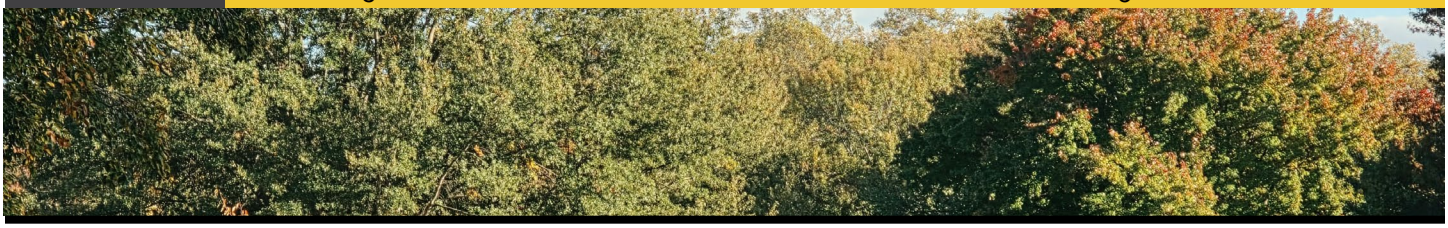
MIDDLERIDGE NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2026 | Middleridge Civic Association – *Reaching 578 Homes and Families*



Hello Middleridge! Well it seems that fall has fallen (?), or at least more seasonable temperatures have reached us here in Fairfax County! I was happy to see so many Middleridge residents (and FCE neighbors) at the Halloween parade this past weekend, and would like to congratulate all of our costume contest winners. This year, we chose to present the awards in a "stealth" mode and not make public announcements, but congratulations (in no particular order) to the Toy Story family, Werewolf family, Paw Patrol family, Garden Gnome family, Knight family, Star Trek family, Frozen family, the Deer and Mushroom family, and anyone else who I missed while I'm writing this column. I would also like to recognize the Mantica family's participation in the Halloween Parade after their home's devastating fire this past summer...we're happy to continue to have them as MCA members and community neighbors (and thanks to everyone who donated items to support them in their time of need). Changing the subject a bit, if you haven't had the opportunity yet this season, try to take a chance to catch the Robinson Marching Rams' show at a Robinson football game before the end of their season; several of our MCA families have students in the Marching Rams and would appreciate your support (and I'm sure the football team would as well...from a band parent :-)) !

If you are looking to make your mark in the community, there are still several volunteer opportunities available.. send an email to board@middleridgeffx.org with the positions or community events that you are interested in helping with (some opportunities may already have been spoken for).

Eric S. Burley

MCA Board President

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Membership Chair.** Renewal season is about to begin and runs through March. The chair keeps the member roll current, welcomes new members, and helps with the annual directory. Membership dues fund the newsletter, community events, and scholarships.
- **Newsletter Section Leader (Section B, Stanhope area).** The current section leader is moving soon. The role is to receive the newsletter packets and drop one bundle at each of six or seven block captains' homes, about ten times a year. No door-to-door delivery. Teens welcome.
- **Grounds, Signs & Lighting Chair.** This role looks after our entrance signs, lighting, and common areas. The lighting upkeep could also be taken on by a responsible teen on its own.
- **National Night Out Lead (August 2027).** One of our biggest neighborhood gatherings needs a new lead, with detailed notes from past years to help. Teens are welcome to volunteer at the event.
- **Dumpster and Donation Day (October 2027).** We have all the instructions, coordination actions, and layout diagrams to ensure a successful event.
- **Event Signage.** Update our entrance signs with upcoming MCA events a few times a year. Teens welcome.
- **Neighborhood Watch.** Our small, dedicated team would love more volunteers. Training is provided, and new drivers may be able to log nighttime driving hours on patrol. Teens welcome with a parent or guardian.

UPCOMING EVENTS + CALENDAR

November 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01	02 FCPS Student Holiday	03	04	05	06	07
08	09	10	11 Veterans Day	12 7 PM Board Meeting	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 FCPS Student Holiday	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30	31				

UPCOMING MCA EVENTS

November 12

MCA Board Meeting

December

Holiday Lighting Contest

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

MCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES IN A MINUTE

The October 8, 2026 Middleridge Civic Association meeting focused on budget updates, ongoing membership and distribution needs, volunteer recruitment, and preparations for a series of October community events, while also addressing challenges such as low Neighborhood Watch participation, tree-removal limitations on county property, and the pending decision on newsletter format.

The Board voted against automatic membership payments for multiple reasons, including concerns that the automatic payments would not capture updates such as volunteers interests and additional donations like All-Night Grad Party (ANGP). They also discussed maintaining a curated preferred-vendor list, and noted upcoming leadership transitions, with post-meeting discussion centering on securing an affordable venue for the spring meeting and planning for the 2027–28 Board.

See the opposite for a detailed list of volunteer opportunities.



Halloween Parade

Saturday, October 24th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.



On Saturday, a crowd of kids and adults gathered at the intersection of Broadwater Dr., and James Hally Dr., and paraded down to Middleridge Park.

Traffic management volunteers were: Connor Volkert, Rob Volkert, Brahma Koodallur, Rene Gonzales and Mary Gonzales.

Upon reaching the park, the young ones and the young at heart enjoyed the haunted trail, snacks, water, juice, candy and games. Freshly made popcorn and cotton candy was enjoyed by many. Unfortunately, we do not have the list of costume contest winners to share here, but it is safe to say that we had so many coordinated groups that the judges found it a challenge to narrow down to a small set of winners.

We had a good number of student volunteers who helped set up and run the event: Neil Koodallur, Evan Roskos, Dev Koodallur, Bradley Jackson, Victor Arraya, James Goldhammer, Kavya Tripathi, Asha Herendeen, Emily Campana, Connor Volkert, Julia Volkert.

Adult volunteers who helped: Smitha Vasudevan, John Bayer, Rene Gonzales, Mary Gonzales, Rhonda Goldhammer, Christine Maxwell

Many thanks to our neighbors who donated supplies: Lavanya Tripathi, Sandra Alloggio, Janet Pedneau, Erin Rock, Maribel Manrique, Laura Dwyer, LeeAnn Charpentier, Alyssa Horne, Jim Satterfield, Jessica Myers, John Bayer, David and Maryn Simon, Natalie and Doug Wooten.



Special thanks also goes out to the Fairfax Club Estates HOA for sharing the costs and responsibilities - especially Travis Brown for judging the costumes alongside our own MCA president Eric Burley.

Thanks,
Brahma Koodallur

2026 Halloween Spirit Contest Winners

5509 Shooters Hill

10955 Keys Ct.

Thank you to the judges, including the 2025 winners, Robert and Jessica Van Dyke and their son William, Natalie Wooten and daughter Luciel; as well as volunteer Lindsay Wasson and son Ari, and coordinator Jessica Campbell.

MCA / FCE Dumpster and Donation Day



The MCA / FCE Dumpster and Donation Day was another great success. MCA had 44 families participate and FCE had 19 families participate. We filled one Dumpster and three-quarters of a second, and we had two and one and a half pickup trucks worth of donation items that we dropped off at the University Mall GreenDrop site.

After a slow start, we had 14 volunteers come out to support this event. From FCE we had: Tracy Chapman and her son with a pickup truck that was a HUGE support for the donation portion, and Stephanie and Jack Koch. And a huge thank you to FCE and Travis Brown for letting us use their pool parking lot and pool restrooms. From MCA we had: David, Maryn, and Gidon (honorary leader for the day) Simon, Ralph Pick, Bill Prodo, Bob Shaver, Alan Pachter, John Altounian, Josh Kaufman, and Mike and Matthew Anttila. Pictures of our morning and mid-morning crews attached.

In addition, we want to thank Dumpsters Today and Angela for their fifth year supporting our event. Angela has been amazing to work with, has kept our prices very reasonable, and even came by for the drop off with Donahue the driver supporting our event these last five years.

Finally, MCA is looking for someone new to manage this event in 2027. The preparation effort is very easy, and the event day is a fun time meeting and laughing as we support both communities with this valuable service. We have all the instructions, coordination actions, and layout diagrams to ensure a successful event.

Please contact John Bayer (mca.jmbayer@gmail.com) if you can support.



Welcome to MCA!

Three families were welcomed into the community in October:

Payal and Nathan Herendeen
AJ and Ann Han
Ty and Maria Sayed

FAIRFAX PRISM at Middleridge Park

The Fairfax PRISM Tree Rescuers hosted an event in Middleridge Park on Sunday, October 4. We learned how to identify the non native invasive vines that are killing our trees and the native vines that are beneficial for wildlife (and don't kill the trees). Thank you to those of you who participated.

Lights Out for Migration

Thank you to those of you who turned out your lights at night to support the fall bird migration in October.

SUPPORT COMMUNITY EVENTS YEAR-ROUND AND JOIN THE MCA

January/February
Valentines for Veterans
March
Woodglen Lake Clean-up
Feed the First Responders (West Springfield Police)
April
Spring Yard Sale
Easter Egg Hunt
May
Pet Parade
MCA Scholarships Awards and Teacher Honorarium Awards
June
Feed the First Responders (Fairview Fire Station)
Honor the Graduates Newsletter
July/August
National Night Out Block Party
September
Fall Yard Sale
Home and Garden Tour
Dumpster and Donation Day
Outdoor Family Movie Night
October
Feed the First Responders (Burke Volunteer Rescue)
Halloween Parade
Halloween Decor Contest
November/December
Fall Woodglen Lake Clean-up
Santa Fire Truck Visit
Holiday Light Contest
Luminary Display

1. Click this QR code to complete your 2027 membership and pay via PayPal.

2. You can complete the application on the back page of this newsletter and drop it off, with a check payable to Middleridge Civic Association, to your block captain; OR, you can mail them to Membership, Middleridge Civic Association, P.O. Box 208, Fairfax Station, VA 22039.



Yes, You Can Sell You House

Over the Holidays!

It's hard to imagine selling your home during this busy season ...

...especially with all the parties, shopping, and holiday gatherings. Who has time for open houses? Some real estate agents may say it makes more sense to wait until the New Year, but not us– we believe this is a missed opportunity.

Houses tend to show very well during the holidays, and conveniently, your home is usually most presentable at this time. After cleaning and sprucing up for impending house guests, your home is in perfect shape for those last-minute showings and open houses.

Decorated homes also have an inviting feel about them. And let us not forget the wonderful smells of freshly baked pies and cookies! It makes it easier for prospective buyers to imagine themsevles living there.

Although the market slows down somewhat, the buyers out there tend to be more serious about purchasing a home. If they have to relocate mid-year, they only have a small window of time to find a home and close the deal. Signing a contract by the New Year could mean a move by spring break.

Some buyers deliberately shop for a home after the summer rush is over. Many have hopes of getting better pricing at this time, as well as weeding out the sellers who are simply testing the waters. People also have more time off during the holidays and it can be easier for both parties to meet for house showings.

Since inventory during the holidays is low, buyers are giving your home more attention. In fact, you may actually experience more showings during this time, compared to busier seasons. Let's work together to prepare your home for the holiday market!

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	Non-member	MCA Member *
Full Page	$130	$90
1/2 Page	$72	$46
1/4 Page	$46	$33
1/8 Page	$33	$20

2026 MCA Membership paid

Note: The Jan/Feb, and July/Aug newsletters will be combined; so, a full year = rate x 10.

Pay via PayPal or make checks payable to:

Middleridge Civic Association
P.O. Box 208
Fairfax Station, VA 22039

Deadline: Content is due by the **20th** of the month prior to the issue

Format: For advertisement formatting and size requirements, email a request for the current specifications.

Questions? Editor@middleridgeffx.org

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January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2027 (Year 2027)
Middleridge Civic Association Membership Form

• I am a New Resident (Last 6 months) _____ is a military veteran

Street Address_____

Name: Last: _____ Spouse's Last: _____

First: _____ First: _____

Email: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Only Members are Listed and Receive Directories; applications **must be received by Dec. 31st to be included.**

If Left Blank; **Yes** will be assumed

List **NAME and ADDRESS** in the directory? Yes No List **TELEPHONE NUMBER(s)** in the directory? Yes No

List **EMAIL(s)** in the directory? Yes No

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY: Do you want to receive all MCA Notices and Email Exchange notifications? Yes No

If Left Blank; Yes will be assumed. If Yes, please be sure your email address is listed above.

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES: Please indicate your interests to serve by CIRCLING activities below.

- **Membership and Communication** *(See Middleridge website for specific volunteer job descriptions)*

  Board Member Yes Section Leader Yes Block Captain Yes
  Newsletter writer Yes Welcoming Yes Other _____

- **Neighborhood Watch**: Willing to patrol the community (1-2 nights yearly) Yes

- **Community Activity Planning**:

  Halloween Parade Yes Yard Sale Yes Park Cleanup Yes Pet Parade Yes
  National Night Out Yes Movie Night Yes Feed the First Responders Yes Dumpster Day Yes
  Home/Garden Tour Yes Easter Egg Hunt Yes Valentines for Veterans Yes

- **High School Seniors** (for Scholarship and All Night Grad Party purposes)**:**

  Does your household have high school senior(s)? Yes No **(Please indicate school and number of students below)**
  Robinson __ Thomas Jefferson __ Home School __ Other School _____
  School Name

- **If you have children interested in advertising in the directory**, please list them and circle the appropriate code(s):

  1= babysitting 2= pet care 3= yard work 4= snow removal 5= babysitting and can drive

  Name: _____ Age____ Code 1 2 3 4 5

  Name: _____ Age____ Code 1 2 3 4 5

NOTICE: *By attending an MCA activity or event, adults and children consent to being photographed and published.*

MEMBERSHIP FEES……	**$30.00**
Community Scholarship Fund donation	$_____
All Night "Drug and Alcohol Free" High School Graduation Party donation	$_____
Extra Directory ($2 each)	$_____
Donation for future Repair/Replacement of Entrance Sign(s)	$_____
General Donation	$_____
Total Fees and Contributions:	$_____

Please make your check payable to "*Middleridge Civic Association*"

Please forward this form and the total fees **by Dec. 31st** to your block captain or mail to:
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