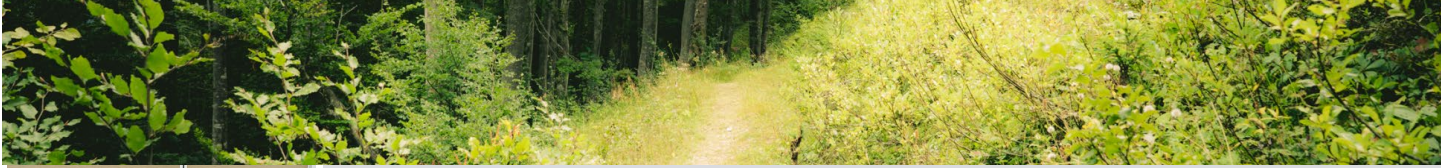




MIDDLERIDGE NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2026

Middleridge Civic Association - - - - - Reaching 578 Homes and Families



MCA Board Transition

Thank you to Mary Gonzales for her service as the MCA President and welcome to Eric Burley, the new President. Thank you to Marie Morris, the previous MCA secretary for stepping up to the position of Vice President, and Ashley Campana for taking the position of Secretary.

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Hello Middleridge! My name is Eric Burley, and I have the honor to be your new Middleridge Civic Association (MCA) Board President.

I moved into the Middleridge community last summer with my wife, Samantha, and our three sons, and we were immediately welcomed into the community by so many neighbors and the MCA Welcoming Committee. Over the past year, we have enjoyed seeing all the kids riding bikes and playing throughout the neighborhood, the dog walkers and other community members strolling along our streets, and just the overall welcoming atmosphere of this little slice of Northern Virginia...to include our shared experience of clearing this winter's "snowcrete" from Middleridge's various sidewalks and driveways. This is the community spirit that I want to further cultivate and support alongside the rest of the MCA Board.

A bit about me/us: I retired from the Coast Guard just prior to purchasing our current home on the corner of Shooters Hill Lane and James Halley Drive last summer. We have lived in the Fairfax/Burke area on and off since 2008 and enjoy everything that this region has to offer (except perhaps the traffic). My wife is a FCPS fifth grade teacher, and all three of my sons will be at Robinson SS starting in the fall (11th, 9th, and 7th grades). We are active in Scouting America, so there is often a tent drying in the backyard, and I am hoping to turn the garage into my personal woodshop in the coming months (I know that there are some other garage woodworkers throughout the community as well).

I'd like to take a moment to congratulate all members of the Class of 2026! I enjoy seeing all the graduates elsewhere in this newsletter, along with all the signs and parties throughout the neighborhood during the graduation season. Congratulations, Grads (and parents)!

A big congratulations as well to our two MCA scholarship winners and their mentors. They received their awards at the May MCA Meeting, and you can read about their accomplishments and plans in this issue of the newsletter.

Finally, a big thanks to outgoing President Mary Gonzales and all the Block Captains, Neighborhood Watch members, the Welcoming Committee, our Newsletter/Web Editors, various event coordinators, and event volunteers who continue provide their time and talents to make our community such a wonderful, safe, and welcoming place to live.

I look forward to getting to know many more of you over the course of my term as MCA Board President and hope to see many of you at our upcoming community events!

MCA President
Eric Burley



UPCOMING EVENTS + CALENDAR

June 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	01	02	03	04	05	06
07	08	09	10	MCA Board Meeting	12	13
14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15	16	FCPS Last Day of School	18	19 <i>Juneteenth</i>	20
21 <i>Father's Day</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

UPCOMING MCA EVENTS

AUGUST 4

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

SEPTEMBER

Fall Yard Sale

Dumpster and Donation Day

OCTOBER

Halloween Parade and Party

All MCA events are organized and run solely by volunteers from within the community. If you have a new idea, want to help with an existing event, or just want to make an impact amongst your neighbors, reach out to Board@middleridgeffx.org and let's see where you fit in!

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

MCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES IN A MINUTE

*by Marie Morris,
MCA Secretary*

The MCA's Spring Regular Meeting was held at the City of Fairfax Regional Library on Thursday, May 14th. The MCA awarded scholarships to Sydney Suma (Honorarium Evyenia Goodrick) and Michael Arraya (Honorarium Sandra Bergesen). Treasurer Niamh Minus relayed that the budget had to be reduced due to low membership. The MCA moved to a larger storage unit. Money was donated to Robinson's All-Night Grad Party. Two Block Captains are needed for John Turley Pl. Four new families have been welcomed. The newsletter needs more advertisers to offset publishing cost. Mary Gonzales will lead National Night out; volunteers are needed. Mary Vander Maten is looking for volunteers to show their homes for the September Home & Garden Tour. The removal of the bridge behind Ann Peake Dr. was discussed; Sabrina Dixon will collect information. The new Executive Board was unanimously elected by a voice vote: Eric Burley, President; Marie Morris, Vice-President; Niamh Minus, Treasurer; and Ashley Campana, Secretary. Many thanks to Mary Gonzales for her years of faithful service as president of the MCA. The next Board meeting is Thursday, June 11, 2026. Email the board at board@middleridgeffx.org if you would like to volunteer for an event.

Upcoming Monthly Meeting: Thursday, June 11, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTES



HOME AND GARDEN TOUR RETURNING IN SEPTEMBER

Have you made changes to your home or enhanced your garden?
We'd love to see what you have done!

The Home and Garden Tour, where neighbors volunteer to show their home or garden in an open house style, is returning again this fall.

Like the past two years, the September newsletter will have a list of the homes and addresses, a brief description of the renovation, and any special notes from the hosts.

There's plenty of room for anyone willing to show off renovations or home projects, and the updates don't have to be done in the past year.

So, please contact Mary if you are interested in showing your home or want to nominate a neighbor. Can't wait to see you all in September!

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MCA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



2026 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT THE ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING

by Bob Franklin,
Scholarship Committee Chair

Congratulations to our two 2026 MCA Scholarship winners announced at the May 14 general membership meeting. Michael Arraya and Sydney Suma each received a \$750 scholarship, and their most influential teachers, Sandra Bergesen and Eveyenia Goodrick, were honored with \$50 awards in recognition of their service to Fairfax County Public Schools.

Michael, Robinson's 2026 Class President, is the Varsity Swim Team Captain and volunteers as a swim coach and instructor. He will attend the University of Virginia where he plans to major in Quantitative Finance and minor in Political Science. Michael hopes to use his education to help improve financial literacy in underserved communities.

Sydney is active with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and participates in the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's "Bringing the Lessons Home" program. She is also a member of the Varsity Swim Team, Symphonic Band, Marching Band, and Concert Band. As a Coast Guard Academy Scholar, Sydney will attend Georgia Military College for one year before entering the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. She plans to pursue aviation with the goal of becoming a helicopter rescue pilot.

These accomplishments represent only a small sample of the leadership, volunteerism, public service, and dedication demonstrated by both students. Additionally, both Michael and Sydney are completing the FCPS IB Diploma Program.

We also extend our sincere thanks to the MCA members whose generous donations made these scholarships possible. Your continued support recognizes and directly benefits our community's students and future leaders.

This year's scholarship committee members were Bob Franklin, Melissa Horwatt, Nora McCuen, and Kristen McManus. The committee was impressed by all of the applicants, and the MCA wishes every Middleridge graduate continued success in the years ahead.

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Celebrating Middleridge Class of 2026!

Each year, we take pride in honoring the achievements of students from Middleridge households as they reach an important milestone—graduation. This year, we're thrilled to celebrate nine outstanding graduates who represent the spirit, dedication, and promise of our community. Whether they're headed to college, careers, or new adventures, we congratulate them and wish them all the best in their next chapter!



Michael Arraya

Graduate of Robinson Secondary School, headed to University of Virginia

Giang Hoang

Graduate of Robinson Secondary School, headed to George Mason University

Tobias Ong

Graduate of Robinson Secondary School, headed to Virginia Tech, planning to major in electrical engineering

Emma Gonzalez

Graduate of George Mason University with bachelor's degree in environmental science

Cae Larmoyeux

Graduate of Robinson Secondary School, headed to University of Mary Washington

Tyler Summer

Graduate of Robinson Secondary School, headed to Virginia Tech, planning to major in geospatial analysis and minor in percussion performance

Austin Hawks

Graduate of Robinson Secondary School, headed to James Madison University to study global politics

John Carter Nickless

Graduate of University of Virginia, bachelor's degree in East Asian studies and economics

Anthony Santucci

Graduate of Robinson Secondary School, headed to University of Miami Herbert School of Business

Julianna Minus

Graduate of Rutgers Law School, will be working at Rutgers Law Associates.

Benjamin Van Dyke

Graduate of Robinson Secondary School, headed to Virginia Tech, planning to study physics

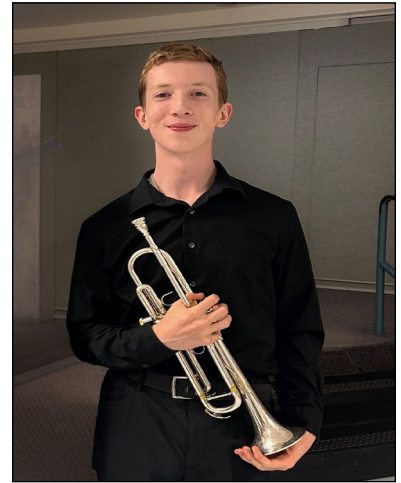
MIDDLE RIDGE GRADUATES



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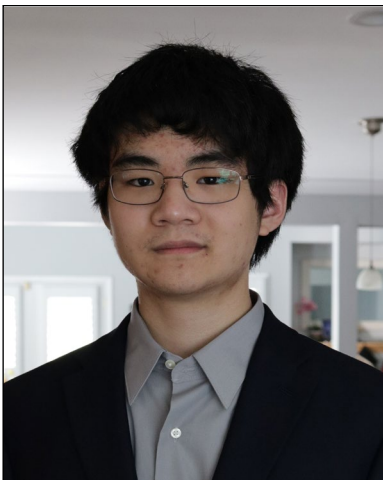
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Congratulations

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Kudos to Marie Morris, our new MCA Vice President, for her strong support of this initiative and our community.



National Night Out

Thank you to Mary Gonzales for volunteering to coordinate National Night Out this August and to Erin Rock for volunteering to coordinate raffle prizes. It will be on August 4th from 6 to 8 p.m.

If anyone in our neighborhood has a business affiliation, employer connection, or knows a local business that may be interested in donating a raffle item, gift card, service, experience, or promotional item.

Examples could include:

- Gift cards (restaurants, coffee shops, movie theaters, local services)
- Small business products or merchandise
- Fitness or wellness experiences
- Family entertainment items
- Professional services or experiences
- Company swag or promotional items

Any contribution would be appreciated and is a great way to support our neighborhood community while also highlighting local businesses.

Call for Volunteers!

Help your neighbors on John Turley! MCA is in search of two volunteers to be block captains for two different sections of John Turley Drive. Get some steps and help keep your neighbors informed!

If you can volunteer, please contact the MCA representative for newsletter distribution:

Maureen Campbell
 703-323-8817
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Thank you!!



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