

December 5, 2011

Dear CPCA Members,

November 17th was an eventful night for CPCA. First we held a special meeting to consider the possibility of McFadden's Saloon leasing the space currently occupied by Ireland's Four Fields. The Board had been alerted to the situation by various posts on the local "Yelp" and "Prince of Petworth" blogs. After an hour of discussion, those present voted unanimously to oppose McFadden's Saloon in Cleveland Park and authorized the Board to take all necessary action to carry out that directive. The primary reason for membership opposition was the refusal by the landlord, Urban Investment Properties, and by the prospective tenant, McFadden's Saloon, to respond to our proposal for a Voluntary Agreement addressing community concerns which would become part of the liquor license. The Board has subsequently sent a letter to Urban Investment Properties notifying them of CPCA's position. The letter is posted at www.bitly.com/ugzg6F

The evening's program was a lively discussion on bicyclists, pedestrians and drivers and how we can all get along. Many thanks to special guests Shane Farthing of the Washington Area Bicyclists Association, John Townsend of AAA, Jim Sebastian of the DC Department of Transportation and Sergeant Tolliver of the Metropolitan Police Department for their insightful presentations and for answering thorny questions. Our goal is to develop a traffic-enforcement management plan for Cleveland Park, including pedestrians and bicyclists. We've gotten very good coverage of the meeting in the Nov. 30 *Northwest Current* p. 3.

Our next meeting is our annual holiday party.

ANNUAL JOINT HOLIDAY PARTY

CPCA, CPHS AND THE CLEVELAND PARK CLUB

SUNDAY AFTERNOON ~ DECEMBER 18 CLEVELAND PARK CLUB 3433 33RD PLACE ~ JUST OFF HIGHLAND PLACE

3 to 5 pm: Preview CPHS gingerbread houses to be auctioned and enjoy holiday cheer with friends and neighbors. Please bring a new, adult sized, article of outdoor clothing for Ward 3homeless neighbors (e.g. hats, gloves, scarves, jackets). Rumor has it that a *special guest from the North Pole* will appear!

5 pm: Caroling with the Cleveland Park Club

6 pm: Back to the Club for hot chocolate, wine, and the CPHS gingerbread house auction.

<u>Looking ahead to our January meeting.</u> There's a growing vibrancy on Connecticut Avenue as businesses and residents work together to better identify and serve common purposes, as well as to mitigate possible conflicts. At the January meeting, we will consider recent developments on that commercial strip and explore the possible establishment and application of new collaborative models for the Wisconsin corridor.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

JANUARY 19TH CPCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

CONNECTICUT AND WISCONSIN AVENUES

CLEVELAND PARK'S COMMERCIAL AREAS ~ NEIGHBORHOOD VITALITY THROUGH COOPERATION

A JOINT MEETING WITH CPCA AND THE CLEVELAND PARK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

CLEVELAND PARK LIBRARY 7:00 PM TO 8:30 PM

CPCA BUSINESS MEETING 6:30 PM

Thanks to everyone who has already renewed their membership for the October 2011 through September 2012 membership year. For those who have not yet renewed, **now is the time!** Members who have not renewed as of February 15th will no longer be members under our new bylaws. Forms are available on our website www.ClevelandParkIsUs.org. Simply click on Membership to find the form and mail it in. We don't want to lose you!

We look forward to seeing you on December 18th at the holiday party!

With warm wishes for a safe and happy holiday season,

Susie Taylor and the CPCA Board

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