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Neighborhood News

By Katherine Samolyk

Local Crime

Officer McElwee reported on crime in PSA 205 (which includes all of ANC3D) at both the April FCCA General Meeting and at the May 7th ANC3D meeting. On a positive note, he said that the number of offences was notably lower during April. There was one stolen auto reported in the 1600 block of Foxhall Rd. The owner had left the vehicle around 4PM on April 13th after a minor traffic accident, and when he returned an hour later, the vehicle was missing. In our area, there were several thefts from vehicles where items left in plain view were taken (in the 2100 block of Foxhall Rd, the 4800 Block of MacArthur Blvd, and the 4700 Block of Whitehaven PKWY).

Stolen Mail

At the May 7th ANC3D meeting, Commissioner Tricia Duncan (ANC3D02) brought up recent thefts of mail apparently taken from the postal box in front of the MacArthur Blvd post office. Thieves have scrubbed and changed information on

stolen checks to obtain funds. She said that 14 residents have reported stolen checks, and she is aware of others who have had checks stolen. The US Postal Inspector Service is working with the MPD to investigate these crimes.

ICE Raids at Local Restaurants.

Commissioner Duncan also reported that there have been incidents where Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) personnel have visited restaurants to check the I-9 visas of workers. It is important for management and workers to know their rights, including whether ICE personnel have the type of warrant that actually permits them to enter the premises. Local media have been reporting on specific incidents.

Traffic Enforcement

Officer McElwee has been monitoring speeding near MacArthur High School and wrote 21 speeding tickets during April. He reminded people that the speed limit in school zones is 15 MPH when school-zone lights are flashing. He also continues to monitor the continual problem of drivers who cut in from the left-turn only lane at Foxhall and Reservoir Roads to go south on Foxhall Rd.

Accident involving Cyclist

On May 9th around 6:30 PM, emergency vehicles responded to an incident at 4490 Reservoir Rd involving a bicycle. The website that tracks accidents indicates the cyclist suffered only minor injuries. The website indicates that reported accidents involving cyclists are relatively infrequent in our area. Since 2017, there have been only 6 bicycle accidents reported for our Association's boundary area (south of Whitehaven PKWY and the Georgetown Reservoir to the intersection of Foxhall Rd and MacArthur Blvd). Only one of these accidents resulted in serious injuries to the cyclist.

Trolley Tressel Bridge to be Razed.

The National Park Service has issued WMATA a special permit allowing them to tear down the Foundry Branch Tressel Bridge at the southern end of Glover-Archbold Park (south of the intersection of Foxhall Road and MacArthur Blvd).
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Blvd). Our ANC plans to send a letter objecting to the demolition and asking that more time be granted to find private funding to save the historic bridge. The letter can be found in the May 7th meeting agenda at www.ANC3D.org.

New WMATA Bus Routes start June 29th

The new C85 bus route will run from Pinehurst Circle (in Chevy Chase) to the Foggy Bottom Metro Station, via Nebraska Av, Tenleytown, Glover Park, Reservoir Rd, and lower Foxhall Rd. This route will only operate on weekdays during the morning and afternoon rush hours. The D94 bus route will be the same as the current D6 route through our area but it will now terminate at the Gallery Place-Chinatown Metro stop. More information about Bus route changes can be found at <https://www.wmata.com/>.

DDOT Changes to Lower Foxhall Rd

It has been a year since our neighbor Patricia Bullinger, a resident of the Bryn Mawr Apartments, was killed crossing Foxhall Rd at Q Street. As a result of this tragedy, DDOT is implementing changes to improve pedestrian safety along Foxhall Rd from Reservoir Rd down to Volta Pl. Some parking spaces are being removed, and the pedestrian crossings at Volta Pl and the southern side of Reservoir Rd are being modified.

MacArthur High School Update

At the April 23rd FCCA General Meeting, Assistant Principal Matthew Kennedy gave a detailed presentation about current operations and future plans for MacArthur High School including plans for future course offerings, an update on construction at the school, and teacher parking in the neighborhood. He and Principal Harold McCray fielded questions from attendees. Our Ward 3 Council member Matt Frumin and our ANC commissioners Marilyn Nowalk and JP Szymkowicz also participated in the meeting.



Matt Frumin, Matthew Kennedy, and Harold McCray at the FCCA April meeting. Photo by Katherine Samolyk.



Hardy Spray Park. Photo by Katherine Samolyk

Foxhall News wishes everyone a safe and happy summer! Hope to see you at Hardy Park! Don't forget to join the Listserv to stay in touch! Just send an E-mail to: FCCAlistserv+subscribe@groups.io and say, "I want to join the listserv."

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Local History: Housing Segregation

By Katherine Samolyk

Following the Civil War, black and white families in DC often lived in close proximity to one another-- especially in our city's urban core and in neighborhoods along the Potomac and Anacostia rivers. Georgetown was such a neighborhood. However, as speculative real estate developers created new neighborhoods outside of the urban core, these neighborhoods were generally intended to serve a growing middle-class white population.

Laws: Jim Crow Laws segregating public facilities were a feature of Washington DC, as in southern states. In 1896, the Supreme Court Decision, Plessy v. Ferguson ruled that racial segregation did not violate the 14th amendment of the U.S. Constitution as long as "the facilities for each race were equal in quality." With respect to property markets however, the Supreme court ruled in 1917 that zoning laws which explicitly prohibited black people from living in specific geographic areas were illegal. Instead, real estate developers used restrictive covenants in property deeds as a means of creating "whites-only" neighborhoods. These covenants prohibited the sale or rental to certain "undesirable" parties (primarily "Negroes" but sometimes Jewish people or particular ethnic groups). Advertisements often emphasized the exclusivity of developments, sometimes explicitly stating that they were for white people. Numerous cases around the country challenged the legality of these covenants. But it was not until 1948 that the Supreme Court ruled that enforcing such covenants violated the Constitution. In 1968, Congress passed the Fair Housing Act, prohibiting discrimination concerning the sale, rental and financing of housing based on race, religion, national origin, or sex.

Real Estate Professionals: In the early 1900s, real estate professionals adopted codes of ethics characterizing the failure to "protect" white communities from integration through the creation and enforcement of racially restrictive covenants as an unethical practice. Brokers who did not comply with these exclusionary policies could be expelled, thus losing their professional network. The Washington Real Estate Board's 1921 code of ethics advised its members that "no property in a white section should ever be sold, rented, advertised, or offered to colored people." [1] This code of ethics was cited as a model for the code adopted three years later by the National Association of Real Estate Brokers (NAREB).

The Federal Government: Starting in the 1930s, the Federal government also promoted segregation with policies that classified neighborhoods in terms of their racial composition to determine which mortgage loans they would insure. (The Federal Housing Administration (FHA) used red lines to define minority neighborhoods on maps. Hence the term "red lining" came to refer to the adverse treatment of a whole neighborhood because of its minority composition.)

The Negro problem has not improved. In communities where there is any possibility of infiltration, application for insurance should be rejected.

Extract from the FHA Interim Report on Conditions in the Washington, D.C. Housing Market as of June 1, 1940

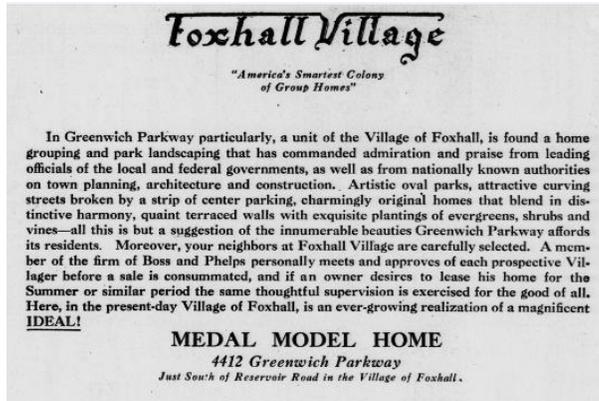
Neighborhood Associations: White neighborhood associations were another means of promoting housing segregation in US cities by encouraging the use of restrictive covenants in deeds or by putting pressure on residents not to sell or rent to undesirable people. Neighborhood groups could gather signatures from property owners agreeing not to sell to black people or other parties. When these "lots restricted by petition" were filed with the DC Recorder of Deeds, the obligation of the signers became legally binding. In 1910, 20 of the District's white citizens associations organized themselves as the Federation of Citizens Associations. In May of that year, Federation members invited leaders of African American associations to attend one of its meetings. There, Federation of Citizens Associations members voted 12 to 8 to exclude the black associations "because of their color and nothing more." [2] In 1921, the DC Federation of Civic Associations was formed as an alternative with no racial restriction on membership. The Federation of Citizens Associations did not remove the "whites-only" language from its constitution until 1972. In 2022, the Association changed its name to the Federation of Community Associations, "removing a 111-year-old naming convention that was originally rooted in segregation." [3]

Our Neighborhood: The development of the FCCAs current boundary area began during the speculative building boom of the 1920s and 30s, with the construction of various subdivisions that now comprise Foxhall Village and Colony Hill. Developers often included racially restrictive covenants in property deeds.

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A 1927 add in the Washington Star stated “Moreover, your neighbors at Foxhall Village are carefully selected. A member of the firm Boss and Phelps personally meets and approves of each prospective Villager before a sale is consummated.”



Excerpt of Advertisement in the Washington Star, June 25th, 1927.

According to the Foxhall Village Historic Preservation documents, the 1930 Federal Census provides information about the early residents of the Boss and Phelps, Inc. development (who lived along Reservoir Road, Greenwich Parkway, Q Street, and 44th Street). “Comprised entirely of middle-class white residents, approximately half the residents were employees of the federal government. Eleven African Americans lived in these households and worked as servants.”[5] 1950 Census records (the most recent that include resident-level detail) for our Association’s current boundary area (from Glover-Archbold Park to the Potomac River) reveal a similar picture of an almost exclusively white neighborhood with a small number of black residents who worked in service positions.

Our Neighborhood Association: In 1928, the earliest residents of Foxhall Village created the Foxhall Village Citizens Association (FVCA). I have been unable to obtain FVCA documents that would shed light on the FVCA’s policies and practices. However, some information about the FVCA can be found in the 50th anniversary book about Foxhall Village published in the mid-1970’s. In the early years, the FVCA appears to have voted to remain independent from other associations. A 1927 article in the Washington Star discusses a motion to change the FVCA’s name to remove the “citizens association” naming convention so as to distance from the Federation of Citizens Associations. The motion did not pass because upon searching for a new name, the committee “had found none which it considered entirely satisfactory”. A 1934 article

indicates that at least through this time, the FVCA had not joined the Federation of Citizens Associations.



Excerpts of Articles in the Washington Star; 1927 (left) and 1934 (right).



In the 1940s, The FVCA changed its name to the Foxhall Community Citizens Association (FCCA) to reflect the inclusion of the Colony Hill and Indian Rock neighborhoods to the north and west of the Village. Over time of course, the area served by the FCCA has expanded to include all neighborhoods in the lower Foxhall-MacArthur area. Our Association is committed to the goal of promoting connectedness, community, and the quality of life for ALL residents in the area, whether or not they are citizens.

[1] DC Policy Center, 2019.

www.dcpolicycenter.org/publications/racially-restrictive-covenants-bloomingdale/.

[2] Washington Post, March 3rd, 2013. In ‘One City,’ Two D.C. Civic Federations.

[3] <https://dccommunityfederation.org/news/>

[4] DC.gov Office of Planning. <https://planning.dc.gov/publication/foxhall-village-historic-district>.

[5] Foxhall Community at the Half Century. 1979.

Newsletter Submissions: We would very much welcome contributions to our newsletter! Anything of interest to the neighborhood is fair game. Please contact [Katherine Samolyk](mailto:ksamolyk@msn.com) at ksamolyk@msn.com if you want to discuss an idea.

In Memory of Jean Pierre Schwartz



Jean Pierre Schwartz was born in Paris in September of 1944 and passed away in Paris in February 2025. Jean Pierre and his wife Helga have lived on Surrey Lane for the past 14 years. They lived on Greenwich PKWY for 2 years, before buying a house on Eskridge Terrace, Kent, where they raised their children Amanda and Alexandre, for 27 years.

Jean Pierre held dual nationality for many years but never really became a fan of American football or baseball. He remained a fan of tennis and soccer, still a Frenchman at heart. His friends loved his dry sense of humor, his sharing of world views, and advice on natural healing--a hobby he pursued with passion.

After studying Civil Engineering at the Arts et Metier School in Lille, he pursued his master's in science and technology at the Georgia Institute of Technology. However, instead of working as an engineer, he pursued a career in finance and consulting, starting at the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and later founding his own consulting company.

Jean Pierre died unexpectedly, on what was meant to be a short vacation in Paris, due to bacterial meningitis. His wife of 43 years, both his children, as well as his brother and sister, were by his side at the time of his passing. His family and 3 small grandsons miss him dearly.

Neighborhood Event: Kreeger Museum First Studio: Art, Story, and Workshop, July 26th, 10:00am-11:00am, 2401 Foxhall Road NW

Young artists ages 3-5 and an adult companion are invited to spark their imagination as they explore the paintings, sculpture, and architecture of The Kreeger Museum. This program will include a museum tour, story time, and a hands-on art making experience. Please note due to room capacity, no more than one adult companion is allowed per child. Register here: <https://www.kreegermuseum.org/programs/first-studio>.



On May 12th, Lab School hosted a Happy Hour for all in the neighborhood. Staff hosts: Mary Cathcart, Helena Chung, Sophie Biggar, Diana Meltzer, Annie Feeley, and Kim Wargo. Photo by Katherine Samolyk

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We want to thank everyone who has contributed dues thus far for 2025 (as of May 25th). Membership dues pay for the printing of the newsletter and neighborhood events. The FCCA is committed to fostering connection and promoting the welfare of the Foxhall-MacArthur neighborhood. We hope you will join us!

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