



# ACROSS THE FENCE

November 27, 2022

It is that time of year when events all seem to be prefaced by "annual". We have our annual Board & Member Meeting, our new annual Holiday Singalong, and a tradition that we are bringing back, the annual Holiday Tea and Open House. We are embracing gathering in all forms, a virtual meeting, an outdoor event, and an indoor event. We hope that you will be able to join us for at least one of these.

Monday, Nov 28	Tuesday, Nov 29	Wednesday, Nov 30	Thursday, Dec 1	Friday, Dec 2	Saturday, Dec 3
3:30 p.m. <a href="#">William Yates Fitness</a>	9:30 a.m. <a href="#">Planner Group</a> 3 p.m. <a href="#">Yoga</a>	8:30 a.m. <a href="#">Walking Club</a>	11 a.m. <a href="#">Costly Medicare Mistakes</a> 5 p.m. <a href="#">Annual Board &amp; Member Meeting</a>	12 p.m. <a href="#">Volunteer Training: Dealing with Holiday Grief</a>	9:30 a.m. <a href="#">Mindful Knitting</a>

## This Week:

Thursday, December 1, 11 a.m.



With open enrollment ending soon, MaryAnn Griffin agreed to share her program again. If you missed it the first time, need a refresher, or have a burning question, please join us.

**COSTLY MEDICARE MISTAKES; WHEN, WHERE AND HOW TO AVOID THEM**

Did you decide not to sign up for Part B when you were first eligible because it was too expensive?

Did you know that you might be able to reduce your Part B premium?

Did you forego enrolling in a Medigap plan when you were first eligible thinking you could enroll later if you got sick?

Did you forego enrolling in a drug plan because you do not use prescription drugs, then want to enroll later?

Did you enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan and assume that you can automatically change to a Medigap plan?

Did you opt for COBRA coverage when you left your job, thinking you could enroll in Medicare later? Register [here](#).

**Thursday, December 1, 5 p.m.**

**Annual Board Member and Member Meeting**

The Board meeting is open to the public and visitors may comment and/or ask questions, but only Palisades Village Board members may vote.

All members are encouraged to attend this annual meeting. The members will have a chance to vote on the Board of Directors and officers. The annual budget will also be on the agenda for approval. Register [here](#).

**Friday, December 2, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Volunteer Training: Dealing with Holiday Grief**

The Holidays are a time of joy and, simultaneously, a time of reflection and grief regarding the losses people have experienced. We want to say the right thing, and sometimes that leads to unexpected reactions, additional sadness, or just a sense of disconnection or awkwardness. Although there is no perfect phrase to share with someone grieving during the holiday season, there are many helpful approaches and ways to show that you are there and want to support them. This one-hour session is specifically designed for volunteers supporting older adults and will be led by Janet Carter, MSW and Mary Ann Buckley, L-CSWC, C-ASWCM of Corewood Care. Register [here](#).





**Sunday, December 4, 11 a.m.  
2nd Annual Holiday Singalong**

Here we come a-wassailing! Join us at the Palisades Farmers Market and join us in song.

## Coming Up:



**Thursday, December 15, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Holiday Tea & Open House**

Palisades Hub's Social Room (below the church at 5200 Cathedral Ave NW)

Join us for a holiday tea and open house as we celebrate the holiday season. It will be great to see you in person!

This event is open to members and volunteers who are up to date with their vaccinations. Please take an antigen test before you come (available at COVID centers and the PV office). Register [here](#).

## Great Decisions Foreign Policy Decision Group Forming

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. Developed by the Foreign Policy Association, the program model involves reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book and meeting in a Discussion Group to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. Each year, eight topics are chosen by a panel of experts.

Palisades Village will host the first meeting on January 18 from 2-3 p.m. in the parlor. The group will meet monthly on the third Wednesday thereafter. We would like to order the briefing books for all who are interested in participating. Please contact the office at 202-244-3310 or email [eblanton@palisadesvillage.org](mailto:eblanton@palisadesvillage.org) by December 15, 2022. If you would be interested in leading the first discussion, please let us know.

*Please register for all Palisades Village events that are held in-person or on Zoom. Click on the title in red to be taken to the registration page and get more information. Click on the registration button and provide your information. You will receive an email with your confirmation soon thereafter. For events on Zoom, this will include the link. There is a complete listing of all events for the next two weeks at the end of the newsletter, or you*

can go to the [website](#). If you have questions or want to register in person, please call the office at **202-244-3310**.

**Our annual end-of-year giving campaign is launching. We cannot continue to maintain this level of programs and services without your help. Please consider joining as an associate member or making a tax-deductible donation to Palisades Village.**

**DONATE NOW**  
**TO OUR END-OF-YEAR APPEAL**

**Calling all hardy volunteers to serve as snow shovelers (service hours!!). If you can help, please call the office at 202-244-3310. Winter is on the way. We need you!**

## **Covid Corner:**

**Need a booster or vaccination?** Head to the [COVID Center](#) for Ward 3 that opened at Chevy Chase Pavilion (5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW). Individuals have access to vaccinations, boosters, take-home rapid antigen tests, PCR tests, and KN95 masks. Seniors are invited to the front of the line at public testing and vaccination sites. No need for an appointment. They do not have the high-dose flu shot for seniors.

Can't get out of the house for a vaccination? DC Health will come to you. Call **1-855-363-0333** to request a home visit.

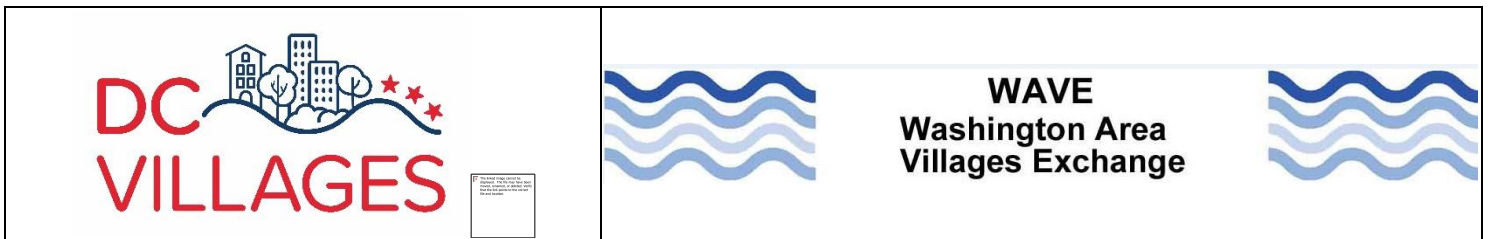
**What should you do if you test positive?** Isolate and read this helpful [article](#).

**Need Tests?** PCR tests are also available at the Palisades Library and Rec Center as well as the Ward 3 Center. You can pick one up, take the test at home and then drop it off before 8 p.m. You will get the results in 3-5 days.

**Palisades Village has a supply of rapid antigen tests and N95 masks.** Please contact the office if you need one. Maintaining your mental health while you wait for test results is important. Certified clinicians are available 24/7 through the DC Department of Behavioral Health's mental health hotline: **1-888-793-4357**.

**Members:** If you need help getting a vaccination or booster, call the office at **202-244-3310** and we will help you.





**The DC Area Villages work closely together to share resources and access to many events.**

**For a list of all the events sponsored by Washington Area Villages, please click [here](#). Here are just a few of them. Register by clicking on the link in the title or in the description.**

**Tuesday, November 29, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. on Zoom - Hosted by Bethesda Metro Area Village**

**Notre Dame: Restoring an Icon** - The devastating fire that engulfed Notre Dame Cathedral in April 2019 destroyed beloved parts of that iconic structure, including the timber roof framework and crossing spire. But other crucial elements—notably the 13th-century stone vaults and flying- buttress support system—survived miraculously intact. Restoration is proving to be a long and complicated – and contentious – process as French officials, preservation specialists, structural engineers, and art and architectural historians decide how to rebuild. Join art historian Judy Scott Feldman, PhD, for a discussion on hard questions of historic preservation and what constitutes a proper reconstruction of this iconic cathedral. Email [director@bmavillage.org](mailto:director@bmavillage.org) by November 28 to receive the Zoom link.

**Thursday, December 8, 1 p.m. on Zoom - Hosted by Foggy Bottom West End Village**

**Fire Safety in Your Home for Older Adults** - DC Fire & EMS Department is committed to keeping our senior residents safe. They have created a program, specifically for older adults which addresses fire risk reduction and planning for "what if..". Please join us for this instructive presentation which will include plenty of time for Q&A. Over 1,200 older adults die each year from fire which is the sixth leading cause of death in this population group. As we become older, our fire risk increases. From October 2018 to the present the District has had 31 fire fatalities. Of those, 20 were aged 60+. It's always good to learn new ways to reduce your risk of such a calamity and how to react should a fire in your home occur. Register [here](#).

**Wednesday, December 14, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. on Zoom Hosted by Greater Brookland Intergenerational Village**

**Wills, Trusts & Estate Planning** - Michele Zavos, a long-time Brookland resident and estate lawyer for over 40 years, will discuss important documents for life planning, including Wills, Health Care Powers of Attorney, Living Wills, HIPAA documents (for the federal law that prohibits disclosure of your personal information without your prior consent), Final Arrangement Designations, and General Powers of Attorney (for finances) as well as general information about elder issues and end-of-life planning. Register [here](#).

## **Mondays and Thursdays, 4 - 5 p.m. on Zoom**

**Capitol Hill Village Chair Yoga** - Fabulous yoga instructor Robin Blum will lead the class in a gentle session of chair yoga. You can register for upcoming classes by going to the Capitol Hill Village [calendar](#) and finding the class you want from there. Once you've registered the first time, you should have the link that will work for all the classes.

## **Around Town Events:**

Go to [Around Town DC](#) to find classes in technology, art, dance, advance planning, fitness, improv, and much more. Create an account and take a look at the "In-Person Events" under "Upcoming Events" or email [community@iona.org](mailto:community@iona.org) or call 202-459-9634. Sign up for the newsletter while you are there!

### **Tuesdays, 11 a.m.**

**Technology Tuesday** -- Refresh your skills on a variety of topics with B Milenkovic from the [Labs at MLK library](#). Sign up for the programs and you will receive a Zoom link for each session. Ignore the invite if the topic isn't of interest to you. The November 29th topic: Email **FUN**damentals (spam, ads, search, etc.)

**Strength, Balance, and Core in-person class with Emma Swain** -- This class combines dynamic and functional strength and balance exercises using seated and standing exercises. This is offered through **Around Town DC**.

Mondays at IONA, 1:30 pm. - 2:30 p.m. Register [here](#).

Tuesdays at St. Albans, 11 a.m. - noon Register [here](#).

Wednesdays at Palisades Rec Center, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Register [here](#).

### **Fridays, 11 a.m.**

**Cardio Chair Kickboxing at St. Albans** - Chair Cardio Kickboxing is a low-impact class using music with aerobic exercise moves mixed in with some martial arts moves such as punching and kicking. It is a great exercise for improving endurance, core, and balance. [See a sample of the class here](#). Read more and [register here](#).

## **Sibley Seniors Events:**

**Sibley Seniors Association** (SSA) offers programs and support groups online.

## **Community Events:**

### **Saturday, December 3, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

**Holiday Breakfast & Cookie Exchange at the Palisades Hub** - Bring your favorite cookies to share with your neighbors and members of Palisades Village. There will also be crafts, a slide, music and a visit from Santa. Fun for all ages!

**Sunday, December 4, noon - 5 p.m.**

**Abner Cloud Open House at Fletcher's Boathouse-** The home will be open to the public for tours. Hear interesting details of the home 1812 inventory. Learn about Thomas Main, the location of the house, and the life of his remarkable student, Joseph Moore.

**Tuesday, December 6, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Mayor Muriel Bowser's 24th Annual Senior Holiday Celebration** -- Join Mayor Muriel Bowser and the Department of Aging and Community Living for the Mayor's 24th Annual Senior Holiday Celebration at DC Armory, 2001 East Capitol Street SE! Register [here](#).

**Saturday, December 10, 2 p.m.**

**Amahl and the Night Visitors at Our Lady of Victory** - Bel Cantani Opera presents a Christmas story about a poor boy Amahl meeting the Three Kings on their way to Bethlehem on the first Christmas Eve. Tickets \$40, \$25 online and at the doors, 202-230-7372, [www.belcantant.com](http://www.belcantant.com).

<p><b>Bereavement Support Groups</b>--Widowed Persons Outreach (WPO) offers both a twice-monthly ongoing support group and twice a year, a six-week structured bereavement group for persons who have been widowed for two years or less. Call <b>202-537-4942</b> for more information or go to <a href="http://Calendar WidowedPersonsOutreach.wpodc.org">Calendar   Widowed Persons Outreach (wpodc.org)</a></p>	<p><b>Bi-Weekly on Fridays, 1 - 2 p.m.</b> <b>The Art of Looking</b>--By sharing observations, interpretations, questions, and ideas, participants build on their own first impressions and broaden their understanding of a single work of art in each meeting. Each session lasts one hour and is completely interactive. NGA educators will facilitate the conversation to create an environment for shared learning.</p>
<p><b>Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at noon.</b> <b><a href="#">Smithsonian National Museum of Asian Art's free 30-minute online meditations</a></b>--Led by DC-based meditation teachers, these free sessions are appropriate for all levels of practitioners and include a variety of mindfulness practices. Sessions on Fridays include inspiration from art in the museum collection.</p>	<p><b>Weekly on Mondays from 2 - 3:15 p.m.</b> <b>Just Us at the National Gallery of Art --</b> Provides interactive, discussion-based experiences for people with memory loss and their care partners. For more information go to <a href="https://www.nga.gov/calendar/guided-tours/just-us.html">https://www.nga.gov/calendar/guided-tours/just-us.html</a>. To register, please email <a href="mailto:access@nga.gov">access@nga.gov</a>.</p>
<p><b>Weekly on Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m.</b> <b>Dance for PD</b> -- Now in person at the Kennedy Center's REACH building. Join local Dance for Parkinson's Disease certified instructor Lucy Bowen McCauley for a free workshop where participants are empowered to explore movement and music in ways that are refreshing, enjoyable, stimulating, and creative. Learn more about the program by <a href="#">clicking here</a>.</p>	

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## COMING UP IN PALISADES VILLAGE

Listed below are details on upcoming events sponsored by Palisades Village. You can now register by clicking on "More Information" and then "Register." You will be prompted to add your name and email address. Please use the email address that the calendar was sent to; it functions as your user ID. If you need to update your email, just let us know. Or you can register by email at [aourand@palisadesvillage.org](mailto:aourand@palisadesvillage.org) or call the office at **202-244-3310**.

[ALL OUR EVENTS ON THE VILLAGE WEBSITE](#)

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#### **William Yates Fitness**

Mon 11 / 28 / 2022 at 3:30 PM

[More Information](#)

#### **Planner Group**

Tue 11 / 29 / 2022 at 9:30 AM

[More Information](#)

#### **Yoga**

Tue 11 / 29 / 2022 at 3:00 PM

Where: Palisades Hub, 5200 Cathedral Ave NW, Washington, DC 20016

[More Information](#)

#### **Walking Club - Georgetown**

Wed 11 / 30 / 2022 at 8:30 AM

Where: 4940 Canal Road, NW, Washington, DC 20007

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[More Information](#)

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Thank you!

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