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Calendar of Events

Oct. 4 Library Program begins
 13 & 20 Backgammon classes, Palisades Library
 27 Backgammon Tournament

CRAFTS FAIR CANCELLED, SORRY

Editorial

There was a serious failure of the South Orangetown School District and local school administration on the first day of school which, while it seems now to have been redressed, bears commenting on.

Because of misguided policy and some extreme bad judgement, the specific, written instructions of several parents to have their children dropped off at the two child care facilities in Palisades were ignored by the Tappen Zee Elementary School. Consequently, some children were sent to empty homes and their safety was jeopardized.

Even though the situation in question will not happen again, it brings into question the competence and willingness to respond of some of the staff of the district, and that should be monitored carefully.

However, what is equally important, is that many local citizens were able to rally quickly and efficiently to bring pressure and to cure the problem without long bureaucratic delays, and without the intrusion of egos and irrelevancies. In seven days the flap ended, and a valuable civics lesson was

relearned: public employees are responsible and accountable to their employers -- the tax-payers -- and can be reminded of that fact by immediate, effective action. We thank everyone who participated, and we suggest that the lesson relearned not be forgotten.

Postal Pointers

The U.S. Postal Service has announced a ban on cards and letters measuring less than 3 1/2 inches by 5 inches. Also, a 7 cents surcharge on cards and envelopes weighing an ounce or less and larger than 6 1/8 inches by 11 1/2 inches will be in force. This applies to international mail as well.

Palisades Free Library

"Thank-Goodness-It's-Thursday" returns at the Library

Thank goodness for films, for games, for songs, for fun and friends and thank goodness for books and more books.

Programs will be offered by Sandy Rosoff every Thursday, starting October 4th through November 29th at 3:15 PM for pre-schoolers and at 4 PM for school-aged children (5-11). Please register before October 2nd. Fee: 50¢.

Learn to play backgammon with Sally LoGerfo Saturday October 15th and October 20th. Tournament: October 27th at 2 PM.

Ages 7 and up. Registration
requested before October 10th.
Fee: \$1.00

Beatrice Agnew
Library Director

Tappan Zee Thrift Shop

The Tappan Zee Thrift Shop, located at 454 Main Street in Piermont, opened for the fall season on September 11th. The Thrift Shop hours are 10 AM to 3:45 PM every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Donations will be welcomed before 3:30 on those days.

Scenery

Brilliant fall colors, cool days for leisurely drives and a little pageantry on the Hudson mark Parade Days at West Point. Visits are encouraged and these peace-time parades are an interesting change from the hum to the drum. The October schedule is: At 4 PM on the 3rd, 4th, 11th, 17th, 18th, 24th, 25th and 31st; at 5 PM on the 8th and 10th. Plan to arrive about 15 minutes ahead of time.

Oak Tree Cooperative Play Group

The Playgroup is again offering child care and nursery school at the Palisades School for pre-schoolers age 2 1/2 through 5 years. The Playgroup is open from 8:30 AM to 5 PM; come and visit and bring your pre-schooler. For information call Marianne Armistead - Teacher/Director -- at 358-9464 (home) or at the school, 359-6472.

The Playgroup is looking for a mature cleaning person on a regular basis. Please call if you can help.

Grant

The South Orangetown School District has been advised of a tentative award of \$169,000 to conduct a testing program for pre-kindergarten children. The goal is to ferret out undetected handicaps as early as possible. Once confirmed, the program is expected to be housed in the Palisades School.

The school is now under the supervision of the district which is repairing the building.

Community Health Notes

Public health officials are promoting an immunization program this year with disease prevention and more effective record keeping as their objectives. This program requires that we (1) become better informed about requirements and rights concerning immunization and, (2) have better communication with our health professionals and school system. Being protected by immunization is our right but decisions regarding this should be informed ones. We suggest that more attention be paid to the media reports appearing daily on this subject and that each family keep their own immunization record. A guide with space for record keeping has been prepared for your family and will be available at the Palisades Library and Palisades Church Parish House office at no charge.

Virginia W. Barrett BSN, RN
Myra B. Richardson RN, MPH

Palisades Community Center

Although the Community Center dates back to about 1867, it is still vital to the life of our small community. Fond memories come back to many of our senior citizens who attended school in this building and it was a sad day in 1969 when it was abandoned. Parents of children who are now grown remember kindergarten days there. Mothers who cooked and served hot lunches for the children when there was no such service have not forgotten. Today, a building which was a one-room schoolhouse is a "Collector's Item" and we in Palisades own such a treasure.

Shortly after the building was closed as a school a small group of interested residents met and decided that we should keep the building from being destroyed. We formed an incorporating committee and the building was dedicated as the Palisades Community Center in December 1970. Ten years is a very short time compared to how long the building has been standing, but it seems as good a time as any to celebrate its survival. An event like this will take a great deal of planning so we'll need all the help we can get. For instance, if you can't be active on a committee, perhaps you have interesting memorabilia for an exhibit. Please call me if there is any way you can contribute to this event.

Senior Citizens meet the second and the fourth Thursday of each month at 2 PM. Three Girl Scout troops have been given permission to meet weekly and their leaders conduct a monthly meeting in our building. Yoga on Monday mornings has begun and we hope to have a good turnout for the Antique series.

Edith Ryan
359-3215

Palisades

The idea of Palisades as a Village or Civic Association has resurfaced due to the expansion of the Rockleigh Industrial Park and the possibility of future expansion which will affect our roads.

Please indicate your choice on the ballot below and return it to Box 201, Palisades.

Welcome

Eileen and Pat Kiely of Oak Tree Road and their three children, Maryann, Dennis and Patrick. Welcome back Bernard Doyle.

Classified

Needed: Blood donors for a member of our community. For information call E. Ryan (3215).

Wanted: Bicycle, any kind, no gears. Sahadi (2058).

Piano Tuning and Repairs: Now that summer humidity has wreaked havoc on our pianos, getting them in shape is a musical must. Shawn Frederick (3194).

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PALISADES SHOULD BE:
* A VILLAGE
* A CIVIC ASSOC.
* LET'S MEET TO DISCUSS
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Soccer

Palisades residents have a new team to support this fall and spring as the Palisades Soccer Club begins its first full season as members of the Bergen County Amateur Soccer Association. Four years in the making, the team has blossomed into a competitive unit built around a nucleus of hamlet residents, friends and workers. We intend to reward our supporters with a successful season.

So far, the players have provided the money to get this season off on the right (and left) foot, but some obstacles lie ahead. We are planning a Halloween party to help pay for uniforms -- our team colors are orange and black -- and we realize we need community support for our efforts to be successful.

We are a legally registered non-profit organization and contributions can be made to "PALISADES NY SOCCER CLUB", Box 218, Palisades. Contributors will receive our gratitude as well as free transportation to all of our Sunday morning games.

Shawn Frederick, Pres.

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