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We Can All Be a Part of a Community Safety Plan

Dangerous weather events. Public health issues. Terrorism. Sometimes the headlines are enough to make us want to crawl into a cocoon and turn our backs to the world. Fairfax County's Office of Emergency Management (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/) can help make your community safer and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds.

Under the umbrella of the County's Citizen Corps, several volunteer programs are available to county residents. You'll find information about all of the programs below at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/citizencorps/.

Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)

VIPS volunteers support the police department so that law enforcement professionals have more time for front line duty. VIPS includes auxiliary police officers, administrative volunteers, and the Citizen's Police Academy. If you'd like more information about this program, you can call 703-280-0524 and leave a message, including your name and telephone number or email the volunteer director at Donna.Spiewak@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch brings residents and police together to reduce neighborhood crime. Residents are trained to identify potential problems and to be alert to any suspicious or unusual activity in the neighborhood. Police officers will also help residents to develop security measures for their own homes.

Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

You don't have to be a doctor or nurse or have a medical background to volunteer with the Fairfax Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). The Fairfax MRC is an all-volunteer program that supports the public health system to help our community when disaster strikes.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

What would you do if, during a major disaster, you called 9-1-1 and no one responded? The Fairfax County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program prepares residents to safely help themselves, their families, and their communities during major emergencies when first responders are delayed.

Instructors from the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and CERT volunteers teach disaster response skills, such as fire suppression, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. In hands-on training, classroom learning, and realistic exercises, CERTs learn how to prepare for disasters, and if a disaster occurs, what to do until professional first responders arrive.

CERTs deploy only during major disasters of such large scale that regular emergency services are overwhelmed (for example, earthquakes or major storms that produce mass casualties), and only to help their neighborhoods and local communities.

Fire Corps Volunteers

These volunteers are trained to perform nonoperational administrative tasks at the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue department headquarters and at local fire stations.

Call for Volunteers (reprinted from last edition)

As many of you know, our Stoneybrooke Neighborhood does not have an official homeowners' association; nor do we have required dues. However, we do have voluntary dues, which pay for *The Sentinel*, among other things. See attachment at the end of this newsletter for more information on membership dues.

More importantly, we have in the past had a very active Community Association, led by volunteers who would take various leadership positions for a few terms, coordinate events within the neighborhood, represent Stoneybrooke in actions outside the neighborhood that may affect the Stoneybrooke community, and hold occasional neighborhood meetings at the Stoneybrooke Mansion to discuss events and activities that affect the community and decide on courses of action.

However, it has been quite a few years since we have had folks who have taken many of these positions, and we have other folks who are still serving but would like someone else to assist or take their place. It would be wonderful if we could have a few volunteers to take these positions, at least for a term or two. None of these necessarily requires much time (recognizing, of course, that any volunteer job can expand depending upon how active you want to be) but each provides significant value to the Stoneybrooke community.

Below are the most important positions that are available. Please give some serious consideration to volunteering for one of these, or at least talking to one of the current or former board/committee members who could provide more information on the position:

- Stoneybrooke Community Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman (contact our last Chairman, Mike Jurkowski, for more information)
- Stoneybrooke Directory (Marie Ernst currently has the position but would like another person to step in)
- Lee District Land Use Committee (contact Jessica Kaplan for more information)
- Youth Committee
- Stoneybrooke webpage (would be great to have someone responsible for our website)
- Stoneybrooke email coordinator (for news alerts and other information, currently staffed by Dina Staskiewicz)

Note from the Editors

Please contact the editors with your news and information: Carrie Wehling Michaud and Jessica Kaplan (cwehlingmichaud@verizon.net and floreskaplan@gmail.com)

Neighborhood Watch

Now that it is darker much longer during this season, please make sure to leave your outside lights and lamp posts on at night -- it very much helps keep the neighborhood safe.

D. Faxon
Stoneybrooke Citizens Association
Neighborhood Watch Coordinator
571-437-7696 (cell)

Letters to the Editors:

No letters this month.

2015 Stoneybrooke Board and Committees

Board

Chairman	Vacant
Vice-Chairman	Vacant
Secretary	John Finamore

Treasurer	Bernie Tabarini
Parliamentarian	Vacant

Committees

Directory	Marie Ernst
Lee District Land Use	Jim Van Duesen
Membership	BJT Associates
Registered Mail Agent	Mike Jurkowski
Welcoming	Ruth Feist
Youth	Vacant
Neighborhood Watch	Don Faxon
<i>Sentinel</i>	Jessica Kaplan, Carrie Wehling Michaud and Heather Martin



Stoneybrooke Babysitters

- Ashlyn Hendrix: (703) 298-2073 (Red Cross Certified), ashlynrhendrix13@gmail.com
- JD DeLorenzo: Red Cross Certified babysitting and mother's helper (703) 768-0895, rangersrulejd@yahoo.com
- Tiffany Carter: (703) 509-9098, tiffielc@gmail.com
- Emily Lyon: (703) 765-6582 (Red Cross Certified)
- Christina Dillard: Cell (703) 981-0926; cjdillard98@gmail.com
- Adrianna DeLorenzo: (703) 768-0895;(Red Cross Certified);adsmiley36@yahoo.com
- Lily Michaud: (703) 768-9723; lmichaud.5@gmail.com
- Molly Sternberg: Home: (703) 768-7879; Cell (703) 772-7801 (Red Cross Certified); mollyesternberg@yahoo.com

Announcements

Supervisor Jeff McKay's Annual Open House. On Saturday, January 30 from 1-3 pm, please join Supervisor McKay and his staff to welcome the new year, celebrate our community's accomplishments, and enjoy light refreshments prepared by the students of Edison High School's culinary academy. As always, the Springfield Art Guild will have a display of artwork that is available for sale. The Supervisor's office is located at 6121 Franconia Road.

Free Yoga Class. Free, Family Friendly Yoga Class is open to the community. Class meets weekly on Tuesday evenings from 7:00PM - 8:00PM at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria, VA 22308. Appropriate for 3 Year olds and up. Contact Judy Jurkowski at 703-765-6555 ext 626 or JJurkowski@aldersgate.net for more information.

Welcome, new neighbors! We welcome Cathy Tullis and family to 6822 Stoneybrooke Lane and Patrick and Mary Anne Sullivan and family to 6909 Stonebridge Court. Also, please alert Ruth Feist if you know of any new neighbors so she can welcome them on behalf of Stoneybrooke. Her email is rfeist@verizon.net. Our thanks to Ruth!

Streetlights. If you notice streetlights that are out, it's easy to get them fixed. Just call Virginia Power at 1-866-366-4357 and provide the street address where the streetlight is located.

Stoneybrooke on Facebook. Please join the Stoneybrooke community ("Stoneybrooke Neighborhood (Alexandria, VA)") on Facebook for up-to-date community news and information.

MOMS Club of Alexandria-South Chapter: The MOMS Club is a social support group designed for stay-at-home moms. They sponsor activities for moms and kids, with most activities taking place during the day. They also offer small playgroups, a book club, and community service opportunities. If you or any of your friends (in zip codes 22303, 22306 and 22307) are interested in joining or would like more information, visit the MOMS Club website <http://www.southalexandriamomsclub.webs.com>.

Supervisor McKay's Newsletter: If you would like to be on the distribution list for Supervisor McKay's electronic newsletter, please send an email to leedist@fairfaxcounty.gov and include 'subscribe' in the subject line.

The plant club of Stoneybrooke: The Plant Exchange provides a place where gardeners in the community can offer plants, cuttings, seeds and bulbs for trade and make requests for what they are seeking. Items for sale are not permitted. If interested contact: Zoya DiCaprio at zoya@zoyaphoto.com. Here is the link for the plant club: <http://zoyaphoto.com/PlantClub.htm> We hope you can join us.



Other ways to find out what's going on in Stoneybrooke: Join the Stoneybrooke group email list, which includes most of the neighborhood. It's a secure way for neighborhood residents to view messages and information about the community. Contact the SCA email coordinator, Dina Staskiewicz, at Stoneybrooke_Citizens@yahoo.com for more information

Classifieds

NOTE: Any SCA family member that would like to place an ad, please send a note or email to the editors with the ad information and your contact information. Listings of items for sale are limited to one year. Ads for contractor services require at least one written recommendation (e.g. email) from a Stoneybrooke resident. The editors reserve the right to remove or reject such ads.

Caleb's Odd Jobs. If you need jobs done, from dog walking to lawn-mowing to anything else that you can think of, Caleb's Odd Jobs has your back! No job is too big or too small, that's our motto. You can call us at 703-768-4249, or shoot us an email at CalebsOddJobs@icloud.com



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- Holiday parties
- Retirement parties
- Any social gathering you wish, large or small

Available for one to two hours

Adrianna is a 15 year old at West Potomac High School. She has 9 years of singing experience and has been self-taught in guitar for almost two years. Adrianna has performed at the White House, at Wolf Trap, and was selected to sing in the Carnegie Hall High School Honors Performance Series Choir in February of 2015.

For more information or if you are interested in hearing a sample of her singing, please email ADRIANNASINGS@YAHOO.COM!

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Shaista's Baby Bear Daycare. Shaista Mirza has more than 15 years of experience in daycare and is certified in CPR, First Aid, and MAT. She is also State licensed and has a USDA food program. 6803 Blue Slate Court, Alexandria, VA 22306. Phone 703-660-1688. Email: shaistamirza@cox.net. Website: <http://www.shaistasdaycare.com/home.html>

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Piano lessons: Gerard King at 6909 Stoneybrooke is offering piano lessons for children and adults. Please call for details. 703-718-2156.

Ron's Totally Reliable Lawn Service: call 571-236-7154.

**Stoneybrooke Citizens Association
2015-2016 Membership Drive**



Why join?

1. It's easy and inexpensive!
2. It funds the community directory.
3. It funds our monthly newsletter.
4. It funds year-round social activities for adults and children.
5. It funds our new website!
6. The association is the best source of local information including transportation and school initiatives.
7. Strong membership builds credibility with other local associations and local politicians.
8. Your involvement promotes improved property value and neighborhood safety.

How to join!

1. Make out a \$20 check payable to "SCA".
 2. Fill out and print the information slip below.
 3. Mail your slip and check to the Stoneybrooke Treasurer:
Bernie Tabarini
3803 Cobblestone Court
Alexandria, VA 22306
treasurer@stoneybrooke.org
- Or give them to your block captain.
4. Enjoy our great neighborhood!

Your Name: <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>	Directory Information
Your Spouse's Name: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	
Address: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	
Phone: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	
Check One: Include us in the Community Directory <input type="checkbox"/> OR Do not include us in the Directory <input type="checkbox"/>	
Email: <input style="width: 70%;" type="text"/>	To receive your copy of The Stoneybrooke Sentinel by email Not for community directory or other mailings

www.stoneybrooke.org