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FCCA Calendar

Next Meeting: **Wed, Oct 16 @ 7PM**

Speaker: **Peter Nohrden, Landscape Architect at DC DPR who will speak on the Hardy Park Renovation**

Location: 4500 Q Street NW in the Hardy Rec Center

Need a ride? Contact FCCA President Conrad DeWitte

Foxhall Community Citizens Association Presents

Happy Halloween Party

Lower Q Street Circle
Thursday, October 31st

5:00 pm - Crafts & Games

6:00 pm - Kids Costume Parade

6:30 pm - Palisades Band



Contact Lucie Blyth 202-468-6434
to volunteer to help with the kids crafts.

October FCCA Membership Meeting

They next FCCA meeting will be **Wednesday, October 16th** at the Hardy Recreation Center (4500 Q Street, NW). In addition to general announcements and a police report, our guest speaker will be Peter Nohrden from the DC Department of Parks and Recreation. Our meeting will give us an opportunity to look in detail at the proposed playground and splashpad along with other upgrades in the park and gather further feedback from you.

Palisades Village Seventh Annual House Tour

Saturday, October 19

Palisades Village is presenting its Seventh Annual House Tour on Saturday, October 19, showcasing seven homes in Berkley and Palisades, two of the neighborhoods served by Palisades Village. The "hidden gems" in this Tour reveal unexpected features such as dramatic renovations and transformations, artful interiors and

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Hospital Surgical Pavilion Construction Update

Hulit Taylor and Michael O'Connell

The end of September, announcements about the updated timeline for the construction of the Surgical Pavilion for the MedStar Georgetown University Hospital were posted on the FCCA List Serve and e-mailed to those who requested updates. If you missed these, the following is an excerpt.

"Clark Construction has provided MedStar Georgetown with an updated timeline
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Call Box Restoration Project Update

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

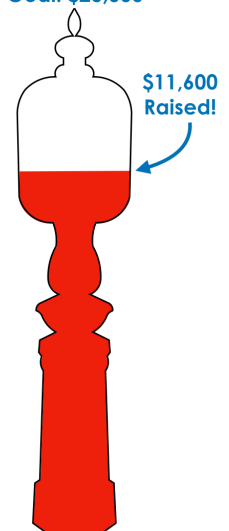
You will soon notice that the first phase of restoring our historic Police and Fire Call Boxes is under-way! This is Phase I. The contractor, Vision Sign, will strip the old paint on the six call boxes in the FCCA area, repair cracks, replace missing pieces, and paint the fire boxes red and the police boxes blue. Gold paint will be used as a highlight. You can't miss seeing them!

Phase II will begin either later this year or early next year when bronze history plaques telling some of the history of our neighborhood will be installed on one side of each box. On the other side will be art work complementing the history. These can be photos, paintings or bas reliefs. But we need to raise more money before we undertake Phase II!

So far, we have donations and pledges for almost \$12,000 which is enough to complete Phase I. Our goal is \$20,000 which will complete Phase II and have funds for maintenance in the years to come.

Our appreciation and thanks to those who have already contributed. A list of donors as of October
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Goal: \$20,000



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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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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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Our ANC Commissioners, Virginia Gorsevski (ANC 3D06) 3D06@anc.dc.gov, J.P. Szymkowicz (ANC 3D09) jp.szymkowicz@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. Sign up today at foxhall.org!

Scheduled Meetings with Local Private Schools

Share comments and concerns so they can be aired at these public meetings that institutions are required to schedule with local communities according to their agreements with the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

Georgetown Day School 6:30 pm,
Conference Room
4530 MacArthur Blvd NW
December 3, March 3, May 12

Lab School 6:00 pm
December 9 Reservoir Campus
March 9 Foxhall Campus
May 11 Reservoir Campus

St. Patrick's 7:30 pm
none scheduled

FAA Delays Flight Path to Reduce Airplane Noise, Ways You Can Help

Peter Van Allen

The FAA delayed moving the proposed flight path over the Potomac River to reduce airplane noise in response to complaints from Bethesda and Potomac neighborhoods. These neighborhoods are concerned that the new flight path would concentrate more flights over their houses, where today flights disperse before they reach these houses.

In light of the delay, FCCA has asked Mayor Bowser to help reduce airplane noise by requesting to FAA in the next new route negotiation that airplanes increase altitude until they reach 10,000 feet rather than leveling off earlier.

In the meantime, ways you can help reduce airplane noise include:

1) Please continue to complain about noisy flights, especially during 10:00 PM – 7:00 AM via MWAA Noise Complaint Form: <https://viewpoint.bksv.com/dca3>. You can also register complaints via <https://airnoise.io/> - 30 free complaints/month or \$26 for button + \$5/month which gives you weekly reports of your complaints including flight information, time and altitude (these go in the MWAA database but are listed as “unverified”).

2) Get a “white noise” machine, available on Amazon.com or Walmart.com. At the recommendation of a neighbor who is no longer bothered by airplane noise, I bought one (Big Red Rooster @ \$19.99), which has worked fairly well for the past few weeks.

The Lab School Opens its New Theater

While a new academic year generally creates a buzz in the school's halls, there is special excitement this fall at The Lab School. In early October, Lab opened its first full-size theater — The Shaun Miskell Theater — named for Lab's long-time Head of Performing Arts. “This is The Lab School! Arts are part of our core mission,” says Shaun. “We have stretched creativity to incredible lengths in [our former black-box] Kelly Theater, but to have a full-size theater with state-of-the-art sound, lighting, and set design to fully realize the educational opportunities that the dramatic arts provide will be a game changer!” Students from every division will use the theater, and not just for performance space. At Lab, the theater is a classroom. “A theater is a place for all kinds of minds to discover talents, overcome challenges, and know thyself,” says Head of School Katherine Schantz. “The Shaun

Miskell Theater will be Lab's centerpiece for learning — designed for all students at Lab, all of whom learn best through experiences.” Community members will be invited to tour the theater at Lab's next quarterly community meeting on December 9.

Reminder About Dumping in Glover Archbold Park

Dumping in Glover Archbold Park (which is part of Rock Creek Park) is illegal. This includes yard waste, because it can carry non-native invasive plant roots or seeds, plant disease, or plant pests that can get established in Rock Creek Park and crowd out or kill native plants. To report dumping in Glover Archbold Park, contact the U.S. Park Police, who maintain a police substation in the park near Military Road, at (202) 610-7500.



Stormwater Runoff And You

John Bray

Stormwater runoff is causing havoc around Washington, D.C., gouging parkland, collapsing roads, causing flash floods and driving pollutants into waterways.

Cecilia Lane, of the city Department of Energy & Environment's Watershed Protection Division, is trying to "slow it down, spread it out and clean it up."

It's a sizeable undertaking. Lane told the Foxhall Community Citizens Association September 18 membership meeting that about 43 percent of the city's 60 square miles are covered with impervious surface and that an inch of rain can generate hundreds of millions of gallons of stormwater runoff.

Lane looks for opportunities to install landscape features that help soak up and filter the runoff, such as bioswales that include retention areas and plantings. One such project, funded with federal grant money, is underway at the Palisades Recreation Center. Lane said that renovation plans for Hardy Park would be reviewed for stormwater management. The city has adopted regulations that require many types of development include plans to contain stormwater, including certain residential projects.

Lane said the residents can sign up for the city's RiverSmart program, which offers free home site stormwater analysis and assistance with improving management with features such as rain barrels. Lane said that the agency owns no property and must rely on collaboration with other agencies, such as

the Department of Transportation and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

In other matters, residents noted their concern about the timing of the traffic light on Canal Road at the Georgetown University entrance. They said that Canal Road traffic is stopped and the delay is long, even when there is no vehicle waiting at the entrance. Residents also noted that traffic control signs at Foxhall Road and P and Volta streets have been knocked down.

Officer Anthony McElwee said that 2D Lt. Darren Haskis is taking a new assignment with MPD Internal Affairs.

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imaginative design, Potomac River views, and sustainable elements including geothermal, radiant and solar energy.

To pull off this exciting event, we need a cadre of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the Village. They perform essential services for their Village neighbors. If you've ever wished to be one of the knowledgeable docents who guide the visitors through the houses on the Tour, this is your chance! You'll have an advance, private tour with the homeowners and learn firsthand about their home, see your neighbors and meet new people on the Tour, and be invited to the post-Tour party for docents and homeowners - an exclusive Palisades Village highlight.

Tickets for the Tour are \$30 in advance and \$35 on Tour day. To pur-

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for construction of the Medical/Surgical Pavilion.

"During the remainder of 2019 and into 2020, excavation and structure work will be done approximately three stories deep to support the Pavilion and the underground parking garage. Then, through 2021, we will see the exterior of the Pavilion take shape. During the following year, 2022, work will be focused on the inside of the Pavilion to build out the patient care and support service areas as well as landscaping and hardscaping (pedestrian pathways) of approximately six acres of new green space. In early 2023, construction of the new Pavilion will be complete."

For MedStar's complete construction update and timeline, check www.buildingmedicalexcellence.com/construction-announcements

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1st is posted on the FCCA website, foxhall.org.

If you haven't already done so, won't you please consider a contribution now? Go online to our PayPal site at "foxhall.org" or:

Make checks out to "FCCA" and send them to:

Foxhall Call Box Committee, c/
Robert Siciliano
4430 Greenwich Parkway, NW
Washington, DC 20007

The Foxhall Village Garden Club Had a Busy Summer!

Foxhall Village is not a condominium or other type of planned community with mandatory dues and an association that is tasked with keeping up common areas. Still, Foxhall Village homes are individually owned. But the neighborhood includes many areas that are best described as belonging to everyone and no one. The Foxhall Village Garden Club takes care of these areas. This is an effort by neighbors for neighbors.

This growing season, the Foxhall Village Garden Club has been very active. Of note, members of the garden club have coordinated with the National Park Service through its Weed Warrior program to cut down invasive bamboo at the corner of 44th Street and Foxhall Road. Bamboo is a fast growing invasive species which crowds out other native plants and trees. The cleanup has re-claimed park land for the use and enjoyment of all. Special thanks to **Conrad DeWitte, Edward Ponzi, Leo Blyth, Amir Hudda, Andrew Reuter, John Bray, and J.P. Szymkowicz** for their help with this continuing effort. Cut bamboo remains stacked and ready to remove; the NPS will be providing a dumpster for the neighborhood to load.

Thanks to **Conrad DeWitte** for rototilling all of the medians on Q Street and Greenwich Parkway, and for making multiple trips in his pickup truck to the Ft. Totton Waste Transfer Station to pick up the compost he mixed into the soil in each of the medians.

The Garden Club weeded, rototilled and re-set damaged permeable pavers in the Q Street median between Surrey Lane and the Q Street Oval. Special thanks to **Doug Neumann** for donating and planting the liriope and to **Sara Paulson** for donating and planting the catmint.

The Garden Club has also completed the



Pictured above **Ed Dorsey** and **Christine Sanderson**

weeding and rototilling of the Q Street median between Foxhall Road and Surrey Lane. Special thanks to **Donna Groat** for her help weeding and for **Gene Kilby** and **Christine Sanderson** for the oak leaf hydrangeas that they planted. Special thanks to **Paul Ward**, who hauled away some of the debris and for watering. Regarding all plants in any of the medians: If you are reading this and have a hose (or a bucket, or a watering can) that can reach the plants, please water them!

Special thanks to Foxhall Village Garden Club members **Joanne Cogar** and **Ed Dorsey**, who came out Saturday, September 28 to help prune the bushes in the Q Street Oval between Surrey Lane and 44th Street. **Christine Sanderson** led the pruning workshop and taught everyone how to prune the bushes correctly. There are still many more bushes to prune. We will be organizing another pruning workshop soon. Also, thank you to Ed for mowing the Q Street Oval this past year!

Conrad DeWitte also rototilled the median on Greenwich Parkway between Surrey Lane and 44th Street. Thank you to **Paul DonVito** for ordering compost, to **Janice Smart** for organizing some planting in the middle of the median, and to **Lisa Maco** and the **Fitzgibbons** for watering the median. Finally the Garden Club has just completed weeding and rototilling the Greenwich Parkway median between Foxhall Road and Surrey Lane. For more information about upcoming garden club events, please check the FCCA Listserve. Information on how to sign up for the FCCA Listserv is available at www.foxhall.org.

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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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