

# The Fairlawn Informer

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## Fairlawn Citizens Association Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, September 18, 2018, 7:00 PM

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

### CubeSmart Update

Welcome back from our July and August break! We hope everyone had a good summer. This month Commissioner Holly Muhammad, ANC8A01, will give us an update on the anti-storage facility effort.

#### CubeSmart Storage Facility

CubeSmart is attempting to build a storage facility at the old Columbia Ironworks site, 1401 22nd Street, SE. According to property tax records this property has changed hands several times in the last six or so years and each time there was a significant jump in value from \$45,000 to \$4.3 million and with each sale the record indicated substantial improvements to the property but nothing visibly changed on the lot until CubeSmart entered the picture. Our protest demonstration on July 25th following a toxic spill on July 16th received some television coverage ABC7 and WUSA9. The soil is contaminated with known carcinogens and core sample drilling brought groundwater to the surface that was also contaminated. Now CubeSmart is trying to decontaminate the site and there was a process failure leading to contaminated water spilling onto Fairlawn Avenue and into the nearby storm drains.

#### Soul Tent Stories

Stories of a movement. Stories of everyday. Listening Parties hosted by Anu Yadav, DC Public Library Artist-in-Residence, to be held: Sunday, September 23, 4:30-6:30PM at BloomBars, 3222 11th St, NW and Monday, September 24, 6:30-8:30PM at the Anacostia Library, 1800 Good Hope Rd, SE. Featuring one-minute audio stories from DC residents as well as members of the Poor People's Campaign of 1968 and today, followed by a storytelling workshop. Refreshments will be served and childcare will be available. Visit: [SoulTentStories.org](http://SoulTentStories.org) for more information.

#### Frederick Douglass House

As the National Park Service celebrates the 200th anniversary of Frederick Douglass' birth, it is reaching out to the community to support its local programming. Please join in as the annual Community Day presents a great opportunity to engage with DC residents. It promises to be fun for the whole family! The Frederick Douglass National Historic Site invites you to set up a community table. You can provide information about your organization and lead a family friendly activity to draw visitors to your table.

EVENT INFO: Frederick Douglass National Historic Site, Community Day, Sunday, October 14, 12:00pm-4:00pm. For more information, please contact Ranger Brittany Hall, [brittany\\_omoleye-hall@nps.gov](mailto:brittany_omoleye-hall@nps.gov), or Supervisory Park Ranger Delphine Gross, [delphine\\_gross@nps.gov](mailto:delphine_gross@nps.gov), at 202.426.5961.

#### Friends of the Anacostia Library

Become a Friends member and support their efforts on behalf of the Library. With the end of the summer the Friends meeting scheduled has reverted back to the second Sunday of every other month starting September 9th at 2:00PM.

The Friends "Mini Marts" fund raisers held in conjunction with the Bike Repair Clinics were a great success! Special recognition was made to Brenda Hazzard and Scarlett Small for their "loyal support." Also this summer, Anacostia Library Branch Manager Yvette Davis thanked the Friends for all their "pivotal" help and financial support of the 2018 Summer Maker Camp offered at the Library during the week of July 23rd. More than 115 children participated in science experiments.

The **Library is always seeking volunteers** to spend a couple of hours per month to help out as assigned. You can learn more and request an application form at the desk.

The Friends meet at the Library on the second Sunday, every other month, at 2:00 p.m. Membership is \$10 per year. Please contact the Friends' President, Kathy Williams (202-248-1428), with any questions.

#### Fairlawn/APACC Picnic

Your FCA Executive Board continued to meet during the break and while we did not have our usual National Night Out activity in Fairlawn Park, in part as a protest of the conditions there, we did organize a picnic in Anacostia Park in conjunction with the Anacostia Park and Community Collaborative (APACC). Held on Saturday, July 14, it was essentially a Fairlawn picnic; however, the budget had to be pre-approved by APACC who was funding the picnic by reimbursing the FCA for the picnic expenses. The final budgeted expenses were \$304.00.

The APACC Coordinator, Malusi Kitchen, spoke to us briefly and fielded questions. Mr. Kitchen gave us an overview of APACC and its goal of improving the Anacostia River Corridor, both the river and the adjacent neighborhoods. As anticipated it was a hot and humid day. Not expected, however, the picnic site in Anacostia Park near the Nicholson Street parking lot and the Pirate Ship play area was fairly crowded with at least two other large groups, including the Bethlehem Baptist Church which was having its annual picnic with some nice low-key deejayed music. Add to that, the fenced off construction staging area for the DC-295 bridge-work crossing Nicholson Street and it made for some very tight quarters in the picnic area.

Our group of about 20 people was fairly small and thanks to Dr. Bowles we had plenty of chairs, tables and movable canopies for shade. We planned for 70-100 people with our pared down menu of hotdogs (all beef and vegan) and watermelon along with lots of ice cold water, chips, and Carol Casperson brought cookies. A special thanks to our hotdog cooks: Dr. Bowles, Diane Fleming, and Pamela Presbury. While some of our food was shared with other picnickers, the leftovers were variously distributed to an area church lunch program, a shelter at St. Elizabeth's, and water was given away at a free roller-skating program at the Anacostia Park Pavilion.

## Interim Disability Assistance Program

The DC Interim Disability Assistance (IDA) program offers temporary financial support to DC residents between the ages of 28 and 64 who are unable to work due to a disability. To qualify, applicants must be ineligible for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program and awaiting a decision on eligibility of supplemental security income (SSI). To apply, visit the H Street Service Center (645 H Street, NE) or for more information, call 202-698-4455.

## Happy Belated Birthday! Members Born in August

Evelyn Akoto	Betty Hinton
Kirk Anderson	Lillian Moore
Carol Casperson	Alexander Nelson
Shirley Cothran	Pamela Presbury
Diane Fleming	Albert Tyre
Diane Heard	Pamela Williams

## Happy Birthday! Members Born in September

Edward Brodie	Otha Lewis
Tania Curry	Verda Lewis
Amaya J. Fisher	Paul Sr. Little
John Gant	Graylin Presbury
Elizabeth Harris	Eunice Tilden
Aaron Holmes	Dianne Williams
Brenda James	Ruth Williams

## Our Condolences to...

Alexander Nelson in the loss of his son, Derrick Nelson.

## New & Renewed Members for July and August

Anthony Graham	Donna Morrow
Donna Graham	Bettie J. Pasley
Ginny Lacy	Rev. Wanda Thompson

## FCA Membership Corrections

Our membership dues are \$10 per person per year and are collected from September thru April. After April, collected dues are applied to the new membership year beginning in September. It is only fair that we ask every member to be current on their dues. If appropriate, please bring your membership renewal (dues and a completed

membership slip found at the bottom of the Fairlawn Informer) to our next meeting or mail it to: FCA Membership, P.O. Box 30912, Washington, DC 20030-0912.

This fall we will begin our periodic membership list clean-up. Please do not allow your dues to lapse. If you are not recognized in the Fairlawn Informer on your birth month, there may have been an error or your dues may have lapsed and your membership has expired. In conjunction with membership renewals, we are purging the Fairlawn Informer distribution lists. Receiving the newsletter is a perk of membership. No membership...no newsletter, it is only fair.

**EAT. SHOP. PLAY. STAY. LEARN. THRIVE.  
BUILD. SERVE. HELP. GO Anacostia.**

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## PSA & CAC Information

Fairlawn is located in Police Service Areas (PSAs) 607 & 701 of the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:Fayette.Vaughn-Lee@dc.gov). Always Dial 911 For All Police-Related Emergencies.

## 2018 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: **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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