

The Fairlawn Informer

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Fairlawn Citizens Association Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, December 18, 2018, 7:00 PM

*Ora L. Glover Community Room, Anacostia Neighborhood Public Library
1800 Good Hope Road, SE, Washington, DC 20020*

Holiday Pot Luck Dinner

This month we will have our Holiday Pot Luck Dinner at the Library starting at 6:30 pm and we purposely didn't schedule a speaker. Our Board will provide bread, beverages, and disposable dinnerware and utensils. Please bring a dish - with something in it - to share.

Our 32nd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting was postponed to December 9th and it went quite well despite the bitter cold weather. Thank you to our Christmas Tree decorators: Lewis Fleming, Carol Casperson, Victoria Williams, and Graylin Presbury. At the Lighting we were brought greetings by DC Council Chairman Mendelson, MPD 6th District Commander Habebullah, CM Trayon White Sr.'s Deputy Director of Constituent Services T'Chaka Sapp, and Anacostia Garden Club Vice President Drake Wilson, among others. Thank you to the officers and members who braved the cold to enjoy hot cider, and chocolate chip and Christmas sugar cookies courtesy of Diane Fleming and Carol Casperson. We were also treated to brief solos and a duet of Christmas carols by middle school students Hannah Wilson on trumpet and Mason Wilson on saxophone.

As we seek to enjoy the Holiday festivities, please be mindful of those in need and be careful of those who seek to take what you have, be they telephone or email scammers or robbers and burglars, please be careful of your surroundings and cautious of your actions. And, above all have a Merry Christmas, a Joyous Kwanzaa, and a Happy New Year!

Fairlawn Receives ESA Benefits

The Executive Board of the FCA has begun the process to receive scholarship funding resulting from our inclusion in the Entertainment and Sports Arena's (ESA) Community Benefits Agreement (CBA). The Fairlawn Citizens Association along with three other Ward 8 organizations will receive \$15,000 each per year for the first 10 years or as long as Monumental Sports and Entertainment and Events DC occupies the arena. The CBA stipulates that the money will be used for scholarships for Ward 8 youth (e.g., funding for tuition and expenses for college degree programs, vocational training programs, professional internship opportunities, and other similar educational opportunities). The Executive Board will weigh the detailed terms of the CBA to determine how best to fulfill FCA's obligations as a recipient of this funding.

DC Office on Aging

Information & Referral/Assistance

Are you looking to access services available to seniors, people with disabilities and caregivers throughout the District of Columbia? Are you having trouble negotiating through long-term care support services with the District

of Columbia Government and other organizations? DC Office of Aging, Information & Referral/Assistance office is your starting point for locating programs and services in the District of Columbia.

Seniors, family members, caregivers and the general public can call or visit one central location and speak to a professional. They are here to help you navigate through long-term care services and locate the support you need.

To reach DCOA Information & Referral/Assistance, please dial (202) 724-5626, or email Ask.ADRC@dc.gov.

Homeless Tents & Prostitution

We were visited by the new MPD 6D Commander, Durriyyah M. Habebullah, at our November meeting and she addressed our concerns about homeless people camping along Minnesota Avenue as well as the prostitution in the area. Separately, Cmdr Habebullah posted to Nextdoor, an online neighborhood social network, where she wrote comments similar to those at our meeting. Notably, that "[on] December 11... the [6D] Environmental Crime's Unit along with representatives from the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services, Department of Behavioral Health, [DPW], and [DDOT] are scheduled to conduct a clean-up event targeted at those persons encamped in tents on Minnesota Avenue SE."

"MPD's Narcotics and Special [Investigations] Division, Human Trafficking Unit regularly conduct[s] operations on the Minnesota Avenue Corridor and have arrested numerous individuals for solicitation of prostitution. They will continue arresting both the solicitors as well as individuals solicited in this area to make a greater impact. We recognize that individuals involved in this type activity also are in need of other social services to assist with drug usage/recovery and shelter and [the 6D] Outreach Unit [is assisting] with these efforts."

Further, the Chief of Police has provided additional officers [including Metropolitan Police Academy Recruits] to patrol...the Penn Branch Shopping Center and Minnesota Avenue Corridor in an effort to curtail disorderly and criminal activity..."

Contact Cmdr Habebullah at Tel.: 202-698-0880, M: 202-369-0285 or durriyyah.habebulla@dc.gov. Also, contact Sergeant Jacob Lipscomb, supervisor of the Human Trafficking Unit at: M: 202-497-0098 or email: Jacob.Lipscomb@dc.gov.

Your Association Wants to Know...

If you, or you know of any members who, have taken ill, are hospitalized, are recovering from injury, or recently passed away – your civic association wants to know. Please contact either our Membership Chair: Brenda Hazzard at

