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FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS ROMP IN RENOVATED PLAYGROUND

by Rachel S. Cox

IN WHAT IS EXPECTED TO BECOME AN ANNUAL KICK-OFF FOR THE SUMMER play season, more than 300 children and adults gathered on June 6th at the first Macomb Playground Fun Fair sponsored by ROMP, the Cleveland Park Historical Society's committee for the Renovation of Macomb Playground. Food, music, crafts, and games were enjoyed by all--not to mention the pleasant atmosphere of the newly refurbished park.

ROMP planned the fair as a neighborhood celebration of the newly functional playground and to raise money needed to buy more play equipment. Tireless event chairs **Serena Wiltshire**, **Katie Harvey**, and **Susan Barocas** organized an able cadre of volunteer workers and garnered donations from neighbors and businesses ranging from bake-sale goodies, including breads and cookies from the local **Firehook Bakery** and **Uptown Bakers**, to such silent-auction money-makers as dinner for two at **The Mark** restaurant, Redskins tickets, and—the hottest item of all—a collection of Pokémon cards and paraphernalia.

The Fun Fair itself raised approximately \$5,000, but it also inspired an unexpected windfall. Among the revelers was Betty Jo Gaines, then the director of the D.C. Department of Recreation and Parks. Impressed by the success of the event and the high quality of the renovations, she pledged significant additional assistance from the department.

As a result, ROMP now has purchased five additional pieces of Kompan play equipment. Four play structures designed for older children—a large climbing structure and three rotating, swinging pieces—are new Kompan designs and the only ones currently in place in the metropolitan area. The fifth piece is a seesaw for younger children. As before, the equipment is to be installed by volunteer labor on a work day scheduled for Sunday, September 26th.

“We have now completed the installation of all the equipment planned for the playground,” said ROMP cochair Stephen Turow. “It’s been wonderful to see the entire community rally around the project and the incredible support ROMP received from the D.C. Department of Recreation and Parks, the business community, and the neighbors.”

ROMP continues to raise money for additional shrubbery and trees, Turow noted, and monitoring park maintenance will be a continuing concern. But the first major rehabilitation effort at the playground since the mid-1950s has been substantially completed less than three years after ROMP first got organized. A total of more than \$290,000 was raised, including donated goods and services. Anyone interested in working with ROMP on future fun fairs, fund raising, and park maintenance should call Stephen Turow at (202)219-6655, extension 147.



Cochairs Serena Wiltshire (left) and Katie Harvey welcomed ticket buyers to the 1999 ROMP Fun Fair at Macomb Playground.

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Next spring will mark the 15th anniversary of the Cleveland Park Historical Society. Our articles of incorporation define the organization's purpose as "to encourage architectural, cultural, and historic preservation of...Cleveland Park."

Over the years CPHS has sponsored many events to do just that. For this fall we again are planning a lively **Cleveland Park Day** in cooperation with the newly formed Cleveland Park Business and Professional Association and the Cleveland Park Citizens Association.

Next spring will bring our second **Garden Tour**, an event received this year with much enthusiasm.

As always, the **Architectural Review Committee** will meet regularly to ensure that new construction projects harmonize with the architecturally significant features of our historic district.

Although the renovation of **Macomb Playground** is nearing completion, the Committee for the Renovation of Macomb Playground (ROMP) will continue to be a vital part of the historical society, ensuring the long-term stability and maintenance of the park.

Many other ideas and events are developing now: the creation of historical markers, an anniversary dinner dance, a centennial house tour, a lecture series, and much more.

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NEWS FROM THE OUTREACH COORDINATOR ON THE AVENUES

by Judy Hubbard Saul

The last year has brought changes to both commercial corridors of Cleveland Park. The spring closing of the Market on Macomb Street off Wisconsin Avenue saddened many of us, but the opening of **Papa's Liquor** across the street at 3703 Macomb Street in December brought a new family into our community of neighborhood shops—and another handy ATM machine. Mr. and Mrs. Qulizada, the owners, chose to locate in Cleveland Park for the good location and friendly neighborhood. (Open Mon.-Thurs., 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri., 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m.-12 midnight. Telephone 237-1400.)

Timtida, Thai Cuisine opened at 3506 Connecticut Avenue in February. "Timtida" means "Mr. Tim's daughters" in Thai. It is the second restaurant for Duangthip Jayanan (one of Mr. Tim's five daughters) and her husband, whose Sala Thai has been a mainstay on P Street in Dupont Circle for 11 years. The owners became familiar with Cleveland Park when Mrs. Jayanan lived in the Van Ness neighborhood, and one of her sisters lives here on Connecticut Avenue. (Open Mon.-Thurs., 11:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Friday, 11:30 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sat., 12-11 p.m.; Sun., 12-10 p.m. Telephone 966-7123 or 966-7120.)

TIMTIDA
THAI CUISINE

A beautifully designed new restaurant opened in May at the corner of Connecticut and Ordway. The name, **Yanÿu**, derives from the chef's last name (Yan) and "yu," the Chinese word for "fish," a symbol of prosperity in China. Not surprisingly, seafood is the specialty at this upscale restaurant, where plates and chopsticks imported from Japan dramatically showcase each dish. An extensive wine list is also offered. The owners were well aware of Cleveland Park's appreciation of good food, having operated Spices down the block since 1990. They also run Oodles of Noodles in Dupont Circle and Bethesda. (Open for dinner every night from 5:30 to 11 p.m. Reservations suggested. Telephone 686-6968.)



On the same corner and down under, good home-style cooking and entertainment can be found at the **Park Bench Pub**, 3433 Connecticut Avenue. Live bands play some weekends, Tuesday nights feature Butch Grant and Crossfire, and a DJ livens up the other nights. Local culinary talent Fariz Mambo, formerly of Greenwood's and Black's, has designed a menu of long-time favorites: crabcakes, meatloaf, gourmet salads, stews, and sandwiches. Drop in for brunch on Saturday and Sunday. (Open Mon.-Thurs., 11:30 a.m.-2 a.m.; Fri., 11:30 a.m.-3 a.m.; Sat., 10 a.m.-3 a.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-2 a.m. Kitchen closes at 10 p.m. except at 11 p.m. Fri. and Sat. Telephone 686-9235.)



Frank Stovicek, the former manager of Parcel Plus in the Park & Shop, moved his company **Perspective Concepts** into the second floor of 3333 Connecticut Avenue in July. Perspective Concepts helps businesses understand and utilize the World Wide Web. Frank has been working with computers since 1985 and was involved in developing and promoting CapAccess, the D.C. area's first free public Internet provider and now a part of WETA's on-line presence. (Hours generally 9 to 5, preferably by appointment. Telephone 237-9800; e-mail sales@perspectiveweb.com; web address www.perspectiveweb.com.)

When Frank's not producing web sites for others, he's promoting Cleveland Park in a big way. The web site **clevelandpark.com** offers information about neighborhood businesses and events. Frank, Dega Schembri of **City Fitness**, and Wally Dixon of **The Tax Center** have launched the **Cleveland Park Business and Professional Association**—a big step forward for Connecticut Avenue.

The first item on the new association's agenda is **Cleveland Park Day '99**, planned for **Sunday, October 3rd from 12 to 5 p.m.** This year's event on Connecticut Avenue is also sponsored by the Cleveland Park Citizens Association and CPHS. More information is available from Connecticut Avenue merchants and, of course, at the web site **clevelandpark.com**.

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Frank and Wally and I enjoyed a meeting in July with **Mayor Anthony Williams**. The mayor had asked to speak with neighborhood representatives about the June robbery and shooting at the Uptown Theatre. In addition to talking about crime control, we discussed street traffic, pedestrian safety, and the need for more trash receptacles and street cleaning. 🌱

CPHS WELCOMES NEW OFFICERS

Two experienced board members generously agreed in May to take on leadership positions in the Cleveland Park Historical Society. CPHS and the neighborhood will surely benefit from their can-do spirit and organizational skills.

The new CPHS president, **Steven Cohen**, has contributed his architectural expertise to the Cleveland Park historic district as a member of the Architectural Review Committee since 1994. He became cochair with Ward Bucher in 1998. A Washington-area native, Steve graduated in 1983 from Carnegie-Mellon University and has lived in the neighborhood since 1986. He currently works as an associate at KCF-SHG Architects in Silver Spring.



Vice-president **Stephen Turow** is familiar to many in Cleveland Park as the hardworking cochair of the committee for the Renovation of Macomb Playground (ROMP). An attorney with the U.S. Department of Labor, Steve dates his involvement with CPHS to the fall of 1993, the same year he moved into the neighborhood. He and his wife, Linda Blumberg, are raising their daughter, Samantha, on Rodman Street. "We are proud to be members of the Cleveland Park community," he said, "and are particularly fond of our wonderful neighbors, the neighborhood's natural beauty, and the proximity to so many wonderful restaurants, shops, and cultural landmarks." 🌱

CITY APPOINTS FIRST PRESERVATION INSPECTOR

by Rachel S. Cox

Hopes are high among D.C. preservationists that the city is at last taking seriously the enforcement of existing historic preservation law. The D.C. Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs announced this past summer the appointment of Toni Williams-Cherry, an experienced public-space inspector, to the position of Inspector for historic preservation projects.

The D.C. Preservation League and the grass-roots Coalition for Greater Preservation Enforcement have been pressuring the city to improve enforcement for more than two years. An Enforcement Summit held in June 1998 led to the release in November of a Summit Report and Action Plan, presented at a press conference at the sorely neglected Old Naval Hospital, a city-owned historic landmark on Capitol Hill.

"We think the appointment shows a great deal of progress," said Amanda Ohlke of the D.C. Preservation League. Ms. Williams-Cherry will perform regular inspections of designated historic districts "in order to identify and curtail illegal construction activities," according to Stephen J. Raiche, Chief of the Historic Preservation Division. "Work without permits, or construction that is at variance to that which is approved, will be cited for 'stop work' orders, fines, and other penalties to the extent provided in law," Mr. Raiche said in a memorandum announcing the appointment.

The memo also encouraged members of the public to alert the city government to potentially illegal construction in historic districts so that Inspector Williams-Cherry can investigate it. **To report any construction activity that may not have the appropriate building permits or appears not to comply with approved plans, call (202)442-4570 or send an e-mail to HP_Inspector@hotmail.com. After business hours, you can leave a message at (202)442-4535. For more information, call Inspector Toni Cherry at (202)442-9474 or Stephen Raiche at (202)442-4535.** 🌱

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

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While membership needs to increase to help pay for these exciting events, we need even more for members themselves to help plan and orchestrate them. In addition to sending in membership dues, please consider volunteering some time this coming year. If any of these ideas interest you, or if you have an idea of your own, contact our outreach coordinator, Judy Hubbard Saul, at 363-6358. Invite your neighbors to get involved as well.

With your help the Cleveland Park Historical Society will continue to be a strong and vital organization, and Cleveland Park itself will remain the best place to live in Washington.



Steven L. Cohen
President

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**THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT:
A POTENT PRESERVATION TOOL**

by Carol B. Goldman

Ever wonder what will become of your house's historic appearance after you no longer own it? By donating a conservation easement on your property to The L'Enfant Trust you can assure the continuity of its exterior appearance and realize a federal tax deduction.

The 501(c)3 nonprofit organization The L'Enfant Trust was founded 20 years ago in Washington, D.C., to promote the city's cultural heritage and to enhance the beauty of its streetscapes. Today it holds more than 164 conservation easements on historic homes in the Capitol Hill Historic District, the Dupont Circle Historic District, Georgetown, and Sheridan-Kalorama, among others.

By donating a conservation easement a historic-home owner promises not to change the exterior appearance of the house without permission from the Trust. This promise binds all subsequent owners of the property as well, making it a powerful means of maintaining the integrity of historic districts such as Cleveland Park.

To encourage private participation in historic preservation, the federal government recognizes a qualified conservation easement donation to the Trust as deductible for federal income, estate, and gift tax purposes. IRS guidelines suggest that in many cases a conservation easement can be appraised at 10 to 15 percent of the value of the property.

Since its inception, The L'Enfant Trust has relied on cooperation rather than coercion to achieve preservation goals in Washington, D.C. Its watchword is "voluntary." The Trust works with owners and developers of historic properties, helping them to appreciate how good historic preservation and good economics can go hand in hand.

To find out more about conservation easements or related issues please feel free to contact the Trust at (202)483-4880 or e-mail us at info@lenfant.org.

Carol B. Goldman is the president of The L'Enfant Trust. The Trust is located at 1526 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036. Its web site is www.lenfant.org.



CPHS SETS UP ARCHIVE OF LOCAL HISTORY

Among the chores cheerfully undertaken by volunteer summer intern Julia Hastings-Black, none has entailed more paper shuffling than that of organizing 15 years worth of historical society files into coherent, accessible categories. The result will be a detailed (and substantial) slice of neighborhood history destined ultimately for preservation by The Historical Society of Washington, D.C. as part of its research collection. Anyone with materials relating to the creation of the Cleveland Park Historic District, the establishment of CPHS, or its later activities is urged to add their piece to the collection. For more information, call Judy Hubbard Saul at (202)363-6358.



Sidwell Friends senior Julia Hastings-Black works with CPHS Outreach Coordinator Judy Hubbard Saul to organize CPHS files into a usable archive.

ARCHITECTURAL CORNER NEWS OF THE ARC

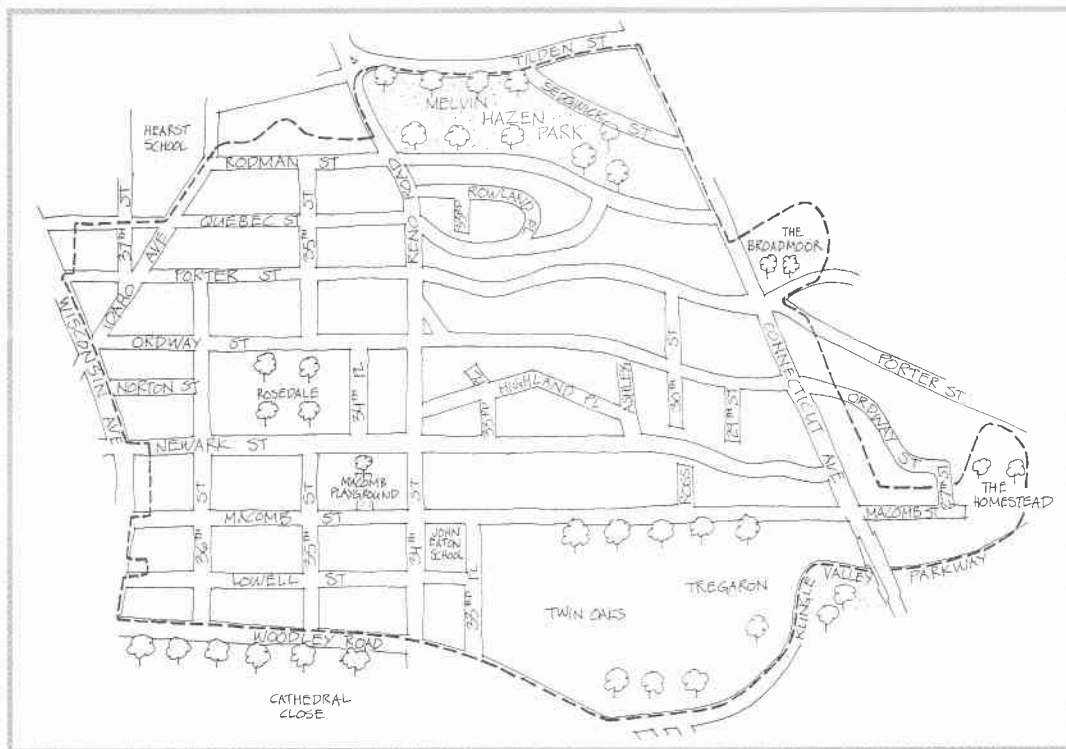
This past winter the CPHS board approved a statement of procedures for the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) of the Cleveland Park Historical Society that the ARC had adopted in October 1998. In the interests of increasing neighborhood awareness and understanding of the ARC, two excerpts are reprinted here, along with a map showing the boundaries of the Cleveland Park Historic District. Building permits for structures within this area require approval by the D. C. Historic Preservation Review Board. A complete copy of the ARC Procedures, as well as more-detailed design guides, are available from the reference librarian at the Cleveland Park Library.

What is the Architectural Review Committee?

Shortly after the designation of Cleveland Park as a historic district, the Cleveland Park Historical Society (CPHS) [in 1987] formed the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). It is an informal group of neighborhood residents created to provide views on behalf of the CPHS on applications under consideration by the District of Columbia Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB).

What Does the ARC do?

The ARC meets once a month to review pending applications for demolition, alterations, and new construction that must be approved by the HPRB. When deemed necessary, the ARC may form a task force to review large-scale projects. The ARC makes recommendations that are submitted to the HPRB for their consideration. Positions taken by the ARC are purely advisory, as the group possesses no power to approve or reject an application. This is solely the prerogative of the D.C. government, which administers the city's historic preservation ordinance.



Boundaries of the Cleveland Park Historic District

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ROMP liaison)
Rodman Street
- * **Lindsley Williams**
Highland Place
- * **Serena Wiltshire**
Rowland Place

VOLUNTEER FOR BEAUTY



A group of volunteers organized by Chuck Ludlam of Reno Road is working to landscape and beautify the large, triangular weed patch at Tilden and Reno Roads – a major entryway to the Cleveland Park Historic District. Anyone interested in joining the effort should get in touch with Chuck at (202)776-0608.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER 16

John Eaton School Annual Block Party

11 a.m.-4 p.m.
John Eaton School
Lowell and 34th Streets
Contact Mary Jane Glass
(202)686-3082

OCTOBER 16 & 17

Friends of Cleveland Park Library Annual Fall Book Sale

12-4 p.m.
Cleveland Park Library
Contact Jill Bogard
(202)966-2847



OCTOBER 25

ANC 3-C Meeting

8 p.m.
2nd District Police
Headquarters, Idaho Ave.
Contact (202)232-2232.

OCTOBER 29-30

26th Annual D.C. Historical Studies Conference

Martin Luther King Library
and Washington Navy
Yard. Contact The
Historical Society of
Washington, D.C.,
(202)785-2068.

OCTOBER 29

Annual Children's Halloween Party and Parade

Macomb Playground
Contact Juanita Peterson
(202)282-2199.



JOIN THE CLEVELAND PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

CPHS was founded in 1985 by concerned residents seeking to prevent overdevelopment of Cleveland Park's commercial corridors and to preserve the character of this historic neighborhood. It continues to be active in preservation, beautification, public education, and community betterment. To join us in this work, please send this coupon, along with a tax-deductible contribution, to:

Barbara Stout, Membership Chair
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 \$50 Friend \$500 Angel
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I would like to volunteer to help with:

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 Neighborhood beautification Architectural Review Committee
 Special event planning Clerical/mailings
 Photography/graphic arts Macomb Playground Rehabilitation
 Newsletter Other _____

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