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The President's Letter

Hello, Farmington Neighbors!

As we go through the fall season, please remember the wise words of Linus, "Never jump in a pile of leaves with a wet sucker." If you don't have the luxury of having a wet sucker, please go right ahead and jump.

The FCA (Farmington Civic Association) remains busy as we plan for general membership meetings, host fall events such as National Night Out, and plan for winter festivities like our annual turning on of the Holiday lights.

We are in the midst of our 2024 membership dues campaign. We appreciate your support with a payment (which can be mailed to the P.O. Box or sent via Paypal from our website). Membership is only \$50/yearly, a low ask for the myriad benefits of the FCA, including the lovely landscaping on the medians, events, this newsletter, and many other things. Thank you to all who have paid your dues and are doing the collective work of making this neighborhood a wonderful place to live.

Stay safe and see you around the neighborhood,

Connie Vatsa, President

Garden Club Leadership Transition

The Farmington Garden Club Leadership Team Installation Ceremony was held at the Northampton Community Center on May 16, 2023.

The 2023-2025 Farmington Garden Club Leadership Team is as follows.

Administrative Team: Mrs. Regina Smith, Mrs. Doris Roland, and Mr. Robert Bender

Treasurer: Mrs. Betty Mixon

Secretary: Mrs. Louella Pittman and Mrs. Bonita Williams

Summer Cookout



Residents enjoyed each other's company, and a bite to eat



Residents took advantage of the beautiful weather to play games like Kan Jam and croquet

Thanks to all who turned out for the second consecutive year of the recently-resurrected FCA Summer Cookout! Residents gathered on August 19th in the spirit of community, broke bread with their neighbors, and even played a few games in the grass lot adjoining the picnic area of Liberty Baptist Church.

Credit once again goes to FCA Membership Coordinator Kevin Wilson for arranging for the rental of the grill, President Connie Vatsa for towing the grill to the picnic grounds, and Treasurer Aaron Giles for cooking up all the delicious burgers and dogs. Residents were not required to bring enough of a side to share, but many nonetheless did, and we thank all of you for your generosity.

We hope to see you all again next summer!

NEW CITY ENFORCEMENT

- As of this past July, Hampton is issuing warnings, and then fines, for violations of new trash rules that were passed into law this year. Please consult <https://hampton.gov/4083/Trash-Rules> for the full list of rules. Note that first time violators will receive a warning, second-time violators will be fined \$50, and subsequent violators will be fined \$75.
- The City of Hampton is slapping speeders on Farmington Blvd with an add'l \$250 fine on top of the regular speeding penalty. Please note your speed in the neighborhood: we have many pedestrians, bicyclists, and children sharing the road with our vehicles.



FCA ELECTIONS ANNOUNCEMENT



FCA Officers are elected every two years, and this coming January we will be having an election. Each member of a paid household is eligible to run for an officer position. Candidates who have currently announced their intention to run are: Connie Vatsa for President, Mike Chapman for 1st Vice President, Alex Norwood for 2nd Vice President, and Aaron Giles for Treasurer. There is no declared candidate for Secretary. If you are interested in running for any position, please let us know so we can add your name to the ballot. Candidates should be declared by December 15th to be added to the ballot. If you have any questions about any officer position, we are more than happy to answer any questions. The duties of each position are also outlined in the By-Laws, which are posted on the Community Information tab on our webpage.

We plan to send ballots out electronically to those for whom we have email addresses. Ballots can be returned by mail. In-person voting will also occur at a designated time in January. Voters can bring in printed ballots received by email. For voters who do not have access to a printer, ballots will be available at the voting location (likely Northampton Community Center).

We also have a few non-officer positions available on the Executive Board, including a youth member position. Please let us know if you are interested in serving.

Connie Vatsa, President

General Membership Meeting: Canal Plans



Dr. Shar (left) and company came prepared with a full presentation

Dr. Shar, an engineer working for the city of Hampton, kicked off the Sept 27th FCA General Membership meeting by introducing the attendees to a whole team of folks studying the Farmington Canal issue that so directly impacts the residents of Farmington. He explained the studies that had been conducted on the canal, including the effects of erosion, overgrowth, and bank failure. He went on to describe the plans the city was making to improve the canal, resulting in better drainage and less flooding in our streets.

After he and a few other speakers spoke to the canal issue, numerous questions were asked/answered, including several concerns re: the removal of trees. To wrap up the discussion, three breakout groups were created, since the impacts of the canal project varied depending on where in Farmington one lives. Residents who didn't attend the meeting are encouraged to contact Dr. Shar at mohammad.shar@hampton.gov or by telephone at 757-727-6780 with questions.

Vik Vatsa, Editor

July / August / September Yards of the Month



July Winners

Walter and Debora Tanner

Congratulations to the winners of the Yard of the Month, sponsored by the Farmington Garden Club!

Our winners are:

- July: Walter and Debora Tanner of 65 Diamond Hill Road
- August: James and Nadine Stubblefield of 33 Castle Haven Road
- September: Roger and Cynthia Watson of 42 Estate Drive

If you see the winners around the neighborhood, please congratulate them and thank them for helping to keep Farmington a beautiful place to live.



August Winners

James and Nadine Stubblefield



September Winners

Roger and Cynthia Watson

Honored Members



(From left to right) Mrs. Oreta Watkins, Mrs. Vivian Simmons, and Mrs. Joyce Edwards were recently honored for their years of dedication to the Farmington Garden Club.

Thank you!

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