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Foggy Bottom News

The Foggy Bottom Association (FBA) is the 2nd oldest civic organization in Washington, DC, incorporated in 1959. Our mission is to preserve the history, beauty, and charm of the Foggy Bottom/West End community by making Foggy Bottom/West End a wonderful, safe, desirable, diverse and inclusive place for all. FBA supports the arts, green spaces, and local businesses, and celebrates the community's history.



From the President

Welcome to our redesigned Foggy Bottom News! In this latest iteration of the Foggy Bottom News, we blended traditional with modern. Traditional in that you'll see some favorite columns returning, such as "Foggy Bottom Folks" with a modern layout that

is fresh and easy to read on your computer, tablet, or phone. We're also planning to produce a few traditional hardcopy versions for those who prefer paper – just let us know. Our frequency will change as we move to publication every other week. More news and previous issues can be found on our website: foggybottomassociation.org.

We are always looking for contributors, so please share announcements, events, and articles for publication. I want to thank Marina Streznewski as former editor and producer of the FBA Newsletter and the many current contributors who made this and upcoming issues possible.

Get vaccinated DC! All DC residents ages 16 and older are eligible to register to receive the coronavirus vaccine. Call 1-855-363-0333 for more information. Together, we're healthier.

Happy Reading! John George (JPG)

FBA News Flash

Day of Action

May 1, 2021 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Saturday, May 1, Mayor Bowser has declared a Day of Action from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm and invites residents to join with others to go door to door to encourage residents to get vaccinated.

To learn more and sign-up, visit: bit.ly/dayofactiondc.
We're all in this together for a healthier DC!

ANC Special Meeting

May 6, 2021 - 7:00 pm

Thursday May 6, 2021 at 7:00 pm the ANC will host a special meeting for the following:

- Consideration of a resolution regarding a proposed change in the DC Comprehensive Plan designation for Columbia Plaza at [2400 Virginia Avenue NW](#)
- Consideration of a resolution regarding Logan Circle Liquors' application to transfer the establishment's Retailer's Class "A" Liquor Store license to [2517 Pennsylvania Avenue NW](#) (ABRA-086950)

Join here <http://bit.ly/ANC2ASpecialMay2021> or visit ANC2A.org

GWU Public Health Virtual Town Hall

May 6, 2021 - 5:00 pm

At 5:00 pm, join University public health experts to discuss COVID-19 impacts, the latest information regarding COVID-19 vaccine, and answer your questions. Registration is required. [Register](#) or [submit a question](#).

April 2021 FBA Community Meeting Recap

Guest Speaker: Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto



The FBA Community was fortunate to have Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto join our April 27, 2021 meeting where she provided her perspective on issues impacting the District and the Foggy Bottom/West End Community.

Here are some of the initiatives that Councilmember Pinto is addressing:

1. Budget priorities include funds for critical capital projects; K Street transit-way; Francis-Stevens school renovation; electric car charging station in Georgetown; public housing repairs
2. DC Statehood
3. Covid-19 Vaccination
4. Assisting DC's unhoused residents relocate to temporary or permanent housing. Public Health Emergency is scheduled to end May 20, 2021
5. Criminal justice reform
6. Period Products in schools
7. Stay DC to assist with rental payments
8. Great Streets program
9. Covid-19 relief for small businesses
10. Parking enforcement begins June 1

Questions from our community prompted significant discussion. Highlights include: the Councilmember does not support the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) change at Columbia Plaza that is being raised by the owners. She does support a program for sub-zone residential parking. She is aware of Office of Planning language regarding protection of green-space and is looking at long range plans to reconnect Foggy Bottom and the West End with the waterfront. She believes scooters and other alternative forms of transportation are important, but proper use and adherence to DC laws critical. She is aware of the increase in noise pollution - traffic, helicopter, etc. and wants to work with the communities and various agencies to evaluate. To contact Councilmember's office, please email: bpinto@dccouncil.us

Watergate Gallery showcases local Foggy Bottom Artist: J. Ford Huffman

Typically, you'll see J. Ford enjoying life from Hughes Mews, but these days he's busy getting ready for his latest exhibit: "Inside Looking Out" along with fellow artist Helen Zughaib at the Watergate Gallery April 24 – May 22, 2021. See [Watergate Gallery](#) for details.

After a year of living with a worldwide pandemic Helen and J. Ford have done a body of work that reflects the impact that Covid-19 has had on their lives and thoughts. These sentiments represent what so many people have experienced during this time.



J.Ford Huffman's little theaters or stages are mixed-media "sculptures in the form of assemblage shadow boxes," says the Art Registry. They're theatrical. Architectural. Some are abstract, some are figurative, and some are in collections in Japan, Germany, France and throughout the United States. "Inside Looking Out" is his first two-artist show at Watergate Gallery, where his works have appeared in six group shows. Other galleries displaying his work in group shows include Hickok Cole + Washington Project for the Arts "Art Night" (2020), The Athenaeum in Alexandria, Strathmore Mansion, Capitol Hill Center Galleries, Target Gallery at Torpedo Factory and Gallery 102 at The George Washington University. National Building Museum commissioned a work for its Dream Rooms exhibition in 2016. He made his Washington gallery debut at a solo exhibit presented by Art Registry in Georgetown in 2009.

J.Ford also is an independent designer, writer and editor. His redesign of Las Vegas Review-Journal was introduced in 2017, and he has trained journalists at Hindustan Times across India and at Gulf News in Dubai.

He designed sets for two world-premiere plays at Oglebay Institute's Towngate Theater in Wheeling, W.Va., and apprenticed at Shaw Festival theater-design department in Ontario. He resides in Foggy Bottom and serves on the board of Student Veterans of America, the high-education organization.

**"The Green Thumbs"
FBA's Garden Committee**



Spring is in the air!!! And so are some beautiful flowers and blossoming trees and shrubs. Thank you to the Garden Committee for their hard work. A special thanks to Denise Vogt for a very generous in-kind donation for planting over 14 tree box "mini-gardens" throughout the historic district and to Meredith for planting and maintaining the gardens on the west side of the 900 block of 26th Street NW and for painting the fire alarm boxes. We're always looking for more volunteers to assist and for residents to help water curb-side gardens throughout the summer.

A special thank you to the many who already do.

Please consider making a donation to the committee's effort.

[Make a Donation to the Garden Committee](#)

Foggy Bottom Folks



Featured: Ellie Becker

Ellie Becker was a force in the Foggy Bottom/West End community. In addition to serving in FBA leadership positions, she published the original version of the Foggy Bottom News, which she also hand-delivered to recipients. She was involved in most of the major decisions made by the community, including the application for Historic

District designation in 1987. In her memory we would like to resurrect a feature of her newspaper called "FOGGY BOTTOM FOLKS" which showcased different neighbors as well as those who worked in the neighborhood. It was a way of getting to know who our neighbors were and helped build a sense of community. In each edition of our reinvented email newsletter, we plan to introduce a neighbor...It might be to announce a new family member, welcome a new resident, or a mention of something someone has done to help our neighborhood. We hope by including this section in our newsletter we will bring back the "neighbor" in "neighborhood".

Please enjoy this 2004 Washington Post Article by John Kelly who spent some time with the wonderful Ellie Becker. [Ellie Becker Article](#).

Next issue, let's meet John and Peter!

[Suggest a Neighbor to Feature](#)

Support FB/WE Local Businesses



The FBA welcomes Tazza Café as one of our newest neighborhood restaurants! Tazza, specializing in Mediterranean cuisine, is across from the Kennedy Center on New Hampshire Avenue and offers outdoor and indoor seating, as well as carry out. They also have some nice breakfast selections. Open until 7:00 pm, closed on Sundays. Contact them at 202-627-2441 or visit www.TazzaDC.com.

Mark Your Calendars

- **May ANC Meeting: May 19, 2021 7:00 pm via Zoom.**
Visit anc2a.org for information.
 - **May FBA Community Meeting: May 25, 2021 7:00 pm via Zoom.**
Featured topic: Arts in Foggy Bottom. Visit foggybottomassociation.org for details.
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Our goal is to inform and build community, so you'll see regular columns sharing perspectives from the FBA President; Community Events; Neighbor Spotlight; Business Showcase; and Comings & Goings. We welcome aspiring reporters and volunteers to contribute. FBA Board Member, Peter Maye will coordinate the new publication. Contact him at Peter@PeterMaye.com

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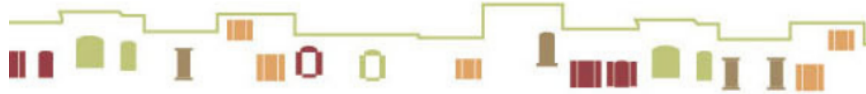
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