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Neighbors, Steve and Esther Timlin Live in Historic Foggy Bottom



Ever wondered about that beautiful, big, yellow house at the corner of New Hampshire Ave and I Street? It was built—uniquely triangular to fit its triangular lot—in the heart of Foggy Bottom in 1886 as a corner store with upstairs living quarters. James F. Fitzgerald and his wife Catherine (both from Ireland), were the earliest owners (1892) and first of a number of grocers to occupy the store. They named the business after their children, Mary and James. The store operated as M&J Grocery until 1957, inherited by Catherine and leased to others until her death. After several owners, the building was purchased

by Natalie Beaulieu in 1958 resulting in a major renovation when it was rebuilt as three one-bedroom apartments, adding a new main floor. It was sold to Joan Turchin in 1975. Long Island native, Steve Timlin, and his wife, Esther, are the current owners. Steve inherited the house from his Aunt Joan and moved in in 1986. Steve selected the current yellow with white trim, keeping the black shutters and ironwork. Steve is an avid history buff and has painstakingly researched and documented many aspects of the house, its previous owners and tenant grocers. The property was once part of the

plantation called “Mexico”, owned by Robert Peter, the first mayor of Georgetown. Steve named the “Fitzgerald House” after the family living there the longest. Steve loves to talk about the house and knows volumes about it and the neighborhood. It should not go unrecognized that he also served the FBA and our community in leading the effort to gather over 200 letters from neighbors in support of Trader Joe’s locating here. And for six months in 2008, we were thrilled when Steve and Esther’s front lawn became the setting of Pamela Burris’s big, red sculpture *Accumulative Effect*. ~

Letter from Asher Corson, New President of the Foggy Bottom Association (FBA)

As the new president of the Foggy Bottom Association (FBA), allow me to introduce myself. My name is Asher Corson. I am a Foggy Bottom homeowner/long-time resident, a second term ANC Commissioner and a recent GW grad. I am honored to follow in the footsteps—and have the support of—the many other residents who have dedicated themselves to looking after our community.

As you might already know, the FBA is the only membership organization in Foggy Bottom/West End whose mission is to exclusively represent the interests and



concerns of it’s residents. Currently, much of the FBA’s energy is focused on preventing an inappropriate rental housing development from being built on the historic Stevens School site. Councilmember Kwame Brown was speaker for our September membership meeting acknowledging that the community had
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The Foggy Bottom Association was formed by a group of citizens in 1955 and was formally incorporated in 1959. Attendance at FBA meetings is open to all residents of Foggy Bottom and the West End.

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Letter from Asher Corson (cont'd)

spoken and pledged to stop that development for which we are thankful. For more information about this fiasco, please visit the FBA website (www.savefoggybottom.com) for links to an excellent article in the *Washington Business Journal* and video of my testimony before the Council of the District of Columbia on this matter. Our association is firmly committed to ensuring the best neighborhood uses for all of our public properties.

The FBA works hard to improve the quality of life of our residents in

many other ways including facilitating Trader Joe's locating in the West End, bringing the highly-praised FRESHfarm Market to Foggy Bottom, organizing and funding an award-winning outdoor sculpture project in the Foggy Bottom Historic District, and conducting a survey of neighborhood desires for future retail. Of course, there is much more to tell and much more to come.

Your neighbors invite you to consider joining in and adding your voice to supporting quality of life in

the Foggy Bottom/West End community. Let me extend a special thank you to the group of dog owners, new to our organization, that attended the September FBA meeting. We welcome your participation.

As always, please feel free to be in touch with me directly by email at "lashercorson@gmail.com" or by telephone at (202) 683-7869 to discuss any neighborhood matter.

Best regards,

Asher Corson, President

O C T O B E R C A L E N D A R

Wednesday, Oct. 14 – 7:00 pm

AUTHOR TALK. Bruce Rosenstein will discuss his new book "Living in More Than One World: How Peter Drucker's Wisdom Can Inspire and Transform Your Life"
West End Library, 1101 24th St NW, (24th at L St NW)

Sunday, Oct. 18 – 3:00 pm

"SUNDAY AFTERNOON AUTHOR SERIES",
FB Neighbor C.M. Mayo discusses her book,
The Last Prince of the Mexican Empire
DC Historical Society of Washington, 801 K St NW at Mt. Vernon Square

Wednesday, Oct. 21 – 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

GRAND GARAGE SALE (clothing, jewelry, appliances, houseware)
11:30 am to 2:00 pm, Octoberfest Lunch
4:30 to 6:30 pm, Dinner – Kraut, potato salad & wursts.
(ala carte or priced by plate; take-out available)
The UNITED Church, 1920 G Street, NW

Thursday, Oct. 22 – 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

GRAND GARAGE SALE continues
11:30 am to 2:00 pm, Octoberfest Lunch
The UNITED Church, 1920 G Street, NW

Saturday, Oct. 24 – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

BOOK SALE sponsored by West End Library Friends
West End Library, 1101 24th St NW (24th at L St)

Tuesday, Oct. 27 – 7:00 pm social; 7:30 pm speaker

FBA MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans, Speaker
Community welcome.
St. Stephen Martyr Church Parish Hall (entrance on 25th St)
Penn and 25th St NW