

## Front Royal /Warren County Tree Stewards

Monthly Membership Meeting: September 21, 2026, 6-7 PM

### AGENDA

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

#### 1. Welcome!

Is everyone receiving the Steward's emails? YES. Please access the minutes and finance reports on [www.treesfrontroyal.org](http://www.treesfrontroyal.org). As an organization we will no longer use TrackIt Forward.

2. Presentation: El Nino is back and worse than ever. Moved to end of the meeting.

3. Approval of minutes from August 17th meeting. Unanimously approved.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report:

The two grants from DOF Virginia Clean Water fund have now been deposited! WHOOHOO! We have had a few checks received to support trees being planted and in memory of a loved one. We have seven people signed up for this year's AAT class. It began September 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### 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 |                   |                 |

#### Aug:

|                   |         |                     |                 |
|-------------------|---------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Checking Balance: | Income: | Expenses:           | Ending Balance: |
| \$21,796.64       |         | \$300               |                 |
|                   |         | Moved \$ to cover   |                 |
|                   |         | Class Advertisement |                 |
|                   |         | Game Prizes         |                 |

|                 |        |                   |                |
|-----------------|--------|-------------------|----------------|
| Debit Card Bal: | Income | Expenses          | Ending Balance |
| \$33.87         | \$300  | \$150             |                |
|                 |        | Class Ad in paper | \$183.87       |

5. Getting organized for 2026:

2026 Events Calendar and other important information is on our website: [treesfrontroyal.org](http://treesfrontroyal.org). Please send suggestions for town canopy improvement to Vicki's email , [geniusloci13@gmail.com](mailto:geniusloci13@gmail.com). Our Tree Steward Facebook page is another communication tool. Please visit and link, mention in your own messages/page. Vicki Althaus Andrea Lo, [andreabyler@hotmail.com](mailto:andreabyler@hotmail.com) are our Facebook Queens.

6. Committee news:

- Education Committee AAT is going very well
- Outreach committees

We need leaders for Randolph Macon

- a) Biggest Trees in Front Royal/Warren County Henry and Cheryl
- b) Trees for School Andrea Lo
- c) Boy Scout Coordinator Roy Unger
- d) Girl Scout Coordinator Joan Grewe
- e) Randolph Macon Academy Coordinator ??
- f) October 10<sup>th</sup> Festival of Leaves
  - a. Setup 9-11 Melody, Andrea, Evelyn
  - b. 11-1 Pam, Nancy, Linda, John
  - c. 1-3 Cheryl, Henry
  - d. 3 – Close Andy, Melody
- g) November 14<sup>th</sup>, Regional Garden Symposium Joan and Bill organizing
  - a. NSVmga.org
  - b. Symposium Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 8AM to 4PM (set up at 0730)

7. Work sessions:

September 26, 9-11am

October 24, 9-11am Class Tree planting at Soccerplex

Other plantings to schedule:

Rockland Park

SoccerPlex

Blue Ridge Technical Center

Student Union entrance

SAR tree replacement in Fantasyland Park

Memorial Trees

Justin will check with Casey Trees to look for Native trees to plant vice the drought resistant non-natives. The grant specified Native Trees!!!

November 7 tree planting

November 21 tree planting

8. October 3 visit to Veatch's Arboretum: Margie is organizing 540-631-4984

Nancy Sabella  
Pam Forshee  
Andrea Lo  
Melody Hotek

9. People who have 25 hours:

Andrea Lo  
Karen Leonard  
Evelyn Garland  
Johnny Goodine  
Linda Bartlett  
Nancy Sabella  
Pam Forshee

Attendees:

John Cermack  
Emily Huttar  
Andrea Lo  
Linda Bartlett  
Johnny Goodine  
Evelyn Garland  
Nancy Sabella  
Karen Leonard  
Pam Forshe  
Cheryl Crabbe  
Henry Pickard  
Margie Miller  
Andy Miller  
Ron Perlik  
Joan Grewe  
Melody Hotek

Justin Proctor

Respectfully submitted, Joan Grewe