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FCCA Calendar

Next General Meeting!

Wednesday, April 19 at 7PM

Topic: **Meet your Councilmember!**

Location: 4500 Q Street NW in the
Hardy Rec Center

Need a ride? Contact Bob Avery

April Membership Meeting

Our next membership meeting, 7 PM Wednesday, April 19th, Hardy Rec Center, will feature Ward 3 Council member Mary Cheh making her annual visit to the FCCA.

This is your opportunity to come and have your voice heard on issues like airplane noise, Hardy Rec Center renovations, future of the Hardy School, transportation and road issues, DC schools, the DC budget, parking regulations or any other issue, large or small.

If you have issues that you would like researched in advance please email Bob Avery at ravery@starpower.net and they will be passed on to Councilmember Cheh or otherwise bring your questions/concerns to the meeting.

This is our opportunity to voice the concerns of our community to someone who can potentially do something about them. The membership meeting will also feature the police report, and brief updates on airplane noise and local construction projects.

Celebrating Lab School's 50th Anniversary

Fifty years. Five decades. Half a century.

On Friday, September 30, at the dedication of the new High School, The Lab School of Washington officially kicked off its yearlong 50th anniversary celebration.

The Lab School of Washington has been transforming the lives of students in grades 1-12 with dyslexia, ADHD, and other learning differences (LD). It uses an innovative, arts-based curriculum and non-traditional approach to rigorous, college-preparatory academics and strategic problem-solving. Lab has two campuses in the Palisades/Foxhall area: Elementary at 1550 Foxhall Road NW (since 2007), and Intermediate, Junior High, and High School at 4759 Reservoir Road NW (since 1983). Its students live in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia, but its reputation as a top school for LD education is world-wide.

Lab is marking the year with several events and projects including a kick-off party in the new High School; a special 50th Anniversary Lecture Series dedicated to innovative educational issues (which is free and open to the public; please come!); a special anniversary issue of Lab's LINK magazine; Throwback Thursday posts and archival photos on social media; an old-fashioned, school-wide birthday party with costumes and cake; and the culminating celebration at the 2017 Annual Awards Gala. In addition, Lab is focusing on its commitment towards making a Lab School education more accessible to families in need of financial assistance.

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Hardy Recreation Center Spring Fling on Earth Day!

Clean-up, 9-noon
Spring Fling, noon-4
Saturday, April 22, 2017



Bring your rake, shovel, and gloves to help fill up the sandbox, spread mulch, and pick up trash. With ideas or questions, contact Leo Blyth at leoblyth@gmail.com. Please see the new Friends of Hardy website for more information <http://www.friendsofhardy.org>

**Whistle While You Work:
Free Cupcakes & Coffee!**

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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 Bob Avery

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FCCA Newsletter Submissions

Send to britt.aggie@gmail.com by April 31 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

To request free bulk trash pickups, report dumping in alleys, rat problems, and a host of other issues, call 311.

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

Mary Cheh, mcheh@dccouncil.us

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Our ANC Commissioners, Stephen Gardner, sgardner.gardnerlaw@gmail.com and Conrad DeWitte, 3D09@anc.dc.gov

Illegally Parked Cars

Report cars obstructing sidewalks or displaying suspicious guest parking permits by calling 311.

Questionable Construction Projects

To report construction proceeding without required permits or that appears to violate code, call DCRA at 202-442-4400 and they will send an inspector very quickly. For work that appears to be contrary to the guidelines in the Historic District, call Gabriela Gutowski, 202-442-8839 or gabriela.gutowski@dc.gov

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 at anthony.mcelwee@dc.gov

Join the FCCA Listserv!!

Keep up-to-date with all happenings in your community by joining the FCCA Listserv. Register today at **foxhall.org!**

Scheduled BZA Meetings

Share comments and concerns so they can be aired at the Board of Zoning meetings—public meetings that institutions are required to schedule with local communities according to their agreements with the BZA.

GDS 6:30 pm, Library

May 2, 2017

Lab 6:00 pm

May 2, 2017 (Reservoir)

St. Patrick's 7:30 pm

April 18, 2017

Whitehaven Campus

July 18, 2017

MacArthur campus

Another Foxhall Village Gas Leak

John Bray

A powerful gas leak that erupted from a Foxhall Village street on Tuesday night (February 28, 2017) was followed by a day of repairs. And then on Thursday, DC Water workers showed up at the site, saying they were there to fix a sewer pipe.

What caused the leak in the Washington Gas line and what's been done to avoid a recurrence remains unclear. Exactly what time the gas leak started isn't clear, but it was sometime Tuesday night. The hiss and sulfurous scent of mercaptan filled the air at the south end of 44th Street.

The sensory commotion came from under steel plates covering a pipe trench just north of P Street, where gas line work has been occurring off and on for months.

More info, plus pictures at:

www.potomactimes.wordpress.com/2017/03/01/another-foxhall-village-gas-leak/

DPW Offers Options to Dispose of HHW/E-cycling/Personal Documents for Shredding in April

Kevin B. Twine, Department Of Public Works (DPW)

The Department of Public Works (DPW) will accept District residents' household hazardous waste and e-cyclables Thursday, March 30, 1 pm-5 pm and on Saturday, April 1, 8 am-3 pm, at the Ft. Totten Transfer Station, 4900 John F. McCormack Drive, NE.* DPW also will provide document shredding services for up to five boxes (or equivalent container) of documents, such as bank statements, credit cards, and pay stubs for shredding from each resident. The boxes should be no larger than 16.5"x12.5"x 8.5" or the approximate size of a box of copy paper. Document shredding is available the first Saturday of the month only. Check www.dpw.dc.gov for 2017 drop-off, document shredding schedules.

District residents may drop off HHW items such as pesticides, batteries and cleaning fluids at Ft. Totten, along with e-cycling items such as computers, televisions and other unwanted electronic equipment every Saturday (except holidays). For a list of all household hazardous waste and e-cyclables accepted by DPW, including how to prepare lithium batteries or batteries greater than 9 volts, and additional information about document shredding, please click on the HHW link at www.dpw.dc.gov.

*Directions to Ft. Totten, 4900 John F. McCormack Drive, NE: Travel east on Irving Street, NW, turn left on Michigan Avenue, turn left on John F. McCormack Drive, NE and continue to the end of the street. Directions from additional locations can be found at www.dpw.dc.gov.

Dolphins in the Potomac -- Who Knew?

Hulit Taylor

Our FCCA neighbor, Janet Mann, is featured on a new website which Georgetown Univer-

sity has established to honor their female faculty, students and alums who specialize in the sciences! Congratulations, Janet!

For the past 30 years Janet has studied bottlenose dolphins in Shark Bay, Australia, and she is now co-directing a research project in her own backyard -- literally! Read the fascinating article about Janet's work and her new project, the first-ever study of dolphins in the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay. <https://www.georgetown.edu/dolphins-in-the-potomac>
Dolphins in the Potomac and Chesapeake -- who knew?

Lab School Anniversary Cont.

Looking forward to the next 50 years, Head of School Katherine Schantz says, "I want to see the community at Lab continue to reach beyond the status quo. I also see us working toward being even more progressive in the ways we teach."

As a thought leader in the field of learning differences education, The Lab School certainly fits in this time in history when technologies are changing daily and progressive education is more crucial than ever. "It's exciting to see our ideas being adopted by mainstream schools," says Ms. Schantz. "That definitely gives us the impetus to keep sharing our successes with others."

The sky's the limit when imagining what the next 50 years at The Lab School of Washington will bring....

Mark your Calendars: Lab School's Annual Spring Fair, Sunday, May 7, 11:00-3:00.



Bonanza of April Events at Hardy Recreation Center

Frank Staroba

Enrique Leiva, our new director of Hardy rec center, has announced a full calendar of events for April. He wants each event to familiarize residents with what the center has to offer under his direction.

On April 7th, the first annual **Hardy Open House** for kids and caregivers will take place from 3:45 to 5:00. Fun wagon, face painting, information on classes and registration will be there. Leiva guarantees a good time for little ones and information on the center's resources for adults.

April 14th, **Easter Egg Hunt** from 3:45 to 4:15. Center staff will be hide plastic eggs all over the grounds, eggs provided by Friends of Hardy. Each egg will have a toy inside. Toys then will encourage play and interaction among the kids.

April 22nd, Friends of Hardy's annual **Spring Clean Up** from 9:00 to 12:00. Bring rakes and clippers and other useful tools. We're hoping the Boy Scouts can join us to spruce up the grounds. Kristina's Café and Pastries, our newest specialty restaurant at 4418 MacArthur, will ease our efforts with coffee and cupcakes.

April 22nd, from 1:00 to 4:00, **Spring Fling**, jointly sponsored by Friends of Hardy and FCCA. Moon bounce, games, music and refreshments. Volunteers wanted. For more information contact Leo Blyth at leoblyth@gmail.com.

Leiva stresses that events like these will build community. His objectives are like those of Friends of Hardy and FCCA. The three organizations are committed to expanding their programs. Hardy field and rec center are a fabulous resource for our community. We need to hear what the community wants to make it a more vibrant place. See the FCCA board listing in this issue for board members' focus areas.

Closing the Palisades Public Library Increases Demand for Hardy Center

Closing the Palisades Library for renovation has created meeting space problems for several Palisades organizations. Hardy rec center is providing space for several of these programs. The Library itself will move its weekly storytelling time to Hardy from 11:30 to 12:30 every Wednesday, starting April 15th.

Palisades Village, our local support program for seniors, has also asked the Center for space. The Village will offer a session on Assistive Technology at 2:00 on April 19th, featuring Ms. Sheena Jaffer, consultant in technologies that can help seniors aging in place. These include topics such as physical safety in the home, alternative ways to meet expenses, and senior services available from the District government. For more information, check the Village's website.

New Blood Invigorates Friends of Hardy

Two relatively new residents of the Palisades have joined the Steering Committee of Friends of Hardy: Leo Blyth and Michael Battaglia.

Leo, who has also joined the board of FCCA, is developing programs for both FCCA and Friends of Hardy. In between his trips to Kenya to promote international development, he focuses on programming to make Hardy a more vibrant resource for residents of all ages, including his own two young children. He and Enrique work together. This spring he's our point man for the Spring Fling, with guidance from Caitlin MacKenzie, who ran the Fling for many seasons. He welcomes volunteers.

Michael, who also works in the non-profit sector, is creating the new Friends of Hardy logo and website, soon to launch for access to our programs twenty-four-seven. He first showed his energy and enthusiasm managing our garden lots. Now he is using his IT savvy to design a website that enables online payment of our membership fee. Along the way, he's tutoring the continuing committee members in the social media world of the twenty-first century.

The steering committee welcomes both Leo and Michael -- their energy and their new ideas.



Hardy Park Clean-Up & Spring Fling of years past!



Upper Left: Rodrigo Lalvay Segovia fixing hinges Spring Clean Up 2016. Upper Right: Katelyn and Michael Battaglia, Spring Clean Up, 2016 tending their plot. Lower Left: inspecting fire truck April 2015. Lower Right: Bob Avery and fellow volunteers, Spring Clean Up 2016. Photos: Ann Haas.

FCCA Membership as of **April 1, 2017**

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Brown, Bill & Pat
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Avery, Robert & Katherine Samolyk
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Kern, Melissa & Bill Deegan
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Teller, Roger & Susan May

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& Robert Horn
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& Thomas
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Bray, John & Leslie
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Caride, Julieta & Jose Merino
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& Charles Barber
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Harburger, Patti
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Ives, Donna & Gerry
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Magrath, William & Susan Shen

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Myers, Steven & Margaret
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Peasley, Carol
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Puate, Jackie & Rafa Fardi
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Reed, Dr. David
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Staroba, Arden & Frank
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& Julie Haidemenos
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& Anna Tate Riegel

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Borras, Cari
Bray, Howard
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Greer, Doug & Annette
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Klein, Solange
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Thank you for your support!

If you would like to talk
about how your inter-
ests 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

- ☐ \$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

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Email Address for FCCA Updates

Date