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Next FCCA General Meeting Wednesday, November 20th, 2024

6:30 to 8:00 PM at Hardy Park Rec Center:

All people in the neighborhood are welcome whether they are members or not!

Agenda

- Police Report
- Election of 2025 Board Members
- Proposal to Rename Hardy Rec Center
- FCCA Holiday Decorating Contest (See page 3)

November 2024 FCCA Board Elections

A list of individuals who have agreed to stand for election to a one-year term is listed below. But there's room for more! The Board would like to have a broader representation from the various neighborhoods within the FCCA area, particularly areas west of Foxhall Road and south of MacArthur.

Board members serve a one-year term, must be a member of the FCCA and live within the FCCA geographic area. During the past year, the board has been meeting approximately once every two months via Zoom. In the past, a board executive committee has included a president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary. Some board members offer to assume responsibility for an area of interest, such as police liaison, private school liaison, or to be the point person for an issue such as airplane noise or traffic. The Board as a whole sets the agenda for the quarterly membership meetings and may act in lieu of a membership vote if an issue requires immediate action.

If you are interested in participating, you can still offer your services as a board member for 2025. Feel free to contact any board member (see list on page 2), if you have any questions or are willing to serve.

2025 Board Member Nominees: Robert Avery, Conrad DeWitte, Paul DonVito, Nikki Farison, Ann Haas, Michael O'Connell, Sara Paulson, Katherine Samolyk, Janet Tersoff, Peter Van Allen.

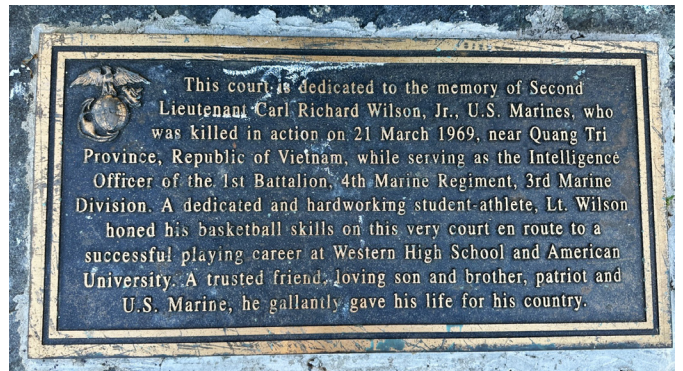
Proposal to Rename Hardy Rec Center

Note from Robert Avery: In early 2019 longtime FCCA member Howard Bray put forward a proposal to rename the Hardy Rec Center Building in honor of Carl Wilson a local resident who gave his life for his country in Vietnam (the basketball court at the Rec Center is already named for Mr. Wilson, see below). Howard's proposal was noticed in advance in the January FCCA newsletter and endorsed by the FCCA membership at its January meeting. It was subsequently endorsed by ANC 3D at its November 2019 meeting. However, the proposal, for reasons cited below, was never voted on by the City Council, the final step in the process. This summer Howard wanted to revisit the issue, but I (and others) felt that too much time had passed since 2019 and that the process needed to be restarted. Accordingly, Howard is reintroducing his proposal, and it will be addressed and potentially voted on at our November meeting.

This is Howard's proposal:

Name the Building at the Hardy Rec Center for Carl Richard Wilson Jr. Five years ago, the FCCA and our ANC voted to the ask the DC City Council to name the Hardy Recreation Center for Carl R Wilson Jr., a Foxhall resident who was killed in Vietnam in 1969, a few weeks after he turned 24. There were no objections to the proposal at either the FCCA or ANC meetings. Carl grew up in a Foxhall Road home at the playground edge, in direct sight of the Rec Center. After graduating from American University, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corp. He was killed by rocket fire at a hillside outpost in Quang Tri province on March 21, 1969.

Our community expected the Council to approve our request in 2019, but the pandemic got in the way. Matt Frumin, who was not on the Council then, said that he will propose the renaming if the FCCA and ANC renew their support.



Plaque at the Hardy Park Basketball Court

FCCA Board

Bob Avery, President (and Police Liaison)
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Secretary (position open)

Carter Beach, Clark Place Liaison

Conrad J. DeWitte, GCP Steering Committee Representative,
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Paul DonVito, Historic Preservation

Nikki Farison, Foxhall Village Welcome Committee

Ann Haas, At Large

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Katherine Samolyk, Website and Newsletter
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Tom Wolfe, Friends of Hardy

Administration:

Katherine Samolyk (temporary) Website and Newsletter
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Become a Member for 2025

Join the FCCA online using **PayPal** at www.foxhall.org or use the enclosed membership form and send (or deliver) to:

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

Please provide updated contact information on the form on page 6 or via e-mail (see page 2). You can also bring payment to the Nov 20th FCCA general meeting.

The FCCA’s Mission: The FCCA aims to promote friendship and a sense of community in our service area, to enhance the quality of life for residents, to preserve the unique features of our neighborhood, to represent neighborhood interests before regulatory and administrative legal authorities, and to assist governmental agencies in the fulfillment of their duties.

ANC3D Oct 9th Meeting items: Crime Report and Georgetown University Campus Plan

Written by Katherine Samolyk

The October 9th meeting was quite long. Hence, I am summarizing just two of the agenda items.

1) Crime Report: In his monthly crime report, Officer Tony McElwee discussed 21 offences. On September 25 at 12:44 AM, individuals broke into the CVS on MacArthur Blvd and attempted to remove the ATM. The break-in set off the alarm system, and the individuals made their exit when police officers arrived. The investigation is on-going.

There were 12 thefts from motor vehicles. Four of the vehicles were unlocked. The other incidents involved forced entry (e.g., broken windows). Ten of the vehicles had purses or backpacks in plain view and two of the vehicles were construction vehicles. There were 8 other non-vehicle related thefts, including 2 at the CVS. Most of the thefts were of packages.

A person (Stephen Rogers) incarcerated in Montgomery County was identified as having broken into 2 homes on Foxhall Rd and on the block of 5100 Macomb. The individual has been sentenced to 5 years in a Montgomery County facility. Police have also identified a suspect in the burglary of a home in Foxhall Crescents and several other houses in the MPD 2nd District. Most of these occurred while residents were on vacation. Officer McElwee reminded people that the MPD will conduct periodic vacation checks of a resident’s property. If you would like to request this free service, you can e-mail Officer McElwee at **anthony.mcelwee@dc.gov**.

2) The Georgetown University (GU) campus plan: ANC3D is sending a letter in support of GU’s amended campus plan. One of the amendments allows students living on the downtown GU Capital Campus (near Union Station) to attend one or two classes at the main GU Hilltop Campus, without being counted as onsite students towards meeting the Hilltop Campus enrollment cap. Members of FCCA, Burleigh, and Georgetown neighborhood associations are part of the Georgetown Community Partnership, along with ANC commissioners, to represent the concerns of local residents. Because GU operates shuttles between the two campuses, hopefully additional parking will not be a concern.

Neighborhood Events

FCCA 2024 Holiday Decorating Contest

We are reviving the Holiday Decorating Contest for the entire FCCA service area. In the past, categories have included 1) Most Creative, 2) Most Festive, 3) Most Kid-Friendly, and 4) Best Illumination. We are adding a 5th category: Best Display for a Small Yard. **This year, all FCCA members will have the opportunity to submit their own votes.** So how will this work? We will scout around the neighborhood periodically in December and take pictures of displays. We will post pictures and addresses on the website, so that people can check them out on-line and/or in person.

We will also organize at least two different neighborhood strolls in mid-December—one west of Foxhall Rd and one east of Foxhall Rd—to view the displays. Our previous organizer, Mallory provided mulled wine. But this year Katherine will provide homemade holiday butter cookies, so that people of all ages can join in. People can bring their beverage of choice. We can meet at the Hardy Rec Center (which is open M-F until 8 PM).

Members can submit their votes via email to ksamolyk@msn.com from December 18-22nd, and the name of each voter will remain confidential. We will publish the winners and the prizes in the January newsletter. If you see a display that you would like to nominate or if you would like to participate in a stroll (dates/times to be announced via an e-mail to all members), also please contact me at ksamolyk@msn.com.

Katherine Samolyk,
2024 Holiday Decoration Contest Coordinator

Conversations at The Kreeger Museum December 9th at 11:00 am

2401 Foxhall Road, NW, Washington, D.C. 20007

“Conversations” is a program for individuals with mild to moderate memory disorders and their caregivers to provide a forum for dialogue and connection through art and music. Each free hour-long program includes an interactive gallery talk and a musical component. The experience is designed to stimulate reflection, reduce stress, and increase communication and sociability. Advance registration is required. To reserve a space for the program, please visit <https://www.kreegermuseum.org/programs/conversations>.

Newsletter Event Submissions: Do you have an event that you would like included in our bi-monthly newsletter?
Please contact Katherine Samolyk at ksamolyk@msn.com.

Georgetown University Monday, November 18th Gaston Hall, Healy Hall 7:00-9:00 pm (Free)

Acclaimed best-selling *New York Times* author and newly named MacArthur “Genius” Jason Reynolds engages in a profound conversation with Krista Tippett, host of *On Being*. In a post-election landscape, this initiative invites participants to explore what it means to be a young person in America today. The evening will include techniques rooted in theatrical performance to promote deep listening and empathy, bringing participants of diverse backgrounds into mutually respectful creative exchange. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Private School Community Meetings

Local private schools are required to schedule public meetings with local communities, according to their agreements with the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA), to hear community comments and concerns.

Lab School Meetings:

Monday, January 13th, 2025, 6:00 PM, (Zoom)

Monday, March 13th, 2025, 6:00 PM, (Zoom)

Zoom links will be posted on the FCCA Listserv.

St Patrick's Meetings

2025 meeting information will be posted on the FCCA Listserv.



Leaves are falling! Sidewalk Maintenance and Leaf Collection

The Foxhall area is very much a walking community – children going to school or to Hardy Rec Center, mail and package deliverers, dog walkers, joggers, people going to bus stops, walking to work, or just going on an evening stroll. Leaves left on sidewalks often become very slippery, twigs and sticks become trip hazards. Low-hanging branches and untrimmed plants can hit pedestrians as they walk by. **Whether you are an owner or a renter, it is your responsibility to keep your steps, walkways and sidewalks clear of debris.** Please be a good neighbor! Everyone in the neighborhood appreciates the effort. Thank you!

For DC DPW information about this fall's leaf collection schedule, go to: <https://dpw.dc.gov/leaf>. Our collection zone 3D (Ward 3 Group D). Each Friday, DPW posts a message for residents explaining when they should rake their leaves based on the sections scheduled for collection in the upcoming week. The site has a “real time” leaf collection tracker: <https://opendata.dc.gov/apps/DCGIS::fall-leaf-collection-pick-up-status/explore>. The FCCA will post updated information on the FCCA listserv.

Neighbors Making Music: The Frying Pangea Band

Written by Noel Bicknell

Guy Stevens and I have been making music in Foxhall Village for over 20 years. The music has changed styles, players, and band names over that time, but our presence at FCCA Spring Flings, 4th of July Parades, Hardy Rec Center Halloween parties and Trick or Treat jams on Q Street are a regular fixture of the neighborhood. Our original members came together through the connections of Danny Meyer, Caitlin Mackenzie, and David Coulon, all of whom grew up in Burleith or Foxhall Village. Our first incarnation as the long-running Palisades(Pali) Jazz Band marched in the July 4th Parade with a rag-tag group of musicians from greater Foxhall and played local gigs while spreading jazz musicianship. During the past few years, the band has morphed into the roots rock Frying Pangea, which first played at the 2022 grand re-opening of the renovated Hardy Park, then the Palisades 4th of July, and returns for Spring Flings and Halloween nights, as well as occasional backyard practices. For a booking contact: noelbick@me.com

Our current lineup:

- Dean Scott, guitar/vocals
- Connie Vidos, vocals
- Reid Grigsby guitar/vocals
- Mo Perea, Drums
- Noel Bicknell, keyboards
- Guy Stevens, bass



Entertaining Trick or Treaters (photo by Ann Haas)

2024 FCCA Halloween Party Recap

Text and photos by Katherine Samolyk

The weather was in the 70's and the sun was shining. Thanks to our Halloween Party Coordinator, Nikki Farison, the kids enjoyed an array of entertaining crafts. Kids and parents donned an amazing array of costumes.

Do you want to see more FCCA 2024 Halloween Party Photos? Go to Foxhall.org



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Local History: The C&O Canal

Written by Katherine Samolyk

The Chesapeake and Ohio (C&O) Canal Company was created in 1825, when President James Monroe signed the bill chartering the company as one of the last acts of his presidency. The C&O Canal Company acquired the Potomac Company that was originally formed by George Washington in 1785 to improve navigation on the Potomac. On July 4th, 1828, President John Quincy Adams dug the first spadeful of soil in Little Falls MD, officially starting construction. On the same day, construction of the Baltimore and Ohio (B&O) Railroad westward from Baltimore began, which would ultimately render the canal obsolete.

To fund the canal project, investors required an unrealistically low-cost estimate of between \$4-5 million. The plan was to build a first segment from Cumberland MD to Georgetown. A towpath along the canal would allow mules to pull boats along the canal. Floods, disputes over land acquisition, and increasing construction costs hampered the building of the canal. Although slaves were not used to build the canal, the indentured workers who were hired endured slave-like conditions. In 1832, an epidemic of cholera killed many workers and caused others to quit.

By 1833, the canal’s eastern end was extended to what was the western end of the Washington City Canal, which ran to the United States Capitol. The lock keeper’s house on the National Mall at Constitution Avenue and 17th Street NW marks the eastern end of the C&O canal. In 1843, the Potomac Aqueduct Bridge was built near the present-day Francis Scott Key Bridge to connect the canal to the Alexandria Canal. An arched stone abutment of the bridge remains in Georgetown and is a National Park Service (NPS) historic site.

The canal opened in 1850, and a commemorative obelisk was erected near its Georgetown terminus. After the Civil War,



The C&O Canal troupe, pushing on through a blinding snowstorm, passes beneath a Western Maryland Railroad trestle on March 21, 1954. Justice William O. Douglas is on the right. (Douglas Chevalier/The Washington Post)

increasing coal trade made the canal profitable. In its peak year 1871, around 850,000 tons were carried down the canal. During these few profitable years, more than 500 boats were using the canal. However, by the late 1870s, floods, competition from the B&O Railroad, and a financial panic strained the profitability of the canal. In 1924, the B&O Railroad bought the Canal’s bonds and ended the operation of the canal.

In 1938, hurt by the Depression, the railroad sold the canal to the U.S. Government for around \$2 million. The canal was placed under the NPS (created in 1916), that conducted some restoration under Depression-era work relief programs.

During the 1950s however, the very existence of the canal was in jeopardy when the Federal Government proposed building a scenic highway along the Potomac. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, who frequently hiked along the canal while living in the Palisades, led the fight against the proposed highway. He famously led a group of hikers along the entire 185-mile length of the canal. In 1956, the NPS vetoed the proposed highway and the canal was saved. President Eisenhower designated the Canal a historic monument. An act of Congress in 1971 authorized the acquisition of additional land and established the C&O Canal National Historical Park.

NPS May 25, 1976, and Harlan D. Unrau, May 1976.

Washington Post Oct. 16th, 2021. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2021/10/16/william-douglas-hike-washington-canal/>

<https://www.nps.gov/choh/learn/historyculture/douglas-hike-of-1954.htm>

Join the FCCA Listserv!

Keep up to date with all happenings in your community, such as developments with the schools, issues before the ANC, community parties, recommendations for home repairs, etc. by joining the FCCA Listserv. If you do not want individual emails, you can sign up for a single email that lists the previous day's posts. For more information and to join, check out: groups.io/g/FCCAlistserve. For any listserv questions, please email Katherine Samolyk at ksamolyk@msn.com.

We would like to see YOUR NAME in print!

Do you have an interesting hobby? Are you a local history buff who has found out something interesting about where we live? Would you like to share a fond memory of life in our neighborhood (photos welcome)? We would love to hear from you! If you have an idea for a newsletter article, contact Katherine Samolyk at ksamolyk@msn.com. Generally, submissions should be under 300 words, but longer pieces may be published by advance arrangement.

Who Do You Call

City-Wide Call Center

Go to 311.dc.gov or call 311 to request free bulk trash and yard waste pickups, and to report burned out streetlights, illegal dumping, graffiti, cars obstructing sidewalks or displaying suspicious guest parking permits, and other issues.

Reminder: yard waste must be contained in paper yard waste bags (not plastic) for the city to pick it up.

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

Going out of town? Email MPD Officer Tony McElwee to check on your home periodically, anthony.mcelwee@dc.gov.

PEPCO

Power Outages 877-737-2662

Streetlights Out 202-269-0855

Washington Gas 202-624-6049

Ward 3 City Council Member

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Ward 3 Mayor's Liaison

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ANC Commissioners

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J.P. Szymkowicz (ANC3D07), jp.szymkowicz@anc.dc.gov

Georgetown 24/7 Community Hotline

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

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 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)

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