

# FOXHALL News

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## Meet the Mayor at the February FCCA Meeting!

**When:** Wednesday February 21st from 6:30 to 8:00 PM

**Where:** The Hardy Rec Center, 45th and Q St.

Bring your questions and concerns, for example about the new MacArthur HS. It is also our opportunity to thank the Mayor for the things she has done for us, such as renovating Hardy Park. Please join us. All are welcome!

## Join the FCCA Listserve!!

Keep up-to-date with all happenings in your community, such as developments with the schools, issues before ANC, community parties, recommendations for repairment, etc. by joining the FCCA Listserve. For more information and to join, check out: [groups.io/g/FCCAlistserve](https://groups.io/g/FCCAlistserve)

For any listserv questions, please email Katherine Samolyk at [ksamolyk@msn.com](mailto:ksamolyk@msn.com)

## Time to Renew FCCA Membership or Consider Joining

The FCCA has long featured an inclusive, transparent governance style. All major decisions are done by vote. Everyone in our area is noticed by hand-delivered newsletters of upcoming meetings. Meetings are open to all—whether members or not. We don't endorse political candidates but rather provide a forum for presentation of views on issues relevant to our neighborhood.

It was hard to operate this way over the past three years of Covid. But we are gradually returning to normal. We have resumed our pattern of semi-monthly in-person membership meetings at the Hardy Rec Center with our next meeting on Wednesday February 21st featuring a visit from Mayor Bowser. We have also resumed social events with our annual Spring Fling at Hardy Park in May and Halloween craft event in the Fall.

As part of this, we encourage those of you that have let your membership lapse to renew and for newcomers to consider joining. The box on the back page tells you how to do it.

What do you get for your membership? Perhaps the most important thing is advocacy. Historically, the FCCA has avoided taking positions on divisive issues where our community is split, feeling that here, individuals are free to advocate their own positions. But when we do take a position, it has generally been on "quality of life issues" where our community comes out strongly on one side. Here we fight tenaciously and have generally won.

Our most recent success was the defeat of the Foxhall Elementary school proposal which would have resulted in the loss of much of our beloved Hardy Park.

Other victories include the establishment of the Foxhall and Colony Hill historic preservation districts; the renovation of Hardy Park; the defeat of Georgetown University's "loop road" proposal along Glover Archibold park; and the Landmark Status for the Old Hardy School. The past 15 years have seen major improvements in the "town/gown" relationship between the community and Georgetown University, the Lab School, GDS, and St. Patrick's. This has happened to a large extent, because FCCA representatives have attended every school BZA meeting during this period to push for neighborhood interests.

Join online at [www.foxhall.org](http://www.foxhall.org) or use the enclosed membership form and send to:

**FCCA c/o Vipul Bhagat, Treasurer, 4435 Volta Place NW, Washington, DC 20007**

## FCCA Mission

The FCCA shall develop and preserve the historic character and aesthetic values of the area, promote community friendship, represent neighborhood interests before regulatory and administrative legal authorities, and assist governmental agencies in the fulfillment of their duties.

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 Bob Avery.

## FCCA Board

**Bob Avery, President and Police Liaison**  
202-338-3834, [raverydc@gmail.com](mailto:raverydc@gmail.com)

**Carter Beach, Clark Place Liaison**

**Vipul Bhagat, Treasurer**  
[vipbhagdc@gmail.com](mailto:vipbhagdc@gmail.com)

**Conrad J. DeWitte, Jr., Secretary and GCP Steering Committee Representative**  
202-321-1700, [cjdewitte@hotmail.com](mailto:cjdewitte@hotmail.com)

**Paul DonVito, Historic Preservation & Listserve Liaison**

**Nikki Farison, Community Events & Welcome Committee**

**Ann Haas, At Large**

**Janet Nash, At Large**

**Michael O'Connell, GU/Medstar Construction Liaison**  
202-765-4973

**Sara Paulson, Aging-in-Place, Palisades Village Liaison, & Chair of the Foxhall Call Box Restoration Committee**

**Katherine Samolyk, At Large**  
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**Peter Van Allen, DC Fair Skies & Colony Hill Liaison**  
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**Tom Wolfe, Friends of Hardy**

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## 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.

## Who Do You Call?

### City-Wide Call Center

Go to [311.dc.gov](http://311.dc.gov) or call 311 to request free bulk trash and yard waste pickups, and to report burned out street lights, illegal dumping, graffiti, cars obstructing sidewalks or displaying suspicious guest parking permits, and other issues.

**DC Animal Shelter** 202-576-6664

### Police and Fire Departments

Call 911 for both emergency and non-emergency Police matters.

### Georgetown 24/7 Community Hotline

Report student activities that negatively impact our community including noise after 10 pm at GU's 24/7 Hotline, 202-687-8413

### PEPCO

Power Outages 877-737-2662  
Street Lights Out 202-269-0855  
Washington Gas 202-624-6049

### Ward 3 City Council Member

Matt Frumin, [mfrumin@dccouncil.gov](mailto:mfrumin@dccouncil.gov)

### Ward 3 Mayor's Liaison

Matthew Barclay, [matthew.barclay@dc.gov](mailto:matthew.barclay@dc.gov), 202-340-7853

### Our ANC Commissioners, Marilyn

Nowalk, [3D06@ANC.DC.GOV](mailto:3D06@ANC.DC.GOV), and J.P. Szymkowicz, [jp.szymkowicz@anc.dc.gov](mailto:jp.szymkowicz@anc.dc.gov). For more information, go to [anc3d.org](http://anc3d.org).

### 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](mailto:anne.brockett@dc.gov). Historic District Guidelines can be found at [http://foxhall.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/06/FVHD\\_Design-Guidelines.pdf](http://foxhall.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/06/FVHD_Design-Guidelines.pdf)

### Going out of town?

Email MPD Officer Tony McElwee to check on your home periodically, [anthony.mcelwee@dc.gov](mailto: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.

**Lab School**—at 6:00 p.m.

**March 11, 2024**, Virtual Zoom

Zoom link: <https://labschool-org.zoom.us/j/85019924860>

**May 13, 2024**, In Person Meeting at the Reservoir Campus

**St. Patrick's**—at 6:30 p.m.

**April 16, 2024**

## Fun in the Foxhall Neighborhood !

Below are photos from FCCA community parties last year: the **Hardy Park Spring Fling** and holiday fun at the **Q-Street Circle Halloween Party**.



## A Brief History of Foxhall

**FOXHALL IS NAMED** for the road that passed by the summer home built by Henry Foxhall in what is now Foxhall Village. Foxhall, born in Wales, arrived in America in 1795—a year after Congress had signed the Declaration of Independence. Foxhall owned the cannon factory on Foundry Creek in what is now Glover Archbold Park. Foxhall's cannons are credited with helping to defeat the British during the War of 1812.

**FARMS** — Our area was mostly farmland during the 1800s, including the Ready Farm along Q Street near 45th, and some farms remained intact until shortly before WWII. Foxhall Road, MacArthur Boulevard, and the Palisades area included many summer homes of prominent Washingtonians dating to the late 1800s.

**FOXHALL VILLAGE** was built in the late 1920s. After visiting the English town of Tewkesbury, Harry Boss of the construction firm Boss & Phelps returned to Washington determined to replicate the Tudor-style houses he had admired. By 1927, nearly 150 homes had been finished in the little community of high-end and architecturally acclaimed residences in suburban Washington. Today there are over 300 homes in Foxhall Village, which is now a designated Historic District.

**MACARTHUR BOULEVARD**, originally named Conduit Road, runs over the water lines that link the Potomac intakes to the old reservoir in upper Georgetown—now the site of the Georgetown Public Library at R and Wisconsin. Conduit Road's name was changed after World War II but Reservoir Road—named for the old reservoir and not the present one— kept its name.

**LEARN MUCH MORE** about our neighborhood and its history through the newsletter and by visiting the FCCA's website. Download Foxhall at the Half Century and check out links to Palisades' history and lots more information about the past —and, more importantly—the future of your neighborhood.

ABOUT THE FCCA

**THE FCCA IS FUNDED** solely through annual dues and donations, which pay for the newsletter and community events. A high level of community participation, demonstrated by membership, also gives the Association weight in effectively representing neighborhood concerns to government and private groups such as developers and local private schools.

**A VOLUNTEER ELECTED BOARD** meets to discuss issues and organize bimonthly general meetings, open to all community members, at the Hardy Recreation Center. The Association’s informative newsletter, delivered by FCCA volunteers, lets all residents know of upcoming meetings and events, and provides excellent background on issues of concern to help ensure that everyone knows all sides of issues that may affect their neighborhood, quality of life, and home value.

**TOGETHER** with our Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC3D) and sister community associations, the FCCA monitors and acts on a range of neighborhood issues. Over the years, the FCCA has prevented construction of a major roadway through Glover Archbold Park and bridge across the Potomac at Three Sisters; we saved Hardy School (now historically designated and on longterm lease to the Lab School) from being converted to a GU university dormitory; we worked with D.C. Parks and Recreation to restore the playing field and control its overuse; we monitored growth of nearby schools and universities; we pushed for appropriate modifications to numerous undesirable development schemes; we restored the historic Call Boxes in our community and we worked with the DC government to create the Colony Hill and Foxhall Village Historic Districts.

**THE FCCA TRACKS** a wide range of issues that affect the neighborhood—from historic preservation and pets and potholes to private schools and pollution. We remain very active in mitigating the affects of traffic through the area. We bring items of concern to the attention of residents, assess community opinion, and then act on behalf of the community. We are most effective when we are informed and when we act together.



More fun at the Halloween Party!

Pay by check or go to [www.foxhall.org](http://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 Vipul Bhagat, Treasurer, 4435 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Names (LAST, First, as you wish listing to appear, Ex: DOW, Jane & John Smith)

Complete Mailing Address

Home Phone

Email Address for FCCA Updates

Date