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The President's Letter

Hello, Farmington Neighbors!

An unknown person once said autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go. I am looking forward to the beauty of the season and the beauty of letting some things go.

Our Second Vice President, Mike, continues his dogged efforts with the repairs at the entrance. At the time that I am writing this Mike is working with the contractor and the power company to get the last bit of electrical work completed. We are almost there!

The Garden Club, as always, has been working on keeping the medians beautiful. They organized a clean-up event. Members of the garden club, board members, and other resident volunteers spent a Saturday morning doing much needed clean-up along the medians. It truly was a group effort and many thanks to all who volunteered and contributed.

We have a general membership meeting scheduled for October 25th [**editor's note:** this meeting might have already occurred by the time we get this issue to your mailbox]. We are expecting this to be another virtual meeting and are working on a guest speaker.

We are currently in the midst of our fall membership drive. Thank you to those of you who have already paid your 2022 dues. The support of the residents is essential to all the civic association does to make Farmington a beautiful and desirable community. Dues are still being accepted.

Stay safe and see you around the neighborhood,

Connie Vatsa, President

Mayor Tuck Attends General Membership Meeting



Mayor Donnie Tuck was the distinguished guest at the FCA General Membership meeting on August 30th. Due to covid conditions, the meeting was held over Zoom. The board, as well as a number of residents, dialed in to hear what Mayor Tuck had to say.

The Mayor was excited to address some of his constituents, noting that he had not had a town hall in quite some time. He spoke briefly, noting a few pieces of news (the delayed opening of the new Aquaplex next year, the soft opening of the Amazon facility in the old Kmart building, and the new police chief who took office July 9th) before opening the floor to questions.

Resident Henry Flood asked about the new city rule clamping down on the clutter residents are allowed to have in their front yards. Mayor Tuck noted that the new ordinance was meant to curtail excess "stuff" (such as furniture, appliances, etc.) from being in public view. He also noted there will be a website setup to track violations and that residents are free to email the mayor at dtuck@hampton.gov with violations that they'd like pursued.

The mayor was also asked about how the city is aiding area hospitals in fighting covid ("vaccine hesitancy rather than vaccine supply now seems to be the major issue") and the biggest initiatives of the city (the mayor addressed gun violence).

There were a number of questions the mayor said he'd respond to after further research. Those answers follow:

- Re: speed bumps being installed b/c of speeding on Farmington Blvd and Estate Dr.-- Public works will install a traffic counter to determine if there is excessive speeding and work with HPD on enforcement.
- "Is there an aesthetic way to protect the Farmington entrance sign from further careless car accidents?" The mayor suggested a low level brick wall that matches the look of the current sign as protection (raised curb concept).
- "When will the Northampton Community Center reopen?" The center reopened the second week of May (M-F, 8am-8pm; Sat-Sun, 8am-4pm)

Many thanks to Mayor Tuck for enthusiastically answering all questions thrown his way. Residents of Farmington are encouraged to attend all General Membership meetings!

Vik Vatsa, Editor

VP Bulletins

- The city of Hampton sweeps the streets in Farmington on the third Thursday of each month. Please park your vehicles in your driveway on this day.
- School is back in session, and we must be mindful of the school buses and children; let's all be vigilant and keep our children safe by following the 25 mph Farmington speed limit.
- Strengthen your neighborhood and join the Farmington Civic Association!

Alex Norwood, First Vice President

KEEP FARMINGTON LIT!

If you see a street light that's out, please report it to Dominion Power by calling 866-366-4357 or visit <https://www.dominionenergy.com/virginia/report-outage-or-emergency/streetlight-outages>

Please Pick Up After Your Pet

In case you hadn't noticed, we have many pets in our Farmington community. As a matter of fact, if you don't look where you are going, you're liable to step in a squishy reminder! If you are a dog owner, please remember to keep them leashed and not let them roam. And PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE, do not allow your dog to poop on other people's property! Besides being smelly and unsightly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of children who play in our community. Animal waste can also spread disease and be harmful to other pets. So if you walk your dog, take along a baggie to clean up after your pet and dispose of it properly. By picking up after your pet, you're contributing to community cleanliness, as well as being a respectful neighbor. Thank you for your cooperation.

Michael Chapman, Second Vice President



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Some residents have asked how they can become more involved in our community. With more than 450 families in Farmington, we could use more residents to lend their expertise in keeping our community attractive and the property values high. The FCA board could use volunteers to assist in the following areas.

Message Board Minder: A person willing to coordinate and post signs for the message board at the Farmington exit. This is extremely important in helping to keep neighbors informed of activities and concerns. This person would work in conjunction with a board member assigned by the president.

Neighborhood Youth Coordinator: The association needs a child-centered person who is willing to develop programs for the youth in our community. This person can design programs/activities that would enrich the lives of our young people. Programs would include guest speakers, college visits, recreational activities, etc.

City Code Coordinator (CCC): This person would report to a designated board member or call 311 to report city code violations such as illegal parking, grass that needs to be cut, dogs roaming without a leash, etc.

Litter Patrol: The FCA would like to expand its anti-litter program to other areas of Farmington. Currently, we have Farmington Boulevard patrolled from Monday through Saturday. We would like to expand this program to include Estate Drive. Interested persons should contact any board member or send notice to the FCA email address.

Block Captains: Block captains are an essential part of the fabric of Farmington. They provide relevant information to neighbors and serve as a conduit between the community and the FCA board.

Alex Norwood, First Vice President

Storm Drainage

The city of Hampton Public Works Department Stormwater Manager, Mr. Quincy Daniels, has informed several residents of a study to stop the erosion along the canal/ditch bank that runs behind Diamond Hill, Wexford Hill and Castle Haven roads. The project will eventually involve several residents and may require the removal of pedestrian bridges that span the canal. The board invited Mr. Daniels to provide an update at a FCA general meeting. He has agreed to meet with the residents on a date to be determined.

At the last general meeting in August, Mayor Donnie Tuck was asked about the funding for the canal erosion project and the flooding that occurs on Farmington Blvd. Mayor Tuck followed-up with the following information: Annual stormwater maintenance was completed last year and is scheduled again for 2022 (this fiscal year). The city is working with a consulting firm on projects to reduce erosion and improve the canal. This will be part of the Capital Improvement Project request.

Kevin R. Wilson, FCA Membership Chair

Yard of the Month Winners!

Congratulations to the following winners of the Yard of the Month contest sponsored by the Farmington Garden Club:



July Winners

Howard and Sharon Chambliss
8 Castle Haven Rd



August Winners

James and Betty Mixon
12 Manor Hill Court



September Winners

Michael and Heather Pauley
3 Farmington Blvd



Farmington Garden Club Announces Its Winter Holiday Decorations Contest



The Farmington Garden Club invites you to nominate a neighbor or yourself for recognition, highlighting beautiful decorations during the winter holiday season.

Selection Criteria will be based on the following:

- Curb Appeal
- Creative Use of Holiday Lights
- Overall Decorations

Judging/Selection Process:

Nominations must be sent via email to lohrer.mise@gmail.com or via text to **757-719-9182** by **December 15, 2021** with the following information for each nominee:

Name

Address

Contact Information (email address or phone number)

Judging will be held December 17-18 from 6PM to 8PM

Prizes will include a Holiday Neighborhood Decoration Award Sign, \$25 Gift Card, and a Certificate of Excellence.

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