

FOXHALL News

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FCCA Calendar

Next Meeting:

March 21, 7PM

Zoning: what you can and can't do

April 18 (Save the Date!)

Council member Mary Cheh

Location:

4500 Q Street NW in the Hardy Rec Center

Need a ride?

Contact FCCA President Bob Avery

March Membership Meeting

The March meeting will focus on zoning and Historical Preservation and will address the impact they have on what you can legally do to your home and what needs to be permitted. Speakers will include FCCA Board member Paul Don Vito and a representative of the Historic Preservation Board who will focus on Foxhall Village (see attached article). A representative of the District's "Committee of 100" will focus on issues and rules for those who live out of the Historic District.

April's meeting on the 18th will feature Ward 3 Council member Mary Cheh making her annual visit to the FCCA. 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 Council member Cheh. Identifying issues well in advance of the meeting is a good way to get things done.

Foxhall Village Historic District Marks 10 Years

Paul DonVito

2017 marked the 10-year anniversary of the creation of the Foxhall Village Historic District. So this seems like the perfect time to look back at the last decade, focus on what we've achieved and get feedback from the community about what works and what can be improved when it comes to preserving the neighborhood many of us call home.

To help celebrate this milestone, guest Speaker Gabriela Gutowski from the DC Historic Preservation Office will be at the March 21st general meeting. As the liaison to our historic district, she will give a refresher on the process of working with DCHPO as well as field questions about the dos and don'ts of alteration and renovation. I will also be on hand to discuss the continuing role of the FCCA's Historic Preservation Committee as an integral part of making this process run as smoothly as possible.

Reflecting on 10 years as a historic district, it's a great time to list what has happened, and maybe even more importantly, what hasn't happened. In the Foxhall Village Historic District not a single house has been demolished. Not one. Compare that figure with neighborhoods all over Ward Three where demolitions have become commonplace. In fact, more than a dozen homes have been lost in Burleith alone, a neighborhood of similar size and scale. And many of the new homes are simply out of scale and, in my view, architecturally incompatible. No doubt, without designation we would be facing the same rash of demolitions and oversized pop ups that have become the scourge of so many rowhouse neighborhoods in the District.

And on a more positive note, we have had dozens of homeowners either restore original windows and front doors or replace them with appropriate replacements, maintaining the integrity and beauty of our homes. We have seen major home renovations carried out in a way that owners have achieved the modernization they want without altering how a home appears from the street.

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Kuwait Holds \$36 Million Stake In Foxhall Village-Area Housing

John Bray

The Kuwaiti government has acquired 10 houses just north of Foxhall Village, all clustered in a development beside Glover Archbold National Park and with a total value of \$36 million.

The sites, along Foxview Circle and Hoban Road and owned by the Embassy of the State of Kuwait, were acquired in 2012 and 2013, according to...

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FCCA Newsletter Submissions

Send to britt.aggie@gmail.com by April 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

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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 Gabriela Gutowski, 202-442-8839 or gabriela.gutowski@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, 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!**

Medstar Georgetown Hospital Construction

MedStar Georgetown University Hospital has begun site preparation for construction of a Medical/Surgical Pavilion, underground garage, added green space, and improved traffic patterns resulting in a more pedestrian-friendly campus.

The Hospital is working diligently to mitigate traffic congestion. In the next couple of months patterns for vehicles and pedestrians entering campus from Reservoir Road will be modified. All construction and delivery schedules are subject to change.

- For the best, most current schedules and information check online at <http://www.buildingmedicalexcellence.com/construction-announcements> and click on the latest date.

- If you would like to receive construction updates directly, sign up at: http://www.buildingmedicalexcellence.com/sign_up and/or join the FCCA List Serve at <http://foxhall.org/the-association/join-the-fccalist-serve/>.

- If you have any questions about the project, contact Construction Executive Matt Maio, Trammel Crow Company, at medstarhospitaltrammellcrow@gmail.com or 202-360-5735.

PARK
CLEAN-UP



& SPRING
FLING

Saturday May 5, 2018

(Rain Date, Saturday May 12th)

Hardy Park & Recreation Center: 4500 Q Street, NW

HARDY CLEAN-UP 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Coffee & Snacks Provided!

- Opportunity for Students Community Service Credit
- Weed and mulch planting beds
- Clear community garden plots
- Trim trees and bushes
- General park clean-up

SPRING FLING 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

- Live Music courtesy of our neighborhood band
- Dessert and drinks provided by FOH and FCCA
- Activities and crafts for kids
- Lunch potluck
- Moonbounce

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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2017 FCCA Treasurer’s Report

Andy Reuter, 2017 Treasurer

Income and Expenses

The following report presents the FCCA’s unaudited statement of operating income and expenses for 2017. This year’s income of \$9,082 was comprised primarily of dues, which fell 6 percent from the prior year. Interest income on the FCCA’s two certificates of deposit only generated \$32 due to low interest rates. The major expenses were for the newsletter and printing; the stipend for the FCCA administrator; community events; the FCCA website; and Paypal fees. Higher website fees in 2017 included expenses for the long-term purchases of the FCCA’s domain name and registration, which will save money over five years. The FCCA added \$2,515 to its Capital Reserve in 2017 which will help offset the payment for the preparation of the landmark nomination for Rose Lees Hardy School early in 2018. Decreased spending and the increase in Capital Reserves was primarily based on lower-than-expected newsletter and printing costs. We anticipate these costs will return to historical levels in 2018.

	2016	2017	Change
Income			
Dues	9,635	9,050	(6.1%)
Interest	32	32	-
Total Income	9,667	9,082	(6.1%)
Expenses			
Administrator	3,000	3,250	8.3%
Paypal Fees	129	125	(3.2%)
Office Supplies & Postage	20	-	(100.0%)
Capital Reserve (Withdrawal)	1,383	2,515	81.9%
Community Events	248	371	49.6%
Newsletter & Printing	4,628	2,103	(54.6%)
DC Taxes (DC Corporation)	80	0	(100.0%)
Website	179	271	51.4%
Total Expenses	9,667	9,082	(6.1%)

Total Assets

The FCCA’s assets total \$41,492 as of December 31, 2017, an increase of 5.41 percent from 2016.

	2016	2017	Change
Total Assets			
Checking Account	3,940	5,997	52.22%
Savings Account	13,973	13,974	0.01%
CD	9,617	9,628	0.12%
CD	11,144	11,163	0.17%
Paypal Account	629	666	5.84%
Total Assets	39,303	41,429	5.41%

Old Fire, Police Call Boxes Eyed For Makeovers

Sara Paulson

The FCCA area has seven police or fire call boxes mounted on poles that were used from the 1880s to the early 1970s. Policemen would open the the police boxes with a key to call their precincts to check in or to call for assistance. Citizens could pull a lever on the fire boxes to alert fire stations to a fire. Most cities removed their boxes in the 1970s when the 911 emergency system became widespread, but the District lacked the money, so they have remained as silent, peeling, sentinals to history.

Around 2002/2003 several FCCA residents, notably Cheryl Tlam and Bill Brown, undertook an effort to restore the boxes, including drafting history texts for the seven boxes and preparing a request for city financing (through a program that no longer exists). They were not able to finish the project for various reasons, and a new group is now committed to restart it. The group which includes Sara Paulson, Bob Siciliano, Hulit Taylor and Ann Haas has been gathering information on possible contractors and ways in which text and artistic expressions can inform the public on the history and culture of our community. Anyone with ideas or a willingness to help can email Sara at sarapaulson@gmail.com. We will also be mounting a fund-raising campaign once we have an idea of how much it will cost to restore the boxes.



Henry Foxall: Methodist, Industrialist, American--Author to Speak at Georgetown Public Library on March 10, 2018

Ann Haas

“The biography shares the compelling life, story, and impact of Foxall on both a church and state in a country that enshrines their separation.”

--General Board of Higher Education and Ministry,
United Methodist Church

From apprentice iron-worker in England to foundry-owner in Philadelphia and then Georgetown, Henry Foxall combined the latest techniques “of production and the business of supplying parts to the government,” as Suzanne Geissler writes in a review for the Naval History Foundation. “This aspect of naval warfare may often be overlooked, but as [Jane] Donovan tells us, “50 percent of the cost of a new man-of-war was the price of its iron parts.”

With financial support from Robert Morris, Foxall established a furnace and foundry known as Eagle Works in Philadelphia in 1795 when, as Geissler writes, “diplomatic issues required some show of force— and a new US Navy had to be created from scratch. Foxhall soon became the country’s first defense contractor.” Wealth and fame followed.

Five years later Foxhall expanded his business to Washington, near the Navy Yard, and then to Georgetown. His foundry was pivotal in providing munitions during the War of 1812.

According to the timeline on the Web site of Foundry Methodist Church, Washington, D. C.:

August 24, 1814—In the War of 1812, a storm prevents the British from burning an arms foundry owned by Henry Foxall. As a result, he promises to build a church as a gift to God.

September 10, 1815—Chapel is dedicated at 14 and G Streets, NW, DC.

Written by Jane B. Donovan, a lecturer in Religious Studies at West Virginia University, the biography illustrates what has been termed “‘second-generation’ Methodism—characterized by adapters, entrepreneurs, and leaders.” Foxall himself has been termed “the quintessential catalyst for the transformation of a spirit-filled movement into a church denomination and a young nation into an economic powerhouse.”

The tract of land that became Foxhall Village was formerly Spring Hill Farm—owned by James Lingan, a lieutenant in the Revolutionary War. A few years before he died in 1812,

Lingan sold the house and its property to Henry Foxall, who used it as his country home and summer retreat. Several transactions later—in the early 1920’s—Harry Boss and Glenn Phelps bought the site and named their development “Foxhall Village,” adding the “h.”

--Foxhall Village Historic District brochure

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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, Library

March 6

May 1

Lab 6:00 pm

March 13 Foxhall

May 8 Reservoir

St. Patrick’s 7:30 pm

April 17 Whitehaven

*July 17 *MacArthur*

*Address for new MacArthur Campus is 4590 MacArthur Blvd

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...D.C. tax records, which show assessed values on the properties ranging from \$3.2 million to \$4.3 million. Kuwait's embassy is on Tilden Street, just east of Connecticut Avenue.

The acquisitions represent an expansion of holdings by foreign governments of Foxhall Village-area properties. What this might mean for the community and future development is uncertain. In at least one way, the effect of the special circumstances of the ownership is plain.

All of the sites are exempt from D.C. property taxes, status authorized by the U.S. State Department. Asked by PotomacTimes about its decision regarding the Kuwait Embassy-owned houses, a State Department official said in an e-mail that public information on the D.C. tax and revenue website "shows each of the properties are exempt on the basis of use as a staff residence of the Embassy of the State of Kuwait." An inquiry about the purpose of the houses was submitted by PotomacTimes to the Kuwait Embassy and received no response.

Kuwait sits at the northern tip of the Persian Gulf, next to Saudia Arabia, Iraq and Iran. In 1991, the United States went to war in "Operation Desert Storm" to repulse an Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

The State Department has gained wide latitude with tax exemption, though not without contest, including in federal court. In one key case, New York City won a court decision to collect taxes and enforce liens for unpaid taxes on certain lower-level staff residential space inside foreign mission office buildings. Among the missions involved was India's to the United Nations, and the tax bill, including interest, amounted to \$42 million. But a federal appeals court, in 2010, rejected the lower court's judgment, backing the State Department's exemption power and retroactive action, according to the decision, posted on FindLaw.com.

However, the appeals court noted that international diplomatic conventions leave the scope of such exemptions "decidedly ambiguous."

There are 612 properties in D.C. that carry the foreign government exemption, according to the D.C. tax and revenue office. The assessed value on those properties — which include the German Embassy and the French Embassy at long-established sites near Foxhall and Reservoir roads — totals about \$3.4 billion.

For more of this article, go to potomactimes.wordpress.com/2018/02/20/kuwait-holds-36-million-stake-in-foxhall-village-area-housing/

Water Pipe Work Means Removal, Replacement Of Q Circle Cherry Trees

As spring approaches we, unfortunately, got some sad news about the three beautiful cherry trees in the upper Q Street Circle related to the water pipe work that is beginning on Q Street.

In early February Conrad Dewitt, our ANC representative, got word from DC Water that a number of the valves and pipe connections that need to be worked on are located under the Q Street Circle. DC Water advised Conrad that this was going to require them to dig up much of the Circle including at least two of the three trees. Additionally they felt that the third tree's roots would most likely get badly damaged during the digging.

Conrad invited Michael O'Connell, FCCA Board member, to join him in meeting the project manager for the water line work and DC Arborist Dan Just on a cold February morning. Paul Ward, whose team has done all the maintenance work on the Circle, was also invited to join the group.

Following a long discussion with Dan Just and the project's manager explaining how extensive the digging in the circle would be, the group came to the realization that two trees had to come down, and that the third one would be damaged, probably severely. It was agreed that the best course of action would be:

1. To have the construction team work as carefully as possible to not destroy all of the exterior plantings on the Circle
2. To remove the existing tree cherry trees AND when construction is completed
3. Replace the three trees with three new, single blossom, cherry trees
4. Arborist Dan Just agreed to order the largest possible trees he felt would survive the planting and rooting process.
 - This means that instead of planting the usual 2" diameter trees they will plant slightly larger diameter trees that will be a bit taller and fuller.
 - (Note: Larger trees will require regular watering over the first two summers and everyone living around the circle will be asked to share their hoses and water spickets to contribute to this effort!)

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5. Additionally, Paul Ward and his team will try to extract and save some of the plantings currently in the circle, but no guarantees can be given.

DC Water has advised that they expect construction in the area of the Circle to begin about April 1 and run through late May. This means, given the Park Services prediction of peak blooming (“the peak bloom date is defined as the day when 70% of the Yoshino Cherry (*Prunus x yedoensis*) blossoms are open”... NPS) between March 17th and 20th, so the village should be able to enjoy the blossoms one more time, hopefully! Everyone’s support is appreciated!

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We have also seen the installation of beautiful slate roofs, which will last another hundred years. And finally, we have seen more than a dozen major additions, all reviewed by both our committee and DCHPO, some of significant size and all virtually invisible from the street. And during all of this time, real estate values in the village have continued to rise, possibly even outpacing non-designated areas.

As a lifelong preservationist I may be biased, but in my view the creation of the Foxhall Village Historic District has created more pride in our neighborhood, more beauty in our neighborhood and most of all more harmony between neighbors as we all can be confident that the Foxhall Village we all fell in love with will remain the architectural gem it’s been for over 90 years. I look forward to hearing the community’s reflections on the past decade on March 21st.



The cost is only \$15 and proceeds from the race will go to Children’s Cancer Foundation. We also have great prizes for the top 3 men’s and women’s finishers!

First Place: Beats wireless headphones

Second Place: Sunlight alarm clock

Third Place: MCGSO swag

The first 40 people to register will get a race t-shirt!

To register, please go to: rebrand.ly/RatRace
Or contact msm302@georgetown.edu



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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 Booster Memberships

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Household | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Patron |
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