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The President's Letter

Happy winter, neighbors!

I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays. The New Year is upon us and brings with it many hopes for the coming year.

The work of the Executive Board of the Farmington Civic Association continues. We hope everyone enjoyed the lights and decorations at the front median. We had an enjoyable gathering the day after Thanksgiving as we officially turned on the lights for the Christmas season. Many thanks to the FCA Board and Garden Club Members who worked on the decorations. Tentative general membership meeting days for the coming year are March 22nd, May 24th, August 30th, and October 25th. We will be monitoring the risks of the pandemic and do not plan to go ahead with scheduled meetings until it is safe to do so.

It is not too late to pay your annual dues for 2021. The neighborhood relies on your \$50 annual dues to pay for the median maintenance, electricity at the entrance, the security camera, irrigation system, plantings, graduate median recognition, website, quarterly newsletter, and support for the Garden Club.

To make a payment via Paypal visit the website at farmingtonva.com. You can also send a check or money order to the FCA at P.O. Box 7273, Hampton, VA 23666.
Stay safe and see you around the neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Connie Vatsa, President

Anti-litter patrol volunteers needed!

Many Farmington residents have observed our anti-litter patrol in action on Farmington Boulevard. Our mission is to keep the boulevard litter-free and raise awareness that Farmington should be a litter-free zone.

We currently need volunteers for Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday. Many volunteers use patrolling as an opportunity to get their steps in and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Interested persons should contact me at aswood68@verizon.net for more information. We will provide you with a grabber stick to aid in your cleanup.

By: Alex Norwood, First Vice President



2021 RECYCLING SCHEDULE

As most residents may already know our trash and recycling day is Monday (moved to Wednesday for Monday holidays) with recycling only being picked up every other week. The first recycling day this year was Monday January 4th. You can go to the city's website to see the full schedule. Below is the address to the Solid Waste Page. You can click on the calendar from that page for the full year calendar. We have recycling pick-up on green weeks.

<https://hampton.gov/333/Solid-Waste>

By Jean Cherry



From the Dept of Corrections

In the last issue, our profile on FCA Treasurer Aaron Giles mistakenly reported that he'd moved into Farmington in 2014. He actually moved into Farmington in 2004. The editorial staff regrets the error!



Youth Member Vacancy on the Board

The FCA Board has a vacancy for a youth member. Ideally, the youth member would be 18 or under, and in middle/high school. The youth member would need to reside in an active (paid) household of the civic association. The youth member would chair the Youth Affairs Committee and would be a voting member of the board. The bylaws are rather vague about the activities of the Youth Affairs Committee so this is an opportunity to be creative. If anyone is interested, feel free to contact me at 757-344-2540. Or contact any board member for more information.

By Connie Vatsa

Inaugural Holiday Lighting Ceremony

This past November 27th (the Friday after Thanksgiving), Farmington held its inaugural holiday lighting ceremony, and it was a resounding success! Neighbors turned out to witness the lights along the median being switched on, listen to some holiday music (courtesy of Connie Vatsa), and enjoy refreshments (courtesy of Aaron Giles). Connie provided hand sanitizer pumps so that everyone could serve themselves safely, and the gathered residents enjoyed some long-overdue socializing, even if they had to do it in masks (which at least provided respite from the chill November air).

Michael Chapman switched on all the lights, and the gathered crowd enjoyed the fruits of the FCA's labor in setting up the decorations. Thanks go to Rodney Ellis for putting up the banners, and Mike Chapman, Alex Norwood, Jean Cherry, Connie Vatsa, and Bobby Whitted for stringing the lights. Thanks as well to Bobby Whitted, Alex/Shirley Norwood, Ray/Jerri Chambers, Alice Jean Lockley, Regina Smith, and Thomasena Woods for putting up wreaths at the Farmington entrance.

By Vik Vatsa, Editor



Coffee, cocoa, and sweets were enjoyed by all!

Meet Your FCA Membership Coordinator



Kevin Wilson, Membership Coordinator

Vital Stats!

How long he's been in Farmington: Almost 2 years, but he's lived in Farmington twice before. ("I've temporarily lived in Farmington on two previous occasions as I awaited permanent housing before and after a military transfer. The first time I lived here was in 2001!")

How long he's been on the board: "I attended my first general meeting just after moving in. Since there was a board vacancy I immediately accepted the position with the hope of engaging the youth in Farmington."

Best Frenemies: Kevin and our treasurer, Aaron, love to rib each other about their respective service branches (Navy and Army). About the ribbing, Kevin offers "It's nothing personal--just business (ha, ha)!" Thanks for the fun repartee at board meetings, and for serving two such important institutions, gentlemen!

What he enjoys most about the neighborhood: "The neighborhood is beautiful, clean, and just the right size. I like my neighbors and the concern they share for one another without being "extra". Even before moving in, Kevin had ties to the community. His in-laws are long-time residents of Farmington and, having attended the annual Farmington golf tournaments, he was impressed with the civic-mindedness of those in attendance, saying, "It was just natural for me to want to get involved with like-minded folks. "

As membership coordinator, Kevin has been particularly passionate about getting the youth of the neighborhood involved, and he has a long track record of working with young people. He taught children's church, Sunday School, had been a church youth director, and is now in his fifteenth year of teaching high school. His long term vision includes a Farmington youth fair, a Farmington scholarship for post high school education/training, and a youth & elderly partnership. In the short term, he'd like to have a high school or college student produce a video about life in Farmington.

Any parting thoughts on life in Farmington? "I live in Farmington by choice and I want to do my part in keeping it a highly desirable neighborhood." Same here, Kev!

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