



## Fenwick Park Civic Association

# The Fenwick Park Flyer

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## President's Column

### FPCA Starting Out Strong in 2025!

I'm very excited to report that we have made great progress over the past year getting the community-building and administrative functions up-to-date. We're reestablishing relationships with County Supervisor's Office, Fire Station 418, and the McLean Station of the Fairfax County Police Department. Look for their active participa-

tion in our future meetings and gatherings!

Now that we've updated the bank account, Bylaws, and communications functions, our two priorities for 2025 are to complete the 501c3 update with the IRS and begin working on some of the infrastructure issues in the community.

First on the docket for the infrastructure improvements will be our effort to work with Supervisor Palachik's office and neighbors on Upper Lawrence to

complete a parking review and (hopefully) remediation to ease the parking overflow that's coming from non-Fenwick Park residents. We're starting to keep a list of other concerns, including standing water and drainage issues across the neighborhood!

I'm looking forward to working with all of you to build a better community that is welcoming for all residents and visitors!

*Let's keep moving on a successful 2025!*

-Tom Leary

## Join Us as an Event Organizer OR Shadow a Board Member!

The FPCA is seeking passionate and dedicated individuals to help as we work toward achieving our goals and fostering a stronger sense of community. Whether you have experience in organizing events, managing projects, or simply have a passion for contributing to our mission, we encourage you to get involved!

Organizers will play a key role in shaping the direction of our initiatives, supporting team efforts, and helping us make a positive impact. Shadows will be matched up with a current Board Member to assist with their assigned responsibilities.

- ◆ **Make a Difference:** Your input and leadership will help shape meaningful projects and events that benefit our community.
- ◆ **Develop Your Skills:** Gain valuable experience in leadership, organization, and teamwork.
- ◆ **Connect with Others:** Work alongside like-minded individuals who share your passion for [specific cause or mission].

If you're enthusiastic about taking on a leadership role and helping us create something special, we want to hear from you! Just send an email to [HelloFenwickPark@gmail.com](mailto>HelloFenwickPark@gmail.com). Be sure to include a brief description of your experience and why you're excited to contribute as an event organizer.

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# 2024 Annual Block Party Recap

Last year's neighborhood picnic was a resounding success, thanks to several key factors that contributed to a memorable day for all who attended.

First, the location, timing, and weather played a huge role. Despite the expected summer heat, moderate temperatures that day made the event enjoyable, especially in the shaded upper portion of Stuart Drive!

The food was a big highlight, with multiple grills made available for folks to grill meat and veggies. We want to thank everyone for

bringing a dish to share and allowing for an abundance of delicious dishes and desserts! For a small donation, folks got to enjoy a cold beer from the keg provided. A very special thank you for the generous donation of 20 pizzas from The Italian Store, a regular and loved sponsor of our FPCA organized events.

The kids' playground area, generously assembled by the Moonis family and stocked with equipment from the Hoffmans, was a hit. The train, soccer goals, and toddler chairs ensured the little ones were entertained all day.

For the older children, sheer delight was expressed as several donned professionally painted faces by artist, Chloe! The festive atmosphere was also in thanks to Richard Fields, who provided the music. The membership table, managed by Jill Snyder, kept everyone informed about the opportunity to become an active member of the FPCA.

Overall, the event was a wonderful success and a great community builder! We look forward to returning to Stuart Dr. this coming summer for yet another round of summer fun!

## Fenwick Park Fall Fete

A fun-filled celebration of autumn sponsored by Urban Cottage Design was held on Adam's Lane this past October 2024. This family-friendly event featured an amazing apple cider press. The children enjoyed participating in taking nearly 5 bushels of orchard picked apples and making and sampling fresh cider. The adults joined in savoring a Fenwick Park Signature Cocktail that was definitely a fan favorite! An abundance of delicious food, that was perfect for the season, was catered by the renowned Italian Store.

Special thanks goes out to our sponsor Urban Cottage Design, Kim Gotcher of The Italian Store, the Wanchick family for their creative ideas, the Hoffman's for providing the cider press, and all our volunteers that made the event such a great success.

We are committed to this being an annual event so we look forward to next year and welcoming more families and friends of Fenwick Park for an afternoon of fall festivities, great food, and community fun!

## Join Us for Monthly Happy Hours at El Tio's Tex-Mex!

The Welcome Wagon Committee is excited to invite all new and current neighbors to join us for our monthly happy hours at El Tio's! This is a fantastic opportunity to unwind, make new friends, and connect with your neighbors in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

**When:** The second Tuesday of every month

**Time:** 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

**Where:** El Tio's Tex-Mex Grill, 7630 Lee Highway

Whether you're new to the area or have been around for a while, these casual happy hours are the perfect way to meet people and feel more at home

in the community. The friendly atmosphere at El Tio's, with its tasty appetizers and drink menu, makes it the ideal spot to mingle, laugh, and enjoy good company.

Our Welcome Wagon Committee is all about building a supportive, vibrant community where everyone feels like they belong. So, bring a friend, come alone, or invite your neighbors — there's always room for more!

We can't wait to see you there, so mark your calendars, and let's raise a glass to community spirit!

*See you at El Tio's!*



## Fenwick Park and Tyler Park Civic Associations Team Up for a Community Yard Sale!

We are proud to announce that the Fenwick Park Civic Association is partnering with the Tyler Park Civic Association for a joint **Community Yard Sale!** Whether you're looking to sell gently used items, collectibles, or even hand-made goods, this community yard sale is a perfect chance to make a little extra cash and meet your neighbors.

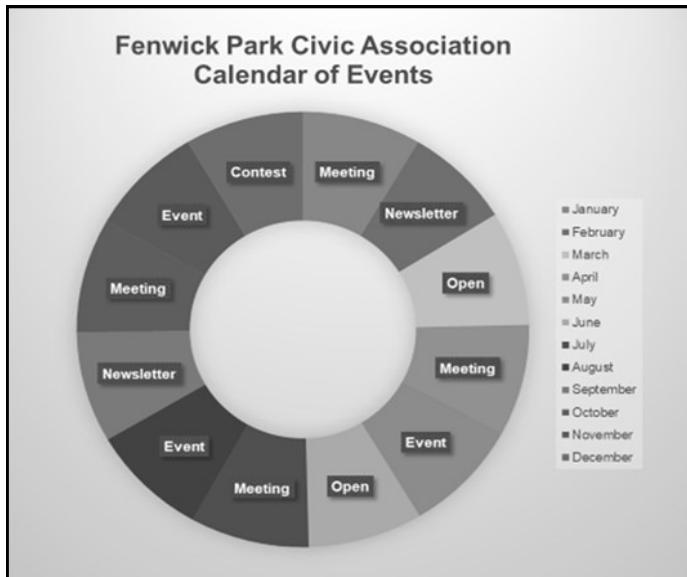
**When:** Saturday, March 29 (Rain or Shine) 8 am to 2 pm

**Where:** Throughout Fenwick Park and Tyler Park neighborhoods

We're encouraging all residents in both neighborhoods to participate, whether you're in Fenwick Park or Tyler Park. The yard sale will be spread across both areas, and you'll find a variety of items up for grabs at each participating home. This is a great opportunity for all residents to declutter, find hidden treasures, and enjoy the spirit of community.

### How It Works:

Each yard sale will be independently managed by individual homeowners. To help attract shoppers and guide them through our neighborhoods, the Civic Associations will provide directional road signs on the day of the event. Additionally, we will share the event on social media to ensure maximum visibility for everyone involved. So start sorting through your belongings to find treasures that others may love. Set up your sale at your own home on **March 29** and be part of this exciting community event!



### Why Participate?

This **Community Yard Sale** not only helps you clear out your space, but it also gives you the chance to meet your neighbors and make some extra cash. Plus, it's a fantastic way to support sustainable living by giving items a second life!

The Fenwick Park and Tyler Park Civic Associations are excited to bring our communities together for this fun, collaborative event. It's a wonderful way to enjoy the warmer months, discover unique finds, and celebrate the spirit of our neighborhoods.

*We can't wait to see you there and support your yard sale adventure!*

## Treasurer's Report

The FPCA enjoyed an active and financially successful 2024. We collected dues and donations of \$2,213.21, and expended \$949.21. Funds covered the Meet, Greet & Sweets, the Annual Block Party, an investment in FPCA's website domain, gift baskets, and administrative supplies. At the close of the year our account balance was \$1,264.12.

In 2024, FPCA's paid Memberships grew to 47 households. It's encouraging that as of January 31, 2025, we already have 14 renewing and 4 new Member households! Additionally, some of our Members donated above and beyond their dues.

Now would be a great time to join your community in supporting FPCA for another year of social activities and addressing community concerns. Thank you in advance for

helping our organization to grow into a larger and more active community. It's easy to join by mailing your dues or dropping them at the address of Jill Snyder, Treasurer at 7404 Elmwood Drive.



## FPCA Membership Application

Your financial support is integral to FPCA's success. Revenue from dues primarily contribute to expenses related to communications, community building activities and annual events. **Membership is \$20 per household for the 2025 calendar year.** In addition, membership confers voting privileges on the business of the FPCA and the election of Officers. To join or renew your membership, please drop off your dues at 7404 Elmwood Dr. or at the next meeting/event with the information below:

### Fenwick Park Civic Association 2025 Annual Membership Dues

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



### Next FPCA Meeting

The April meeting of the Fenwick Park Civic Association

(FPCA) will take place at 7 p.m. on April 23, 2025 at the Thomas Jefferson Library.

Discussions about all of our upcoming events and concerns will be the focus of this meeting.

If you have an item you would like to have on the agenda, just send it to: [HelloFenwickPark@gmail.com](mailto>HelloFenwickPark@gmail.com).

### New FPCA By-laws Approved

After a lengthy review process, the FPCA is proud to announce that an updated version of our by-laws were approved by members attending the Annual meeting last month. A copy of the final version can be requested via email at [HelloFenwickPark@gmail.com](mailto>HelloFenwickPark@gmail.com).

Got an idea? Send it to:  
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### In Memoriam...

With heavy hearts, we dedicate this edition of The Fenwick Park Flyer to Kenny Nguyen and family at 2829 Lawrence Drive. On January 3, 2025 they lost their home and a family member due to a house fire.

This edition is a tribute to their spirit, and we hope it serves as a reminder of the values and joy our neighborhood can bring to all those who make Fenwick Park their home.