

# FOXHALL News

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## FCCA Calendar

### Next General Meeting!

Wednesday, February 18 at 7PM

**Topic:** Meet Your Councilmember!

Mary Cheh will be in attendance

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

Need a ride? Contact Bob Avery

## Next Membership Meeting Open Floor Discussion with Our Ward 3 Council Mem- ber, Mary Cheh

Our next membership meeting, Wednesday, February 18, 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 the police report, a brief update on local construction projects and the Georgetown University partnership program.

## Zoning Update

Frank Staroba

There are two planning proposals afoot that have serious implications for our community. The first is a new proposal to change the zoning laws allowing taller penthouses than the height recently approved. The second is the mayor's transportation plan called MoveDC that proposes to expand MacArthur Boulevard into a more intense transportation artery into the city.

Newly finalized changes to zoning regulations already allow an additional 10 feet for penthouse additions in residential neighborhoods like parts of our community not covered by historic preservation. Requirements for new structures, typically garage additions, remain the same as they have been since 1958: height, setback, parking, etc. The new proposal affects only the part of the community that is along MacArthur Boulevard. This area is now zoned RA-1 for low density apartments. The proposal would raise the allowed height for penthouses to 20 feet in this zone. That would mean that all existing structures, including single family homes and apartment buildings, could rise to a max of 60 feet. If the change is approved, we would likely see MacArthur become an urban canyon with tall buildings blocking air and light and greatly increasing residential density and the character of the neighborhood.

The Zoning Commission will meet publicly on February 23rd to finalize a draft of this proposal before opening it to public comment. We need to stay on this case.

The second proposal is in MoveDC, the mayor's development plan for transportation. It would contribute further to the density of development along MacArthur by adding more frequent bus service and making other changes that would improve the boulevard as a main artery for delivery, trucking, and as an emergency evacuation route. The plan also recommends expanding the capacity of Canal Road, possibly as a toll road. Changes would happen in phases till 2040 and could have a serious long term impact on traffic problems in our neighborhood.

We should prepare to protect the character of our neighborhood as each of these proposals might change it. Stay tuned.

## Yard Sale 2015

We need someone to help co-coordinate 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 work with Susan Cimburek who has already volunteered to place ads, create and put up posters and flyers, and write up a short story about it for the newsletter. There is a checklist of what needs to be done. That's it! Please email [britt.aggie@gmail.com](mailto:britt.aggie@gmail.com) for information.

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**FCCA Newsletter Submissions**

Send to britt.aggie@gmail.com by March 31 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 Commissioners,** Stephen Gardner, sgardner.gardnerlaw@gmail.com

and Conrad DeWitte, 3D09@anc.dc.gov

**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 our community by joining the FCCA Listserv. Register today at **foxhall.org!**

**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

*April 21, 2015*, Whitehaven campus

*July 21, 2015*, MacArthur campus (corner MacArthur & Ashby)

**January Meeting Notes**

**Local Crime.** Officer McElwee reported that crime was down 53% from this time last year, as well as reporting on a decrease in burglaries: 8 burglaries last year versus 7 this year. Theft from auto has also decreased by 70%.

**German Embassy Lights.** Karen Volker presented a resolution to request that the German Embassy turn off lights at a reasonable hour in order to eliminate distraction and light pollution. Unanimous vote.

**St. Patrick’s BZA Meeting.** Bob Avery informed the members that the earliest St. Patrick’s is expected to start building a high school would be Sept/Oct 2016. School would open in Sept 2018.

**Zoning Changes.** Alma Gates updated the members on changes to zoning regulations - this is further detailed in Frank Staroba’s article on page 3.

**Membership for 2015  
Join/Renew by Check or Online!**

Jessie Kane

Want an easy way to help your neighborhood? *Join FCCA now!* You do not have to attend meetings or events, however, we encourage it so you can meet neighbors and friends from our special slice of NW DC.

We are off to a strong start with our 2015 membership drive. Since our memberships run for the calendar year, it is vitally important that members either enroll or renew at the start of the year. A robust membership group allows FCCA to project its strength for all of the issues before us.

To those who have joined so promptly, "Thank You". To those who have not yet joined or renewed, we welcome you and hope to hear from you soon.

Visit our website, [www.foxhall.org](http://www.foxhall.org), to join and pay online or use the form on the last page of this newsletter and mail it in with a check. Questions... contact Jessie Kane at [jmkane87@aol.com](mailto:jmkane87@aol.com). Thank you.

**The Lab School Construction Update**

Wendy Jennis

In the last few weeks, Clark Construction's crews have focused on relocating the utility lines. Over Martin Luther King weekend, workers successfully transferred electrical power to new power lines. This required a power shutdown, but the use of generators ensured that Sunday afternoon basketball and other community activities could continue. Subsequently, DC Water was on hand while crews transitioned the water and sanitary lines. Washington Gas and Verizon relocation work should be performed soon. With utility work involving Whitehaven Parkway completed, the street has been patched and is open

to two-way traffic throughout the day. Of course, from time-to-time, movement of construction equipment and trucks may require temporary and brief reduction in traffic lanes. A flag man will be on hand for these occurrences.

The building site for The Lab School's new high school is ready for the next phase of construction – the foundation work. This involves excavating; ensuring the sides of the site are supported, a process known as "sheeting and shoring"; drilling piles; and pouring concrete. We hope to begin the sheeting and shoring in the next couple weeks.

For regular updates on The Lab School's construction, visit its Campus Building Project webpage at [www.labschool.org/Page/outreach/Campus-Building-Project](http://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](mailto:wendy.jennis@labschool.org).



**Trolley Trail Survey Results**

Alex Dietrich

The Palisades Citizens Association (PCA) Trail Committee has concluded a community feedback survey of the Glen Echo trolley trail right-of-way. They targeted outreach to Foxhall (through the FCCA) and surrounding neighborhoods. The online survey

was open from Oct 15, 2014 through January 15, 2015. The survey solicited feedback on a variety of issues, including current and potential usage (pedestrians, cyclists, leisure, commuters), infrastructure (bridges, pathways, surface materials, drainage) and amenities (benches, lighting, trash collection). Complete survey results are available on the PCA website, where you can also find a map of the trail, photos and additional information on the project ([www.palisadesdc.org](http://www.palisadesdc.org)). The Committee will present the results of the survey to the community at the March 3rd General PCA Membership (7:30pm at the Palisades Rec Center). FCCA members and all interested DC residents are encouraged to attend.

**Welcome, Baby Joseph!**

On February 5, Alex Anne Dietrich and her husband Michael Greene welcomed their son Joseph Harold Greene into the world! Alex has recently join the FCCA Board as our Bike & Transportation Liaison as well as representing citizens in the Palisades Community. Please join us in our warm congratulations to Alex and her family.



**FCCA Membership  
as of  
February 5, 2015**

**Patron**

DeWitte, Conrad  
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Lab School of Washington DC

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Foster, Stephen M.

Gabriel, Tracy  
Kentz, Andrew & Ellen  
Kilby, Gene & Christine  
Lane, Jan  
Lawson, Mallory  
McEnery, Rosemary & Kevin  
Rose, Karen & John Desrocher  
Schellinger, Dieter & Jessie Kane  
Schwartz, Jean Pierre & Helga  
Sterling, Lisa & Jamie  
Taylor, Paul & Hilit  
Van Allen, Barbara & Peter  
Vicini, Stefano & Mariarita  
Volker, Karen & Kurt

**Household**

Adkins, Lise & Tom Murphy  
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Anninos, Paul & Christine  
Anonymous  
Berk, Steven & Jennifer Chandler  
Bown, Chad & Rebecca  
Bray, John & Leslie  
Buck, Molly  
Cannon, Holly & John Guttmann  
D'Amelj, Cristian  
& Francesca Daverio  
DeMuth, Tom & Janet Mann  
Dietrich, Alex  
Donahue, John & Beth  
Dornsife, Cinnamon  
& Charles Barber  
Elting, Jeffrey & Maureen  
Farkas, Adam & Renata  
Fitzgibbons, Peter & Shima  
Haas, Ann  
Hafez, Ziad & Aida  
Harbold, Alexandra & Mike  
Hirshon Family

Holman, Robert P.,  
Bradley Dennis, Rokusek  
Robert  
Hungerford, Thomas  
& Maria Floro  
Huve, Gerard & Sang-ac  
Jewett, Richard  
Jones, Bruce  
& Elizabeth Cousens  
Juarrero, Alicia  
Kimball, Peter & Leslie  
Klusman, Susan & Larry  
Lanman, Charlie & Mary  
Lopez, Siria  
& W. Joseph Strugala  
Malkani, Ravina & Naresh  
Metz, Mihriyexcem  
Miliaras, Saskia & Chrysanthos  
Miller, Brandon  
& Chai Pattamasattayasonthi  
O'Hara, Katie & Jim  
Peasley, Carol  
Ramirez, Andrea  
Ross, Malcolm & Daphne R.  
Rovani, Evelyne  
Scheinman, Amy  
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Siciliano, Robert  
Silard, Kelly & Debbie  
Smart, Janice  
Staroba, Arden & Frank  
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& Julie Haidemenos  
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Bray, Howard  
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Drake, Colette & Avery  
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your support!**

If you would like to talk about how your interests might mesh with the FCCA's current needs for volunteers - including newsletter delivery and attending ANC meetings - let us know!

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 Andrew Reuter, Treasurer, 4400 Volta Place, 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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