

# Farmington Civic Association

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## *The President's Letter*

Hello, Farmington Neighbors!

Summer is here. I am hoping to take advantage of summer's reputation for being lazy, but I also take comfort in the words of John Lubbock: "Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time."

The board has been busy with the process of getting the repairs to the entryway completed. A special thanks to the Second Vice President, Mike, and his dogged efforts with the insurance company. Thanks to his efforts, we have the payment from the insurance company, a contract signed with Total Home Improvements, and work has already begun on the repairs.

The Garden Club, as always, has been working on keeping the medians beautiful. They have given some specific attention to the median on Whetstone just off Farmington, heading towards Ardmoor. Their efforts, along with a little help from Roger and his crew at Dream Care Lawn Service, have truly transformed this median. We are also excited about the return of the Garden Club's Yard of the Month. Our Membership Coordinator, Kevin, has run down many a lead to get Mex Media to clean up the poison ivy on their property, which borders the end of Estate Drive.

We are planning to have a virtual (over Zoom) general membership meeting on August 30th, with a possible guest speaker. Expect meeting information to be sent out via e-mail and posted on the message board at the neighborhood exit.

Thank you for all your support of the civic association. Several members have submitted additional payments recently in support of the entryway repairs, and such generosity is greatly appreciated.

Stay safe and see you around the neighborhood,

**Connie Vatsa, President**

## Outgoing Farmington Garden Club President Recognized



*Dr. Woods, and husband David, holding gift from FGC*



*Dr. Woods, with FGC members, holding gift.*

The FGC (Farmington Garden Club) recently recognized and presented gifts of appreciation--including a flag, pictured above--to Dr. Thomasena Woods for her 3 years as president. She was extremely pleased to have continued meeting last year during the 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic. Dr. Woods thanked the wonderful officers and committees who agreed to remain in place for an additional year to complete the beautification projects and the "Yard of the Month". The FGC consists of a group of talented, hard-working members focused on environmental awareness, community improvement, and promoting the beauty of Farmington. In lieu of a new President, the Garden Club is forming an Administrative Team that will handle the duties previously allocated to the President.

The FGC Officers for the 2021-2022 year are:

- Administrative Team: Pamela Kelly, Betty Koonce Johnson, Doris Roland
- Secretarial Team: Mae Rankin, Stephanie Thomas, Robert Bender
- Financial: Betty Mixon
- Parliamentarian: Michèle Woods Pickens
- Peninsula Council of Garden Club Representatives: Jerri Chambers, Patricia Peake

## Farmington 2021 High School Graduates



*The FCA is excited to celebrate our high school graduates. Congratulations! We wish them luck, but something tells us this accomplished bunch have more than luck on their side.*



**Layla Nichole Fairfax**, Kecoughtan High School, with Honors. She was in the first Architecture Academy cohort. She was a member of FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America). Layla participated in the Praise Dance Ministry, Anointed Vessels Youth Choir, Youth Outreach Ministry, and Lott Carey Youth Ministry at her church. She was named Ms. Red & White Cotillion in 2020 by the Hampton Delta Foundation, Inc. She will be attending HU, majoring in Architecture.

**Jayla Gillis**, BHS (Bethel High School), Highest Honors. She was the President of the National Honor Society. She participated in track, cheer, the Principal Advisory Board, student mentoring, and was an ambassador for the TRAIL (Transportation, Analytics, Information, Logistics) Academy. She volunteered with the Dept. of Veterans Affairs in the summers, receiving the Director's Award for her dedication to volunteering. She will be attending VCU, majoring in Psychology, with a minor in Communications and IT. She plans to become a psychologist.

**Christian McMillan**, BHS, with Honors. He has participated in basketball, football, and soccer. He has been a participant in Adopt-A-Spot, Christmas/Thanksgiving food basket programs, and activities with veterans at the VA medical center. He has been involved with youth programs as a mentee and a youth leader to younger participants. Christian will be attending ODU, majoring in Computer Science.

**Connor McMillan**, Hampton High School, High Honors. He is headed to UVA, majoring in Computer Engineering. Over the years he has participated in basketball, football, and excelled at soccer. He has participated in Adopt-A-Spot, Christmas/Thanksgiving food basket programs, and activities with veterans at the VA medical center. He has participated in youth programs as a mentee and was a youth leader to younger participants. He participated in basketball, football, and at soccer. He will be attending University of Virginia majoring in Computer Engineering.

**Ta’Niya Owens-kemp**, BHS, 3.0 GPA. She was a part of the youth and government program and will be attending NSU, majoring in Chemistry.

**Geoffrey J Wellons Jr.**, Williamsburg Christian Academy. He played basketball and will be attending Mid-Atlantic Christian University.

**Tamia Whitehead**, BHS, Highest Honors. She was in the Law Academy and will be attending VCU in the fall.

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## Anti-Litter Update

The anti-litter team continues to pick up litter on Farmington Boulevard, Monday through Saturday of each week. Discarded cigarette butts, fast food wrappers, and containers continue to be problematic. We would like to expand our team to other streets in the community; however, more volunteers are needed. Interested persons should contact any member of the anti-litter team or email the association with your desire to keep Farmington looking immaculate.

By **Alexander Norwood**



# June Yard of the Month Winner



*The Freemans*



*The Freemans and  
representatives from the FGC*

The FGC would like to extend their congratulations to Kim and Kendall Freeman of 31 Edenbrook Drive for being the June Yard of the Month!

By Dr. Thomasena Woods, Outgoing FGC President

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