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This community newsletter publishes information, events, problems and concerns effecting the people of Palisades. 10964 needs your moral and financial support. Please send a contribution for 10964 to Box 201, Palisades, NY 10964. With your help you'll find 10964 in your mailbox every month.

West Hudson Environmental Assoc.

Prior to 1973, heavy traffic on Routes 9W and 340 was something we didn't like but could live with. But in 1973 9W was widened and since then truck traffic has increased 300% (1,350 trucks daily) and is no longer tolerable. In four years 9W has changed from a minor commercial and automobile route to a dangerous, heavy trucking route.

Led by the West Hudson Environmental Group, residents of Orangetown between the Thruway and the NJ border have been fighting a long and difficult battle to control or lessen this heavy truck traffic.

On June 14 Gov. Carey signed a new law introduced by State Senator Linda Winikow and supported by Assemblyman Eugene Levy. This law gives the NY State Commissioner of Transportation the authority to restrict heavy truck traffic on certain state roads in residential areas. He proposed banning trucks over 10 tons on 9W from the Thruway in S. Nyack to the NJ border and on Rt. 340 from Sparkill to the NJ border (except those making local pick-ups and deliveries).

A public hearing was called by State Senator Winikow and Mr. Dixon, Regional Director of the State Dept. of Transportation and held at Piermont Village Hall on Sept. 7. Support for the ban was overwhelming. A standing-room-only crowd of more than 200 people attended. Petitions supporting the ban with just under 2,000 signatures were presented. The ban had the full support of Assemblyman Levy, the Town Board, the So. Orangetown School Board, the Nyack School Board, the Orangetown Police Dept., the Piermont Police Dept. and other organizations. All read statements supporting the ban.

Both Senator Winikow and Mr. Dixon emphasized over and over again that the ban is not intended in any way to move trucks to alternate streets (such as Oak Tree Rd. or Rt. 303) but is to force heavy trucks to use Rt. 17 in NJ and the NYS Thruway. They also stressed that they have been working with the NJ Dept. of Transportation on a system of signs of 9W in NJ as far South as the G.W. Gridge informing trucks of the ban. They also stated that if necessary State Police would be used to assist the Orangetown Police in enforcing the ban.

The decision by the Dept. of Transportation will be made in a few weeks.

DOSSI THAYER

Rockland Center for the Arts in Palisades

On October 3, classes offered by Rockland Center for the Arts will begin in the Palisades Elementary School. Some 45 offerings for preschoolers, children, teens, young adults and adults are scheduled. Registration will be held September 12 through September 23 at the Palisades School. If you wish to register by mail and have not received the Center's brochure, you may pick one up at the Palisades Post Office or call Carol Elevitch (359-2995). To register after the 23rd, call the Rockland Center for the Arts in West Nyack (358-0877).

Marlene Kleiner, Director of the Center, and its staff have been a joy to work with. The Palisades School Council wishes to thank them and the Palisades Community Center Board of Trustees for their cooperation in scheduling so that the community may have good time and space for our organizations and activities.

CAROL ELEVITCH

10964 Détente

Thanks to the generosity, hard work and close cooperation between the South Orangetown School Board and the Town Board of Orangetown, the Palisades Elementary School has reopened to provide classes in the Arts, preschool day care for children and community activities for the residents of Palisades and Orangetown.

Tentatively, the scheduled use of the building will be as follows: classes on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week; Friday the school will be available exclusively for Senior Citizens until 2 or 3 pm; Teenage activities will begin Friday afternoon and continue on into the evening. Plans for Saturday and Sunday are now in progress.

We hope everyone will contact members of the Palisades School Council (359-2995 or Box 571) to express their wishes for the use of the building.

Again, we thank the School Board and the Town Board -- by reopening both the Palisades and Tappan schools for use by all residents of the local and larger community, they have enabled all ages to benefit and have taken a forward step toward keeping public buildings as centers of community service and education.

CAROL ELEVITCH

Palisades School Council

The Executive Board of the former Palisades Elementary PTA (Carol Elevitch, President; Barbara Olson, Marie Guiney, Vice-Presidents; Johanna Lo, Secretary; and Tina Kister, Treasurer) voted at their June meeting to act as a liaison group between the community of Palisades and the Orangetown Town Board in overseeing activities taking place in the Palisades School during the coming year.

The Palisades Community Center Board voted to place Irene Frederick on the Palisades School Council as representative from their Executive Board and we welcome representatives from other groups or organizations who wish to become part of the School Council.

The Council hopes residents of Palisades will express ideas for activities they would like to see in the Palisades School and if there are any problems or questions call or write: Carol Elevitch (359-2995), Palisades School Council, Box 571, Palisades, N.Y. 10964.

CAROL ELEVITCH

Palisades Community Center

The back of our building has been painted and repaired and looks lovely. During the summer ceramic tile was picked up from Agency Tile in preparation for tiling both bathrooms and kitchen floor. Oh happiness!

Oh sadness! "Rain will be falling on our heads" - the roof is in very poor condition and must be reshingled. More details to follow in the mail.

We extend our best wishes across the street to the Oak Tree Playgroup and also to the other exciting activities in progress at the Palisades School.

We are currently negotiating with Rockland Center for the Arts in anticipation of having Richard Pousette-Dart be the Resident Artist at the Palisades Community Center. Information concerning classes will be available at a later date.

SALLY LO GERFO

School News

Congratulations to Dr. George J. Jeffers on his confirmation as Superintendent of the South Orangetown School District. Dr. Jeffers has been with the district since 1972 when he was appointed Principal of the Middle School. In 1975 he was appointed Assistant Superintendent. He received his B.A. and EdD from St. John's University and His M.S. from Fordham University.

Congratulations also to Dr. Jacqueline L. Holland, Principal of Tappan Zee Elementary School, on her appointment to the Board of Trustees at Rockland Community College. Dr. Holland has been with the South Orangetown School District since 1958 and became Principal of TZE and Palisades school in 1974. She received her B.S. in Education from Boston University, her M.A. from Howard University in Washington D.C. and her EdD from Fordham University.

BARBARA HOVSEPIAN

Classes for the students of South Orangetown School District began on Wednesday, Sept. 7. Once again the District requests that parents discuss with their children the need to obey all safety rules both on their way to bus stops, at bus stops, on the bus itself, and at school. Parents are reminded that dropping their children off at bus stops well before the scheduled arrival of the school bus opens their child to a potentially dangerous situation, in light of the fact that bus stops are not supervised. The cooperation of parents in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

We urge all residents of the area to be extra cautious in driving now that school is open. Children are not predictable in their behavior and they may create situations which are dangerous to themselves and to drivers.

We look forward to the year as being a successful one and thank in advance all the residents for their cooperation.

DR. GEORGE J. JEFFERS

Better communication is needed between the schools and parents regarding communicable diseases (colds, strep throat, etc)....Student dental clips need to be completed and returned to school....Close attention to nutrition is essential to the health of our children. A good breakfast and lunch are important.... Remember to read all food labels carefully and avoid preservatives.

MYRA RICHARDSON, R.N.
VIRGINIA BARRETT, R.N.

Palisades Free Library

The Palisades Free Library will sponsor a Needlepoint program beginning Monday, Oct. 3 and continuing for four weeks.

Plans are also being made for children's programs to be held every Thursday afternoon during October and November.

Further information on both the above programs will follow in the Library Newsletter.

BARBARA HOVSEPIAN

An Apology

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we must ask our readers to excuse the delay in publication and the change in appearance of 10964!

Palisades Historical Committee

The Historical Committee warmly recommends "The Tonetti Years at Sneden's Landing" by Isabelle K. Savell which was recently published by the Historical Society of Rockland County. Two copies of this book by this creative artist are available at the Palisades Library.

Also recommended is "Palisades Notes" by W.S. Gilman which is available in positive or negative microfilm.

MARGARET PARTON HUSSEY

Tappan Zee Thrift Shop

The Tappan Zee Thrift Shop has reopened for the fall season. The hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10 to 3:45 (donations before 3:30). We welcome clean, saleable items with clothes on hangers, please. And, remember your donations are tax deductible.....receipts are mailed at the end of the year.

PAULA SILVERMAN

Palisades Basketball

Don Bracken, who has coached Little League Baseball for our children in the past, has most kindly offered to organize a T Shirt Basketball League for boys and girls to be held in the Palisades School gym on Saturday mornings beginning in November.

Details will follow. For further info call Don at 359-1765

Lamont

New graduate students were welcomed to the Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory on Orientation Day, Sept. 6, 1977. In addition to the 21 new students, there are approximately 80 graduate students already engaged in studies at the Observatory.

Research Vessel ROBERT D. CONRAD departed from the Piermont Pier on Sept. 3 on her 21st cruise. Dr. Charles Windisch will serve as Chief Scientist enroute to Bermuda. The CONRAD will then continue on to South America.

Lamont-Doherty welcomed three Post-Doctoral Fellows in early Sept. They are: Dr. Dan P. McKenzie of Cambridge, England, a Mathematical-Theoretical Geophysicist working with Dr. Manik Talwani; Dr. Colum M. Keith from Ottawa, Canada working with Dr. Chris Scholz in Seismology, and Dr. John F. Marra from Halifax, Nova Scotia, working with Dr. Tom Malone in Marine Biology.

ANITA K. TUCHOLKE

Unclassified

It's nice to receive letters of encouragement like the following from our neighbors, Col. & Mrs. John Finke:

"We are very impressed with the newsletter, so please keep it going. Here is a small contribution. For the first time in living in Palisades for 15 years we feel as if we are getting to know some of our town neighbors! Keep it up."

Thanks to the Finkes for their contribution as well as our other generous donors:

Angelo Ludas, Margaret and Anne Sharkey, Allan D. Turoff, the Jay Crums, Mimi Y. Fratkin, the Norman Barons, Dr. Jacqueline Holland, the Reg Thayers, the Ronald Olsons, Mary Tremblay and the Palisades Community Center.

Classified

Classified ads are free: please submit yours to Box 201 or call Jeanne Boose (359-7154). Last names and phone numbers must appear in ad. (Donations to 10964 are requested from businesses wishing to place ads).

WANTED: Used model trains, track, accessories. McCoy (359-4744)

WANTED: Children's chairs for the Oak Tree Playgroup. Please bring donations to the school.

WANTED: Lamont Employee looking for small cottage or apt. nearby. Landriau (359-4342)

FOR SALE: 19th C. Trestle table, 6'6" x 2'10", fair condition, \$150. Boose (359-7154)

FOR SALE: Wood beams, 6' x 15' approx. Dark stain. Larkin (359-6589)

FOR SALE: A.K.C. Doberman Pinscher Pups, whelped Aug. 19; Reds & Blacks, pet & show quality. Sound bloodlines, excellent temperaments, to good home. From \$175. Gerard (359-5622).

MUSIC LESSONS: Beginning recorder, small group instruction for children 7 and older. Maximum 5 in group. \$4/per lesson. Private individual instruction in wind instruments. \$10 per lesson. Baron (359-4807)

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