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Calendar of Events

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| September 17 | Antiques course begins, Palisades CC |
| October 14 | Crafts Fair, Palisades CC, 11 AM |
| 20 | Fall Plant Sale, Palisades Library 10 AM |

Wood Stoves

Wood burning stoves are sensible alternatives to escalating heating oil costs, they are interesting to look at and they are a good place to warm your mittens and socks. Several Palisades residents have already discovered the advantages of burning wood and, in fact, some can often be seen scurrying around collecting that replenishable fuel.

Awareness of the crisis status our search for energy has reached has made people look closely at methods widely used previously but neglected in the bustle of progress. After almost a century of using other sources, we are beginning to reconsider burning wood on a large scale. In 1977, over half a million wood stoves were made in this country, and more were imported. Wood stove stores are starting to appear. A new one has just opened in Sparkill, called County Wood Stoves - 359-5116, owned by Carol and Bill Shirghio who got into the business when they decided to buy a stove for their own home.

There are several things to consider when deciding how best to heat your home with a wood stove. First, figure out how many cubic feet you will want to heat by multiplying width by length by height to arrive at the size stove you'll need. The model you choose should depend on how well insulated your area is and what sort of weather it is exposed to. For most efficient operation, the stove you choose should heat neither too large nor too small an area. In other words, it should not over work or under work.

The most efficient stoves are air tight and made of properly sealed cast iron. They should have an adjustable draft to control the rate of burning. Obviously, the stove should radiate heat evenly and not lose it up the chimney. An efficient stove will produce heat for long periods with minimum amounts of wood by not only breaking the wood down into gases which burn when mixed with oxygen, but also by introducing enough oxygen through the regulated draft system to combust the unburned gases by pushing them over the source of the heat rather than up the chimney. When you are shopping for stoves, you should ask how much wood they take in a load and how often they should be restoked. This will allow you to compare efficiency among brands and types.

Not all the gases do burn, of course, and the residue is

creosote that collects on the stove walls and in the stovepipe. It must be cleaned out about twice a year since it is flammable material. A quick look at the classified sections of several local newspapers yields a selection of chimney sweeps.

There are very specific requirements for installation of a wood burning stove and not to observe them would be foolhardy. Stoves must be a certain distance from combustibles which must be protected by masonry or heat shields. Connector pipes should be insulated double wall pipes and fastened and sealed properly to eliminate the possibility of leaking creosote. The stove can be fitted into existing fireplace and chimney openings (have the chimney checked first), or a chimney can be built to accommodate it. Again, it has to meet specific standards for height and distance on the roof.

The Shirghio's will consult and install as well as sell the actual units. They carry six different brands of stoves and can order others. Carol Shirghio gave us the following cost rundown for an average purchase and installation:

Stove.....	\$450
Chimney Pipe...	200
Installation...	100
Fire Boards....	80

(Fire boards replace masonry.)

She says using the stove will generally mean recovery of these costs in less than a year. The objective, and it is a reasonable expectation that you will meet it, is to keep that thermostat off all winter and heat only with wood.

There are several good books on this subject, including *The Woodburners Encyclopedia* by Jay Shelton, available at the Shirghio's, and *The Wood Stove and Fireplace Book* by Steve Sherman at the Library.

Besides the current fuel efficient capabilities of wood burning stoves, using them means making a commitment to the future. It's a very positive and direct way to do something about a serious worldwide problem.

Palisades Free Library

Library Dance: An enjoyable time was had by all who attended our annual Library Dance. A special thanks goes to chairpersons Jane Lattes and Joan Tankel and their hard working committee; Jane Bernick, Joan Bracken, Bodiel Christensen, Chris De Carlo, Sylvia Devan, Barbara Hovsepian, Karen Jefferies, Penny Kiers, Myra Richardson and Jan Stark. We also extend our appreciation to Emily Carson of the Nyack Field Club, Paul Dalton of the '76 House, Eric Devan, and Caroline Turoff for their help and suggestions.

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Circle October 20th on your calendar for that is the date

A speaker in search of a speech??
Beginning in October the Palisades Workshop Project will be organizing workshop groups for writers and readers. The aim is to assist in the development of authors and performers. The groups will not provide formal instruction, but rather an opportunity and method for mutual presentation, criticism and evaluation. The readers and writers groups are formed as complementary units with the capacity to develop dramatic presentations of original works.

The project is actively soliciting the participation of nonprofessional authors and performers. Fees are nominal. For detailed information, please send a SELF-ADDRESSED-STAMPED ENVELOPE to: Palisades Workshop Project, P.O. Box 669, Palisades, NY 10964.

Lynn Feller

Palisades Community Center

The "C.C." is looking forward to an exciting fall and winter season. Ideas and suggestions have been trickling in over the summer and the following activities have been tentatively scheduled.

Antiques - A concise series for anyone interested in antiquing, with class discussion geared to the interests and experience of the group. Mary Ann Sahadi is an experienced collector, dealer, and author of "Antiques" columns in various publications. The fee will be \$10 for five Monday evening sessions from 7:30 to 9:30 PM.

The series will begin on Monday, September 17. Please send your check to the Palisades Community Center, Box 222, Palisades, NY 10964.

Ballet for Adults - Call Paula Babalis, 359-1630, for details.

Yoga - Monday AM and Tuesday PM: Call Pat Plotkin, 268-6290, for details.

Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Guitar - Ron Rinaldi; Classes for children and adults.

Theatre Arts (children) - To be announced.

Ballet and Jazz Dance (children) - To be announced.

For further details, call Judy Englander, 359-8098, or drop a card to Box 218 with your name and telephone. We will have all the information for you.

The Center will sponsor a "Crafts Fair" on Sunday, October 14 from 11 AM to 5 PM. Featured will be local artisans. Gastronomical delights will be served. Should you wish to share your talent, please call Judy Englander.

At the August meeting of the Board of Directors the finances of the Center were carefully reviewed. As 1979 draws to a close, insurance and utility bills are hovering over our heads. In order to meet these obligations we have put aside any further improvements at the center. The structure as it stands is in good condition inside. Hopefully we will be able to add to our "outside painting" fund which has already been started by one of our generous members. In the interim, between the end of this year and the beginning of our annual membership drive in

January of 1980, we would very much appreciate receiving \$5 membership fees from any residents who have not responded to our 1979 membership drive. We will need everyone's support to keep the center alive and well!

Edith Ryan

Oak Tree Playgroup

The Playgroup will begin the new semester on September 5 at the Palisades School. For information call Marianne Armistead at 358-9464.

Welcome

10964 wishes to welcome the following people to Palisades: Peggy Driscoll and her children Kevin and Sean who live on Swan Street; Bernard and Gayle Jacobs and their children Brooks, Hillary, Clayton and Hollen who live on Woods Road; Andy and Theresa Park who live on Oak Tree Road; and David Woodbridge and Stefanie Teshjan-Woodbridge who live on Washington Spring Road.

Classified

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FOR SALE - 1973 Lincoln-Mercury Capri. Standard transmission and excellent gas mileage. Avoid the gas lines and drive the "sexy European." Ellison (2140).

FOR SALE - 1966 Chevrolet Impala. Four door, great motor, bad body. Has heater. Air conditioner works occasionally. \$100. Thayer (3207).

Unclassified

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of the Fall Plant Sale at the Library from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Paula Silverman

Palisades Triangle

At long last we are pleased to announce that we have our woodland park. The closing took place on August 1, the Town of Orangetown took title to the "Palisades Triangle" for preservation in its natural state.

Twenty-five percent of the \$50,000 purchase price came from private donations. Most of that came from Palisades residents and some from non-Palisadians who supported the concept of preserving the Triangle. The other seventy-five percent came from the State of NY, Division of Housing and Community Renewal.

The total of the donations was \$17,139. After paying all expenses (legal, title insurance, survey, mailing, etc.) we had a little more than \$2,000 left which has been refunded to the donors on a pro-rata basis.

As previously announced, we are asking the Town for individual receipts for the various donors for tax deduction purposes and we hope to send these out in the very near future. We have sent each donor an accounting of all expenses incurred.

Establishing this park has been a long and sometimes frustrating process but thanks to the determination of Palisades residents to keep the rural character of their community, we have met with success -- a demonstration of community action at its most effective. Our fears of having an unsightly

commercial development in the center of our hamlet have been allayed for all time.

Reg & Dossi Thayer,
for the Palisades Triangle
Committee

Palisades Nursery School

As a new school term begins we want to welcome our students for a fun-filled year. There is still time to register your child for this year. In cooperation with the Oak Tree Cooperative Playgroup, transportation can be made from the Nursery School to the Playgroup. Anyone wishing to visit the school or register may call me at 359-4657.

Carol Vlahos

Palisades Workshop Project

??? -- Have you been known to compose poems about the sea-green lilac patterns swirling and dancing on your finished basement walls after the sump pump breaks? -- Do stranger's children overhear you reciting Blanche's curtain speech from *Streetcar* as you careen down the aisles of the Grand Union? -- Are you regularly sneaking off to the laundry room with your Smith Corona to work on the novel absolutely nobody knows about? -- Is your German short-haired pointer Fritzie no longer an appreciative audience for your interpretation of Richard III? -- Are you an author in search of readers? -- A playwright in search of players? --

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