

**Sorry! We've had to reschedule our meeting with Ward 3 Council Member Mary Cheh to March 22, so we won't meet in February. About once a year, we try to have an opening meeting with our City Council representative so that residents can ask about their issues and concerns. Hold that thought until March, please...**

## **Georgetown Waterfront/NPS Studies Afoot**

ANN HAAS

The National Park Service is conducting a feasibility study for non-motorized boathouses on the Georgetown waterfront. It is not too late to sign up as a stakeholder in this process. Contact [Tammy\\_Stidham@nps.gov](mailto:Tammy_Stidham@nps.gov) and ask to be added to the NPS mailing list for meetings and updates for the *Feasibility Study to Implement a Non-Motorized Boathouse Zone Along the Georgetown Waterfront*; and to be considered as a potential stakeholder for interviews with NPS, if you are so inclined. The FCCA may also want to join as a stakeholder.

The National Park Service is seeking written public comments about the feasibility study on its project website <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/commentForm.cfm?documentID=44565> until March 30.

Sally Strain of the Defenders of Potomac River Parkland is a leader in helping to ensure that Federal parkland is protected as an asset that belongs to all of us. Key points from her group of private citizens: No private development should be permitted in the C&O Canal National Historical Park; the wooded area upriver from the Washington Canoe Club should be preserved; the NPS feasibility study should be comprehensive and therefore, the project zone should be extended downriver to include the Georgetown Waterfront Park and Thompson's Boathouse. (These areas are in a "built environment," as opposed to the area upstream of the Washington Canoe Club.)

## **Thanks to Everyone Who Posted Signs Opposing GU's Loop Road— Let's Stow Them for Now.**

While we continue to monitor the issue of GU's Campus Plan, for the time being it looks like GU has removed the Loop Road from the table. Let's take our signs down as a gesture of good will. Those of us with a skeptical turn of mind can store them...

## **It's Time to Renew Your FCCA Membership for 2012 — Renew Online if you Prefer!**

We have accomplished much this past year and welcome you to come join us and become an active FCCA participant in 2012! Take a moment and read the membership brochure which is enclosed with this newsletter, which explains who we are and what we do. You'll also find a Membership Form and mailing envelope addressed to the FCCA Treasurer in this newsletter. Please complete the enrollment form and mail it along with your membership dues today. News Flash: You can now pay dues online with the PayPal or credit card option on our website, [www.foxhall.org](http://www.foxhall.org). Questions? Contact Jessie Kane at [jmkane87@aol.com](mailto:jmkane87@aol.com) FCCA Membership is for a calendar year, January to December.

## **Spring Fling Tentatively Set for Sunday, April 22**

The annual event is pencilled in for late April so everyone can start thinking sunny, warm thoughts now. We do again need volunteers of various kinds to make this annual community event a success. Please contact Caitlin Mackenzie, the FCCA Young Families Liaison at [mackenziecl@verizon.net](mailto:mackenziecl@verizon.net).

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of the Foxhall  
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[www.foxhall.org](http://www.foxhall.org)

### **CALENDAR**



**No Meeting in February!  
Planned FCCA Meeting  
with Mary Cheh, our Ward 3  
Council Member,  
postponed to Wednesday,  
March 22, 2012  
at 7 PM**

## FCCA Administrative Board

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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., March 13, and May 8, 2012. All meetings at Q and MacArthur.

**Lab School:** 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28 and 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 March 2012, to the editor at tlam.foster@gmail.com by February 29. Generally submissions should be under 300 words, but longer pieces may run by advance arrangement.

## 2011 FCCA Treasurer's Report

HULIT PRESSLEY TAYLOR, TREASURER

### Income and Expenses

Below is the unaudited report of the FCCA's Income and Expenses for 2011. To highlight the categories: Our *Income* (almost all of which comes from Dues) was about \$400 less than in 2010. Our major expense is printing the newsletter six times a year. *Membership* is the charge for printing forms and envelopes. *Events* include the Spring Social, Yard Sale, Halloween Party, and Holiday Decorating Contest. *Special Projects* is what we spent to oppose Georgetown University's 10-Year Plan. *Contribution to Capital Reserve* is money transferred to our Savings Account to use for unusual expenses that cannot be funded from our Operating Budget.

## Income & Expenses, 2011

### Income

Contributions Received	\$131.00
Dues	8,265.00
Yard Sale Income	<u>197.50</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 8,593.50</b>

### Expenses

Administration	\$ 250.00
Capital Reserve	1,016.06
Events	823.03
Membership	460.04
Newsletter	3,849.94
Special Projects	1,692.34
Website	<u>502.09</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 8,593.50</b>

### Total Assets

The FCCA's total assets as of December 31, 2011, include interest on our Savings Account and CDs, as well as the Contribution to Capital Reserve.

### FCCA Assets as of 12/31/11

Checking Account	\$ 3,835.19
Savings Account	6,407.89
CD (matures 1/3/12)	9,500.60
CD (matures 4/29/12)	11,067.03
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 30,810.71</b>

## FCCA 2012 Operating Budget

### Income

Contributions	\$ 100.00
Dues	<u>8,800.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 8,900.00</b>

### Expenses

Administration	\$ 250.00
Association Dues	60.00
Contribution to Capital Reserve	315.00
Donations	1,000.00
Events (Spring, Halloween, Decorating)	800.00
Membership (forms, envelopes, brochures)	700.00
Newsletter	4,500.00
Operating Contingency	700.00
Taxes	75.00
Website (hosting/domain/maintenance)	<u>500.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 8,900.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

## Notes from the November FCCA General Meeting

JESSIE M. KANE

Bob Avery updated the group on the latest news regarding Georgetown University's (GU) Campus Plan. GU has removed the proposal of the construction of a Loop Road from their Campus Plan. Instead, buses would turn around in the middle of campus and exit onto Canal Road during the morning rush hours. DDOT wants a probationary period to test this. FCCA continues to oppose other aspects of the GU Campus Plan. Remaining issues of concern include GU's plan to add an additional 960 graduate students. Currently 300 GU medical students live in Foxhall Village, and parking has become a major frustration for Foxhall Village residents.

Philip Blair spoke to the group about FCCA becoming involved with the District Wide Coalition of University Neighborhoods ([www.DCUN.org](http://www.DCUN.org)), a group that works with and for DC neighborhoods affected by university growth.

Peter Braun, Director of Operations at the Lab School, discussed Lab School's proposal to make improvements to Hardy field in exchange for a definite schedule for their field use in spring and fall. In 2011, Lab School had permits for the Hardy field from 9-5, M-Th and 9-4 -F. After 5 pm the field was permitted to Stoddert Soccer. Lab School also had permits for the Palisades field. Discussion ensued between Mr. Braun and a representative from Stoddert Soccer. An FCCA-area resident voiced the concern we seem to be on the losing end of the use of this neighborhood space. It was recommended that representatives of the Friends of Hardy, the Lab School, Stodert Soccer, and the FCCA meet to discuss this further.

## Get FCCA Alerts by Email

The FCCA maintains a confidential e-mail list which is used to notify you of upcoming meetings, events, and important happenings in the neighborhood. If you have not been receiving these e-mails and would like to, please contact Bob Avery, FCCA Board President, [ravery@starpower.net](mailto:ravery@starpower.net), 338-3834.

## 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](mailto:chrisbrown@starpower.net)

## Pepco Work Nearby

ANN HAAS

Per its Comprehensive Reliability Enhancement Plan, Pepco is installing 58 new poles in our neighborhood and Palisades. Donna Cooper, Pepco Regional Vice President, wrote, "Pepco's arborist and design engineers remain committed to minimizing the impact on trees in order to strike a balance between protecting the environment and enhancing the electric distribution system."

The project began in December 2011 and is scheduled to end in June 2012, in these locations: the alley south of Greene Place; Indian Rock Terrace between Salem Lane and Q Place; Q Lane and Q Place, both between 45th Street and Indian Rock Terrace; Q Street near Greene Place; 44th Street between P Street and Q Street; MacArthur Boulevard between Q Street and Foxhall Road. Ms. Cooper can be reached at 872-2477.

## 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 all emergencies and non-emergency Police matters.

### PEPCO

Power Outages 877-737-2662

Street Lights Out 269-0855

### Washington Gas 624-6049

### Our Ward 3 City Council

#### Member Mary Cheh

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### 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](mailto: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.)



## A Festive Holiday Season in the FCCA Area

SARAH PAULSON

The holidays in the Foxhall community were particularly festive this past December, as it seemed that more households than usual decorated with lights and other imaginative decorations. This presented a challenge for the judges, who were out on a warm December 22, to pick winners for the annual Holiday Decoration Contest. The following households won a prize (a lovely Poinsettia plant):

Most Festive: Jane and Nathan Fishkin at 4663 Kenmore

Most Creative: Jeffrey and Phyllis Totten at 4704 Reservoir Road

Most Child Friendly: Elliot and Vicki Crooke at 4485 Q Street

Most Authentic for an Historic District: Carolyn Ortwein and Ann Barry 4614 Laverock

Best Overall: 1623 45th Street

We would also like to commend the decorations at the following homes: 1710 Hoban Road, 1445 44th Street, 4425 Greenwich Parkway. Many thanks to those who went to the trouble of decorating for the holidays, as it is enjoyed by all and makes the holidays much more fun. Special thanks go to Paul Ward for putting up and decorating a large tree on upper Q Street circle. The five judges were Mallory Lawson, Sara Paulson, Mary Ann Griffin, Laurie Dromerick, and Andra Lion.

## Snow Season Still Upon Us

All residents—including hale young student renters, seniors, and vacationers to tropical isles!—are required to shovel the sidewalks in front of their homes promptly after snowfalls to ensure that everyone can safely get around.

## Foxhall Artists Gather for Holiday Event

The First Annual Foxhall Art Walk and Sale took place on Sunday December 4, sponsored by the newly-formed Foxhall Artists Collective. Deemed a great success by both the artists and participating neighbors, the holiday event was the first effort to bring together artists and art lovers in our Foxhall community. Eight neighborhood artists displayed and sold their work at three open houses. Neighbors seeking holiday gifts were delighted with the range and quality of the work including photography by Robert Mikolitch, woodwork by Steve Barnard, prints by Lisa Wood, collage by Penelope Woolley, glasswork by Chris Anninos, jewelry by Sara Paulson, textiles by Amy Scheinman, and photography by Holly Foss.

Q Street Circle tree was adorned with beautiful blue lights by Foxhall neighbor and landscaper, Paul Ward, and provided a festive backdrop for the art event.

Many thanks to all those who participated in the show, as well as all those who stopped by to support the neighborhood artists.

The Art Collective is planning its next event for spring 2012, with an outdoor art show amidst the Foxhall Village blooms, with an invitation to additional artists to show and discuss their work. The Foxhall Artists Collective is an informal, welcoming group of artists recently formed to provide a neighborhood forum and friendly networking group for all interested. For more information about the Collective, please contact Chris Anninos at [canninos@rcn.com](mailto:canninos@rcn.com).

## Speed Camera on Foxhall Road!

Many, many area residents have gotten several \$100+ tickets before realizing the error of their ways. There's been a lot of discussion with MPD, which we are tracking, on the camera near Whitehaven. Slow down!

## Unsafe Smoke Detectors in Foxhall Area

PAUL J. CORNONI

My wife, Vanessa, and I have enjoyed living in Foxhall Village for the past three years. Being a partner at a personal injury firm, I thought I was aware of every important safety tip. However, I learned of a dangerous defect in our home that may plague a number of our homes due to their age.

One of the things we love about our home is its old world feel and character. However, it had hard wired-only smoke detectors, commonly referred to as direct current (DC) smoke detectors.

There are two basic types of smoke detectors that are designed for home use: battery operated smoke detectors (alternating current/AC) and smoke detectors that are hard wired directly into the home's electrical system (DC). If you have a DC smoke detector without a safety battery backup (like we did!), I strongly urge you to replace it with a detector that has a safety battery backup. The use of candles during power outages are a leading cause of residential fires. A hard wired smoke detector that is not equipped with a battery back up will not work during an electrical outage.

I recently represented a family in Maryland that suffered a great tragedy due to a candle fire started in their home during a power outage while they were sleeping. Sadly, the home was only equipped with hard wired smoke detectors so the family was not alerted to the fire and several persons died and one individual lost both of his legs due to severe burn injuries.

Once we realized that our home had only DC smoke detectors, we installed additional battery-operated smoke detectors on each level of our home and outside the sleeping area of our daughter—an easy fix. If you have any questions or any other questions regarding general safety tips, call me at 202-441-5483.