

November 1, 2011

Dear CPCA members,

Our October membership meeting was lively and informative, thanks to our speaker, Sandra Mattavous-Frye, the D.C. People's Counsel, and to a spirited Q&A period. Ms. Frye described the role of her office as the advocate for the rights of consumers to reliable service, quality service and just, reasonable and affordable rates from three of DC's regulated utilities—Pepco, Verizon and Washington Gas. She emphasized the need for consumers to bring issues to the attention of her office. The number for consumer complaints is (202) 727-3071. For more detail about the meeting, please visit the CPCA website and read the minutes of the meeting or listen to the complete podcast.

Our next membership meeting is on November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Cleveland Park Club. This is a good time to invite your neighbors and friends to come with you to discuss a topic which has generated much interest and concern in Cleveland Park: bicyclists, drivers and pedestrians.

# THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

#### **CLEVELAND PARK CLUB**

3433 33<sup>RD</sup> Place NW – off Highland Place

# Beyond Coexistence: Cooperation and Conflict on the Avenues Bicyclists, Drivers and Pedestrians

While many of us have used – or currently use – all three modes, whichever one we are using at the moment often makes us view the other two as threats to our safety.

What does it take for us all to get along?

Come and join the discussion with experts in the field.

**Shane Farthing** (director of the Washington Area Bicyclist Association), **John Townsend** (manager of public and government affairs for the AAA), and **Jim Sebastian** (DDOT's Active Transportation Program manager – pedestrians and bicycles +) will discuss key practices and issues where these three "constituencies" mesh well together and explore what needs to be done to build a future of greater harmony for all.

In addition to our business meeting from 6:30 to 7:00 PM and the above program, we have called a special meeting for all members at 5:30 PM, also at the Cleveland Park Club, to discuss the matter regarding a potential McFadden's Saloon lease and what action, if any, CPCA should take. By now you have received a letter from the Board briefly describing the situation and our concerns. We hope you will come to discuss what, if anything, CPCA should do. We want to hear <u>your</u> views on this. We realize this will make for a long evening! We will provide beverages and "lite fare."

## SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ MCFADDEN'S DISCUSSION NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

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Lite Fare & Beverages Provided

Unless specified otherwise, all membership meetings will be held on the third Thursday of the month. One exception is our December meeting, our annual holiday party.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR! ANNUAL JOINT HOLIDAY PARTY WITH

## CPCA, CPHS AND THE CLEVELAND PARK CLUB

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON ~ DECEMBER 18 CLEVELAND PARK CLUB

Details about time and activities to follow

Update on the "Cleveland Park Village," our aging in place initiative. Thanks to the hard work of the CPCA Formation Committee, Cleveland Park is considerably closer to the realization of an aging in place program. The committee hand delivered surveys to more than 2,500 households in the area to determine interest in participation, type of services needed and interest in volunteering. The response rate was remarkable. There is no doubt that Cleveland Parkers are keen on a program and eager to participate. But in order to create an aging in place program, the effort must shift from a CPCA committee to a leadership board. The time has come to start the process of creating a separate organization, including filing for recognition as a separate 501 (c) 3 organization. Many people have indicated interest. Many people have volunteered to help, including legal work. Now we need a few leaders to come forward to create a Board. Please consider making this commitment. You will have an enormous impact on the quality of life for many people for years to come.

Thanks to everyone who has already renewed their membership. For those who have not yet renewed, please send in a renewal form. Forms are available on our website <a href="www.clevelandparkisus.org">www.clevelandparkisus.org</a>. Simply click on Membership to find the form.

We look forward to seeing you on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

With best wishes from us all,

Susie Taylor and the CPCA Board

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