

Georgetown University has filed its 10-Year Campus Plan. It's time for us to regroup and act. Come on January 19 to discuss FCCA response.

The January 19, 7 p.m. Foxhall Community Citizens Association meeting will focus on the GU Campus Plan filed on December 30, 2010. A Zoning Commission hearing on the Plan could take place as soon as February 15 — so we *must* act promptly. Linda Greenan, GU's Associate Vice President for External Relations, will present an overview of the Plan from the University's perspective, talk about changes to the Plan since the earlier draft version was presented, and tell us how the University believes that they will address neighborhood concerns.

We will then get an updated sense of our community's opinions on the University's final Plan and discuss what action the Association should take. Other nearby citizens' associations have expressed strong and continued opposition to the Plan. See page six of the newsletter for an overview of issues that appear to be most problematic from the FCCA's point of view.

We will also have a police report. Commander Reese was recently appointed to replace Commander Klein. We hope Commander Reese will be available for the meeting. Looking ahead, Councilwoman Mary Cheh will be meet with us at the Wednesday, February 16 FCCA meeting, which will continue to focus on GU's plan.

- **See page 6 for more background information.**
- **Go to www.foxhallcommunity.org and our Current Issues page for the full text of the Scenic Easement agreement discussed on page 6 and other maps and photos.**
- **For the complete GU 10-Year-Plan, go to <http://community.georgetown.edu>, where you will also find maps of the proposed loop road and campus maps to put it all in context. This site, obviously, focuses on GU's interests and is developed from their viewpoint.**

2010 Firehouse Dinners a Big Success!

MARYANN GRIFFIN

A special thanks to my fellow coordinators: Mari Bailey, Raymond Quianzon, Margo Eule and Chris Anninos! And a BIG shout out to all of the folks who participated: Dec. 5: Nahid Aziz, Martha Bateson, Ingrid Bush, Chris Feller, Cecile Fruman, Julie Haidemenos, Alexandra Harbold, Megan

Holdren, Linda Loukas, Cristina Parsons, Beth Percepe-Wallace, Sarah Reznick, Anna van der Wouden, Emmy Velarde and Mari Bailey

Dec. 11: Lisa Wood, Lisa Maco, Annemarie Pender, Kristy and Ed Farley, Chris Anninos, and Margo Eule

Dec. 12: The Ehrenhaft, Simmons, Skonberg, Thalhimer, DeLuce, McCally, Wooters, Keirig and Tschudy families and Judith Michaels, Nancy Ellen Gentile, Janet Nash, Raymond Quianzon and Alex Ashbrook

Dec. 18: Susan May, MaryAnn Griffin, Patricia Overend, Marilyn Mix, Sara Paulson, Jan Smart, Jackie Conn, Ileana Garcia, Margy Pastor, Mallory Lawson, Kit Dorrier, Archana Vemulapalli and Janet Farrell

Again, we thank Alicia Juarrero for supplying the paper products for all 4 dinners! A heart-felt thanks to all of the wonderful neighbors for making the 10th annual fire house dinners such a success!

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of the Foxhall
Community
Citizens
Association

www.foxhall.org

CALENDAR

GENERAL MEETING
Georgetown University's
10-Year Plan Filing and
FCCA Response
Wed., January 19 at 7 PM
Hardy Rec Center
4500 Q Street NW

Call Bob Avery to arrange
a ride for you, if needed!



February 16 FCCA Meeting
Mary Cheh will meet
with us.

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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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2010 FCCA Treasurer's Report

HULIT PRESSLEY TAYLOR

Below is an unaudited report of the FCCA's Income and Expenses for 2010. The income increased about \$1,200 over 2009. Almost all of that was Dues from 235 members. The major expense continues to be printing the Newsletter (seven issues, 1,000 copies each). The Website was completely redesigned and updated. The expenses for this category also include maintenance and hosting. The \$1,000 for Special Projects is what we gave to oppose the Georgetown University 10-Year Plan. Events include the Spring Social, Halloween Party, and the Holiday Decorating Contest. The \$352 under Donations and Grants is what we gave to Palisades Village as detailed in a separate article. The Contribution to Capital Reserve is money put in our Savings Account to use for unusual expenses that cannot be funded from our Operating budget.

INCOME & EXPENSES, 2010

Income

Contributions Received	40.00
Dues	8,740.00
Yard Sale Income	201.67
Total Income	\$ 8,981.67

Expenses

Administration	244.50
Association Dues	60.00
Capital Reserve	348.63
Donations & Grants	352.00
Events	962.60
Newsletter	4,677.45
Special Projects	1,000.00
Taxes	75.00
Website	1,261.49
Total Expenses	\$ 8,981.67

The FCCA's total assets as of December 31, 2010 include interest on our Savings Account and CDs, as well as the Contribution to Capital Reserve.

FCCA ASSETS

as of December 31, 2010

Checking Account	3,835.73
Savings Account	5,386.77
CD (Matures 1/29/11)	11,008.93
CD (Matures 5/3/11)	9,486.38
Total Assets	\$ 29,717.81

If you have questions about this report or would like a more detailed explanation, please contact Hulit Taylor, Treasurer. (Contact information at left.)

February Foxhall News Newsletter Submissions

Send items for the next newsletter, which will come out in early February, to the editor at tlam.foster@gmail.com by January 31. Generally submissions should be under 300 words, but longer pieces may run by advance arrangement. Notices of community interest are free for FCCA members!

Winter BZA Meetings

Please share your comments and concerns so they can be aired at the Board of Zoning meetings, public meetings that institutions are required to schedule with local communities according to the terms of their agreements with the BZA. If interested in attending, please contact the FCCA schools liaison to receive email reminders of the meetings, or just show up. If you can't attend but would like to have your issues discussed, email or call the FCCA schools liaison and Ann Haas. **Georgetown Day:** 6:30 p.m. on Tues., March 8 and May 10 at Q and MacArthur.

Lab School: 6 p.m. Tuesday, February 22 and April 26, 2011 at Foxhall & Q.
ANC3D: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the activities building of Horace Mann School. 2011 meetings are scheduled for February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, September 7, October 5, November 2, and December 7.

Thanks to our Newsletter Delivery Volunteers!

FCCA Newsletters turn up on your doorstep or in your mail slot thanks to your neighbors, who volunteer to spend an hour to deliver them. Thanks to Sara Paulson (lower end of Foxhall Road), Jenny Morgan (P Street and Volta Place), Laura Dromerick (lower end of 44th), Greg Squires (Q Street east of Foxhall), Hulit Taylor (Surrey Lane), Charlotte DonVito (Greenwich Parkway), Scott Polk (upper end of 44th), Jack Youtcheff (Reservoir Road east of Foxhall), Camille Comeau (Colony Hill), Susan Klusman (Reservoir Road west of Foxhall Road), Claudia Vacirca (area around 47th Place), Jessie Kane (Kenmore Drive and Charleston Terrace), Ann Haas (Salem Lane and 45th Street), Elliot Croke (Q Street and Indian Rock), Marilyn Mix (Canal View area), Kristen Hellmann (condos at 4471-4491 MacArthur), Mike MaGuire (MacArthur from Q to Foxhall Road), and Carolyn Ortwein (Laverock). Thank you to all of you!

Wanna See My Pictures? Foxhall Website Needs Photos

Do you have photographs about life in our neighborhoods that could be posted to our website? Any pictures showing the beauty of snowfall? Old photos showing buildings that used to be here, like St. Patrick's, or the filling station on MacArthur near Q St? The way the land looked before houses were built — the Brady Estate, German Embassy, Salem/Charleston/Kenmore or Laverock, the trolley as it crossed Foxhall on its route between Georgetown and Glen Echo? How about some Then and Now scenes? Send copies of your photos to the editor/webmaster pro tem at tlam.foster@gmail.com.

In the meantime, check out the pictures currently on the website at <http://www.foxhallcommunity.org/photos/>

The Envelope, Please! It's Membership Renewal Time for the FCCA

The envelope, please. It's tucked inside. Who will be the big winner? It depends on you. You have a chance to name the winner—make it your community! Just take a minute to fill out the FCCA membership form, write a check in at least the low two figures (three if you like) and become a member or renew your membership in the FCCA, which is working hard to help preserve and keep building a great neighborhood.

Your citizen's association is completely funded by membership dues—renewing your membership is one clear way to show you care about your community. Many important issues are brewing that will impact your quality of life and the investment you've made in this community. And your voice matters as the FCCA works to keep the neighborhood engaged. Signs recently have been installed to deter cut-through rush hour traffic. Neighbors are forming watch groups to help keep the area safe. Community leaders are dogging Georgetown University's efforts to expand, efforts that include plans to build a road along the edge of Glover Archbold Park for buses, increase graduate student enrollment with no new dorm space, and top the field over the Yates athletic center with a dome. What do you think?

Mail your form in or save a stamp and bring it to the meeting on January 19. If you have any questions, please contact FCCA board member John Bray at jlbray@verizon.net. Thank you!

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 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.

Questionable Construction Projects

To report construction proceeding without required permits or that appears to violate code, call DCRA at 202-442-4400 and they will send an inspector very quickly. For work that appears to be contrary to the guidelines in the Historic District call Anne Brockett, 202-442-8842 or anne.brockett@dc.gov.

Georgetown 24/7 Community Hotline

Report student activities that negatively impact our community at 687-4813. Or call Linda Greenan and discuss the issue at 687-5677 during office hours. Please also send an email regarding the issue to the FCCA.

Neighborhood Watch: Getting Information about Crimes in the Neighborhood

SARA PAULSON

There were several burglaries and car thefts and break-ins in the FCCA area in December so people should remain vigilant. In at least one case, the owners were at home when the burglars broke in. If you want to receive regular messages about crimes in our neighborhood and police tips on how to protect yourself, please contact your Neighborhood Watch block captain. Foxhall Neighborhood Watch has been launched with eighteen people signing on to be Block Captains in the Foxhall Village area. They are Clair Swift and Mary Gaughan (for Reservoir Road), Scott Polk, Laurie Dromerick, and John Bray (for 44th Street), Mary Ann Griffin (for the Village side of Foxhall Road), Jan Smart, and Olya and Bob Duezay (for Greenwich Parkway), Venessa and Paul Cornoni (for Surrey Lane), Sara Paulson, Joann Cogar and Margot Squires (for Q Street), Chrys Miliaras and William Bateson (for Volta Place), and Ed Farley and Mike Harbold (for P Street). For information regarding how to contact your block captain, please contact Mallory Lawson at "mallorylawsonasid@msn.com". To get information about block captains outside the Foxhall area, please contact Samantha Nolan at "NolanTutor@yahoo.com".

Other Ways to Hear about What is Happening, Good and Bad

Even if you are outside of an active Neighborhood Watch area and don't want to start one in your area, you can get crime updates in a couple of ways.

One is to join the Palisades listserv at palisades@yahoo.com; you can subscribe easily and have updates emailed to you or not, as you prefer. There is a lot of great community information on it, and also a "library" of community resources. Our ANC commissioner Alma Gates posts up-to-date crime information for the area almost daily.

Another option is to go to the website www.everyblock.com and select an area you wish to watch. You can draw a custom area and save it, and sign up for daily or weekly emails telling you everything going on in that area from crime to real estate listings to building permits. Crime reports have a several-day lag, but the site still provides good information.

FCCA Gives Grant to Palisades Village Project

SARA PAULSON

In the past few years, the FCCA Board has allocated a small number of grants to local organizations whose activities directly benefit FCCA citizens. Most recently, the Board voted to provide a \$352 grant to Palisades Village to support the purchase of a new phone system. Palisades Village is a neighborhood nonprofit created to support the choice of older residents to remain in their homes. PV organizes volunteers to take residents to doctor and other appointments and helps with a wide range of other services for older members who find they cannot access these services on their own. Approximately one third of the older households served by Palisades Village are located in the FCCA area.

Holiday Decor in our Area: "Contest" Winners

MALLORY LAWSON

On Thursday night, December 23, Lise Adkins, Laurie Dromerick, MaryAnn Griffin and Sara Paulson joined me to comb the FCCA area for the best of the holiday decorations. There were quite a few excellent contenders, and a lively debate over some of the winners. The frigid weather kept a few folks from going all out, but plenty were in the spirit. This year's winners were:

Most Creative: Merle and Jill Thorpe at 1703 Surrey Lane.

Honorable Mention: Pat and Bill Brown at 4425 Greenwich Pkwy.

Most Festive: Judith Michaels in the 4500 block of Potomac Street.

Most Kid Friendly: Barry and Olga Scher at 4635 Clark Place.

Honorable Mention: Bob Siciliano at 4430 Greenwich Parkway.

Most Historical: Carolyn Ortwein and Ann Barry at 4614 Laverock Place.

Best Overall: The Tottens at 4704 Reservoir Road.

Thank you to all who decorated, all who thought about it, and to everyone who made everyone else's holidays a bit more festive!

Turn Over a New Leaf in 2011

It's not too early to think about adopting a tree on public space for 2011. The Urban Forestry program had a very successful first year of its Canopy Keepers tree adoption program. Public stewardship of newly planted trees has been crucial to expanding the urban tree canopy to reach the goal of 40 percent by 2035. DDOT Director Gabe Klein has expressed great enthusiasm and gratitude for participation and is looking to continue building a stronger collaboration between government and residents next year. In the 2010-2011 planting season, UFA will plant at least 3,200 new trees across all wards. If you are interested in adopting a tree or know someone who is, please contact Ian Leahy, the Community Outreach Specialist at ian.leahy@dc.gov or 673-1747. The planned planting locations are posted at <http://ddot.dc.gov>.

Preschool Feedback Request

The Community Preschool of the Palisades sees a need in our community for a Pre-K program for 4½ to 5 year old children. Many programs in the area have waiting lists because they are unable to meet the growing demand.

The Palisades Community Preschool is considering a new Pre-K program beginning the 2011 – 2012 school year if there appears to be enough interest. If you would be interested in this program please email Amelia Clark at palisadespreschl@aol.com or call the school at 202-364-8424 with any questions.

Trash and Vermin

Firstly, so much for the schedule that the City sent around for leaf collections, almost none of which happened in our area in either November or December. Various Board members of the FCCA made numerous calls and emails to various City officials, elected and otherwise, to little effect. Sorry about that.

Proper disposal of trash is key to keeping the population of undesirables down in our area. Everyone's definition of what is undesirable is quite different, but raccoons can easily become problems because they are bold and smart, love "people food" and attics, and are comfortable around humans. When they get into trash, they leave waste around that attracts rats. Keeping raccoons out of trash can be a tactical challenge but making sure trash cans are in good shape helps, as does bagging attractive trash to reduce odors. A large cement block on top of supercans deters most raccoons. If your supercan is in bad shape, request a new one at <http://311.dc.gov/cwi/citizenweb/ui/citizenwebintake.aspx>.

Everyone reading this probably knows that the supercan or curbside is not the place for hazardous waste including cans of old paint. Go to www.dpw.dc.gov/DC/DPW and follow the links for information about proper disposal of hazardous waste and collection dates and places.

Hardy Field, Dogs and Whatnot

We understand that Friends of Hardy has applied for a use permit for Hardy Field for Sundays during 2011. This should preclude Stoddert use of the field on Sundays and give the field—and the community—a break from soccer wear and tear.

Dog waste remains an annoyance with everyone and the FCCA gets a lot of gripes from all corners. Pet waste belongs in your own can and not someone else's. Dog owners walking pets in the dark without a flashlight clearly have no intention of being responsible—too bad public shunning is passé. What's the contemporary alternative?

Confused by the signage regarding dogs on Hardy Field? You are not alone. Calls to Parks and Rec indicate that new signs were put up in response to complaints about dogs and dog waste on the sports field area and were not intended as a blanket ban on dogs in the park. Parks and Rec's policy is that dogs should not be on *sports fields* at *any* time, but Hardy is mixed use and has no clear delineation of what is sport field and what is general use park. The intent as we understand it was to define dogs-okay areas and no-dogs-please areas to ease usage conflicts, which makes sense. Signs behind the tennis courts indicate that dogs should be on leash at all times and mean that dogs are fine in that area on leash. (Note that area is *not* included in field use permits for group soccer use and should always be available for general use.) The sign on the outer fence of the basketball court is meant to bar dogs from the rectangular irrigated soccer field itself; as we understand it, dogs are okay off the field at the end furthest from Foxhall Road, etc.. This makes sense, since the soccer field is overused and often muddy so it better distributes wear and tear if dogs can avoid the soccer field. Dog owners' cooperation would be appreciated.

Georgetown University's 2010 Campus Plan: Proposals of Concern to our Neighborhood

ANN HAAS

Looking ahead for the next 10 years, Georgetown University has proposed campus growth that is likely to impact our neighborhood.

These changes include an increase of 2,100 graduate students, a "loop road" on a steep slope adjacent to Glover Archbold Park along the western boundary of the campus, a cover to enclose the three-acre Kehoe Field also overlooking the park, and a new 500,000-square-foot hospital. An 83-foot-high smokestack at an elevation of 50 feet or so has been deleted from the plan, following opposition, largely from the Citizens' Association of Georgetown and the Burleith Citizens' Association.

Graduate Student Numbers What are our concerns? Graduate students have increased from 3,500 in 2000 to 6,275 last year. By 2020, 2,100 more are expected, bringing the total to 8,700—an increase of more than 5,000 in 20 years. Where will they live? We are aware of issues of increased traffic, competition for parking spaces, deferred maintenance of houses, and decreased property values, along with some student behavior. The Burleith neighborhood, now 48 percent rented (not all to Georgetown students) is concerned about becoming Georgetown north's dorms and losing its single-family character. Hillandale, farther west, is experiencing "party" issues with regard to graduate students. The *Georgetown Current* recently reported that the total enrollment at Georgetown is more than 16,000.

A Loop Road along the Steep Slope of Glover Archbold Park The proposed loop road along the border with Glover Archbold Park, with its selection as the route for GUTS buses, would disregard the terms of a scenic easement with the National Park Service, designed to protect the wooded and quiet setting of the park for visitors. Under an agreement for the campus entrance on Canal Road, the University termed the

demonstration project of significant value and pledged itself to using any new road for service vehicles only, keeping it gated, and ensuring that it does not unite the north and south access points.

The 2010 campus plan includes GUTS buses in the definition of "service vehicles" and proposes a loop road along the park boundary uniting Canal Road and Reservoir Road. Right now, 106 GUTS buses from Rosslyn use the Canal Road entrance between 4:45 a.m. and 11:45 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday. That's a bus every 10 or 15 minutes. Under the plan, 101 GUTS buses from DuPont Circle will be diverted from Reservoir Road to Canal Road, entering at intervals of 5 to 20 minute, with 101 entries daily. Double those figures to include departures. GUTS buses adjacent to Glover Archbold Park would be inconsistent with a park experience—in terms of noise, exhaust, and the visual effect. The steep slope has collapsed several times already, dumping dirt into the park and Foundry Branch and requiring extensive and invasive repairs.

Cover and Enclosure for Kehoe Field A cover and enclosure over the three-acre Kehoe Field would offer another compromise to the park experience, especially if the resulting building generates traffic and noise for sports events. Trees protected under the scenic easement are designed to provide a screen from university facilities and buildings for park visitors. It is not clear how trees would screen a three-acre structure, situated at the top of the slope and having a roof that is 25 to 50 feet high.

A New Georgetown Hospital—500,000 Square Feet of It While we understand interest in keeping Georgetown's Medstar Hospital competitive with a new Sibley Hospital—and even applaud a second medical facility in the community, the siting of the building or its configuration has yet to be identified. That fact leaves a lot of uncertainty about bulk, traffic patterns, pedestrian needs, and a coherently planned campus.

The Scenic Easement on GU Property and the 2010 Campus Plan: Seriously at Odds

Georgetown University's 2010 campus plan proposes to undo terms of the scenic easement by which the University obtained land on Canal Road from the National Park Service to enlarge the campus entrance through a Federal Highway Administration demonstration project—the signalized intersection completed recently.

GU granted the National Park Service "an exclusive and perpetual open-space, scenic easement over and the right in perpetuity to restrict the use of the property," 2.5 acres of University land on a steep slope overlooking Glover Archbold Park between Canal and Reservoir Roads.

Referring to the project as "of great benefit," GU agreed to terms including limiting construction of any road to one not connecting the north and south ends of the campus, making any road gated, and allowing it to be used for service vehicles only.

The 2010 campus plan contends that GUTS buses are "service vehicles" and says that the University will need the "cooperation" of the federal Department of Transportation and the District's Department of Transportation to gain approval for its proposed "loop road." The plan shows the loop road uniting both end points on campus.

According to the 2007 environmental assessment for the project to stabilize the slope in connection with the road, the purpose of the scenic easement is to ensure that the Park retains its wooded quality, preserving trees greater than 6 inches in diameter at breast height. "The protected trees comprise a vegetative screen that serves to shield University buildings and operational facilities from the view of visitors using the Foundry Branch Trail..."

The slope has failed more than once—recently in 2010, resulting in sediment and stormwater runoff into the park and Foundry Branch, a stream that flows into the Potomac River.