

The Fairlawn Informer

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Fairlawn Citizens Association Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 7:00 PM

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

DC Fire & EMS and Housing Counseling Services, Inc.

For this month's general meeting we will have the presentations that were scheduled for last month but were postponed due to weather considerations. We will hear from Chief Gregory M. Dean, DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services (F&EMS), and Shirin Wilkerson, Housing Counseling Services, Inc. Chief Dean will present the "Right Care, Right Now" program. After the launch of the program, callers to 911 with non-emergency injuries or illnesses may be transferred to a nurse. The nurse will ask the caller questions and assess his or her symptoms so that the nurse can refer the caller to the most appropriate non-emergency medical care available, most likely a community clinic or urgent care clinic in the caller's neighborhood. Medicaid and DC Healthcare Alliance enrollees will be provided with free transportation to and from the clinic. This program should improve patients' health outcomes and preserve F&EMS' resources for those patients with life threatening injuries and illnesses. It should also free up beds in crowded hospital emergency rooms, which will benefit all critically ill emergency patients. The District has the highest per capita EMS call volume in the nation.

Founded in 1972, Housing Counseling Services, Inc. (HCS) is a HUD-approved nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that provides comprehensive housing counseling, training, advocacy, technical assistance and housing opportunities for low and moderate income home buyers, home owners, and tenants; to help them achieve successful living in healthy, safe, and affordable homes. The goal of HCS is to prevent homelessness and increase sustainable housing opportunities by providing the skills, self-esteem and empowerment necessary within families and communities. Further, HCS works to build the individual and group capacity for economic, physical, and social development of homes, neighborhoods, and communities.

Anacostia River Festival

On Sunday, April 15 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM, the National Park Service and the 11th Street Bridge Park will present the fourth annual Anacostia River Festival. This year, we will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Anacostia Park and the Year of the Anacostia. The Anacostia River Festival focuses on the improving health of the Anacostia River and the exciting experiences you can have in Anacostia Park and on the river. This FREE event is held in Anacostia Park at Good Hope Rd & Anacostia Drive, SE. For more information visit: www.bridgepark.org/ARF.

Re-Zoning Victory

Led by ANC Commissioner Holly Muhammad (SMD-8A01) several Fairlawn community members concerned about the impending storage facility being built on the lot located at 1401 22nd St., SE (the old Columbia Ironworks site, across from the entrance to Anacostia Park) attended and testified at the Zoning Commission Hearing held on

Monday, March 19, 2018. A big thank you to everyone who came out. From the start, Zoning Commission Chair Anthony Hood made clear that the hearing was not about the already approved permit for a storage facility but instead about the future land use for that lot. So, while the Zoning Commission gave us a victory by ruling to change the zoning for that lot from industrial to residential, their ruling does not affect the present use.

The battle is not over; stay tuned for our next moves!

Fairlawn Officers' Elections

This month we need three willing members to participate on the Nominations Committee to hold our May Elections. Interested members should contact any officer of the Association. Interested candidates may consult our Articles of Organization which may be obtained from Mr. Presbury.

Would-be candidates should know our Association is only as strong as its willing members. If our membership does not work to accomplish anything, our Association will not accomplish anything. It's as simple as that. The Association is because we are and we are because the Association is. Anyone interested in serving in an office for a limited two-year term should contact any officer and ask them about their experience.

VOTE! Register! VOTE!

The District of Columbia will hold its Primary Election on June 19, 2018 and its General Election on November 6, 2018. Please register and VOTE! Voting is both a civic duty and a right of the democratic process, long denied to whole segments of our society.

June 26, 2018

The June Fairlawn Citizens Association meeting is being moved to Tuesday, June 26 due to the DC Primary Elections utilizing the Ora L. Glover Community Room on Tuesday, June 19, and there isn't any comparable meeting space available at the Library. This will be our last meeting until September 18 following our summer break.

Fairland Food Forest (Garden)

The Fairland urban garden is progressively evolving. Now known as the Fairland Food Forest, it is situated behind 1310 Ridge Place, SE and will have a tree planting day on Saturday, May 12th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Sumacs, Paw Paws, Persimmons, and other trees provided by Casey Trees will be planted and a meal will be provided for the volunteers helping with the planting. Fairlawn community volunteers must sign-up at the Eventbrite website at www.goo.gl/8wKPhQ and use "Fairlawn" as your registration code.

ServSafe.com

DC Public Libraries are requiring that organizations serving non-commercially packaged food have a **certified food**

handler present with their certificate in hand. This policy is intended to protect the Public Library system from law suits related to the consumption of food on its premises. If there are any Association members with food handling certification, we can certainly use your assistance at our general meetings. Otherwise we cannot serve non-commercially packaged food.

For \$15 you can go online at www.ServSafe.com and take the ServSafe food and beverage safety training and certificate program administered by the National Restaurant Association. This program is accredited by ANSI and the Conference for Food Protection, and is honored by DCRA, which will issue you its own certification for an additional \$35.

Help Wanted: Student Distributors

The Fairlawn Informer needs student distributors. Earn your 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.

Help Wanted: Membership Chair

Our Association needs a new Membership Chairperson. The current Chair no longer lives in Fairlawn and with other increasing demands on her time, is ready to pass on the responsibility. The Membership Chair responsibilities include: keeping track of membership renewals and birthdays, seeing that membership cards are issued, receiving reports of deaths and illness from members, and making renewal and birth month reports to the Fairlawn Informer editor. Internet access and spreadsheet use experience is preferred. The current Chair has established a Google platform database (list) that allows for easy information updates and controlled information sharing. Interested persons or questions should be directed to Graylin Presbury (202) 549-7730 or Amira Moore (202) 257-6392.

Happy Birthday!

Members Born in April

Shirley Bethea	Ronnie McCray Jr.
James A. Davis	Keisha Mims
Eloise Ferrall	Genna C. Reed
Mamie Gentry	Diane Roberts
Brenda Hazzard	Albert Shetley
Louise Johnson	Marie Thompson
Lawrence Leonard	Iris Toyer
Linda Lynch	Michele Ward
Gladys McClam	

FCA Membership

Ms. Amira Moore our Membership Chairperson may be reached at (202) 257-6392 or iamamiramoores@gmail.com. Membership dues are \$10 per person per year and are collected from September thru April. It is only fair that we ask every member to be current on 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.

Friends of the Anacostia Library

The Friends invite you to be-come a member and support their efforts on behalf of the Library. A **Mother's Day Pop-Up Flea Market** is being planned for **Saturday, May 12, 10AM-3PM, vendors are welcome (\$10)**. Also, **the Library is seeking volunteers**, to spend a couple of hours per month to help out as assigned. You can learn more and request an application at the desk.

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

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.

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-Related Emergencies.

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Address _____ Apt. # _____ Telephone _____		
Email Address _____		Area of Interest _____
Emergency Contact _____		Telephone _____

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