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2021 FCCA Annual Meeting Notice

The Foxhall Community Citizens Association will hold a brief annual meeting to elect Board of Directors, via zoom on Wednesday December 2nd at 7 p.m. The zoom link details will be emailed for currently paid members on November 30th.

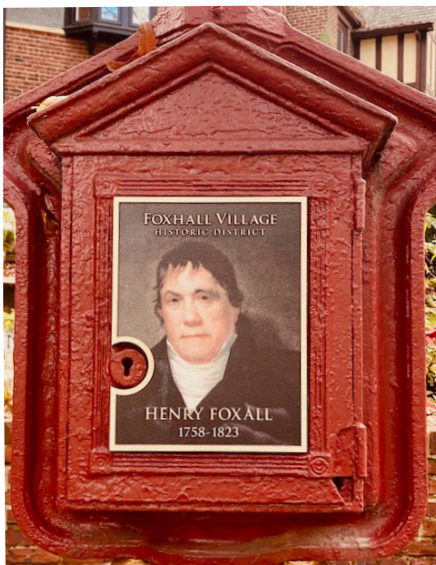
Call Boxes - at the Finish Line!

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

We are happy to announce that the Call Box Restoration project is complete. We have installed an original painting by local artist Peter Waddell on the call box on the corner of Q Street and MacArthur Boulevard, and replaced some missing panels in a couple of the other call boxes.

Thanks to all the contributors who made this happen. We were able to finish with a last minute grant from the FCCA. If anyone still wants to contribute to this community effort, please go to the FCCA website and make a donation there: www.foxhall.org.

Additional photos can be found on Page 6.



Leaf Collection Coming Soon to Curb Near You

The DC Department of Public Works (DPW) will conduct two leaf collections this year between November 9, 2020 and January 30, 2021. Residents are asked to rake their leaves, for collection, to the curb or into the tree box at the front of the residence. Collections for our neighborhood will occur as follows:

	Rake Leaves Out By	Collection Date
First Pick-up	Nov 29	Nov 30 thru Dec 5
Second Pick-up	Jan 17	Jan 18 thru Jan 23

Changes in city plans for leaf pick-up this year produced confusion among residents, but ANC 3D Chair Chuck Elkins said the “bottom line is that the city will be conducting the leaf pickup with vacuum trucks exactly as they did last year.”

Elkins said pick-up times can be found at <http://leaf.dpw.dc.gov/leafcollection/> and entering your address.

Elkins said the city initially announced it was not going to vacuum the leaves this year and that residents would need to put leaves in paper bags for pick-up and composting. They were going to distribute 20 bags to each household. Now, no bags will be distributed and bagging is not required, according to Elkins. Already bagged leaves will be picked up, but city collectors prefer them loose at the curb.

Changes Afoot Along MacArthur Blvd.

John Bray

Key sites along the east end of MacArthur Boulevard are in play.

A blank slate now occupies the site where a 15,000-square-foot Safeway store once stood, leaving the Palisades with no large, full-service grocery. Developers have gained approval to put in its place a nursing and residential complex for seniors. Despite concerns about the project’s impact on the community, ANC 3D voted to support the developer’s application that went to city zoning authorities. The ANC, expecting city zoning approval, traded its backing for a deal with the developer that covers construction management and an effort by the developer to include a grocery store. The store would be about a third the size of the demolished Safeway. Part of the development, a residential cluster at the rear of the site, required a special exception, which went before

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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

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.

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) 442-7600 or anne.brockett@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.

Meetings listed below are to provide info to the community regarding the use of the campus, particularly use of Q Street to drop off when Foxhall Road is repaved. Links to follow.

Georgetown Day School

Zoom December 9, 2020 @ 6:30 PM

Zoom March 17, 2021 @ 6:30 PM

Zoom June 16, 2021 @ 6:30 PM

Lab School

Zoom Jan 11, 2021 @6:00 PM

St. Patrick’s

FCCA Newsletter Submissions

Send to 1ja.bray@gmail.com for the next newsletter. Generally submissions should be under 300 words, but longer pieces may run by advance arrangement.

2021 FCCA Board of Directors Election Notice

The Foxhall Community Citizens Association (FCCA) will have a brief annual meeting via zoom on December 2nd at 7:00 PM to vote for next year’s Board of Directors. Directors of the Board of Directors are elected by a majority FCCA membership vote at the annual meeting and shall serve for a one-year term. Only FCCA members residing within the FCCA geographic area may be nominated and serve as Directors. The Board is empowered to transact all necessary and urgent business of the FCCA, including, but not limited to, financial expenditures, membership drives and dues collection, presentations before administrative and legal authorities, and the newsletter publication and distribution. The Board of Directors is composed of not less than seven or more than nineteen members. Please contact Conrad DeWitte at cjdewitte@hotmail.com if you would like to be included on next year’s board. The current slate of Directors is as follows:

Robert Avery, Vipul Bhagat, Carter Beach, Cari Borrás, Leo Blyth, Liz Davis, Michael Delaney, Conrad DeWitte, Paul DonVito, Nikki Farison, Ann Haas, Michael O’Connell, Sara Paulson, Edward Ponzi, John Szymkowicz, Peter Van Allen



BRASS BLAST: Native D.C. band Crush Funk popped up on Greenwich Circle on September 24 to blow away the Covid-19 blues, drawing residents outdoors for a mix of hits that went on for more than an hour.
 Photo Credit: Leslie Bray

WARD 3 Councilmember Cheh Says City Advancing Process To Buy GDS Lower Campus

Ann Haas

In response to an FCCA question about the status of a city effort to acquire the Georgetown Day School’s former lower school campus, Ward 3 Council Member Mary Cheh wrote on November 19, 2020, “I have been told that the process is moving forward as expected. Unfortunately, I can’t say more than that given that it relates to ongoing negotiations.”

Since the July issue of The Foxhall News featuring plans to build a \$56-million, 80,000-square foot school next to “Old Hardy,” the Council voted to appropriate \$48 million to fund acquisition of the GDS MacArthur Boulevard campus. GDS has now vacated the site to unify with the high school at the newly expanded campus in Tenleytown. A sale of the lower school to another school has been pending for nearly three years, and, in recent months, the property has been marketed in search of another buyer.

Cheh announced the available funding by Tweet on July 20, 2020: “Great news: With leadership of Chairman Mendelson, the Council has now identified money to acquire the former Georgetown Day School site on MacArthur Boulevard—this will provide tremendous relief to the incredible overcrowding at our middle schools!”

Ward 3 School Board Member and Board President Ruth Wattenberg has called the possible 5.6-acre campus purchase “a once-in-a-generation opportunity,” urging Mayor Bowser, Council Chairman Mendelson, and the D.C. Council to “get that contract done!” Wattenberg similarly urged residents to e-mail Deputy Mayor of Education Paul Kihn with the same message.

FCCA residents who are interested being involved in this issue--please contact Ann Haas at ahaas212@comcast.net.

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the city’s Board of Zoning Adjustment on November 4. The Board approved the project application. 3D04 Commissioner Michael Sriquei, who wrote the ANC’s letter to the Board, said it might be months before the Board issues its order on the project, which would show more clearly the developer’s obligations.

“Pretty much as we expected, the BZA ignored the far-reaching concerns the community has, and approved the application in as much as it met the guidelines for such a project in the Zoning Regulations,” Sriquei said in an email to me.

Further east, Georgetown Day School officials said recently that the sale of the former lower school campus at Q Street and MacArthur remains pending. GDS Chief Financial Officer Jeffrey Houser said the school still has a purchase contract with the original buyer, described as another school. But the closing of deal has been extended while another entity seeks to find another buyer for the property. The property has been marketed for use as a school and for redevelopment.

Just across the Boulevard from GDS, a single-family residence has been targeted for denser occupation. ANC 3D Commissioner J.P. Szymkowicz, seeking comment, recently informed community residents of an application from Polygon Holdings LLC to convert the single-family dwelling at 4457 MacArthur Boulevard to a nine-unit building. The proposal calls for construct a third-story addition and three-story side addition. At least two other nearby single-family dwellings have been converted to multiple residences.



ONE TIMES NINE?: An application has been submitted to city zoning authorities to convert a single-family dwelling at 4457 MacArthur Blvd., shown here on October 31, to a nine-unit complex. Photo Credit: John Bray

Lab School Updates Plans For Campus

The Lab School of Washington

The week of September 21, we began welcoming small groups of students to our Foxhall Campus for short periods of outdoor learning, using tents to add to our protected space. As the weeks progressed, we increased the number of students and their time on campus.

At our Reservoir campus, Intermediate, Junior High, and High School students are divided into two groups, each on campus two days per week. This allows us to provide the recommended distancing in all of our Reservoir campus classrooms.

At Foxhall, morning drop-off occurs from 8 to 8:30, and the school day finishes at 2:30 p.m.

At Reservoir, Intermediate students arrive between 7:45 and 8 a.m. and finish their school days at 2:30 p.m. Our Junior High and High school students arrive between 8:50 and 9:15 a.m., and finish between 3:35 and 3:50 p.m.

We have used Q Street for drop-off and pick-up at Foxhall, due to D.C. road work along Foxhall. We anticipate returning to our usual drop-off and pick-up on Foxhall when the work is completed.

After holidays, we will return for a period to virtual teaching and learning, in accordance with public health guidance. We anticipate that once we are back on campus, we will return to our current schedule for the remainder of the school year.

Our next community meeting will be January 11, and the Zoom link will be provided to all of the neighborhood associations with whom we work. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us with any questions.

Surgical Pavilion Update

Michael O'Connell and Hulit Taylor

Constructions on the Georgetown MedStar Surgical Pavilion is making great progress, as you've probably seen when you drive by on Reservoir Road. The Hospital Construction Committee will meet a day or two after this newsletter is distributed, so we hope to have more updates for you in the next newsletter, but we thought you'd enjoy seeing a few of these amateur photos. When it is all done the 477,213 sq. ft. Medical/Surgical Pavilion will house:

- 156 private patient rooms
- 32 state-of-the-art operating rooms, including a new intraoperative MRI Suite
- New emergency department with 32 private rooms
- Rooftop helipad with direct access to the emergency department and operating rooms
- Three levels of underground parking

The construction company asked us to express thanks for the neighbors' understanding of the dirt and dust on Reservoir Road in September and October. They said that they did everything they could to control it but the wet weather during that time, and the nature of the construction site made the dirt a real challenge to control. Finally, if you have any concerns about the work please email: medstarhospitaltrammellcrow@gmail.com. Photos by Hulit Taylor on the next page.



From Levey Center towards Reservoir Road, 3 stories deep.



From the Reservoir Road Gate towards Levey Center.



From the Reservoir Road Gate towards St. Mary's Hall and the concrete batch plant. Excavation in front of St. Mary's will take place next spring.



Pictured above: newly restored Call Boxes, painted by area artist (and Tudor Place's artist-in residence) Peter Waddell.

FCCA Membership as of **November 16, 2020**

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Siciliano, Robert
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Smart, Janice
Stevens, Guy
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Tobey, Steve
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Barton, Terry & Jay
Beg, Joan
Bemis, Gerald
Borras, Cari
Bourdaudhui, Robert & Susan
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Brown, Chris & Mary Rollefson
Brownstein, Elisabeth
Conner, Chris & David
Greenwood, Marsha
Griffin, MaryAnn
Harou, Patrice & Berengere
Harris, Randolph & Cory
Hurt, Adrienne
Kerwin, Connie
Klein, Solange
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Seltzer, George & Dianne
Shen, Susan
Smith, Joanna
Szymkowicz, John & Carol
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Velsey, Don & Vicki
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Wolf, Christopher
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Lawson, Mallory
Milam, Sally & Jim
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Sahrai-Akhlaghi Family
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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 **Booster Memberships**

- \$25 Household
- \$15 Senior Household
- \$25 Non-Resident
- \$250 Patron
- \$100 Advocate
- \$50 Sponsor
- Donation \$ _____

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