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Happy New Year!!

FCCA Calendar

Next General Meeting!

Wednesday, January 20th at 7PM

Topic: Hardy Park renovation and airplane noise

Location: 4500 Q Street NW in the Hardy Rec Center

Need a ride? Contact Bob Avery

Please use the membership form included with the brochure and the enclosed envelope to join the FCCA in the 2016 Calendar year!

Next Membership Meeting

In addition to updates on local construction projects, the proposed renovation of the Hardy Playground and the police report, the January 20th general meeting of the FCCA will feature a presentation by FCCA Board member Andrea Ramirez on efforts to reduce airplane noise in the FCCA area. In addition to representing the FCCA, Andrea was recently appointed to be the Ward 3 representative on the Reagan National Airport Community Working Group, formed this past October. Airplane noise has been a constant in the lives of the FCCA community. But thanks in large part to Andrea's efforts, real change may be on the horizon. Andrea needs help in this effort though. The meeting on the 20th is your opportunity to show your support and to learn concrete ways that we can help. We look forward to seeing you there.

Membership Update

Happy New Year!

Our 2016 FCCA membership drive has begun. Thank you to all who were members of the FCCA during 2015. Your financial help and volunteer support has enabled us to sponsor Hardy Center spring cleanups, community gathering opportunities, publication of a newsletter six times a year that is delivered free to each household, and advocacy in important neighborhood issues.

As we move into 2016, we have several serious issues facing us as a neighborhood. These include, but are not limited to, adopting a firm position against the impact of airplane noise, planning for improvements for the Hardy playground and park, continuing the work with personnel from the Lab School as their new high school is completed, and joining other neighborhood groups as planning for the construction of a new GU hospital begins.

We invite and encourage ALL who believe in strengthening and preserving our wonderful neighborhood to join us in 2016 and work with us to enhance, preserve, and protect the quality of life that we enjoy in the neighborhood.

Membership begins on January 1st. and runs through the calendar year. We enjoyed a noticeable increase in the number of members in 2015 with a marked increase in PayPal payments (now 30%). Please use the membership form included with the brochure and the enclosed envelope to join the FCCA in the 2016 Calendar year.

Let It Snow, Let It Snow ... and Shovel It!

Not only is it our civic responsibility to keep sidewalks, steps and walkways clear of ice and snow, but it is also the law! The snow shoveling law is being enforced. Revise first paragraph of article on page 1 to include something like "Department of Public Works (DPW) is enforcing the Winter Sidewalk Safety Act, which imposes a fine on District property owners who fail to remove snow and ice from the sidewalks, curb cuts and curb ramps abutting their property within 8 hours of day light after snow has ceased from falling. Residents who are disabled or over the age of 65 can apply for exemption from enforcement. Applications can be completed via the Internet at www.dpw.dc.gov or by calling 311 to request completing an application by telephone.

Our neighborhood is hilly and numerous people walk to and from work or school. Then there are the children, the dog walkers and those all-important mail and package deliveries.

If you are going to be out of town or are physically unable to shovel, ask a neighbor to help you. None of us would wish to be responsible for someone falling and injuring themselves on our property.

One other caution – Foxhall Road is a Snow Emergency Route. Vehicles parked on Foxhall when a snow emergency is declared are fined \$250.00! Yes, \$250.00!

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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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Send to britt.aggie@gmail.com by February 29 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 MemberMary Cheh, mcgeh@dccouncil.us

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 Frances McMillen, 202-442-8839 or frances.mcmillen@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!

Winners of the Annual FCCA Holiday Decorations Contest

Sara Paulson

On a warm December 20 evening, three intrepid judges toured the FCCA neighborhood to look at all the lovely holiday decorations in our area. We found some old favorites and some new lighting techniques that dazzled us. Congratulations to all who embellished the FCCA in the holiday spirit!

And the winners are:

Best Illumination: Lit trees on upper Q Street Island, thanks to Paul Ward

Most Elegant: 4402 Q Street, home of Lise Adkins and Tom Murphy

Runners up: 4654 Charleston Terrace and 4350 P Street

Most Kid-Friendly: 4485 Q Street, home of Elliot and Vicki Crooke

Runner up: 1629 45th Street

Most Creative: 4447 Q Street, home of Matt and Anne Simmonds

Most Festive: 4610 Laverock Place, home of Materazzi Family

Runners up: 4631 Kenmore Drive, 4631 Q Street, 4625 Clark Place

Your jurors: Mallory Lawson, Laurie Dromerick, Sara Paulson



Decorated trees on Q street

Thanks to Howard Bray and Ann Haas

Thank you Howard Bray and Ann Haas for your tireless efforts to bring the pedestrian crossing light at the intersection of Reservoir and Canal Roads to reality. After 12 years of waiting, the light is fully operational. Thanks also to the National Park Service, Mary Cheh and DDOT who listened and made the light a reality.

Alma Gates
ANC 3D05

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. Email or call Ann Haas (ahaas212@comcast.net) to get email reminders of meetings or to ask that your issue be discussed.

GDS 6:30 pm, Library

March 1, 2016

May 3, 2016

Lab 6:00 pm

March 15, 2016, Foxhall campus

May 10, 2016, Main campus, 4759 Reservoir Road

St. Patrick's 7:30 pm

January 19, 2016, MacArthur campus

(corner MacArthur & Ashby)

April 19, 2016, Whitehaven campus

July 19, 2016, MacArthur campus

New FCCA Board

At the November membership meeting, all existing board members except Alex Dietrich were re-elected. Unfortunately Alex is moving out of the area and we will greatly miss her service. At its January 5th organizational meeting, the newly constituted Board voted to continue its current governance structure, whereby most Board decisions are made by votes of the Board as a whole rather than organization officers. Bob Avery was reelected as Board president; Andy Reuter as Treasurer and John Bray as Secretary. Each of these officers will serve a one-year term.

2015 FCCA Treasurer's Report

Andy Reuter, 2015 Treasurer

Income and Expenses

The following report presents the FCCA's unaudited statement of operating income and expenses for 2015. This

year's income of \$9,395 came exclusively from dues and increased by more than 8 percent from 2014 with a rise in membership, including a surge in the number of online payments made through Paypal. The major expenses were for the newsletter and printing; the stipend for the FCCA administrator; a one-time contribution to the Aircraft Noise Fund; FCCA-sponsored events; Paypal fees; and the FCCA website. The FCCA withdrew \$642 from its Capital Reserve in 2015 to cover its 2015 expenses.

	2014	2015	Change
Operating Income			
Contributions Received	75	-	-100.00%
Dues	8,504	9,395	10.48%
Yard Sale Income	90	-	-100.00%
Total Income	8,669	9,395	8.37%
Expenses			
Administrator	2,117	3,290	55.41%
Paypal Fees	61	107	75.41%
Office Supplies & Postage	35	-	-100.00%
Capital Reserve	770	(642)	-183.38%
Events	1,022	651	-36.30%
Newsletter & Printing	4,502	4,901	8.86%
DC Taxes (DC Corporation)	80	-	-100.00%
Legal (Aircraft Noise Fund)	-	1,000	
Website	144	88	-38.89%
Total Expenses	8,731	9,395	7.61%

Total Assets

The FCCA's assets total \$37,920 as of December 31, 2015.

Checking Account	3,146
Savings account	13,971
CD (Matures 2/29/16)	9,597
CD (Matures 3/03/16)	11,134
Paypal Account	72
Total Assets	37,920

Lab School Construction Update

Wendy Jennis

Work is mostly complete on the exterior of The Lab School of Washington's new high school building. While students and staff were away on winter break, crews finished the installation of a main feature of the building – the curtain wall of glass on the main stair tower at the front entrance to the building facing Lab's parking lot. Clark Construction and its subcontractors also took advantage of

the quiet campus to bring in by crane the bridge that connects the main entrance of the building to Lab's parking lot. The steel bridge, painted to match other architectural elements of the building, spans a bio-retention area that drains into the wetlands beyond. During the break, crews also worked to replace the sidewalks on Whitehaven, although the walks will not be open for public use until the construction is nearly complete. One of the last exterior pieces, the landscaping, cannot be started until planting season begins, after March 1. Work on the interior of the building has progressed rapidly. The installation of the carpeting, ceiling tile, light fixtures, mill-work, and doors, as well as the painting, is nearing completion on three of the four floors. The second floor, which includes the top level of the two-story forum area, is the last to be done. The main bathrooms are finished. The pavers on the green roof terrace are in the process of being installed, which will complete that area, except for the planting which, like the exterior or landscaping, will wait until March.

New furniture has been ordered and is expected to be available for delivery before move-in time. We continue to be optimistic that we will be able to move students and faculty into the building in early spring. For regular updates on The Lab School's construction, visit its Campus Building Project webpage at www.labschool.org/campusbuilding.

For questions about The Lab School or the construction project, please contact Wendy Dennis, Director of Community Relations, at wendy.dennis@labschool.org.

FCCA Meeting Notes, November 18, 2015

Local Crime. Officer Anthony McElwee reported a 24% decrease in crime during the last thirty days as compared with this time period last year. There



Recent Lab School Construction

is, however, an increase in thefts from autos. It was suggested that if one has a house alarm, to use it, even while working in one's yard. Thirteen tickets were written for violations at Foxhall Rd. and Reservoir Rd. NW

GDS Update. Bob Avery reported that GDS would like to move its lower school to the Friendship Heights campus. 2019 is the target date. This spring 2016 there will be more information on what will happen with the current GDS lower school campus.

New GU Hospital. The certificate of need for GU's new hospital was approved by the ANC. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2017.

Airplane Noise. FCCA has joined with six other associations and Georgetown University in taking a position against the current level of airplane noise in our area. A subgroup of FCCA has been established to work with these groups and the FCCA Board committed \$1000 to this new subgroup. Contributions can be donated to this subgroup. An email to FCCA members about this will be forthcoming.

Friends of Hardy. Susan Cimburek and Mary Rollefson reported on the results of the recent survey relative to neighbors' concerns and wishes for Hardy Rec Center and Park.

Major concerns were:

1) Many repairs needed on existing

equipment and upkeep of grounds.

2) Overgrown and inappropriate plants throughout the park.

3) Accessibility and access issues. Improving entries to the park and adding walking paths and seating areas were mentioned.

4) People vs. dogs. The pros and cons of a designated dog park were discussed.

A concept plan for new plantings was proposed. The members present voted to have FCCA support Friends of Hardy in their efforts to meet with DPR and to have input into the budget and plans for the park. A letter of support from the FCCA will be sent. Members from the audience volunteered to join Friends of Hardy in their efforts.

Don't Forget To Apply for Visitor Parking Passes!

The District Dept. of Transportation is currently accepting requests for 2016 Visitor Parking Passes. To request a pass, please visit <https://vpp.ddot.dc.gov/vpp/> or call 202-671-2700. As a reminder, DDOT no longer mails out passes automatically; although, the pass is still free of charge, residents must request one.

Neighborhood Spring Fling - Volunteers needed!

Don't let another great neighborhood party go extinct. Please volunteer to help plan a fun neighborhood party for all in April/May 2016. Volunteer by email or phone by contacting Caitlin MacKenzie, caitlin.mackenzie@verizon.net or 202-577-8770, or stop by the FCCA General Meeting on January 20, 2016 at 6:30pm for a brief pre-planning meeting.