Front Royal /Warren County Tree Stewards
Monthly Membership Meeting: September 21, 2026, 6-7 PM

AGENDA

1. Welcome!
Is everyone receiving the Steward's emails? YES. Please access the minutes and finance reports on www.treesfrontroyal.org. As an organization, we will no longer use TrackIt Forward and do it the old school way (sign-in sheets and photos).

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

3. 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 12th.

July:			
Beginning Balance:	Income:	Expenses:	Ending Balance:
$11,353.18	$10,577.97	$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

4.. Getting organized for 2026:

2026 Events Calendar and other important information is on our website: treesfrontroyal.org. Please send suggestions for website improvement to Vicki's email , geniusloci13@gamil.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 are our Facebook Queens.

5. Committee News:
- Education Committee
All About Trees class is going very well! It began on the Saturday after Labor Day, September 12th. All Tree Stewards members are welcome to attend any of the class sessions. Details are in the Course Schedule on our website, on the AAT page.
- Outreach committees

We need leaders for some committees:

a) Biggest Trees in Front Royal/Warren County - Henry and Cheryl
b) Trees for Schools, Celebrating the Tree Stewards 30th Anniversary - Andrea Lo
c) Boy Scout Coordinator - Roy Unger
d) Girl Scout Coordinator - Joan Grewe and Margie Miller
e) Randolf Macon Academy Coordinator?? Thank you, Nancy Sabella for offering!
f) October 10th Festival of Leaves – will Dianne and Bill Lacy be in town and help coordinate table?
    a. Setup 9-11 Dianne, Bill, Melody, Andrea, Evelyn
    b. 11-1 Pam, Nancy, Linda, John
    c. 1-3 Cheryl, Henry
    d. 3 – Close/breakdown by Dianne, Bill, Andy, Melody
g) November 14th, Regional Garden Symposium - Joan and Bill Grewe organizing our table at the event.
    a. More information at https://nsvmga.org
    b. Symposium is Nov 14th 8AM to 4PM (set up at 0730)

6. Work sessions for a strong finish to 2026 year:
September 26, 9-11am, finishing the cleanup of corner in front of CVS
October 24, 9-11am Class Tree planting at Soccerplex (Nancy is going to check on ACES tree planting)
Other plantings to schedule:

Rockland Park
SoccerPlex – ACES collaboration
Blue Ridge Technical Center
Student Union entrance
SAR tree replacement in Fantasyland Park
Memorial Trees

** Justin and Nancy will consult with Casey Trees to look for native trees to plant, instead of the drought resistant non-natives. The grant specified native trees, and we would like to keep with that plan.

November 7 tree planting
November 21 tree planting

7. Education Presentation: El Nino Is Back. And Worse Than Ever. NYT podcast: The Daily.

8. The AAT Class on October 3rd is a visit to Veatch's Gleann Arboretum: Margie Miller is organizing, 540-631-4984. Please call or email if you would like to attend.
Those that raised hands to say they are going at tonight's meeting:
Nancy Sabella
Pam Forshee
Andrea Lo

Melody Hotek

9. New members who let us know they have performed 25 hours of volunteer work for Tree Stewards and need a fancy, new name tag: Congratulations!!!

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

Attendees of tonight's membership meeting:

John Cermack
Emily Huttar
Andrea Lo
Linda Bartlett
Johnny Goodine
Evelyn Garland
Nancy Sabella
Karen Leonard
Pam Forshe
Cheryl Crabbe
Henry Pickard
Andy Miller
Ron Perlik
Justin Proctor, President of Front Royal's ACES Committee

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

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Joan Grewe.