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## Note To Readers

**March 2020 came in like a virus and went out like a mask, which wears on us as much as we still wear it. We distance ourselves as we pine to close the gap. The FCCA has a tradition of delivering a printed newsletter to every one of our doorsteps. We recognize concerns some might have about mail, packages and other materials that come to our doors and also that you will use your best judgment about safety. Our effort represents a commitment to keep in touch as a neighborhood. Thank you for your interest.**

## **D.C. Diversion: “You Do Not Recycle Glass?”**

John Bray

ANC 3D Chairman Chuck Elkins thought he’d misunderstood.

“Could you say that again? You do not recycle glass?”

“We do not recycle glass anymore,” said Reginald May of the D.C. Solid Waste Education and Enforcement Program. “It goes in the trash.”

It was an exchange in February, an aside in a Commission discussion about the city’s system of fining people for violating waste collection procedures. Elkins wasn’t the only one surprised, especially when a quick check of the city Department of Public Works website showed bottles and jars among the materials people are required to recycle. May said he would check on the confusion. Glass has kept its place on D.C.’s recycling list. May’s statement, however, might be at least half-full, depending on how one looks at the glass.

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## **Old Hardy School’s South Side Eyed for 80,000-Square-Foot Elementary Building**

John Bray

DCPS facilities planners are eyeing the tree-studded green on the south side of the old Hardy School to build an elementary school.

A 70,000- to 80,000-square-foot school is envisioned, with enrollment between 450 and 550 students, according to city and DCPS officials.

Planning for the Foxhall elementary school remains fluid and community meetings are expected, according to Andrea Swiatocha, DCPS deputy chief of facilities.

The old Hardy School building, occupied by The Lab School of Washington, sits between two parking lots. Swiatocha said in May that both schools are expected to operate on the site. Access and parking issues remain to be resolved.

“It’s going to be an interesting site when it comes to zoning and regulations,” said Swiatocha, who said she has visited the location. “We’ll need to hire a design team to confirm that’s the right spot.”

No new construction of playground space is planned. Swiatocha said she does not want a new facility to interfere with the planned renovation of the Hardy Park recreation area. Swiatocha said the size of the school’s

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The Fourth of July unfurls on 44th Street in Foxhall Village.  
Photo Credit: Cari Borrás

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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

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Call 911 for both emergency and non-emergency Police matters, including noise after 10 PM.

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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, Anne Brockett, 202-442-88342 or anne.brockett@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

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Email Officer McElwee to check on your home periodically, anthony.mcelwee@dc.gov

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**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.

*none scheduled*

**Georgetown Day School**

**Lab School**

**St. Patrick’s**

**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.

**Capital Bikeshare Arrives at Hardy Rec Center**

Brett Young

Capital Bikeshare has been installed at the tennis courts at the Hardy Rec Center. This has been a 3 year effort to get them installed. DDOT has more locations on the table and I ([jojopuppyfish@yahoo.com](mailto:jojopuppyfish@yahoo.com)) would be happy to assist anyone in the Palisades who has ideas for additional locations.



## GW/Mt. Vernon: Closed for Summer, Re-opening August 31, Long-term Changes Planned

Peter Van Allen

Per the latest updates from GW/Mt. Vernon (GW/MV), there are no plans to open the pool this summer. There will be no events on campus either.

GW/MV plans to reopen August 31 with on-site classes until Thanksgiving break, then online until at least the end of the semester. All students, except Seniors, will be housed on campus with any off-campus students in Foggy Bottom. The Vern Shuttle will be for GW students only – no neighbors. GW/MV expects less students than last year.

While the 2020 Long-Term Campus Plan has been delayed until June 30, 2021, a Strategic Facilities Plan is currently underway that includes the following initial proposals:

- Enclose the pool and convert the tennis courts to a playing field
- No new dorms, but replace Cole Hall (at Foxhall & W) with a larger Training & Education Center
- Keep the open feel and enhance the walkability of the campus by eliminating the road throughout campus (will end at the Clock Tower) and eliminating any outdoor staircases.

GW/MV says that it is even more important for GW to support and work with neighbors to create a positive community environment. Please feel free to reach out to Kevin Days, Director of Community Relations (kdays@gwu.edu or 202-725-6426), if you have any questions or concerns.

## Concrete Batch Plant Part of Georgetown University Construction

Hulit Taylor with Michael O'Connell

### Hospital's Surgical Pavilion

Excavation of the site where the Surgical Pavilion will be built is progressing. A concrete batch plant has been assembled close to Reservoir Road on what was the St. Mary's parking lot. This enables the concrete mixture to be made on-site, eliminating the need for daily delivery by numerous cement trucks. Materials are delivered during off-peak traffic times. In addition, the first of 3 tall cranes have been constructed at the south end of the site. The second, Center Crane is slated to be erected this month, and the third is scheduled to go up in October 2020 as excavation moves closer towards Reservoir Road.

If you are on campus, one of the best views of the "Big Dig" is from the northeast corner of the Leavey Center roof top. It's fascinating to watch!

### University's Entrance #4

Entrance #4 on Reservoir Road is now the northern entrance to the University campus. We are awaiting an update on the activation of the Entrance 4 traffic lights, but there doesn't seem to be much need for them right now given the light flow of traffic.

### New East-West Road

The new East-West Road and a pedestrian sidewalk extend from Reservoir, along a plaza behind the Medical School, on to the Lombardi Circle, Leavey Center, Yates Field House on down to Canal Road.

## Call Box Update

Sara Paulson

We are making progress on the final phase of the Call Box Restoration project. We have been working with the contractor on the proofs for the history plaques and photos referencing the history of our area. One box will contain a beautiful picture of Village architecture taken by Bob Mikolitch, an amateur photographer who is also a neighbor. And we have contracted with local artist, Peter Waddell, to paint a picture of the Army Corps of Engineer's castle on MacArthur Boulevard. He has done some lovely paintings of call boxes in Kalorama.

We are still in need of contributions, but will not know how much until we get the final bill from the contractor. That will include replacement of some missing metal parts. Thanks to all our supporters for helping to make this happen!

## Local Input Sought on Foxhall School Proposal

Ann Haas

Construction of an 80,000 square foot elementary school on the site of old Hardy School would have major impact on the community. Do you want to serve on a committee that would help guide this project proposed by Mayor Muriel Bowser?

In Cleveland Park, the John Eaton Elementary School is undergoing a major expansion, guided by a School Improvement Team that includes neighbors who formed a coalition with parents. According to a team member: partic-

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FUTURE SCHOOL?: DCPS officials are targeting a tree-studded green on the south side of the old Hardy School facility for a \$56 million, 80,000-square-foot elementary school, included in the mayor's 2021 budget proposal. Photo Credit: John Bray

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staff would depend on the grade configuration, which has not been settled.

Impetus for the building project comes from conditions at two other elementary schools.

“We were really trying to make a better solution for Key and Stoddert,” Swiatocha said, noting \$20.5 million additions that had been targeted for each, the former on the west side of Palisades and the latter in the Glover Park area. Those projects called for replacement of portables with permanent facilities, and gaining some classroom space. That money is now budgeted for the Foxhall school.

The Foxhall school would relieve enrollment at Key and Stoddert, and maybe other areas as well, Swiatocha said. “That’s really the next stage in the planning analysis,” she said. “We want dive a little deeper with the school planning team.”

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Recycling glass, at least on paper, seems ideal. Bottles and jars, recycling veterans say, can be made, filled, emptied, melted, remolded and filled anew — nearly ad infinitum, with little tinkering and less energy consumption than starting with sand. It’s not what happens to glass that goes into D.C.’s home recycling bins.

The destination for most D.C. recyclables is a Waste Management Inc. sorting facility in Elkridge, Md., according to ZeroWaste.dc.gov, which involves an “interagency Waste Reduction Working Group” and enables the city’s government to “speak with one voice” on the issue. Some of the material is too contaminated to make the trip and gets treated as waste. The website states that glass goes primarily for “alternative daily cover” at regional landfills.

Waste Management runs the mixed loads it receives from around the region through its facility to segregate materials for reuse. Glass gets broken as it is sorted from the cardboard, plas-

tic, metal and paper, says Lisa Kardell, the site’s public affairs director.

Kardell says all the glass, which makes up about 19 percent of the recyclables, goes to the company’s landfill in King George County, Virginia, near Fredericksburg, where it’s used in construction projects, such as drainage and roads that lead to tip points. “Since our municipalities would like to continue to recycle glass, we have that in our contracts that we will continue to recycle glass,” Kardell said. “It goes to our landfill, but it doesn’t get buried with the trash. It prevents us from having to buy stone when we’re building our roads.”

The glass doesn’t come out of the facility clean enough to satisfy glass manufacturers and the company has no plans to make it so, Kardell says. “There is a cost associated with it,” Kardell said. She said the distance to the nearest glass manufacturers, in Pittsburgh and North Carolina, deters transporting the commodity.

Annie White, manager of DPW’s office of waste diversion, says the city is looking for ways to produce a cleaner stream of glass for higher types of reuse.

Meanwhile, D.C. residents are required to recycle “the full suite of materials” on the mayor’s 2018 list, including bottles and jars, “all items clean and empty.” The DPW website shows bottles and jars in green, amber and clear. Fines for “improper source separation of recyclables” go from \$75 for a first violation to \$1,000 for a fourth.

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ipants worked together to resolve conflicts. For example, neighbors wanted to restrict the footprint and keep additions away from houses and parents wanted more program and maintenance of playground space. The answer was to go underground.

For major capital projects, the DC Public Schools establishes School Improvement Teams consisting of 10-15 members to provide feedback during “the development of the education specifications and design and to assist with disseminating information about progress.” From the DCPS Web site, “Each SIT is expected to include teachers, school staff, parents, neighborhood organization representatives ( e.g., ANC’s Civic/Citizens’ Associations, Mayor’s Office of Community Relations, City Council, neighbors, DGS project manager, and students (when possible).” SIT members are expected to continue through construction and to be available to receive updates and consult on issues that arise.

If you are interested in participating, please reach out to FCCA Board Member Ann Haas (ahaas212@comcast.net).

**Shall We Name the Alley, Parallel to 44th St, That Borders Glover Archbold Park?**

Cari Borrás

During these months of confinement, the Alley by the Park has given us a splendid opportunity to walk outside our homes safely. Young and elderly Foxhallers, often alone, but also in company of children and/or dogs have strolled, walked or run on it, enjoying the seasonal changes of our neighborhood. In March it was the timid blooming of the trees; in April and May, the explosive growth of the flowers, and in June, the magical glow of the fireflies. Yet, the Alley by the Park does not have a name. Shall we give it one?

We already have an alley with a name (see photo).

Boxwood Way runs parallel to 44th St, between Volta and Greenwich Park. We don’t need to have permission from the city or from the National Park Service, as long as we put the signs, for example, on the utility posts. And the signs do not have to be expensive. In fact, a group of us, interested in naming the Alley, would happily pay for them.

But we would like to know the opinion of the Foxhall Community, especially the residents who border the alley. Please, send suggestions for an appropriate designation. Several names have already been voiced:

Sunrise Lane, Woodpecker Way, Warbler Fly Path, Deer Passage, Squirrel Run, Fox Corridor, Four Seasons Alley,

Magical Trail...

If interested, please send an email to [borrasc@hotmail.com](mailto:borrasc@hotmail.com) with your suggestions by August, 15. Or if you prefer, please fill in and email your choices in the table, ranking both columns, as you may favor a different name combination.

We hope to announce the preferences after Labor Day.

**Sale of GDS Lower Campus Delayed**

John Bray

Sale of Georgetown Day School’s MacArthur Boulevard campus, expected to be completed at the end of June, has been delayed, school officials said June 16.

Closing of the deal, in the works for the past 2.5 years, has been put off “a couple” or “a few” months, GDS Chief Financial Officer Jeffrey Houser said. He said the buyer requested the delay.

Citing a confidentiality agreement, Houser has identified the buyer only as another private school. He declined to give a reason for the delay or put an outside limit on extension of the contract. The deal has been in the works since at least December 2017.

The uncertain turn, and the prospect of the building being empty, prompted questions at a community meeting about how the building and fields might be used.

Houser said the site is obviously valuable, especially as schools contemplate how they might accommodate the “social distancing” called for to help combat the spread of the Covid-19 virus. But he said how it might be used and by whom are unclear. He said the site would be patrolled by GDS security. The building is about 90,000 square feet and has accommodated 575 students.

In a move that caught many by surprise, Mayor Muriel Bowser’s proposed 2021 budget includes plans for building a \$56 million elementary school next to the old Hardy

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School building, about a block from the GDS campus. DCPS officials have said the school would be 70,000 to 80,000 square feet and hold up to 550 students.

Houser said DCPS has expressed interest in the GDS site in the past. He would not say whether DCPS has done so recently, but he said, "People talk to people."

GDS has been packing up the lower school campus and expects to move its belongings to its expanded Tenleytown campus by the end of this month. That transition was put off for a week to 10 days to allow for easier final inspections of the new building, Houser said.

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