

The Fairlawn Informer

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Fairlawn Citizens Association Monthly Meeting * Tuesday, May 19, 2020 * By Video or Call-In Only * *Democratic Candidates for Ward 8 Council Seat*

Mayor Bowser has extended the Stay-At-Home Order through June 8. Depending on the infection and death rate, as well as recommendations from the ReOpen DC Advisory Group, Mayor Bowser may extend the Stay-At-Home Order or begin a phased reopening of the District of Columbia. As a result, our monthly meeting will continue to be conducted through Zoom. You can join the meeting by calling (301) 715-8592; meeting ID: 858 2476 8946; and Password: 632061. You may also join by video at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85824768946?pwd=LzVjQlYra0NQVVFqb3d6czRKYW1Ydz09>.

We have a special program for this month featuring the Ward 8 Democratic candidates for the Ward 8 City Council seat: CM Trayon White, Mike Austin, Yaida Ford, and Stuart Anderson. Please feel free to email any questions you may have for the candidates to Mr. Presbury at presbug@aol.com or you may call Mr. Presbury at (202) 678-0291 to leave your question. We would like to have as many questions as possible submitted in advance to keep the meeting moving.

No Price Gouging

The District's Office of the Attorney General's Office of Consumer Protection works to stop deceptive and unethical business practices. It investigates complaints from consumers in DC regarding potential violations of DC consumer protection laws, and when appropriate, files suits against businesses that are taking advantage of DC residents. It also helps consumers resolve disputes with merchants without legal action. Its consumer protection guides help you learn how to avoid being taken advantage of, and how to file a complaint. For more information please contact the Office of Consumer Protection at (202) 442-9828, or email: consumer.protection@dc.gov or visit: <https://oag.dc.gov/consumer-protection>

Wanted: Informer Distributors

The Fairlawn Informer desperately needs distributors. All are welcome. We have several 2 and 3 block routes available. Please consider becoming a distributor. We need help. For more information or to sign up, please call Mr. Presbury at (202) 678-0291 or email: presbug@aol.com.

Census 2020

Have you responded to the Census? If not, why not? If you matter, the Census matters! Have your neighbors responded? If not, please urge them to, they matter also! Anyone who has not responded to the Census can call 1(844) 330-2020 and respond by phone. Every person counted represents about \$5,000 in programs and services per person, per year for a ten-year period until the next Census. You can also go online to 2020census.gov to complete your response. You don't need a unique ID, just your home address. **Respond to the Census today. It is not too late!**

Vote Safe DC

To ensure that every vote is counted and that everyone from voters to election workers is safe, the DC Board of Elections (BOE) will manage 20 early voting centers to accommodate early voters. Your usual voting precinct may be closed on Primary Election Day, June 2nd. Anacostia High School will be open; however, the BOE strongly urges voters to request a Mail-in (Absentee) Ballot instead of voting in person at an early voting center or voting precinct.

To request a Mail-in Ballot, please [download](#) and complete the [Absentee Ballot Request Form](#), it is not necessary to [sign it](#), just return it to the Board of Elections by mail, by fax to (202) 347-2648, or by email DCabsentee@dcboc.org with a scanned attachment by May 26.

If you have already requested a ballot, please do not submit a duplicate request. The deadline for the receipt of Mail-in Ballot requests for the June 2 Primary Election is May 26.

You are not required to use the Mail-in Ballot Request Form to request an absentee ballot - any signed document requesting an absentee ballot is acceptable. Please ensure that your request for an absentee ballot includes the following information: 1) Your name; 2) The election(s) for which you are requesting a ballot; 3) The address at which you are registered; 4) Your current address (if different from ?); 5) Your contact information (telephone number and/or email address); 6) Your date of birth; 7) Mailing address to which the ballot should be sent; 8) Your original signature (A signed absentee ballot request sent electronically will be considered to contain an original signature); 9) Optional: your telephone number and email address

Our Records Clean Up Process Continues...

Our membership records consist of three lists that we must maintain: 1) a membership list with each member record completed from their membership slip, which we have now finished reconstructing; 2) the Fairlawn Informer distribution list, which has now been merged into the membership list; and, 3) the Yahoo Group list, which we will eventually move to a different, more functional group platform. These lists had not been cleaned up in years, if ever. So, 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.

(while not required, this information will expedite the processing of your request, should the BOE need to contact you).

Fairlawn Elections Postponed

This is an election year for the Fairlawn Citizens Association. We should have established a Nominations Committee in March but our meeting was cancelled due to the Stay-At-Home Order. Our Board has decided that our elections should be postponed until we are able to meet in person. All officers are up for election. If you are interested in serving or have questions, please feel free to contact any officer.

Social Distancing is Working

Please continue to do your part. Stay home, but when you go out, wear a mask. If you feel sick, call your doctor or a testing hotline. If you have tested positive for COVID-19, isolate yourself. Free resources are available. If you think you need testing call 1(855) 363-0333, in English and in Spanish call 1(844) 796-2797. If you need a place to stay to isolate, call 1(888) 349-8323.

Please continue to wash your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds, especially after returning home before you do anything else, and keep uncleaned hands away from your eyes, nose, and mouth. Hand sanitizer can be used when soap and water are not available. Face masks are now required in pretty much all settings. Face masks help us keep our germs to ourselves and should extend from the bridge of your nose to the bottom of your chin. Even simple bandanas covering our nose and mouth, or dust masks, can help us keep our germs to ourselves. **But face masks with valves will not contain your germs and are not recommended for public use.**

Remember, most infected people are asymptomatic (have no signs of being infected); however, they can spread the virus. Some infected people will become sick and some of them will require hospitalization, and some of the hospitalized will die. This is why social distancing and wearing masks is so important to reduce the spread of the virus.

DC Water Announcement

DC Water announces emergency funding to help residents pay outstanding water bills during (COVID-19) crisis. Residents can apply to get bill relief and monthly discounts. More information and the application for this program is available through DOEE at doee.dc.gov/service/criac or by contacting criac.residential@dc.gov.

Please do not flush paper towels, wipes or facial tissues - they clog your pipes or DC Water's pumps! Don't be fooled by wipes packaging claims that these products are flushable. They are not!

OPC: Our Utility Advocate

Any DC utility consumer with a service or billing issue can call the Office of the People's Counsel (OPC) at (202) 727-3071 or visit opc-dc.gov for assistance dealing with a utility company. Also, please call OPC if you have a question or think you have been the victim of a scammer claiming to be from a utility.

New & Renewed Members for May

Ruth Minor
Sharretta Benjamin
Diane Heard
Doretha Sanders
Stanley Heard

Happy Birthday! Members Born in May

Jason Anderson
Yvonne Burruss
Vivian Freeman
Ethel Givens
Fred Sr. Jones
Patricia Jones
Cynthia Long
Ruth Minor
James Roberts
Jean Smith

Our Condolences to...

Albert Tyre (husband) and the family of Janice Lawson Tyre who passed away earlier this year.

Donna Brown (daughter) and the family of Norma Brown, our long serving past Membership Chair.

They were both long term members of the Association. May their families be comforted by the life they lived and the love they shared.



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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Name _____ Date _____ Birth Month _____
Address _____ Apt. # _____ Telephone _____
Email Address _____ Area of Interest _____
Emergency Contact _____ Telephone _____

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