

FOXHALL News

Newsletter of the Foxhall Community Citizens Association

November 2012

Nominations for the FCCA Board

The FCCA Board of Directors will be elected at our November 14th General meeting. We would like to have each of the FCCA neighborhoods represented on the Board. Directors must be a member of the FCCA and live within the FCCA geographic area. The term of office is one year. The Board meets once a month and each Director assumes responsibility for an area of interest, such as police liaison, school liaison, traffic concerns, development, etc. The Board as a whole sets the agenda for the membership meetings and acts in lieu of the membership when issues arise that require immediate action.

Almost all existing board member have agreed to run for reelection, and Peter Kimball will run as a representative from the lower triangle. We invite additional interested parties to attend the November 14th meeting.

If you are interested in serving on the FCCA Board of Directors or know of someone who would be, please contact Bob Avery, Board President, at 338-3834 for more information.

Foxhall Village Historic District DCHPO Representative to Address FCCA

RESCHEDULED FROM SEPTEMBER MEETING

At our November 14th general meeting Amanda Molson, the DC Historic Preservation Office's Foxhall Village Historic District representative, will be on hand to answer questions about permitting within the historic district. Her presentation comes in the wake of a

number of violations for unpermitted work that have resulted in fines and the necessity to redo renovations at the owner's expense.

Amanda will discuss what works need to be permitted, the process for obtaining proper permits as well as the "Foxhall Village Design Guidelines," which lay out the dos and don'ts for our historic district. The booklet is available on the Historic District tab of our website, <http://www.foxhall.org/>.

Please try and attend and bring questions - or feel free to contact Amanda Molson at amanda.molson@dc.gov.

Light Up the Neighborhood!

MALLORY LAWSON

It's time to get out those holiday decorations and make the FCCA area look magical and festive for all to enjoy. Once again we will have our Annual Holiday Decoration competition with the following categories: Most creative, most festive, most kid-friendly, best illumination, and best overall. In the event of close contenders we will have an honorable mention. Judging will be the week prior to Christmas. If you would like to join in please contact Mallory Lawson. We will publish the accolades in the January newsletter.

Happy Holidays to all!

Mallory Lawson can be reached at (202) 337-2805 or at mallorylawsonasid@msn.com.

FCCA CALENDAR

Annual Foxhall Art Walk & Sale

Sunday, December 2 from 1-4pm
**Please see additional details in the article on page 3

November General Membership Meeting: Wednesday, Nov 14 at 7PM

Topic: Elect FCCA Board & Program on Foxhall Village Design Guidelines

Location: 4500 Q Street NW in the Hardy Rec Center.

Need a ride? Contact Bob Avery

Foxhall Fright: Recap

This year's Foxhall Fright parade was another wonderful event. Over 50 neighbors and friends attended. There was an incredible parade of a multitude of costumed creatures, book characters, superheros and sweet monsters. It was a wonderful way to enjoy our neighborhood. Special thanks to members of the Palisades Community Band for their music and for our Q Street neighbors who donated their front yard for the musical stage. A great kick-off to a trick-or-treating fun!

Neighborhood social events are fun and key to maintaining the vibrant life of our community - help make them happen! If you would like to help out with next year's Foxhall Fright, or the Spring Social planned for late April, please e-mail Caitlin at mackenziecl@verizon.net.

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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.

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FCCA Newsletter Submissions

Please send any items for the next newsletter, which is now planned for January 2013, to the editor at halchanlon@gmail.com by January 3. Generally submissions should be under 300 words, but longer pieces may run by advance arrangement.

Foxhall/Palisades Real Estate Corner

Inventory continues to be a major driving force in our real estate market. Throughout this year inventory has been consistently low. October 2012 inventory was 34.9% lower than this time last year. This doesn’t necessarily mean homes are selling for inflated prices, although well priced homes in move-in condition do sell in 2 to 3 weeks. For buyers, the largest issue has been property condition. Although there is a shortage of homes, buyers have had a fairly high expectation, wanting houses with improvements and/or to be in move-in condition.

Currently, there is more of a trend for buyers to be a bit less selective. Similarly, sellers have been more realistic about pricing. Interest rates have been helpful because of the historically low rates which make mortgages more affordable for buyers. Overall, this has led to increased sales volume.

Looking at the statistic, homes in our area have sold between \$615,000 and \$2,250,000 for an average/median price of \$814,000/\$1,012,822. On average, homes have sold in 29 days at 97.34% of asking price.

In marketing your home you are faced with two major decisions. First, what sensible improvement/repairs should be made prior to selling your home; and second, the price at which to sell your house. The first decision will affect the second and you need to make dollars and cents decisions that will benefit you. If you have any questions concerning the properties which have sold, about this article, or any other real estate question, please feel free to contact me at Scott.Polk@LongandFoster.com or at (202) 256-5460.

What’s Selling in Foxhall in 2012? This Year’s Data So far...

Active Listing	Price	BR	Type
1607 45 th	\$918,000	4	DTCH
4529 Macarthur	\$875,000	3	DTCH
Contract			
4410 Lingan	\$735,000	3	TH
1707 Surrey	\$849,000	4	TH
4402 Volta	\$825,000	5	TH
Sold			
1611 44 th	\$869,000	5	TH
1645 45 th	\$699,000	3	DTCH
1412 Foxhall	\$780,000	3	Semi-D
1416 Foxhall	\$829,000	4	DTCH
1429 Foxhall	\$695,000	3	Semi-D
1450 Foxhall	\$2,150,000	6	DTCH
1513 Foxhall	\$615,000	3	DTCH
1629 Foxhall	\$1,520,000	4	DTCH
4606 Greene	\$759,000	3	DTCH
4403 Greenwich	\$1,000,000	6	TH
4405 Greenwich	\$830,000	4	Semi-D
4453 Greenwich	\$814,000	3	TH
1801 Hoban	\$2,250,000	5	DTCH
4601 Kenmore	\$1,505,000	4	DTCH
4623 Kenmore	\$1,550,000	4	DTCH
4527 Q Lane	\$800,000	3	DTCH
4450 Q Street	\$735,000	3	TH
4527 Q Street	\$710,000	3	DTCH
4470 Reservoir	\$695,000	3	TH
4480 Reservoir	\$1,014,000	3	TH
4710 Reservoir	\$790,000	4	DTCH
4437 Volta	\$799,000	3	TH
4445 Volta	\$875,000	3	Semi-D

Holiday Fire House Dinners

MARYANN GRIFFIN

For ten years, in the month of December, dozens of Foxhall neighbors have cooked and served dinners to the brave men and women at the Palisades fire house.

Unfortunately we will not be able to do it this year because the fire fighters are temporarily out of the fire house and being housed in a building at the Delcarlia water treatment plant, behind a security gate with no public access. But “stay tuned” as we might want to plan some dinners once they return in the spring.

Relief from the Party Noise

MARYANN GRIFFIN

The disorderly conduct law passed by the City Council became effective citywide in February 2011. This includes the new "Noise at Night" violation that has been mentioned in the media. While the MPD will continue to work with individuals and communities to appropriately balance the rights of each, the new law makes it clear that a person who makes an unreasonably loud noise between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. that is likely to annoy or disturb one or more other persons in their residences is violating the law and may be subject to arrest. The maximum penalty for a conviction for disorderly conduct is a \$250 fine and up to 90 days of incarceration. D.C. Criminal Code § 22-1321.

Thefts from Autos

One of the most common types of theft is theft of valuables from your automobile. Theft from auto is strictly a crime of opportunity that can be prevented if you take away the opportunity. Thieves generally don't waste time breaking into cars that don't have valuables in plain sight.

Please take the precautions listed below to help ensure your auto is not targeted by thieves:

Keep Your Valuables Out of Sight

The best way to prevent theft from your auto is to always keep valuables out of sight. Never leave cell phones, briefcases, suitcases, or electronic devices (cell phones, iPods, laptop computers, etc.) in plain view. Take these items with you, or secure them—all the time, every time.

Secure Your GPS Device

While many GPS devices are mounted in the dashboard of the vehicle, the police department encourages anyone who uses a portable GPS device to take it with you when you park the car.

Use Your Trunk

If your car has a trunk, use it or utilize a locked glove compartment. Hiding items under seats is better than leaving them in plain view, but securing them inside the glove compartment or trunk is a far better deterrent.

Don't Tempt Thieves with New Purchases

During the holiday season especially, or any time you're shopping, place packages in the trunk.

Remove Your Radio Faceplate

If you can unfasten your sound system and take it with you, or lock it in your trunk, do so. And don't forget to do the same with your CDs and tapes.

Lock It Up

Also, keep your car doors and windows locked—all the time!

Second Annual Foxhall Art Walk & Sale Sponsored by the Foxhall Artists Collective

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND FROM 1 TO 4PM

View and purchase works from multiple artists in 3 houses:

*4454 Q Street NW * 4434 Q Street NW * 1702 Surrey Lane NW*

Artists Include: Chris Anninos: glass, Steve Barnard – wood bowls, toys, & sculpture, Iris Fabrikant – paintings, Holly Foss – photography, Bob Mikolitch – urban photography and cards, Sara Paulson – silver and enamel jewelry, Amy Scheinman – textiles, Penelope Woolley – collage and paintings, Lisa Wood – textiles and prints.

Holiday refreshments and one piece of art to be raffled! For more information about the art walk or joining the collective, please contact Chris Anninos at canninos@rcn.com

Private Schools' Quarterly Meetings

Private schools to operate in residential neighborhoods under certain stipulations. The Board of Zoning Adjustment typically requires private schools to hold quarterly meetings with their communities for neighbors to express concerns and schools to address them. Here are the dates for the upcoming meetings: Lab School -- Dec 4, 6:00 pm and Georgetown Day School -- Dec 11, 6:30 pm.

Who Do You Call?

City-Wide Call Center

To request free bulk trash pickups, report dumping in alleys, rat problems, illegally parked cars, 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.

PEPCO

Power Outages 877-737-2662

Street Lights Out 269-0855

WASHINGTON GAS 624-6049

Ward 3 City Council Member

Mary Cheh, mcheh@dccouncil.us

FCCA Membership as of September 30 2012

Patron

DeWitte, Conrad
Georgetown Day School,
Jetties,
Kern, Melissa & Bill Deegan
Ross, Marsha & Pete

Advocate

Avery, Robert & Katherine Samolyk
Brown, Bill & Pat
Christie, Jeff & Paula
Coley-Reed, CHTD
Cornoni, Vanessa & Paul
Fishkin, Nate & Jane
Hanan, Tim & Jean
Hoagland, Michael & Joseph Kolb
Iwanicki, Michael & Germana
Lawson, Mallory
Loukas, Paul & Linda
Monsanto, Lisa-Marie C.
Packard, Merlin
Parke, Margaret Rebok
Pastor, Robert & Margaret
Paulson, Sara & Arne
Polk, Scott & Karen
Rankin, Douglas & Mary
Reuter, Andrew
Rippeteau, Darrel & Judith
Schubert, Jane & Robert Woolfolk
Squires, Greg & Margot
Teller, Roger & Susan May
Tucker, Gene & Dolly
Valenzuela, Arturo & Katy Mudge
Vardaman, Jack & Marianne

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Conn, Dick & Jackie
Gale, Terumi
Harries, Garrett & Melisa Doherty
Kentz, Andre & Ellen
Kilby, Gene & Christine
Maco, Lisa & Paul
McEnery, Rosemary & Kevin
Milam, Sally & Jim
Nash, Janet
O'Hara, Katie & Jim
Oblaender, Carsten & Britta
Ross, Malcolm & Daphne R.

Van Allen, Barbara & Peter
Walker, Audrey & David
Wolf, Christopher
Wood, Lisa

Household

Adkins, Lise
Anderson, Scott & Lisa Fitts
Andonyadis, Ayveris & Elly
Anninos, Paul & Christine
Anonymous,
Arundel, Tom & Kara
Atkinson, Graham & Jeannette Rivera
Bailey, Michael & Mari
Barton, Terry & Jay
Bartos, Frank & Haleigh Hanlon Bartos
Blakely, Judith
Bond, Garland ("Boo") & Jodi
Bourdaud'hui, Susan
Boyd, Henry Lee & Joseph Goodman
Bray, John & Leslie
Brown, Chris & Mary Rollefson
Buck, Molly
Cannon, Holly & John Guttman
Casstevens, Kay
Cogar, Joanne
Cooter, Dale & Mary
Cooke, Vicki & Elliott
Crow, John M. & Mary Pat Hayes-Crow
D'Amelj, Cristian and Francesca
Daverio
Daly, Rob & Karla
DeMuth, Tom & Janet Mann
DonVito, Paul & Charlotte
Dorrier, Kit & Frank Hurley
Eibs, Kelly
Elting, Maureen & Jeffrey
Floro, Maria & Tom Hungerford
Garcia, Ileana
Garmong, Sydney & Mark Barry
Gaughan, Mary
Gentile, Nancyellen
Gillis, Richard & Carol
Gospodnova, Tanya
Graham, Barry & Palmer
Greer, Douglas & Annette
Griffin, MaryAnn
Guttman, Ron
Haas, Ann
Hackett, Tamra
Hafez, Ziad & Aida
Hansen, Mark & Anne
Harbold, Alexandra & Mike
Harburger, Patti
Herzog, Laura, John & Jack
Holdren, Henry & Megan
Holliday, Katrina & Khaled Rabbani
Hurt, Adrienne
Imperiale, Louisa & Nathan
Ives, Donna & Gerry

Jablon, Cara & Robert
Jewett, Richard
Josey, Ron & Marisse
Juarrero, Alicia
Kirshbaum, Michael & Gina
Klusman, Susan & Larry
Kroon, Barry & Brandie
Kruvant, Ken & Cathy
Lanman, Charlie & Mary
Lawson, London & Christine Harada
Lion, Andra & Bernard Steven
Loughran, Alice
Magrath, William & Susan Shen
Mattheisen, Dirk & Mariya
Matthews, Nancy & Giuseppe Desilvio
Merino, Jose & Julieta Caride
Miliaras, Saskia & Chrysanthos
Miller, Brandon & Chai
Pattamasattayasonthi
Newman, Alan & Jessica Boehm
Newman
Nobbs, Catherine & Nick
O'Connell, Michael & Bob Mikolitch
Orlove, Deborah & Brett
Ortwein, Carolyn
Overend, Patricia
Pettit, Debra
Phillips, Laura & Jared Cornfeld
Popkin, Richard & Karol
Provenzano, Elizabeth
Quigley, Jonathan & Molly
Ramser, Kimberly
Ratigan, Elizabeth
Reed, David A & Gary Goodsell
Reznek, Sarah & Babette Pennay
Rovani, Yves & Evelyne
Rufino, Amby & Stephanie
Schellinger, Dieter & Jessie Kane
Seferian, John & Nancy
Seltzer, George & Dianne
Shutzer, Jamie & Jenny Morgan
Siciliano, Robert
Silard, Kelly & Debbie
Smart, Janice
Snider, Sarah & Steven
Stanley, Florence
Staroba, Arden & Frank
Sterling, Lisa & Jamie
Stevens, Guy
Stroh, Graham & Eryn
Talasila, Saroja & M.R. Mikkilineni
Taylor, Paul & Hulit
Tersoff, Janet & William Poole
Thomas, David & Marjana Martinic
Tlam, Cheryl & Harold Foster
Tobey, Stephen & Julie Haidemenos
Trotter, Joel & Gayle
Vicini, Stefano & Mariarita
Volker, Karen & Kurt

Waldau, Geoffrey
Ward, Paul & Rick Roldan
Watts, Russell & Sunny
Wellstein Family,
Willner, Pete & Lynn
Zod, Oli & Shazi

Senior

Atwater, Sally
Bateson, William & Martha
Beg, Joan
Bhagat, Ved & Sudesh
Borras, Caridad
Bray, Howard
Corrado, Barbara & Ernest
Drake, Colette & Avery
Duignan, Carolyn & Milan Valuch
Fabrikant, Iris
Greenwood, Bill & Marsha
Guthridge, Daniel W.
Harvey, Barbara S.
Hass, Patricia
Herman, Patty
Hirshon, Waldau, Geoffrey
Klein, Solange
Levison, Carol & Fred
Lustig, Ray
Mendelsohn, Jack & Micaela
Metcalfe, Ruth
Nietfeld, Patricia
Pierre, Andrew & Joan Root
Portenoy, Winifred & Norman
Reese, Anne H.
Schwartz, Jean Pierre & Helga
Sherman, Claire R. & Stanley M.
Smith, Robert & Joan
Tamborini, Susan & George Donovan
Thurstensen, Curtis
van Emmerik, Maureen Carty
Velsey, Victoria & Don
Wherry, David & Ceny
Wilkinson, Ted & Xenia
Wolfe, J. Thomas
Woolley, Penelope

Non-Resident

Bracci, Paola
Groat, Donna & Gary
Town Square Market

Donation

Anonymous
Cannon, Holly & John Guttman
DeWitte, Conrad
Loukas, Paul & Linda
Mendelsohn, Jack and Micaela
Tucker, Gene & Dolly

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

Thank you for your support!

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!

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

Booster Memberships

- \$250 Patron
 \$100 Advocate
 \$50 Sponsor
 Donation \$ _____

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