

Meet Ward 3 Councilwoman Mary Cheh at our FCCA February Meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 24

Councilwoman Cheh will talk to us about issues of concern to our community at our next meeting. **Please forward your questions to Bob Avery at ravery@starpower.net before the meeting** so we can be sure we cover the topics and issues that are of most concern to our residents. This has worked well for us in the past, and if time permits, we will also take questions from the floor. You can read more about Ms. Cheh, her background, and her focus areas at www.dccouncil.washington.dc.us/marycheh.

About the City Council: The Council of the District of Columbia is the legislative branch of the District government. All legislative powers are vested in the Council. In addition, the Council approves the District's annual budget and financial plan, and sets the revenue required to fund the budget. It oversees the programs and operations of government agencies, and acts on or initiates reorganization plans for the Executive Branch. The Council determines land use, through the adoption of the comprehensive plan, and undertakes redistricting based on the decennial census. In addition, the Council appoints members to certain boards and commissions, and must confirm major appointments made by the Mayor.

The Council develops legislative initiatives and budget priorities to promote the public welfare. It oversees the performance of government agencies and the implementation of management reforms to improve service delivery. Council committees issue analytical reports on the effectiveness of government operations and make recommendations for reform. In addition, the Council monitors agency spending to ensure compliance with the approved budget and financial plan.

As the local elected representative body, the Council seeks citizen participation throughout the legislative process. It holds public hearings to provide an opportunity for public comment on proposed legislation, policy initiatives and government operations. Also, the Council helps citizen's access government information and services.

Membership is Important

People are joining the Foxhall Community Citizens Association at the fastest clip in four years. The rolls hit 110 in January, with eleven new members — very encouraging for your cadre of FCCA volunteers!

The FCCA welcomes the trend and encourages everyone's participation because the area faces great challenges in 2010. We must find ways to stem the rush hour surge of cars through our capillaries, monitor Georgetown University's expansion and generally stay on top of the burgeoning development all around us.

These complex issues require the engagement of the collective intelligence and energy that our community is so fortunate to possess.

The FCCA area encompasses about 900 households, and the Association closed 2009 with about a fifth as members, which is, in fact, a very high rate compared to other community associations.

We've set a quick pace in the membership drive this year and know we can do far better to show unity and involvement, which may make all the difference in whether we preserve the Foxhall area idyll. Join us today!

Newsletter
of the Foxhall
Community
Citizens
Association



CALENDAR

Note the change of date for our regular meeting!

Tues, February 24, 7 PM
FCCA General Meeting
with Ward 3 Councilwoman
Mary Cheh

Hardy Rec Center
Send questions for
Ms. Cheh to
ravery@starpower.net
If you need a ride, call
Bob Avery at 338-3834.

Tuesday, February 23, 6 PM
Lab School BZA
See info on page 4

Tuesday, April 21, 7 PM
FCCA General Meeting

General FCCA Contact

If you can figure out which board person is appropriate for your issue or concern, please call or email them directly. If you can't, call or email Bob Avery.

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ravery@starpower.net

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FCCA Focus Area Board members

Please contact Board Members directly to discuss issues in the following topic areas:

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FCCA Operating Budget January to December 2010

HULIT PRESSLEY TAYLOR TREASURER

Each calendar year the Foxhall Community Citizens Association has an Operating Budget and a Capital Reserve Budget. Our goal is to have a balanced budget without using Capital Reserve.

For the Operating Budget, income comes from membership dues and contributions received. Expenses include a contribution to Capital Reserve; money to cover an emergency (Operating Contingency) without using Capital Reserve; and donations to support local, non-profit organizations operating within the FCCA area, such as Palisades Village, with a \$500 maximum per year to each organization.

We'll explain the Capital Reserve budget in the April newsletter.

Operating Budget, 2010

Income	
Contributions	\$ 100.00
Dues	8,500.00
Total Income	\$8,600.00
Expense	
Administration	\$ 240.00
Association Dues	60.00
Contribution to Cap Res.	200.00
Donations	1,000.00
Events	900.00
Membership	400.00
Newsletter	3,900.00
Operating Contingency	1,000.00
Taxes	75.00
Website	825.00
Total Expenses	\$ 8,600.00
Net Income	\$ 00.00

Community Garden Plots Available

There are currently five sunny garden plots available on the Hardy Recreation Center grounds. Average plot size is 4' x 4'. Last year's gardeners had phenomenal crops of tomatoes, peppers, basil and huge sunflowers. Possibility to increase the number of garden plots if there is a significant demand. If you are interested in claiming a plot for the 2010 season, please contact Caitlin MacKenzie at Caitlin.mackenzie@verizon.net by April 15, 2010.

**Yard Sale 2010
Coordinator Needed**

**Have items you'd like to sell?
Thinking about a Yard Sale?**

For years, the FCCA has organized a community yard sale. Residents rent a space for a very nominal fee and the FCCA handles advertising. We'd like to sponsor the Annual Yard Sale again this year, but we need someone to coordinate the event.

**We have a good list of what needs to be done and samples of flyers/advertisements used in the past – we just need someone to take charge. If we don't get a volunteer, it won't happen this year. Interested? Call Hulit Taylor
202-625-0203 or
hulitpaul@comcast.net**

FCCA Help Wanted:

Website: We need help on updating and adding new content.

Delivery People: We need volunteers to deliver newsletters every other month on Charleston and Kenmore streets and maybe Greene Street below MacArthur. We make it very simple for you and it takes just an hour or so. Contact Bob Avery or any Board Member.

January 20 FCCA Meeting Recap: GU's 10-Year Plan

Police report: Officer Anthony McElwee noted in our regular police report that new signage has been installed at the intersection of 44th and Foxhall Road and officers will ticket for blocking the box. No Right Turn signs have been requested for P and Volta Streets at Foxhall for northbound traffic during AM rush hour to reduce cut-through traffic.

There's been a sharp increase in theft from autos in our area recently, especially GPS devices and cell phones. Please report any suspicious activity by calling 911!

Officer McElwee also offered to do home checks while you are on vacation if you email him personally at anthony.mcelwee@dc.gov.

Miscellaneous Items: Public thanks were given to Rodney and Connie, Hardy Recreation Center Staff.

And Kent Slowinski of the Foundry Branch Watershed group made a brief presentation on a new initiative for watershed and wetlands clean-up and invasive plant removal in Glover Archbold Park. The group is working to secure grants for work.

Georgetown University's Ten-Year Plan: Linda Greenan, Associate Vice President for External Affairs at Georgetown University, made a presentation on GU's Ten-Year Plan as required by DC zoning. Their current plan expires this year and when they officially file the new plan, a series of hearings for community involvement will ensue. To download the plan and receive e-mail updates, go to <http://community.georgetown.edu/campusplan.html>. To contact Ms. Greenan directly with concerns, call 202- 687-5677.

Issues raised relating to the plan at the meeting and Ms. Greenan's responses:

1. Concerns regarding a proposed height increase of on-campus smoke

stack from 10 to 83 feet, for emissions and vistas.

2. Concerns about housing and traffic related to plans to increase the number of graduate students by 3,000. LG responded that GU will add 120 beds, and is doing research to better understand the issue. She felt that about half of the proposed growth would be in programs intended for working professionals, who probably already reside in the area and would be taking weekend and evening courses.

3. Concerns related to a proposed new or expanded road to run along GU's rim of Glover Archbold park involved lengthy discussion. The existing road has recently collapsed with trash and other refuse ending up in the eroding area below. Concerns about noise, air quality, impact on wildlife, integrity of the National Park, and ability of the slope to support additional weight were raised. LG stated that the intent of the road is to provide turn around and a loop road through campus for Georgetown University Transportation System buses, in part to route most traffic to the campus's Canal Road entrance and away from Reservoir and Georgetown.

4. A proposed roof over the Yates Field House field raised concerns about the roof height, view obstruction, noise from games or other possible GU events, light pollution, and roof run-off. LG responded that details are not yet available, but there is no intention to use the field any differently than it is used now.

5. Concerns about green building best practices: A GU faculty group is working to address environmental issues of the plan.

Recommendations for FCCA Community Response on the Plan: Download and review GU's draft ten-year plan at the address provided above. Communicate concerns to the DC Department of Transportation and the Area Neighborhood Commission, which the Burleith and Georgetown

neighborhoods are already doing. Petition DDOT, ANC and GU on areas of concern. Express concerns to Georgetown University directly. Express concerns to the National Park Service about proposed construction and use of Park Road and to Georgetown University directly.

A site tour of proposed Park Road with GU will be arranged by ANC Commissioner Ann Haas, as will a tour with NPS. The FCCA will be formulating communications based on meeting comments on behalf of the community.

GU Community Hotline

On a somewhat separate issue, Linda Greenan reminded us about GU's Community Hotline, maintained by Georgetown University to deal with issues related to students living off-campus. The hotline is operational 24/7 but response vehicles are only on duty during the busy weekend evening hours. Call the Hotline at 687-4813 for ANY issues where GU students are negatively impacting the quality of life in the neighborhood, including but not limited to parties. *We were assured that sanctions against repeat offenders do happen and can have a positive impact on our community if we avail ourselves of this advocate.* Note that it is not necessary to have all information such as student names. We were assured that GU will connect the dots as needed. For more complex or nuanced issues, you can also call Ms. Greenan and discuss the issue; her number is 687-5677 during business hours.

Newsletter Submissions

Please send items for the next newsletter—preferably written, digital, and short and sweet so they don't have to be cut to size, revised much, or transcribed—to the editor at tlam.foster@gmail.com by April 1 for the next newsletter. Notices of community interest are free for FCCA members!

Hardy Rec Center Blows its Top

JOHN BRAY

A storm that blew the roof off the Hardy Recreation Center turned out to be a wind of change that brought much-needed repairs across the board at the playground. Department of Parks and Recreation officials were at Hardy on the morning of Jan. 25 to survey the early morning damage to the building, which looked like a torn open can of sardines. There were no injuries.

Groups that ordinarily use the building were temporarily relocated to the Palisades. Officials initially estimated that it could take a week to put the house back in order. But by the next day workers were on top of the building replacing the copper top with a new shingle roof. New gutters and downspouts also were installed.

The work by Ridge Construction cost \$24,000, money to come from DPR's Capital Projects fund, according to spokesman John Stokes.

The building reopened Feb. 1. The city took advantage of the closure to tackle a host of other smaller repairs around the facility, including repairing light fixtures, stripping and waxing interior floors, painting walls, fixing bathroom doors and tiles and replacing fence latches. More is on the to-do list. Andrew del Junco, a Ward 3 outreach and services specialist, said the city also intends to add a crosswalk for Q Street in front of the center, fix a cracked pole on the basketball court and improve signage, among other tasks.

A BIG thank you to all of the community members who have shown their consideration for others by shovelling their sidewalks (and shovelling and shovelling some more)! It was especially important as we all turned to our feet to get around the area.

5 Questions: A Little Area Quiz

CHERYL TLAM

You either know the answer or you don't...none of that cheaty ABCD business. Most questions are drawn from Alice Fales Stewart's *The Palisades of Washington, DC*, which the author discussed with the FCCA in 2005; the book is available locally at Chrome.

1. Where was the Whitehaven Plantation and its main house? What's it got to do with us?
 2. We all know (right?) that Foxhall Road was named for another friend of Thomas Jefferson's, Georgetown mayor and fondry owner Henry Foxall—but what was the name of Foxall's "country" home and where was it located?
 3. What was Foxhall Road's name before it was named for Foxall? What was MacArthur called?
 4. What is the name of the creek in Glover Archbold Park and what is it named after?
 5. When was the "castle" at the southeast end of the reservoir built (roughly) and where is water flowing through it headed?
- Rather didactic answers on page 6.

Upcoming BZA Meetings — Anyone Interested is Encouraged to Show Up!

BZA (Board of Zoning) meetings are public meetings that institutions

are required to schedule with local communities according to the terms of their agreements with the BZA. The meetings happen so that you can go and bring up issues of concern. It is generally best to get your issue on the agenda by contacting the convenor in advance.

GDS: Tues., April 6 at :30 p.m., Georgetown Day School's quarterly BZA meeting in the conference room at the school; contact Rahel Rosner at

rahelrosner@yahoo.com (295-1064) or Robin Speller at rtaylor@gds.org (295-6127).

Lab School: Tues., February 23 at 6:00 p.m., the Lab School's quarterly BZA meeting in the multi-purpose room at the school; contact Katherine Schantz at katherine.schantz@labschool.org (944-2221) or Peter Braun at peter.braun@labschool.org (641-5844).

Save the Date

Plan to come celebrate spring with your neighbors

SPRING FLING

Saturday, April 24, 2010
3 to 6 pm

At Hardy Park and Recreation Center

Save the date for an afternoon of food, fun and friends at our annual community spring event. This event will feature a neighborhood potluck with indoor/outdoor dining. Volunteers needed to help plan and organize. Help decide if we should have a pet contest, carnival type games, visit by the Good Humor ice cream truck – call Caitlin MacKenzie at 202-577-8770 and have an active role in the fun part of community building.

A Watershed Moment: Forming the GAP Watershed Group

KENT SLOWINSKI

Please join us in forming a new watershed group to monitor, protect and restore the incredible resource in our backyard. We're looking at the bigger picture of protecting the watershed—the areas of land that drain into Foundry Branch, Fletchers Run, East Creek, Mill Creek and the other watersheds and stream valleys in our neighborhood.

The new watershed group will fill in the gap of the excellent work being done by the Friends of Rock Creek's Environment to the east and the Little Falls Watershed Alliance to the west. For that reason we're calling the group the GAP Watershed Group, until someone comes up with a better name.

Over the years, many of you have volunteered to clean up the wetlands, remove invasive plants and remove trash. These are the types of projects we would like to encourage, in addition to:

- Promoting environmental education and stewardship
- Participating in bird walks and migratory bird studies
- Conducting macro invertebrate studies and monitoring streams
- Organizing walks/hikes and repairing trails
- Promoting stream daylighting and encouraging RiverSmart homes

A watershed website will help link volunteers to projects and provide educational material on watersheds.

We're also looking for volunteers who can help with the following projects:

- Designing a website
- Setting up a 501(c)(3) non-profit
- Fundraising and grant writing
- Organizing events and donating services

If you would like to help or learn more, please send an email to Kent Slowinski at wksla@aol.com so that we can keep you informed about upcoming events and opportunities.

Crime Report

SCOTT POLK

This article is provided as a service to ensure that the community is aware of crime in the neighborhood so appropriate precautions can be taken. For the greatest part, these preventative measures consist of locking doors, leaving no valuables in your car, locking your car, and using a lock on your bicycle. The most frequently committed crime in the neighborhood is theft from auto and the most commonly stolen item is a GPS. Failure to remove your GPS from the car results in not only the loss of your GPS, but also a broken window.

The information in the tables below was obtained from the Metropolitan Police Dept website (MPDC.DC.GOV). PSA 205 (Patrol Service Area) includes Foxhall, Palisades, Kent, Berkeley, and Spring Valley.

Crime Statistics for 2009 and 2010 YTD in PSA 205 and the FCCA Area

Category	PSA205 2009	FCCA 2009	PSA205 2010 YTD	FCCA 2010 YTD
Homicide	0	0	0	0
Sex Abuse	2	0	0	0
Robbery w/o Gun	8	4	0	0
Robbery, Gun	0	0	0	0
Assault w/ a Dangerous Weapon (w/o gun)	1	1	0	0
Assault with a Dangerous Weapon (gun)	0	0	0	0
Burglary	14	4	3	1
Theft	68	6	6	0
Theft from Auto	149	34	11	4
Stolen Auto	26	11	1	0
Arson	0	0	0	0
Total Property Crime	257	60	21	5
Total Crime	268	65	21	5

If you have any comments or questions about this article, please contact Scott Polk at scott.polk@lfn.com

Who You Gonna Call?

City-Wide Call Center

To request free bulk trash pickups, report dumping in alleys, rat problems, and a host of other issues, call 311.

DC Animal Shelter 576-6664

Police and Fire Departments

Emergencies and Police Matters 911

PEPCO

Power Outages 877-737-2662

Street Lights Out 269-0855.

Washington Gas 624-6049

Abuse of Hardy Field

Use of the field by any group of 18 or more requires a permit. Groups playing without DC Parks and Rec permits, and use of the field following heavy rainfall by any group imperils the over-used field. Any misuse of the field should be reported immediately to the Urban Rangers at 311.

Illegally Parked Cars

Report cars obstructing sidewalks or displaying suspicious guest parking permits by calling 311.

Note: D.C. law requires people who live in the city for more than 30 days to register their cars with the D.C.

Department of Motor Vehicles or face a \$100 ticket every day. This applies to cars parked on private property as well as on streets.

Unpermitted Construction

For unpermitted construction or work that appears to violate code, call DCRA at 202-442-4400 and they will send an inspector very quickly.

Calls can be anonymous. In the historic district for work that appears to be contrary to the guidelines, call Anne Brockett, 202-442-8842 or anne.brockett@dc.gov.

Georgetown Community Hotline

Report student activities that negatively impact our community at 687-4813 24/7. Or call Linda Greenan and discuss the issue at 687-5677 during office hours.

FCCA Membership as of January 31, 2010

Patron

Cooley, Diane & Alex Pires
Georgetown Day School
Iwanicki, Michael & Germana
Loukas, S. Paul & Linda

Advocate

Fishkin, Nate & Jane
Harrow, Lori & George
Pastor, Robert & Margaret
Paulson, Sara & Arne
Polk, Scott & Karen
Reuter, Andy
Rippeteau, Judy & Darrel
Scher, Barry & Olga
Vardaman, Jack & Marianne
Walker, David A.
Zucchi, Dario & Gianna

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Christie, Jeff & Paula
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O'Hara, Katie & Jim
Rankin, Douglas & Mary
Shutzer, Jamie & Jenny Morgan
Wolfe, J. Thomas

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Adkins, Lise & Tom Murphy
Aitken, Lee
Andonyadis, Avyeris & Elly
Anninos, Paul & Christine
Arundel, Tom & Kara
Atkinson, Graham & Jeannette
Rivera
Bailey, Michael & Mari
Barry-Ortwein, Ann & Carolyn
Barton, Terry & Jay
Blakely, Judith
Bourdaud'hui, Robert & Sue
Bray, John & Leslie
Cleere, Gail
Crow, John M. & Mary Pat
Hayes-Crow

DeMuth, Tom & Janet Mann
DeSoto, David & Minka
DeWitte, Conrad
Elting, Maureen
Flack, Family
Floro, Maria & Tom Hungerford
Fowler, Maika & Thomas
Garcia-Grinan, Ileana
Gillis, Richard & Carol
Graham, Mr. & Mrs. Barry W.
Griffin, MaryAnn
Gustafson, Dan & Kitty
Harbold, Mike & Alexandra
Higgins, Jim & Barbara
Horvath, Adam & Christina Pearson
Jablon, Cara & Robert
Jewett, Richard
Juarrero, Alicia
Kenney, Bette G.
Kruvant, Ken & Cathy
Levison, Carol & Fred
Magrath, William & Susan Shen
Michaels, Judith
Myers, Steve & Margaret
Nietfeld, Patricia L.
O'Connell, Michael & Bob Mikolitch
Peasley, Carol
Phillips, Laura & Jared Cornfeld
Popkin, Richard & Karol
Rosebush, Nancy & Jim
Sakazaki, Melody
Seltzer, George (Buzz) & Dianne
Shaw, Sarah
Sloan, David
Smith, Robert & Joan
Talasila, Saroja & M.R. Mikkilineni
Taylor, Paul & Hulit
Tersoff, Janet & William Poole
Tlam, Cheryl & Harold Foster
Tobey, Stephen & Julie Haidemenos
Tokpinar, Ahmet & Cecile Fruman
Walsh, Lisa & John, Jr.
Watts, Russell
Whitman, Cameron

Senior

Al-Abduljabbar, Nourah
Anonymous
Bateson, William & Martha
Beg, Joan
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Borras, Caridad
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Green, Karen & Steve Novosel
Harvey, Barbara S.
Herman, Patty
Heyert, Gill & Martin
Klein, Solange
Lucan, Bob & Alice
Lustig, Ray
Lynn, Dorree
Mendelsohn, Jack & Micaela
Reese, Anne H.
Sherman, Claire R. & Stanley M.
Smart, Janice M.
Tamborini, Susan & George Donovan
Tschudy, Mary & Ted
Tuteja, Amir
Velsey, Victoria & Don
Vitry, Luce de
Wilkinson, Theodore & Xenia
McAvoy, Chisolm

Non-resident

Groat, Gary L.
Heuer, Ann

Donations

Bourdaud'hui, Robert & Sue
McAvoy, Chisolm

Thank You!

We have more members as of the end of January 2010 than we have had for many recent years. Thank you, members!

Quiz Answers

- 1: Whitehaven was the 1689 759-acre land grant that included all of our area between Glover Archbold Park and Foxhall Road up to around Garfield Street. The original 1754 Whitehaven house *still* stands (much altered) at 4928 Reservoir Road, overlooking the Potomac as you descend to Fletcher's Boathouse. Thomas Jefferson frequently visited and bought plants for Monticello from one Whitehaven resident, horticulturalist Thomas Maine'.
- 2: *Spring Hill* was located just east of Foxhall Road near where P Street now is. The farm had 60 acres, was sold in 1908 and much of it is now part of Foxhall Village. The house was razed in 1921. One house on P appears to have stones in the cellar that seem to be from an original Spring Hill foundation.
- 3: Ridge Road; from 1863 to 1942, it was Conduit Road. It was renamed by Congress and the White House *while* the famous general was fighting in the Pacific.
- 4: It's Foundry Branch, named for Henry Foxall's foundry that was located near where the creek crosses Canal Road.
- 5: Around 1900—I've seen dates of both 1899 and 1901. The sluice gates under the "castle" lead water to the MacMillan Reservoir up by Howard University.

Membership Form for the 2010 Calendar Year

To vote at meetings, members must reside within FCCA area, be present, and be over 18 years of age. Memberships are for the 2009 calendar year. Please make checks out to the Foxhall Community Citizens Association. Send to FCCA/Hulit Taylor at 1713 Surrey Lane NW, Washington, DC 20007 or bring to a meeting!

"Booster" Memberships

- \$250 Patron (up to two votes)
 \$100 Advocate (up to two votes)
 \$50 Sponsor (up to two votes)
 Donation \$

Standard Memberships

- \$25 Household (up to two votes)
 \$15 Senior household (up to two votes)
 \$25 Non-Resident (no votes)

Names (LAST, First, as you wish listing to appear—neatness counts. Example: DOE, Jane & John Smith)



Complete Mailing Address

Home Phone

Email address for FCCA updates—our list is *never* shared.