



May 2015

Dear CPCA Members,

This month I would like to bring several community events to your attention, as well as update you on the work of the CPCA's Connecticut Avenue Coalition.

**On Thursday, May 21** the CPCA will host a meeting entitled "Future Parking Reforms." Did you know that the District's Department of Transportation (DDOT) has been studying new parking ideas for Cleveland Park and other "high demand, low-intensity residential areas?" One notion, as detailed in [a front page 9/10/14 Northwest Current article](#), would be to increase the costs of Residential Parking Permits (RPP) and otherwise revise the rules for our zone. Parking is a hot topic in our neighborhood, and is something we can all relate to, whether we are trying to find parking in front of our houses, or on the commercial strips. Please join us to discuss this very important issue. The CPCA's **May 21 meeting on parking will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Davies Hall, Washington International School** (the program follows our 6:30 p.m. business meeting). Our scheduled speakers are:

- DDOT's parking policy staffer **Faye Dastgheib** will talk about DDOT's recent curbside management study and the range of recommendations being planned for implementation and/or piloting;
- Parking and planning expert **Karina Ricks**, senior consultant at Nelson\Nygaard transportation consultants, will talk about other innovative parking options being used around the United States and abroad;
- ANC3C **Commissioner Nancy MacWood** will identify possible local neighborhood concerns and experiences that ought to be considered in parking policy; and
- Councilmember Mary Cheh's Legislative Counsel, **Adam Gutbezahl**, who manages Councilmember Cheh's DDOT portfolio, will add observations from the DDOT oversight perspective.

Please note there is a new meeting place for the CPCA membership meeting this month! Since the library will soon be under construction, the CPCA has reached out to our community for alternative meeting sites. Even though the library is still available, the Board would like to meet at a different site in order to test our own flexibility and get feedback from the membership on alternate locations for the year ahead. The Washington International School (WIS) has graciously agreed to host our meeting on May 21, and has also allowed cars to park on campus, all at no charge. Our meeting will be on the Tregaron campus, accessible from Macomb Street. To access the facility, drive up the hill and you will arrive at the WIS Mansion located at 3100

Macomb Street. After entering, you will be directed to Davies Hall, where we will commence our business meeting at 6:30 p.m. Candidates for the 2015-16 Board of Directors will be announced and new At-Large candidates will be introduced. Please come and meet them!

**On Thursday, May 7** the Cleveland & Woodley Park Village will host its first ever Spring Fling gala. As many of you remember, the CPCA played a critical role in creating the Cleveland & Woodley Park Village. Since the Village's opening in May 2013, it has provided volunteer services to over 100 members, building community in the Cleveland Park and Woodley Park neighborhoods, and helping our older neighbors remain safely and comfortably in their homes. The gala is to celebrate and support this important CPCA neighborhood partner. **The Fling is on Thursday, May 7 at the historic Kennedy-Warren on Connecticut Avenue from 6:30 until 9:30 p.m.** Come join Honorary Chair Councilmember Mary Cheh for delicious food provided by Open City at the National Cathedral, dance to the music of Doc Scantlin and his Imperial Palms Orchestra, and have a chance to win a fantastic auction item. Judy Woodruff is the featured guest speaker. This is truly a "locally sourced" event. To purchase tickets and learn more please visit: <http://www.clevelandwoodleyparkvillage.org/spring-fling/>

**On Wednesday, May 13** the Friends of the Cleveland Park Library will host a meeting with the Cleveland Park Library Design Team and Library staff on **May 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cleveland Park Library.** Meet the Design Team and Library staff to tell them what *you* would like to see in your new library.

DC Public Library (DCPL) has selected Gilbane and Perkins Eastman as the design-build team. Perkins Eastman's prior work includes the Deanwood Library and the TKTS ticket booth in Times Square. The design phase will begin soon and continue through the end of year. The architect will make a recommendation to DCPL about whether the library should be renovated or rebuilt. [Click here to read DCPL's full news release on the architect selection.](#)

Also on the library, a public survey opportunity from DCPL is now live. This will be one of many ways for the community to provide feedback on the project. [Click here to view the Cleveland Park Library User Survey.](#)

On Tuesday, April 14, several members of the CPCA's Connecticut Avenue Coalition, Mayor Bowser and a large number of city agency representatives, including the new director of DDOT, went on a "Cleveland Park Neighborhood Walk." The walk began at the library and went up to Porter Street, covering both sides of Connecticut Avenue. The conversation focused on the ongoing implementation of the Streetscape Improvement Project (including recommendations resulting from the Transportation Study) as well as Metro flooding problems (the sandbags!) and drainage solutions, retail vacancies, alleys, parking, zoning, and the imminent library renovation. There have already been some service requests resulting from the walk. And, most importantly, leaders and representatives from various agencies heard clear instructions from the Mayor to actively collaborate on projects involving more than one agency.

Best,

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