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The President's Letter

Hello, Farmington Neighbors!

The author Paul Theroux wrote "winter is a season of recovery and preparation." I hope recovery and preparation for the next stage occurs for all of us this season.

The efforts of our Second Vice President, Mike Chapman, have borne fruit: The repairs to the entrance are complete! We had a very successful National Night Out event in conjunction with the Hampton Police Department. The Farmington Garden Club, as always, has been working on keeping the medians beautiful. The wreaths and garlands added that *je ne sais quoi* to the holiday decorations. The Garden Club did a wonderful job with the holiday decoration contest. The FCA hosted its second annual holiday lighting ceremony and attendees had a wonderful time.

Thank you for those who have paid your 2022 dues. It is not too late to pay dues and become an active member of the civic association. The support of the residents is essential to all the civic association does to make Farmington a beautiful and desirable community.

Stay safe and see you around the neighborhood,

Connie Vatsa, President

- FCA Elections -

FCA elections are typically held in-person in January on alternating years. Due to the unprecedented nature of the omicron variant and the desire to keep all in Farmington safe and healthy, the Board has elected to postpone elections and include an option to vote by mail (and possibly by drop box: this is TBD).

All dues-paying households will be mailed a ballot, along with instructions for filling it out and sending it back. All ballots must be received by April 25th, the date of the next General Membership meeting, where the votes will be tallied. If you wish to vote in person, please bring your filled-in ballot to the meeting.

The Board thanks you for your patience. We discussed at some length whether to continue with the elections as scheduled and finally determined that the course chosen was the safest one for our residents.

National Night Out event a success

It was a pleasant day in late Oct, one with hints in the air of the summer that preceded it, when Captain Edmonds--Deputy Commander of the Wythe Sector in Hampton--and his officers strolled onto a grassy lot on Whetstone Dr. to address the residents who had gathered for National Night Out. Residents had first gathered at a few designated spots in the neighborhood before congregating onto Whetstone Dr. to meet with some of Hampton's Finest, listen to some advice, and ask a few questions.



Capt. Edmonds (foreground) addresses Farmington residents.

After briefly addressing the crowd, Captain Edmonds opened the floor to questions. When asked if there was one thing he wished more people knew, it's that non-emergency situations can be reported to the police at 757-727-6111. He stressed, of course, that if anyone is in any physical danger to please call 911. When asked what to do if one runs into an unprofessional officer, Edmonds responded that the best thing to do is comply with any lawful orders and ask to speak to the supervisor on duty, who will be happy to correct any unprofessional behavior you are witnessing. When asked about noise violations, he answered that noise ordinances in the city kick in at 10pm and to try to keep noise down after that hour.

Edmonds emphasized the need for community and police interaction, and he encouraged Farmington to reach out and invite a representative from the Hampton PD to discuss protocols on interacting with local police. If the residents of Farmington are interested in having the Board reach out to the Captain and take him up on his offer, please let us know! There is a General Membership meeting in April, and we'd love to invite guests that our residents want to hear from.



After the sun went down, residents enjoyed refreshments provided by FCA treasurer, Aaron Giles

Vik Vatsa, Editor

VP Bulletins

- The Farmington civic association continues to be concerned about those who exceed the 25 mph speed limit in Farmington. Dozens of residents take their daily walk along the streets of our neighborhood, and therefore we caution drivers to slow down and also be aware of school children.
- The FCA sponsors an anti-litter program, operating six busy days per week. It would be helpful if residents would remind visitors and all drivers in their households not to litter. Garbage on our streets is not only an eyesore, but an assault on all our property values. In addition, we urge those who live on the main streets to monitor the areas near their homes.
- We all have a responsibility to keep Farmington in pristine condition, which includes paying our annual dues. (FCA ,PO box 7273). This fee ensures that the medians are properly cared for (landscaping/water/electricity), the printing of the newsletter, banners, and security items. We look forward to your support and wish you and yours a Happy New Year.

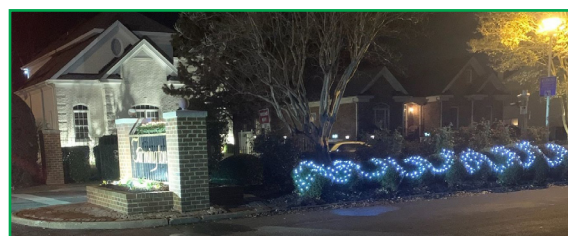
Alex Norwood, First Vice President

Second Annual Lighting Ceremony

The FCA sponsored the Second Annual Farmington Lighting Ceremony, which took place the evening of Black Friday. Holiday music was playing, a festive atmosphere was in the air, and thanks to the diligence of the Board's own Aaron Giles, hot cocoa, coffee, and sweet treats were enjoyed by all in attendance.

Social distance was maintained and all of the snacks were individually wrapped, to ensure the safety of all present. The FCA encourages all residents to attend next year, when you can rest assured we'll be doing it all over again!

Vik Vatsa, Editor



A view of some of the lights on Farmington Blvd.

Newsletter Advertising Policy

The newsletter wishes to make it known that we have had in place an advertising policy for some time, and now that our distribution is wider because of USPS delivery, we would like it made known that the policy can be found on the Farmington website, at <http://farmingtonva.com/newsletter/>. Note that policies are subject to change, but we welcome advertisements, particularly those from businesses owned by residents of the neighborhood or those recognizing personal achievements/accolades of residents. Space in the newsletter is fairly limited, so ads will be published on a first-come, first-serve basis, and at the discretion of the Editor.

The Garden Club's Winter Holiday Decoration winners!



Top honors went to this lovely home

Congratulations to the Winter Holiday Decoration winners! The Farmington Garden club awarded their top prize to Brian and Sabrina McMahan of 4 Kirkwood Circle. Thanks to all who nominated, as well as to those who decorated their homes in the spirits of the holidays. The neighborhood always looks so beautiful during the holidays because of everyone who gets into the spirit of the season.

The Editor wishes to thank the Farmington Garden Club, who not only sponsored the competition, but also provided information on the winners, as well as pictures of the winning home.

Vik Vatsa, Editor



The winners (left) pose with Reps from the Garden Club (right)



LEAF COLLECTION TIPS

(Note: these tips were taken from the City of Hampton electronic newsletter, published 12/02/2021)

Leaves and yard waste are collected weekly by the city of Hampton. Please place leaves in a clear bag so they can be recycled: opaque bags will be tossed in the landfill. Please allow at least a foot of separation between bulk trash and yard waste to allow trash collectors the ability to separate the waste properly. The city requests that you bag the leaves that fall onto the curb/street in front of your property to keep them from washing into the storm drains, which can cause flooding.

Vik Vatsa, Editor

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