

White Cane Cabinet Report

Winter Conference

The **Winchester Lions Club** had a great article in the local newspaper relating to their White Cane efforts.

<https://www.thewinchestergazette.com/articles/news/chief-lewis-to-launch-traffic-safety-unit-after-54-pedestrian-incidents-in-winchester/>

Reston Lions Club

The Reston Lions did a White Cane vent on Saturday, Sept 20. They were at the North Point Giant from 10-2 and raised about \$750, which was a nice surprise. They also sold VA Peanuts, last year's leftover WH Ornaments, and took donations. We had a handout in addition to FFB brochures and a Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind brochure. That is where Davida got Chubb.

Key takeaway from the day, be pleasantly aggressive on saying hello to people and explaining who you are and why you are there. The volunteer working the afternoon shift did that, not so much in the morning, and it made a big difference. When she saw people wearing glasses, she even spoke about our recycling efforts as they were walking by. Sometimes it made them stop and come over and talk to us.

Greater Falls Run

White Cane Day in October. It ran from 9-3 outside of a local Giant supermarket. They raised a little over \$500 sitting outside and educating folks as to what the day was all about.

Stafford Lions Club

White Cane Service Activity in July. Raised \$445 which will be used towards programs for the visually impaired.

Staunton Lions Club

The Staunton Lions Club held White Cane Day in October at the local Lowe's store. We raised \$100 total.

Palmyra-Rivanna Lions Club

Five (5) Lions worked the 3 shifts bring in \$327 in front of the Lake Monticello Food Lion. If we had more Lions working, we would have also set up in front of the Ace Hardware. This year we didn't sell the heavy-duty Lions brooms we usually do (low funds!). We have been getting nearly new eyeglass CASES with the recycled eyeglasses, so we put a box full of

them out for FREE along with the Lions ear plugs. Occasionally we receive a donation, but they do generate conversation.

Upcoming White Cane Events

Stafford Lions Club - May 2026

Aquia Harbour Host and Aquia Evening Lions - May 2026

Montclair - Spring 2026

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