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## *The President's Letter*

Happy spring, Farmington Neighbors!

Spring is always a time of renewal, but this year it seems especially so. Hope for the end of the pandemic is blooming everywhere. I certainly have been enjoying the warmer weather and have noticed many neighbors doing the same.

An author I have spent many hours reading once said, "Spring is a time of plans and projects." This certainly applies to the Executive Board and the Garden Club. The Garden Club has been busy with plans for beautification efforts on the median. The litter patrol continues to remove litter from the median multiple days a week. The Board plans to work on ensuring all blocks have a designated block captain. We are also working on adding an index of past newsletter issues to the Farmington website, as currently only the most recent newsletter is viewable.

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we were unable to hold our general membership meeting on March 22nd. We may also need to cancel the meeting that we have tentatively scheduled for May 24th. I have high hopes that we will be able to proceed with the meeting that we have scheduled for August 30th. If there are any specific speakers or topics that you would like to see at upcoming general membership meetings, please let us know at [farmingtonhptva@gmail.com](mailto:farmingtonhptva@gmail.com). I can't make any promises that we will be able to arrange your preferred speaker or topic, but we can certainly try.

Stay safe and see you around the neighborhood,  
**Connie Vatsa, President**

# FARMINGTON ENTRANCE STRUCK

For the second time in recent memory, our iconic Farmington sign has been struck by an oncoming vehicle. The Board has been hard at work to fix the situation. Particular thanks go out to Michael Chapman and Connie Vatsa for their reaching out to the relevant parties (police, insurance companies, etc.) to move things along. Were it not for people in our community willing to give of themselves, our entrance would likely never be repaired.



An additional thanks goes out to all the Board members who showed up to haul the sign into Michael's garage, where it will be stored until such time as the surrounding masonry is repaired (there was a concern that the sign, which contains a lot of metal, would be stolen for scrap).

Please be safe entering/exiting the neighborhood--lots of reckless folks are running red lights. And if you haven't mailed out your 2021 dues, please send them in: we could use all the help we can get to support the good work of repairing all the damage from the car accident (masonry/electric/plumbing/etc). If you've already mailed your dues, but the check hasn't cleared, please reach out to the FCA. We know the USPS had been going through some trouble. It's quite possible your check was lost in the mail.

**By Vik Vatsa, Editor**



## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

In these challenging times, there are some among us who are jobless, hungry, and negatively impacted by the coronavirus. It is said it is good to be a blessing in times like these. With this sentiment in mind, The Farmington Civic Association tried to do their part by donating \$500 to the Virginia Food Bank to help meet food insecurity needs in our community. It is reported that one in four Hampton Roads children go to bed hungry. To address this need, the association presented a check to Donna Tighe, Director of Development for the food bank, on December 15. The FCA president, Connie Vatsa, made the presentation. She was accompanied by Mike Chapman, Thomasena Woods, George Wallace, Bobby Whitted and Alex Norwood. Ms. Tighe indicated that our contribution will feed 2000 hungry people. She applauded our efforts and requested that we extend her thanks to the broader Farmington community.

**By Alex Norwood, First Vice President**



# *Attention High School Graduates*

Students graduating from high school this year who reside in active (paid) Farmington households are eligible for recognition in our median. By June 1st, please send the student's name, address, high school, and senior photo to [farmingtonhptva@gmail.com](mailto:farmingtonhptva@gmail.com). Please include a couple of sentences--for inclusion in the next newsletter--noting extracurricular activities, notable accomplishments, and post-graduation plans.

# 2021

## *Meet Your Anti-Litter Patrol*

Meet the Farmington Civic Association Anti-Litter Patrol, otherwise known as the FCA Fabulous Five. The team of Michael Chapman, Raymond Chambers, Rodney Ellis, Charlie Lewis, and Alex Norwood volunteer their time, Monday through Saturday, to make sure that Farmington Blvd remains clean and litter-free. Armed with grabber sticks, face coverings, and a cheerful smile, they've tirelessly carried out their daily anti-litter patrol of Farmington Blvd and its median, even throughout the pandemic.

Ask why they do what they do and the Fab Five will quickly tell you, "Keeping Farmington Blvd a litter-free zone enhances the beauty of our community and helps to maintain our property values. Beauty and cleanliness are the first things you see when you enter Farmington, and they are the last things you see when you leave!"

To raise awareness of the anti-litter campaign, the FCA recently installed two new "Thank You For Not Littering" signs to discourage littering on Farmington Blvd. The FCA hopes these new signs will be a daily reminder that trash is to be kept in your car, not thrown out onto the street. This is OUR HOME, and we don't trash where we live, no matter the reason or the season.

Want to help out and join a winning team? The Fabulous Five Anti-Litter Patrol is recruiting new members. We want to expand the patrol to cover other streets throughout the neighborhood. Tryouts are easy! Just contact any FCA Board member or any member of the Fab Five Anti-Litter Patrol, and we'll handle the rest, including coming up with a schedule that fits into your busy life. We look forward to your participation!

**By Alex Norwood and Michael Chapman**



From left to right: Alex Norwood, Ray Chambers, Charlie Lewis, Rodney Ellis, and Michael Chapman

# Garden Club resumes Yard of the Month!



The Farmington Garden Club is busy preparing for various activities that were stalled because of the pandemic, including a neighborhood favorite, The Yard of the Month! This program will be reactivated in May 2021 with committee members adhering to current strict COVID-19 safety guidelines during the Yard of the Month judging process.

## Important Yard of the Month Items:

- To nominate a yard, include your name; a reason the yard was nominated; name of the nominee, their address, phone number and email address. Send info to [lohrer.mise@gmail.com](mailto:lohrer.mise@gmail.com)
- Please turn in your nominations by the 27th of Each Month.
- The selection process will be held between the 28-30th of each month.
- Only the front/side yards, as viewed from the street, will be judged by members of the Farmington Garden Club.
- The Farmington "Yard of the Month" sign will be placed in the winning yard for an entire month.
- Previous winners may participate after 2 years.
- It is recommended nominees be current members of the Farmington Civic Association.
- For add'l info, visit <http://farmingtonva.com/garden-club/> and click on "Yard of the month"

In addition to the Yard of the Month, The Garden Club continues to maintain/add flowers and shrubs to the medians, endcaps and around the flagpole.

**By Dr. Thomasena Woods, Farmington Garden Club President**



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