

# FOXHALL News

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## FCCA Calendar

Next Meeting: **Weds, Nov 15 at 7PM**

Topic: Scott Einberger & Glover Archbold Park

Location: 4500 Q Street NW in the Hardy Rec Center

Need a ride?

Contact FCCA President Bob Avery

## November Meeting: Glover Archbold and Rock Creek Park

Rock Creek and Glover Archbold Park will highlight the November 15th FCCA membership meeting (7 PM Hardy Rec Center, 45th and Q). Local environmental historian, author, and former Rock Creek Park employee Scott Einberger has written "A History of Rock Creek Park: Wilderness and Washington, DC" which he will discuss at the meeting (books may be purchased and signed after the presentation). Those of us that use the park may not know of its diverse past. Park roads were largely built by chain gangs, and presidents including Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson exercised and picnicked in the park like many visitors do today.

We will also vote on a resolution to support the preservation of the Foundry Branch Trolley Trestle crossing Glover Archbold Park from Foxhall Road to the East. The resolution was printed in the September FCCA Newsletter but discussion was delayed until November (a copy of the September Newsletter can be found on our website).

The November meeting is also the annual election meeting for the FCCA Board  
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## Deck the Halls!

And yards and houses... let's light up our corner of northwest Washington! The Holiday Season is not far off, and it's quite beautiful in our area thanks to the efforts of many people who get into the Holiday Spirit. Let's do it up this year with every house in its finest holiday decor! With lights and wreaths and greenery and decorations galore available from countless vendors, the possibilities are endless. Perhaps your house will be featured in the next Newsletter! For the FCCA we'll have our annual decorating competition for the following categories:

**Most creative   Most elegant   Best illumination   Most kid friendly**

We fill up a car with five neighborhood troopers, have some mulled wine, scour the FCCA for the best of the best, have some more mulled wine and snacks, and hand out prizes. Please contact me if you would like to participate. It takes two to three hours and we do it on an agreed upon time right before Christmas. It's fun and a great way to get into the Holiday Spirit!

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## Please keep complaining about Airplane Noise

Peter Van Allen

If you are bothered about the airplane noise at your house, please click the following to complain:

MWAA DCA Complaint Form

<https://viewpoint.bksv.com/dca3>

If more residents complain, we can refute MWAA and the FAA's refrain that "only a couple of people complain thousands of times" or "others complain only a couple of times". More residents complaining numerous times can only help our fight to force the FAA to revert back to the flight patterns prior to 2015 and for MWAA to reduce the number of night time flights to and from the over stressed, over capacity National Airport.

The next step in the appeal filed by DC Fair Skies is imminent. Since the citizens of Phoenix, AZ, won their appeal, it looks good. DC Fair Skies still needs \$10,000-\$20,000 to complete the appeal. Click on <http://www.dcfairskies.org> if you want to donate and for more information.

The Airplane Noise Study showed the increase in noise and the DC Government has added an additional \$150,000 for revisions to further strengthen the findings. In the meantime, please keep complaining.

Thanks to: Marcio Duffles, W-3 Rep, DCA Noise Working Group

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Send to britt.aggie@gmail.com by Dec 30 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

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### 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

*Dec 12*

*March 6*

*May 1*

**Lab** 6:00 pm

*Dec 5*

*Reservoir*

*March 13*

*Foxhall*

*May 8*

*Reservoir*

**St. Patrick's** 7:30 pm

*Jan 16*

*\*MacArthur Campus*

*April 17*

*Whitehaven*

*July 17*

*\*MacArthur*

\*Address for new MacArthur Campus is 4590 MacArthur Blvd

## Sidewalk Maintenance

The Foxhall area is very much a walking community – children going to school or to Hardy Rec Center, medical students and University employees going up to GU, mail deliverers, dog walkers, joggers, people going to bus stops....

Leaves left on sidewalks often become very slippery, twigs and sticks become trip hazards and low-hanging branches and untrimmed plants can hit pedestrians as they walk by.

This is also a good time to make sure that you have a snow shovel and an ice melt or salt.

Whether you are an owner or a renter, it is your responsibility to keep your steps, walkways and sidewalks clear of all debris.

The pedestrians thank you!



# LEAF COLLECTION FAQs

## DO!

- Check to see when your leaves are scheduled for collection
- Place only leaves in tree boxes or at the curb for collection
- Bring leaves, tree limbs, overgrowth from your alley, and other yard debris from your private landscaper to the Fort Totten or Benning Road Transfer Stations
- Bring holiday trees and greenery to the Fort Totten or Benning Road Transfer Stations
- Report clogged storm drains by calling DC Water at (202) 612-3400
- Find out where DC is collecting leaves on any given day, sign up for alerts about when collections will be made on your street, and see pictures of collections in your neighborhood by visiting [dpw.dc.gov](http://dpw.dc.gov)

### PICK UP 1

### PICK UP 2

Rake Leaves out by Sunday	Collection Dates	Rake Leaves out by Sunday	Collection Dates
Dec 3	Dec 4-8	Jan 7	Jan 8-12

## DON'T!

- Place tree limbs, bricks, dirt, rocks etc., into tree boxes for collection
- Sweep leaves, litter, or other debris into gutter or catch basins (storm drains). Clogged catch basins can cause street flooding during heavy rains and further contribute to water pollution
- Rake leaves into tree boxes or to the curb after your scheduled collection
- Place leaves in the street instead of the tree box as this is a fire hazard and creates traffic and parking issues

### 'November Meeting' con't...

of Directors. Directors serve a one year term, must be a dues-paying member of the FCCA and live within the FCCA geographic area. The Board meets once a month (in the evening, generally the 3rd or 4th Tuesday) and each Director generally assumes responsibility for an area of interest--such as police liaison, school liaison, traffic concerns, FCCA Foxhall News, development--but some members serve "at large."

Members are not required to attend all Board meetings but it is hoped that they attend as many as possible. The Board as a whole sets the agenda for the membership meetings and acts in lieu of the membership when issues arise that require immediate action. The Board also elects the Association officers (president, secretary and treasurer). Because of this it is important that the Board membership be as representative of the entire FCCA community as possible.

At this point in time at least one member of the current board is stepping down and three new people have agreed to stand for election. We would welcome more newcomers! If being on the Board interests you, please contact Bob Avery for more information or just show up at the November 15th meeting.

### Meeting on Dogs at Hardy Results in Dog-Policy Group

Frank Staroba, Friends of Hardy

The meeting on dogs off leash in Hardy park, sponsored jointly on October 24th by FCCA and Friends of Hardy, resulted in the formation of a committee to make recommendations for a follow-up meeting in December. Brett Orlove of the Village offered to lead the group. If you would like to join, contact him at [brettorlove@gmail.com](mailto:brettorlove@gmail.com).

Most of the twenty-five neighbors attending were dog owners. Also attending were Officer Anthony McElwee MPD, Kar-

la Kelley DPR area supervisor, Wendy Jennis director of community relations from The Lab School, Councilmember Mary Cheh and her assistant, and Phil Thomas from the Mayor's office. All concerned engaged in an energized discussion.

Most support was for times to run dogs off leash, at specified hours, in specified areas, as suggested by Mary Cheh, similar to the practice at Volta Park. The practice would be enforced by peer pressure of owners and a code of conduct for all park users, requiring owners to control their dogs and everyone to follow dog-people etiquette. There was strong support for the socializing value of off-leash exercising as an opportunity for people to meet other owners, a value for people, dogs and the community.

There was little support for a formal dog park and concern for dog park noise, odors, controlled access, and cost of maintenance, all of which would be the responsibility of a dog owners group. Related concerns included the impact of dogs off leash on immediate neighbors, trash and miscellaneous equipment left by soccer teams, the need for more accessible trash cans and damage to the playing field turf.

Important to the group's recommendations is the success of Friends of Hardy in securing one million in the DPR FY18 budget to plan renovations for all Hardy facilities and the promise of 4.5 million in FY19 for construction. Any recommendations from the dog group would have to be considered in this year's planning, so the timing is crucial.

The meeting concluded on a positive note. As Bob Avery observed, "Maybe there's light at the end of the tunnel."

Follow up meeting is tentatively scheduled for the first week in December.



## New Application Process for Historic-Only Review Permits

As of October 1, 2017, the District government has reduced the price for certain types of permits for properties located in a historic district. Projects that require a permit only because they are located in a historic district, pursuant to 12A DCMR §105.2.5, will now be subject to a reduced fee (\$36.30) and will use a revised application process.

Prior to this change, projects that required a building permit only because they were located in a historic district were charged the standard permitting rate, which could rise to hundreds of dollars depending upon the scope of the project. The cost for this specified permit type is now set at a reduced flat rate of \$36.30. The below construction work will be subject to the new reduced fee and revised application process for work in a historic district:

- Brick pointing
- Repair or replacement of fences, except as deemed an ordinary repair
- Painting of unpainted exterior masonry at a landmark property
- Replacement in kind, of: Roofing and coping, Siding - Gutters and downspouts and fascia, Private sidewalks and driveways, Patios
- Garden storage shed
- Prefabricated pools
- Retaining walls

If the project will contain other construction activity that requires a permit, the above construction activities can be included in a regular building permit application. Standard permitting rates will apply.

For more information on the historic preservation review, please visit the Office of Planning website <http://planning.dc.gov/page/permits-design-review> for more information.



## Rogue Bamboo Cut In Glover Archbold

John A. Bray

About 35 people turned out to rumble with the bamboo jungle at the south end of Glover Archbold National Park, sawing and lopping their way through tall swaths marked for eradication.

In late summer heat and humidity, the assembly worked like a line of ants, hauling felled bamboo along the trail, under the suspended steel monkey bars of the abandoned streetcar trestle and out to the clearing beside Canal Road.

The invasive common bamboo makes an impenetrable monoculture that crowds out native species of trees, says the National Park Service.

NPS botanist Ana Chuquin says bamboo infestations exists in many places amid the 3,000 acres of Rock Creek Park in Washington, D.C., mainly the result of escapes from nearby residential planting for ornamental or screening purposes. She said the park service cannot afford to take on all infestations at once.

"We're taking the battles one by one. This is going to be our concentration until we get this done," she said of the trestle site job, where volunteers had already turned out earlier in the summer to cut back bamboo. "That doesn't mean we're going to get it done really quickly." NPS workers will return later to apply herbicide to suppress regrowth.

Chuquin and John Maleri of the Rock Creek Conservancy briefed volunteers before they got started. "It's a natural landscape. Let people know if you see holes that can produce a fall. Cut as close to the ground as you can – not like Zorro," Chuquin said, waving her arm. She also cautioned people not to linger under the trestle, noting the possibility of debris to fall.

The trail under the trestle has been closed for more than year due to safety concerns. The fate of the trestle is uncertain, with some proposing restoration to allow for use as a pedestrian or bike pathway that would follow the old streetcar right-of-way.

Jacqueline Drayer, outreach and grants manager for the DC Preservation League, was on hand to cut bamboo. "It's attractive and interesting and it speaks to this bygone transit history," she said of the trestle, adding that it should be stabilized and preserved and not simply studied. "A lot of projects get assessed and nothing ever follows. We want to see the entire process unfold." (See, Glover Archbold Bridge And Sewer Limbo, August 29, 2017, PotomacTimes)

Sara Eshleman, 35, a recent graduate of U.S. Navy boot

camp and now based in Maryland at Fort Meade, was among those who took a saw in hand.

"It was a great opportunity to do something for a treasure like this park," said Eshleman, who grew up in Virginia and worked as a teacher and actor before joining the Navy, just beating the enlistment age requirement that you complete boot camp before turning 35. "It's helping the environment."

Anti-bamboo tactics change, depending on the circumstances. A few years ago, NPS cut down a small flat patch in Battery Kemble Park, covering it with mulch and landscape fabric, and suppressing regrowth with herbicide.

The action wasn't universally popular among area residents. But it became urgent after an unknown renegade unilaterally chopped down the stand over a weekend and left a dangerous tableau of bamboo spears that needed to be dulled, according to Chuquin. The site is now ready for replanting with native tree species.

Chuquin said she understands people might want to plant bamboo at home. But she urged consideration of using native species to achieve the same ends. Bamboo can be controlled by growing it in trenches sided with plastic barriers and vigilant pruning of rhizomes, the lateral shoots it deploys to spread itself, according to Anna Foleen of Bamboo Garden in North Plains, Oregon.

"Quite honestly, the law should be: if it gets out of your property, then you are responsible legally and financially for removing it," said Foleen, who handles commercial business and serves as secretary of the local American Bamboo Society chapter. "If people would just pass that law, life would be a lot easier."

People's quest for privacy in the face of denser residential development can drive them to bamboo.

"A lot of places, in old days, had one- or two-story homes. Suddenly, people are stepping out into their backyards and finding a three- and four-story condo complex looking over their backyard and they get to live in a fishbowl," Foleen said, noting that a tree might not fit in the yard or grow quickly enough. "People go with bamboo because it's narrow, upright and grows fast."

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