

Farmington Civic Association

Welcome to the
Neighborhood

President's Welcome

Dear Neighbor

I want to welcome you and your family to the Farmington, one of the most prestigious neighborhoods in Hampton, Virginia. I think you will find Farmington to be a special neighborhood, where the residents wave at one another as they walk around the and where you can see a strong sense of community involvement. We are especially thrilled to have a great connection with the City of Hampton and the Hampton Police Department! Representatives from the City frequent our meetings and help support the efforts that benefit all the residents of Farmington!

The Farmington Civic Association (FCA) is a voluntary organization that works diligently to maintain this special community. One of the most visible initiatives is median beautification. Our Association, in partnership with the Farmington Garden Club, supports enhanced maintenance, beautiful plantings, dramatic up lighting, irrigation, front entry sign improvements, and a security camera system at the entry. We hold neighborhood meetings with guest speakers providing discussion on a variety of topics that are relevant to community interests. Quarterly newsletters are published and distributed via mail. We also hold special events for neighbors to get out and spend time together.

I hope that as you have moved into the area, you have had a neighbor or two introduce themselves. Please feel free to reach out to the board at farmingtonhptva@gmail.com if we have missed introducing ourselves. Please join the association to help support all we do to make Farmington the beautiful, active, and harmonious community it is!

Again, welcome! I hope you enjoy living in this truly special community!

Connie Vatsa,
FCA President

History

Farmington was developed in the 1960's by Don Cleckley, President of Cedar Park Corporation. The original sections ended at Whetstone. Subsequent sections were gradually developed, with architectural and usage covenants being filed by the developer. Today, most of Farmington consists of plats from the original plans filed by the Cedar Park Corporation; however, a few areas, 7-15 Whetstone and 9- 24 Palisades. were developed later by other developers. Whether part of the original plan, or added in recent years, all families who drive through the Farmington entrance are considered to be part of the Farmington family.

No Homeowner's Association was created when Cedar Park submitted plans for the development, so Farmington does not have a mandatory HOA. In the late 1960's, the Farmington Recreation Association formed to investigate creating common recreation facilities. This organization disbanded in 1975 and no facilities were pursued.

In 1990, residents formed the Farmington Civic Association. Its purpose is to promote and encourage a better community and civic spirit, and to foster goodwill and friendship among all residents. The FCA maintains close communication with the Hampton Police Department and other city departments to promote community safety and involvement.

Palisade Home Owner's Association was created in 2013 for homes 9-24 Palisade when that area was developed. It collects a mandatory fee.

Farmington Civic Association Board

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To contact the board please email us at farmingtonhptva@gmail.com.

Meetings

Executive Board Meetings: First Monday of each month, 6pm at Northampton Community Center or virtually

General Membership Meetings: Three or four times a year as scheduled, typically 6pm at Northampton Community Center

Farmington Garden Club

The Farmington Garden Club is affiliated with the Peninsula Council of Gardens. The Farmington Civic Association and the Farmington Garden Club partner together to support each other's work in the community. Residents may join the Garden Club and participate in their activities.

The Farmington Garden Club was organized in 1967 to:

- Promote the love for gardening and flower arrangement among amateurs
- Encourage the beautification of our homes
- Protect wild flowers, trees and birds
- Encourage civic planting

Farmington Garden Club 2023-2025 Officers

Leadership Team: Regina Smith, Doris Roland, Robert Bender

Treasurer: Betty Mixon

Secretary: Louella Pittman, Bonita Williams

Meeting Dates & Times are 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm

For additional information email Doris Roland at dsroland@verizon.net

"In friendship's fragrant garden, there are flowers of every hue. Each with its own fair beauty,
And its gift of joy for you."

Communication

The Farmington Civic Association uses several methods of communication to keep neighbors involved and informed.

1. Reminders, notices, and messages of appreciation are often posted at the message board near the exit of the neighborhood.
2. Quarterly newsletters are published and distributed via mail. Articles in the newsletter inform residents of upcoming events, safety tips, and happenings in the neighborhood and city.
3. E-mails are sent with communications of upcoming events and information for those residents who have provided their email address to the FCA Board.
4. On occasion information will be hand delivered to each home in the neighborhood.
5. General membership meetings are held every few months, normally at the Northampton Community Center at 6pm. Members are invited to share their concerns, suggest/discuss neighborhood improvement ideas, and hear presentations from invited speakers and community leaders.

Also, "Nextdoor Farmington" is a public web-based chat board in which any member of the community can sign up and post information of interest. Residents often post about upcoming events, lost items, and safety concerns. Members can sign up for email alerts which keep neighbors informed as topics are posted.

If you would like to communicate with us please feel free to do so by:

1. Email at farmingtonhptva@gmail.com
2. In writing at P.O. Box 7273 Hampton, VA 23666
3. Via phone with phone numbers listed on the board member page.

Events

The Farmington Civic Association strives to provide activities that continue to develop a sense of community and civic involvement. Below are several events held regularly.

General Membership Meetings with special topics and guest speakers
Median Recognition of High School Graduates
Median Clean Up
National Night out for Safety
Farmington Garden Club's Yard of the Month Award Program Annual
Holiday Decorations at Entrance and Median
Holiday Decorating Contest
Picnic or block party

Membership

The Farmington Civic Association has a membership drive annually. Association funds are also used to maintain the entrance, improve entrance lighting, support the security camera, update plantings and maintain the medians, provide newsletters and the website, and support neighborhood events. Every resident is encouraged to participate in the membership drive. Annual Dues are \$60 per household.

Joining the FCA entitles residents to participate in events, recognition and award programs. Members also have access to security camera data if the need arises (Data Access policy is posted on our website.)

Visit the website for more detailed information about the Association and our PAYPAL link to join!

City Services/Ordinances

The information below is information about city services and ordinances that the City of Hampton has put in place. This information is provided as a service to residents.

Trash is picked up every Monday. (Green Bin) Oversized articles may be left at the curb. Separate bulk yard debris from bulk trash.

Recycle is picked up every other Monday. (Grey Bin) (green days on the city calendar) Flatten large cardboard boxes and stack near the recycle can for pick up.

Put leaves or grass clippings and non-bulk yard debris in clear bags. The city will not will not dispose of piles of leaves on the curb.

The speed limit in Farmington is 25 MPH. The police monitor to enforce this limit.

Streets are swept very third Thursday. Avoid parking in street when street sweeping is scheduled.

City Ordinance prohibits posting personal signs on public areas. This includes medians.

City ordinances require dog excrement be disposed of by the dog owner.

City ordinance does not allow for dogs to roam at large; additionally, dogs may not be tethered.

Parts of Farmington have drainage or utility easements and a few sections may be in flood zones based on FEMA maps. Make sure you access your plat information on the city website if you have any questions or concerns.

For other information on city codes please visit the City of Hampton website Hampton.gov

The City of Hampton Citizen Contact Center is 3-1-1. If you have a question, complaint, concern, or need a city service you can dial 3-1-1 or 757-727-8311 if calling from a cell phone our outside the city. You can also email at 311@hampton.gov or use the 311 app.

Farmington Covenants

Covenants are created by the developer of a subdivision, are legally recorded at the Clerk or Courts, and run with the land. Information about the length of time covenants are valid, how covenants are renewed, and the process undertaken to change covenants are included in the covenants themselves.

Covenants include architectural requirements, landscape requirements and land usage restrictions. Covenants are in addition to any city ordinance and the stricter of the two apply when there is a conflict between a covenant and an ordinance.

Upon purchase, a thorough title search should discover recorded covenants, but a buyer does not have to "agree" to the covenants at time of purchase in order for them to be enforceable. Any member of the community has the right to bring legal action against a neighbor for breaking a covenant.

In a community with a home owner's association (HOA or POA), the developer created the HOA and the rules it would operate under at the time of development. In communities with HOA's, the HOA is responsible for collecting mandatory fees and enforcing rules.

Farmington does not have an HOA but does have Covenants. Palisade HOA only regulates homes 9-24 on Palisade Point, and was created when that section was developed in 2013.

The Farmington Civic Association only provides information about the covenants as a service to the community. FCA did not create any covenants, can't change the covenants, does not sponsor activities that knowingly break covenants, and does not enforce covenants.

Joining the FCA does not apply any additional covenants on you. The covenants in the neighborhood are enforceable by anyone in the neighborhood through civil action whether you belong to the association or not.

Covenants by Section

Most covenants are in reference to architectural guidelines at the time of the build. However, there are covenants which impact changes or additions to the homes as well as permitted activities on the property. Home owners are encouraged to go to the Clerk of Courts to look up their specific covenants if they were not provided them at the time of purchase by their closing office. It will be easier to look them up under the developer's name - which is Cedar Park Corporation for MOST of Farmington.

Residence in some sections of Farmington (7-15 Whetstone, some homes at the main entrance, and Palisade 9-24) are not part of the Cedar Park development plat and may have different covenants. These residents should check at the Clerk of Courts, locating the covenants by developer, to determine their covenants.

The following document provides a summary of Cedar Park covenants by section, but are not the entirety.