

The Fairlawn Informer

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Fairlawn Citizens Association Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 7:00 PM

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

Public Service Commission & Historic Anacostia Expansion?

For this month's general meeting we will have presentations from Kris Randolph, Public Service Commission (PSC) of the District of Columbia and Charles Wilson of Historic Anacostia Block Association. Ms. Randolph will provide an overview of the PSC, utility infrastructure planning, and information on programs and services available to District of Columbia utility consumers. The PSC serves the public interest by ensuring that financially healthy electric, natural gas and telecommunications companies provide safe, reliable and quality utility services at reasonable rates for District of Columbia residential, business and government customers.

Mr. Wilson would like to expand the Anacostia Historic District (AHD) to include more of the commercial sections of Good Hope Road. AHD was formerly known as Uniontown when it was incorporated in 1854 as one of the first suburbs in the District of Columbia. It was designed to be financially available to Washington's working class, who were mostly employed across the river at the Navy Yard. The initial subdivision of 1854 carried restrictive covenants prohibiting the sale, renting or leasing of property to Negroes, Mulattos, or Irish. However, by 1880 approximately 15 percent of the residents were African American. The buildings of the historic district retains much of its mid-to-late 19th-century low scale, working class character as is shown in its architecture.

WinterFest (Harvest Ball)

This month, on Saturday, January 27, we are having our WinterFest (Harvest Ball), rescheduled from October. We found that the stepped-up security requirements at the Washington Navy Yard's Catering and Conference Center, with its security vetting forms and advanced registrations, are nearly as challenging as selling the event's tickets. Gone are the days when we could sell tickets right up to the hour of the event. But even before the new security process was established, we had fewer and fewer Fairlawn members attending. If just half of our membership supported this event we could sell out the venue and make a significant contribution to our Education Fund. Perhaps the Harvest Ball has run its course.

Ward 8 Home Buyers Club

In January 2016 we reported that the 11th Street Bridge Park was partnering with MANNA to offer a monthly Homebuyers Club (HBC) supported by a grant from the Kresge Foundation and that the participants will receive resources about buying a home, peer support and financial education. The Club would also provide a window into new and forthcoming Ward 8 housing developments. The Bridge Park recently reported that its Equitable Development Manager, Vaughn Perry, gave the keynote address at a recent "Friends of MANNA" reception and that to date, 53 HBC participants are now homeowners. Wow!



Christmas Tree Collection

Residents should put their Christmas trees and holiday greenery out where their trash and recycling is collected between January 13 and February 2. Holiday trees and greenery will be collected on residents' regularly scheduled recycling days during this period. Trees should only be placed at the curb if that is where their recyclables are normally collected. This collection service is only available to residents who are serviced by the DC Department of Public Works (DPW). DPW collects trash and recyclables from single-family homes and apartment/condo buildings with three or fewer living units.

Request Free Snow Removal Services

Are you a DC resident who is a senior or have access and functional needs, who wants assistance with clearing your sidewalks and front walkways this winter? Call Serve DC at (202) 727-7925 to sign up for assistance from Serve DC's DC Volunteer Snow Program.

DC Volunteer Snow Program

The DC Volunteer Snow Program, brought to you by Mayor Bowser and Serve DC, matches volunteers with senior residents and those with access and functional needs for snow removal services in the aftermath of a winter event. Serve DC will make every effort to match snow removal requesters with a DC Volunteer Snow Team member. This is a 100% volunteer effort, and they are happy to serve you. *Please visit: <https://serve.dc.gov/page/dc-volunteer-snow-program> to register for the Winter 2017-2018 DC Volunteer Snow Team* Volunteer Registration Quick Tip - Please know your Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) Single Member District (SMD) to select it in your registration.

Serve DC Seasons of Service Days

Serve DC promotes the District's spirit of service and engages residents in meaningful volunteer opportunities

throughout the year with its Seasons of Service Days. The Seasons of Service Days are a diverse, dynamic portfolio of international, national and local service events and opportunities designed to empower individuals, strengthen communities, bridge barriers and create innovative solutions to the social challenges we face as a city and a nation. For more information on planning or participating in Seasons of Service Days, please contact Serve DC at (202) 727-7925.

Reporting Illegal Activity

Prompt and detailed reporting of suspicious activities help to prevent crime. If a citizen sees suspicious activity, or any activity that seems out of the ordinary, immediately call 911.

When reporting suspicious activity, give an accurate description. Here are some things to include: a brief description of the activity; the date, time and location of the activity; physical identifiers of anyone you observed; descriptions of vehicles; information about where people involved in suspicious activities may have gone; and your name and contact information.

Happy Birthday!

Members Born in January

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| William Bowles | Christina Reitz |
| Russell Cothran | Antoinette Ross |
| Johnnie Ferguson | Desiree Savoy |
| Patricia Green | Paul Simms |
| Oneida Hall | Alice Summers |
| Clara Hawkins | Howard Terry |
| Oliver Johnson | Pattie West |
| Earl Lesesne | Alberta Wilkins |
| Paul Little | Barbara Wilson |
| George Morgan | Rhonda Young |
| Joe Nabinett | |

Our Condolences to...

John McMillan in the loss of his wife, Alberta.

FCA Membership

Ms. Amira Moore our Membership Chairperson may be reached at (202) 257-6392 or iamamiramooore@gmail.com. Membership dues are \$10 per person per year and are collected from September thru April. At present we have 228 members, however only about 51% of our members have paid their dues. It is only fair that we ask every member to be current in their dues. Please bring your membership renewal to our next meeting or mail it in to: FCA Membership, P.O. Box 30912, Washington, DC 20030-0912.

Another Year...

When preparing last month's newsletter, we discovered we had been using the Anacostia UPO Center's address (1649 Good Hope Road, SE) as the Anacostia Neighborhood Public Library address since we last met at the UPO Center for our December 2016 Holiday Potluck Dinner. A whole year passed of not recognizing that misinformation. We apologize for the error and any inconvenience it may have caused. Well, 2018 is a new year of new days to try and do our best at serving our community of neighbors and

friends who realize the value of working together in an organization such as the Fairlawn Citizens Association. Happy New Year!

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"Whatever your life's work is, do it well. A man should do his job so well that the living, the dead, and the unborn could do it no better." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Friends of the Anacostia Library

The Friends of the Anacostia Library invite you to become a member and support their efforts on behalf of the Library. The Friends meet at the Library on the second Sunday, every other month, starting in **February** at 2:00 p.m. Membership is \$10 per year. Please contact the Friends' President, Kathy Williams (202-248-1428), with any questions.

PSA & CAC Information

Fairlawn is located in Police Service Areas (PSAs) 607 & 701 of the 6th & 7th Districts of the Metropolitan Police Department (D). PSA 607 is in Sector 2 of 6D and it meets on the 3rd Wednesday at 7:00PM at 2830 Q Street, SE. The 6D Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) meets on the second Monday at 7:00PM at 5002 Hayes Street, NE and the 6D Community Outreach Specialist is Dayne Dixon, (202) 698-1315, Dayne.Dixon@dc.gov. PSA 701 is in Sector 1 of 7D and meets on the 4th Wednesday at 7:00PM at 2455 Alabama Ave., SE. The 7D CAC meets on the third Wednesday at 2455 Alabama Avenue, SE and the 7D Community Outreach Specialist is Fayette Vaughn-Lee, (202) 497-0814, Fayette.Vaughn-Lee@dc.gov. Always Dial 911 For All Police Services.

2018 ANC Information

There are three Single Member Districts (SMD) located wholly within Fairlawn and four additional SMDs that overlap the Fairlawn Citizens Association's boundaries. SMDs 8A01, 8A02, and 8A03 are wholly within Fairlawn and SMDs 8A05, 8A06, 8B01 and 7B03 are partially located in Fairlawn. The ANC Commissioners serving the Fairlawn SMDs are: **Maranda Ward** (7B03), **Holly Muhammad** (8A01), **Barbara Clark** (8A02), **Terri L. Acker** (8A03), **Travon Hawkins** (8A05), **Greta Fuller** (8A06), and **Khadijah Watson** (8B01). ANC 8A meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the DHCD Meeting Room at 1800 MLK Ave., SE.

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Email Address _____ Area of Interest _____		
Emergency Contact _____ Telephone _____		
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