

FOXHALL News

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FCCA Calendar

Next General Meeting!

Wednesday, April 20 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 Member, Mary Cheh

Our next membership meeting, Wednesday, April 20, 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 airplane noise, Hardy park, the German Embassy construction, GU Hospital construction 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 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 airplane noise, GU hospital construction and Hardy Park playground renovations.

Don't Forget To Apply for Visitor Parking Passes!

The District Dept. of Transportation is

currently accepting requests for 2016 Visitor Parking Passes. To request a pass, please visit <https://vpp.ddot.dc.gov/vpp/> or call 202-671-2700. As a reminder, DDOT no longer mails out passes automatically; although, the pass is still free of charge, residents must request one.

Neighborhood Spring Fling - Volunteers needed!!

Don't let another great neighborhood party go extinct. Please volunteer to help plan a fun neighborhood party for all in April/May 2016. Volunteer by email or phone by contacting Caitlin MacKenzie, caitlin.mackenzie@verizon.net, or stop by the Hardy Recreation Center to sign up on the volunteer sign-up sheet.

Yard Sale 2016

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 follow a checklist of what needs to be done. That's it! Please email britt.aggie@gmail.com for information.

Great Job Shoveling!

Thanks go out to the city and residents of Foxhall for doing a great job shoveling after the snowstorm! Also a great thanks to Stephen Gardner, ANC 3D06 Commissioner, for his efforts in coordinating or encouraging the cleanup at the German Embassy!

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 strengthening ways to 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!

Membership for 2016 Join/Renew by Check or Online!

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 2016 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, 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.

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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 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 your 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 1, 2016

May 3, 2016

Lab 6:00 pm

March 15, 2016, Foxhall campus

May 10, 2016, Main campus,

4759 Reservoir Road

St. Patrick’s 7:30 pm

April 19, 2016, Whitehaven campus

July 19, 2016, MacArthur campus

(corner MacArthur & Ashby)

Lab Construction Update

Wendy Jennis

Clark Construction and its subcontractors have been getting The Lab School’s new high school building ready for occupancy — checking systems, addressing punch list items, and installing cabinetry, white boards, light fixtures, and window shades. Octagonal lab tables, with sinks, are in place in the science rooms, which also have emergency eye wash and shower stations and shared prep rooms. Carpeting has been installed on the two-story forum’s concrete stairs, making that area inviting as a gathering place for students. Independent inspectors have declared the top two floors ready for occupancy, and the lower levels are not far behind.

Some site work remains around the exterior of the building. The grating panels of the main entrance bridge are expected to be installed soon. Whitehaven sidewalks are close to be-

Lab Construction Update (Continued)

ing finished, though the pedestrian walkway across the street from the project will remain in use until the building’s completion. Planting around the building must wait until March, when the season begins.

With the building expected to be completed on schedule, and the new furniture anticipated to arrive on time, it appears that Lab’s high school students and faculty will be able to move into their new space this spring!

For updates on The Lab School’s construction, visit its Campus Building Project webpage at www.labschool.org/campusbuilding.

For questions about The Lab School or the construction project, please contact Wendy Jennis, Director of Community Relations, at wendy.jennis@labschool.org.

Celebrating Foxhall Village Poet Howard Bray

The publication of *Sic Transit*, a slim volume of poems by Howard Bray from New Wine Press, 2015, is cause for celebration. Bray is a poet from the Palisades who writes with a journalist’s eye for detail and a poet’s search for meaning. These talents work well in free verse, especially when tempered by the wisdom of a senior who has seen and lived it all.

He writes in verse shaped into stanzas that lead the reader down the page to an illumination, some major some minor, all pleasurable. He is a member of the tribe that thinks poetry should be both immediately understandable and immediately moving. This tribe includes former Poets Laureate Natasha Trethewey and Billie Collins. For example in the title poem “*Sic Transit*,” winds blowing through the planks of the abandoned trestle of the old trolley line sound like the laughter of kids on their way to Glen Echo Park, now long gone.

Both journalist and poet are apparent in his skill at making universal some personal experience such as “Crossing Bay Bridge.” The poet driving through the blur of dense fog is reassured by the tail lights of the car just ahead. In the fog of these confusing times, all hold hands!

Perhaps his best is “Yard Sale” which puts you in the shoes of a senior couple who are downsizing. They are disposing of items that are freighted with memories but for which they will no longer have room. The catalog of things for sale is a history of the couple’s relationship. Once sold, they lead you to ask, What happens to memories when the objects that prompt their recall are no longer there? “Yard Sale” also shows Bray’s skill with internal rhyme that creates the music of his verse:

“Let’s buy it all back, you say, though
you both know that everything must go.”

You come away from these poems with a deeper appreciation for *gloria mundi* at the same time that you sigh over *sic transit*.

Howard Bray’s verse also makes you wonder how many other poets in the community we should know about and celebrate?

Friends of Hardy propose 5.525 million to improve capital facilities of Hardy Rec Center and Repairs of Existing Facilities

Frank Staroba

Council Member Mary Cheh has agreed to negotiate for the inclusion in the District’s FY17 budget the following capital proposals for improving Hardy Recreation Center as developed by Friends of Hardy (FOH) and approved by the FCCA board. These requests are based on extensive input and review from the FOH user survey, focus groups, suggestions from members of the FCCA, review by a professional architect, two landscape designers, and a construction company owner. They also

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Pictured above: Lab School interior pictures

Friends of Hardy (Continued)

include preliminary cost estimates by DC-DPR and consulting advice from these professionals. Given the cost of the recent repairs of the Recreation Center (\$500,000) and typical cost overruns and contingent problems (as with the green alley on Q Street), these estimates may be too low.

The following is not a priority listing. The sequence of implementation would depend on a detailed plan for design and construction prepared by a professional team in concert with the Foxhall community. This process will ensure we are getting what we want with a minimum of down time for park users. Think of the following as a carefully vetted wish list.

1. Expand the current recreation center building to include two or more additional ground floor activity rooms so that more than one activity could take place at the same time. These rooms should include:

- A large meeting room for civic meetings and polling
- A room large enough to accommodate kids' activities such as The Cooperative Play Group and indoor space for bad weather gatherings of babies and care givers
- A lounge for informal gatherings of all age groups, especially seniors
- Redesign of the rest rooms to open into a hallway rather than into a meeting room

Projected cost: \$2,000,000

2. Enhance/replace the landscaping on hill along Q Street to address erosion of the hill and provide an attractive "front yard" to the building entrance.

Projected cost: \$250,000

3. Redesign & refurbish both play lots as safe, state of the art, creatively stimulating settings for kids.

Projected cost: \$1,000,000

4. Replace the existing water feature with one that provides sprinklers for kids and appeals to both kids and adults.

Projected cost: \$500,000

5. Design & install a perimeter walking path to include shaded sitting areas and exercise stations as the conceptual plan indicates.

Projected cost: \$170,000

6. Design & install a native species meadow as the conceptual plan indicates

Projected cost: \$60,000

7. Design & install an ADA compliant, ramped access to the park at the south end of the existing fence along Foxhall Road.

Projected cost: \$50,000

Design & engineering costs: \$120,000

Grading & drainage: \$750,000

Escalation & contingencies: \$625,000

Total capital budget request: \$5,525,000

FOH anticipates hearing final budget decisions in early May.

Requests to DDPR for operational improvements at Hardy

Frank Staroba

The following is a list of operational improvements for Hardy Rec Center that Friends of Hardy has proposed to the Department of Parks and Recreation for funding from the FY16 operational budget. They include maintenance work on deteriorated facilities that are now discouraging people from using the facilities (basketball court) or are actually dangerous (tennis court). We are also asking for increased open hours for the center to accommodate morning users such as babies and caretakers and Sunday users such as young families with kids.

1. Replace new ceiling tiles in the building with acoustical tiles in the main rooms and the restrooms. These room are so reverberant that sudden loud sounds (flushing, dropping a clip board, coughing) can be painful or embarrassing to users.

2. Install coat hooks or provide coat trees.

3. Repair, resurface, refurbish basketball court.

4. Repair, resurface tennis courts -- damaged surface is dangerous to players.

5. Remove trees & replace fence between Hardy and the Lab School.

6. Prune trees, remove dead ones.

7. Replace parking barrier posts along the Q Street alley. These posts have deteriorated since they were installed to prevent illegal parking on park land.

8. Resurface staff parking places and install signage to protect spaces for staff.

9. Increase open hours of operation to include weekday mornings and Sundays.

10. Replace illegible no parking signs in alley.

Upcoming Construction at German Embassy

Karen Volker

As some of you may have noticed, there has been an uptick in construction activity again at the German Embassy. This is the beginning of what will be a 3-6 month process that will include excavation of some land and removal of perhaps up to 140 trucks of dirt. ANC Representative Stephen Gardner and I met with the Administrative Counselor at the Embassy to discuss our concerns about the construction and to urge them to take proactive steps to avoid some of the

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problems that we experienced in the past. The FCCA Board will continue to engage the Administrative Counselor in an effort to minimize the impact to the neighborhood. If, however, you experience any problems or have any concerns, please bring them to my attention by sending me an email at karenvolker55@gmail.com with "German Construction" in the subject line. I provide below the short update on the construction provided by the Embassy for the newsletter:

Between the months of March and October 2016, The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, located at 4645 Reservoir Road, will be undergoing landscaping improvements and exterior waterproofing on the Consular building. Some of these improvements will require existing soils to be hauled off site and new soils delivered, via dump-truck. Material deliveries will be undertaken as well. Some construction noise is to be expected. Please be prepared for mild to medium truck traffic entering and exiting the Embassy on the Reservoir Road gates between the hours of 7am and 7pm during these months. Please trust that every effort is being made to reduce the impact on roadways and the surrounding neighborhood.

For more information regarding this construction please contact the FCCA German Embassy Liaison, Karen Volker, at karenvolker55@gmail.com

Neighbor Ruth Fitts Publishes First Children' Book!

Volta Place resident Ruth Fitts recently published a children's A-Z book about different countries of the world entitled [Australia to Zimbabwe: A Rhyming Romp Around the World to 24 Countries](#). Recommended for ages 8 & up, the book is filled with crafts, games, recipes, over 1000 photos and rhyming introductions to the cultures of 24 nations. [Australia to Zimbabwe](#) has been well reviewed by national publications and is available on Amazon.

Fitts works in the children's room of the Georgetown Neighborhood Library. You can find out more about [Australia to Zimbabwe](#) on its fun companion website www.australiatozimbabwe.com get in touch with Ruth directly at contact@australiatozimbabwe.com



A scene from Foxhall (above)- a family of deer are running late for school near Hardy Park! Photo courtesy of Bill Poole



Happenings at Hardy Rec Center (left above) - Another budding Hardy artist, this painter is participating in the class conducted in the fall, winter, and spring for boys and girls, ages 6-12. Hardy's summer camp will take place from June 27 to August 19. Photo courtesy Connie Ratliff, D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation

Zumba Class (left below) - Enrique Leiva addresses young participants in Hardy's fall soccer program before the party celebrating the 2015 season. Other programs include story hour for children from ages 2-4 and Zumba for adults. D. C. Department of Parks and Recreation photo

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as of
March 12, 2016**

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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 - 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 \$ _____

Names (LAST, First, as you wish listing to appear, Ex: DOW, Jane & John Smith)

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