



November 2015

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Happy Fall! Despite the recent spate of warm weather, the falling leaves indicate cooler weather is on the way and autumn is here to stay.

Before we get to the nuts, bolts and news of the recent months, a loud and raucous shout of congratulations goes out to one of our board members, Mark Rosenman, for receiving a Community Service Award from the Metropolitan Police Department. Mark has spent countless hours in volunteer service to the Cleveland Park community and working with community leaders. Based on his work within the CPCA and with the community at large, Mark was nominated for this award by our own Second District Commander Melvin Gresham. Many congratulations to Mark for this deserved recognition!

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 18 at 6:30**

Yes, there is a meeting this month! Please join us on Wednesday, November 18, for a discussion of the Pepco-Exelon merger. Our two featured speakers will be Tommy Wells, Director of Energy and Environment for the District of Columbia, and Anya Schoolman, representing the community coalition Power DC. The Pepco-Exelon merger has generated some controversy, with some saying the merger is good for DC residents and others claiming it is not. Mr. Wells will be speaking in support of the merger, and Ms. Schoolman will be speaking against it. Come to the meeting, listen to the speakers, ask questions, and decide for yourself. The meeting will start at 6:30, with the usual CPCA business taking up the first half hour. The Pepco-Exelon speakers will begin at 7pm.

**Demolition of Historic House**

Many of our neighbors are deeply concerned about the surprise demolition of a

contributing structure in the Cleveland Park Historic District. The CPCA Board shares that concern. The ANC and the Cleveland Park Historical Society are working to establish the facts and circumstances surrounding the demolition and to design measures to ensure that it doesn't happen again. We will be presenting a resolution at the November 18th meeting expressing our concern and supporting the ANC and CPHS effort.

### **Library Update**

For those of you wondering about the library and when that ball will get rolling, it looks like DCPL is still waiting to hear about an interim space. This is key because they do not want to close the Cleveland Park branch before opening an interim space for our community. The architects from Perkins-Eastman presented their designs (revised slightly from the original design) for the library's new exterior to the CPHS's Architectural Review Committee on Monday, November 9. There are still some review and permitting processes yet to come, and one of the architects said he thought the library would close for demolition in late spring or early summer. Stay tuned for updates.

Hope to see you all next week at the meeting. If you miss it, look on our website for news and updates in the issue.

The CPCA board wishes you all a very happy Thanksgiving holiday.

Best,  
Gina Polidoro  
President