

# Happy Holidays



## GDNA Monthly Newsletter - December 2024

### 2024 GDNA Recap

After a more than 2 year hiatus - the Greater Deyerle Neighborhood Association was re-established in May 2024. This required a complete restart including acquiring a website domain (the previous domain was acquired the same night as our interest meeting!); rebuilding a website; working with the City of Roanoke Neighborhood Services to get acknowledged as well as growing our membership. We are also publishing a monthly newsletter to keep you informed. We hope you find it useful!

During 2024, we held six meetings (averaging 55 people per meeting), including 2 candidate forums for city council and mayor. If you skipped the mayoral forum - you missed a fun and different event! We have hosted speakers from the City of Roanoke Neighborhood Services and Real Estate Assessment Department; as well as assorted speakers to discuss the recent Mass Zoning Amendments that were passed by City Council in September.

Additionally, your Board of Directors have attended multiple meetings hosted by the City of Roanoke on topics ranging from Traffic & Pedestrian Safety; Williamson Road Improvements to Zoning Changes. We have also attended meetings hosted by other neighborhood associations to build rapport and establish cohesiveness among the different neighborhoods.

In short, 2024 was a rebuilding year. Rebuilding relationships with the City of Roanoke and rebuilding trust within the community that GDNA is here to serve.

For 2025, our focus is on issues that directly impact Greater Deyerle. We want our meetings to be a valuable use of your time on topics that are relevant. As such you will find information about a short GDNA Survey that will help guide the GDNA on topics and issues of interest in 2025r. We have a large number of people that only attended a meeting in April and/or May but never made it back to another one and we would like to know why. Help us make the GDNA the neighborhood association that you want it to be.

Finally, we want to THANK all of you that have been attending the meetings and providing your support and membership. The stronger we are as an association, the louder our voice is within the City of Roanoke.

## Let Your Voice Be Heard! Take the GDNA Survey

Let the Board of Directors know what topics you want to discuss at upcoming meetings and what are your top concerns for our neighborhood. Results will be presented and discussed at the January 23rd meeting.

[Take our short 7-question anonymous survey!](#)

## Next Meeting: January 23, 2025 @7pm

The first meeting of 2025 is scheduled for Thursday January 23, 2025. The official meeting will start at 7pm, however, join us for a meet-n-greet before starting at 6:30pm. We are delighted to host Cyrus Pace, Executive Director of the Jefferson Center and your chance to win a pair of tickets to an upcoming event! Additionally, we will go over the results of the GDNA survey to discuss where we should focus our efforts during 2025.

Please RSVP at <https://www.gdnaroanoke.org/event-details/gdna-meeting-january-23-2025>

## GDNA Board of Directors for 2025

The membership of the GDNA recently elected the 2025 Board of Directors:

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

## Useful News/Events/Links

- Delta Dental's Dickens of A Christmas is the first 3 Friday's of December:
  - December 6 - Christmas Tree Lighting
  - December 13 - Christmas Parade
  - December 20 - Roanoke Valley SPCA Pet Costume Contest

- Details of events are available at <https://www.downtownroanoke.org/events/signature-events/dickens-of-a-christmas>
- Trash pickup delays:
  - For the week of December 23 - Trash will be delayed until Friday December 27
  - For the week of December 30 - Trash and recycling pickup delayed until Friday January 3.
- The next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event, **Saturday, December 21, 2024**. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/december-2024-household-hazardous-waste-collection-event-tickets-828425461857?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>
- 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

## Become a GDNA Member

At the end of 2024, there were **74** household members of the Greater Deyerle Neighborhood Association. The more members we have the bigger voice and influence we have with Roanoke City. Our goal for 2025 is to reach **125** Households! Help us Get there!

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.

For any questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact us at [gdnarroanoke@gmail.com](mailto:gdnarroanoke@gmail.com).

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