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Happy New Year!!

FCCA Calendar
Next General Meeting!
 Wednesday, January 21st at 7PM
Topic: Changes in the DC zoning laws
Location: 4500 Q Street NW in the Hardy Rec Center
 Need a ride? Contact Bob Avery

Upcoming!
 February 18th membership meeting will feature Ward 3 DC Councilmember Mary Cheh

Next Membership Meeting

In addition to updates on local construction projects and the police report, the January 21st general meeting of the FCCA will feature a presentation by Palisades ANC Commissioner Alma Gates on imminent DC zoning changes and their potential impact on our neighborhood.

These changes have been a long time in development and finally look like they are likely to be implemented. Alma is particularly knowledgeable about the implications of these changes as she has served as the Chair of the Zoning Subcommittee of the Committee of 100 of the Federal City.

Alma will particularly focus on ways that the changes can impact development in the FCCA area.

Membership for 2015 Join/Renew by Check or Online!

Jessie Kane

Did you know that the FCCA has one of the highest percentages of household memberships of citizens' groups in our area? With a surge of memberships in November and December, we finished the year in a very strong position. This allows us to better represent the concerns and interests of our neighborhood. Our membership numbers are a critical component of our voice.

There are many reasons to join FCCA. FCCA encourages you to be an active part of your community and help improve the quality of life for you, your neighbors, and our unique and wonderful NW DC neighborhood. Have a stronger voice! Whether you can be an active participant or a supportive member, we need your paid membership so that FCCA can be a catalyst for improvement in our neighborhood.

A membership form is included in this newsletter. Please mail in your form with a check or go to our web-

site (www.foxhall.org) and join online by using PayPal. Membership is for the calendar year, January to December, so join now! We look forward to hearing from you.

Questions? Contact Jessie Kane at jmkane87@aol.com

Let It Snow, Let It Snow ... and Shovel It!

Not only is it our civic responsibility to keep sidewalks, steps and walkways clear of ice and snow, but it is also the law! The City Council is presently considering ways to strengthen and enforce the regulations that require residents (this includes tenants!) to remove snow and ice promptly.

Our neighborhood is hilly and numerous people walk to and from work or school. Then there are the children, the dog walkers and those all-important mail and package deliveries.

If you are going to be out of town or are physically unable to shovel, ask a neighbor to help you. None of us would wish to be responsible for someone falling and injuring themselves on our property.

One other caution – Foxhall Road is a Snow Emergency Route. Vehicles parked on Foxhall when a snow emergency is declared are fined \$250.00! Yes, \$250.00!



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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

Send to britt.aggie@gmail.com by January 30 for the next newsletter. Generally 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 Commissioner, Stephen

Gardner, sgardner.gardnerlaw@gmail.com

To send email to the ANC 3D Administrator, Adrienne Gude, use

3D@anc.dc.gov or 202-363-4130

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.

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

Join the FCCA Listserv!!

Keep up-to-date with all happenings in your community by joining the FCCA Listserv. Register today at foxhall.org!

Holiday Decorations in the FCCA

Mallory Lawson

A few days before Christmas, an intrepid group of FCCA neighbors piled into a car and drove through our neighborhood to judge this year's holiday decorations. We found many lovely, exciting, elegant, innovative and amusing decorations. Thanks to all who made the effort to beautify our area. Without further ado, here are the winners and a few honorable mentions:

Best overall

Upper Q St circle -- trees decorated by Paul Ward

Best Illumination

Dorrer Family -- 4515 Potomac Ave
Honorable mention:

4610 Laverock

Most Festive

Elting Family -- 1700 Hoban Road

Honorable mention:

Pires Family -- 4401 Q Street

Most Kid-Friendly

1710 Hoban Road

Honorable mention:

4485 Q Street

Most Elegant

4350 P Street

Honorable mentions:

4614 Laverock

4402 Q Street

The judges were Mallory Lawson, Andra Lion, Tess Cammack, Elizabeth Bergman, and Sara Paulson.

New Trees Replace Old Ones in FCCA and Beyond

Bill Brown

D-DOT's Urban Forestry Division recently has replaced or planted new trees throughout our neighborhoods. These are most evident in that they are usually

equipped with a slow-drip watering device (e.g., green, water-filled bag surrounding the trunk). These trees need to be maintained in order to survive. Ddot’s Urban Forestry website recommends ‘adopting a tree or series of trees’ via their webs site; but, short of anything that formal, residents with new trees should at least follow the recommendations included below and consider the following:

Become a Canopy Keeper - Adopt a Tree

New trees planted near your property need your assistance to survive.

Residents and businesses are responsible for maintaining property to the street; see the DCMR rule 21-702. By submitting the agreement below, DDOT Trees will help by delivering a free slow-drip watering device.

For 2 years after planting, you agree to:

- Fill the device with 10 gallons of water once a week from spring bloom until winter freeze.
- Mulch 2-4” deep if possible, keep mulch away from the trunk
- Clean weeds and debris from the planting space
- Report any service needs to 311.dc.gov or call 311

Submit your agreement

- Online:

Submit the Canopy Keeper Application on-line using this link:

ddot.dc.gov/canopykeepers

- Mail:

Urban Forestry Administration
 District Department of Transportation
 55 M Street, SE, Suite 600
 Washington, DC 20003

Lab School Construction Update

Wendy Jennis

Although The Lab School of Washington was on winter break for two weeks in late December/early January, construction crews were hard at work getting the site ready to begin Lab’s new high school building. Before the break, two Whitehaven Parkway houses on The Lab School’s Reservoir campus were torn down, and the debris was hauled away for recycling. During the school vacation, the construction workers concentrated on finishing the utility relocation so that the necessary electrical and sanitary shutdowns could be accomplished while

school was out of session. The next major construction event will be excavation.

Throughout the current phase, Whitehaven traffic has been reduced to one lane during work hours. A flagman is on site managing the traffic flow. Once the utility work is completed, traffic on Whitehaven will revert to two lanes. Pedestrians are being redirected at the construction site to the north side of Whitehaven with crosswalks and jersey barriers provided for safety. This will continue throughout most of the construction. In addition, a number of diagonal parking spaces on Whitehaven Parkway close to the building site will be taken up for construction for the duration of the project.

For regular updates on The Lab School’s construction, visit its Campus Building Project webpage at www.labschool.org/Page/outreach/Campus-Building-Project. For questions about the Lab School or the construction project, please contact Wendy Jennis, Director of Community Relations, at wendy.jennis@labschool.org.



Demolition begins near the Lab School

Foxhall Village Resident Honored for work with seniors

MaryAnn Griffin, a resident of Foxhall Village and a member of the Palisades Village Board of Directors, has been honored by At Home Alexandria (AHA). MaryAnn is a member of AHA’s Advisory Council and she retired in December as director of the City of Alexandria’s Division of Aging and Adult Services. Well done, MaryAnn!

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 (ahaas212@comcast.net) to get email reminders of meetings or to ask that your issue be discussed.

GDS 6:30 pm, Library

March 3, 2015

May 5, 2015

Lab 6:00 pm

March 17, 2015, Foxhall campus

May 12, 2015, Main campus, 4759

Reservoir Road

St. Patrick's 7:00 pm

January 20, 2015, MacArthur campus

(corner MacArthur & Ashby)

April 21, 2015, Whitehaven campus

July 21, 2015, MacArthur campus

(corner MacArthur & Ashby)

2014 FCCA Treasurer's Report

Hulit Taylor, 2014 Treasurer

Income and Expenses

Below is the unaudited report of the FCCA's Income and Expenses for 2014. To highlight the categories – Our Income (almost all of which comes from Dues) was the same as 2013. Our major expenses were printing the Newsletter and salary for the Administrator. Events include the Spring Social, Yard Sale, Halloween Party, and Decorating Contests. Membership is for printing membership brochure 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, 2014

Income

Contributions Received	75
Dues	8,504
Yard Sale Income	90
Total Income	8,669

Expenses

Administration	
Administrator	2,117
Office Supplies & Postage	35
Capital Reserve	770
Events	1,022
Membership	863
Newsletter	3,639
Taxes (DC Corporation)	80
Website	144
Total Expenses	8,669

Total Assets

The FCCA's total assets as of December 31, 2014, include interest on our Savings Account and CDs, as well as the Contribution to Capital Reserve.

FCCA ASSETS as of 12/31/14

Checking Account	3,835
Savings Account	13,969
CD (matures 2/10/14)	9,540
CD (matures 2/28/14)	11,119
Total Assets	38,463

November Meeting Notes

Local Crime. Officer McElwee informed the members that crime in PSA 205 is down 25% - there have been 18 crimes in the area, down from 24 this time last year and theft from auto is down 90%.

Safeway. Going to be sold, Mary Cheh passed an emergency bill saying that they can't sell with a covenant. There is a proactive desire among the FCCA membership to see if we can get a grocery store of our choice in the area.

Lab School Update. Lab school preparing houses for demolition.

Firefighters are going to use empty space for firefighter "practice".

German Embassy. We are writing a letter to request a change to the lights at the Embassy.

Macarthur and Q Development.

Update – the house is being razed. Plans for the house next to it are not proceeding, so it won't be an apartment building, but the corner house will be a 4-unit apartment building.

Snow clearing. You will have 24 hours after snowfall to clear walkways, then there will be a \$25 fine.

Old Trolley Train paving project.

Brett Young, the chairman of the Trails Committee, and Alex Dietrich presented pros/cons of paving the Old Trolley Trail. Committee is 10 people that live in the Palisades and come together to try and decide what to do with the trail. Gene Tucker, President of Laverock Place, informed the FCCA members that 13 homes above the trolley path are opposed to the paving project.

2014 Firehouse Dinners a Major Success!

MaryAnn Griffin

In December we resurrected the annual holiday dinners for the fire fighters and EMS staff at our local Palisades Engine Co. 29. They had been out of the firehouse for 2 years for renovations and were thrilled to have these dinners back and welcomed us with open arms! I want to thank the 40+ neighbors who so generously gave of their time and talent to prepare and deliver home-cooked meals over 4 nights to the fire house! A special thanks goes to my fellow coordinators Mari Bailey, Kara Arundel and Raymond Quianzon.

New FCCA Board

At the November membership meeting, five newcomers were elected to the FCCA Board. Frank Staroba will join the board focusing on issues related to "Friends of Hardy;" Alex Dietrich will focus on issues related to bike trails and transportation; Tracy Gabriel is interested in zoning and school issues; Jeff Koch will represent the concerns of the lower Q street neighborhood; and Andrea Ramirez will represent us on issues related to airplane noise. With addition comes loss as five members who have served the neighborhood for many years will no longer be on the Board. Pete Ross and Scott Polk, both whom served as FCCA presidents are stepping down after many years of service. Hulit Pressley Taylor, FCCA treasurer for the past decade, is passing the baton. Dave Buchanon, immediate past president of Friends of Hardy and FCCA Board member has moved to Pennsylvania and Haleigh Bartos is focusing on her new twins. Each of these five have been major contributors to the community and we will greatly miss their service.

At its January 6th organizational meeting, the newly constituted Board 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. Bob Avery was reelected as Board president; Andy Reuter agreed to take on Hulit's responsibilities as Treasurer and John Bray agreed to replace Conrad DeWitte as Secretary. Each of these officers will serve a one-year term.

See the *FCCA Board* on Page 2 for a full listing of Board members and responsibilities.

Thank You to Our Newsletter Deliverers!

We extend a special thank you to all of our newsletter deliverers: Sara Paulson, Jenny Morgan, John Bray, Greg Squires, Hulit Taylor, Charlotte DonVito, Scott Polk, Jack Youtcheff, Peter Van Allen, Karen Volker, Claudia Vacirca, Jessie Kane, Ann Haas, Elliot Crooke, Bob Avery, Raymond Quianzon and Carolyn Ortwein. Rain or snow, our loyal and dedicated newsletter deliverers make sure the Foxhall News is delivered to every area resident. This is not an easy task; but it is imperative so that neighbors have access to pertinent information necessary to remaining engaged in community activities. Our volunteers make this possible. If you would like to volunteer to help deliver, particularly along MacArthur Blvd., please contact Bob Avery at ravery@starpower.net.

FCCA Historic Preservation Committee 2014 Report

As we start the new year, I thought it was a good time to reflect on some of what the FCCA Historic Preservation Committee accomplished in 2014. Our small group of volunteers (working in conjunction with the DC Historic Preservation Office) is tasked with the role of promoting historic preservation throughout the Foxhall Village Historic District, supporting and assisting homeowners as they embark on renovation projects as well as ensuring that historic preservation rules are followed - all with the goal of

protecting and enhancing the historic integrity of our community.

Here is just a short list of some of the projects we worked on during the past year.

1. Our committee has been working closely with the new owner of a house in the 4400 block of Q Street as he embarks on a major renovation project. Most importantly we have worked with him to protect the facade of the home – advising how to replace windows with appropriate wooden, true divided light double hung windows and how to make repairs to the dormer (due to roof damage and wood rot) which replicate original features. The owner has also worked to restore his original front door, one of the key architectural elements in our historic district. Our committee has also worked with him to make sure the interior work, a full renovation and addition, neither impacts his immediate neighbors nor impacts any historic elements of the house visible from the street.
2. Our committee has worked with DC Historic Preservation Office to establish clearer guidelines regarding walkway and step replacement as well as repair in our historic district. We have come up with a framework that, within agreed and accepted guidelines, it is permissible to replace steps and walkways with (a) concrete to match the original design, (b) dark gray granite pavers or (c) real red brick which matches the brick originally used on the houses and exterior walls of the home and found throughout the historic district. Good examples of what we have agreed on are two projects in the 4400 block of Greenwich Parkway (feel free to

contact me for exact addresses if you would like to take a look.)

3. We are happy to announce that in part due to the support of our committee, the FCCA Board and especially due to the work of Tim Denee at DC Historic Preservation Office the Scheele-Brown farmhouse on Foxhall Road will be saved from what appeared to be near certain demolition. This historic home will be moved to the Field School property next door to where it currently stands where it will be protected and restored. This is a real neighborhood success story made possible by the work of our committee and by general community support.

4. Our committee also worked with the owner of two houses in the 1500 block of 44th Street as he embarked on the rather unusual plan of creating a sunken patio and parking in the space between the two houses they own. This enabled them to restore two parking pads into landscaped gardens. Changes we made to the plan insured that the patio is permanently hidden from the street by a low brick wall built to mimic similar walls in the neighborhood and by insuring the patio was dug down low enough to be completely shielded from view.

5. Our committee is also working with homeowners on 44th Street and on Surrey Lane reviewing their addition plans as well as working with a number of homeowners to insure that window replacement and other alterations are done in an appropriate manner.

Our neighborhood remains the wonderful community it is in large part due to the work of so many volunteers. So I want to put out a big thank you to the other members of my committee, Bob Siciliano and Scott Polk, and of course to the entire board (and membership) of the FCCA for all their hard work throughout the year. And finally, to our DCHPO community liaison, Frances McMillen, who has been a tireless supporter of our historic district. Thanks to all.

Paul DonVito

Chairman, the FCCA Historic Preservation Committee

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