



# THE PALISADES News

A Newsletter of the Palisades Citizens Association, Representing the Greater Palisades Area, Volume 28, Number 6, April 2017

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## **April PCA General Membership Meeting**

Tuesday  
April 4, 7:30pm

At the Palisades Recreation  
Center

## **Elissa Silverman**

DC Councilmember at-large will update us on important issues before the city council and answer questions.



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## **Palisades Recreation Center Modernization**

DGS and DPR will update the community on final design and construction schedule.



## Out and About



### Your PCA Calendar for April 2017

*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, April 4, 7:30-9pm	PCA General Membership Meeting	Rec Center
Wednesday, April 5, 7-11pm	ANC 3D Monthly Meeting	Sibley Hospital
Saturday, April 8, 10am-12pm	Easter Egg Hunt and Pot Luck Breakfast	Rec Center
Sunday, April 16	Easter	
Sunday, April 30	Last day to submit PCF applications and t-shirt contest entries (see p. 6)	
Sunday, May 7, 11am-3pm	Lab School Spring Fair	Lab School



## The Lab School of Washington's

### SPRING FAIR 2017

*Celebrate Lab's 50th year with food, drink & games!*

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## From the President

Dear neighbors –

Please join us on Tuesday, April 4 at 7:30 PM at the historic Palisades Rec Center for our next general meeting. Our special guest will be at-large DC Councilmember Elissa Silverman. She will update us on important issues and there will be time for questions from the public. Councilmember Silverman has visited us before and she is always an informative and thought-provoking speaker.

We will also be seeing the first public showing of the plans for the new Rec Center building. Interior work is slated to begin in June, and after our annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and celebration the exterior work will start.

In early March, Mayor Bowser introduced a bill to lease the old Hardy School on Foxhall Road to a private school for fifty years. The disposition of this property is an issue of interest to many people in our community. As I write this, no community meetings or hearings have been announced, but we will continue to follow the issue and keep the community up to date.

April 30 is the deadline to apply for a Palisades Community Fund grant. The PCF is the grant-making arm of the PCA and supports projects benefiting the Palisades community that promote charitable activities, cultural enrichment, community education and service, economic improvements and environmental enhancements. For more information and instructions on how to apply for a grant, visit the PCF webpage at [http://www.palisadesdc.org/cf\\_about.php](http://www.palisadesdc.org/cf_about.php) . The PCF depends entirely upon contributions from community members, you can also find directions for making a contribution at the same site.

The centennial banners that were up on MacArthur Boulevard during 2016 to celebrate the PCA's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday have now come down. If you enjoyed them, and wished you could always see them, your dreams have

been answered: we are selling the banners. Yes the actual, authentic historic pieces that flew over MacArthur Boulevard can be yours for twenty dollars apiece. To get yours, visit the PCA table at the Farmer's Market or contact me or Anne Ourand. It's the perfect decoration for rec rooms, dorm rooms or that hard-to-fill spot above the mantelpiece. In a special offer for Palisades News readers only, for a limited time buyers can get a certificate of authenticity hand-signed by the PCA president with each banner purchased!

On April 8<sup>th</sup>, bring your kids to the annual Easter egg hunt at Palisades Park. See page 4 for details. Note that this is the week before the actual Easter weekend. The

rumor that this is because Palisades children need extra time to find all of the eggs is NOT true, our kids are the smartest in the city! If you are interested in helping out, please contact Anne Ourand.

While July may seem far off, planning has already begun for the PCA's signature annual event, the Fourth of July Parade. If you are interested in helping out in any way, big or small, please contact our parade chair, Spence Spencer.

Finally, a reminder that everything the PCA does runs on volunteers. We are always looking for people to help with events and to serve on our standing committees. If you are interested in

volunteering, please contact me. For more information about what the PCA does and the current committees, please visit the website at [www.PalisadesDC.org](http://www.PalisadesDC.org).

I hope to see you on April 4!

Sincerely,  
Nick Keenan  
PCA President



The Palisades Citizens Association invites you to an

**Easter Egg Hunt and  
Pot-Luck Breakfast**

**Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

Palisades Rec Center

- 10:00**      **Bag decorating**
- 10:30**      **Easter Egg Hunt!**
- 11:00**      **Games (ages 4+)**

Please bring a breakfast item to share (fruit, muffins, etc.); coffee and drinks provided.

Free for PCA members; \$10 donation/family otherwise

**Call 202-363-7441 the morning of the event if the weather is questionable.**

*Please note: the playground will be closed before the egg hunt.*

**See you there!**



# News and Notes

## DC Fair Skies Coalition

Members of the Fair Skies Coalition updated the PCA at its last general membership meeting March 7. For those who were not able to attend, here are some important takeaways.



The coalition is not simply looking at the routing of planes arriving and departing from Reagan National. Routing is only one of the factors which contributes to aircraft noise. In addition the coalition is looking at possibly restricting departure and arrival times and limiting the size and models of aircraft permitted to utilize the airport. As was pointed out Dulles International



Airport was supposed to be the principal airport for the DC region; clearly more traffic could be shifted there.

In addition, it was noted that a Palisades resident has successfully appealed their property tax assessment based on the increased aircraft noise in our neighborhood beginning in 2015 as a result of the flight pattern change. The more residents who are willing to appeal tax assessments based on this precedent, the more city leaders will take the aircraft noise pollution issue in our neighborhood seriously.

***The Coalition needs your donations and contributions are tax deductible***

If you are frustrated by aircraft noise, please support the Coalition's Aircraft Noise Fund. Appellate litigation is a marathon not a sprint and we need to raise an additional \$60,000 more to continue to fight the FAA. Please donate now to [DCFairSkies.org/donate](http://DCFairSkies.org/donate).

## Shape the Future of DCPS

The new chancellor of the DC Public Schools, Antwan Wilson, is hosting "conversations at schools across the city with families and faculty," leading "engagement sessions in every ward," and meeting "with leaders representing our faith, neighborhood, and business communities." DCPS has "also set up a write-in campaign, so that everyone has the opportunity to inform the priorities that will guide our next five years." The Ward 3 Engagement session will be held on Monday, March 27 at Deal MS, 3815 Fort Drive, NW, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, with light dinner and childcare provided.

If you are unable to attend an engagement session, you are encouraged to take part in the write-in campaign, online: [EngageDCPS.org](http://EngageDCPS.org); email: [ofpe.info@dc.gov](mailto:ofpe.info@dc.gov); or mail to: DC Public Schools, c/o Office of Family and Public Engagement, 1200 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002.



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### Palisades July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade T-shirt Design Contest

Every year the Palisades Citizens Association sells t-shirts to help raise money to pay for July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and picnic expenses, and this year is no exception. The t-shirt is designed by a Palisades resident. Why don't you try your hand at creating a special, one-of-a-kind design?

Contest Rules:

1. Maximum of four colors
2. Submit design on 8- 1/2" x 11" white paper
3. Must be a Palisades resident (open to children and adults)
4. Please include 2017 and the word PALISADES
5. Please include name, email and phone number on the back.

Please mail designs to the Palisades Citizens Association,  
PO Box 40603, Washington, DC 20016 or drop off at Maria Garcia's house: 2339 King PI NW.

Deadline: April 30, 2017

Questions? Call the Palisades Citizens Association at 363-7441.

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### THE PCF CALLS FOR 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 April 30, 2017.

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](http://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](mailto: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.

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### Support the "Northwest Current"

Several neighbors have encouraged the community to support the Current in response to their full page ad asking for financial help. As these neighbors have pointed out the Current is a source of news about our community which is not available anywhere else, and for this reason an important asset to the community. The suggested level of support is \$60/year. Contributions can be made by calling 202-567-2020 or sending a check to The Current Newspapers, P.O. Box 40400, Washington, DC 20016-0400. To show their appreciation, the paper is offering each contributor a free classified ad.

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### Save the POOL!!

There is an online petition to save the Lab School pool: To sign the petition, Google: "ipetitions.com/petition/save-the-lab-school-pool" to access.



# News and Notes

## RESOLUTION

Approved by the Palisades Citizens Association  
March 7, 2017

The Palisades Citizens Association (PCA) takes note of the following:

- ▶ The District of Columbia Department of Transportation has begun replacing conventional street lights with energy-efficient LED lights.
- ▶ DDOT plans to issue a Request for Proposal to replace all of the District's 71,000 street lights with LED lights.
- ▶ The LED street lights being installed by DDOT emit a large amount of blue-wavelength light and thus appear a harsh, blue-white color (4000 Kelvin).
- ▶ The American Medical Association has warned that blue-rich LED lights produce more glare than conventional lighting, creating a road hazard.
- ▶ The AMA has warned that blue-rich LED lights are potentially harmful to human health because of their impact on circadian sleep cycles.

▶ The AMA recommends that outdoor lighting use "the lowest emission of blue light possible." This can be achieved with warm-white LED lights that are 3000 Kelvin or less.

## RESOLVED:

The Palisades Citizens Association supports adoption of energy-efficient LED street lighting in the District of Columbia while using the best available technology that is least likely to harm the health of District residents.

## FURTHER RESOLVED:

The PCA recommends that the D.C. Department of Transportation adopt warm-white 2700 Kelvin LED lights for all street light installations in the District.


## FURTHER RESOLVED:

The PCA recommends that DDOT replace all existing LED street lights in the District with warm-white 2700 Kelvin LED lights.

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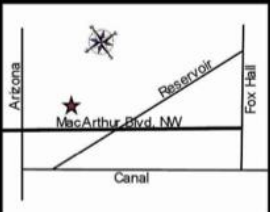



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## Membership Update

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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