



GDNA Monthly Newsletter - April 2025

March 2025 GDNA Meeting Recap

First of all, let me say a BIG thank you to everyone that brought a shareable dessert to the meeting. If you were unable to attend, you missed a smorgasbord of delectable snacks. I am sorry I did not get a picture to share. We hosted Douglas Jackson from the Roanoke Arts Commission and learned about all the activities that are available (for free!) for the communities within the City of Roanoke. We plan to take advantage of some of these workshops over the coming year. Check out the catalog: <https://roanokearts.org/neighbors/catalog/>. In addition, we went through some GDNA administrative issues (By-Laws); discussed the Neighborhood Gateway Sign refresh among a host of other topics. Both the meeting minutes and presentation are located [here](#).

FY 2025-2026 City of Roanoke Budget Community Meetings

The City Manager presented the proposed budget for FY 2025-2026 to City Council on March 24, 2025. The proposed budget may be found [here](#). The proposed budget presentation may be found [here](#). There will be two community outreach meetings:

- Thursday, April 10 | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Unitarian Universalist Church of Roanoke (2015 Grandin Road SW)
- Thursday, April 17 | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Pilgrim Baptist Church (1415 8th Street NW).

Both meetings will follow the same format: 20-minute presentation from staff, followed by a 15- to 20-minute break for attendees to think of and write down questions on notecards. The break will conclude after staff has gathered the questions and a moderator will then facilitate a Q&A. Public Hearing on the budget will be April 21, 2025, 7pm City Council Chambers

Join the GDNA for Clean Valley Day Cleanup

Help Clean Up Greater Deyerle Neighborhood. The GDNA will be participating in Clean Valley Cleanup Day scheduled for Saturday April 26 from 9am-11am to pick up litter and debris across the GDNA neighborhood.

Supplies will be provided. **Please RSVP by April 15th** your participation at

<https://www.gdnaroanoke.org/event-details/greater-deyerle-neighborhood-pick-up-day>

Save the NEW Date: GDNA 1st Anniversary Social Event



Due to some scheduling conflicts - we have moved the date of our first solution event to **Thursday MAY 29th - 5:30pm-7:30pm**. If you are interested in helping plan the event or have ideas/suggestions, please contact GDNA. We plan to have food, music and activities as well as some representatives from the City of Roanoke. More details to follow!

Did You Know? Let's Talk about Traffic

Traffic is the #1 concern of the residents of GDNA based on survey results and conversations. GDNA has had multiple conversations with City of Roanoke Traffic engineering to understand what options are available for traffic calming. Unfortunately, based on traffic statistics - the Greater Deyerle Neighborhood is not considered high-risk and based on traffic statistics (crashes) - our neighborhood ranks very low. There were six crashes within our neighborhood that resulted in injuries and three that resulted in property damage. That is out of 2092 reported traffic incidents in Roanoke City in 2024. GDNA will continue to work with the Roanoke City traffic to look at all options available to help with traffic calming in Greater Deyerle. Key takeaway - we are actively working on this issue. Crash data is available from <https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/safety/crash-data>.

Useful News/Events/Links

- [Salem Red Sox](#) - Opening Weekend April 4-6
- [Roanoke Symphony](#) - "O Fortuna" Carmina Burana - Berglund Center, April 6, 2025, 3pm
- [Down by Downtown Music Festival](#) - Thursday - Saturday April 10-12, 2025
- [Blue Ridge Marathon](#) - Saturday April 12, 2025 - Downtown Roanoke
- [Sunday Slow-K](#) - Sunday April 13, 2025 - Blackdog Salvage (Start/Finish)
- [Roanoke Symphony](#) - The Music of Billy Joel - Salem Civic Center, Friday April 18, 2025
- [Blue Ridge Kite Festival](#) - Saturday April 19, 2025, Greenhill Park, Salem
- The next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events is this **Saturday, April 19, 2025**. Register at <https://www.rvra.net/Calendar.aspx?EID=595>
- Roanoke Symphony - Portraits of America, Jefferson Center, [Saturday April 26 @7:30pm](#) and [Sunday April 27 @3pm](#)
- [Jefferson Center Events Calendar](#)
- Calendar for Downtown Roanoke Events <https://www.downtownroanoke.org/events/event-calendar>

- Virginia's Blue Ridge - [Events Calendar](#)
- Looking for News Sources? Check out both [Cardinal News](#) (daily) and [The Roanoke Rambler](#) (weekly) - both only require you to sign up for access

GDNA Board of Directors for 2025

Your GDNA 2025 Board of Directors is as follows:

- President: Adam Mastrangelo
- Vice President: David Harrison
- Secretary: Janet Kubik
- Treasurer: Lee Cutright
- Communications/Social/Website: Teresa Mastrangelo

Don't Forget: 2025 Membership Challenge



Have you talked to a neighbor about GDNA? For 2025, we are challenging each current member to recruit at least 1 new household on your street or around your neighborhood to help us meet our 2025 goal to reach **125** Households! Help us Get there!

Become a GDNA Member

While there is no requirement to become a member of GDNA, there are costs associated with running the neighborhood association. We hope you will consider an annual membership to help cover the costs and help expand events and activities we can plan and enjoy together as a community.

Annual dues are \$10 per household. You may pay at the next meeting or send a check payable to 'GDNA' at PO Box 3026, Roanoke, VA 24015. Please fill out the [membership form](#).

For any questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact us at gdnaroonoke@gmail.com. Pass this along and for anyone interested in subscribing, please subscribe at <https://www.gdnaroonoke.org/contact-us>