

The Fairlawn Informer

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Fairlawn Citizens Association Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 7:00 PM

*Ora L. Glover Community Room, Anacostia Neighborhood Public Library
1649 Good Hope Road, SE, Washington, DC 20020*

United Medical Center

This month our planned presentation will be from the United Medical Center (UMC).

David Thompson, Director of Communications for UMC, will present regarding the District government's public hospital at 1310 Southern Avenue, serving the Southeast DC and nearby Maryland communities. Demonstrating their commitment to provide the highest quality of care, UMC has earned accreditations from leading professional organizations and academic associations, as well as government agencies.

UMC has the Gold Seal of Approval from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. Its laboratory is accredited by the College of American Pathologists. UMC's blood bank and transfusion service is accredited by the American Association of Blood Banks. Its Radiology Department is accredited by the American College of Radiology and licensed by United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission. And, their mammography services are evaluated annually by the Food and Drug Administration and fully comply with the Mammography Quality Standards Act.

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New Inclusionary Zoning Rules

With demand for housing in the District at historic highs, it is no wonder that affordable housing is scarce throughout the city for both low- and moderate-income households. Now, the city is attempting to leverage its existing system of inclusionary zoning (IZ) in hopes that the program will assist those who need it most.

Last summer, the Zoning Commission voted in favor of mandating that all new inclusionary zoning (IZ) rental units be affordable, at minimum, to households earning up to 60 percent of the median family income (MFI) rather than the current 80 percent threshold; however, the standard will still be 80 percent for for-sale units. These new rules will take effect on June 5th.

Developers who demonstrate economic hardship in meeting the requirements on-site will still be able to secure a waiver in exchange for creating affordable housing elsewhere. The required IZ set-aside for for-sale developments can be reduced by 20 percent if the IZ units that remain are earmarked for households earning up to 60 percent median family income.

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, at 2:00 p.m. Membership is \$10 per year. Contact the Friends' president, Ms. Kathy Williams (202-248-1428), with any questions. Here's the Friends of the Anacostia Library meeting and events schedule for 2017:

- June 11 – Meeting;
- August 13 – Meeting;
- September 2 – Back to School Flea Market & Info Day;
- October 8 – Meeting;
- December 2 – Holiday Market & Information Day;
- December 10 – Meeting.

Look for more news about the Friends of the Anacostia Library in upcoming newsletters!

Demand a Police Report

Residents are noticing unfamiliar people knocking on doors. A member indicated a neighbor saw a suspicious person first knock on the door, and then when no one answered he jump the side fence to the backyard. After, returning home the member noticed a lower level window screen was ripped open revealing the window's security bars. Having contacted the police about this attempted burglary, the police initially refused to issue a police report.

It appears that the Metropolitan Police Department maybe be under reporting criminal activity by not issuing reports of certain incidents. If you have the need to call the police due to a burglary or attempted burglary or car break-in, etc., please demand a police report, if you are not given one. If you are going to make a subsequent insurance claim, they're probably going to ask for a police report number.

Busboys and Poets Delay

It doesn't look like the restaurant at 2004-2010 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE will open this year as originally planned. The site is currently being built out by nonprofit partner and landlord the Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative; however, construction is running roughly three months behind schedule.

Work on the space that Busboys will occupy was supposed to begin in June once the Collaborative completed their work. Now, factoring in the delay, owner-restaurateur Andy Shallal and his team likely won't begin their work until September, at which time it would take an additional 4-5 months to deliver the

restaurant. The delay and construction timeline puts an opening date closer to the late December-February 2018 period.

FCA Files Resolution with PSC

For a number of reasons, including that the continued annual increases in essential utility services is a financial hardship and burden on low-income consumers and seniors on lower fixed incomes, following our April 18 meeting vote a resolution was adopted and filed with the Public Services Commission. The Fairlawn Citizens Association (FCA) adopted a resolution supporting the Office of the People’s Counsel’s advice to the Public Service Commission (PSC) asking it to reject the majority of Pepco’s request to increase its distribution rates, Formal Case #1139.

Got Stinky Ginkgo Trees?

They may smell bad, but as a low maintenance and low cost tree, they do just fine in urban environments. Each autumn, foliage-starved urbanites are treated to a spectacle of color as the fan-shaped leaves of the ginkgo trees lining their streets turn a brilliant shade of gold. But the treat comes at a cost: When the female ginkgo trees shed their leaves and berries, they rot and emit a stench often likened to dirty gym socks, vomit, or poop.

For years, residents in Washington, D.C., took it upon themselves to shake the offending berries from the trees before they ripened, an effective tactic, provided people actually did it. In the 1980s, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) came up with a more efficient method—Sprout Nip, an herbicide that, when applied to female ginkgoes in the spring, halts cone development. This method doesn’t rely on unpaid citizens doing their part, but it isn’t foolproof. An ill-timed rainstorm can wash off the herbicide, and it costs the city approximately \$80,000 annually. D.C. residents can also petition to have a female ginkgo tree removed from a block, but at least 60 percent of the block must agree with the removal.

Why not just plant male ginkgo trees? It turns out the ginkgo can spontaneously change sex. This evolutionary adaptation allows ginkgoes to propagate when the sex ratio is imbalanced. This means even planting a male ginkgo does not guarantee that it won’t start to stink 30 years down the line.

To get your ginkgo trees sprayed call 311 or DDOT directly at 202-673-6813.

FCA Membership

Ms. Amira Moore our Membership Chairperson may be reached at 202-257-6392 or [iamiramooore@gmail.com](mailto:i-amiramooore@gmail.com). Membership dues are \$10 per person per year and are collected from September thru April. At present we have 142 dues paying members, however only two-thirds, or 66%, 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.

Happy Birthday! Members Born in May

Jason Anderson	Fred Jones, Sr.
LaTonya Bullock	Cynthia Long
Yvonne Burruss	Elizabeth Redd
Vivian Freeman	James Roberts
Ethel Givens	Jean Smith
Diane Greene	Herbert Smith
Patricia Jones	

May New & Renewed Members

Ernest Crumb	Shirley Bethea
Herbert M. Smith	Joe Nabinett
Deborah Dickerson	Laverne Ivey
Kristine Louis	James Baucom, Jr.
Lorraine Hall-Petty	Lillian Moore
LaRuby May	Scarlett S. Small

Get Well Wishes to...

Alexander Nelson.

CAC & PSA Information

Fairlawn is in both the 6th & 7th Districts of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and lies in Police Service Areas (PSAs) 607 & 701. The 6D Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) meets on the second Monday at 7:00 PM at 5002 Hayes Street, NE, while the PSA 607 meets on the second Thursday at 7:00 PM at the Substation at 27th and Pennsylvania Ave., SE, led by Lt. Sherrelle Williams (Sherrelle.Williams@dc.gov or 202-698-0836). The 7D CAC meets on the third Wednesday at 2455 Alabama Avenue, SE, while the PSA 701 Lt. is Fayette Vaughn-Lee (202-497-0814 or Fayette.Vaughn-Lee@dc.gov) and it meets on the second Tuesday at 7:00 PM at the UPO Anacostia Center, 1649 Good Hope Road, SE.

2017 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: **Holly Muhammad** (8A01), **Barbara Clark** (8A02), **Travon Hawkins** (8A05), **Greta Fuller** (8A06), and **Khadijah Watson** (8B01). SMDs 7B03 and 8A03 are unfilled. 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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