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Hello, Farmington Neighbors!

Spring is here. With the longer days and the flowers and birds returning, it seems like all things are possible. I look forward to more interactions with all of you as we are all out and about in the warmer weather.

Plenty of work has been happening with the civic association. There is a new sign at the exit to replace the previous one which had a seal that no longer worked effectively. A board member coordinated a meeting with the city and our groundskeeping contractor to help ensure all work on the median was well coordinated. Although we had to delay the election due to the COVID surge, we were able to develop a plan that would allow mail-in ballots and in-person voting, depending on preference. It's possible the election will already have happened by the time you receive this newsletter. We will be doing median recognition for Farmington residents who are high school graduates again this year. We are also hoping to do a picnic in August.

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

Stay safe and see you around the neighborhood,

Connie Vatsa, President



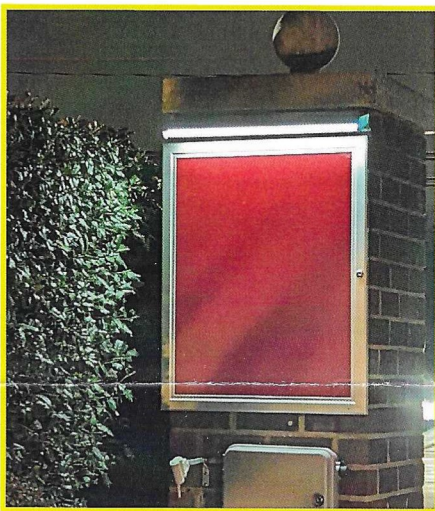


Attention High School Graduates



Students graduating from high school this year who reside in dues-paying Farmington households are eligible for recognition in our median on Farmington Blvd. Please send the student's name, address, high school, and senior photo to farmingtonhptva@gmail.com. To ensure the signs are up in a timely fashion, please send all emails by May 15th. Feel free to include a couple of sentences noting extracurricular activities, notable accomplishments, and post-graduation plans--we plan to highlight graduating students in the next newsletter.

Vik Vatsa, Editor



The new message board is easily visible at night.

Thanks, Rodney!

The FCA message board, visible in the median as you exit the front of the neighborhood, needed replacing. The old message board was leaking in water from the rain. In addition, visibility at night was poor, especially under heavy cloud cover. Big thanks to board member Rodney Ellis for not only installing the new message board, but also installing solar-powered lights for improved visibility at night.

Hampton Neighborhood Watch Coordinators Meet With City

James Beckwith, our Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, recently attended a meeting of coordinators with the city. Chief Talbot talked about his 5 priorities for the City. They are:

1. reducing gun violence
2. building positive relationships
3. diversifying the Police Division
4. increasing the quality of life of residents
5. ensuring the economic engine of the city performs well

He also spoke about the curfew. ***The curfew for those under 14 is 10pm-6am. For those 14-17, it is 10pm-6am Monday through Thursday and 11pm-6am Friday/Saturday. The Chief encouraged residents to call anytime they see or hear something suspicious.***

For more information on the curfew, please visit:

<https://hampton.gov/DocumentCenter/View/7504/curfew-explanation-052915?bidId=>

James Beckwith, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

Meet Your FCA Secretary



**Stacie Tyson,
FCA Secretary**

Vital Stats!

How long she's been in Farmington: "I have lived in Farmington for the last 10 years. I have been a resident of Hampton since my 30 year old daughter was 4."

Her ties to the community: "I have been a resident of Hampton since my 30 year old daughter was 4. I am married and a mother of 6, with my first grand baby this year. I have worked with Hampton Social Services in FC, Adoption and CPS, as well as the Healthy Families program. I have been an Educator with Hampton City Schools of the last 17.5 years and love what I do."

How long she's been serving on the FCA's board: "I have been serving on the board for the last year, as my husband was not able to fulfill his duties, as his practice had such a surge in patients as the result of the Pandemic. [editor's note: Stacie's husband briefly served as FCA Secretary. We miss him!] I felt the need to step in and provide the support the Farmington Civic Association needed."

What she likes most about the neighborhood: "The pride associated with Farmington and its residents."

Teachers are a special breed, and you don't have to know Stacie very long to sense her commitment to her students and her community. When asked if her job has become even more challenging in the wake of the covid pandemic she said, "We have seen such a tremendous increase in the mental health needs of students and families since the pandemic; it makes the job even more challenging."

Be sure to thank the teachers in your life!

Vik Vatsa, Editor

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The newsletter advertising 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.

Anti-Litter Patrol Update



Errol, seen here with his skateboard and grabber stick

The Anti-Litter Patrol just got its newest, and swiftest, member: Errol Bullock. You might have seen him skateboarding around the neighborhood. What you might not know is that he's picking up litter as he does so. Armed with the grabber stick provided to him by the Anti-Litter Patrol, he's making the neighborhood a cleaner place for us all. If you see Errol, give him a wave, a smile, or a "thank you" for his civic contributions. Want to join Errol in making the neighborhood a cleaner place? The Patrol is always looking for new members. Please email farmingtonhptva@gmail.com or contact any Board Member for more information. They will work with you to outline patrols that work around your busy schedule.

Vik Vatsa, Editor

THE RETURN OF THE FCA SUMMER BBQ?

The Board has been in discussion to bring back the FCA Summer BBQ! Longtime residents might be familiar with this activity, where traditionally a Saturday in August was booked in the picnic area of nearby Liberty Baptist to accommodate a gathering of residents. In previous years, residents brought side dishes and the Civic Association provided hamburgers and hotdogs. The Board welcomes feedback on the event, including preferred times, activities, general interest in the event, etc.

Please send feedback to farmingtonhptva@gmail.com



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