FOXHALL News March 2012

March FCCA General Meeting: Open floor discussion with our Ward 3 Council Member, Mary Cheh Wednesday, March 21 at 7 pm at the Hardy Recreation Center. About once a year, we try to meet with our City Council representative so residents can ask about local and city-wide issues and concerns... what's on your mind?

Planning a Party? Hosts should take note:

This is a welcoming area with a great mix of residents from very young to the very old—but most have to get up and go to work in the morning. We enjoy our quiet streets, and residents want them to stay that way. Under D.C. Law, it is "unlawful for a person to make an unreasonably loud noise between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. that is likely to annoy or disturb one or more other persons in their residences." The penalty for violation of this law? 90 days in jail and/ or a \$500 fine and a permanent police record! Harsh? Yes! ...and a police record is not so helpful for those looking for a job when they graduate. Hosts: Neighbors are kind if they give a warning that your party is disturbing them, but are under no obligation to do so. Residents: Please help preserve the residential character of our area and discourage "party houses." Report any loud parties immediately by calling 911 (not 311). The police will respond.

It's time to Join or Renew your FCCA membership for 2012!

We are off to a great start in our FCCA 2012 membership campaign! Our new online PayPal option on our website www.foxhall.org is proving to be popular. If you prefer to write a check, there is a membership enrollment form on the back of this newsletter to filled in and mail.

The FCCA has been in existence

since 1928 and is vital to maintaining the integrity of our wonderful neighborhood. As you read in the brochure in our February newsletter, we've accomplished a lot recently, but we need your support to stay strong. Join today! Questions? Contact Jessie Kane at 333-2788.

Join the FCCA Area List Serve CHARLOTTE DON VITO

A new way to keep in touch with your neighbors! All FCCA-area residents and businesses are invited to join the Foxhall list-serve, hosted by Yahoo Groups. It's great way to share information and questions, post classified ads, find lost pets quickly, get crime updates and more. To join, just follow the simple step-by-step instructions on the FCCA website home page, www.foxhall.org! (The link is in the tan box towards the bottom of the page.) If you are already a member of another list-serve, just search for "fccalistserve"!

Newsletter of the Foxhall Community Citizens Association

www.foxhall.org

FCCA Meeting with Mary Cheh, Ward 3 Council Member, Wed., March 21 at 7 PM Hardy Rec Ctr 4500 Q St NW

CALENDAR

Spring Fling! Sunday, April 22 2 to 5 with Earth Day activities for neighbors of all ages. Mark your calendars.

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FCCA Board Members

When possible, please contact the appropriate FCCA Board Member directly to discuss issues and concerns—Focus Areas are listed after the board member's name. General issues can go to Bob Avery, the Board President.

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Scheduled BZA Meetings

Share 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 their agreements with the BZA. Email or call Ann Haas to get email reminders of meetings or to ask that your issue be discussed.

Georgetown Day: 6:30 p.m. on Tues., May 8, 2012 at Q and MacArthur. **Lab School:** 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at Foxhall & Q. **ANC3D:** Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

FCCA Newsletter Submissions

Send items for the next newsletter, which is now planned for April 2012, to the editor at tlam.foster@gmail.com by March 30. Generally submissions should be under 300 words, but longer pieces may run by advance arrangement.

FCCA Needs a Newsletter Editor

We are losing our editor and need a new volunteer or volunteers. It is not a huge job but greatly affects the ability of the Association to communicate effectively. The editor usually attends FCCA Board meetings, solicites submissions, and cobbles together about six newsletters a year. It can be laid out in any program the editor is comfortably with and doesn't need to look like this one. Please contact Bob Avery or the current editor to learn more or help us locate the right person! Really, an interest in the Association and passable word processing skills are all that is needed.

FCCA Yard Sale 2012 Helpers Needed

Have items you'd like to sell? For many years, the FCCA has sponsored a community Yard Sale. Residents "rent" space for a nominal fee and the FCCA handles advertising and publicity. It's a great social event, as well as being profitable for the sellers.

We'd like to sponsor the Annual Yard Sale again this year, but we need more people to help coordinate the event. Interested? Contact Lisa Maco at lisa.maco@me.com.

Potomac River Clean-Up Day: Sat., April 14—Sign Up!

CHRIS BROWN

Join folks at the Washington Canoe Club on Sat., April 14, 9 to noon, to be part of the annual Alice Ferguson Foundation Potomac River clean-up. Dozens of groups up and down the river will be participating. Trash bags and gloves are provided. To sign up or for additional information, please contact Chris Brown on Q St NW, 333-0947, chrisbrown@starpower.net

Recycling Electronics at Duke Ellington High School

The Duke Ellington School of the Arts has partnered with the Green School Project, www. greenschoolproject.com, and now recycles the following electronics: cell phones; laptops; iPods/MP3s; GPS devices; and printer cartridges!

In exchange for our recycling efforts, the Green Schools Project donates money to the school. The program is great for our environment, and for our students.

If you have any broken or un-used electronics, please consider donating the items. Simply contact Duke Ellington teacher Seth Brecher via email at sethbrecher@gmail.com. Seth can arrange for easy drop-off or pick-up of your donated recyclable electronics.

Neighborhood Crime Recap

MALLORY LAWSON, FOXHALL NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Thefts are up since November 1, 2011, to the tune of 39 in our PSA (Police Service Area) 205. Most have been in the American University area, and from auto break-ins. Foxhall Village has been quiet, but the surrounding areas have had activity. Seventy-five to eighty per cent of these crimes were preventable just by locking doors and windows and not leaving valuables in plain sight. There will always be some crime that cannot be prevented, but a criminal will generally go after what is easily accessible. Most frequently stolen items include laptops, wallets, jewelry, cash and credit cards, and copper pipes (that can be removed and sold). The police advise us to be extra cautious about the housekeepers and contractors that are hired, and to be sure legit references are obtained prior to hiring. Washington Checkbook is a reliable source for recommended contractors. They also remind us of the importance of securing windowswith dowels and/or small battery operated alarms, available at the local hardware stores—that may be slightly open in nice weather. Several thieves have been apprehended lately, but there seem to always be more to take their places. They don't generally live in our neighborhood, but move around the metropolitan area. Do not hesitate to call 911 if something or someone looks suspicious. Crime is generally on the rise in good weather, so we need to all work together, look out for each other, and be extra diligent to bring these figures down.

German Embassy Update

The demolition phase is almost done and scaffolding is being removed. The general contractor for the renovation work will start work in April or May with the reconstruction of the three buildings. Please contact Karen Volker (contact info at left) with any issues or problems related to the project. 9PRING FLING 9UNDAY, APROIL22 2 - 5 PM AT HARODY PARGK AND RECROCATION CENTERG ₩

Live Music Moonbounce Crafts for Young Children Planting of butterfly and herb garden for Earth Day Art Show

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This year we hope that neighbors will bring either a potluck food item to share, or a donation of perennial herbs and butterfly attractant plants for the Hardy Park butterfly and herb gardens.

A – K bring appetizers;

L – Z bring desserts.

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Art Show: We would love to celebrate the artwork of our talented artist neighbors. If you would like to show some of your

artwork, contact Caitlin

Volunteers are an integral part of any community event and we welcome both adult and middleand high-school-age volunteers. This year we need volunteers to help organize the art show, crafts and activities for young children such as face painting, sand art, Earth Day art. Other activity ideas are welcome!

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Please call/e-mail Caitlin at 202-333-3126 / caitlin.mackenzie@ verizon.net to volunteer. Thank you!

Plan to come celebrate spring with your neighbors!

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 Call 911 for both emergency and non-emergency Police matters, including noise after 10 PM.

PEPCO

Power Outages 877-737-2662 Street Lights Out 269-0855

Washington Gas 624-6049

Our Ward 3 City Council MemberMary Cheh mcheh@dccouncil.us

Our ANC Commissioners, Ann Heuer and Ann Haas

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Illegally Parked Cars

Report cars obstructing sidewalks or displaying suspicious guest parking permits by calling 311. 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. j4

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 GU's 24/7 Hotline, 687-8413. (Call Linda Greenan to discuss more general issues at 687-5677 during office hours. Please also send an email regarding the issue to the FCCA.)

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Non-Resident

Coley-Reed CHTD Groat, Donna & Gary Town Square Market

Donation

DeWitte, Conrad Mendelsohn, Jack and Micaela

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR FCCA MEMBERSHIP... YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPRESSES APPRECIATION FOR ALL THE FCCA VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE THE ASSOCIATION EFFECTIVE!

PAY BY CHECK OR GO TO WWW.FOXHALL.ORG AND JOIN OR RENEW USING A CREDIT CARD OR PAYPAL!

Thank you for your support!

Membership Form for the Calendar Year

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

Standard Memberships	
\$25 Household	
\$15 Senior household	
\$25 Non-Resident	

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 email list is never shared.)

Date

Booster Memberships \$250 Patron

S100 Advocate

Donation \$

\$50 Sponsor

If you would like to talk about how your interests might mesh with the FCCA's current needs for volunteers—from newsletter delivery to attending ANC meetings—let us know and a Board member will call you. No obligation. □ Sure, call me!