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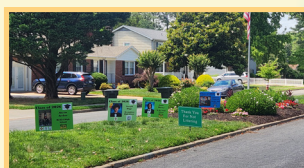
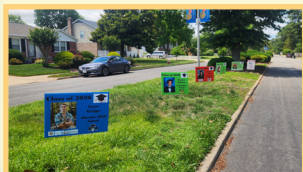
Ice Cream Social



The FCA will be hosting an ice cream social for FCA (Farmington Civic Association) members on Tuesday August 25th at 6pm on Castle Haven in celebration of (or maybe consolation for) the start of the school year. This event is open to all FCA members (regardless of your feelings about the school year). If you wish to join the FCA you can bring a check, money order, or cash along with your sweet tooth. Dues are \$60. Any members wishing to get their 2027 dues out of the way will also be able to get ahead of them at the social. See you there!

Graduation Signs

Did you happen to notice some signs in the median celebrating the neighborhood's class of 2026 earlier this summer? If so, you have First Vice President Michael Chapman to thank for arranging the creation of the signs. Thanks, Michael!



Scholarship Winners

The FCA proudly sponsors an annual scholarship. This year, two scholarships were awarded. Pictured below with the FCA president is Joseph Diggs, one of our winners. Wai-Yun Quach won the second scholarship. You can read more about them inside, in our list of 2026 graduates!



Block Party

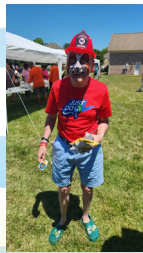
Big turnout for the block party this year! Hampton Fire and Rescue showed up with a fire engine that they were happy to show off to the neighborhood kids, Wildlife Response educated residents about animal rehabilitation and brought along a possum and some pals to pet, and as always there was some delicious grilled food to be had (shout-out to Farmington resident and city councilman Randy Bowman for helping feed us so well during the party).

The event was timed well this year, as Mid-May didn't have us melting nearly as badly as if we'd waited until summer proper. Did you enjoy the event? Have ideas for next year? Drop us a note at farmingtonhptva@gmail.com

*Kids of all ages
enjoyed the facepainting booth!*



Wildlife Response Inc. had a great booth this year!



After grabbing a bite, residents enjoyed the games the FCA had setup!



Farmington Garden Club's Summer checklist!

Summer is one of the most exciting times to garden. Everything is growing, blooming, and buzzing with life. This simple checklist will help you stay on top of gardening tasks.

1. **Water Wisely.** Check the top inch of soil. If it feels dry, it's time to water. The best times to water are early in the morning or in the evening.
2. **Keep Weeds Under Control.** Remove them from the garden as soon as possible because weeds steal moisture and nutrients from your plants. Many weeds also encourage insect pests and diseases to move in.
3. **Mulch.** A fresh layer of mulch helps the soil retain moisture and keeps the soil cool.
4. **Feed Your Plants.** Use compost or fertilizer to support blooms and overall plant health. Container plants need more frequent feeding-usually every 2-3 weeks with a liquid fertilizer. In-ground shrubs don't need to be fed as often.
5. **Deadhead Spent Flowers.** Removing faded or spent flowers encourages your plants to keep blooming longer into the season. Regular deadheading not only improves appearance, it tells your plants to keep the flower show going.
6. **Check for Pests and Disease.**
7. **Refresh Containers and Plants.**
8. **Enjoy Your Plants and Garden!!!**



Garden Club ended its membership year at the Cove Tavern

Lohrer Mise, Farmington Resident and FGC member

Community Yardsale

The FCA 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 us 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 Graduates, Class of 26

The FCA is excited to celebrate our high school graduates. We wish them the best of luck in their next endeavors.

Ava Tanner graduated as Salutatorian from BHS (Bethel High School).

Jonte' Dorsey graduated BHS with honors. After graduation, he plans to attend VPCC to prepare for his entrepreneurial endeavors.

Sophia Jones graduated Hampton High School and is planning to attend VCU for nursing.

Rayden Johnson graduated from BHS.

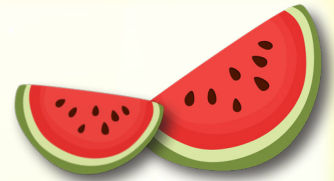
Joseph Diggs graduated KHS (Kecoughtan High School). He ran track, was an honors student, and volunteered at CHKD. He plans to attend CNU for engineering.

Akeim Archer graduated BHS. He participated in band, serving as captain during junior/senior year. He was a member of the NHS (National Honor Society). University is TBD.

Isaac Jonathan Griggs graduated Phoebus High School. He was a participant in the JROTC program throughout his high school career. He rose to the rank of Cadet Colonel and was honored as Mr. JROTC 2025 in recognition of leadership, dedication, and service. He was 2025 Phoebus Chess Tournament Champion and a member the wrestling and tennis teams. Isaac has been awarded the Naval ROTC NPP Scholarship and will attend Norwich University. He plans to pursue his goal of becoming an officer in the US military.

Wai-Yun Quach graduated KHS. She was President of the Key Club and Kiwanis Club. She participated in Girl Scouts, Math Honor Society, NHS, Student Council, and Lead Academy Ambassadors. She also ran track. She plans to attend UVA, majoring in kinesiology and neuroscience on a pre-physician assistant track.

The President's Letter



Hello Farmington Neighbors!

As summer settles into our neighborhood, many of us are enjoying longer days, family gatherings, vacations, and time spent outdoors. It's a season that reminds us of the value of community – neighbors helping neighbors, children playing outside, and friends reconnecting at local events.

Our civic association continues to work to preserve and enhance the quality of life that makes our neighborhood a special place to call home. A huge thank you to all who assisted with the block party, whether with your time or your tents and tables. It was a community effort to put together and seemed to be enjoyed by all who were able to attend. The board has organized preparing the median for the season to include arranging the annual backflow testing, checking the sprinkler system, and coordinating with our landscaper to supplement what the city does for maintenance on the median. We continue to work with the city for the repairs to the entrance. As I mentioned last time, we have been awarded the Placemaking Grant. The statement of work is in the process of being written so that a contractor may be pursued. Also, as I mentioned last time, we continue to work on updates to our by-laws, which have not been amended since 2006. Once we have our recommended updates, we will post them on the website and have a comment period. With the feedback from the comment period we will finalize the proposed new by-laws, notify the membership of an upcoming vote, and schedule the vote at least 30 days out from the notification. Please keep an eye out for communication regarding this vote.

Coming up, we will be having a Back to School Ice Cream social again this year on Tuesday August 25th at 6:00pm. This event will take place in the neighborhood, likely under the power lines on Castle Haven. A special thanks to our neighbor Randy Bowman, owner of Soul-N-The Wall, who will be supplying the ice cream. We are also going to have a community yard sale on Saturday October 17th. Like in previous years, the FCA will obtain the permit and advertise.

I'd also like to remind residents that association dues are essential to funding neighborhood maintenance, events, and community improvements. If you have not yet paid your dues, please consider doing so. Your support allows us to continue serving the entire community effectively. Annual dues are only \$60. Check or money order can be sent to the FCA at P.O. Box 7273, Hampton, VA 23666 or through PayPal from the link on our website.

Whether you're a longtime resident, or new to the neighborhood, we invite you take part in the activities and initiatives that help keep our neighborhood vibrant, welcoming, and connected. We hope you have a safe, enjoyable, and memorable summer.

Warm Regards,

Connie Vatsa, FCA President



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