

Farmington Civic Association

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The President's Letter

Hello, Farmington Neighbors!

Hazrat Inayat Khan said "Some people look for a beautiful place. Others make a place beautiful." The members of the FCA (Farmington Civic Association) strive to make our neighborhood beautiful, in the physical community as well as the social community.

As usual, the members of the board, as well as general members of the association, have been hard at work. We had a successful block party catered by our neighbor Randy Bowman. I certainly appreciate the work that went into planning and setting up by the FCA Board members, Garden Club members, and many other neighbors as well. As usual, we enjoyed celebrating our high school graduates. A special thanks to Kaye Williams and Donna Graves for serving as our scholarship selection committee. They chose a wonderful recipient, Miss Julia Diggs. Our board member Pam Kelly, who also now serves as the Northampton District Commissioner for the Neighborhood Commission, has been keeping abreast of a new grant that will soon be available from the city, The Placemaking grant. We are applying for the grant to assist with the repairs at the front entrance, as the cost of the repairs exceeds the resources of the FCA. Board member Bobby Whitted was diligent in coordinating repairs to our sprinkler system that were required for us to pass an annual test.

We are planning to have an ice cream social on Tuesday August 26th at 6:30pm on the field on Castle Haven. We have set a date for a community yard sale: Saturday October 18th. We will also have a National Night Out Event on Tuesday October 7th. We are hoping to schedule another general membership meeting soon as well. Please keep an eye out for more information on these events.

We appreciate your support. Payments can be mailed to the P.O. Box or done via PayPal from our website). Membership is only \$60/yearly, a low ask for the myriad benefits of the civic association, including the lovely upkeep and beautification on the medians, events like our recent block party, this newsletter, and the other perks of living in a well-organized neighborhood. Thank you to all who support the work of making this a wonderful place to live.

Enjoy your summer and see you around the neighborhood,

Connie Vatsa, President



Community Yard Sale FCA Board!



The FCA (Farmington Civic Association) is planning a community yard sale for **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH.**

The FCA will obtain the permit for the sale and we plan to advertise outside of the neighborhood.

If you are interested in participating, please email the FCA at farmingtonhptva@gmail.com with your address and a brief list of items you plan to sell. We need this information by August 31st. If you are interested in assisting with the organizing of this event, please let us know (even if you aren't planning on selling). We are especially hoping to have some volunteers to assist with marketing.



FARMINGTON 2025 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



The FCA is excited to celebrate our high school graduates. You may have noticed their signs on the median earlier this summer.

Christian Ho graduated with highest honors at Bethel HS in June of 2025. He plans to attend in VCU in Fall 2025 as a Computer Science major.

Bryce Wilson graduated from Heritage High School with an Advanced Studies Diploma.

Akaiya Archer graduated from Bethel High School.

Nghia and Nhan Khoa graduated from Kecoughtan High School and Hampton High School, respectively.

Special kudos to **Julia Diggs**, graduate of Kecoughtan High School, who won this year's Farmington Civic Association scholarship, funded by your own civic association! She founded the Women in STEM Club at her school and other schools. She was selected as the STEM Student Ambassador with the National Institute of Aerospace's Center for Integrative STEM Education. She started the CHKD Junior Circle. She plans to attend Virginia Tech to pursue computer engineering.



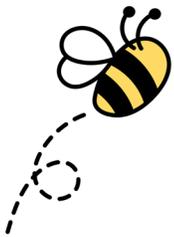
Thanks to FCA
1st Vice President Michael Chapman
for arranging these signs
celebrating our 2025 graduates

BLOCK PARTY

The FCA's block party was a resounding success, with wonderful food (catered by Farmington resident Randy Bowman) and neighborly company. Enjoyed the event? Please turn out to the General Membership meetings and let the FCA know! Thanks to 1st VP Michael Chapman for sharing his pictures from the party.



Garden Club News!



One could easily fill an entire newsletter with the exciting things the Farmington Garden Club has been up to. March's tour of the Bluebird Gap Farm and their meeting with a Master Gardener was fun and educational. And a glimpse into exotic arrangements was had for the Peninsula Council of Garden Clubs event:



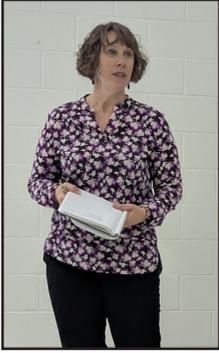
"Creating Japanese Ikebana Style Flower Arrangements", presented by Ms. Kate Cole. Thanks to Lohrer Mise for providing pictures from those events and be sure to contact Doris Roland (dorisroland@verizon.net) or Regina Smith (jasrgs@aol.com) if you're interested in joining the Garden Club!



BLOCK CAPTAINS WANTED

Block captains are a vital part of our neighborhood—they foster community spirit, enhance safety, and facilitate communications. The FCA is currently working on a re-organization of block divisions; however, we do need more block captains to ensure all areas of the neighborhood have a captain. If you are interested in serving as a block captain (or would like more information to help decide) please contact our Lead Block Captain, Robert Caldwell, at 757-329-6300 or robertac61@yahoo.com.

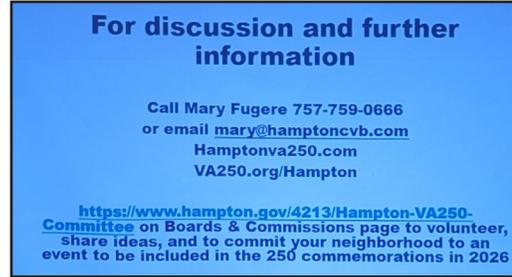
June General Membership Meeting



*President
Connie Vatsa
updated us
on the front gate.*



*Mary Fugere filled us in
on Hampton's plans for
the 250th anniversary
of the Unites States*



*Contribute to the 250th Anniversary
of these United States!*



*Vice Mayor Brown
popped in.*

The Farmington Civic Association (FCA) had its latest General Membership meeting on Wednesday, June 4th, and it was a packed agenda! President Connie Vatsa started by addressing the crowd on the latest regarding the damage to the front entrance. An FCA board member had learned about a grant from the city that could pay the cost of the repairs if the neighborhood won it. Connie mentioned she'd be attending a 3 hour class from the city that was a prerequisite for anyone who wished to obtain the grant.

The FCA will keep all informed on its pursuit of the grant. Please see the President's Letter this issue for Connie's own words on the subject.

Mary Fugere, who works marketing and outreach for Hampton, handed out 250th anniversary party favors and filled us in on Hampton's plans for the 250th anniversary of the United States happening in 2026 (on the 4th of July, of course). She was also eager to hear about how our neighborhood of Farmington would mark the occasion and was interested in ideas and volunteers, so that the neighborhood could work together with the city to make the 250th milestone something to remember. Please reference the slide being printed alongside this article for her contact information and details on the upcoming block party. The city is eager for civic participation.

Vice Mayor Brown ended the meeting extolling the need for exactly that kind of civic participation, because no special events or milestones being celebrated by the city will be truly memorable without the participation of its citizen.

The FCA encourages you to attend the next General Membership meeting. You never know who'll show up and what interesting topics about your neighborhood will be discussed!

Vik Vatsa, FCA Newsletter Editor

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