

# The Fairlawn Informer

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## Fairlawn Citizens Association Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, November 18, 2025, 7:00 PM

### *The Village Movement?*

In this season of thanks and giving, I am thankful for friends, family and our veterans! All too often we don't appreciate our freedom until it is gone! To all the veterans, Thank you for your service! And wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! Count your blessings! Name them one by one!

This month we will revisit the idea of Senior or Elder Villages with Dr. Katrina Polk, Executive Director of the DC Village Collaborative (DCVC). Villages are volunteer-driven and use the neighbor-helping-neighbor model to help older adults live with independence and dignity in their homes and communities for as long as possible. DC Villages Collaborative is a nonprofit organization that focuses on incubating, accelerating, and supporting Village development in the District of Columbia.

We also need to decide whether we will gather socially next month. Our Board is recommending we have a social meet-up at a local restaurant like we did last year.

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.

### **We're Going Digital!**

A few hard copies will still be delivered but members are urged to subscribe to FairlawnDC Groups.io to receive the Fairlawn Informer and other timely information by email. Opt-in by responding to the FairlawnDC Groups.io email invitation or email: [FairlawnDC+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:FairlawnDC+subscribe@groups.io). If you didn't get your digital or hardcopy, check your membership status! Eventually our newsletters and Zoom meeting recordings will be available on our website, [www.fairlawndc.org](http://www.fairlawndc.org).

### **Holiday Events!**

- **Now thru Nov. 25, M-F, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Free full Thanksgiving Meal pickup. Show your DC ID,** Bread for the City, 1700 Marion Barry Ave., SE.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 2, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Evening of Miracles,** Annual Multi-Cultural Holiday Celebration and Toy Drive, THEARC Black Box Theatre, 1801 Mississippi Ave., SE.
- **Saturday, Dec. 6, 4:00 p.m., Fairlawn Christmas Tree Lighting** at Marion Barry & Minnesota Ave., SE.
- **Saturday, Dec. 6, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., The Messiah Concert and Post Concert Reception,** performed by the Washington Conservatory of Music at Matthews Memorial Baptist Church, 2616 MLK Jr., Ave., SE.
- **Sunday, Dec. 7, 5:00 p.m., Historic Anacostia Block Association Christmas Caroling** starting at the Anacostia Engine 15 Fire House at 2101 14th St., SE.

- **Saturday, Dec. 13, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.** (breakfast at 9:30), **Ward 7 & 8 Clergy & Faith Leaders 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Prayer Breakfast** at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church, Panorama Room, 1600 Morris Road, SE.
- **Sunday, Dec. 14, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Selfies with Santa** at the Honfleur Galley, 1241 Marion Barry Ave., SE.

### **Tis' the Season to be Cautious!**

**Winter is a high fire and accident season** with home heating and electrical hazards from the improper use of outlets and extension cords for space heaters, Christmas lights and dry Christmas trees needing water. Add to that, too much partying with medical conditions, drunk driving and/or drug use, plus the possibility of winter driving road hazards like ice, snow, and potholes, and we can count on there being accidents! Please be cautious and think about your safety and the safety of your loved ones!

**Beware of Finding Paper on The Back Window of Your Vehicle** when returning to your car. This might be a setup for a carjacking, just drive away and remove the paper later.

**Beware of the Bump and Jack!** Drivers, if another car bumps you, generally from behind, and you want to get out of your car to see the damage or talk to the other driver, remember: Turn-Off Your Car, Take Your Keys with You!

**If You are Being Robbed** try to stay calm! Do exactly as you are told. DO NOT RESIST! Activate your alarm ONLY if you can do so secretly. Tell the robber about anything that might surprise him. If you must move or reach, tell the robber what you are going to do and why. Try to get a good look at the robber, especially the robber's shoes, so you can describe them later. Don't be a hero. It's better to lose your money than to lose your life.

### **Please Report Suspicious Activity**

Prompt and detailed reporting of suspicious activities helps to prevent crime. If you see suspicious activity, or any activity that seems out of the ordinary, immediately **call 911 or Text: 50411.**

### **Be Scam Aware!**

Common scams include imposter scams (pretending to be a loved one, business, or government agency), AI-powered scams using deepfakes (realistic but fake videos, audio, or images created using artificial intelligence (AI)), delivery scams, and job scams that involve fake payments or requests for upfront fees. These often start with unsolicited texts or emails and aim to trick you into revealing personal information or sending money. To protect yourself, be skeptical of urgent messages, don't click on unsolicited links, verify information directly through official channels, and never pay for a job opportunity or equipment.

### **Leaf Collection**

The DC Dept. of Public Works (DPW) began its annual leaf collection program on November 3rd. Crews will make two

passes through each neighborhood, weather permitting. This year DPW will not publish a full schedule in advance. Instead, residents will receive about two weeks' notice before crews reach their area. Rake your leaves into your tree box or at the curb (if no tree box) before your scheduled collection week. Along with loose leaves, leaves in paper bags (no plastic) will be collected also. For updates and to see when crews will be near you, visit [dpw.dc.gov/leaf](http://dpw.dc.gov/leaf) or call the Leaf Line at 202- 671-LEAF (5323).

**Special Waste Collection/Recycling**  
The next DC Dept. of Public Works (DPW) Special Waste Collection Event is scheduled for Saturday, November 29, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at RKF Stadium - Parking Lot 8, 2500 Independence Ave., SE. Registration is required, however there is no cost to register. DC residents can safely dispose of or recycle household hazardous waste and electronics and have secure shredding of documents. For details, including a list of acceptable materials and to register in advance, please visit: [tinyurl.com/hhw-register](http://tinyurl.com/hhw-register). There will be more collections on:

- Thursday, December 4, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, February 5, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 14, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Registration helps DPW anticipate demand and manage arrival times to keep the collection moving efficiently.

**From Sinkhole to Sewage Backup**  
In late December 2023, DC Water notified us that a large sinkhole appeared at Fairlawn Avenue and 16th Street, SE. To maintain continuous sewer service while repairs are underway, they set up temporary above-ground bypass pumps, which created some minor noise. Around 2,200 feet of sewage pipe is being rehabilitated with this \$9.5 million work project.

DC Water's repair schedule, depending on weather conditions, was projected as: 2–4 months for bypass, 3 months for cleaning, and 2–3 months for rehabilitation, totaling 7-10 months. However, it has been nearly two years, and a “basement backup event” due to a failed pump at 16th St., recently impacted Anacostia HS and several homes on Fairlawn Ave. The sewage pipe rehabilitation is now projected to be completed in Spring 2026. Need to make a claim? Call or email Robert Hebb at 410-539-5040 or [RHebb@semmes.com](mailto:RHebb@semmes.com).

***Are You a Good Neighbor?***  
*Express gratitude by sharing your time and resources. As we give thanks for another year, identify an opportunity to share or meet a need in our community.*

**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.

**Happy Birthday!**  
**November Born Members**  
Lewis Fleming      Ginny Lacy      Charles Little  
Burnice Kearney      Rev. Wanda Thompson

**November New/Renewed Members**  
Carol Casperson      Lewis Fleming

**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, Eugene Kinlow II ([eugene.kinlow1@dc.gov](mailto:eugene.kinlow1@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 Monday 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 or 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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Emergency Contact _____	Telephone _____	

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