

FOXHALL News

Newsletter of the Foxhall Community Citizens Association

April 2014

FCCA Agenda: April Meeting

The next FCCA general membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 16th, at 7PM at the Hardy Rec Center, 45th & Q. In addition to our regular police report the meeting will feature updates on the German Embassy construction and Georgetown University Student-Community partnership program. The main topic of the meeting will be a panel discussion with experts focused on the likely future development paths for the MacArthur Blvd corridor and the FCCA area in general. The Safeway renovation, Riverside Hospital development and several new proposals for lower MacArthur are likely to be the first of many new developments for our area. Historically we as an association have been “reactive” in responding to development. The panel discussion is our opportunity to become more “proactive” and to anticipate the likely future changes in our area. All are welcome at the meeting. We look forward to seeing you on the 16th.

Pickup for Discarded Trash and Recycle Cans

If you want your old trash and recycle cans to be picked by the city, you must do two things. First, place a yellow “Take Me” sticker on the front of the can(s). Then call the Mayor’s Hot Line, 311, and request pick up.

Unlike discarded Christmas trees, the cans will not be picked up unless you call 311.

Community Engagement Committee

TOM DEMUTH

The Community Engagement Committee of Palisades Village held a focus group meeting on March 25. The goal of the meeting was to obtain ideas from younger members of the community on how Palisades Village can provide value and communicate its message throughout the community. The meeting was a great success as many events and activities such as the following were discussed that could be enjoyed by Palisades Village members and families throughout the community.

Examples of Possible Family Oriented Activities:

“Junior Gardener” program
“Computer Learning” program
Movie night on the lawn
Evening concerts
Block party

Examples of Adult Oriented Activities:

Bocce and social hour
Art Showing at a local gallery
Guest lectures
Classic movie night

If you would like to participate in the above activities or have additional suggestions, please contact Tom DeMuth at pvcommunity1@gmail.com or MaryAnn Griffin at magriffmail@yahoo.com.

FCCA CALENDAR

April General Membership Meeting Wednesday, April 16th at 7PM

Topic: The Future of the FCCA Area

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

Need a ride? Contact Bob Avery

Spring Fling: May 3rd 3-5 PM

FCCA SPRING FLING

AT HARDY PARK AND RECREATION CENTER;
SPONSORED BY THE FCCA, FRIENDS OF
HARDY AND PALISADES VILLAGE

Celebrate Spring with your neighbors on Saturday, May 3 between 3-5 PM. Join your neighbors for great food, live music, fun activities for kids and a moonbounce. Please bring a dessert or appetizer to share. Delicious bites provided by Foxhall Catering, music by the Palisades Band, drinks provided by Palisades Village. Volunteers still needed to help with all aspects of the event – please call Caitlin at (202) 577-8770 to volunteer. Come celebrate spring with your neighbors!

Yard Sale 2014

We need someone new to organize the community yard sale this year, in May or June. It’s easy! You’ll need to secure a date from The Lab School and find some volunteers to place ads, create and put up posters and flyers, and write up a short story about it for the newsletter. That’s it! Please email lisa.maco@me.com for information.

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Send to halchanlon@gmail.com by 30 May. Submissions should be under 300 words, but longer pieces may run by advance arrangement.

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,

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Penny Pagano,

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Illegally Parked Cars

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

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

Going out of town?

Email Officer Mcelwee to check on your home periodically at anthony.mcelwee@dc.gov

2014 FCCA Membership Drive

As you can see from the membership list posted on the back page of this newsletter, we are off to a strong start in our 2014 FCCA Membership Drive. Membership in our association runs according to the calendar year, so it is imperative that we keep our association strong by encouraging new members, or those renewing, to join us early in the year.

We are fortunate to live in a wonderful neighborhood, one with many attractions and attributes, most importantly, the people who live here. To best maintain our quality of life, we need an active and strong citizens' association. The number of members we represent is a clear indication of our strength. 2014 will bring many challenges. We need a unified and powerful front to work with the various agencies of the government, the several private schools in our area, developers, and businesses. Your membership support is very important.

To join, please fill out the membership form on the back of this newsletter, or go to our website, www.foxhallcommunity.org. Questions? Please contact Jessie Kane at jmkane87@aol.com. Thank you.

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.

Lab School, 6 PM

May 13th at 1550 Foxhall Road

GDS, 6:30 PM

May 20 at GDS

St. Patrick's, 7:30 PM

April 15th at the Whitehaven Campus
July 15th at the MacArthur Campus

Your Home and the Danger of Carbon Monoxide

Recently there was a case of high carbon monoxide levels in a neighborhood home which made the owner ill. Fortunately the levels didn't reach a level as to do more serious harm. Carbon monoxide is an odorless gas, which, in excess quantity can be deadly. In our homes it is a byproduct of burning gas or oil for heat, or for hot water. Most of our homes were built in the 20s and 30s with terracotta chimney liners designed to draw the gas off. In three of the past five cases in our community, chimney liners have decomposed and dropped terracotta pieces down the chimney flue to block the designed escape of gas which then escapes into the homes.

It is important to have your chimney inspected periodically. If you have never done so it might be wise to do so. Having your furnace and boiler serviced periodically is also important. Two of the five incidences I spoke of involved older boilers with defective parts.

Everyone should have smoke detectors in your home on every floor. It would be wise to also have a carbon monoxide detector in your home. Carbon monoxide is lighter than air and will go to higher spaces, so good locations are on the basement ceiling or at the top of the basement stairs. If you have someone living in your basement I would most strongly recommend this be done.

If you want to discuss this article or are looking for a reputable chimney inspector, please give me a call.

Scott Polk 202-256-5460

FCCA Meeting Minutes: Highlights - 02/19/2014

Police Report- Lt. Eric Hayes and Officer Anthony McElwee presented.

Crime is down 18%. People are encouraged to keep cars, houses, and garage doors locked at all times. Do not keep garage door opener in your car.

Zoning Issues: The ANC is reviewing the following concerns:

Corner shops- The historic character of the row-house portion of our community (which is zoned R4 and is mostly protected as an historic district) would be significantly impacted by the allowance of corner stores or other commercial uses. As a community there is near universal opposition to this.

Reducing parking requirements- We already have an overabundance of cars in our neighborhood. New construction along MacArthur Boulevard and the new Safeway would increase density as a "matter of right" which would only make the parking problem worse.

Apartments over Garages- The new plan would allow apartment garages to be built as a "matter of right". One of our major concerns being in close proximity to a university is oversaturation by group houses. This allowance seems like a back door way to pack more students into rental housing. This new "matter of right" would apply to all homes in the FCCA area.

Basement apartments-This new plan would allow basement apartments throughout the FCCA area to be built as a "matter of right". Clearly, this would lead to pressure for additional front entrances as well as full height basement egress windows on front facades. This allowance would also be a significant threat to the character defining elements of our historic district. Additionally, we fear this would allow investors to divide houses into multiple units and thereby increase the number of unrelated

individuals who could legally live in a house, increasing pressure to create more group houses and negatively impacting our quality of life.

FCCA will draft a letter in support of the ANC positions.

Councilwoman Mary Cheh- Ward 3 City Councilwoman, Mary Cheh, who is running for reelection, spoke to the group. Ms. Cheh has been concentrating on many issues relative to creating a Transportation Authority as well as measures to address the city's homeless population.

Lab School Lease- The request by the Lab School for an extension to twenty-five years on their lease at the Hardy School campus is not currently on the table. The city is in the process of determining if DCPS would have future need for the Hardy School or will decide that the school will be designated as "surplus", thus allowing Lab School to move forward on the lease extension.

Our thanks were expressed to Councilwoman Cheh for her annual presentation to the FCCA.

Neighborhood Safety Update

According to our crime liaison, unlike Chevy Chase, we have not had any burglaries that have occurred while citizens are home. Even so, Chevy Chase police have warned, not to open the door to solicitors, or people asking to do work of any kind, or claiming to have a problem, such as needing to call a tow truck. Keep all doors and windows locked. Leave porch lights and backdoor lights on all night. Please be sure to relay these precautionary measures to your children and babysitter. In addition, given the sexual assault in Glover-Archbold, residents are advised to be alert and practice precautionary measures.

**FCCA Membership as of
April 1, 2014**

Patron

Georgetown Day School
Kern, Melissa & Bill Deegan
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Lane, Jan
Maco, Lisa & Paul
Nash, Janet
O'Connell, Michael & Bob Mikolitch
Rankin, Douglas & Mary
Ross, Stuart
Van Allen, Barbara & Peter
Walker, Audrey & David

Household

Andonyadis, Aveyris & Elly
Anninos, Paul & Christine
Anonymous
Arundel, Tom & Kara
Baab, Schuyler
Bailey, Michael & Mari
Balevska, Petya
Balolia, K., & G. Arnold & M. Stanley
Bartos, Frank & Haleigh Hanlon Bartos
Blakely, Judith
Bourdaudhui, Robert & Susan
Bray, John & Leslie
Buchanan, David & Brooke
Cannon, Holly & John Guttman
Conroy, Amy & Emmet
Cooter, Dale and Mary
Crooke, Vicki & Elliot
Crow, John M. & Mary Pat Hayes-Crow
Daniel, Peter
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Dornsife, Cinnamon & Charles Barber
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Foster, Stephen M.
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Guttman, Ron
Haas, Ann
Hafez, Ziad & Aida
Harou, Patrice and Berengere
Hirshon, Consuelo
Ives, Donna & Gerry
Jablon, Cara & Robert
Jewett, Richard
Juarrero, Alicia
Kapps, Jeannine
Kilby, Gene & Christine
Kimball, Peter & Leslie
Kone, Amadou & Mary
Kruvant, Ken & Kathy
Lanman, Charlie & Mary
Lantuh, Katie
Levison, Carol & Fred
Lion, Andra & Barnard Steven
Magrath, William & Susan Shen
Malkani, Ravina & Naresh

Manukian, Edward & Margo
Mathis, Andrea & Brian
McGrath, Deborah
Mete, Mihriyexcem
Miller, Brandon & Chai
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Morse, Emerante
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Peasley, Carol
Pettit, Debra
Popkin, Richard & Karol
Reed, Dr. David & Gary Goodsell
Rovani, Yves & Evelyne
Schellinger, Dieter & Jessie Kane
Siciliano, Bob
Silard, Kelly & Debbie
Slone, David
Strugala, Wieslaw & Siria Lopez
Taylor, Paul & Hult
Tersoff, Janet & William Poole
Thomas, David & Marjana Martinic
Tobey, Stephen & Julie Haidemenos
Volker, Karen & Kurt
Walsh, Hadley & Jack
Ward, Paul & Rick Roldan
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Senior

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Barton, Terry & Jay
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Bordonaro, Robert & Barbara
Brown, Chris & Mary Rollefson
Butterworth, Deborah
Chhabra, Harbans & Satpal
Corrado, Barbara & Ernest
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Greenwood, Bill & Marsha
Groat, Donna & Gary
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Herman, Patty
Klein, Solange
Lustig, Ray
Pierre, Andrew & Joan Root
Reese, Anne H.
Ross, Malcolm & Daphne R.
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Sherman, Claire R. & Stanley M.
Smith, Dorothy
Smith, Joan
Szymkiewicz, John & Carol
Tucker, Gene & Dolly
van Emmerik, Maureen Carty
Velsey, Victoria & Don
Wherry, David & Ceny
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Wolfe, J. Thomas
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Bilik, Al & Mary Jane
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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 Hult 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