

The Fairlawn Informer

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Fairlawn Citizens Association Monthly Meeting

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

Meeting Canceled per Social Distancing Effort

The Library is closed until April 1 as part of a larger effort throughout the metropolitan area and nation to stop the spread of germs and the Coronavirus (Covid-19). We will try to have our March scheduled speakers Ward 8 CM Trayon White, Sr. and the Anacostia Riverkeeper in April. Canceled events and self-quarantines save lives by reducing the spread of germs. This is how we all help slow the spread of the coronavirus.

The speed at which the spread plays out matters a lot. What epidemiologists (disease scientists) fear most is our health care system becoming overwhelmed by a sudden explosion of illness that requires more people to be hospitalized than our health care system can handle. That's when more people will die because there will not be enough hospital beds or ventilators to keep them alive.

A disastrous need for hospitals can likely be averted with the protective social distancing measures we are now seeing more of - closing schools, canceling mass gatherings, working from home, self-quarantine, self-isolation, avoiding crowds - to keep the virus from spreading fast.

Epidemiologists call this strategy of preventing a huge spike in cases "flattening the curve."

Flattening the curve means that all the social distancing measures now being used are not so much about preventing the illness but rather slowing down the rate at which the illness spreads.

The CDC advises that people over age 60 and people with chronic medical conditions - the two groups considered most vulnerable to severe pneumonia from Covid-19 - to "avoid crowds as much as possible."

If more of us do that, we will slow down the spread of the disease, and our health care system will not be overwhelmed by people needing care.

So even if you're young and healthy, please follow social distancing measures to avoid contracting and spreading the virus to others. We can keep this epidemic moving in slow motion. The more younger and healthier people are sick at the same time as more older people are sick, and the more strain there will be on our health care system.

Staying home, avoiding close contact - group situations, helps prevent our health care system from being overloaded.

U.S. Census 2020 Is Here

Have you received your Census 2020 invite? The large white envelope will say "YOUR RESPONSE IS REQUIRED BY LAW" and addressed "TO RESIDENT AT" followed by your address. Invitations to respond are arriving, one per household, in the mail now through March 20 with instructions for responding online. Some are also receiving a paper questionnaire.

Plan to include in your responses everyone you expect to live in your home on April 1.

You can also respond by phone. If you need help completing the 2020 Census, you can call, toll-free, 1-800-330-2020.

The U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years. The 2020 Census will count everyone who lives in the United States as of April 1, 2020. Census statistics help determine the number of seats each state holds in the U.S. House of Representatives and how billions of dollars in federal funds will be allocated by federal, state, and local lawmakers every year for the next 10 years.

Help spread the word about the 2020 Census.

Share this information on social media or send it to a friend.

Needed: Informer Distributors

The Fairlawn Informer desperately needs distributors. All are welcomed. We have several 2 and 3 block routes in need of distributors. DC Public School students, 8th grade and higher, can earn part of their required community service credit hours by delivering the Fairlawn Informer once a month. For more information or to sign up, please call Mr. Presbury at (202) 678-0291 or email: presbug@aol.com.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

According to DC Department of Health and DC Fire & EMS Right Care - Right Now, the health risk for contracting the Coronavirus remains low for most people.

The Membership Records Clean Up Continues

Our membership records consist of three lists that we must maintain: 1) a membership list with each member's complete record from their membership slip (which Mr. Presbury inadvertently lost in December and we are reconstructing), 2) the Fairlawn Informer distribution list, and 3) the Yahoo Group list. These lists had not been cleaned up in years, if ever. So, the bottom line is, if you are not a dues paying member you will be removed from these lists. It is only fair. Membership has its obligations and its privileges.

Our Membership Chair, Brenda Hazzard (brendalucashazzard@gmail.com or 202-582-4120) or our President, Graylin Presbury (presbug@aol.com or 202-678-0291) can verify anyone's membership. We sincerely apologize to anyone who is accidentally removed from either list. If that happens and we are made aware of it, we will reinstate your membership as quickly as possible.

However, if you have cold or flu-like symptoms it is important that you call your doctor or a medical clinic.

If you experience any of the following, call your doctor or a medical clinic in your neighborhood right away:

- Fever;
- Cough or sore throat;
- Runny or stuffy nose;
- Body aches, headache, or chills.

Here are a few ways to stop spreading the illness:

- Follow your doctor’s advice;
- Stay home and get lots of rest;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Wash your hands multiple times a day with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, including fingers and nails, and completely dry your hands;
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and dispose of the tissue after use;
- If you don’t have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or clothing.

Call 911 only for serious, life-threatening emergencies. For most issues like the cold or flu, you will receive better care at a clinic. Wait times are shorter. Follow-up care is better.

Medical clinics near us are:

Unity Health Care, 1500 Galen St SE, Tel.: 202-469-4699 Hours of Operation: Friday 8:15AM–4:45PM, Saturday 8AM–2PM, Sunday Closed, Monday 8:15AM–8PM, Tuesday 8:15AM–8PM, Wednesday 8:15AM–8PM, Thursday 8:15AM–8PM.

Whitman Walker Health, 2301 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE, Tel.: 202-745-7000, Hours of Operation: Friday 8AM–6PM, Saturday Closed, Sunday Closed, Monday 8AM–6PM, Tuesday 8AM–6PM, Wednesday 8AM–6PM, Thursday 8AM–6PM.

Family and Medical Counseling Services, 2041 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE Suite 303, Tel.: 202-889-7901, Hours of Operation: Friday 8:30AM–5:30PM, Saturday 9AM–2 (Appointment Only), Sunday Closed, Monday 8:30AM–5:30PM, Tuesday 8:30AM–5:30PM, Wednesday 8:30AM–5:30PM, Thursday 8:30AM–5:30PM.

New & Renewed Members for March

Mary E. Brown	Aaron Holmes
Stefanie Evans	Louise Johnson
Eloise Ferrall	Otha Lewis
Ethel Givens	Verda Lewis
Wilson Givens	

Happy Birthday! Members Born in March

James Baucom (D)	Janice Larson (Tyre)
Carolyn Beals	Linda Little
Norma Brown	Kristine Louis
Joshua Cook	Phyllis Moore
Jane Curley	Annie Resper
Taunya Greenwood	Loretta Rogers (D)

Phillip Haughton
 Jewel Houston
 Edward Johnson
 Deddeh Jones

James Slade
 Robin Williams
 Lauren Wolfe
 (D) = Deceased

Happy Belated Birthday! Members Omitted in February

Anne Bandy	Landon Zinda
Caitlin Kovalkoski	Annette Morrow

June 2, DC Primary Day

Tuesday, June 2nd is DC Primary Election Day. Are you ready to vote in the DC Primary? To check your DC voter registration status online visit:

<https://dcboe.org/Voters/Register-To-Vote/Check-Voter-Registration-Status>. If you need to update or make changes to your voter registration visit:

<https://www.vote4dc.com/UpdateApply/SearchOldVoter>.

If you have any other questions, there is a FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) link at the above DC Board of Elections (dcboe.org) site.

PSA & CAC Information

Fairlawn is once again located wholly within the newly aligned Police Service Area (PSA) 607 of the 6th District (D) of the Metropolitan Police Department. 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, Dayne.Dixon@dc.gov, (202) 698-1315. **The 607 PSA meeting is on the fourth Wednesday at the DC Dream Center, 2826 Q St SE at 6:30 PM.** Always Dial 911 For All Police-Related Emergencies.

2020 ANC Information

There are three Single Member Districts (SMDs) 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: **Benjamin Crane (7B03), Holly Muhammad (8A01), Barbara Clark (8A02), Brian Thompson (8A03), Dorcas Agyei (8A05), Ty’on Jones (8A06), and Leonard Lee Watson, Jr. (8B01).** ANC 8A meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the DC DHCD Meeting Room at 1800 MLK Ave., SE.

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