

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING: MINUTES

February 4, 2026 @ 7 to 8 PM

Residents are welcome to attend all Committee meetings.

ATTENDEES: Cathy Wolf, Barbara Rose, Lily Henning, Sheila Berman, Dian Seidel, Julie Stanish, Jeremy, Janis, Quynh Tran, Anne Blakely, Stephanie Martz

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Public comments: None
- Introductions:
- Adoption of the Minutes (please see online version [here](#)): Approved unanimously

OLD BUSINESS

- Clothing drive (Marjorie)
- Round House Theatre Discussion (Diane) - January 11th – low turnout compared w/ RSVPs
- Puzzle Palooza (Jeremy) — Jan 19th @ 2-4pm: puzzles building and puzzle swaps, all ages – about 20 attended; next time put “swapping” in the title
- Whiskey tasting w Calvert Woodley (Shelia) - Jan 24th @ 6pm – over 40 people, “best usage of taxpayer dollars ever.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

February

- Great Zucchini (Anne) - Feb 7th @ 3pm
- Tiki Night (Julie) – Feb. 11 @ 5-7pm
- February 18th – Ain’t No Back movie w/ civil rights protestor—checking for more speakers + putting on listserve
- Chili Dinner (Lily and Stephanie) – Feb. 22 – Need Volunteers – will promote on listserve; still collecting for Manna
- Next book club - February 23rd – “Heartwood” Amity Gage, 7 pm

March

- Discussion and Desserts for Jane Austen 250th (Cathy) - March 1st @ 2 - 4pm. High Tea; took volunteers and discussed supplying the hot water for tea
- International potluck/ share your roots (Shelia and Julie) - March 15, 3-5: Discussed set up (need power strips
- Theater discussion – March 15th at 11 am – Nothing Up My Sleeve

April

- Discussion and Desserts with Cliff Sloan (Diane) - April 9th at 7pm - Topic: Packing of the Supreme Court
- Town Hall is available April 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 23, 24 (highlighted = Fridays)
- Additional April events: Feast Your Ears (Friday), and a presentation on "The 250-year history of Montgomery County in 25 Pictures" (last week of April)

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Other

- May 14th or 24th -- Discussion and Desserts on retirement community issues (Quynh) -Reached out to Leading Age

- Yappy hour (Stephanie) - no updates. Spring
- Garden tour: May 30th – made progress
- Events with the Lawton Center (Anne)
- Other event ideas:
 - Toys for tots 2026 (Cathy)
 - Tree lighting 2026 (Anne)
 - Kentucky Derby (Cathy) - May 2nd
 - Other events for the 250 year anniversary
 - Logo for 250 year anniversary

Other recurring events: Theatre Discussions and Book Club sessions are scheduled

NEW BUSINESS: Consider a poker night (Anne?); trivia night (Steph, Anne, Julie, etc.)

ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting: March 4 2026 (First Wednesdays of each month, 7 to 8 pm – unless otherwise specified)