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FCCA Calendar

Next Meeting:

Wed, March 18 @ 7PM

Speakers: **Nick Bartolomeo** and **Ana Chuquin** of the National Park Service and Rock Creek Park and **Celeste Duffy** from DC DPW to talk about upcoming District initiatives to keep our neighborhood clean

Location: 4500 Q Street NW in the Hardy Rec Center

Need a ride? Contact FCCA President Conrad DeWitte

March General Meeting

Our next meeting will be Wednesday March 18 from 7 p.m. to 8:50 p.m.

In addition to the police report and announcements, we will hear from **Nick Bartolomeo** and **Ana Chuquin** (both National Park Service) responsible for Rock Creek Park will be there to talk about what is happening in the Park.

We will also have **Celeste Duffy** from DC DPW to talk about upcoming District initiatives re leaf collection, bulk trash collection, graffiti mitigation, and other things to keep our neighborhood clean.

Update on Georgetown University Construction

Michael O'Connell and Hulit Taylor

Hospital's Surgical Pavilion

Excavation of the site where the Surgical Pavilion will be built continues and the large hole gets impressively larger every day. If you've been on campus, particularly near the Leavey Center, you've probably stood and watched the work. It's fascinating! This work will continue through most of next year.

A concrete batch plant for the project is being assembled close to Reservoir Road on what was the St. Mary's parking lot. This will enable the concrete mixture to be made on-site, eliminating the need for daily delivery by numerous cement trucks. Materials are slated to be delivered during off-peak traffic times. (If you are curious about what this batch plant will look like, a similar one is already in service at the old Fannie Mae site on Wisconsin Avenue.)

As always, if you are inconvenienced by traffic on Reservoir, 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.

University's Entrance #4

Work continues at Entrance #4 from Reservoir Road to the Lombardi Circle and on to Yates Field House. Due to several delays, such as breaking water pipes that were not shown on any map, the new traffic light, roadway and pedestrian access should be completed by late spring.

D5 Bus On Chopping Block, Changes In Works For D6

John Bray

WMATA aims to alter fares and reduce and eliminate bus lines that serve the area around Foxhall Village, prompting letters of protest and uncertainty about what's happening with public transportation.

The agency says on its website that it plans to "restructure service for efficiency and simplicity" and "eliminate routes where other transit service is available or on routes with low ridership."

Slated for elimination are the "first or last early morning and/or late-night trips, that have low ridership," including the D6. Routes on the chopping block include the D5.

The D5 runs along MacArthur Boulevard and to downtown. What constitutes ridership low enough to provoke route elimination is unclear. But riders waiting recently along the

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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, 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

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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
May 12

Lab School 6:00 pm
May 11 *Reservoir Campus*

St. Patrick's 7:30 pm
none scheduled

FCCA Newsletter Submissions

Send to 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.

Builders Outline Safeway-Site Complex

John Bray

The Palisades Safeway building, vacant since May 2019, will be demolished by May 22 and plans call for a senior living complex in its place rising to as many as six stories.

The developers, led by Trammell Crow, told the ANC 3D Commission on March 4 that they reconfigured the project to mitigate concerns of area residents. They said they increased open space, minimized frontage on MacArthur Boulevard, terraced the building and designated 4,000 square feet for retail.

While many residents have bemoaned the loss of the area's only full service grocery store, getting a grocery of any description onto the site might take more than an ad for the proposed space, a mere third or less of what the Safeway occupied.

So far, only Streets Market, which operates a half-dozen sites in D.C., has expressed any interest, the developers said.

Commissioner Christine Warnke voiced concern about the loss of a "cost effective" grocery for people on a "fixed income", contrasting the circumstances in the Palisades with burgeoning options along Wisconsin Avenue.

"We've had to proactively solicit grocers," said Eric Fischer, Trammell Crow's project leader. He said more interest has come from financial companies, such as banks and insurers.

"Retail is very complex right now. Safeway decided to leave," Fischer said. "We are trying to create incentives for a market." He said community interest in affordability was duly noted.

Hopefully One Last Call Box Funding Appeal

Our police and fire call boxes look lovely now, but a little empty. Won't you help provide the final funding so we can install engraved history plaques and plaques with historic photos inside each call box? We are a few thousand dollars short of our funding goal, which we need to meet before our contractor can start to manufacture and then install the plaques.

If you have not contributed yet, or would like to make an additional contribution, you can either: (1) Donate via Paypal on the Call Box page of the FCCA website - foxhall.org; or (2) Send a check to our Treasurer:

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



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Boulevard during the morning rush said they value the service and that the bus is crowded.

Also, WMATA is pushing use of pre-loaded plastic fare cards with a plan for a 25-cent regular fare surcharge for use of cash. The transfer discount between Metrorail and Metrobus would be increased, going from 50 cents to \$2. Other proposed changes include charging peak fares for people who ride between midnight and closing on Friday and Saturday nights and a \$1 rail surcharge for access at the new Dulles Airport station.

Metrobus ridership has been falling, says WMATA, which notes federal government workforce contraction; alternatives such as ride hailing, particularly at off-peak times; more telecommuting and slower bus speeds from congestion and roadwork.

WMATA's proposed 2021 operating budget is \$2 billion, with \$800 million coming mainly from passenger fares, parking fees, and advertising revenues, and \$1.2 billion in subsidies from jurisdictions.

A public comment period closed March 9, with the WMATA budget to be effective in July. Ward 3 Councilmember Mary Cheh and community organizations have registered opposition to WMATA bus plans.

FCCA Membership as of **March 9, 2020****Patron**

Daly, Rob & Karla
DeWitte, Conrad
Kern, Melissa & Bill Deegan
Ross, Marsha & Pete

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Avery, Robert
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Cooley, Diane & Alex Pires
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Dreyer, David E.
Farrell, Janet & Joe Drach
Fishkin, Nate & Jane
Lawson, Mallory
Milam, Sally & Jim
Paulson, Sara & Arne
Polk, Scott & Karen
Reuter, Andrew
Underhill, Charles
Zucchi, Dario & Gio

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Anonymous
Blenkle, Andy & Jen
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& Bob Hines
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& Christine Saunderson
Lanman, Charlie & Mary
Lauchman, Layla
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& Bob Mikolitch
O'Hara, Katie & Jim
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& Helga
Silard, Kelly & Debbie
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Wolfe, Tom
Wood, Lisa

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Sahrai-Akhlaghi Family
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The Bilik Family
Bray, John & Leslie
Buck, Molly
Cannon, Holly
& John Guttman
Caride, Julieta
& Jose Merino
Chester, Alec & Kim
Cleary, Colin & Susan
Crumbly, John & Blake
Dornsife, Cinnamon
& Chip Barber
Ebrahim, Adam
& Kristin Igusky
Elting, Jeffrey & Maureen
Foley, Stephen
& Karen Fisher
Fowler, Maika
Fulco, Carolyn
Gaughan, Mary
Gentile, Nancyellen
Grimaldi, Dave
Haas, Ann
Heintze, Achim
Huve, Gerard & Sang-ae
Ives, Donna & Gerry
Jablon, Cara & Robert
Jewett, Richard
Juarrero, Alicia
Khatami, Farrokh
Kimball, Peter & Leslie
Klusman, Susan & Larry
Krumholtz, Jack
& Philip Salin
Levi, Richard & Susan
Lion, Andra
& Steven Barnard

Major, Mike, Carrie & Kaylee
Malkani, Ravina & Naresh
The Weber Family
O'Scannlain, Dawn & Kevin
Oblaender, Carsten & Britta
Olenoski, Michelle
Peasley, Carol
Phillips, Laura
& Jared Cornfeld
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Straub, Terrence
& Elizabeth Shepard
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Tobey, Steve
& Julia Haidemenos
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& Anna Tate Riegel

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Barton, Terry & Jay
Beg, Joan
Bemis, Gerald
Borras, Cari
Bourdaudhui, Robert
& Susan
Bray, Howard
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& Mary Rollefson
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Smith, Joanna
Tucker, Gene & Dolly
Velsey, Don & Vicki
Wherry, David & Cen
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Non-Resident

Beach, Carter

Donation

Dateline February 27, 2020. Thank you to ANC3D09 Commissioner **J.P. Szymkowicz** and DPW for coordinating to have the piles of cut invasive bamboo removed from the corner of 44th Street and Foxhall Road. This is part of a ongoing neighborhood project to remove the invasive bamboo from public space. Photo by **Michael O'Connell**.

Pay by check or go to www.foxhall.org and join or renew using PayPal!

Thank you for your support!

If you would like to talk about how your interests might mesh with the 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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Complete Mailing Address

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Date