



CPCA Annual Highlights: 2024-2025

June 2025

Dear Cleveland Park neighbors,

Thank you for your continued membership in the Cleveland Park Community Association, and for your interest in the issues affecting our community. Because CPCA is a membership-driven organization, your views and feedback shape our programming, priorities, and advocacy.

The past year has been a busy one for CPCA, as we have engaged with District leaders on many different issues affecting our neighborhood, and continued our community-building events and programming. A few highlights from these efforts follow below.

CPCA has also continued to support, sponsor, and collaborate on a host of events throughout the year, including Cleveland Park Day, the Rosedale summer concert series, and more. In addition to the Annual Meeting on June 11th, we hope you'll make a point of joining us for the upcoming [Cleveland Park Community Picnic](#), co-hosted by CPCA and Rosedale, on June 28th. Your membership dues make these events and activities possible.

Your continued and deepened engagement will be even more important in the year ahead. D.C. faces significant headwinds as we enter our new fiscal year, including major budgetary constraints. Nuanced engagement will be required to address neighborhood priorities in an effective manner. And, as we have in the past, we will look for opportunities for CPCA to lend our voice in coalition with other groups to advance the wellbeing of the District as a whole.

Finally, I'd like to express my gratitude to a number of Board members who are leaving us after years of service to CPCA. These include our outgoing Treasurer **Isaac Bowers**, **Nick Ide**, **Kathy Gibbons**, and our long-serving Vice President **Alice Kelley**. Each of them have made valued contributions to CPCA's internal governance and operations, our advocacy, and our community programming. We're looking forward to all of them staying involved as CPCA members.

Thanks again for your membership, support, and engagement – and please keep encouraging your neighbors to join the effort if they aren't already members. I'm looking forward to an exciting year ahead for CPCA.

Barr Weiner,
President
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Pedestrian Safety

The safety of pedestrians and other non-vehicular road users has been a consistent priority for our membership and Board in recent years. This past year has been no different, reflected and amplified by the active and well-organized efforts of the Eaton Elementary school community to elevate concerns about the safety of pedestrians - and especially children - walking along 34th Avenue in the immediate vicinity of the school. CPCA has continued its advocacy, supporting and amplifying these efforts, particularly with Ward 3 Councilmember Frumin's office and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), to ensure safety risks along this corridor as it passes through Cleveland Park are properly assessed and managed.. You can see our letter [HERE](#), and we have continued to engage with both offices in the background over the intervening months.

Candidly, progress has been incremental, but what was a stalled effort has come back to life. DDOT has clearly heard our concerns and appears poised to accelerate its plans to take a holistic look at the whole corridor in its upcoming 2026-2027 planning and construction cycles. While we applaud this commitment, we are mindful of the budget challenges DC faces and the value of getting what we can right now. Accordingly, CPCA's position is that (1) this planning process should include opportunities for direct community input and feedback, and (2) that DDOT should look at interim solutions to address the most urgent safety risks in the meantime.

We have communicated a standing offer to host a community event to provide neighbors and parents with the opportunity to voice their concerns directly with DDOT, and to provide DDOT planners with a forum to present their analyses and preliminary plans to the neighborhood. We're hopeful this will come together sometime early in the new school year.

Social Support Services

The CPCA Board has long advocated for improved social support services for our neighbors who both need and are entitled to them, including those who participate in D.C. housing assistance programs and who have been promised wrap-around support.

A pair of tragedies in nearby communities in 2024 brought the issue into even starker relief, and we continue to believe that more purposeful action from the D.C. Council is warranted. In particular, we believe that the public deserves more transparency and a better accounting for how various District agencies and their contractors are managing social support services cases, and whether those services are, in fact, reaching those who are entitled to them.

Councilmember Frumin and several nearby ANCs have engaged on this issue, and CPCA has called upon the D.C. Council to direct a thorough review of the case management practices employed by the D.C. Departments of Behavioral Health (DBH) and Human Services (DHS),

and their contractor(s), to provide, track, and report on support services to D.C. housing voucher clients.

We encourage you to review [our letter](#) urging that the Council seek both answers and quality data from DBH and DHS, and welcome your feedback on our continued advocacy and positioning on this and related issues. We will continue our advocacy and to provide a community forum for this issue in the coming year.

Community Building Events and Programming

The CPCA Board has placed renewed emphasis on fun, family-friendly community-building events in recent years, and this past year was no different. For example, last October, CPCA again hosted the Macomb Park Halloween Parade, providing a fun, safe space and pizza for our neighborhood's youngest witches and ghouls to showcase their costumes during daylight hours – we're looking forward to doing so again this year.

In March, CPCA hosted a meet-and-greet for members to connect face-to-face with ANC commissioners representing Cleveland Park from both of the ANCs that cover our community. In fact, this unique event was the first time that many of the commissioners from ANC 3C, which is oriented on Connecticut Avenue, and ANC 3A, which is oriented on Wisconsin Avenue, had actually met each other. More than two dozen neighbors joined this informal networking session for small group discussions and to raise issues of interest.