

# The Fairlawn Informer

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## Fairlawn Citizens Association Monthly Meeting Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 7:00 PM *Celebrating Black History Month!*

The link to our virtual meeting is the same every month: <https://tinyurl.com/y44csd29>. Your viewing and participation options depend on the device you use to join the meeting. You may also attend the meeting by phone, **Call-In Only, at 301-715-8592. The meeting ID is 869 3674 7863 and the Passcode is 816515.** If you do not have a mute button on your phone, you may use \*6 to mute and un-mute your phone. And you may use \*9 to raise your hand to get the host's attention.

To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Black History Month and the 100 Anniversary of Negro History Week, started by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, we present for your appreciation and edification, in its entirety, the lyrics to "Lift Every Voice and Sing," also known as the "Black National Anthem."

### "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Lift every voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise, High as the listening skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past  
has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present  
has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chastening rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet,  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears  
has been watered,  
We have come, treading our path through the  
blood of the slaughtered;  
Out from the gloomy past, Till now we stand at last,  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who has by Thy might, Led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God,  
where we met Thee,  
Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world,  
we forget Thee;  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,  
True to our God. True to our native land.

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" was first performed in public by 500 school children on President Lincoln's birthday, February 12, 1900, at the segregated Stanton School in Jacksonville, FL, where James Weldon Johnson, who wrote it, was principal. The children taught the song to others, and within twenty years, it was sung throughout the South. Then, in 1919 (Red Summer), it was adopted and promoted by the NAACP. It became a rallying cry during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s.

"... I come to say to you this afternoon, however difficult the moment, however frustrating the hour, it will not be long, because "truth crushed to earth will rise again." How long? Not long, because "no lie can live forever." How long? Not long, because "you shall reap what you sow." How long? Not long!"  
— Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Despite challenges and attacks of the present, if we tell our stories, and teach our children, privately and collectively, our contributions to American history will never be erased!

### FCA Elections & Nominations

2026 is a Fairlawn Citizens Association (FCA) elections year. The FCA leadership is elected by you, dues paying members, every two years. We need three volunteers (not currently serving as elected officers) to act as a Nominations Committee to receive nominations. We need your participation to survive and thrive. Our officer elections should be held in May and installed in June. Are you willing to serve in the leadership of our Association? We are only as strong as our membership performs.

### Block Ambassadors Program

Our Block Ambassadors Program continues to welcome new Ambassadors. You will play a pivotal role as the liaison between your neighbors and the Fairlawn Citizens Association, strengthening communications, sharing resource information, and building community within Fairlawn!

Your leadership will help to create a safer, stronger, and more informed neighborhood. A small investment of your time can make a big difference! Becoming a Block Ambassador is a simple yet powerful way to help build the community you want to live in. If you are passionate about strengthening your neighborhood, please consider joining us!

#### What Block Ambassadors Do:

- Welcome newcomers to the block and community
- Encourage neighbors to join the Association to strengthen our representation and capacity to advocate for our shared interests
- Share public safety and resource information
- Identify neighborhood needs and concerns
- Encourage participation in beautification and cleanups

#### Interested?

To learn more or sign up as a Block Ambassador, please send your contact information to: [fairlawndc@gmail.com](mailto:fairlawndc@gmail.com).

### Cold and Flu Season

Cold and flu viruses spread easily through airborne particles and close contact. They attack the upper respiratory tract - your nose and throat. We are well into the cold and flu season as we spend more time indoors in close quarters, and dry nasal passages make us more vulnerable to infection.

**Protect Yourself**

1. Practice good hand hygiene: [Wash hands often with soap and warm water](#); use sanitizer when needed.
2. Avoid contact with sick individuals.
3. Get vaccinated: Everyone 6 months and older.
4. Boost your immune system: Sleep well, eat a balanced diet rich in fruits and vegetables, exercise regularly, and manage stress.

**If You're Sick**

- Avoid contact with others.
- Get plenty of rest and fluids.
- Test yourself: OTC flu tests are widely available.
- Seek medical attention if you have chest pain, shortness of breath, high fever lasting more than 3 days, severe dehydration, dizziness, or symptoms that worsen after improving.

**Financial Empowerment Workshop**

This is a two-part, faith-based educational retirement workshop designed to help attendees walk boldly and joyfully into stewardship of their finances. Through practical financial wisdom woven together with biblical principles, learn how to eliminate debt, build generational wealth, prepare for the future, and give with generosity and community impact. This is not just another financial class. Come ready to be inspired, equipped, and empowered.

Register [HERE](#) or use the QR code. Your journey toward financial freedom, Kingdom impact, and God-honoring stewardship begins here.



Attendance at both workshops is strongly encouraged.  
 Feb 21, 9:00 AM: Foundations for Financial Stability  
 Feb 28, 9:00 AM: Legacy & Community Impact

**February New/Renewed Members**

None.

**Happy Birthday!**

**February Born Members**

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| Giselle Aviles        | Elizabeth Hearn   |
| Lynda Bowles          | Lincoln James     |
| Mary E. Brown         | Donna Morrow      |
| Antonette Carter      | Cheryl Rucker     |
| Odell Carter          | Robert Sneed, Sr. |
| Kevin Clark           | Joan Traynham     |
| Angela Gordon-Simpson | Ronalda Williams  |
| George Hart           | Landon Zinda      |

**Emergency Support**

- \*Wendy Glenn, Ward 8 MOCRS Mgr., 202-340-8313.
- \*For essential community services call the Warmline: 211.
- \*Addiction, Mental Health & Suicide Helpline, call 988.
- \*DC Mutual Aid Network: 202-630-0336.
- \*<https://breadforthecity.org/>.
- \*AARP – Friendly Voice – 1-888-687-2277.
- \*NAMI DC - Mental Health Advocacy - 202-546-0646.
- \*Shelter Hotline: 1-800-535-7252 or 202-399-7093.
- \***FREE FOOD** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays, 8-10:30 AM, Ambassador Baptist Church, 1412 Minnesota Avenue, SE.

**Are You a Good Neighbor?**

Love is an action verb. It is not about what you say, it's about what you do. Showing love toward your neighbor raises the vibration of the entire neighborhood. Those who appear to be the most difficult to love often need love the most.

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**911, 311, MOCRS & ANCs!**

911 is the number to call for emergencies, while 311 is the number to call for non-emergencies. When calling 311 always get a **“Reference Number”** and save it for any follow up to your call. **It is essentially a tracking number for your call.**

When dealing with the city government, you may also call the Mayor’s Office of Community Relations & Services (MOCRS pronounced: mo-Curs) which is the Mayor’s primary constituent services organization that provides rapid and complete responses to constituent requests, complaints, and questions. Our MOCR representatives in Ward 8 are Manager, Wendy Glenn ([wendy.glenn1@dc.gov](mailto:wendy.glenn1@dc.gov), (O) 202-727-6167, (M) 202-340-8313) and Liaison, Quentin Milner ([quentin.milner@dc.gov](mailto:quentin.milner@dc.gov), (O) 202-535-2182, (M) 202-549-6586). Have your 311 Reference Number!

The 8A ANC (Advisory Neighborhood Commission) Commissioners serving the Fairlawn area through December 2026, and their SMDs (Single Member Districts) are **Tom Donohue** (8A01), **Anthony Foreman** (8A02), **Andrea Davis** (8A03), and **Tomora Redman** (8A07). ANC 8A meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. This is a virtual meeting, and you must pre-register to join the meeting. For connection info, please email your Commissioner at [their SMD]@anc.dc.gov. Ex.: [8A09@anc.dc.gov](mailto:8A09@anc.dc.gov)

**PSA & CAC Information**

Fairlawn is located within Police Service Area (PSA) 607 of the 6<sup>th</sup> District (D) of the Metropolitan Police Department. The 6D Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) meets virtually on the second Tuesday at **6:00-7:30 PM** and PSA 607 meets virtually on the second Wednesday at **6:00-7:00 PM**. Please reach out to the 6D Community Outreach Specialist, Officer Aaron Hunter, at [Aaron.Hunter@dc.gov](mailto:Aaron.Hunter@dc.gov) or 202-698-1315 to receive connection information for either of these meetings. **Remember: Always dial 911 for all Police Emergencies. Text 50411 to anonymously report criminal activity, even live activity, or alternatively you can call 202-727-9099 to make a report to a live person. SEE SOMETHING? SAY SOMETHING!**

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**Membership dues are \$10 per person per year and may be paid by check and mailed to:  
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 Or online you may visit: [www.paypal.me/FairlawnDC](http://www.paypal.me/FairlawnDC).  
 To check your membership status contact: Brenda Hazzard at [brendalucashazzard@gmail.com](mailto:brendalucashazzard@gmail.com) or 202-701-7476.**