

# FOXHALL News

Newsletter of the Foxhall Community Citizens Association

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## Open Floor Discussion with Our Ward 3 Council Member, Mary Cheh

Our next membership meeting, Wednesday, February 19, will feature Ward 3 Council member Mary Cheh making her annual visit to the FCCA.

This is your opportunity to come and have your voice heard on issues like the proposed changes in DC Zoning laws, DC schools, the DC budget, parking regulations or any other issue, large or small.

If you have issues that you would like researched in advance please email Bob Avery at [ravery@starpower.net](mailto:ravery@starpower.net) and they will be passed on to Councilmember Cheh or otherwise bring your questions/concerns to the meeting. This is our opportunity to voice the concerns of our community to someone who can potentially do something about them.

The membership meeting will also feature a brief update on the FCCA Board's recent testimony on proposed changes in the DC Zoning code, the Safeway project, and Georgetown University partnership program.

## Foxhall Artists and Friends Gather for Third Annual Holiday Event

Continuing the successful holiday event and overcoming the challenges of rain, sleet, and snow, the Foxhall Artist Collective hosted the third annual holiday Art Walk and Sale on December 8th.

Formed in 2011, the Foxhall Artist Collective brings together artists and art lovers in our

Foxhall community via a variety of meetings, get-togethers and special events.

Eight neighborhood artists displayed and showed their work this year in three open houses. Art Walk attendees were delighted with the range and quality of the work including photography by Robert Mikolitch, woodwork by Steve Barnard, textiles by Lisa Wood and Amy Scheinman, jewelry by Sara Paulson, paintings by Iris Fabrikant, and glasswork by Chris Anninos. Also, Nahid Azziz and the Zamani Gallerie displayed Afghan Arts and donated the proceeds to Afghan Education For A Better Tomorrow.

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

The Foxhall Artist Collective provides a neighborhood forum and friendly networking group for all interested and welcomes new members.

For more information about the Collective, please contact Chris Anninos at [canninos@rcn.com](mailto:canninos@rcn.com).

## Membership for 2014

### Join/Renew by Check or Online!

Did you know that last year the FCCA had one of the highest percentages of household memberships of citizens' groups in our area? This strong membership level allows us to better represent the interests of

## FCCA Calendar

### February General Membership Meeting: Wednesday, Feb 19 at 7PM

Topic: Discussion with Mary Cheh (Ward 3 Council Member) on Pending Zoning Laws and their Implication on Our Neighborhood

**Save the Date: 5 May, Spring Fling**  
**See Page 2 for Details**

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

Need a ride? Contact Bob Avery

our neighborhood in many local matters.

The FCCA continues to monitor the 10 Year Plan of Georgetown University. In addition, there are also potential zoning changes on the horizon that may impact our neighborhood. We are striving to increase our membership levels this year to better represent our neighborhood in these and other important matters.

A membership brochure and return envelope are enclosed with this newsletter. Please mail in your form with a check or go to our website and join online. ([www.foxhall.org](http://www.foxhall.org)). We look forward to hearing from you. Membership is for a calendar year, January to December. So join now!

Questions? Contact Jessie Kane at [jmkane87@aol.com](mailto:jmkane87@aol.com)

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## FCCA Newsletter Submissions

Please send any items for the next newsletter, which is now planned for April 2014, to the editor at halchanlon@gmail.com by 30 March. Generally submissions should be under 300 words.

## Who Do You 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

### Ward 3 City Council Member

Mary Cheh, mcheh@dccouncil.us

### Our ANC Commissioners,

Gayle Trotter at

GT4ANC@gmail.com and Penny

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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.

### 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 Frances McMillen, 202-442-8839 or frances.mcmillen@dc.gov.

### Problem Party Noise after 10 PM

Please call the Police at 911. There are significant fines and the possibility of a criminal record for violators.

### Or you can try the Georgetown 24/7 Community Hotline

Report student activities that negatively impact our community at GU's 24/7 Hotline, 687-8413

## FCCA Board Elections

At its January 7th organizational meeting, the FCCA Board (list left, members re-elected in November for one year terms) voted to continue its current governance structure, whereby most Board decisions are made by votes of the Board as a whole rather than organization officers. The Board re-elected current Board officers, Bob Avery as president and Hulit Pressley Taylor as treasurer. Peter Kimball was elected to the newly created position of Vice-President and Conrad DeWitte was elected as secretary.

## Kudos to Our ANC Reps

Congratulations to Gayle Trotter, who was elected Chair of ANC3D for 2014! Gayle represents the eastern portion of the FCCA area. And a hearty Thank You to Penny Pagano who served as the 2013 Chair of ANC3D. Penny is the ANC representative for the western portion of the FCCA. The FCCA is fortunate to have such outstanding reps! The Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANC) consider a wide range of policies and programs affecting their neighborhoods, including traffic, parking, recreation, street improvements, liquor licenses, zoning, economic development, police protection, sanitation and trash collection, and the District's annual budget. The ANCs are the body of government with the closest official ties to the residents in a neighborhood.

## SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, May 3, 3pm - 5pm, Annual Neighborhood Spring Fling Picnic

Featuring: Delicious bites by Foxhall Catering; Music by the Palisades Band; Activities for kids; Fun for everyone.

Volunteers needed - contact Caitlin at caitlin.mackenzie@verizon.net

## Results From the Holiday Decorating Contest Are Here!

The FCCA got into the holiday spirit this year with many decorated homes to enjoy and recognize. Elizabeth Berman, Laurie Dromerick, MaryAnn Griffin, Andra Lion and Mallory Lawson made the rounds and are happy to announce the following winners:

### **Most Creative:**

4425 Greenwich Parkway

### **Most Festive:**

4610 Laverock Rd.

#### *Runners Up:*

4704 Reservior Rd.

1726 Hoban

1705 Surrey Lane

### **Most "Kid Friendly":**

4485 Q Street

#### *Runner Up:*

1710 Hoban

### **Best Illumination:**

1935 Foxview

#### *Runner Up:*

4400 Q Street

### **Best Overall:**

4509 Potomac Street

#### *Runner Up:*

4401 Q Street

The winners received lovely poinsettias and all seemed happy to be recognized for their efforts. Thank you to the committee and all who made the FCCA a fun and beautiful neighborhood this holiday season.

## **New Neighborhood Liaison**

Foxhall village has a new neighborhood liaison at the DC Historic Preservation Office, Frances McMillen, (202) 442-8839 or frances.mcmillen@dc.gov

## **Rescheduled BZA Meeting**

\*SEE NOV NEWSLETTER FOR BZA DATES

Lab School

February 18th, 6 PM

## **Palisades Village**

Did you know that many of your FCCA Neighbors are volunteering for Palisades Village? This local organization helps people stay in their homes as long as possible by providing volunteer services, information on reliable service providers, social and cultural events, etc.

Three of our neighbors serve on the Palisades Village Board: Tom DeMuth, MaryAnn Griffin and Arne Paulson. Past Board members include Alicia Juarrero and Charles Lanman. In addition, many in our community provide volunteer services such as driving Palisades Village members to doctor and therapy appointments, grocery shopping, routine household chores, etc. Younger members of the community have provided services such as leaf raking, yard clean up, making holiday and birthday cards and even delivering cookies. The community bodies that have organized these student volunteers include Key School, St. Patrick's, Georgetown Day, Lab School and Boy Scout Troup 61. There are more than two dozen households in the FCCA area that are either Palisades Village members, volunteers, or both.

Please join us in saluting all of these volunteers who have given their free time to help others in the community remain in the community. Palisades Village is always looking for new volunteers, as well as members. To find out more about membership or volunteer opportunities, or to join the mailing list for the free electronic newsletter "Across the Fence", which provides up to date information on PV activities and events, please contact Peggy Newman at 202-244-3301, or pnewman@palisadesvillage.org.

## **Who is responsible for clearing sidewalks?**

District law requires property owners to clear snow and ice from sidewalks, handicap ramps and steps abutting their property within the first 8 daylight hours after snow, sleet or ice stop falling. (DC Code, 2001 Ed., § 9-601.)

This applies to all property owners - residential, commercial, federal, and municipal. If ice cannot be cleared without damaging the sidewalk, then property owners may spread sand or salt to make the sidewalks safe. (DC Code, 2001 Ed., § 9-604.)

Property owners must also clear snow from the ADA-curb ramps. These are part of the sidewalk. Property owners are also asked to clear snow from catch basins and storm drains to prevent flooding during snow melt.

If you rent a single-family home or your lease states that you, not your landlord, are responsible for clearing the snow, then you can be cited as well. Be sure to call your landlord or review your lease terms if you are not sure.

Is there a fine for not clearing the sidewalk? Yes. According to DC municipal Code, if property owners fail to comply, and if the District must clear their sidewalk (DC Code, 2001 Ed., § 9-605) the property owners will be sued for the cost of clearing the snow or ice plus a \$25 fine (DC Code, 2001 Ed., § 9-606).

## **Seeking members for the FCCA Events Committee**

The FCCA would like to build an Events Committee to support existing annual neighborhood events, and to plan new community events. The FCCA is seeking volunteers to serve on the Events Committee and build our neighborhood event calendar and offerings. Please contact Caitlin at caitlin.mackenzie@verizon.net.

## Crime Report, Year in Review

Looking back over the year we have been fairly blessed with a low crime rate in our area. Mallory Lawson, our Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, has been terrific in obtaining crime reports for all of the MPD Second District, an area that goes well beyond our borders but keeps us in tune with what is happening in general. Many of the things that are happening in surrounding areas have been absent within FCCA. This is potentially because of our heightened sense of security but also there is some luck involved.

Everyone should continue to make sure you lock your doors, and make use of outdoor lighting at night. Lock your car and don't leave valuables inside. Don't leave bicycles, tools and other valuables outside. If you are away, make sure your neighbors are keeping an eye on your home and picking up packages, mail, newspapers, and advertisements that are left outside your home. If you are away, make use of timers on lights within your home. It is an unfortunate fact that the more successful crime is in a neighborhood, the more criminals will come back for more. Something newer in crime: thieves are now breaking into cars to steal airbags.

## Help Wanted!

The FCCA is looking for a part-time administrator who lives in the FCCA membership area. The job would entail spending about an hour a week maintaining the FCCA mailbox, updating the membership list, and occasionally posting an article on the FCCA Website or listserve. We are looking for someone to help prepare for and administer each of our six membership meetings (and accompanying Newsletter) and approximately 10 FCCA Board meetings a year. Tasks for the membership meeting would include

assisting the Newsletter Editor with preparing the Newsletter, helping to line up guests for the meeting and taking notes at the meeting. Board meetings would take less effort and mainly entail taking notes at the meeting and writing them up. We estimate that collectively the meeting duties should entail about 70-80 hours a year. Salary is negotiable but we are looking in the neighborhood of \$50 to \$60 a week. If this interests you please contact Bob Avery at [ravery@starpower.net](mailto:ravery@starpower.net). We look forward to hearing from you.

## FCCA Meeting Minutes, 11/20/13

Officer Tony McElwee gave the crime report. Crime went up about 44% in our area this year. As of late November, there were 23 crimes committed. Auto theft continues to be the number one crime, particularly among unlocked autos. There were three burglaries while people were not at home. Residents are encouraged to email Officer McElwee ([Anthony.mcelwee@dc.gov](mailto:Anthony.mcelwee@dc.gov)) when they are on vacation, and he will periodically drive by the vacationer's house to check on it.

Mr. Klaus Trudel from the German Embassy reported on the construction at the embassy. This project began in 2010, and completion for the construction should be in early 2014. Employees hope to move back into the embassy in July, 2014.

Bob Avery, FCCA President, mentioned that an ANC meeting is planned for 12/10/13, to hear plans by the Lab School to build a new high school on their Reservoir Rd. campus. This issue was discussed at a 01/14 BZA meeting. Part of the plan includes the elimination of 21 parking spaces currently available on the Lab School campus. In addition, the requested lease extension for the Lab School (Hardy Campus) is still under consideration by the DC City Council.

Election for the FCCA Board of Directors was held. All current Board members were reelected. A request was made seeking representation for the area of MacArthur Blvd. from the Georgetown Day School down to Canal Road. Anyone interested should contact Bob Avery.

The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to a discussion of plans to renovate the MacArthur Boulevard Safeway. Ms. Renee Montgomery ([renee.montgomery@pdcenters.com](mailto:renee.montgomery@pdcenters.com)) from Safeway, and other representatives associated with Safeway, presented plans for a major renovation that includes the addition of 70 to 100 condominium units to be built above the new planned Safeway, as well as the construction of four free standing houses. Parking will be underground. Neighbors are encouraged to check the website of the Palisades Citizens' Association ([www.palisadesdc.org](http://www.palisadesdc.org)) for a very complete reporting on this issue. Safeway is hoping to approach the DC Zoning Commission within the next six months, and they hope to begin construction in the middle of 2015.

## GU UPDATE

The FCCA have been working with neighbors in Burleith and Georgetown along with Georgetown University through an organization named the Georgetown Community Partnership (GCP) to implement the 2010 to 2017 Georgetown University campus plan, and to provide input into Georgetown University master planning efforts. The GCP has a new website. Check it out!

<http://communityengagement.georgetown.edu/gcp>

If you would like to help represent our community in the GCP, please contact Conrad J. DeWitte, at [dewittecj@yahoo.com](mailto:dewittecj@yahoo.com)

### Real Estate Corner

The Washington DC single-family sales market in 2013 was noticeably improved over 2012 with more settlements and higher prices. Tight inventory continued to push up price appreciation rates through 2013 and will likely do so through the spring. It was interesting to see that 2013 inventory continued to be lower to that of the previous year, month on month, until October 2013, and since then continuing to be slightly higher. Indications are that the current market and the spring market will give a slight advantage to sellers and should help pump up the number of listings. Below are the 2013 sales figures within the FCCA boundary. Sales data was obtained from MRIS.

Additionally, there were 12 properties that sold in the new Foxhall Ridge development on the south side of 4400 block Macarthur Blvd. These sold between \$976,100 and \$1,949,990. Everyone should look for their notice from DC Office of Tax and Revenue for their 2015 property tax assessment to see if DC Government has noticed your increased value as well. The assessment notice is the estimated market value of your property. It is the basis for the calculation of your tax bill. If you are unhappy with the appraisal, you must file your appeal within 30 days of the date of your assessment notice. The statutory deadline for filing appeals is April 1. Shortly after you receive your assessment you should receive your semiannual real estate tax bill. The real estate tax year goes from 1 October to 30 September. This will be for the period 10/1/13 – 3/31-14. If you have any questions concerning the article, the sales data, or real estate taxes, please feel free to contact me at [Scott.Polk@LongandFoster.com](mailto:Scott.Polk@LongandFoster.com)

Address	Sold Price	BR/FB/HB	Style/Type	Contract Date
4662 CHARLESTON TER	\$1,640,000	5/5/1	Detached	29-May-2013
1431 FOXHALL RD	\$600,000	4/2/0	Duplex	06-Nov-2013
1435 FOXHALL RD	\$820,000	3/3/0	Semi-Det.	11-Sep-2013
1620 FOXHALL RD	\$1,540,000	5/4/1	Georgian Det.	08-Mar-2013
1646 FOXHALL RD	\$885,000	3/2/1	Federal Det.	21-May-2013
4417 GREENWICH	\$720,000	3/1/1	Tudor/TH	05-Apr-2013
4418 GREENWICH	\$663,290	4/2/0	Tudor/TH	12-Dec-2013
4452 GREENWICH	\$735,000	4/2/0	Tudor/TH	06-Nov-2013
4471 GREENWICH	\$1,337,500	4/4/1	Colonial/TH	30-Sep-2013
1805 HOBAN RD	\$1,730,000	6/3/1	Detached	25-Jul-2013
1804 HOBAN RD	\$1,275,000	3/4/0	Cape Cod/Det.	12-May-2013
1808 HOBAN RD	\$1,350,000	4/3/2	Colonial/Det.	12-Feb-2013
4602 KENMORE DR	\$1,900,000	5/4/3	Georgian/Det.	04-Sep-2013
4608 LAVEROCK PL	\$1,425,000	4/3/1	Colonial/Det.	17-Aug-2013
4401 MACARTHUR	\$725,000	3/3/1	Semi-Det.	21-May-2013
4527 MACARTHUR	\$710,000	4/1/1	Cape Cod/Det.	01-Oct-2013
4733 MACARTHUR	\$815,000	3/2/0	Colonial/Det.	20-Sep-2013
4437 P ST	\$770,000	3/2/1	TudorSemi-Det	25-Jul-2013
4458 RESERVOIR RD	\$765,000	4/2/0	Tudor TH	14-Dec-2013
4442 RESERVOIR RD	\$675,000	4/2/0	Tudor TH	06-Nov-2013
4632 RESERVOIR RD	\$1,349,000	5/3/1	Colonial Det.	31-Mar-2013
4402 VOLTA PL	\$1,126,000	5/4/1	Tudor/TH	21-May-2013
4413 VOLTA PL	\$827,500	3/3/1	Tudor/TH	26-Sep-2013
1449 44TH ST	\$995,000	4/3/1	Colonial Det.	07-Mar-2013
1510 44TH ST	\$975,000	4/4/1	Tudor/TH	11-Jun-2013
1514 44TH ST	\$879,000	4/2/1	TudorSemi-Det	09-May-2013
1622 44TH ST	\$988,000	4/4/0	Tudor/TH	19-Nov-2013
1916 47TH ST	\$949,000	3/3/2	Colonial/Det	22-Mar-2013

## 2013 FCCA TREASURER'S REPORT

*Hulit Taylor, Treasurer*

### **Income and Expenses**

Below is the unaudited report of the FCCA's income and expenses for 2013. To highlight the categories – our Income (almost all of which comes from dues) was about \$1,000 less than 2012. Our major expense is printing the newsletter. Donation was a one-time gift to Palisades Village. Events include the Spring Social, Yard Sale, Halloween Party, and Holiday Decorating Contest. Membership is for printing membership forms and envelopes. 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, 2013**

##### **Income**

Contributions Received	240.00
Dues	8,219.50
Yard Sale Income	140.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>8,599.50</b>

##### **Expenses**

Administration	18.40
Association Dues	120.00
Capital Reserve	2,932.64
Donations & Grants	500.00
Events	1,371.26
Membership	679.00
Newsletter	2,578.20
Website	400.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>8,599.50</b>

#### **Total Assets**

The FCCA's total assets as of December 31, 2013, include interest on our Savings Account and CDs, as well as the Contribution to Capital Reserve.

#### **FCCA ASSETS as of 12/31/13**

Checking Account	3,835.19
Savings Account	13,192.74
CD (matures 2/10/14)	9,525.61
CD (matures 2/28/14)	11,097.09
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>37,650.63</b>