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FCCA Calendar

Next Meeting: **Wed, March 20 @ 7PM**

Speaker: **Brian Doyle, Co-Chair, Wilson Feeder Education Network (W3EdNet)**

Location: 4500 Q Street NW in the Hardy Rec Center

Need a ride? Contact FCCA President Conrad DeWitte

Wilson High School Feeder Pattern Focus Of March FCCA Meeting

Conrad Dewitte, FCCA President

Brian Doyle, Co-Chair, Wilson Feeder Education Network (W3EdNet), will speak to the FCCA about schools in Ward 3. Mr. Doyle will speak to the FCCA about schools in Ward 3. W3EdNet is made up of Parent-Teacher Organizations, Local School Advisory Teams, school staff, and other interested community members from schools in the Wilson High School feeder patterns. The W3EdNet seeks to build ties among their school communities, share information among school leaders, and promote a better public school system for all Washingtonians. More information is at <https://www.w3ednet.com/>.

GU & MedStar Construction Updates. Construction of the new surgical pavilion at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital is ongoing. For more information about this multi-year project and to sign up to receive email construction alerts, please check out: www.buildingmedicalexcellence.com. I am grateful to sev-

eral neighbors and FCCA members who have been volunteering to engage with Georgetown University and MedStar regarding the project. If you would like to help, please contact Conrad DeWitte.

FCCA Membership Is A Great Way To Support The Community

The Foxhall Community Citizens Association was established in 1928 and now serves over 900 households in Washington, DC's Foxhall Village, Colony Hill, Indian Rock, Georgetown Reservoir and Canal View areas. Our mission is to preserve the quality of life and unique character of our community, and to promote friendship, neighborly feelings and social contacts while advancing the general interests of residents and homeowners. If you have been a member in the past, please renew your membership today. If you are new to the neighborhood or just have never been a member before, please consider joining. you can pay via the envelope that accompanies this newsletter, or via PayPal--- go www.foxhall.org for more information. Over the next several months, FCCA Board Member Edward Ponzi will be contacting current and former FCCA members to encourage participation in the FCCA. Thank you to Ed for volunteering for this job.

SPRING FLING!

Saturday May 4, 2019 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Hardy Park & Recreation Center: 4500 Q Street, NW

- Dessert and drinks provided by FCCA
- Activities and crafts for kids
- Lunch potluck

Please bring the dish below (for 6-8 people) according to the letter your last name begins with:

A-G, Appetizers / H-M, Salad or Vegetable Dish / N-Z, Entree

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The FCCA Board on the Future of Hardy School

To the FCCA Community: In a move that took the FCCA Board by surprise, at its March 6 meeting ANC-3D voted to officially support the advocacy group, Keep Old Hardy Public. As representatives of the community most impacted by any change to the status of Hardy School, the FCCA board collectively wanted to make clear that we feel our views have not been taken into consideration on this matter. So we wrote a letter to the mayor (see **Page 6**).

We look forward to a robust community discussion on this issue and we invite all to participate, especially FCCA parents of school age children.

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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 Conrad Dewitte

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FCCA Newsletter Submissions
Send to cjdewitte@hotmail.com by March 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 Gorsevski (ANC 3D06) **3D06@anc.dc.gov**, J.P. Szymkowicz (ANC 3D09) **jp.szymkowicz@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
April 30
Lower/Middle School 4530 MacArthur Blvd

Lab 6:00 pm
May 14 Reservoir

St. Patrick’s 7:30 pm
April 16 Whitehaven
*July 16 *MacArthur*

*Address for new MacArthur Campus is 4590 MacArthur Blvd

Northwest Livability Study

The DC Department of Transportation is conducting the Rock Creek Far West Livability Study is to identify opportunities for safer travel for residents of and visitors to the study area, and to improve the transportation network, which includes the area which is part of the FCCA boundary. More information can be found at <https://rockcreekfarwest.com/>. An interactive map where you can input issues to highlight for DC government consideration is located at: <https://rockcreekfarwest.com/interactive-map/>.

Call for meeting topics

Do you have an idea for a presentation at an upcoming FCCA meeting? Please contact Conrad DeWitte (contact information on page 2).

Georgetown University & Hospital Construction Update

Hulit Taylor with Michael O'Connell

Our thanks and appreciation to the representatives from both Georgetown University and the Medstar Georgetown University Hospital who attended our January FCCA Meeting and gave presentations and updates on the various construction projects, particularly the new Surgical Pavilion.

The new traffic light on Reservoir Road at Entrance #2 to the Hospital seems to be functioning smoothly and fewer delays are occurring. They have requested that DDOT reestablish the right lane No Parking for a group of parking slots to create a right turn lane near the entrance, and are awaiting the DDOT response.

Pedestrians will notice that the sidewalk on the south side of Reservoir between Entrance #1 and the Cloisters residential area is closed for the month of March. Those walking can cross Reservoir to the north side at the traffic lights on both 37th and 38th Streets.

Additionally, in the coming weeks you will notice more construction at both Entrance #1 and #4. Details will be issued as soon as they are available.

To keep informed about the Georgetown Campus construction projects, join the FCCA List Serve at <http://foxhall.org/the-association/join-the-fccalistserve> and/or sign up at

http://www.buildingmedicalexcelsence.com/sign_up.

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 medstarhospitaltrammellcrow@gmail.com.

As a reminder – If you plan to travel east on Reservoir Road or Canal Road between 9:00 a.m. and noon, allow extra time!

Neighborhood Watch Update

Mallory Lawson

In 2010 a Neighborhood Watch program was started with numerous Block Captains covering their respective areas.

They are:

Reservoir Road: *Clair Swift (clair@clairmedia.com)*

Mary Gaughan (mg4456@gmail.com)

Greenwich Parkway: *Jan Smart (smartjuanita@mac.com)*

Olya and Bob Duezay (ODuzey@gmail.com)

Q Street: *Sara Paulson (sarapaulson@gmail.com)*

Joanne Cogar (Joanne.Cogar@rcn.com)

Volta Place: *William Bateson (bateson@usa.net)*

Foxhall Road: *Mary Ann Griffin (magriffmail@yahoo.com)*

44th Street: *Scott Polk (Scott.Polk@compass.com)*

Laurie Dromerick (ljdromerick@gmail.com)

These cover most of Foxhall Village (which encompasses almost 400 homes), but not the entire FCCA. These are mostly people who attended the Neighborhood Watch meeting that Samanta Nolan, from the DC Government, ran after an unusual rash of crimes in our area prompted me to contact her that year. If someone outside Foxhall Village would like to be a Block Captain for another street, I'm happy to add you to the list (MalloryLawsonASID@msn.com). Police reports and arrests are forwarded to me every day, and I, in turn, forward them to these people. Thanks so much to these safety minded volunteers who help keep our area one of the safest in DC. In a perfect world, every FCCA block would have a Captain, they would have every home on that block on their email list, and we would all be in touch with each other for any unusual activity, notices of vacation times, emergencies, etc. The more we know our neighbors and communicate with each other, the safer we will all be.

The reality is that 75 to 80 percent of crimes are preventable just by locking up. Most crimes are due to unlocked doors in both homes and cars. Also, leaving back packs, purses, computers, gifts, etc. in plain view in cars is an invitation for theft. There are easy to install and inexpensive devices available at hardware stores to help prevent crimes in homes, and numerous companies in the crime prevention business. Having a dog, outside lights (on a motion detector and/or timer), and outside cameras are also good deterrents. Crimes happen at all hours and a surprising number during the day (it's their day job).

Be safe!

Trolley Trestle Raze Hearing Set For March 22

Twice postponed, the public hearing on WMATA's application to tear down the Foundry Branch Trestle spanning the south end of Glover Archbold National Park is now scheduled for Friday, March 22 at 9:30 a.m. at 1100 4th Street, SW, Suite E650, according to a notice from Mayor's Agent Hearing Officer J. Peter Byrne.

Dog Park Survey Results and Next Steps

Rob Daly

I am happy to report that the interminable Hardy Park Dog Park survey is complete. We launched the online survey on November 11, 2018, added paper door hangers/postcards in early 2019, and finally closed the survey to respondents on March 3, 2019. Post-processing included some time eliminating duplicate entries. Our apologies to those who diligently completed the survey multiple times, but we can only accept one per person. Even after removing duplicates, we have 320 unique, valid, and thoughtful responses. Often postcards came back smudged or scribbly, but in all cases but one respondents were reached to proof their answers, ensure identity, etc. Only one mail-in postcard arrived with no identification on it, so that had to be discarded since we could not verify its source. That person's card, by the way, was a Strong Yes.

We have published the final anonymized survey results as a PDF at www.HardyParkDogs.org.

The split for the 320 final votes is as follows:

Strong No:	8.1%
No:	5.6%
Neutral:	5%
Yes:	41.3%
Strong Yes:	40%

Totals:	100%

In total: 81.3% of respondents voted in favor of a dog park.

There were a few votes that came in from Arlington, Virginia, distributed

across the for-to-against spectrum. At least at this time we are considering their votes to support goodwill and reciprocity. Similarly, a few votes came in from the far eastern sides of Georgetown, where the respondents might have several park options before ever arriving at Hardy, but since they were mainly against the park, and there was such a shortage of against votes, we have kept them as well.

If nothing else, the results suggest that at least those willing to participate in the survey would overwhelmingly be in favor of a dog park. We all have to understand that some opponents to the park may have chosen to not actively participate in the survey, but it is clear just from the Strong Yes responses that it is worth advancing the concept.

Here are some of the next steps we expect:

1. Respond to feedback on the published results. Again, the published anonymized results can be found at <http://www/hardyparkdogs.org>.
2. Consult with Peter Nohrden and his team at DPR on their recommended next steps, including:
 1. Seek guidance on the differences between Dog Parks and the still vaguely defined Dog Runs.
 2. Determine/Elicit the points of contact known by DPR for each of the approved dog parks in DC. (They do not appear to be published on any DC.gov website resource.)
 3. Elicit Do's and Don't's as well as What We Would Do Differently for each of the current approved dog parks' representative groups. Hopefully they will provide a balanced view of what has worked for them and what has led to frustration by their respective neighborhoods.
 4. Seek volunteers to comprise a Hardy Park Dogs group/org to formal-

ly represent for and maintain any dog park that might emerge.

5. Begin to elicit recommended self-regulated rules for any park that might emerge (e.g., restricted hours, sophisticated means to ensure adherence to rules, additional services to ensure waste or odor does not ill-affect nearby residents).

If this is a hot topic for you, but you have not responded to the survey or let me know you'd like your position represented, by all means feel free to reach out to me and give me an earful. I can be reached at 202-657-3246 (text or voice), robertjosephdaly@gmail.com (email), or [@RobertDaly](https://twitter.com/RobertDaly) (Twitter), blah blah blah.

GU Hospital Excavation Ahead; New 2D Commander

John Bray

Excavation for of the new MedStar Georgetown University Hospital tower on the east side of the campus is expected to begin in late spring or early summer and construction of a new east-west campus road is underway, according to hospital and GU officials.

Addressing the January 23, 2019 Foxhall Community Citizens Association membership meeting, they said utilities have been moved in preparation for the work and that dump trucks would begin to flow in and out of the site, using Reservoir Road.

A new traffic light has been installed at the entrance to the emergency room and another will be installed temporarily at the eastern most campus gate, near 37thStreet to control traffic. They said another traffic light, anticipated to be permanent, is to be installed at the gate on the far west side of campus, abutting Glover Archbold National Park. More traffic will be pushed across

Excavation Con't...

campus to use the far west gate, using a new east-west connector to carry vehicles between the center of the campus and the park border, about even with Q Street in Foxhall Village. The increased traffic will run along the park border, where there now is a parking lot access lane, and link to Reservoir Road. Residents voiced concern about the impact of the road on the park, including light from vehicles. The pitch of the road would mean westbound vehicle lights would be pointing downward on the approach to the park, a GU official said.

Regarding Hardy Park, Peter Nohrden of the D.C. Parks and Recreation Department was on hand to give an update on plans for a \$5.2 million renovation. He said the park design contract was awarded to IStudio Architects of D.C., which has completed other recreation center projects in the city. The company was one of two bidders, Nohrden said.

In other action, Foxhall Village resident Howard Bray proposed that the Hardy Park field house be named for Carl Richard Wilson, Jr. Wilson grew up nearby, honed his basketball skills at the Hardy court, went on to play at American University and then was sent as Marine second lieutenant to Vietnam, where he was killed in March 1969. FCCA members backed the proposal, which faces review by city officials. The basketball court was dedicated to Wilson in 2002 and a commemorative plaque was installed at the court gate.

Metropolitan Police Lieutenant Darren Haskis reported several thefts from automobiles and urged people not to leave valuables in their cars. Covering a purse with a towel is probably not good enough and neither is putting a newspaper over a laptop computer, Haskis said. Duncan Bedlion, appointed in January 2019 as Commander of MPD Second District, which spans much of

Northwest Washington, stopped by the meeting to introduce himself. Bedlion, who moved to D.C. in 1999, holds an undergraduate degree in political science and a master's degree in professional studies in security and safety leadership, both awarded by George Washington University. His prior assignment was commander of the department's Youth and Family Services Division, and previous duties included managing detectives and criminal investigation and sexual assault units.

The FCCA board gained another member, Edward Ponzi, who lives in Foxhall Village.

Earnest Money At Risk In GDS Campus Sale

John Bray

The buyer of Georgetown Day School's MacArthur Boulevard campus can still back out of the deal, but earnest money now in escrow would be forfeited, according to GDS Project Manager Kristina Lennox.

Lennox's update on the sale, which has been in the works since at least December 2017, came March 5 in a regular quarterly meeting with community members. Lennox did not say the amount of earnest money at risk.

Property inspections are complete and transfer of title to the buyer is expected in June 2020, according to Lennox. GDS then will move its lower and middle school to Tenleytown, where the upper school campus is being expanded.

Many nearby residents have been eager to know the fate of the school site at the east end of MacArthur Boulevard. GDS has identified the buyer as another private school, but not given the name. GDS officials have said that their enrollment at the PK-8 site is

capped at 575.

Unstable Ground By Park

Sinkholes around storm water and sewer pipes at the intersection of Reservoir Road and Glover Archbold National Park drew the attention of a DC Water maintenance crew on Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2019. Nearby horizontal collection systems connect at the site and then spill into a nearly 40-foot deep vertical, brick-lined pipe that connects to a large main that runs under the center of the park en route to the city's sewage treatment facility. The crew planned to check for cracks in the pipe that might drain and destabilize surrounding soil.

Help Wanted

Our long-time administrator, Brittany Aguilar, has moved to California and we need to find someone to take on her responsibilities. They 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.



The Foxhall Community Citizens Association

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March 5, 2019

VIA E-MAIL <EOM@DC.GOV>

The Honorable Muriel Bowser
 Mayor, District of Columbia
 John A. Wilson Building
 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
 Washington, DC 20004

Re: Future of Hardy School Building, Foxhall Road.

Dear Mayor Bowser:

The Foxhall Community Citizens Association (FCCA) board of directors is very concerned that the present “Keep Hardy Public” effort will lead to driving the current occupant—the LAB School—out of the Hardy School property for no good purpose. For forty years D.C. Public Schools has shown no interest in using the Hardy School as a public school, and we believe this to be the case still. If a study of the use of Hardy School as a public elementary school is contemplated, we are very interested that it not be drawn out so as to make the space unattractive to the LAB School for its continued occupancy. The worst outcome would be Hardy School becoming a vacant building that is a blight on our neighborhood rather than being used as either a public or private elementary school.

Constructed in the 1930s as the Foxhall Village School, Hardy School sits almost at the center of the FCCA’s boundaries and was our neighborhood’s local public elementary school until the 1970s. Since its closing as a public elementary school, the property has been used first as home to the Rock Creek International School and in subsequent years as the LAB School, an institution with a mission of providing a rigorous academic experience for students with learning disabilities. Over many years FCCA members have worked with the LAB School, and we are happy to report that they have been a good neighbor.

The FCCA represents the neighbors who would be most impacted by any change to the current beneficial use of Hardy School by the LAB School. Hence, the discussions about the future of the Hardy School building must include the FCCA in a key way.

Very truly yours,

Conrad J. DeWitte, Jr
 President

cc.

- Mary Cheh, Ward 3 D.C. Councilmember
- David Grosso, At-Large D.C. Councilmember
- Ruth Wattenberg, President, D.C. State Board of Education
- Phil Mendelson, Chair, D.C. Council
- Lewis D. Ferebee, Ph.D., Acting Chancellor, D.C. Public Schools
- Chuck Elkins, Chair, ANC 3D