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10964 Father's Day Picnic

10964 ENTHUSIASTICALLY ANNOUNCES THE FIRST ANNUAL PALISADES FATHER'S DAY BOX-LUNCH FESTIVITIES!

Your newsletter needs funds and your family deserves an old fashioned outdoor spring event to celebrate Father's Day. Both needs will be satisfied on June 18 at 12 noon--location not yet determined as we go to press. If you are a family of one or ten--and even if you don't have a dad in tow--come with a box lunch for as many people as are in your group. The boxes--which must list contents as well as the number they will serve--will be collected and famed Palisades auctioneer John Cobb will commence at precisely 1 o'clock to sell each to the highest bidder, with the proceeds going into the 10964 coffers. If you're the best gourmet chef in town you can buy your own box back, if you aren't outbid.... Lunches should not include beverages which will be for sale at the picnic.

Softball, volleyball, swings and lolling in the sun will be part of the day's festivities. Please bring your own soccerball, frisbee or whatever. Don Bracken is planning group athletic events as well. The Barons will be there waiting for you to join them in song. You'll need a blanket for lolling and eating upon.

Your box lunch is your admittance fee. Fun, neighborly conversation and this special day for Dad are free. Don't forget: June 18!

LOIS RICH McCOY

Palisades Free Library

PLANT SALE

Don't forget to remember Mom by purchasing a plant at the Library's annual Spring Plant Sale on Saturday, May 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In addition to a large selection of Mother's Day plants, many varieties of annuals, perennials and flats of vegetables, everything else you might need for your garden will be available.

Wait to buy your spring shrubs! By just presenting a voucher to Rockland Nurseries, they will give the library 20% of all they take in from library customers that day.

Suggestion: If you are donating plants, it might be a good idea to pot them now so that they will be in a healthy condition the day of the sale.

Anyone interested in donating baked goods or used, interesting books, please bring them to the library the morning of the plant sale.

BARBARA HOVSEPIAN

ANNUAL PARTY

The annual party for the benefit of the Palisades Free Library will be held Saturday, June 10. With the theme "A 50's PROM" where else can it take place but in the gym of the Palisades School? The party committee is planning an evening of dining, dancing and nostalgia. Add the annual raffle with its glorious prizes, a few surprises yet to be unveiled and a room full of friendly Palisadians and you have the ingredients for a memorable party.

While you're Spring cleaning, take a look at your prom dress or tux. Imagine being able to wear it and say, "Look, it still fits!!!" And if it doesn't, say nothing and wear something else. But do plan to attend.

Remember, it's for our library.

GERRY MIRAS

JANE BERNICK

West Hudson Environmental Assoc.

The truck ban is working and has just withstood the test in Federal Court.

District Judge Whitman Knapp's remarks at the close of the hearings on Apr. 4 left little doubt he will uphold the ban against a suit by Bergen County, Closter, Rockleigh and the N.J. independent truckers requesting a preliminary injunction to lift the ban.

The next step is the modification of the ban to expand the definition of local delivery so as not to hurt Orangetown industry--mainly along Rte. 303. This is in the works now.

DOSSI THAYER

Calendar of Events

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| MAY | 3 | School Board Election and Budget Vote, 1-10 p.m., TZE, Rte. 9W, Piermont |
| | 6 | Clean-up Day, Community Center, 10 a.m. |
| | 6 | Open House at Lamont, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. |
| | 7 | RCDS Informational Tea, Felton Home |
| | 13 | Library's Spring Plant Sale, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. |
| | 13 | Palisades Youth Group Dance |
| | 20 | Community Center Indoor-Outdoor Flea Market, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. |
| | 20 | ASJA Nonfiction Writer's Conference, N.Y. City |
| | 20 | RCDS Chamber Music Concert |
| | 22 | A & P Donation Day, Community Center |
| JUNE | 10 | Library's Annual Dance, Palisades School Gym |
| | 18 | 10964 Father's Day Picnic, 12 noon |

Palisades Community Center

Our one room schoolhouse, which we now refer to as the Palisades Community Center, was built in 1867. Pictures from that era show windows with small diamond-shaped glass. Because the townfathers felt the inadequate light entering the building was detrimental to the children's eyesight, the present large windows were put in. Today more than 100 years later this type of structure is of great historical significance and the residents of Palisades through many generations have done well preserving its original appearance.

With the exception of the roof, the building itself is sound. With some improvements in the kitchen and bathrooms and some minor improvements on the outside we will have kept up the tradition of community pride initiated by such people as Mr. Charles F. Park, Mr. W.S. Gilman, Dr. Agnew and many others through the years. Palisades was their community--today it is ours.

A new roof before next winter is essential. The roof fund started some time ago is now at the halfway mark. It has been estimated that it will cost approximately \$1500 to keep the building available to the residents year-round. We have not quite reached that figure. However, about 125 residents have responded to our membership letter and we hope to hear from those who have not sent their \$5 membership fee. Activities such as the Wine-Cheese-Art event have added greatly to the Treasury and we hope those who attended had a great afternoon.

Our next event on Saturday, May 20 will be an indoor-outdoor flea market. This is the type of afternoon one would enjoy in many European countries. It is a practical approach to recycling good used items of any nature. Spaces should be reserved in advance by calling Edith Ryan (3215) or Irene Fredericks (3194). You can set up shop for a rental of \$8 and the profits are yours. Bring a table or rent one from the center. If you do not wish to rent a space but have items to sell perhaps you would prefer to donate them to the space reserved for the community center. Join in the spirit of the day.

The Disco on April 1 received top rating from parents and young people alike. Thanks to Myra Richardson and those who chaperoned. We hope the next one will be as successful.

Clean-up day at the center is set for Saturday, May 6 beginning at 10 a.m. Bring a rake and join the fun. Let's keep our building and grounds attractive. Lunch will be served to those who participate.

A & P Donation Day is May 22. Do you have your card? They are available at the Post Office. Every little bit helps, as the saying goes.

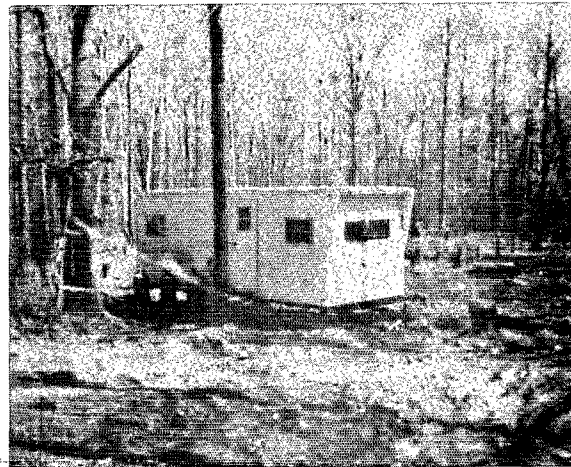
Once again, let us know what activities you would like to see in the Community Center.

EDITH RYAN

Attention, Bicycle Enthusiasts!

For Palisadians unaware, just north of Henry Kennell's Esso station on Rte. 9W is the start of a bicycle path that will one day lead all the way to Bear Mountain. One of the goals of the Palisades Interstate Commission is such a bike trail through the use of existing paths and roads and the creation of new trails wherever necessary. Eventually it will extend from Fort Lee, in N.J. for 11 miles to the N.Y. state line and then continue another 33 miles to Bear Mountain.

In New Jersey the trail will wind its way along the top of the Palisades Cliffs and lookout areas to Tallman Park in N.Y. and along Piermont Ave. in Piermont, then through Grandview, South Nyack, Nyack, to Nyack Beach, Rockland Lake, Haverstraw Beach, Grassy Point to the Stony Point Historic Site and then out to 9W. At 9W the bike path will terminate until a safe alternative route is found. For the same reason, a temporary parking lot adjacent to the start of the bike path on 9W in Palisades is planned until the trail is connected south to N.J.



The Deverho Construction Co. started this project in the fall of 1977 with state appropriated funds and with the advice of the Office of General Services. The major portion is slated for completion by the end of August 1978 and the Tallman Mountain area by December 1978 at an approximate cost of a half million dollars. The trail within park areas will be supervised by park personnel and park police and no mini-bikes or mopeds will be allowed.

Hopefully Palisades residents can look forward to greeting each other there on bicycles this summer and on cross country skis this winter.

PAULA SILVERMAN

Writing Workshop

Author Barbara Wersba will conduct a Women's Writing Workshop this summer in Palisades. Enrollment is limited. For information call 6633.

Oak Tree Playgroup

Coming up at the Play Group will be a performance of "*Mortimer*", the reverse of the Cinderella story. This will be a musical for children ages 5-14 and sounds enticing. As a matter of fact, since I learned of it, I've been pondering the possibilities for a reverse Cinderella story--does the Prince wear glass slippers? Does the wicked stepsister marry the Prince? Does the fairy godmother decide she likes the Prince well enough to marry him herself? Does the Prince want to marry an older woman? These, and other burning questions, will be answered when the Play Group sees "*Mortimer*". Watch for details of time and place.

This has been such a nice year for us at the Play Group and I thought I'd tell you some of the things my son really likes about it so you will consider it for your child next year. First of all, he learned that there is no air in space. This is very important. It made him think about breathing and space and air. It meant I had to learn about those things so I could help him understand. He also did a lot of collecting of things. Acorns and pine cones were high on the list and led to interesting collections at home--mostly of pennies and the inserts from paper towels. (Charlie sells those back to us claiming to be the hole-saler. If the Play Group has actually taught him to make puns, I may keep him there until college.)

Most important, though, has been the gentle and friendly way the children learn to expand themselves, to meet and play with other children, to share their own experiences as well as their toys and to try other people's ideas. I know this has been a big part of the fun for Charlie because when we meet at the end of the day he always has something interesting to contribute to our conversation about our day and it often includes hints that he is learning the world is full of people--not just Charlie--and they all are important.

He has also learned how to make Play Dough, pop corn and gigantic peanut butter cookies... so you can see why I consider this a valuable experience!

HOLLY M. REDELL

Tappan Library Is Growing

Twenty-two years ago in 1956 the first Public Library of Tappan had its humble but healthy birth in a single room located above a garage. The library opened with 2,500 books. The library presently houses nearly 24,000 books and in 1977 the annual circulation was over 50,000. The planned expansion (1978) will give the library a much needed reference room with ample space to shelve all reference material in one place and

provide a quiet comfortable study area as well. For the first time there'll be a workroom and a room for the Director. The new library construction will require an estimated \$50,000 and we're almost halfway there.

We would appreciate any help our friends and neighbors of Palisades can give this expansion. With your help the Tappan Library will continue to be an active and growing community resource. Mail your contribution to the Tappan Library, P.O. Box 76, Tappan, N.Y. 10983.

CATHERINE LORENTZ, PRESIDENT
TAPPAN LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Writer's Conference

On Saturday, May 20, the American Society of Journalists and Authors will hold its 7th Annual Nonfiction Writers' Conference at the N.Y. Sheraton Hotel in New York City. The Society attracts top rate editors, publishers and writers to the conference which will present nine panels covering everything from How to Make Your First Sale through Writing for the Specialized Magazines. Keynote speakers at the conference luncheon will be Alex Haley, author of *Roots* and participant journalist George Plimpton. Fee for the day, including lunch, is \$50. For further information and a brochure, please drop me a note--Holly Redell, ASJA, 123 West 43rd St., NYC 10036.

Rockland Country Day School

The Rockland Country Day School will present another concert in its chamber music series Saturday, May 20. House and program will be announced. For further information, please call the school at 268-6802.

The Drs. Charles and Hiroko Felton will host a tea at their home on Century Rd. Sunday afternoon May 7 for parents interested in learning more about the Rockland Country Day School. Some members of the faculty and current parents will be attending also. For further information, please call the school at 268-6802.

Palisades Youth Group

The Palisades Youth Group held a Disco dance on April 1 which was a great success. We would like to thank Mrs. Asch and Mrs. Richardson as well as King Arthur's Sound Scene for donating gift certificates.

Another dance will be held on May 13. Thanks for everyone's cooperation.
ETHAN PANTER

Lamont

Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory announces the appointment of Dr. Dennis Hayes and Dr. Wallace Broecker as Associate Directors.

Reminder-Lamont's Open House will be held from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 6. Admission is free and food wagons will be on the grounds where snacks or sandwiches can be purchased.

MARGARET SWAN

Remember to Vote!

Wednesday, May 3 from 1 to 10 p.m. is the date to vote on the School Budget as well as the following school board candidates:

Incumbent Joseph Hickey or Martin Miller for the Tappan position
Incumbent LeRoy Holmes or Ben Loiacono for the Blauvelt position.
Palisades residents vote at Tappan Zee Elementary School, Rte. 9W, Piermont.

Welcome!

10964 welcomes the following neighbors to Palisades: David & Judy Englander and their children Emily and Freya of Washington Spring Rd., Leslie Kaplan and her daughter, Elan of Century Rd., Marcus & Lillian Langseth of Oak Tree Rd.

If we've missed you as a Newcomer or if you're moving and would like 10964 to know about it, contact Box 201, Palisades, N.Y.

Classified

FOR SALE - LEICA M-4 camera. Anniversary model in original carton with certificate. Best offer \$900. Schwartz (1283).

FOR SALE - LEICA 35mm summicron AA-mount, mint condition. \$175. Schwartz (1283).

FOR SALE - Good clean used electric stove. \$50. Edith Ryan (3215).

FOR SALE - 20" Boys bike, rusty but in good riding condition. Best offer. Boose (7154).

FOR SALE - LEICA MR Black meter, excellent condition. \$85. Schwartz (1283).

FOR SALE - Black & Decker electric edge-trimmer, practically new, heavy duty \$20. Hovsepian (3847).

POTTERY CLASSES including work on wheel for adults or children. Call Sylvia March (3767).

LAWNS MOWED, experienced, with good equipment and grass-catcher; references available. Philip Turner (4220).

HELP AVAILABLE - Need help in house or yard? Available on weekends. Beth Tapley (0013).

WANTED - Cheap, adult bike in good working order. Look and speeds unimportant. Tapley (0013).

HELP WANTED - Looking for reliable, part-time household help. Hours flexible. Redell (9168) after 6:30p.m.

Unclassified

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