is a nonprofit organization helping seniors continue to live at home and remain engaged in

the neighborhoods of Berkely, Foxhall, Kent, Palisades, Spring Valley and Wesley Heights. For nearly ten years, the Village has been providing social, educational, cultural activities, transportation and other support services seniors need for richer and more robust lives. Palisades Village has over 200 members and over 100 volunteers. The house tour is a major source of funding for its operations.

Palisades Community Fund Call for Grant Proposals

The Palisades Community Fund (PCF) is currently calling for grant proposals to review at its spring meeting. Proposals must be postmarked or submitted electronically by October 30, 2016.

The PCF finances projects that promote charitable activities, cultural enrichment, community education and service, economic improvements and environmental enhancements in the Palisades neighborhood.

Grants by the Fund have supported a variety of local projects for schools, the Palisades Branch library, beautification of MacArthur Boulevard, the Hardy and Palisades Rec Centers, the local fire station, as well as the Palisades Farmer's Market and Palisades Village. Grants have also been awarded to support projects initiated by individuals including the Palisades Weather Station and a memorial bench in honor of Ida Marien.

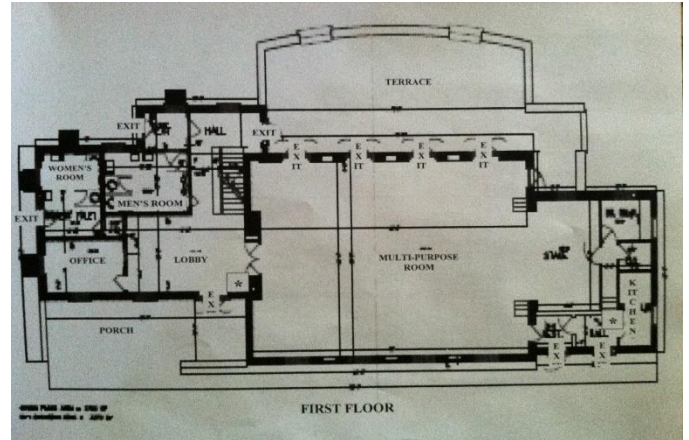
Although the grant review process is competitive, the proposal requirements are simple. Outlines for proposals are on the PCA website: www.palisadesdc.org If you have any questions, please contact the PCA office at 202-363-7441.

All proposals must clearly describe their contribution to the community, explaining the specific need the project will address. Please send applications to Palisades Community Fund, P.O. Box 40603, Washington, D.C., 20016 or email them to palisadesdc@hotmail.com. Email is preferred.

The Palisades Community Fund looks forward to working together to continue to make the Palisades community a great place to live.



News and Notes



Existing Floor Plan

Palisades Recreation Center Modernization

On Tuesday, September 20, the DC Department of General Services (DGS) along with the DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and a representative from the Historic Preservation Review Board briefed the community on revised concepts for renovation of the recreation center.

The revisions presented were in response to an earlier presentation to the community in June, in which the community made clear that it wanted a scaled back version which focused on serving the Palisades rather than broader city-wide interests. Of principal concern was the impact a greatly enhanced facility would have on traffic and parking adjacent to the center which was already overburdened by current usage of recreation center facilities, especially the soccer pitch and softball field. The facility design contractor for DGS presented two versions, which differed principally in that one contained a half court sized gym, and the other did not. In both versions the additional space, including a multipurpose/fitness room, and separate spaces for teen and senior activities, were to be accommodated in a new structure behind and connected to the existing building. In addition to presenting the two new versions DGS announced that it intended to survey the community regarding them before proceeding with a final design.

Community response to the presentation was generally positive, especially regarding DGS' having taken into account concerns voiced at the June meeting. However, some attendees expressed a desire that a renovation of existing building only option also be included in the survey, others expressed concern that no specific plans to address parking and traffic issues were part of the modernization planning, and others indicated that the community needed more than verbal assurance that if even a half-court basketball facility were added it would be available only for the use of the immediate community. DGS indicated that the presentation would be available to view on their web site under Palisades Recreation Center Project.

Field Scheduling Pilot Project

The Department of Parks and Recreation has scheduled open field time at the Palisades Recreation Center this fall. The goal of the initiative is to provide open access to our fields during the weekend and to alleviate the parking and traffic constraints on the site during league seasons. The confirmed open field slots are as follows:

SOCCKER FIELD: Saturday, 10:30am to 11:30am;
Saturday, 2:30pm to 3:30pm; Sunday, 8:00am to 10:00am; Sunday, 1:30pm to 3:00pm

BASEBALL FIELD: Saturday, 12:00pm to 1:00pm;
Saturday, 3:00pm to 4:00pm; Sunday, 9:00am to 11:00am; Sunday, 3:00pm to 4:00 pm



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