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This community newsletter is an attempt to centralize and publicize information, events, problems and concerns effecting the people of Palisades. We must present a unified effort as threats develop against our hamlet such as environmental and traffic concerns, school and post office closings. This first newsletter can grow into a valuable community publication but not without your support. Please send a check, large or small, for 10964 to Lois McCoy, Box 201, Palisades, NY 10964.

Palisades Community Action Group

Within the last few years our community has had a major increase in traffic along Rt. 340, Oak Tree Road and Closter Road. To insure the safety of all, the Palisades Community Action Group was formed. It has been a long hard road, but we have accomplished much and we hope to do more in the future. Here is a brief summary of our accomplishments to date:

1. Reduction of the speed limit from 40 mph to 30 mph along Rt. 340 from Oak Tree Road to the Jersey line.
2. Installation of sidewalks on Rt. 340 from Moroney to the Jersey line.
3. Crosswalks at Oak Tree and Smith Court.
4. Cancellation of repair work for the Parkway overpass until further notice along with a promise that when work is being done that the traffic will not be detoured through a residential area.

If any residents of Palisades wish to join us or want information, contact Frances Nawoichyk (359-0971).

West Hudson Environmental Association

The Governor's intent to eliminate the State divisions dealing with noise, radiological health (involving radioactive dumping, siting, transportation, etc.), land use management—in short, environmental services—jeopardizes the health and well-being of the taxpayers in the State of New York.

Write urging the Governor and members of the State Legislature to restore the funds to the Noise Bureau (1976-77 budget, \$90,000 for the entire State of New York!) and to all the environmental services.

Palisades PTA

On March 8th, the Palisades Elementary PTA began a second after-school Enrichment Program for grades 1 through 3 at the Palisades Elementary School and grades 2 through 8 at the Community Center. This Spring's program offers Sports and Recreation (Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Tumbling and Gymnastics) under a licensed Physical Education teacher and Arts and Crafts during the month of March. In April, we have scheduled a special Acting Studio series for 7 to 14 year olds which will be held at the Community Center. If your children are interested in attending the Acting Studio, call Carol Elevitch (359-2995).

The first after-school program (November/December) provided constructive activities for almost 100 children under 10 years old. It is clear to us that children in Palisades can greatly benefit from recreational and enriching experiences close to home—after school and on Saturdays—and the Palisades Elementary PTA is grateful to the South Orangetown Youth Recreation Agency for funding these programs.

In the Fall, we were able to offer a wider variety of activities because funding was double what we received this Spring. In addition to Sports and Arts/Crafts, we offered Chess and Backgammon, Creative Stitchery, Creative Writing, Music and Theatre Games, and an excellent series of Saturday Nature and Field Trips organized and taught by Dr. William Ryan from Lamont Observa-

Dr. Ryan's field trips included a trip to Lamont to study rocks and fossils and the use of microscopes there, a walk along the Palisades near Tallman Park to learn about land formations, a night lecture on the solar system with slides and use of a telescope for outside viewing and two sessions on calculators and computers where children built their own radio. The PTA thanks Dr. Ryan for his generous contribution of time and talent.

Committee for the Palisades School

Members of the Committee for the Palisades School met February 27th and began plans for a careful study of the past, present and future status of the Palisades Elementary School plant and property. There are many factors to consider; for example, what are the rights of Palisades residents over a building and property largely paid for by them through extra charges on their tax bills before the school district was formed?

All residents of Palisades have received a copy of the letter sent to the Board of Education regarding questions still unanswered and we hope all residents will join us at the School Board meeting on March 15th at 8:30 when we will investigate these areas of concern.

If you wish to join the Committee or add your name to this effort, please contact any present member listed on the letterhead.

Feminars

The award winning film, "The American Woman: Portraits of Courage," narrated by Patricia Neal, will be shown in the Parish House of the Presbyterian Church on Monday, March 28th, 8:30pm.

Oak Tree Cooperative Playgroup

The Oak Tree Cooperative Playgroup provides socializing, care, learning and play for 2-5 year old children Monday through Friday from 9-5 at the Palisades Community Center.

The Playgroup membership is made up to families whose children attend the center on a regular (but flexible) schedule. There are families from Palisades as well as the neighboring towns of Tappan and Piermont. During the next few months on the last Sunday of each month, speakers will join interested parents for informal discussion of topics related to pre-school children.

All residents of Palisades are welcome to attend. Date: Sunday, March 27th, 8:30, at the Palisades Community Center.

Palisades Community Center

The Palisades Community Center has provided a focal point for various activities in our hamlet for a number of years.

This year the building needs roof repair. The exterior requires painting. In order that we may show films after school the windows need shades.

If you have not done so, please donate \$5.00/family (larger contributions greatly appreciated) so we may offer the community continuing programs.

PCC future plans include a Rummage Sale & Flea Market, May Day Fest, International Dinner and a July 4th Celebration.

Paula Babalis conducts Ballet one night a week. If you are interested in joining please call 359-1630.

We are looking for volunteers for a monthly Teen-nite. Call Sally LoGerfo if you are interested (359-8623).

Note the Center's bright new look. Thank you volunteer painters and paint donators.

If you have suggestions to help run the Palisades Community Center come to our monthly meeting the 2nd Thursday of each month, 8pm.

Brownie Bulletin

Brownie patches are here and something new—a total troop effort, rather than individual, toward completing 12 activities. A wide variety in the program will make this new approach very rewarding for Brownies and Leaders alike.

Delicious Girl Scout Cookies are now on sale until March 19th. Please support Troop 272 with your orders.

Classified

Do you have something for rent, for sale, wanted, services? Your classified ads, delivered to Box 201, will appear in the April 15th newsletter. Ads are free. Please include name and phone number.

FOR SALE: 15 cu.ft. frost free white upright freezer, excellent cond. \$125. McCoy 359-4744.

FOR SALE: Kitchenaid dishwasher, port./conv. \$175. LoGerfo 359-8623.

WANTED: Used trash compactor. McCoy 359-4744.

WANTED: Wood type. Old cameras. Used Platen press. Lo 359-7144.

Unclassified

Bill, Judy, Sarah, Ashley and Sean Ryan will be greatly missed in Palisades. Fortunately, 10960 is only 10 minutes away.

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