



December 13, 2012

Dear CPCA Members,

We hope you can all drop by during our joint holiday party with the Cleveland Park Historical Society and the Cleveland Park Club for a visit with Santa and holiday cheer! We will also collect outdoor winter clothing for Ward 3 homeless.

**ANNUAL JOINT HOLIDAY PARTY  
CALLING ALL FAMILIES ~ COME VISIT SANTA!**

**CPCA, CPHS AND THE CLEVELAND PARK CLUB**

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON ~ DECEMBER 16**

**CLEVELAND PARK CLUB**

**3433 33<sup>RD</sup> PLACE ~ JUST OFF HIGHLAND PLACE**

**3 to 5 pm:** Please bring a new, *adult sized*, article of outdoor clothing for Ward 3 homeless neighbors (e.g. hats, gloves, scarves, jackets).

**5 pm:** Caroling with the Cleveland Park Club (interest allowing)

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AND SANTA WILL BE PRESENT**

This is a busy time in the District of Columbia. Not only is the holiday season in full swing, but there are several government initiatives under consideration that will have a lasting effect on DC residents' quality of life for years to come. The Department of Transportation is re-examining its parking policies and is in the process of developing new policies that will govern the future of parking. The Council is voting on numerous pieces of legislation -- most notably for us, an omnibus bill that will govern the sale and distribution of alcohol. And, of course, the zoning re-write process continues. Below is a synopsis of each and how CPCA has been involved.

**PARKING:** DDoT has held several "think tank" meetings to which all residents have been invited. I attended the Ward 3 meeting and, last week, the summit at which DDoT released the compilation of input. DDoT is using three guiding principles as they consider the issue: First, preserve access to residential areas for residents' use. Second, promote and facilitate commerce by prioritizing customer and commercial access in commercial areas. Third, ensure the safety of all transportation users including pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, and motorists. The input they compiled concluded that we have "divergent opinions but common issues."

The January meeting, therefore, will feature Angelo Rao, Citywide Program Support Manager, who is responsible for managing DDoT's parking programs. Mark your calendars!

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**HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF PARKING IN DC**

**GUEST SPEAKER ANGELO RAO**

**DDOT Citywide Program Support Manager**

**Thursday, January 17 2012**

**Cleveland Park Library ~ 1<sup>st</sup> floor meeting Room**

**6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

**ALCOHOL SALES AND DISTRIBUTION:** The Council also voted last Tuesday on the ABC Omnibus Bill introduced by Council Member Jim Graham. CPCA joined several ANCs and virtually every Citizen and Civic Association across the city in raising deep concerns about certain provisions in the bill. We were primarily concerned with six provisions that would have severely curtailed citizens' rights to have a consequential voice in the licensing and regulation of bars, restaurants, and taverns in their neighborhoods. I am pleased to report that the Council, led by Council Member Cheh, voted to correct five of the six provisions with which we had the most concern. It was a huge victory for citizens' rights. The emails and calls you made to Council Members had a tremendous effect.

**ZONING:** Our November meeting focused on the Zoning Regulations Rewrite. Nancy MacWood delivered a presentation on the re-write status and likely impact on the Cleveland Park community. Following the presentation, attendees asked questions and discussed concerns. As a result, the Board is preparing a letter to the Office of Planning Director Jennifer Steingasser including the following questions:

- Parking - is OP coordinating with DDoT's outreach efforts?
- Transit-Oriented Development - how does this affect Cleveland Park and how is it coordinated with the upcoming Cleveland Park/Connecticut Avenue comprehensive traffic management plan?
- What provisions exist to enable local residents to modify particular provisions concerning increased non-residential use in residential-zoned areas?
- What is the existing residential lot density typically found in Cleveland Park? How does it compare to the increased density provisions currently proposed?
- Will OP refrain from suggesting any revisions to the Cleveland Park commercial overlay until the Cleveland Park community has met and reviewed its history and effectiveness?

We will report on Ms. Steingasser's response when we receive it. Meanwhile, we are working to produce a community-wide meeting on the Cleveland Park Overlay in early 2013. Details will be announced shortly!

Don't forget that the new CPCA website includes a calendar of events where we post CPCA events and events of other community organizations. To post to the calendar, send an email with details to [calendar@cpcadc.org](mailto:calendar@cpcadc.org).

We look forward to seeing you at the Cleveland Park Club on Sunday 16th.

Warmest wishes for a joyful, safe and peaceful holiday season,

*Susie Taylor* and the CPCA Board

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