



GDNA Monthly Newsletter - February 2025

Court To Appoint City Council Member

The Roanoke City Council has been unable to agree upon the appointment of the vacant city council seat after interviewing the 3 candidates: Evelyn Powers, Trish White-Boyd and Kathy Cohen. You may ask - why did they not hold a special election? Unfortunately, a special election cannot be called if there are less than 2 years on the term (which expires December 31, 2026). The Circuit Court Judge (James Swanson) will work with his 4 colleagues to make the appointment sooner than later. Roanoke Rambler [article](#). Cardinal News [article](#). Roanoke Times [article](#) (subscription required).

GDNA Survey Results

The GDNA survey was sent to all GDNA newsletter subscribers (approximately 130 subscribers) during December 2024 and January 2025. We had 84 respondents representing 65% response rate.

Some highlights:

- ☐ Preferred Method to Be Notified of Meetings: Newsletter/Email and Signs in Neighborhood
- ☐ Top 3 Neighborhood Concerns: Safety (Walking, Cycling, etc.); Traffic; and Deer Population
- ☐ Topics for Future Meetings: Roanoke City Department Speakers; Police/Fire; Organization Speakers

The complete survey summary is available [here](#).

January 2025 GDNA Meeting Recap

The GDNA held its first meeting of 2025, with special guest speaker Cyrus Pace, Executive Director of the Jefferson Center who provided us with insight into the purpose of the Jefferson Center, its history and its future. Additionally, drawings were held for tickets to see Garrison Keillor and Kathy Mattea. Thank you Cyrus!

Congratulations to our winners: Garrison Keillor: Lee Cutright; Kathy Mattea: Alison Kaczmariski



Did You Know?

Did you know that there are 5 private cemeteries within Greater Deylerle - a few that date back to the 1800s.

1. Barnhardt Cemetery - Mt. Holland Rd (1833-1921). This is the largest with at least 39 graves (including 19 marked with inscribed headstones) enclosed by an ornate iron fence.
2. Logan Cemetery - Glen Heather Drive (1952) - 8 gravesites
3. Unknown Cemetery - Glen Heather Drive
4. Lewis & Eleanor Shepherd Cemetery - Belford Street (1867) - 2 gravestones



5. Grubb Family Cemetery - Keagy Road (1916-1995) - Private Family Cemetery with 15 graves

Next Meeting: March 20, 2025 @7pm

The next GDNA meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 20, 2025. The official meeting will start at 7pm, however, Join us a bit early for coffee and desserts! Agenda details are in the works and will be provided as soon as possible. Please RSVP at <https://www.gdnaroonoke.org/event-details/gdna-meeting-march-2025>

Useful News/Events/Links

**Trash Collection & Recycling for the week of February 10 has been delayed until Friday February 14

**Trash Collection for the week of February 17 is delayed until Friday February 21 due to President's Day

- [Greater Roanoke Home & Garden Show](#) - Berglund Center Feb 14-16
- [Roanoke Symphony "Classical Connections"](#) - Jefferson Center, Feb 15 @7:30pm, Feb 16 @3pm
- The next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events is this **Saturday, February 15, 2025**. Register at <https://www.rvra.net/35/Household-Hazardous-Waste>
- 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

Become a GDNA Member

While there is no requirement to become a member of GDNA, there are costs associated with running the neighborhood association. These include meeting room rental, website costs, domain renewals, meeting signs

(which sadly, get stolen), as well as maintenance of our neighborhood gateway signs. 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 gdnaroanoke@gmail.com. Pass this along and for anyone interested in subscribing, please subscribe at <https://www.gdnaroanoke.org/contact-us>