



## Fenwick Park Civic Association

# The Fenwick Park Flyer

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## President's Column

### Hello Fenwick Park Community!

We held our first meeting on January 16, 2024, and got off to a great start by appointing new leadership.

We are all interested in having an inclusive civic association that represents the rich diversity of our community. Our immediate priorities fall into 4 key areas:

### 1. Tax Status and Administrative Refresh

The FPCA has been dormant for a few years. We're working with the IRS and our bank to make sure we're in good standing and can access and grow our resources for community use. Jill will also be working with the bank to see about electronic payments. If you know some-

thing about eCommerce and can lend a hand to our "Quest to be a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Association", send us a note!

### 2. Bylaws Updates

With a reboot, comes the opportunity to review and update the FPCA bylaws. We expect that process to be done in the first half of 2024! If you have experience and can lend a hand in this endeavor, let us know by sending us an email!

### 3. Community Engagement

Everyone attending the organizing meeting in November 2023 and the first meeting in January 2024 expressed interest in knowing their neighbors. We want to build on the rich tradition of Fenwick

Park to make sure we're working, living, and playing as a community! We're organizing social gatherings and exploring our most effective communications platforms (social media, emails, texts, hard copy newsletters). If you're interested in participating, please reach out because we can use your help!

### 4. Ideas and Problem-solving

We are interested in working with you to help identify our most important initiatives for 2024! We're all here to learn and improve our collective quality of life!

*We are excited to get FPCA running again! See you soon!*

-Tom Leary

## Re-booting the FPCA

After a six-to-seven year hiatus, interested neighbors held a gathering at Thomas Jefferson Library on November 14, 2023. The goal was to seek participation in re-organizing the FPCA for 2024 and beyond. There were approximately 37 people in attendance and many top-

ics were discussed. Here are some highlights:

- ◆ Membership dues were increased from \$15 to \$20 per household.
- ◆ January 2024 elections were planned.
- ◆ An annual Calendar of Events was proposed.

◆ A Communications Team was established.

**With everyone's participation we will get the FPCA off and running again!**

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# Holiday Lights Contest 2023

Judges for this year's Margaret Rhea Annual Winter Holiday Lights Celebration were Fernando Ferreira, Sarah Harvey, and Corinella Carter-Taylor. They toured all the streets in Fenwick Park on December 22nd.

## Winner

The "Whimsical Winter Wonderland" at *3023 Fenwick Rd.* won the vote by a very narrow margin. The judges really loved feeling like they were transported to a festive scene deep in the forest.



## Runner's Up

An "Incredible Light Display" at *2851 Oak Knoll Dr.* and "Rooftop Santa" at *2847 Rogers Dr.* were tied. The judges appreciated the effort behind the sheer number of lights and decorations, and the energy to get that Santa on the tip-top of the roof.

## Honorable Mentions

How many inflatables can you fit into a Fenwick Park front yard?! *2829 Rogers Dr.* captured "The Most Inflatables" — these residents were certainly looking to find the upper limit!

"Best Window Display" at *2922 Lawrence Dr.* The judges

were impressed with the effective use of color, the balanced light display, and the window decorations that added to the overall effect.

The Grinch is at work on Stuart Drive! "Best Scene Recreation" at *2910 Stuart Dr.* The judges appreciated the creative use of lights and the comic display. The judges want to know... are these hand-made characters?!

"Jet Ski Santa" at *2855 Lawrence Dr.* Santa is enjoying his winter break! The judges admired the playful theme, and creative use of blue string lights.

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## Monthly Happy Hours to be Hosted by the Welcome Wagon Committee

At November's interest meeting, a fantastic suggestion was made to re-start the Welcome Wagon Committee. The purpose is to provide a time for current residents, and new residents to get together. For 2024, the first initiative is going to be The Welcome Wagon's monthly Happy Hour! This low-key, adults only event, will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month, from 4-6pm at El Tio's (Lee Hwy), a FPCA favorite hot spot.

*See you at El Tio's Tex-Mex Grill on March 12th from 4-6 pm!*

## Upcoming Date Set for our Annual Block Party!

One of FPCA's biggest goals is to provide multiple opportunities for neighbors to gather and get to know one another. **SAVE THE DATE**; this year's second community event is scheduled for ***Saturday May 18th, from 3-7 pm*** when we return to the 2900 block of Stuart Drive and close off the street! In past years, this event has been marked by family-friendly offerings such as games, face painting, yummy food, and special guests, like our local firefighters. This year's BBQ promises to be just as fun! Stay tuned for more information!

# FPCA's First Networking Event of 2024

## “Meet, Greet & Sweets”

Our first FPCA community gathering is going to be a themed event sponsored by the Networking Committee.

We will not only get a chance to meet one another, but will have an activity designed to discover common interests among neighbors. Attendees will be invited to choose and add color-coordinated stickers to their name tag that will identify different interests such as: baby sitting, pets,

***Please join us at our very own Loving Hut Vegan Cuisine at 2842 Rogers Dr. (next to 7-11) on March 16<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 p.m.***

home repair, gardening, crafting, cooking, etc. A special area will be designated as a “Kid’s Club” for those bringing kiddos.

Please feel free to bring additional suggestions to the event or send them in advance to [HelloFenwickPark@gmail.com](mailto>HelloFenwickPark@gmail.com). All ideas are welcome!

Light desserts from Loving Hut will be provided. (No additional food purchases required).

### Fenwick Park Civic Association Calendar of Events



### National Night Out Coordinator Needed

Fenwick Park is looking for a volunteer to head up the planning and execution of our local participation on National Night Out (NNO) scheduled for August 6, 2024.

NNO enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement through collaboration while bringing back a true sense of community.

If you can lead up this effort, send an email of interest to [HelloFenwickPark@gmail.com](mailto>HelloFenwickPark@gmail.com).

### Treasurer's Report

We are currently transitioning the authorized signers that have access to our bank account. A Letter of Instruction along with the current by-laws and the election meeting minutes will be submitted to the bank to accomplish this. We will also

set up digital banking services.

The 2023 year-end balance was reported as \$930. We expect to have expenses for the December Door Flyer and newsletter publication costs. Remaining funds will be used to put on our spon-



sored events like the Annual Block Party. For the current year, 19 memberships have been collected so far.

## 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 2024 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 2024 Annual Membership Dues

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

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

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

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_



### Next FPCA Meeting

The next meeting of the Fenwick Park Civic Association

(FPCA) will take place at 7 p.m. on April 16, 2024 at the Thomas Jefferson Library.

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

All residents are encouraged to attend!

### Communications Team Forming

One of the most important priorities for the FPCA this year is to plan and execute a vision for effectively connecting to our community.

With this goal in mind, we are assembling a team of innovative and resourceful people who have the skills to develop and manage a print and digital communication platform.

If you would like to be part of this effort please reach out! Let us know how you can help at our new email address:

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