

# FOXHALL News

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## The FCCA offers many ways to be involved in your Community

The FCCA has been your local community organization since 1928. We are non-partisan, inclusive and focused primarily on issues that affect the “quality of life” in our neighborhood. We operate as a democracy where all decisions are made by the memberships' votes and where we take a position only when there is a strong consensus within the community. We also provide a forum where the community can engage with local leaders, such as this Spring’s meeting with Mayor Bowser. We sponsor at least two neighborhood social events a year. Membership dues are used to pay for the printing of the newsletter and for events sponsored by the FCCA.

Although our agenda has been modest, when we do act, we have generally won, primarily because we act as a united community. 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. Potential future issues include decisions on the old trolley trestle in Glover Archibold Park and the development of the MacArthur High School on the former GDS site.

But we can succeed only if our community gets involved. The simplest way is to join the FCCA or to renew your membership. You can join online at [www.foxhall.org](http://www.foxhall.org) or use the membership form on the back page and send it to: **FCCA c/o Vipul Bhagat, Treasurer, 4435 Volta Place NW, Washington, DC 20007.**

We also need volunteers. For example, volunteers hand deliver our newsletters to everyone in our neighborhood – FCCA members or not. Delivering a route takes about 45 minutes 5 or 6 times a year. It's great exercise! Currently we have two open routes that could use a volunteer.

There is also an opportunity to help with the newsletter itself. Post-Covid we have put it together "by committee". If someone would like to take charge as editor or co-editor that is another available opportunity. People can also volunteer to submit articles for the newsletter that would be of interest to people in the neighborhood.

Like many community organizations, our membership fell during Covid. If someone would like to help in reversing this as membership drive chair, that is also an opportunity.

We have also resumed social events with our annual Spring Fling at Hardy Park on June 1<sup>st</sup> from 11AM to 1PM and the Halloween craft event in the Fall. These events are free and open to everyone, but we need help in organizing and putting them on. And of course, people can suggest additional events - we are open to all ideas!

If any of these volunteer opportunities appeal to you (or ones we have not thought of) please contact Bob Avery at [raverydc@gmail.com](mailto:raverydc@gmail.com).

We welcome all to become members of the FCCA. If you haven’t done so, please renew your membership either online at [www.foxhall.org](http://www.foxhall.org) or with the attached membership form.



**Foxhall Spring Fling**  
**HARDY PARK**

- ✔ Face painting
- ✔ Pizza and treats
- ✔ Band, games & more
- ✔ Fun for all ages
- ✔ Meet neighbors!

Sponsored by Foxhall Community Citizens Association (FCCA)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024**  
**11 AM TO 1 PM**

## 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. If you don't want individual emails, you can sign up for a single email listing the previous day's posts. 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)

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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**Annie Selak, Pre-K Liaison**

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

**FCCA Listserve**  
[FCCAlistserv+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:FCCAlistserv+subscribe@groups.io)

**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**

**TBD September 2024**, Virtual Zoom Meeting

**St. Patrick’s**

**TBD, July 2024**

**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.

## FCCA Hosts Mayor at February Meeting!

We had a great neighborhood turnout for the February FCCA neighborhood meeting that featured Mayor Bowser.



## Local Student qualifies for the Jr. USA World Championships

Foxhall Village resident and DCPS student Lucy Crino is making her mark in the white-water sport of canoe slalom. Overcoming the challenge of a broken ankle, this past April Crino excelled in the Jr US team trials and is headed to Slovakia this summer to compete in the Jr. World Championships.

Crino, a sophomore at the School Without Walls, was introduced to canoe slalom during the COVID-19 pandemic. While summer camps and most other activities were canceled, the Potomac Whitewater Racing Club hosted introductory kayaking camps, teaching basics like underwater rolls and how to navigate the gates on a slalom course, similar to slalom skiing. Crino immediately fell in love with the sport and over the past 4 years has been out on the river almost daily. Her hard work paid off. In 2023, competing in Krakow, Poland against an international group of teenagers, she qualified for the Jr US team.

This year, unfortunately, has been a tough one. A broken ankle in a skiing accident this winter kept her out of the boat for months. And with the US team trials coming up fast, it seemed she would not recover in time to compete. Then, with just 2 weeks to go before the trials, her doctor gave her the “all clear” to get back in the boat.

In Mid-April of 2024, Crino traveled to Montgomery, Alabama to compete at the US team trials. Despite overcoming her injury, she qualified as a member of the Jr US team in two events: Women’s Kayak (K1) and Women’s Kayak Cross. The K1 event is a solo, timed event. The Kayak Cross is a team event where 4 competitors simultaneously launch themselves off a bridge, jump into the water and battle head-to-head through a series of obstacles to the finish line.

Crino’s determination, hard work and training has earned her a place on the team. She will represent the USA this summer in Liptovsky Mikulas, Slovakia.

Congratulations Lucy Crino. We will be cheering you on from here!

Paul DonVito  
Greenwich Parkway

**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.



**Paul Taylor**, a 22-year resident of Foxhall Village, died February 22, 2024. He graduated from St. Lawrence University with a major in economics, earned his law degree from Brooklyn Law School and then his LLD from the University of Michigan. During his legal career, Paul worked in both public and private practice, was admitted as an attorney to the U.S. Supreme Court and ran for District Attorney of Tioga County, NY. He also ran for Mayor of Owego, NY. In March, 1972, the editor of The Sun-Bulletin wrote, &quot;... he is an intelligent and personable young attorney. He has a strong streak of stubborn honesty, and combines a highly practical approach with a genuine concern for human values.&quot; Later he found a second rewarding career as a “worker priest” with the Anglican Church of America until his retirement. In his spare time, Paul enjoyed sailing and was an enthusiastic ham radio operator with an extra-class license, as well as a published author. Paul is fondly remembered for his dry sense of humor – and his red suspenders.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_