

FOXHALL News

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FCCA Calendar

Next Meeting: **New Day!!**

Wed, January 23 @ 7PM

Topic: **GU/Medstar construction update and Hardy Park renovations**

Location: 4500 Q Street NW in the Hardy Rec Center

Need a ride? Contact FCCA President Conrad DeWitte

January Membership Meeting Hosts GU Medstar, DPR

The next FCCA meeting will be on a special date--Wednesday January 23rd (a departure from our usual 3rd Wednesday of the month) but the usual time and place (7PM Hardy Rec Center, 45th and Q Street). The meeting will feature two topics:

Representatives of Georgetown Medstar Hospital will present details of the new Hospital construction plan. The construction is now in full gear, with major closures and changes to Reservoir Road taking place. So this is a great opportunity to learn when and how our community will be impacted by the four year project!

The second portion of the meeting will be devoted to a discussion of the Hardy park renovations. Peter Nohrden, DPR's representative on the project will lead the discussion.

These are both important issues for our community. Please come if you can. All are welcome!

FCCA 2019 Membership Drive Kickoff *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 our neighborhood in many local matters. Last year the FCCA fought for community interests as a part of the Georgetown/Medstar's Hospital Construction management committee, the Georgetown University Community Partnership, BZA meetings for area private schools, the Hardy Park renovation process, and worked in tandem with other citizens' groups to address the issue of airplane noise. We also sponsored several social events during the year.

All of this could not have been done without strong community support. We continue to need that involvement moving forward. A membership form and 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). Membership is for a calendar year, January to December. We look forward to hearing from you.

Board Elected; New President Named

At the November meeting, Rob Daly was elected as a new Board member. And following his unopposed election to ANC-3D as our area representative, JP Szymkowicz decided to step down from the Board. Frank Staroba also stepped down as a Board member and as President of Friends of Hardy after many years of dedicated community service. His voice will be missed. The new Board met on January 6th, and Conrad DeWitte was elected as the new Board President. After 13 years, Bob Avery stepped down and assumed the role of Vice President. John Bray and Andy Rueter were re-elected as secretary and treasurer.

Thanks, And Help Wanted

One thing that makes the FCCA different from any other civic organization in the District is that we deliver our newsletter to everyone within the FCCA service area whether they are a member or not. This is a long-time tradition of the association and depends on the contribution of our team of volunteer newsletter deliverers: *Sara Paulson, Jenny Morgan, John Bray, Hulit Taylor, Charlotte DonVito, Scott Polk, Janet Lutz, Jack Youtcheff, Peter Van Allen, Claudia Vacirca, Ann Haas, Elliot Crooke, Dolly Tucker, Bob Avery, Raymond Quianzon, Gerald Bemis, and Gerry Ives.*

Each year we thank our loyal and dedicated newsletter deliverers who make sure the Foxhall News is delivered. 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.

We still need help on two newsletter delivery routes: (1) the west side of Foxhall and south side of Reservoir from Q to 47th place; and (2) Eastern MacArthur Blvd, Lingan Rd and Ridgeview Way. Anyone who wants to volunteer for either of these routes please contact Bob Avery at raverydc@gmail.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 cjdewitte@hotmail.com by Feb 28 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

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Our ANC Commissioners, Virginia Gor-sevski (ANC 3D06) **3D06@anc.dc.gov** , J.P. Szymkowicz (ANC 3D09) **3D09@anc.dc.gov**. For more information, check out anc3d.org.

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

Foxhall Village Historic District
Planning to work on the exterior of your Foxhall Village home? See work going on that seems contrary to our Historic District guidelines? Please call or email our DCHPO rep, Gabriela Gutowski, 202-442-8839 or gabriela.gutowski@dc.gov. \ Historic District Guidelines can be found at http://foxhall.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/06/FVHD_DesignGuidelines.pdf

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, 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.

GDS 6:30 pm, Conference Room

March 5

April 30

Lower/Middle School 4530 MacArthur Blvd

Lab 6:00 pm

March 12 *Foxhall*

May 14 *Reservoir*

St. Patrick’s 7:30 pm

April 16 *Whitehaven*

July 16 **MacArthur*

*Address for new MacArthur Campus is 4590 MacArthur Blvd

Sidewalk Maintenance

The Foxhall area is very much a walking community – children going to school or to Hardy Rec Center, medical students and University employees going up to GU, mail deliverers, dog walkers, joggers, people going to bus stops....

Leaves left on sidewalks often become very slippery, twigs and sticks become trip hazards and low-hanging branches and untrimmed plants can hit pedestrians as they walk by.

Whether you are an owner or a renter, it is your responsibility to keep your steps, walkways and sidewalks clear of all snow and debris.

The pedestrians thank you!

Call Box Renovation Afoot

The Call Box renovation process is still progressing, with the committee working with two potential contractors to get more detailed information on their bids. Once we get the information we have asked for, we will choose a firm we believe can undertake, at a reasonable price, the work of painting the call boxes and preparing the history and art plaques that will be affixed to them.

The next step will be a fund raising drive, with the goal of raising enough funds to start the rehabilitation process this spring. Many neighbors have already expressed interest in contributing funds.

If others are interested in contributing, please contact Bob Siciliano, who is getting legal status for our fund raising. He can be contacted at bsiciliano@bsicilianolaw.com. If you have questions or have proposals for art work, please contact Sara Paulson at sarapaulson@gmail.com, or 202-365-0334.

The Call Box Committee: Sara Paulson, Bob Siciliano, Hulit Taylor, and Ann Haas



The Lab School Theater Construction is Underway

Wendy Jennis, Lab School

The Lab School hosted a community meeting on December 11 to provide an opportunity for neighbors to learn more about Lab’s current construction project. The project, which is contained within Lab’s existing gym building, includes a new 275-seat theater with a proscenium stage and side balconies, a set shop behind the theater, a music room and recording studio, new bathrooms, an expanded lobby, new athletic offices, and a new nurse’s office.

Attendees at the community meeting were treated to a 3-D presentation that enabled them virtually to walk through the new theater; visit the control room, where students will learn to work the sound equipment; see the cat walks, from which students will manage the production lighting; and take in the audience’s view of the stage and the actor’s view of the audience from the stage.

A representative from Davis Construction Company was at the meeting to give a construction update and answer questions. Demolition necessary for the project has been completed. Lab’s gym, which is located in the building will not be affected by the construction and remains open for scheduled programs and school use. It is hoped that the theater and related spaces will be completed in the fall of 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Jennis, The Lab School’s Director of Community Relations at wendy.jennis@labschool.org or 202-944-2211.



Above: Architect’s rendering of what Lab’s theater will look like

Georgetown University & Hospital Construction Advances

Hulit Taylor with Michael O’Connell

A new traffic light has been installed on Reservoir Road at Entrance #2 to the Hospital. This light is timed in conjunction with the light at 39th Street and will, hopefully, improve traffic flow along Reservoir. The hospital team and DDOT are being encouraged to keep the “No Parking, Right Turn Lane” between the Dental School and Entrance #2 open to work with the new traffic light. If you see traffic is being impeded by those waiting to turn into Entrance #2, please send a note to...

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Water Pipe Rehab Wrapping Up; Third Waste Bin Planned; Changing Faces

John Bray

The November 14, 2018 FCCA membership meeting turned out to be a busy one, with a status report on the water pipe renovation, a Q&A with D.C.'s public works director, introduction of a new police lieutenant and election of board members.

A DC Water representative and a manager for the pipe project contractor, J. Fletcher Creamer & Son of New Jersey, said the work was expected to be completed by mid-December, weather permitting. The initial timetable for the project was February 2018 to August 2018.

The DC Water project manager, Sukh Singh, said the cleaning and relining is to improve water quality and that the Environmental Protection Agency funded the project. The contract was for \$4.3 million and included work in North Cleveland Park. He said that the work was being finished within budget and that a punch list would need to be satisfied before final payment would be released and that residents should contact the agency with concerns. For example, some residents wanted to make sure that stakes driven into the median to hold temporary piping would be removed, along with fencing installed to protect trees. "We'll walk the whole job," said the contractor's Patrick Shannon. Lead pipe connections have been replaced for a charge for those residents requesting the work. One resident said that the cost to the community had been high in disruption over a long period.

Does the water taste any better?

(In a Jan. 11 update, Singh said that a final walk around the site was planned Jan. 17, starting at 10 a.m.

at Foxhall Road and Volta Place, with residents welcome to join the review.)

Trash Talk

Chris Shorter, director of the city's public works department, attended the meeting to address community concerns. Shorter noted that a third bin might be added to the trash and recycling cans in D.C. to collect waste suitable for composting. Shorter said bin models are being tested and might be rolled out across the city within the next three years. "It really speaks to the future of D.C. and how we can become more sustainable," Shorter said.

Regarding leaf collection, he said there would be two passes through neighborhoods, and an extra week was built into the schedule to make sure all can be accommodated, with an end date of Jan 12. The city's 3-1-1 line served to monitor collection requests and residents can sign up for an email or text about the schedule. Shorter said snow removal duty could throw the crews off their pace because the department uses the same trucks for both tasks.

The department also patrols alleys to make sure people are properly maintaining cans. Some residents noted that they had been cited and fined \$75. Residents also asked about broken glass and stray cans left behind after the trash truck passes. Shorter said the department monitors crew performance and follows up on complaints. Crews can leave early if they complete their routes early, but they should not be moving so fast that quality suffers, Shorter said.

Shorter's department also enforces parking regulations. He encouraged residents to call 3-1-1 with complaints about parking violations in the community. The complaints gen-

erate reports showing areas of concern and help target enforcement. One concern noted involves long-term use of temporary permits by people with out D.C. plates who park in the neighborhood and then spend the day at job sites nearby, which can be permitted under special circumstances. Parking limitations imposed during the water pipe rehabilitation exacerbated the problems.

Shorter said an overnight shift of parking enforcers travels the city, using an electronic system that scans and tracks out-of-state plates, digitally tagging vehicles and sending notices and tickets if the vehicles exceed the 30-day grace period for non-resident parking. "Officers don't need to get out of their cars," Shorter said.

Guard Changing

Metropolitan Police Department Traffic Officer Anthony McElwee introduced Darren Haskis, who is the new lieutenant assigned to oversee the sector that includes the Foxhall area. He replaces Lt. Eric Hayes, who retired.

Two losses in the community were noted: Linda Brackett, a longtime resident of the Village and a founder of Friends of Hardy and supporter of gardening in the community, and Jeff Koch, who served on the FCCA board. They were recognized for their contributions.

Elected to the FCCA board were Bob Avery, Peter Kimball, Andy Reuter, John Bray, Paul DonVito, Sara Paulson, Peter Van Allen, Ann Haas, Rob Daly, Michael O'Connell, Conrad DeWitte and Leo Blyth.

Board member John Paul Szymkowicz was elected ANC commissioner for the Foxhall area, succeeding DeWitte.

2018 FCCA Treasurer's Report

Andy Reuter, 2018 Treasurer

Income and Expenses

The following report presents the FCCA's unaudited statement of operating income and expenses for 2018. This year's income of \$8,674 was comprised primarily of dues, which fell 4.5 percent from the prior year. Interest income on the FCCA's two certificates of deposit only generated \$34 due to low interest rates.

The major expenses were for the newsletter and printing; the stipend for the FCCA administrator; expenditures for the Hardy School Historic designation; community events; Paypal fees; DC's bi-annual registration tax; the FCCA website, and office supplies (a new stamp for endorsing dues checks). The FCCA withdrew \$2,409 from its Capital Reserve in 2018. As noted in last year's treasurer's report, 2017's \$2,515 addition to capital reserve was designed to help offset the payments made in 2018 for the preparation of the landmark nomination for Rose Lees Hardy School. Newsletter costs which were abnormally low in 2017 returned to expected levels in 2018 and also included a one-time, multi-year cost for printing payment cards and envelopes.

Income	2017	2018	% Change
Dues	9,050	8,640	(4.5)
Interest	32	34	7.3
Total Income	9,082	8,674	(4.5)

Expenses

Administrator	3,250	3,250	-
Paypal Fees	125	93	(25.1)
Office Supplies & Postage	-	26	
Capital Reserve (Withdrawal)	2,515	(2,409)	(195.8)
Community Events	371	269	(27.6)
Newsletter & Printing	2,520	6,215	146.6
DC Taxes (DC Corporation)	0	80	
Hardy School Historic Designation	-	1,100	
Service Fees	30	0	(100.0)
Website	271	50	(81.5)
Total Expenses	9,082	8,694	(4.5)

Total Assets

The FCCA's assets total \$39,019 as of December 31, 2018, a decrease of 5.8 percent from 2015.

Total Assets	2017	2018	%Change
Checking Account	5,997	4,099	(31.7)%
Savings Account	13,974	13,976	-
CD	9,628	9,657	0.3
CD	11,163	11,167	-
Paypal Account (to be transferred to checking)	666	121	(81.9)
Total Assets	41,429	39,019	(5.8)

Hardy Park Dogs Update

Rob Daly

The **dog park survey** is still open. As of January 7, we have 111 respondents. Given the FCCA newsletter goes to some 900+ homes, we'd really like to get more input before calling it a day. As of January 7, some **84.6%** of respondents have voted **Yes** or **Strong Yes** in support of a potential dog park, and **12.6%** have voted **No** or **Strong No** against a potential dog park.

In the interest of establishing at least a semi-permanent home for all things related to the ongoing discussion and polling around a future dog park, I've grudgingly established a domain and simple site to be easier to remember than a survey link. Visit the site below for all your dog and dog park debating needs:

<http://www.hardyparkdogs.org/>

Things you can do there currently:

- 1) Complete the dog park survey if you have not yet done so.
- 2) Review the latest anonymized and summarized results of the survey.
- 3) Contact or complain to me about anything you like.

Things you might soon be able to do

- 4) Find all the known/published rules and regulations about dog parks in DC.
- 5) Peruse other dog parks in DC that are already established, both recognized/formal and informal ones.

Remembering Carl Wilson, A Marine Killed in Vietnam

Howard Bray

As spring and cherry blossoms were arriving in Foxhall Village 50 years ago, Carl Wilson was at war in Vietnam. He grew up in a home on Foxhall Road next to Hardy Field and graduated from Western High School, now Duke Ellington. With a degree from American University, he was commissioned a second lieutenant, U.S. Marine Corps.

On March 21, 1969, Carl and other men of the 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment held a hillside outpost in Quang Tri Province, near the Laotian border. Barely two weeks before, he had turned 24.

At 8:20 that morning, Carl and his colonel were killed by mortar fire.

A small plaque recognizes Carl's service and sacrifice. It was dedicated years ago and is located beside the Hardy basketball court, where Carl spent countless hours honing the skills that enabled him to play on American's team. But shrouded with grass, it goes unnoticed.

The current planning of a modernized Hardy recreation center presents the community an opportunity to more appropriately remember the loss of a young neighbor by naming the building for Carl Richard Wilson Jr. Approval of the City Council is required.

Requests to the council from the Foxhall Community Citizens Association and the Advisory Neighborhood Commission are vital for Council action. Supporters of the naming will propose the FCCA at its January meeting urge Council approval.



Carl R. Wilson Jr.'s name appears on the wall of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the National Mall. Photo Credit: John Bray

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Matt Maio. (See below.)

You will also read in this Newsletter that representatives from both Georgetown University and the Medstar Georgetown University Hospital will give presentations and updates on the various construction projects, particularly the new Surgical Pavilion and the new East-West Road. Do plan to attend the FCCA Meeting on January 23rd at 7:00 p.m. so that you can hear, first-hand, about these projects and receive answers to any questions you may have.

As stated above, if you have any questions about the construction or would like to report a problem, contact Matt Maio, Construction Executive for Trammel Crow Company, at medstarhospital-trammellcrow@gmail.com.

A word to the wise – If you plan to travel east on Reservoir Road or Canal Road between 9:00 a.m. and noon *for the foreseeable future, allow extra time!*

Help Wanted

Our long-time administrator, Brittany Aguilar, has move to California and we need to replace her. Duties include formatting and managing the Newsletter, maintaining the membership list, and taking minutes at our meetings.

This can be a paid or volunteer position but we would prefer a neighborhood resident in either case. Please contact Conrad DeWitte (cjdwitte@hotmail.com) if you are interested!

This would be a great way to serve your community and potentially earn a little extra income as well.