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A Letter from the President

Dear Neighbors,

Change came to the Cleveland Park Historical Society in 2011. The world of information technology made it possible to do much of our business digitally. (We were doing it digitally before but not in the current meaning!)

The Architectural Review Committee submissions and reports now arrive and are distributed on the Internet. **Voices** is produced by computer and sent out by email as well as by post. Records are kept in a database which in an instant can extract information we used to spend hours trying to organize. (For instance, we can sort out who is not current with his dues and send a reminder.)

The efficiencies of the electronic age led to our decision to close our office at the Broadmoor when our dedicated and dependable staff, Lou Ann May, retired. The two past Presidents, Lois



Orr and Dick Jorgensen, organized and physically moved the inventory and equipment to Lois' renovated basement where it happily sits today. It was a very big job, and we owe them a big "Thanks."

Lois and Dick also advertised for and found Carin Ruff, who helps us on special projects on a part-time basis. Carin and Danna McCormick have

redesigned the web page, and Carin set up our Facebook page. Take a look at the new site at ClevelandParkHistoricalSociety.org. If you can think of anything to add, please let us know.

That was last year.

2012 is starting off with renewed energy from the board. It is our 25th year of existence and I would say that the organization has done a good job of maintaining the historic nature of Cleveland Park.

There are challenges ahead:

Avoiding complacency among those who fought to preserve our neighborhood;

Educating newer members of the community about our history;

Merging the new and the old while preserving our neighborhood's historic legacy.

We have many events planned for 2012 and hope you will be able to join with us in celebrating our quarter century milestone.

Sincerely,

Dandridge Ince

February 2012

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Gingerbread Houses



Picking out a “naked” gingerbread house was the first step at the Cleveland Park Historical Society’s Gingerbread House Decorating Party on December 11th. After that, there was a buffet of decorations to choose from: candies, cereal flakes, pretzels, and cookies, with white icing to hold everything in place. Then the fun began.



The results ranged from fanciful to orderly, from sumptuous to spare. Some houses looked like log cabins. Some resembled a candy dream puff. Some were tasted in the process of creation. All were impressively imaginative and a source of pride to each decorator.

Two of the houses were donated to the CPHS gingerbread house auction at the holiday party on December 18th, along with professionally-decorated houses made by **Landis Construction, Hamilton Snowber Architects**, and artist **Wendy Garner**. The “Gingerbread Project” is an annual event. We



hope you will join in for the festivities next year!

(Photos, top to bottom: Fielding Winters and her sons Oakley and Logan; artist Wendy Garner; Dana Weiland and Cynthia Hamilton of Hamilton Snowber Architects.)

Historic House Markers

The Cleveland Park Historical Society offers historic markers to homeowners whose houses are at least 75 years old or are listed in the original National Register of Historic Places nomination for the Cleveland Park Historic District. The purposes of the historic markers



program are to educate the community about the age of various structures within the Historic District; to instill a sense of pride and respect in the neighborhood; and to educate the public at large to the extent of the Historic District and its boundaries.

Markers are forged to order for CPHS by the Erie Forge Company of Columbia, PA. They cost \$150 for members and \$175 for non-members. We normally wait till we have several orders to submit at once, but we try to submit an order at least twice a year.

Before issuing an historic marker for your home, we will need to verify the age of your house – not least because that date is going to be cast in bronze! If you would like to check on the eligibility of your property, please email Carin Ruff at staff@clevelandparkhistoricalsociety.org.

Notecards for Sale

Notecards featuring the artwork from the refurbished Cleveland Park Call Boxes are available to purchase. The designs were created by a variety of well-known local artists. This year, we will be introducing a new design featuring the historic Broadmoor Cooperative (below).



For ordering information, email Carin Ruff at staff@clevelandparkhistoricalsociety.org.

Immediate & Primary Care Clinic Comes to Connecticut & Porter

by Rhona Hartman

DC Immediate and Primary Care has been providing medical services at the corner of Connecticut Avenue and Porter Street for about a year now. This is one of the very few such services in DC. “Quality and accessible health care for all who seek it is the goal of DCIPC,” stated Fatima Khokhar, Clinic Director. DCIPC offers a new model of care – “the kind of exceptional care that people expect, but do not often obtain,” stated Kashif Malek, spokesperson for DCIPC. Over the past year the facility has seen such tremendous growth that expansion to additional sites are planned.

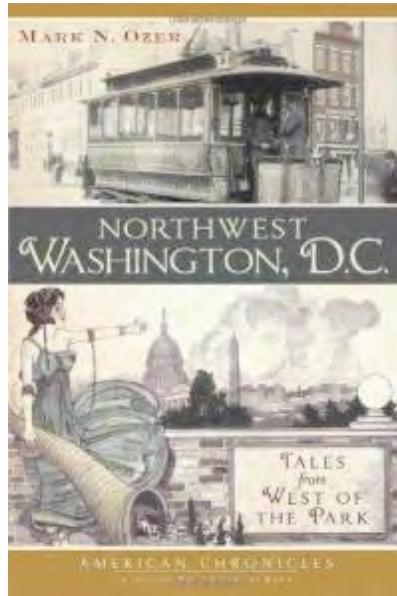
Malek showed me that the offices are fully electronic, so that both physicians and patients can record and review their entire medical records on line. There is little paper to waste. The entire facility has been designed to be cool and calm for patients who arrive feeling sick and concerned. There are plasma TV screens in each examination room, as well as a computer set-up for patients to use while waiting. One can make an appointment for specific medical attention, or simply walk in as needed. The staff and facilities can attend to most non-emergency medical needs, but doctors will refer a patient to a specialist elsewhere, if the situation is complex. The staff can work in conjunction with a patient’s regular physician, or become the primary care doctor. Consult the facility’s website (dcimmediatecare.com) for details.

People use DCIPC for a variety of reasons, including out-of-town-visitors who become ill, occurrence of periodic infections (sinus, urinary tract, allergic attacks), need for travel inoculations, sports fitness certification, and unavailability of one’s own physician. The facility honors numerous insurance programs (listed on the website), has 2 shifts of staff to cover the extensive service hours (certified physicians and physician assistants, and medical assistants), as well as welcoming front desk personnel. DCIPC is open 365 days a year, from 8 am to 10 pm Monday through Friday, 8 am to 6 pm Saturday and Sunday.

Patients of DCIPC have had a variety of experiences. Several Cleveland Park residents have reported general satisfaction with their treatment, but cited occasional long waits to see a physician. For some a diagnosis was correctly made (later verified by patient’s regular physician), but others noted that follow-up phone calls promised by DCIPC were never made. All noted the convenient location. One local resident, who has numerous specialists but

had no primary care physician, has returned several times because he found a primary care physician “who knows more than I do, so I trust him!”

One can consult YELP for more than 25 patient reviews – from 5 star “fabulous,” to one star – “never will go back!” (www.yelp.com/biz/dc-immediate-and-primary-care-washington-2).



Northwest Washington, D.C.: Tales from West of the Park, by Mark N. Ozer

A Review by Rhona Hartman

Northwest Washington, D.C.: Tales from West of the Park, by Mark N. Ozer, is a book for Washingtonians, visitors to Washington, and for Washingtonians to take as a house gift to hosts elsewhere. The book is organized so that one can read parts of interest at the moment, as well as straight through section by section. Georgetown, Wisconsin Avenue, Mount Auburn/Woodley Park, and Tenleytown are among the noteworthy areas of the city covered in this lively book. If one is visiting or shopping in Cleveland Park, there is a chapter about that, including tidbits about various buildings and bridges, as well as some background about residents who added character to the city from their homes there. Tidbits set this book apart from ponderous history books. As the title suggests, these are tales to be told – interesting commentary based on Ozer’s thorough research about places and people who have made Washington the lively place it has become.

Northwest Washington, D.C.: Tales from West of the Park is published by the History Press (Charleston, SC), © 2011, and is available from Politics & Prose. See page 4 for excerpts from the book on Cleveland Park street names.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Monday, Mar. 12: ARC Meeting
- Tuesday, Mar. 27: Board Meeting
- Monday, Apr. 9: ARC Meeting
- Monday, May 14: ARC Meeting
- Tuesday, May 22: Annual Meeting

COMING LATER IN 2012:

- 25th Anniversary Celebrations: late spring
- WalkingTown DC: September 21-30
- Cleveland Park House Tour: October



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