

18 people in attendance

March 26th Meeting at Troop 3 6:30 PM

I took this format from our past meetings facilitated by Erik Warner *Erik Warner could not make meeting Martin Nunlee facilitated the meeting.*

Suggested Timeline.....

Welcome

Welcome Neighbors!

Please make sure you sign in

Please participate in tonight's 50/50 raffle

For those interested they are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

Please see Monica Harrison or it will be Michele

Welcome Neighbors!

For those contributing financially to the FFCA this evening, please see Treasurer Joe Hutter

The suggested annual contribution is \$25

Checks can be made out to Fairfield Farms Civic Association.

A Treasury Report is on tonight's agenda

Thank you

Our Agenda and Objectives

- Say hello to the neighbors seated around you
 - Welcome any new residence that may be there for the first time.
- Meeting ground rules, participant's role & meeting facilitator's role
- Our Mission
- Introduction of FFCA Leadership Neighbors
- Introduction of tonight's guest speakers
- FFCA Information Resources
- FFCA Treasury Report
- Upcoming FFCA events and next steps

Meeting Ground Rules

So the meeting runs smoothly and efficiently

Participant's role:

- Please resist the urge to have multiple conversations
- One person speaks at a time, raise hand please
- Please share your thoughts freely and respect the thoughts of others
- Stay on topic, keep to facts, avoid speculation and hearsay
- Cell phones on vibrate mode

Facilitator's role:

- I volunteered because of my past experience speaking to groups

- Timekeeper and “rabbit hole” avoider
- Ensure we cover all agenda items and complete our objectives
- Parking lot of questions

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- There may be questions that cannot be answered tonight
- We want to capture those questions to address later
- Anything we don’t have an answer for, or don’t have time to address tonight goes in the Parking Lot
- The Parking Lot will be addressed and Communicate as soon as possible

Our Mission

“At Fairfield Farms, we strive to create a safe and welcoming community for all our residents. Our mission is to build a solid foundation for a Strong, Healthy, Civic Association, where together we can get to know our neighbors, find solutions to challenges, celebrate life's lighter moments, and enhance the quality of life for our community.”

FFCA Leadership Neighbors

- President- Michele Buckler

- Vice President- Martin Nunlee
- Secretary- Monica Harrison
- Treasurer- Joe Hutter
- Safety/Crime Watch- Roger Hollopeter
- Communications- Michele Buckler & Jim Austin

President's Report

Michele asked me to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported one another during this past winter.

I've heard so many wonderful stories about...

- neighbors helping plow driveways,
- checking in on each other,
- cleaning up yards,
- and even helping with repairs.

It truly made her heart smile to see how much closer our neighborhood has become.

This is exactly why she wanted to reactivate the **Fairfield Farms Civic Association**—to build a strong, caring community where neighbors look out for one another. Let's keep that spirit going throughout the year.

FFCA Information Resources

FFCA has multiple outlets of communication

- Website: www.FFCA.info
- Newsletter - sign up through the website
- Facebook Page -
facebook.com/groups/FairfieldFarmsCivicAssociation

The FFCA website has valuable community resources:

- Links to Kent County Government Information
- Kent County Crime Watch
- Delaware Waste Authority

As a side note, it has been a challenging winter this year, and I am sure that many of us have a lot of yard waste to dispose of. The first full week in April will begin the pickup for yard waste. Which is April 8th.

- Seller Impersonation Scam Information from Kent County

Additional FFCA Website

Engagement Info

- The website guides those who want to get involved in the community

Opportunities include:

- Block Captains
- Leadership Team
- Good Neighbor and Welcoming Team
- Special Events & Interest Team
- Neighborhood Watch and Safety Team
- FFCA Bylaw Team **Does anyone want to help up update our very outdated bylaws that were written in 1988?**

- **Neighbor Offering Services (New Initiative)**
- Introduction of “**Neighbors Helping Neighbors**” website section
- Purpose: connect residents with trusted, local services within Fairfield Farms
- Examples of services: handyman help, pet care, yard work, tutoring, tech help, etc.
- **Member Benefit:** available to paid FFCA members
- How residents can participate:
 - Submit their service, contact info, and availability
 - Option to volunteer or offer paid services
- Review of basic guidelines (safety, respect, no liability implied)
- This has already been launched on the **FFCA.info** website
- Open discussion / feedback from residents
- We have already had two services offered.

Joe Hutter offered his services as a
CHAPLAIN FOR FAIRFIELD FARMS

Joe Hutter has offered to be a Chaplin for our Civic Association Members. He is available to offer spiritual, emotional, and religious support to anyone needing guidance or comfort during crisis, grief, or stress. His contact information is listed on the website.

Also Joe Hutter and Michele Buckler are both Delaware Notaries. They have offered their NOTARY SERVICES for FREE to any of the paid members of the Fairfield Farms Civic Association including evenings and weekends. Again, their contact information is on the website

Do you have any interests/talents you have and want to share are? We look forward to adding you to the list. Or do you have any suggestions that we can offer as a benefit for being a Paid Member to the Fairfield Farms Civic Association?

FFCA Treasury Report

Treasurer: Joe Hutter

Our 2026 annual dues are due April 2nd according to our current bylaws which were established in 1988.

Your dues help support

- operational expenses,
- neighborhood communications,
- and initiatives that keep Fairfield Farms strong and connected.
- Meet fellow neighbors and help shape the future of our neighborhood.
- Get access to exclusive perks (some of which we mentioned under Neighbor Offering Services),

NEW this year, you can now pay your dues, donations and any other contributions through Pay Link through our FFCA.info website. Several people have already paid their dues through this service, and it has worked out well. We do ask for 1 dollar more to cover the bank charges associated with this. We thank you for your contribution and donations it is greatly appreciated.

Joe will talk about a snow removal contract

FFCA Future Community Events

Check out the FFCA website regularly to keep up to date!

*** Sunday Evening Sunset Strolls**

We meet at the corner of Oakcrest and Woodsdale at 6:45 PM we hope you will join us for this relaxing event and it's a great way to connect with neighbors and friends.

***Spring Community Yard Sale**

The event is held on Friday and Saturday mornings from 8 till noon. Susan McMullin, who usually coordinates the event, has a busy April planned and will not be able to coordinate the Spring yard sale until early May. However, the first two weekends extended forecast calls for rain. Also, The First weekend is also Old Dover Days and there is some special event planned around America's 250th

Celebration. The Second weekend is Mother's Day Weekend.

Would anyone like to see the community yard sale be in April? *Date set for yardsale is April 24 & 25, 2026*

If so would someone care to volunteer to put out the signs and help publicize it on social media? When in April may be a good time?

***Glow Bicycle Rides**: A few people have asked if we are going to have the group bicycle rides once again. For those of you who are not familiar.

We go all out and decorate your bikes and helmets with lights, glow sticks, and streamers. There are no limits if you and others can ride safely! This ride will be fun for all ages. We ask that children & early teens must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Please wear brightly colored clothing and closed-toe shoes. We will meet at corner of Oakcrest and Woodsdale Ave. We will ride for about 45 minutes through our and neighboring developments. This will be a hold-harmless agreement ride. This is a RSVP and there are no rain dates.

We are looking for someone or a few people who will take over this event! It can be done as often as you have time for

* [Flags Out for Freedom](#) July 1st - 7th Residents are encouraged to decorate their property with small American flags.

* [Fairfield Farms Block Party September 20th \(National Neighborhood Day\)](#) Last year this was a HUGE SUCCESS!!!! Many people reported they would like to see it be an annual event. So, we are looking for people who want to get involved and help coordinate this once again.

* This year we also have the [Fall Community Yard Sale](#).

* [Does anyone have any suggestions for any other neighborhood activities or contest that we can do?](#)

* There is possible mention of having a [Makers Market](#) in the Fall, where you or people you know can set up in your driveway and sell your handcrafted items.

* Michele would also like to know if there is any interest in perhaps starting a [Fiber Arts meet up](#). Where neighbors who do any fiber art craft, or those who possibly want to learn how to do a fiber art craft can come together. This would include knitting, crocheting, felting, little loom weaving, spinning, cross stich, needlepoint, Japanese braiding (kumihimo ku-mi-hi-mo) or any other portable fiber art craft. Please let Michele know.

Is there any other meet up that you would like to see happen in the neighborhood? Form a group around an interest that perhaps others in the neighborhood are interested in as well. Perhaps a bicycle club, motorcycle club, woodworking club, Mom or Dad's group, or if you like gardening perhaps a beautification of the neighborhood club, birding club, etc.?

*Community Meetings are held bi-annual each year. Are there any guest speakers or subjects that you would like us to cover at the Meet and Greet Meetings?

Wrap Up and Next Steps

- Thank you for coming out this evening.
- Contact Michele or another Neighbor Team Leader if you are interested in sharing your talents
- Contribute Annual dues of \$25 cash or check, \$26.00 if you pay through pay link on the website. The website bill due date is approaching.
- Check the website for our next community Meet and Greet meeting details

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Now our 50/50 drawing!

Thank you

Good evening Neighbors!