

Front Royal /Warren County Tree Stewards

Monthly Membership Meeting: August 17, 2026, 6-7 PM

AGENDA

President	Nancy Kiel
VP	Katie Carr absent
Treasurer	Margie Miller
Secretary	Joan Grewe
President Emeritus	Melody Hotek
Treasurer Emeritus	Vicki Althaus

1. Welcome!

Tickets in the Door:

Location of largest tree found in Front Royal,/Warren County? Tourism director Elizabeth wants to highlight the largest trees in Warren County.

Where would you love to see a tree planted in Front Royal,/Warren County?

Your Ticket in the Door is our Attendance Sheet tonight

Now, let's have a TrackItForward moment

Is everyone now receiving the Stewards emails?

Able to access the minutes and finance reports on www.treesfrontroyal.org ?

2. Presentation: Front Royal's Town Arborist/Street Supervisor Allen Pack

The Front Royal Planting Guide updated/revised by Allen Pack and Nancy Kiel. Any suggestions from the Tree Stewards should be emailed to Allan APACK @frontroyalva.com

New subdivisions must submit a plan to deforest and replant. These are only suggestions for private property.

Trees damaged on Town property can be fined.

3. Approval of minutes from May 18th meeting. Unanimously approved.

4. Treasurer's Report

The two grants from DOF Virginia Trees Clean Water fund have now been deposited! Woot!

We have had a few checks received to support trees being planted and in memory of a loved one.

Moving forward with the last few purchases for this year's All About Trees Course.

We don't have anyone signed up for class. If we don't get anyone signed up by the end of August we will have to cancel the class.

Margie's report (will get emailed from her)

May:

Beginning Balance:	Income:	Expenses:	Ending Balance:
11,157.05	\$240	\$80	
	Hanging Basket	Tax exempt cost	
		Cover Debit Card	
			\$11,317.05

June:

Beginning Balance:	Income:	Expenses:	Ending Balance:
\$11,317.05	\$399.57	\$363.44	

PayPal	Web cost	
Book Sale	Tree ID Books	
		\$11,353.18

July:

Beginning Balance:	Income:	Expenses:	Ending Balance:
\$11,353.18	<u>\$10,577.97</u>	\$134.51	
	\$250.	Printing Brochure	
	Gift L. Labarca		
	\$9202.97		
	Dept of Forestry		
	1125.00		
	VA Urban Forest Council		

5. Getting organized for 2026:

2026 Events Calendar and other important information is on our website: treesfrontroyal.org . Please visit our website and give suggestions for improvement to Katie Carr, our webmaster. We want it to be an invaluable resource for building Front Royal's tree canopy. Our Tree Steward's Facebook page is another communication tool. Please visit and link, mention in your own messages/page. Vicki Althaus and Andrea Lo are our Facebook Queens.

6. Committee News

- ACES Committee of Front Royal, Warren County (Advisory Committee for Environmental Sustainability) We are sponsoring a DarkSky Virginia event on Sept 10th, 5PM at the library.

- Education Committee

All About Trees Class begins the Saturday after Labor Day, September 12th! Details on our website and the class brochure

-We need leaders for two new committees:

a) Biggest Trees in Front Royal/Warren County, someone to chair this committee.

b) Trees for Schools in Warren County, **Andrea Lo volunteered to chair this committee**

c) Celebrating the Tree Stewards 30th Anniversary 1997-2027

- Work Session and Outreach Event Committee: Joan and Bill Grewe, Bill and Diane Lacy are our team leaders that know how to access tent, table, supplies in storage.

Work sessions:

August 29, 8-10am, CVS and behind Truist/Shenandoah Greenway path

September 26, 9-11am

October 24, 9-11am Class Tree planting

November 7 tree planting

November 21 tree planting

September Outreach Event: Bring a friend to the DarkSky event on Sept 10th at Samuels Library

6. Spirit Wear Order - Everyone should now have their green heather shirts and black vests. Let Nancy know if you don't!

Please wear the shirts at the work session on August 29th

Remember to contact Sherri Sears directly through the chat link on her website:
<https://thestitchesandbows.com/>, if you fancy a different shirt color, a sunhat, etc.

Attendees:

Vicki Althaus
John Cermack
Emily Huttar
Andrea Lo
Linda Bartlett
Johnny Goodine
Brian Guilfooy
Evelyn Garland
Nancy Sabella
Karen LeonardDianne Lacy
Bill Lacy
Pam Forshe
Cheryl Crabbe
Henry Pickard
Margie Miller
Andy Miller
Ron Perlik
Louise LaBarc
Joan Grewe
Melody Hotek
Nancy Kiel

Respectfully submitted, Joan Grewe