SENTINEL AUGUST 2017

Letter from the Board

Hello, Stoneybrooke residents! We'd first like to thank everyone that came out on August 1st for this year's National Night Out! It was a great success! We had just shy of 50 neighbors participate, and it was a wonderful show of support for our community's police force. We look forward to participating in next year's event.

Upcoming events:

- 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 7th | Fall community yard sale. Held on the first Saturday each May and October, the SCA puts out online advertisements and local signage 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

In not so great news, ours and surrounding neighborhoods have seen an increase in larcenies from vehicles. Though this is nothing new, our community crime prevention officer, Robert Urps, has the following tips:

- Lock your doors, EVERY time you leave your car. Detectives from the Mt. Vernon District Station (our local station) have found that a majority of the vehicles entered were left unlocked.
- Take your keys; don't leave them in or on your vehicle.
- Never leave valuables in your vehicle, especially in plain sight. Thieves want whatever sells! Electronics, GPS units, phones, laptops, purses and wallets are huge targets.
- Don't leave your car running, even for a few minutes.
- Make sure your windows and sun roof are completely closed when exiting the vehicle.
- An unlocked door leads to access to the garage door opener which leads to your house; a very common scenario that can be prevented by the simple act of locking your door.
- Report suspicious activity; even the smallest bit of information can be a big help.

As a reminder, we're nearing the end of our 2017 SCA membership year. The membership year runs from September 1st to August 31st, and we are now accepting dues for 2018. Annual dues are only \$20, 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. You can find a printable copy of the 2018 membership form on our website at **stoneybrooke.org/membership**. Thank you for supporting the Stoneybrooke Citizens Association!

- SCA Board

Highlights from the Community

Solar eclipse: Weather and when to watch. Many people are excited for the first total solar eclipse to pass through the United States in 38 years. On August 21st at about 2:42pm, 80% of the sun will be covered in our area. Some parts of the sun will be covered from 1:17pm until 4:01pm. The Capital Weather Gang is reporting that there will be a high chance of typical afternoon thunderstorms in the southeast.

- Greater Alexandria Patch

Rolling Along Richmond Highway: 1960-2010. Interested in learning the fascinating history behind the Richmond Hwy area? Check out **this video** produced by Fairfax County's Channel 16!

- Greater Alexandria Patch

Kings Crossing development approved. The Fairfax County Planning Commission voted on Wednesday, July 19th, to approve the new residential development south of the Kings Crossing Walmart in the Penn Daw area. On Tuesday, July 25th, the development was given the final stamp of approval by the Board of Supervisors. The proposed development will be a 350-unit multifamily building on the east side of Richmond Hwy.

- Covering the Corridor | Covering the Corridor

County buys property off Quander Rd. Fairfax county completed a purchase of 2.32 acres of land off of Quander Rd. The land will be turned over to the Fairfax County Park Authority, along with an 8-acre parcel that borders it, with the intent of turning it into parkland.

- Covering the Corridor

Bob and Edith's is officially open! The new diner on North Kings Hwy. opened the morning of August 1st with a ceremonial ribbon cutting. The diner is across the street from the south entrance to the Huntington Metro, and is the fourth Bob and Edith's in Northern Viriginia. The diner will be open 24/7, and their full menu can be **viewed on their website**.

- Covering the Corridor

Greater Alexandria restaurant violotions. A number of Alexandria restaurants, many in the Kingstown, Springfield and Belleview areas, were found to have warm food in coolers during August inspections. Other violations include improper food handling and potential cross-contamination.

- Greater Alexandria Patch

Skimming device found at 7-Eleven in Groveton. Around 4pm on August 4th, a customer using the ATM at 6300 South Kings Hwy. notified staff that his card had become stuck. Police arrived to investigate, and they located a skimming device and camera attached to the machine. Skimming devices collect financial information including PIN numbers. To report information, contact the FCPD at 703-691-2131.

- Greater Alexandria Patch

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Former principal of Carl Sandburg Middle School charged with assault. Terrence Yarborough, the Carl Sandburg principal that resigned earlier this year, has been charged with assault and battery after "smacking a 12-year-old female student on the butt" in April. Yarborough was issued a summons, and was set to appear at the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court on August 4th. In July, Darwin Baker was selected as the new Carl Sandburg Middle School principal.

- Greater Alexandria Patch | Covering the Corridor

Musician opens new piano school in Fort Hunt. A new music school, Piano Lab founded by Marilyn O'Leary, is seeking innovative ways to teach piano. The school opened its doors on July 20th at 7900 Andrus Rd., Suite 11. Some classes have already begun, but the school will be adding new adult and family classes in the fall. Classes are open to all levels, from age seven to adult. You can find out more information on the school's website, Piano Lab.

- Greater Alexandria Patch

Key Sources

Covering the Corridor | http://coveringthecorridor.com Kingstown Patch | https://patch.com/virginia/kingstowne Greater Alexandria Patch | https://patch.com/virginia/greateralexandria

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

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

Highlights from the Community

Detectives release sketch of suspect in abduction/sexual assault case of young girl:

Detectives have released the composite sketch and description of the man they believe is responsible for the abduction and sexual assault of a 5-year-old girl on Sunday, August 13th. The incidient occurred on the 6700 block of Tower Drive. If you have any information, please contact the Fairfax County PD at 703-691-2131. Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers by visiting **www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org**, or by text-a-tip by texting "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES (274637). Anonymous tipsters are eligible for cash rewards of \$100-\$1000 if their information leads to an arrest.

- Fairfax County Police Department



County of Fairfax, Virginia

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME CANVASS

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police

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Fairfax County Police are investigating an abduction and the sexual assault of a young girl in the Mount Vernon area on August 13, 2017 at approximately 5:30 pm. This occurred in the 6700 block of Tower Drive.

The suspect is described as a light skinned, Hispanic male, in his mid-20's to early 30's. He is approximately 5 feet 8 inches tall to 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighs approximately 200 pounds. The suspect is described as being clean shaven with black hair.

You are encouraged to contact police if:

- · You know anyone matching this description
- · You have seen this individual in your neighborhood
- · You have any information regarding this incident

Remember, the information you have, regardless of how trivial you feel it may be, could be the critical link in solving this case.

Tipsters who provide their information through Crime Solvers are eligible for a cash reward. Tipsters never have to give their names, just the information.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective E. Weeks at 703-246-3793 or Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, email at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call police at 703-691-2131. Anonymous tipsters are eligible for cash rewards of \$100-\$1,000 if their information leads to an arrest.

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Suspect

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