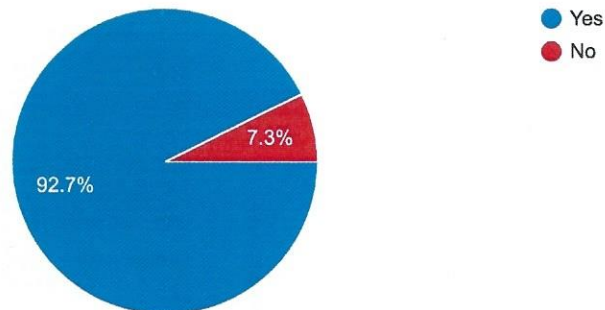


2021 GFCA Community Survey Summary

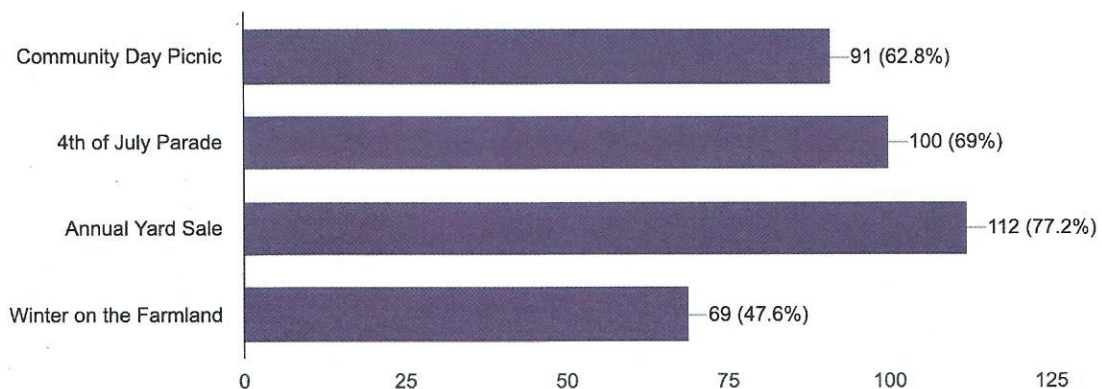
Are you a current GFCA Member

165 responses



Of the events we've hosted in the past, which have you attended or would plan to attend in the future?

145 responses



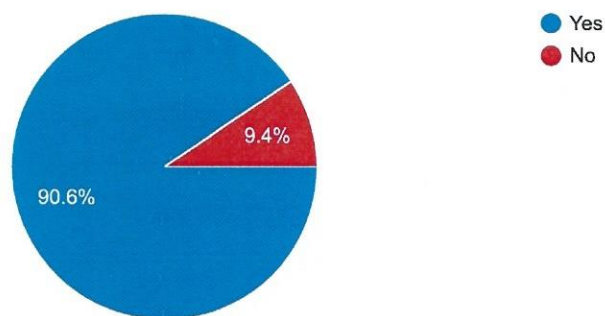
Please feel free to provide additional comments regarding these events.

Suggestion	Times Suggested
Concern regarding community day logistics related to food	1
Emphasized desire to bring back the 4th of July parade	1

Didn't vote for Yard Sale because of traffic it brings	1
General thanks and support	9
Changing Winter on the Farmland to have less of a Christmas focus to align with diversity in the neighborhood	1
Would not attend indoor events until their household is 100% vaccinated	1
Support for yard sale	1
Desire for events to come back	2
Children grown so not interested in events for kids	1
New to neighborhood but looking forward to these events in the future	6
For Winter on the Farmland - would have been nice to have someone leading a craft (versus things laid out on a table), slime was fun, bring together a few musicians for a small jazz band or welcoming, more signs outside welcoming people	1
Need more volunteers to keep these great events going	1

The GFCA has discussed establishing a Farmers Market in the neighborhood, do you support moving forward with this?

160 responses



Are there new events you would like to see GFCA begin to host?

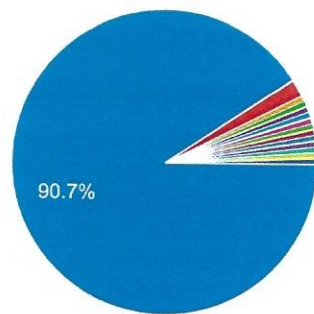
Suggestion	Times Suggested
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Community involvement in the offerings that are sourced for the farmers market	1
Volunteer Creek Cleanups	1
Arts and Crafts	1
Movie Nights	4
Live Music	4
Block Parties (GFCA providing more framework)	5
Food Trucks	3
Charitable Organization Sponsorship within MOCO	1
Expert Series/Local Government Speakers	1
Dog Playdates	1
Christmas Decorating Contest	3
New Neighbor Welcome Events (twice a year)	2
Kids Art Show	1
New Hobby Get Togethers	1
Kids Sports/Field Day/Kid Fun Day	2
Game Get Togethers	1
Wine Club	1
Craft Market/Plant Sale	2
Halloween Activities/Halloween Parade	2
Oktoberfest	1
Adult Meet and Greets/Events for Retirees to meet/Adult Games	3
Kid Playdates	1
Prefer Farmers Market Not be on Saturday	1
Book Club	2

Neighborhood Walks with Arborist	1
Porches and Patios/Progressive Dinners (progressive drinks/meals socials)/Potluck	2
Resume Conversations with Your Neighbors	1
Fun Run	1
International Culture Night	1
Talent Events	1

Are you and your family comfortable with the GFCA hosting outdoor events in the current COVID conditions?

162 responses



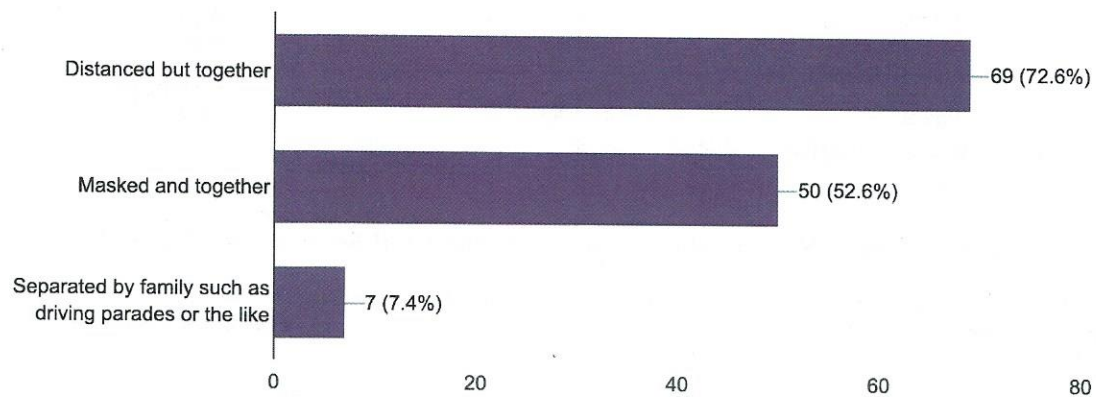
- Yes
- No
- Yes, but not if packed to 100% capacity
- It depends.
- adult only-yes, kids unvaccinated- onl...
- Depends on the event
- Not sure
- Depends some are super spreader ev...

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- Also Indoor is fine. People can decide for themselves if they want to be mask...
- I want to say yes, but prefer to wait until the Delta variant plays out.
- Yes, bearing in mind the necessity to change my mind as the COVID landsc...
- If children too young to be vaccinated...
- No strong feelings on this. People can...
- We may avoid the event until kids abl...

If yes, would you prefer any of the following safety measures?

95 responses



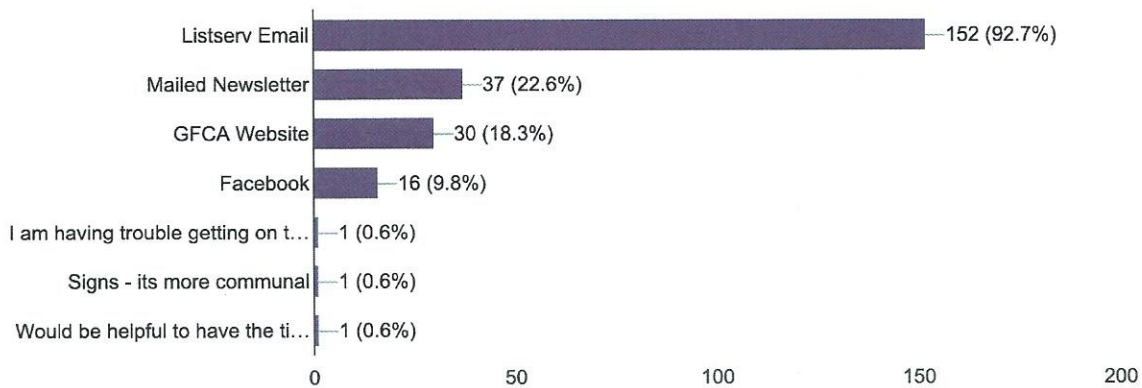
Please feel free to provide additional comments regarding safety measures.

Comment	Count of Similar Comment
Nothing needed if outside	10
Pay attention to the latest public health recommendations as they change	3
Masks if Covid spikes	1
Feel safe with having been vaccinated	1
Require Masks for Indoor Activities	1
Follow National/Local Guidelines	6
Let's get back to normal	1
Masked if not distanced outside	1
Together as long as you are vaccinated	2
Encourage distancing, especially when eating	1
Masked for unvaccinated/kids	5
Require masks for all when children present due to being unvaccinated	1

Support for GFCA cautious approach	2
Continue to exercise caution to ensure GFCA doesn't encourage attendance at an event that could cause others to get sick	1
Thanks for survey/General Thanks	4
Be agile and change planning with potential changing covid trends	2
Masked AND Distanced	1
Allow individuals/families to make a decision	3
Nothing needed because they are vaccinated	2
Masks around kids	1
Only allow fully vaccinated	1

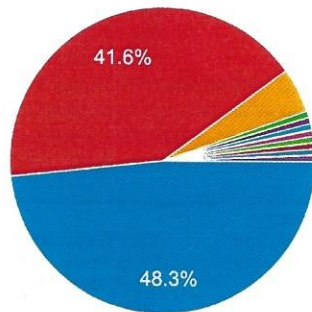
What is your preferred method of communication for news of the GFCA's activities?

164 responses



How frequently would you like the GFCA to host Community Meetings?

149 responses



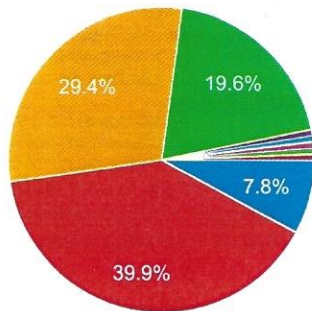
- Quarterly
- Semi-Annually
- Annually
- Every 2 month
- I don't care
- Do not care
- Not sure
- I don't know what happens at commun...

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- Fall / Winter / Spring
- no comment
- no preference. You know what makes sense.

How far in advance of a Community Meeting would you like notice to go out?

153 responses



- 1 week prior
- 2 weeks prior
- 3 weeks prior
- 4 weeks prior
- perhaps a month prior and then reminder 1 week prior
- The Board should issue a schedule of...
- 4 weeks initially with a reminder or tw...
- 3-4 weeks, with weekly reminders (unl...
- Both 1 month and a 1 week reminder

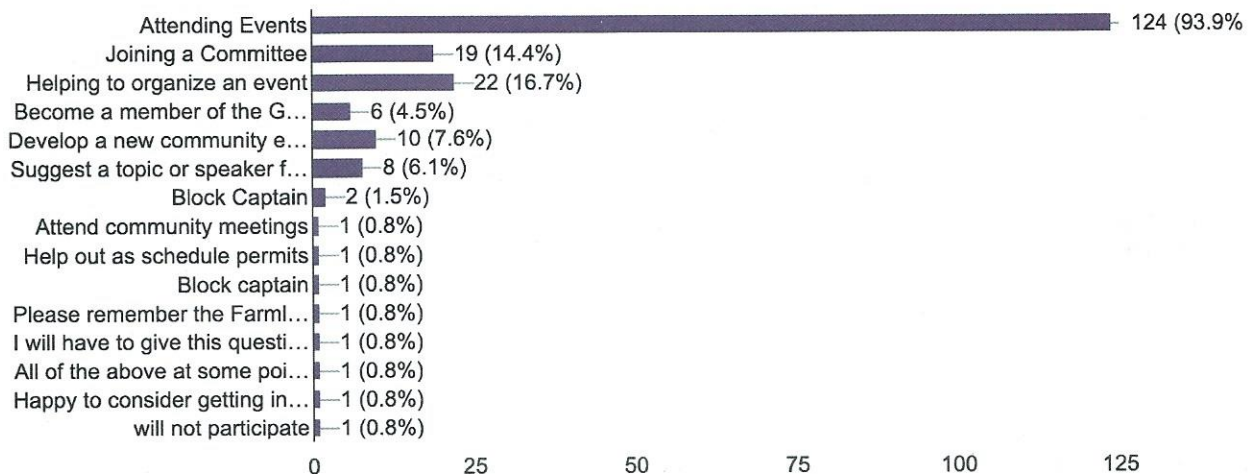
How far in advance of a GFCA Board Meeting would you like notice to go out?

150 responses



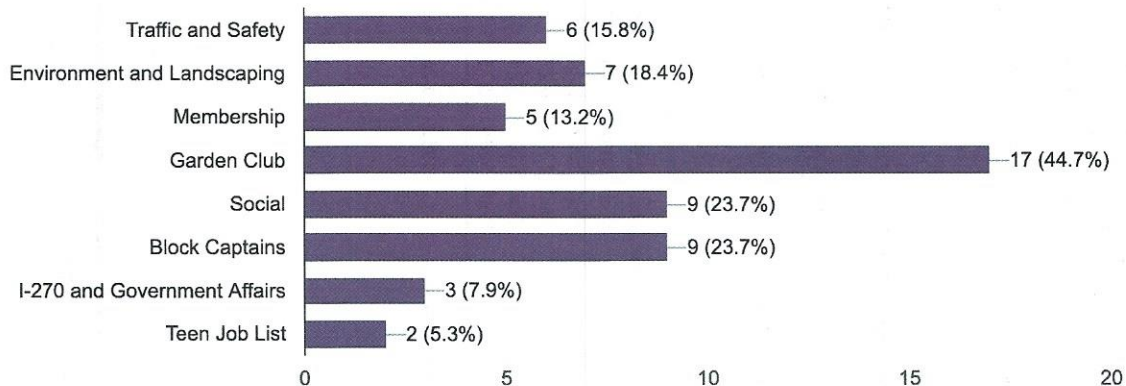
Please check any of the following ways you would like to participate in the GFCA

132 responses



If you would like to join a Committee/Group, please select which one(s)

38 responses



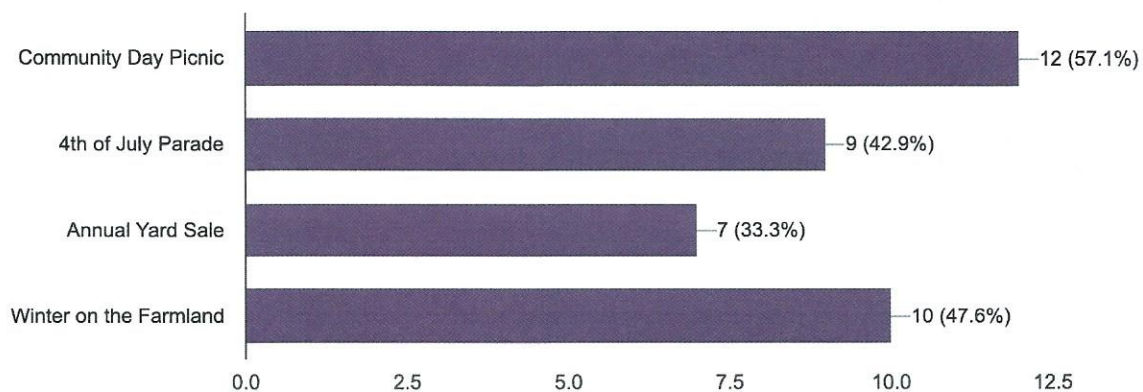
Are there other committees you would like to see the GFCA establish?

Suggestion	Count of Suggestion
Welcome to the Neighborhood	1
International Womens' Club	1
Block Party Committee	1
Home Care and Upkeep	1
List the Current Bookclub as a Committee	1

Community Education Committee	1
Elderly Neighbor Support	1
Community Service	1
Cultural	1
PTA Liaison	1

If you would like to help plan an event, please select with one(s)

21 responses



If you would like to develop a new event, please enter the details here.

New Event	
Trick or Treat	
Kids Art Show	
Oktoberfest/Fall Fest with music and vendors	
Blood Drive	
Teaching Adult card games	
Cook Off or Group Volunteering	

<p>Since so many neighbors have dogs, it might be fun to have some type of dog parade/party. Also might be fun to try again to bring back the Luxmanor/Greater Farmland softball game - or maybe try it with North Farm? I remember that was tried several years ago but there's been a lot of turnover in residents so maybe there's a bigger appetite for that now. Or could partner with one of the pools to do a pickle ball tournament or volleyball tournament. Lastly, it would be nice to have an event to benefit a charity - I remember we had a food drive as part of the Winter on the Farmland one year - could be like that or even bigger. Maybe sponsor an event on MLK day of service.</p>	
Human Library Virtual Reading	

If you have a suggestion for a topic or speaker for a future community meeting, please include it here.

Topic
Solar energy for individual homes
County plans for the Walter Johnson Cluster: Invite County School Board Members
Thank you for bringing people from the utilities . . . would like to have some information about treating yards with non-poisonous materials. Also, as I walk my dog I see many old trees - love them - but some years ago falling trees knocked out our power for a long time so perhaps people could use some advice about taking care of old trees on their property
Traffic/pedestrian practices awareness. Low cost home improvements that make difference. Computers, iPads, software, that help to facilitate life in the community/communication.
MCPS on traffic rules and safety
School bus routing
Internet safety for kids and elderly citizens
I would love an update in Pike and Rose and White Flint developments
Q&A with candidates for local office.
Dog husbandry in a suburban community. A small animal DVM might be an ideal speaker.
Speaker from MoCo Department of Transportation regarding Traffic and also Repaving / Repairing Neighborhood streets
The indiscriminate and unnecessary mosquito spraying should be addressed and the other options to stop the spread of them.
Though I couldn't join many, I really appreciated the speakers and community discussions this year on

racial equity and justice in Montgomery County. The podcasts were an excellent resource. More of this type of programming would be great. Also climate change, how it's affecting us—air quality, flora and fauna, etc., including our trees. Non-pesticide mosquito management. Information about private curb side food composting pickups until MOCO folds it into their recycling program.

Police Department, Fire Department, local politicians have been informative in the past.

Suggested topics: (1) encourage public transportation in the neighborhood; (2) increase the number of walkways/pathways for pedestrians in the neighborhood; (3) how to handle traffic when Luxmanor ES and Tilden MS are back in full.

I'd love to have someone speak about police abolition—there are frequent calls on the listserv for calling the police in response to minor property crimes, but such calls are liable to create high-risk situations for BIPOC residents and visitors and they do little to prevent further property crimes. It feels like an especial disconnect after last summer's BLM conversations.

Please share any additional suggestions or comments you have for the GFCA.

Comment
It would be great to have an area on the website for classified ads (items for free/sale, recommendations, etc.) - these are currently communicated through the listserv, but posting on the website would be more efficient and would make it easier to search and retrieve at a later date.
I've noticed that we often don't know who has left the area or moved in. It would be great to include a feature in the newsletter or perhaps more often by email. We could have a section where we list who has moved in and where, and if they wish, they can say a bit about themselves and/or their children. Likewise, when folks leave, we could note that and perhaps say where they're going downsizing and moving to x or headed for new opportunities in y. I know that would take some coordination and the cooperation of our neighbors but it would help forge a sense of community. Also, when someone in the neighborhood passes away, it would be very nice to alert people to that so they can contact the family if they wish. And for those of us without school age children, a quick update on school issues would also be nice. Such as when school starts, holidays, major news such as sports or academic championships...again to give everyone a bit of community info. and enthusiasm that they might not otherwise know.
We are always happy to help to bake for an event or help building things.
The printed newsletter seems like an outdated way to communicate, and must cost a lot of money to print and mail.
We're still fairly busy with work but would participate in a block party. We don't have kids at home.
Thank you to the Board for all of your work and dedication to our community. I know you often find yourselves in a no-win situation, but I greatly appreciate your time and efforts. Thank you.
We're original owners in Old Farm and participated actively when our family was young. We're pleased to see that the community is remaining active and engaged.
You all are doing an amazing job! Thank you!
Thanks for asking.

The GFCA should stick to neighborhood community building activities and beautification and clubs, etc. The GFCA should stay out of political issues and attempting to represent the community in issues like 270, Covid, etc as you do not represent the full community in any legal representation like an elected official. I vote for and expect my elected council person, state rep, etc to represent me. I will stop paying dues going forward if the GFCA continues to assume to represent my interests in issues of political nature.

The Board and Community Chairs do great work for the community, particularly the President!! Great job by the VP for putting together this survey!

Improve communication about Board meetings by publicizing dates 3 weeks in advance with weekly reminders to encourage more community participation

Perhaps find a way to poll the neighborhood about what GFCA presents to the county government/state government. For example, it was apparently assumed that everyone in Old Farm is against the toll lanes on I-270, but no one asked if that was the case. Also, how many of us would like to see the bridge to N VA modernized/repared? In order to represent the neighborhood to the various governments, I think you should find a way to ASK the residents.

I appreciate how hard the Board works!

The list serve is the greatest public service I can imagine!

I appreciate everyone's volunteer time to help our neighborhood. It's not easy pleasing everyone!!

I think the GFCA has been doing a great job of encouraging community spirit and support of each other especially during this difficult time of the pandemic. I appreciate all the work you are putting in, and I really appreciate you doing this survey to get community input. thank you!

"It takes a heap of living to make a house a home." And I think GFCA can be even more of a stalwart for the greater good than it already is.

I am a past Treasurer , board member and committee participant and i think community involvement is important and i applaud the current group of volunteers.

That said, 1) our neighborhood roads are in terrible condition. City of Rockville maintains North Farm sidewalks and streets in immaculate condition; streets in North Farm, however are not in good condition. 2 years ago MoCo repaired a few roads but then abandoned our community. What if anything has the civic association done to get MoCo to make our roads safe to navigate?

2) our community is approx 60 years old. Many of the cherry trees that lined the curb of our streets are dead, and unfortunatley home owners have not replaced them after they are cut down. Is the civic association aware that MoCo has a program to replace dead/damaged trees along the curb line of homeowner's property - for FREE? I think the civic association could/should let every homeowner know to call MoCo and request replacement trees for any dead cherry tree(s) on their property. The county moves slowly and it will take 3-4 years for MoCo to actually plant the new/replacement tree.... but it will get done (eventually).

Our community could be beautiful and safe to drive - currently it is not. The focus to get a STOP sign at every intersection and install "no u turn" signs (which are not followed and are not enforced and thus are useless as well as an eyesore) is not a productive use of the Civic Association's time.

Thank you for reading.

I hope some action is taken

I appreciate the time the volunteers put into running the Civic Association

PS - The right to reprint my comments above IS NOT GIVEN. the right to disclose my name IS NOT GIVEN. comments above are for private, internal Civic Association discussion only.
I request my name be removed from the above comments

Many of the streets in the neighborhood have deteriorated very substantially and have become a patchwork of disconnected "repaired" areas or have "alligatored" into areas of loosely connected pieces. After 55 years many of the roads are overdue for removal of the asphalt layer and a full repaving. Prior County efforts for repairs larger than the small areas of relatively recent repaving have been chip-and-seal "painting" of the roads that was mostly ineffective when done many years ago and has now worn away to the base pavement, with many cracks wide enough for grass to grow. Perhaps a neighborhood-wide effort to get the County to do real road repair and full roadway repaving might yield results that requests from individual home owners have been unsuccessful in achieving. Thanks

Lets make sure folks trim their trees and bushes around yield, stop and other traffic signs. Traffic circles are especially dangerous with many unaware of how to drive.

I am definitely NOT in favor of widening 495 or 270!!

time to work on reducing cut through traffic

Ask MCDOT to make all streets in combined Tilden Woods, Old Farm and Luxmanor streets have 20 mph speed limits as part of MCDOT's "20 is Plenty" program.

Thank you all for your thoughtful and effective programming.

Thank you!

I would like the GFCA to address noise from race cars, race motorcycles, and custom mufflers.

thank you for keeping our community connected and informed!!

Many thanks for all you do!

Thank you!

Thank you for organizing these! We really appreciate your efforts!!

Thank you for putting together a survey!

I admire and am impressed with those who the officers in charge.