

# Stoneybrooke



OF FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## SENTINEL

JULY 2017

### Letter from the Board

Hello, Stoneybrooke residents!

It's hard to believe that summer is already half over! We hope you're enjoying the warm weather and long summer evenings. Here's a quick update on upcoming events:

- Tuesday, August 1st | In an annual show of neighborhood spirit and to build relationships with local police, we welcome you to turn on your outside lights (consider swapping out with blue light bulbs) and spend some time outdoors with your neighbors as part of National Night Out ([fairfaxcounty.gov/police/nno](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/police/nno)). The SCA welcomes you for dessert, meet with some of our local law enforcement officers, and learn about our neighborhood watch program. We'll be setting up an ice cream sundae station at the bottom of the hill on Stoneybrooke lane, near the Stone Mill Place intersection. 6:30p – 9:00p
- Thursday, September 21st | Our fall community meeting will highlight local community events and is an opportunity for you to share with the SCA your ideas for our community. Supervisor Jeff McKay is also scheduled to visit us during this meeting. 7:00p at Stone Mansion
- Saturday, October 7nd | Fall community yard sale. Held on the first Saturday each May and October, the SCA puts out online advertisements and signs locally to encourage yard sale aficionados to swing through.
- Sunday, October 29th | Due to the success of the 2016 event, we are looking forward to the second annual Howl and Prowl Parade. 4:00p

As always, if you have ideas for or an interest in hosting other neighborhood events, such as a culdesac block party, please reach out to us by email at [scaboard@stoneybrooke.org](mailto:scaboard@stoneybrooke.org) or via our website at [stoneybrooke.org/contact-us](http://stoneybrooke.org/contact-us).

And finally, as we're nearing the end of our 2017 SCA membership year, we are kicking off our 2018 membership drive! The SCA membership year runs from September 1st to August 31st, and we are now accepting dues for 2018. Annual dues are only \$20 annually, and your contribution funds our neighborhood events, production of the Sentinel, community maintenance and provides your family a vote on SCA matters at community meetings. A 2018 membership form with instructions is attached at the end of this newsletter. You can also find a printable copy on our website at [stoneybrooke.org/membership](http://stoneybrooke.org/membership) . Thank you for supporting the Stoneybrooke Citizens Association!

- SCA Board

## Highlights from the Community

**Cava opened in Kingstowne.** Cava is a mediterranean and greek inspired fast food restuaruant. It's located at 5965 Kingstowne Towne Center, a strip mall near Safeway.

- *Cava*

**Tangy Millard announced as West Potomac's new prinicipal.** Millard was introduced to staff back in June, and an announcement was sent out by Superintendent Terry Dade shortly after. Millard has more than 20 years experience as an educator, and has served as Director of Student Services, assistant principal and principal at other area high schools. Millard officially began her role on July 5.

- *Covering the Corridor*

**Fairfax County taking survey on short-term rentals.** As the result of General Assembly passing Senate Bill 1578, Fairfax County is developing regulations to govern the use of short-term rentals (such as Airbnb). There is no indication when the survey will close, but it can be accessed by following the link below or navigating to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/short-term-rentals>.

- *Short Term Rentals Survey*

**Bob and Edith's opening later this month.** Owner Chris Bolton would not commit to a specific date, but he anticipates the 24-hour diner to open between July 22nd and the end of the month. The diner will be located at the Huntington Station shopping center on North Kings Hwy.

- *Covering the Corridor*

**Payless ShoeSource at Beacon Center closed its doors.** The Richmond Hwy store was closed as part of the company's ongoing restructuring since filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in April. Payless stores in the Mount Vernon Plaza and in Kingstowne remain open, and are not currently on the list for renegotiation. There is no word yet on what retailer might take over the vacant location.

- *Covering the Corridor*

**FBI halts plans to move to suburbs.** Springfield was one of the top contenders as the new location for FBI headquarters. But earlier this month, the General Services Administration cited a large funding gap, which necessitated calling off the \$2.5 billion proposal. Supervisor Jeff McKay told WTOP, "With [or] without the FBI, we see enormous revitalization and investment in Springfield. So, while this would have helped Springfield, this in no way, shape or form will set Springfield back in terms of high-quality growth and revitalization that we're experiencing there."

- *Kingstowne Patch*

**Dunkin' Donuts looking to open location on Telegraph Rd.** The donut and coffee chain has plans to open a new location next to Hayfield Secondary School. The county's planning and zoning staff have reviewed the application and recommended it's approval. The application will need approval at a July 19th public hearing, followed by a vote by the Board of Supervisors on July 25th. According to the planning and zoning staff report, the new location will operate from 5am to 9pm and will seat 22.

- *Covering the Corridor*

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**Vote on Kings Crossing development deferred.** Commissioner Earl Flanagan said more time was needed to review the planning and zoning staff report which recommended denying the 350-unit development. Flanagan stated that staff had been meeting with developer, Novus Property Holding, and that some concerns had been worked out but others needed more time. The vote will now be held on July 19th at a public hearing, followed by a vote from the Board of Supervisors on July 25th.

- *Covering the Corridor*

### Key Sources

**Covering the Corridor** | <http://coveringthecorridor.com>

**Kingstown Patch** | <https://patch.com/virginia/kingstowne>

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**Need a hand in your yard or garden this season?** Some of Stoneybrook's local youth would love to help you out!

**Caleb** | Caleb's Odd Jobs | [calebsoddjobs@icloud.com](mailto:calebsoddjobs@icloud.com)

**Abby & Bailey** | The Yardeners | [yardenerslw@gmail.com](mailto:yardenerslw@gmail.com) (Age appropriate jobs for 10-year-olds; no power-tools please!)

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### Response from Supervisor McKay's office on concerns after Stoneybrooke Paving Project:

Many citizens do not realize that over the past decade or so, due to funding constraints, VDOT had very little funding to reinvest in pavement, and many of our roads, especially secondary roadways which are usually neighborhood streets, began to deteriorate. We now are spending more than we have ever spent on paving...this year over \$135 million just in Northern VA...but due to the extreme volume of needs, catching up will be a long process. Due to changes in our funding formulas, and priorities set to secondary roadway paving by our statewide leaders, we are making a lot more progress in this area. However, it will still take a lot of time.

Currently about 64% of our secondary roads are deficient and in need of paving. We have an inventory of about 11,000 lane miles of secondary roads, so this means we need to pave about 7,000 lane miles to catch up. At our increased spending level, we are able to pave about 900 lane miles per year. So as you can see, it will take at least 8 years to catch up, not including the roads that are deteriorating over that time period, which only adds to the work to be done.

You can see the extent of this issue by visiting our pavement conditions map at the [VDOT website](#). You can use the search function to input a road name, and then click on the roadway for a pop-up box with more information. I encourage you to zoom out on the map a little, so you can see how many roads we have that rate in "Poor" or "Very Poor" condition, to give you a better idea of what we are facing.

So, every year when we prepare a paving schedule, every road on that schedule needs to be paved. Unfortunately there are a lot of roads that do not make it onto the schedule that also need paving. We are considering such factors as pavement condition, amount of traffic the road carries, our ability to do interim maintenance to lengthen the life, and contract efficiencies that allow us to pave the maximum number of miles each year.

Our paving contracts for calendar year 2017 are underway, and we are currently planning the 2018 schedules. We expect to have final information on the 2018 schedules by next spring. In the meantime, our local maintenance crews perform maintenance to keep the roads safe until they can be paved. I will ask our crews to visit the roads you mentioned and assess what they can do right now.

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# Stoneybrooke Citizens Association

## 2018 Membership Drive



### Why join?

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

### How to join:

1. Make out a \$20 check payable to "SCA".
2. Print and fill out the information form below.
3. Mail your form and check to the Stoneybrooke Treasurer:

Rachel Cramer  
6903 Stoneybrooke Lane  
Alexandria, VA 22306

4. Enjoy our great neighborhood!

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

Contact us online at [www.stoneybrooke.org](http://www.stoneybrooke.org)!