

# Farmington Civic Association

Welcome to the  
Neighborhood!!

# President's Welcome

Dear Neighbor:

I want to welcome you and your family to the Farmington Community, one of the most prestigious neighborhoods in Hampton, Virginia. I think you will find Farmington to be a special neighborhood, where the residents wave at one another as they walk around the neighborhood and where you can see a strong sense of community involvement. We are especially thrilled to have a great connection with the City of Hampton and the Hampton Police Department as well! Representatives from the City frequent our meetings and help support the efforts that benefit all the residents of Farmington!

The Farmington Civic Association (FCA) is a voluntary organization that works diligently to maintain this special community. One of the most visible initiatives is median beautification. Our Association, in partnership with the Farmington Garden Club, supports enhanced maintenance, beautiful plantings, dramatic up lighting, irrigation, front entry sign improvements, and a security camera system at the entry. We hold quarterly neighborhood meetings with guest speakers providing discussion on a variety of topics that are relevant to community interests. Quarterly newsletters are published and distributed via mail to our neighbors to make sure that residents are informed about all the events occurring in the neighborhood. We also hold special events for neighbors to get out and spend time together.

I hope that as you have moved into the area, you have had a neighbor or two introduce themselves. Each section of the neighborhood has a block captain, who is responsible for distributing newsletters and updating contact information for residents so that we can make sure to connect with every family in the neighborhood. Make sure to visit our website to see when our next activity is scheduled! Please join the association to help support all we do to make Farmington the beautiful, active, and harmonious community it is!

Again, welcome! I hope you enjoy living in this truly special community!

*Connie Vatsa*  
*FCA President*

# History

Farmington was developed in the 1960's by Don Cleckley, President of Cedar Park Corporation. The original sections ended at Whetstone. Subsequent sections were gradually developed, with architectural and usage covenants being filed by the developer. Today, most of Farmington consists of plats from the original plans filed by the Cedar Park Corporation; however, a few areas, 7-15 Whetstone and 9-24 Palisades. were developed later by other developers. Whether part of the original plan, or added in recent years, all families who drive through the Farmington entrance are considered to be part of the Farmington family.

No Homeowner's Association was created when Cedar Park submitted plans for the development, so Farmington does not have a mandatory HOA. In the late 1960's, the Farmington Recreation Association formed to investigate creating common recreation facilities. This organization disbanded in 1975 and no facilities were pursued.

In 1990, residents formed the Farmington Civic Association. Its purpose is to promote and encourage a better community and civic spirit, and to foster goodwill and friendship among all residents. The FCA maintains close communication with the Hampton Police Department and other city departments to promote community safety and involvement.

Palisade Home Owner's Association was created in 2013 for homes 9-24 Palisade when that area was developed. It collects a mandatory fee. The Palisade HOA has arranged for its residents to become members of the FCA through the annual HOA fees already collected.

# Farmington Civic Association Board

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To contact any board member please email us at [farmingtonhptva@gmail.com](mailto:farmingtonhptva@gmail.com). You can place in the subject line the board member to whom you wish to attend the email.

# Farmington Garden Club

The Farmington Garden Club is affiliated with the Peninsula Council of Gardens. The Farmington Civic Association and the Farmington Garden Club partner together to support each other's work in the community. Residents may join the Garden Club and participate in their activities.

The Farmington Garden Club was organized in 1967 to:

Promote the love for gardening and flower arrangement among amateurs

Encourage the beautification of our home grounds  
Protect wild flowers, trees and birds

Encourage civic planting

## Officers

President	Dr. Thomasena Woods
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Meeting Dates & Times are 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month at 1:00 pm

*“ In friendship's fragrant garden, there are flowers of every hue. Each with its own fair beauty, And its gift of joy for you.”*

*– Friendship's Garden*

For additional info, Contact Dr. Thomasena Woods 757-838-3722

# Communication

The Farmington Civic Association uses several methods of communication to keep neighbors involved and informed. Each street or section of a street has an assigned block captain who acts as a liaison between the association and the residents. Block captains welcome new neighbors, pass along resident concerns, and help pass along information from the association.

Quarterly newsletters are published and distributed via mail. Articles in the newsletter inform residents of upcoming events, safety tips, and happenings in the city.

“Nextdoor Farmington” is a public web-based chat board in which any member of the community can sign up and post information of interest. Residents often post about upcoming events, lost items, and safety concerns. Members can sign up for email alerts which keep neighbors informed as topics are posted.

Reminders, notices, and messages of appreciation are often posted at the message board near the exit of the neighborhood.

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# Events and Membership

The Farmington Civic Association strives to provide activities that continue to develop a sense of community and civic involvement: Below are several events held annually.

Quarterly Association Meetings with special topics and guest speakers  
New neighbor Meet and Greet prior to quarterly meetings

Median Recognition of High School

Graduates Neighborhood Fellowship Events

Median Clean Up

National Night out for Safety

Farmington Garden Club's Yard of the Month Award Program

Annual Holiday Decorations at Entrance and Median

Security Camera at Entrance

The Farmington Civic Association has a membership drive annually to fund events and initiatives. Association funds are also used to maintain the entrance, improve entrance lighting, support the security camera, update plantings and maintain the medians, provide newsletters and the website, and support neighborhood events. Every resident is encouraged to participate in the membership drive. Annual Dues are \$50 per household.

Joining the FCA entitles residents to participate in events, recognition and award programs. Members also have access to security camera data if the need arises (Data Access policy is posted on our website.)

Visit the website for more detailed information about the Association and our PAYPAL link to join!

# Community Information

## General Information

The information below is information about city services and ordinances that the City of Hampton has put in place. This information is provided as a service to residents.

**Trash is picked up every Monday. (Green Bin)** Oversized articles may be left at the curb. Separate bulk yard debris from bulk trash.

**Recycle is picked up every other Monday. (Grey Bin)** (green days on the city calendar) Flatten large cardboard boxes and stack near the recycle can for pick up.

**Put leaves or grass clippings and non-bulk yard debris in clear bags.** The city will not will not dispose of piles of leaves on the curb.

**The speed limit in Farmington is 25 MPH.** The police monitor to enforce this limit.

**Streets are swept very third Thursday.** Avoid parking in street when street sweeping is scheduled.

**City Ordinance prohibits posting personal signs** on public areas. This includes medians.

**City ordinances require dog excrement** be disposed of by the dog owner.

**City ordinance does not allow for dogs to roam at large;** additionally, dogs may not be tethered.

**Parts of Farmington have drainage or utility easements and a few sections may be in flood zones** based on updated FEMA maps. Make sure you access your plat information on the city website if you have any questions or concerns.

**For other city codes,** please visit “**municode**” on the Hampton City Website.

**The city information number is 311** (land line) and 757-727-8311 from a cell phone our outside the city.



# Understanding Covenants

Covenants are created by the developer of a subdivision, are legally recorded at the Clerk or Courts, and run with the land. Information about the length of time covenants are valid, how covenants are renewed, and the process undertaken to change covenants are included in the covenants themselves.

Covenants include architectural requirements, landscape requirements and land usage restrictions. Covenants are in addition to any city ordinance and the stricter of the two apply when there is a conflict between a covenant and an ordinance.

Upon purchase, a thorough title search should discover recorded covenants, but a buyer does not have to “agree” to the covenants at time of purchase in order for them to be enforceable. Any member of the community has the right to bring legal action against a neighbor for breaking a covenant.

In a community with a home owner's association (HOA or POA), the developer created the HOA and the rules it would operate under at the time of development. In communities with HOA's, the HOA is responsible for collecting mandatory fees and enforcing rules.

Farmington does not have an HOA created at the time of development. Palisade HOA only regulates homes 9-24 on Palisade Point, and was created when that section was developed in 2013.

The Farmington Civic Association only provides information about the covenants as a service to the community. FCA did not create any covenants, can't change the covenants, does not sponsor activities that knowingly break covenants, and does not enforce covenants.

Joining the FCA does not apply any additional covenants on you. The covenants in the neighborhood are enforceable by anyone in the neighborhood whether you belong to the association or not.

# Covenants by Section

Most covenants are in reference to architectural guidelines at the time of the build. However, there are covenants which impact changes or additions to the homes as well as permitted activities on the property. Home owners are encouraged to go to the Clerk of Courts to look up their specific covenants if they were not provided them at the time of purchase by their closing office. It will be easier to look them up under the developer's name – which is Cedar Park Corporation for MOST of Farmington.

Residence in some sections of Farmington (7-15 Whetstone, some homes at the main entrance, and Palisade 9-24) are not part of the Cedar Park development plat and may have different covenants. These residents should check at the Clerk of Courts, locating the covenants by developer, to determine their covenants.

The following document provides a summary of Cedar Park covenants by section, but are not the entirety.