

# **D.C. Federation of Civic Associations Records**

## **An inventory of D.C. Federation of Civic Associations at DC Public Library**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	People's Archive, MLK Library
<b>Creator:</b>	D.C. Federation of Civic Associations
<b>Title:</b>	D.C. Federation of Civic Associations Records
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<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1960-1979
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<b>Physical Description:</b>	16 Boxes
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## Biographical / Historical

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The D.C. Federation of Civic Associations (DCFCA) was founded in 1921 to bring together D.C. disparate civic associations under one action oriented organization. In addition to working on common citywide and regional concerns, DCFCA also hosts an Annual Awards Luncheon to showcase the hard work of delegates to the Federation and raise funds for operations and the scholarship program. The luncheon was started in 1930 and awards the George H. Richardson Civil Rights Award and scholarships to high school students.

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## Scope and Contents

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The records include the D.C. Federation of Civic Associations' (DCFCA) constitution, meeting minutes, and newsletters from member civic associations. It also contains correspondence, reports, clippings, programs, invitations, flyers, legislative materials, handwritten notes, and other records documenting the activities of DCFCA.

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## Arrangement

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Series 1: Federation Awards, 1963-1984 (1.25 linear ft.) Series contains certificates, programs, and other ephemeral items related to awards given or received by the Federation. Series 2: Topics, 1960-1979 (2.75 linear ft.) This series contains correspondence, clippings, committee reports, memoranda, and financial materials, which document the activities of the Federation. The bulk of the papers are from the 1970s and cover issues and activities such as the Federation's Black Tie Ball, consumer protection, city planning, civil defense the lottery, cultural arts, and home rule. Folders are arranged alphabetically by topic. Series 3: Newsletters, 1964-1979 (1 linear ft.) The series contains newsletters of local civic associations, which are members of the Federation. It also includes the Federation's newsletter. Member newsletters represented include those for Brightwood, Capitol View, and Southeast, to name a few. The folders are arranged alphabetically with the Federation's newsletters appearing first. Series 4: Interfederation and National Business, 1967-1978 (.25 linear ft.) The series consists of the Interfederation constitution, minutes of Interfederation meetings, and materials regarding the National Association of Neighborhoods. Series 5: Meeting Minutes, 1965-1978 (1.25 linear ft.) The series contains meeting minutes, both hand and typewritten for Federation meetings.

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## Administrative Information

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### Custodial History

The papers were donated in 1986 to the Library by Joseph Carter, the DCFCA's President at the time.

## Processing Information

General processing procedures consisted of discarding duplicates, unnecessary binders, and routine transmittals. Preservation copying of newspaper clippings was performed whenever feasible. Records in folders were arranged, unless otherwise indicated, in forward chronological order, with undated records appearing at the end of the folder.

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## Controlled Access Headings

- Associations, institutions, etc
- Neighborhoods
- Community development, Urban
- Correspondence
- Minutes (Records)
- Organizational Records
- Newsletters
- African Americans
- Civic leaders

## Collection Inventory

### Series 1: Federation Awards, 1963-1984

#### Scope and Contents

This series contains program books, financial materials, correspondence, award applications, address lists, and invitations for annual awards presented to individual civic leaders in Washington, D.C. A few select awards were sponsored by local businesses and civic organizations, including the Evening Star Award, the NAACP Trophy, and a Safeway Scholarship to a local student. The majority of the Awards were given to "grassroots honorees," from the Federation to citizens working in a variety of ways for civic improvement in the District. The folders are arranged chronologically.

Title/Description	Instances	
Federation Awards, 1963-1972	Box 1	Folder 1
Federation Awards, 1973-1977	Box 2	Folder 1
Federation Awards, 1977-1984	Box 3	Folder 1

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## Series 2: Topics, 1960-1979

### Scope and Contents

This series contains correspondence, clippings, committee reports, memoranda, and financial materials, which document the activities of the federation. The bulk of the papers are from the 1970s and cover issues and activities such as the Federation's Black Tie Ball, consumer protection, city planning, civil defense the lottery, cultural arts, and home rule. Folders are arranged alphabetically by topic.

Title/Description	Instances	
Announcements, 1970-1973	Box 4	Folder 1
Announcements, 1970-1973	Box 4	Folder 2
Announcements, 1970-1973	Box 4	Folder 3
Black Tie Ball, 1972-1974	Box 4	Folder 4
Black Tie Ball, 1972-1974	Box 4	Folder 5
Black Tie Ball, 1972-1974	Box 4	Folder 6
City Planning documents, 1970-1980	Box 4	Folder 7
City Planning documents, 1970-1980	Box 4	Folder 8
Civic Responsibility Week, 1965-1979	Box 5	Folder 1
Civil Protection Committee, 1967-1979	Box 5	Folder 2
Civil Protection Committee, 1967-1979	Box 5	Folder 3
Civil Protection Committee, 1967-1979	Box 5	Folder 4
Consumer protection committee documents, 1969-1979	Box 5	Folder 5
Cultural Arts Committee, 1967-1973	Box 5	Folder 6
Cultural Arts Committee, 1967-1973	Box 5	Folder 7
Cultural Arts/Scholarship fundraiser project, 1973	Box 5	Folder 8
Economic Development Committee, 1970-1979	Box 5	Folder 9
Economic Development Committee, 1970-1979	Box 5	Folder 10
Education Committee, 1973-1979	Box 6	Folder 1
Education Committee, 1973-1979	Box 6	Folder 2
Endorsement Policy, 1970	Box 6	Folder 3
Environmental Committee, 1972-1979	Box 6	Folder 4
Annual Father Day's celebration, 1977-1984	Box 6	Folder 5
Financial records, 1960-1964	Box 6	Folder 6

Financial records, 1960-1964	Box 6	Folder 7
Financial records, 1960-1964	Box 6	Folder 8
Financial records, 1960-1964	Box 6	Folder 9
Financial records, 1974-1975	Box 6	Folder 10
Financial records, 1975-1979	Box 7	Folder 1
Financial records, 1975-1979	Box 7	Folder 2
Financial records, 1975-1979	Box 7	Folder 3
Financial records, 1975-1979	Box 7	Folder 4
Honorary Life members, 1972	Box 7	Folder 5
Lottery, 1973	Box 7	Folder 6
Meeting attendance records, 1970-1978	Box 7	Folder 7
Membership orientation, 1975	Box 7	Folder 8
Membership orientation, 1975	Box 7	Folder 9
Membership orientation, 1975	Box 7	Folder 10
Membership orientation, 1975	Box 7	Folder 11
Mothers Day program, 1972-1979	Box 7	Folder 12
Mothers Day program, 1972-1979	Box 7	Folder 13
Mothers Day program, 1972-1979	Box 7	Folder 14
Mothers Day program, 1972-1979	Box 7	Folder 15
Mothers Day program, 1972-1979	Box 7	Folder 16
Mothers Day program, 1972-1979	Box 7	Folder 17
Mothers Day program, 1972-1979	Box 7	Folder 18
Mothers Day program, 1972-1979	Box 7	Folder 19
News Media Committee, 1972-1973	Box 7	Folder 20
New Media, 1973	Box 7	Folder 21
President's papers, 1965-1979	Box 8	Folder 1
President's testimonial for B. Alexander, 1974	Box 8	Folder 2
Public utilities issues, 1970-1979	Box 8	Folder 3
Recreation, 1972-1979	Box 8	Folder 4
Recreation, 1972-1979	Box 8	Folder 5
Reference materials, 1966-1971	Box 8	Folder 6
Reference materials, 1966-1971	Box 8	Folder 7

Reference materials, 1966-1971	Box 8	Folder 8
Reference Materials, 1979	Box 9	Folder 1
Rosters, 1965-1979	Box 9	Folder 2
Rosters, 1965-1979	Box 9	Folder 3
Rosters, 1965-1979	Box 9	Folder 4
Rosters, 1965-1979	Box 9	Folder 5
Salute to Seniors, 1968-1979	Box 10	Folder 1
Sanitation Committee, 1969-1971	Box 10	Folder 2
Speakers Bureau Project, 1968	Box 10	Folder 3
Treasurers Reports, 1975-1985	Box 10	Folder 4
Transportation, 1969-1979	Box 10	Folder 5
Urban Development Committee, 1969-1973	Box 10	Folder 6
Zoning, 1966-1972	Box 10	Folder 7

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## Series 3: Newsletters, 1964-1979

### Scope and Contents

The series contains newsletters of local civic associations, which are members of the Federation. It also includes the Federation's newsletter. Member newsletters represented include those for Brightwood, Capitol View, and Southeast, to name a few. The folders are arranged alphabetically with the Federation's newsletters appearing first.

Title/Description	Instances	
Newsletters, 1966-1972	Box 10	Folder 8
Newsletters, 1973-1979	Box 11	Folder 1
Brightwood Newsletters, 1972-1977	Box 11	Folder 2
Burleith Newsletters, 1973-1979	Box 11	Folder 3
Capitol View Newsletters, 1970-1984	Box 11	Folder 4
Capitol View Newsletters, 1970-1984	Box 11	Folder 5
Capitol View Newsletters, 1970-1984	Box 11	Folder 6
North Michigan Park Newsletters, 1972-1979	Box 12	Folder 1
Public Interest Community News, 1976-1979	Box 12	Folder 2
Southeast Civic Association, 1964-1974	Box 12	Folder 3
Southeast Civic Association, 1964-1974	Box 12	Folder 4



Southeast Civic Association, 1964-1974	Box 12	Folder 5
Southwester Newsletter, 1976-1978	Box 12	Folder 6

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## Series 4: Interfederation and National Business, 1967-1978

### Scope and Contents

The series consists of the Interfederation constitution, minutes of Interfederation meetings, and materials regarding the National Association of Neighborhoods.

Title/Description	Instances	
Interfederation Council Constitution, 1967, 1973	Box 12	Folder 7
Interfederation Council meeting minutes, 1969-1974	Box 12	Folder 8
National Association of Neighborhoods, 1977-1978	Box 12	Folder 9

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## Series 5: Meeting Minutes, 1965-1978

### Scope and Contents

The series contains meeting minutes, both hand and typewritten for Association meetings.

Title/Description	Instances	
Meeting minutes, 1965-1970	Box 13	Folder 1
Meeting minutes, 1965-1970	Box 13	Folder 2
Meeting minutes, 1965-1970	Box 13	Folder 3
Meeting minutes, 1965-1970	Box 13	Folder 4
Meeting minutes, 1965-1970	Box 13	Folder 5
Meeting minutes, 1965-1970	Box 13	Folder 6
Meeting minutes, 1971-1972	Box 14	Folder 1
Meeting minutes, 1971-1972	Box 14	Folder 2
Meeting minutes, 1971-1972	Box 14	Folder 3
Meeting minutes, 1971-1972	Box 14	Folder 4
Meeting minutes, 1971-1972	Box 14	Folder 5
Meeting minutes, 1971-1972	Box 14	Folder 6
Meeting minutes, 1973-1977	Box 15	Folder 1

Meeting minutes, 1973-1977	Box 15	Folder 2
Meeting minutes, 1973-1977	Box 15	Folder 3
Meeting minutes, 1973-1977	Box 15	Folder 4
Executive Committee and Delegate Assembly, 1976	Box 15	Folder 5
Executive Committee Meetings, 1978	Box 15	Folder 6
Executive Committee Meetings, 1978	Box 15	Folder 7
Executive Committee Meetings, 1978-1979	Box 16	Folder 1
Executive Committee Meetings, 1978-1979	Box 16	Folder 2
Executive Committee Meetings, 1978-1979	Box 16	Folder 3
Executive Committee Meetings, 1978-1979	Box 16	Folder 4
Executive Committee Meetings, 1978-1979	Box 16	Folder 5
Executive Committee Meetings, 1978-1979	Box 16	Folder 6

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