

# FOXHALL News

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## **FCCA Calendar**

Next Meeting:

**Wed, Jan 15 @ 7PM**

Topic: **2020 elections and then Committee of 100's Nancy MacWood on proposed changes to D.C.'s Comprehensive Plan and Livable City Group's David Levy on the Georgetown-Rosslyn gondola proposal**

Location: 4500 Q Street NW in the Hardy Rec Center

Need a ride? Contact FCCA

President Conrad DeWitte

## **January General Meeting**

Our next meeting will be Wednesday January 15 from 7 p.m. to 8:50 p.m. In addition to the police report and announcements, we will have an election for our 2020 board of directors. Our speakers will be David Levy from the Livable City Group to talk about the proposed gondola from Georgetown to Rosslyn, and Nancy MacWood from the Committee of 100 to speak about proposed changes to the city's comprehensive plan. Please come and bring a friend.

## **Please join or renew your membership in the Foxhall Community Citizens Association today**

The Foxhall Community Citizens Association was established in 1928 and now serves over 900 households in DC's Foxhall Village, Colony Hill, Indian Rock, Georgetown Reservoir and Canal View areas. Boundary Map: <http://foxhall.org/fcca-boundaries/>

Our mission is to preserve the quality of life and unique architectural character of our community, and to promote friendship, neighborly feelings and social contacts while advancing the general interests of residents and homeowners.

Our largest expense is the preparation and printing of this newsletter. Volunteers deliver this newsletter to every home in the area prior to each general meeting to keep everyone up to date on issues that affect us. With over a quarter of households belonging to the FCCA, we are known as one of Washington's most active and effective neighborhood associations.

If you have been a member in the past, thank you. Please don't forget to renew your membership for this year. If you haven't been a member in the past, please consider joining this year. Information to pay by PayPal is available at <http://foxhall.org/the-association/join-us/> Or you can pay by check using the brochure included in this newsletter.

## **Volunteers needed 9 am to 2 p.m. on 1/20 for MLK Day Service Project!**

On Monday, January 20, from 9 am to 2 p.m., National Park Service personnel will be leading volunteers in loading cut bamboo into a large NPS-provided dumpster for disposal. This is a great opportunity to help clean up the neighborhood. Please come early or late. People will be working all day. Please wear pants, long sleeved shirts, and closed toed shoes. Bring water. Meet at the corner of 44th and Foxhall Roads near the big pile of bamboo. More information will be sent out to the FCCA listserve ([fccalistserve@groups.io](mailto:fccalistserve@groups.io)) as the event approaches.

## **FCCA Holiday Decorating Contest Provides Jolt of Color and Fun**

We laughed, we giggled, we oohed and ahed. And that was before we got to the Baby Shark house.

On December 20, a group of five intrepid judges, fortified with a glass of mulled wine, set off to view all the wonderful holiday decorations in our neighborhood. We certainly looked suspicious as we cruised slowly through the neighborhood! We were happy to see houses with new and exciting creations. Most were fun and colorful and many were stunning.

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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**

**FCCA Board**

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**Who Do You Call?**

**City-Wide Call Center**

To request free bulk trash pickups, report dumping, rat problems, and a host of other issues, call 311 or go online at 311.dc.gov

**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

**Ward 3 Mayor’s Liaison**, Jessica Wertheim, Jessica.Wertheim@dc.gov

**Our ANC Commissioners**, Virginia Gor-sevski (ANC 3D06) **3D06@anc.dc.gov** , J.P. Szymkowicz (ANC 3D09) **jp.szymko-wicz@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](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  
**March 3, May 12**

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

**St. Patrick’s** 7:30 pm  
*none scheduled*

**FCCA Newsletter Submissions**

Send to [cjdewitte@hotmail.com](mailto:cjdewitte@hotmail.com) for the next newsletter. Generally submissions should be under 300 words, but longer pieces may run by advance arrangement.

**Spring Fling 2020!! Volunteers Needed to Organize**

Every year the Friends of Hardy and the Foxhall Community Citizens Association sponsor the “Spring Fling” at Hardy Rec Center. This year will be no different. The tentative date for this year’s event is Saturday, April 25. We need volunteers to plan and organize this event. If you are interested in helping, please email **Conrad DeWitte** at [cjdewitte@hotmail.com](mailto:cjdewitte@hotmail.com).

## Caroling on Greenwich

Nikki Farison

As I was reading the Foxhall Community at Half Century booklet, I came across a section that highlighted memories from the past.

Here is what I read: Village Yuletide celebrations during the thirties included each year’s lovely Christmas tree in the circle on Greenwich, and the beautiful carols sung around it on Christmas Eve. They had a major in the Marine band who used to bring some of the Marine musicians out to play with them. Residents would make stockings and filled them with oranges, nuts and candies for the children. And they made caps and different colored jackets with bells on them, and the children would dress up in them and carry lighted candles in the tin can all around the Village singing carols.

One resident, Mr. R. D. Allison of 4463 Greenwich Parkway would play Santa Claus-- he enjoyed a generous girth--and the gifts were distributed to the Village children gathered around the tree. This was followed by lavish spreads at two or more Village houses, and all were welcome.

After reading this, I got the idea to bring back this tradition, not knowing that neighbors on Greenwich had already brought it back over the last decade. Instead of a Christmas tree, we had a bon fire and roasted marshmallows to make s’mores.

Then we sang songs around the fire. The turnout was great, lots of families and young children. I would love to expand this event in coming years to include a cookie exchange (which we did do at small level). If anyone who participated or would like to participate wants to bring back any of these original traditions, from opening your home for after parties, to dressing up as Santa Claus, let me know for next year.

At right, carolers enjoying the holiday. Photo credit: Nikki Farison



**We welcome ideas about how to broaden our community holiday celebrations. If you want to participate in planning, please don't hesitate to contact a member of the board.**

## Call Box Update

Sara Paulson

Special thanks to all who have contributed to the Call Box effort, including those who have given twice! A complete list of donors can also be found on the FCCA website. Many thanks also to the **Dromerick** family who decorated a Call Box for the holidays!

Now that our historic Police and Fire Call Boxes have been restored and gloriously painted, we need to complete their year 'round decor which will be a bronze history plaque on one side and related art work on the other. If you haven't already contributed, won't you please help?

You can donate via PayPal on the Call Box page of the FCCA website, foxhall.org. Or write a check made out to "FCCA" and send to our Treasurer:

**Foxhall Call Box Committee**  
**% Robert Siciliano**  
**4430 Greenwich Parkway, NW**  
**Washington, DC 20007**



## Flagmen Directing Dump Trucks

Hulit Taylor and Michael O'Connell

Our thanks to Clark Construction and MedStar Georgetown University Hospital for providing flagmen at the intersection of Reservoir and Foxhall and at Reservoir and MacArthur. Their job is to direct dump trucks leaving the Surgical Pavilion construction site. The trucks are to proceed on Reservoir to Canal or, if there is a backup, out Reservoir to Arizona.

The flagmen have worked during the intense summer heat and the cold, winter days. Next time you pass one, give them a wave and say Thank You!

If you continue to be inconvenienced by traffic, or have a compliment, please contact Matt Maio, Construction Executive for Trammel Crow, at medstarhospitaltrammellcrow@gmail.com. If possible, include a photo along with the date, time and a brief description of the problem.

## Leaf Collection Round II is Coming January 20 to 25

Weather permitting, DC Department of Public Works will be coming by for its second collection of leaves. Please rake your leaves into the tree box (i.e. the patch of grass between the sidewalk and the curb) by January 19. In past years, our neighborhood's leaves are collected on the last collection day of the week scheduled. So plan on DPW trucks to be in the neighborhood on Saturday, January 25. If possible, please park off-street on that day to give the large DPW vacuum trucks room to maneuver. More information is available at <https://dpw.dc.gov/service/leaf-and-holiday-tree-collection>

## Christmas Tree Collection Runs Through January 31

Call 311 to make an appointment to schedule tree collection for composting between December 27 and January 10. After scheduling an appointment, place your tree in front of your house. You may also take your tree to one of four drop off locations where they will be composted. Please remove all ornaments and lights and do not place trees and greenery in bags. If you do not wish to participate in the composting program or miss the pickup deadlines, place your tree out with your trash and it will be picked up along with your trash as space in the trash truck permits. More information is available at <https://dpw.dc.gov/service/leaf-and-holiday-tree-collection>

The winners:

**Most Kid-Friendly: Ben and Heidi Dryden** (newcomers to the neighborhood) at 4644 Reservoir Road, with their Baby Shark-themed lights

**Most Festive: Gayle and Joel Trotter** at 1935 Foxview Circle

**Most Creative: Shaun and Grace Snyder** at 1550 44th Street

**Best Illumination: Bill and Melissa Deegan** at 4448 Greenwich Parkway

**Honorable Mentions:**

1706 Surrey Lane, alley

1559 44th Street

4402 Q Street

1550 44th

4641 Clark Place

4525 Salem

4464 MacArthur

The judging committee: Mallory Lawson, Laurie Dromerick, MaryAnn Griffin, Andra Lion and Sara Paulson.



Pictured above, Most Festive holiday decorations at 1935 Foxview Cir. Photo credit: Sara Paulson



Pictured above, Mallory with baby sharks. Photo credit: Sara Paulson

**Thanks and Help Wanted**

The FCCA is unique in 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 dependent 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 Croke, Dolly Tucker, Bob Avery, Raymond Quianzon, Gerald Bemis, and Gerry Ives.** 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.

We currently have need for three additional volunteers for routes which are currently or will be vacant: (1) Greenwich Pkwy; (2) Reservoir Road from Foxhall to 44th Street; and (3) Reservoir Road from Foxhall to 47th place. Each route delivery takes about 30 minutes, six times a year. Its great exercise and a great way to help your community. Please contact **Bob Avery** at [raverydc@gmail.com](mailto:raverydc@gmail.com) if you would be willing to take on one of these routes.

## 2019 FCCA Treasurer’s Report

Andy Reuter, 2019 Treasurer

### Income and Expenses

This report presents the FCCA’s unaudited statement of operating income and expenses for 2019. As in years past, the 2019 statement covers the FCCA’s operating finances. New for 2019, this report also includes the new Call Box Fund (CBF)—a funding stream earmarked for the refurbishment and enhancement of Foxhall’s old police and fire callboxes. Note that the CBF income and expense numbers contained herein only represent the money held in treasury and may not reflect certain expenses paid by CBF donors directly to vendors.

This year’s dues of \$8,300 fell 3.9 percent from 2018. Interest income on the FCCA’s savings account and two certificates of deposit only generated \$35 due to low interest rates. The major ongoing operating expenses were the newsletter and printing; the stipend for the FCCA administrator; community events; the FCCA website (including the data conversion of the old Yahoo group), and Paypal fees. In 2019, there was also a one-time dues reimbursement. The CBF’s expenses included the call box refurbishment contract and Paypal fees.

The FCCA’s operating fund withdrew \$1,716 from its Capital Reserve in 2018. The CBF added \$6,807 to its Capital Reserve.

	2018	2019	% Change
<b>Operating Income</b>			
Dues	8,640	8,300	(3.9)
Interest	34	35	2.9
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	8,674	8,335	(3.9)
<b>CBF Income</b>			
PayPal Contributions	-	2,381	-
Check Contributions	-	10,690	-
<b>Total CBF Income</b>	-	13,071	-
<b>GRAND TOTAL INCOME</b>	8,674	21,406	146.8

### Operating Expenses

Administrator	3,250	3,000	(7.7)
Newsletter & Printing	6,215	6,198	(0.3)
Community Events	269	330	22.7
Paypal Fees (Dues)	93	138	48.4
Website	50	160	220.0

	2018	2019	% Change
Dues Reimbursement	-	225	-
Hardy School Historic Designation	1,100	-	(100.0)
DC Taxes (DC Corporation)	80	-	(100.0)
Office Supplies & Postage	26	-	(100.0)
Contribution to (Withdrawl from) Capital Reserve	(2,409)	(1,716)	(28.8)
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	8,694	8,335	(3.9)
<b>CBF Expenses</b>			
Call Box Refurbishment	-	6,190	-
Paypal Fees (CBF)	-	74	-
Contribution to (Withdrawl from) Capital Reserve	-	6,807	-
CBF Expenses	-	13,071	-
<b>GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	8,694	21,406	146.2

### TOTAL ASSETS

The FCCA’s assets total \$44,828 as of December 31, 2019, an increase of 14.9 percent from 2018. These assets include the CBF capital reserve discussed above.

	2018	2019	Change
<b>Total Assets</b>			
Checking Account	4,099	8,189	99.8
Savings Account	13,976	13,981	-
CD	9,657	9,674	0.2
CD	11,167	11,179	0.1
Paypal Account (to be transferred to checking)	121	1,805	1,391.7
<b>Total Assets</b>	39,019	44,828	14.9