



Greater Oakton Community Association

Purpose

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 as well as local businesses. GOCA is a 501(c)3 organization and donations are tax-deductible.

Membership in GOCA is free and open to all interested residents, including those in the Oakton area, Hunter Mill Road corridor, and surrounding neighborhoods. Please contact us at contact@greateroakton.com and visit our website at www.greateroakton.com. Also be sure to like and follow us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/greateroakton).

Current Projects and Accomplishments

- Arranged the August 8, 2021 "Oakton Day at the Park" event (first of an annual series), which brought out some 250 local residents and volunteers.
- Arranged the first-in-a-century community gathering in in the historic Oakton Schoolhouse in April 2022, to hear a presentation on the education in Fairfax County Public schools from 1870 to 1945.
- Instituted a program of monthly sessions to remove invasive plants from the park, highlighted by an annual session on National Make a Difference Day in October.
- Arranged with Park area maintenance for the installation of two picnic tables in the park.
- Preserved the "Witness Tree", 250-year-old white oak tree on Hunter Mill Road.
- Purchased a bench from the Fairfax County Park Foundation which was installed near the Oakton Park playset.
- Planted 100 spring bulbs at the entrance of Oakton Park.
- Working toward making the schoolhouse at Oakton Park accessible and usable for community groups and identifying sources of funding via grants, fundraising or bond referendum.
- Arranged with Park area maintenance to mow the park in a way that preserves a path to the woods and fits with the goal of creating a natural meadow in part of the field.
- Assisting in the beautification and landscape maintenance at the roundabout on Hunter Mill Road and Mystic Meadow Way.
- Advocating for the extension of sidewalks along Hunter Mill to serve the park, library, and retail areas.

GOCA Board Members

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

Annual Meeting

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