



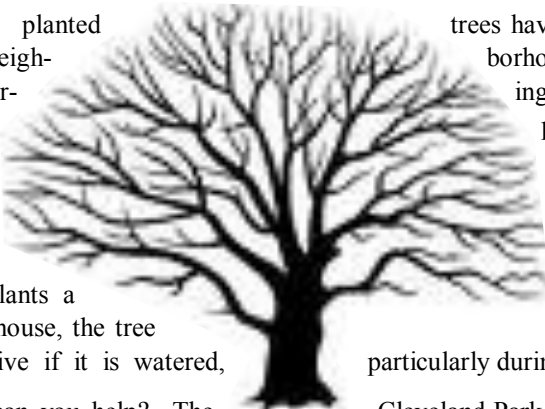
Cleveland Park Is Getting Trees!

Adopt a Tree — Trees Need YOU!

By Christine Rose

The DC Department of Transportation Trees (DDOT Trees) will soon begin their citywide spring tree planting. Depending on weather conditions, the planting could start this month. About 50 new trees will be planted in Cleveland Park. You can find the locations for spring planting here: <http://ddot.dc.gov/DC/DDOT/Services/Tree+Services/Tree+Services+Schedule#> (scroll to the bottom of the webpage page and click on Ward 3).

Newly planted trees have a better chance of survival if neighborhood residents adopt these trees during their first years. Many newly planted trees die from lack of water during the hot year. The City doesn't have the resources to water street trees. If the City plants a new tree in front of or near your house, the tree is more likely to grow and thrive if it is watered, particularly during drought.



So how can you help? The Cleveland Park Citizens Association and the Cleveland Park Historical Society ask you to please adopt a tree near you or near a neighbor that cannot care for the tree by signing up with the City's Adopt-A-Tree Canopy Keeper Program.

What needs to be done? New trees need to be thoroughly soaked once a week with at least 5 gallons of water during May thru September. The City will provide a free watering device for each adopted tree. Also, the City mulches the trees when they are planted and asks that you protect the trees by keeping the trees mulched and by clearing away any weeds or debris.

To adopt a tree and become a Canopy Keeper, contact the City at:

<http://ddot.dc.gov/DC/DDOT/Services/Tree+Services/Become+a+Canopy+Keeper:+Adopt+a+Tree>

Everything you need to know to care for your tree including the watering device will be provided to you. For additional information contact Chris Rose, Chair of the Cleveland Park Historical Society Tree Committee at 202-364-3658.

If you want a tree to be planted in front of your house, need to report a hazardous tree, or to learn more about the City's tree programs, check out the DC Department of Transportation (DC Trees) website: <http://ddot.dc.gov/DC/DDOT/Services/Tree+Services>

A short primer on tree care can be found on the Cleveland Park Historical Society website: www.clevelandparkhistoricalsociety.org.

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On the Avenue

By Kitty Forest

Come along with me on a stroll down Connecticut Avenue to meet more of the merchants and services that make our lives as Cleveland Park residents so much more pleasant.

At **Brothers Vacuum and Sewing Machine Repair** I spoke with Jose Ventura, the manager, who has been with the business for 21 years. The owners, Michael, Jay and Martin Morris, started off in Takoma Park, and then opened the Connecticut Avenue store in 1977. They sell and service high-end vacuum cleaners and sewing machines – although the vacuum business is the primary one.

Seven years ago the Morris brothers purchased the space that they had been renting. That is a large reason for Brothers remain there now. Several merchants have found that rising rents have made it impossible to stay in Cleveland Park. The current CVS store is an example of growing merchant transiency. Originally it was an oriental rug store, then it became the Quartermain Coffee Shop, then Radio Shack – and now, finally, CVS.

Brothers has joined the Cleveland Park Merchants Association. Jose Ventura feels that this group provides good liaison with the city government. In addition he says “The Association provides a forum in which the merchants can exchange information.” Brothers is not alone in facing current economic issues. Folks are having their vacuums and sewing machines repaired instead of buying new ones. So Jose says their maintenance business is doing very well.

Next I stopped at **Artisan Lamp Company**. This store is owned by John Teymourian and Cyrus Mamnaf. Artisan Lamps has been in this area since the 1980’s but in several locations. First they were in the 3400 block of Connecticut Avenue where Indique is now. Then they occupied the space that *Wake Up Little Suzy* occupies now, and then in 1993 they moved to their current location.

They have beautiful pieces of furniture such as marble stands for lamps and planters, commodes with glass fronts to display *objets d’art*, a display case of antique jewelry, and of course, an extensive collection of standing lamps and chandeliers. Not to be missed, is a wall-full of glass lamp shades for hanging

fixtures, but alas not all are for sale as they keep some for the restorations done in the store.

Last but not least there is an excellent collection of antique candlesticks, picture frames and various bric-a-brac. One can find items in porcelain, bronze, brass, various woods, and crystal. Also available are lampshades to fit almost any lamp. Most of the items are from Europe – France, Italy or Spain - and have been purchased directly by the owners. One is bound to find many things irresistible.

Finally I stopped at **Palena Restaurant**. Owner/Chef Frank Ruta spent several months renovating the building next door that used to be MacGruders, and updating the area that is Palena now. The new expanded Palena Restaurant is now open.

Frank has an extensive culinary background. In 1979 he was hired by Mrs. Rosalind Carter to work at the White House. He remained there for about 13 years, through Bush the Elder’s administration. He then worked at various high-end restaurants (Pavillion, Provence, etc.) while at the same time working on a business plan to open his own restaurant. Palena opened its doors in 2000 and has been serving ever since.

This year the closing of MacGruders was a lucky event for Palena. Frank is now leasing the entire space that was Palena and MacGruders. He did research into the history of the MacGruders space, and he discovered during the renovation that the original terrazzo floor was hiding beneath MacGruders’ linoleum. It is a lovely mixture of dark and light tiles that are not actually tiles at all. Frank explained that thin strips of brass were placed on the floor first, then the ‘filling’ was poured between them. Once it hardened it was polished to a high gloss. These tiles have been restored to their original appearance.

Because of zoning and historical restrictions only a specified amount of the total space can be restaurant, the rest must be mixed use or retail. Frank plans



to have café dining in the main part of the new space, and the front part will have for sale various culinary products such as olive oils, cheeses, and other gourmet items. Two new kitchens should facilitate offering a wider choice of the delicious food now being served.

Frank has signed a 10 year lease for the new space. Now the restaurant is open 7 days a week serving both lunch and dinner. Check the website for details. www.palenarestaurant.com.

Coming Soon to Cleveland Park!

The Washington Post's Tom Sietsema reports that a new steak house, *Medium Rare*, will open at the end of the month at 3500 Connecticut Avenue - in the space formerly occupied by Yanni's. Mark Bucher (of BGR) is the creator, Michael Richard (star chef) is consulting, Brian Zipin (of Ray's the Steaks) will be general manager, and Adamstein & Demetriou are the architects of the new place.

Tackle Box (currently in Georgetown) will open an additional location in Cleveland Park - in the old MacDonald's space on Connecticut Avenue - according to staff there. *Tackle Box* features a variety of fish and seafood appetizers and entrees, as well as desserts and a children's menu. Renovation work has begun, and after a year's worth of work, the restaurant is expected to open in mid-April.

Closure of CP Fire Station Explored

The fire station at 3522 Connecticut Avenue has recently been closed for renovation. Christopher W. Jordan, D.C. Deputy Fire Chief, issued the following announcement about the closure: ... We anticipate the station will be closed for two years. Engine 28 and Truck 14 have been relocated to Engine 31 at 4930 Connecticut Avenue NW. Ambulance 28 has been relocated to Engine 9 at 617 U Street NW. Medic 31 has been relocated to Engine 21 at 1763 Lanier Place NW." Chief Jordan also stated the neighborhood will be kept informed of the project's status through the Cleveland Park Listserv.

Engine Company No. 28

By Kitty Forest

The firehouse nearby on Connecticut Avenue which dates back to 1916 - the horse and buggy days - was last renovated 25 years ago. Anything done prior to that was maintenance. So the big news for Engine #28, 4th platoon, 5th Battalion (Georgetown, Tenleytown, Adams Morgan, Cleveland Park, Palisades and Chevy Chase Circle) is that it is time for a major makeover. And because Engine #28 is designated as an historic landmark, special challenges await the design and build team.

Lieutenant Alvin Brown showed me around the station, and it was easy to see that the equipment had just about outgrown the available space. The tops of the trucks are almost touching the ceiling. And I am told that the firefighters tend to wear winter clothes in summer and summer clothes in winter to be in synch with the heating/air conditioning systems. So the major project coming soon is a complete overhaul. Besides the fire fighting and 1st responders' role, the local firehouse provides safety inspections to residents in its geographic areas. By request, firehouse staff will come to your home and inspect the fire worthiness of your property. The information is strictly private, is not entered into any databases, and no fines are assessed. The staff works strictly in an advisory role. The D.C. Fire Prevention Department inspects commercial buildings and it has the authority to assess fines, if required.

Chief Lawrence DiPietro stopped by on his morning rounds and stated that part of his responsibilities include ensuring that good relations are maintained with various civic associations and neighborhoods. He introduced me to Chief Alfred Jeffery for information about the pending renovation. Chief Jeffery said that the design phase is now complete, and during this phase the fire department worked closely with the City Historic Preservation Office to ensure that the resulting structure would conform to all historical site requirements. Since the façade should remain as it is, a major concern is what to do about the doors which are now barely big enough to let the engines pass through.

The target date for the start of the renovation is currently February – March of 2011. Everything inside will be gutted and redone. The available space will be redesigned to maximize its convenience, and provide comfortable quarters for the staff living there during their shifts. The goal is to have a state-of-the-art firehouse, including living quarters, heat/air conditioning, and electronics to support the computer systems required to run the 24/7 operation. Plans also call for a parking deck in the back of the firehouse. The neighborhood will be kept informed of the status through the Cleveland Park Listserv. During this time the existing firehouse will be completely shut down. All staff and equipment will be moved to other locations. The choice of alternate locations is based on GIS surveys that will begin at project inception and continue through the life of the project. A GIS survey identifies those geographic areas that have the most need of additional equipment and staff. These surveys are repeated through the life of the project as conditions change. For residents of Cleveland Park this relocation will be transparent – in other words, you still call 911. The current approximate time for completion is 16 to 24 months.

I would like to thank Chiefs DiPietro and Jeffery and Lieutenant Brown for the time they took to speak with me. Cleveland Park is fortunate to have such a pleasant, courteous, efficient and knowledgeable staff to support our safety needs.

CLEVELAND PARK AND THE OLMSTEDS

By Mark N. Ozer, Guest Columnist from McLean Gardens

In the 1890s, when it became obvious that Washington was destined to grow beyond its original boundaries, several senators including Newlands, sponsored S1059 in 1894 that provided for the orderly expansion of the street system throughout the District of Columbia. It may be recalled that Senator Francis Newlands was involved in developing land in the present-day Cleveland Park area as well as in Chevy Chase. The bill included an appropriation for the planning services of the firm of Frederick Law Olmsted. This marked the start of a long term involvement with the design of Washington, including Rock Creek Park and the Washington National Cathedral. The founder of the field of landscape design, Olmsted had emphasized the need for streets to conform as much as possible with the existing terrain in order to control costs of construction, prevent erosion and provide a pleasing and picturesque appearance. This philosophy was followed by his successor firm made up of John C. Olmsted, his nephew and step-son, and his son Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. in their work on the Cleveland Park street system in 1895-96. At that time, a rectilinear design had already been imposed west of 34th street extending to Wisconsin Avenue between Porter and Woodley. However, the present-day curvilinear design remains in accordance with the Olmsteds' suggestions on the streets between Rodman and Newark east of 34th Street extending to Connecticut Avenue.



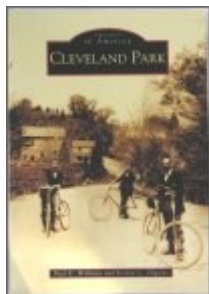
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Cleveland Park: Guide to Architectural Styles by Cherrie Anderson & Kathleen Sinclair Wood

\$10 (member) / \$15 (non-member)

A guide detailing the architectural styles and building types found in Cleveland Park. Written to help homeowners understand the characteristic features of their houses and plan additions to be compatible with the original styles. Drawings by Washington D.C. architect John Wiebenson.



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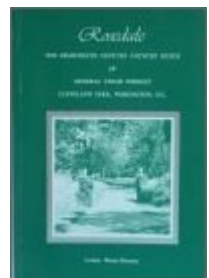
Using archival photographs, this book presents distinctive stories from the past that shape the character of the community today. The six chapters about Cleveland Park are: Early Origins and Estates, The Beginnings of Development, The National Bureau of Standards & the National Cathedral, The Building Boom, Commercial Corridors, and Apartment Houses. This is a must for all Cleveland Parkers and a great gift idea. 128 pages, soft bound.



Tregaron, A Magical Place by Kristine Larsen

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This highly-acclaimed publication is a well-researched, photo-laden book about the fascinating individuals who were part of Tregaron and their history from the early twentieth century to the present.



Rosedale by Louise Mann-Kenney

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This book documents the historical identity of Rosedale, an eighteenth-century country estate, and the life-style of the owner-builder, General Uriah Forrest and his family.

Cleveland Park by Columbia Historical Society

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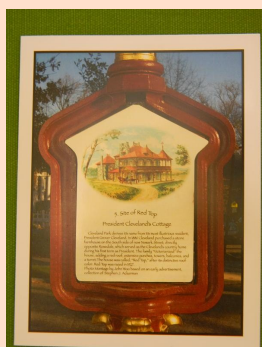
This brochure was originally written in 1904, when the Cleveland Park Company retained David Moore & William A. Hill to promote the sale of the property in its new streetcar suburb.



I Am Cleveland Park DVD

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Because of the generous contribution of time and talent, by our neighbor Ruth Pollak, CPHS has been able to engage the Educational Film Center to create a CPHS-owned film on the History of Cleveland Park. The 22 minute documentary has been designed to reveal Cleveland Park's continuity as an urban haven for families and community (1794-2007) and to show how Cleveland Park citizens have acted to preserve the community's past and control the development that would threaten its future.



Beautiful notecards featuring photographs of the Cleveland Park Callboxes available for purchase!

Commemorating some of the beautifully transformed Call Boxes seen throughout Cleveland Park, these beautiful four-color notecards are perfect for housewarming, hostess and holiday gifts. Boxed sets of 10 cards are available to members for \$12.

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Cleveland Park Community Holiday Party

By Lois Orr

CPHS, the Cleveland Park Citizens Association, and the Cleveland Park Club together hosted a community holiday party on December 19 at the Cleveland Park clubhouse. The party, which was **sponsored in part by Mauck Zantzing & Associates, Inc.**, was well-attended and the clubhouse looked very festive with its holiday decorations. Among the events of the day were the evening caroling on Highland Place and Newark Street, the silent auction of handsome gingerbread houses created by architects and artists (several of which can be seen here), and the opportunity to enjoy good food and conversation with neighbors. Each of the several gingerbread houses was special. I want to thank the many folks who worked together to make this party happen.

Gingerbread Houses Generously Contributed to CPHS by Local Artists and Architects



Sale of Gingerbread Houses raises close to \$300 for CPHS activities!

Houses donated and auctioned at the event include: *(Clockwise from top left)*

Necco House by Board Member Robert Jenkins, Winter Wonderland

Created by architect Cynthia Hamilton of Hamilton Snowber, Wendy's Whimsey by Cleveland Park artist Wendy Garner and Peppermint House by Robert Jenkins



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