



GDNA Monthly Newsletter - August 2025

Welcome New Subscribers & Members

Welcome to all of our new newsletter subscribers and GDNA members. We appreciate your engagement and interest in your Greater Deyerle Neighborhood. As evidenced by our July 31st meeting - with over 120 people in attendance - we are stronger together which makes our voice louder to city government. We are glad you are here. All back issues of the GDNA Monthly Newsletter may be found [here](#).

July 31st Meeting Recap & Update on Hybrid-Wolf Dogs

On Thursday July 31, GDNA hosted Roanoke City Traffic in which Dwayne D'Ardenne and Rob Issem provided an overview of Vision Zero Roanoke as well as some specifics related to traffic concerns within Greater Deyerle. The presentation is available [here](#) (under July 31 meeting minutes).

The other key issue discussed was related to the safety threat posed by the hybrid-wolf dogs on Windsor Rd. Sandra Ryals - who has been spearheading efforts for the City of Roanoke to take action - provided an account of the June 26th incident. GDNA President Adam Mastrangelo provided information about additional attacks, as well as information regarding the fact that the owners are operating a hybrid-wolf dog breeding business out of their home on Windsor Rd. A resolution was proposed, seconded and unanimously approved that 'GDNA supports the City of Roanoke's efforts to remove the Canine Hybrids at 3580 Windsor Road SW from our neighborhood'

On Monday, August 4th @ 9 a.m., Timothy Spencer, City Attorney gave a briefing before City Council on the Proposed Code Amendment, Division IV, Hybrid Canines, Sections 6-55-57, Article II, Chapter 6, Animals and Fowl. Mr. Spencer hopes to have the amendment completed for City Council on August 18th; but, if extra time is needed, then he will have it completed on September 2nd. Regarding the pending charges against the owners - The court case was continued in advance by the defense attorney. Next scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 2025, @ 2:00 pm.

GDNA would like to extend special thanks to Dan Casey for multiple articles in the Roanoke Times on this matter. All articles are available on the [GDNA Website](#) in pdf format. We would also like to thank Roanoke City Mayor Joe Cobb, members of City Council and Lt. Robinson for their attendance at our meeting. All finally, we would like to thank all 120+ of you that shared your own stories and concerns.

GDNA Adopt-A-Street Litter Pick-Up - August 16

Help Clean Up Greater Deyerle Neighborhood. Yes, we know August is HOT! So we plan to start a bit earlier than normal to pick up trash along our two main corridors - Mud Lick and Deyerle. Typically working in groups of 2 - we should be able to complete this task in under 2 hours. The next litter pick-up day is August 16th from 8am-10am. We will meet at Covenant Presbyterian Church lot to distribute supplies. Gloves, reflective vests, trash bags and pick up tools will be provided. **Please RSVP by August 14th** your participation at <https://www.gdnaroanoke.org/event-details/greater-deyerle-adopt-a-street-litter-pick-up>

Next GDNA Meeting: Thursday September 18, 2025 7pm

The next Greater Deyerle Neighborhood Association meeting will be held on Thursday September 18, 2025. Please join us for a fireside chat and Q&A with Roanoke City Manager Valmarie Turner. Come a bit early at 6:30pm , grab a drink and a snack and meet your neighbors. Please RSVP at <https://www.gdnaroanoke.org/event-details/gdna-september-2025-meeting>

Did You Know? Covenant Presbyterian Offers Preschool

Covenant Presbyterian Church preschool offers programs for children ages 6 months to 5 years old (Monday – Friday; 9 AM – 1 PM). Registration is open for the 2025-2026 Preschool Year. Brochures and registration forms are available online at covenantroanoke.org/preschool. To reserve your child's place, return the completed form with your registration fee as soon as possible. Covenant Presbyterian Preschool is located at 1831 Deyerle Rd Roanoke VA 24108. For more information, please contact our Preschool Director, Anne Craig, at preschool.admin@covroanoke.org or call 540-989-3314.

Mass Zoning Updates

On Monday August 4, 2025, Councilman Nick Hagen introduced an initiative for a study on the effects of amending or repealing the citywide zoning ordinances approved in 2024. Following discussion and debate, Nick Hagen and Peter Volosin agreed they would work together to draft amendments that give more opportunity for public input when new construction comes to neighborhoods. Read all of the news articles related to this recent event on the [Zoning Related News Articles](#) page. All articles are in pdf. format.

Bear Sightings in GDNA

Black Bear cubs have been spotted within the Greater Deyerle Neighborhood. Bears are attracted to food sources in residential areas. Here are a few helpful tips from the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources:

- Store garbage indoors, in a shed or garage, or in a bear-resistant container. Put garbage out on the morning of pickup, not the night before.
- Clean your outdoor grill often. Do not dump drippings in your yard
- Remove bird feeders if a bear is in the area. Bears consume seeds and nuts found in the wild, so bird feeders can become a favored target for bears.
- Don't leave pet food outdoors.
- Do not put meat scraps in the compost pile. Keep compost away from the house.
- Pick up and remove ripe fruit from fruit trees.
- Talk to your neighbors. Make sure your neighbors and community are aware of these recommendations.

Useful News/Events/Links

- Festival of India, Elmwood Park, August 16, 4-8pm. More information may be found [here](#).
- The next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events for **Saturday, August 16, 2025** is sold out. The next event will be on September 20th. There will be no collection in October.
- Calendar for Downtown Roanoke Events <https://www.downtownroanoke.org/events/event-calendar>
- Visit 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 or Renew Your Membership in 2025

We have reached a big milestone with over **100** household members. We need 25 more household members to reach our target goal of 125 for 2025. We can do this.

While there is no requirement to become a member of GDNA, there are costs associated with running the neighborhood association. 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 or \$25 per business. You may pay at the next meeting or send a check payable to 'GDNA' at PO Box 3026, Roanoke, VA 24015.

Please fill out the [membership form](#). For any questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact us at gdnaroanoke@gmail.com. Pass this along and for anyone interested in subscribing, please subscribe at <https://www.gdnaroanoke.org/contact-us>