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## Purpose

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The Greater Oakton Community Association (GOCA) was established in spring 2019 to help build a sense of community cohesion and enhance the positive characteristics of the Oakton area. GOCA focuses on sharing community information with HOAs and other groups and encouraging their involvement. We create and support programs that benefit the community and work to preserve the area's historic and environmental assets, establishing partnerships with government agencies and local businesses. GOCA is a 501(c)3, all-volunteer organization and donations are tax-deductible.

GOCA welcomes the involvement of all interested Oakton residents. Please email us at [contact@greateroakton.com](mailto:contact@greateroakton.com) and visit our website at [www.greateroakton.com](http://www.greateroakton.com). Also be sure to like and follow us on [Facebook](#).

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## Current Projects and Accomplishments

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- Organized “Oakton Day at the Park” for three consecutive years; the first community-building event of its kind in the Oakton area
  - Published the first-ever Oakton Community Directory, providing a handy consolidated listing of local businesses, schools, nonprofits, government officials, parks, and services
  - Working to make the historic Oakton Schoolhouse a real community resource again
  - Making improvements to Oakton Community Park:
    - Arranged with park officials to add picnic tables, a new bench, a bicycle rack, and plantings and to have the grass mowed more regularly
    - Helped propagate a natural meadow; arranged with Scouts to repair woodland benches and install a butterfly garden; worked with Virginia Bluebird Society to install bluebird houses.
    - Instituted a program of monthly sessions to remove invasive plants from the park
  - Helping to preserve the “Witness Tree,” the 250-year-old white oak tree on Hunter Mill Road
  - Working with community to make new developments such as the proposed projects at the AT&T site more responsive to Community interests
  - Supporting calls for greater attention to pedestrian safety along busy roadways such as Blake Lane and advocating for extending sidewalks along Hunter Mill to serve the park, library, and retail areas
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## GOCA Board Members

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- Co-chairs: Lauren Crum and Shelley Deutch
  - Members of the Board: Jody Bennett, Linda Byrne, Jackie Davey, Mark Deaton, Michelle Fisher, Janet Kerr-Tener (Founding Co-chair), Kris Olsen, Robin Thurman, and Gary Wong
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## Annual Meeting

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Our priorities are determined by the community at GOCA's annual community meetings held at the Oakton Library or other appropriate locations.