

Forest appreciation walk, Nov. 13



Above: On Nov. 13, community members joined the Friends of Fox Run Park for the annual forest appreciation walk in the park in honor of Native American Heritage month. The group paused for a photo at one of the culturally modified trees (CMT) known as the Grandmother tree easily seen beside the hiking trail. The group discussed forest ecology, the complex history of the land and the people who lived in the area many thousands of years ago as well as the present-day need to protect the living legacy of the old growth forest and CMTs. *Photo by Marlene Brown, caption by Janet Sellers.*

Ring the bell, Nov. 15



Above: From left, Palmer Lake resident Andrena Craig and volunteer bell ringer John Howe at the Monument Safeway on Nov. 15. The Annual Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign began on Nov. 12 and volunteer bell ringers aside red kettles can be found outside many stores. Salvation Army Captain Joseph McFee started the campaign in December 1891 in San Francisco after he noticed many poor people going hungry. The funds provide free holiday meals for the needy and assistance to families and individuals in financial crisis all year. Virtual donations can also be made at www.give.salvationarmy.org. *Photo by Natalie Barszcz.*

PL Little Free Libraries



Left: You may have noticed those wooden boxes filled with books around Palmer Lake and wondered what they might be. They are called Little Free Libraries, and their purpose is to create more community places for kids and adults to enjoy books. Take a book, leave a book and be a positive part of reading and literacy in Palmer Lake. Thanks to all our book lovers within Palmer Lake who have contributed books or supplied one of these Little Free Libraries for all to enjoy. You can register your library and add it to the world map at

<https://littlefreelibrary.org>. The red library in the photo was made by one of the parks commission chairs, Greg Feuerhaken. It will be installed in Glen Park close to the playground. *Photo provided by the Town of Palmer Lake.*

St. Peter Holiday Boutique, Nov. 13



Above: About 1,000 people attended the 11th annual Holiday Boutique and Bake Sale at St. Peter Catholic Church on Nov. 13. The event featured about 50 vendors of traditional crafts such as pottery, woodworking, quilting, candles and soaps. The bake sale was especially successful as patrons bought cookies, pies, homemade candies, and breads. Last year's event was held in the parking lot because of COVID-19. *Photo by Harriet Halbig*

TLCA benefit for PLPD, Nov. 13



Above: On Nov. 13, the Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCA) hosted a benefit concert for the Palmer Lake Police Department (PLPD). Smooth jazz band Flying Circus, led by drummer and former PLPD officer Tracy Quinn, provided the musical entertainment for the evening. They played a mix of jazz classics from Bob James and others along with originals. TLCA Executive Director Dr. Michael Maddox said the TLCA "wanted to show its support for the police department's efforts in the community and offer it a greater sense of appreciation." A portion of the concert's proceeds will go toward equipment and other needs within the PLPD. According to the PLPD's website (www.townofpalmerlake.com/police), two full-time officers, including Chief Jason Vanderpool, and part-time officers provide 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week service. Information on upcoming TLCA events, including the Janie Fricke Christmas Show, is at www.trilakesarts.org. *Photo by David Futey.*

PL time capsule filled, Nov. 21



Above: Residents of Palmer Lake met on Nov. 21 to fill a time capsule with artifacts telling the town's story. The chest, made of wood from the town hall's old roof beams as well as wood used for the new trusses, will be stored in the town hall after construction is complete. The chest is lined with Tyvek and crafted by TN Parker Construction which is working on the roof replacement. Organized by Palmer Lake Board of Trustees member Glant Havenar and local resident Jack Armstrong (L to R in the inset), the contents include local restaurant menus and T-shirts, programs and a football from Palmer Ridge High School, items from the fire and police departments, Palmer Lake Historical Society books, Palmer Lake Star art, clips from Our Community News, the town's 2022 budget, and a lot more. The time capsule will be opened in 50 years in 2071. For more information on the Palmer Lake time capsule see: <https://www.townofpalmerlake.com/administration/page/creating-50-year-town-time-capsule>. *Photos by Jackie Burhans*