

Stoneybrooke



OF FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Letter from the Board

Hello, Stoneybrooke neighbors! We had a great turnout for our September community meeting. Supervisor Jeff McKay was in attendance to give updates on Lee District activities and take questions from our neighbors. Look for an upcoming blog post on the website with notes from the meeting. We look forward to seeing you all again at our next community meeting after the first of the year!

We were also very fortunate to have both great weather and a great turnout for our fall community yard sale! The next community sale will take place in May.

On Sunday, October 29th, at 4:00pm, we'll be holding the second annual Howl & Prowl Parade! All kids and pets are invited to join the parade dressed in their favorite costumes. Bring a sack, because there will be candy and treats! The parade will start at the corner of Stoneybrooke Lane and Stone Bridge Road. Please let the board know if you'd like to volunteer to hand out candy during the parade. We will be providing goodies and containers, but you're also welcome to bring your own.

As a reminder, the 2017 SCA membership year ended on 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/.

The SCA functions solely on volunteers and is open to any resident willing to pitch in. Current vacancies include a board position (Vice Chair), event planners, Sentinel content managers, and neighborhood watch coordinators. If you are interested in volunteering for a position, please reach out to the board at scaboard@stoneybrooke.org or via our website at stoneybrooke.org/contact-us/. Thank you for supporting the Stoneybrooke Citizens Association!

- SCA Board

Highlights from the Community

Rose Hill Winter Coats for Rockets Drive. An estimated 33 students at Rose Hill are considered to be below the poverty line. The Rose Hill PTA is collecting new and gently used winter coats for Rose Hill students in need. Donated coats can be dropped off any time during school hours in the Parent Liaison Room or during any of the upcoming PTA events and meetings through Friday, November 17th. They will also accept donations of hats, scarves, gloves and winter boots. If you're interested in buying for a specific size/gender, please visit: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C4FA8AC28AAF58-winter. All donated items that don't meet the needs of Rose Hill Elementary students will be donated to local schools and Koinonia.

- *Rose Hill PTA*

Potential grocer found for South Alex project. Justin Johnson, representative for Combined Properties, the South Alex project developer, announced in September that they were in negotiations with a grocer. Johnson would not reveal who the grocer is until the lease is signed, but said that the deal should be formalized within 3-4 weeks. While the townhomes of South Alex are already underway, finding a grocer was crucial to progress of the shopping center. According to Johnson, "If all goes as planned, we will have a shovel in the ground by late 1st quarter 2018."

- *Covering the Corridor*

Fairfield Inn & Suites finally opens. Located at 6421 Richmond Hwy., the new hotel has 116 rooms and will employ between 25-30 people. Construction began in 2014. The hotel was expected to open as early as December 2016, but that date had been pushed out a number of times since.

- *Covering the Corridor*

County approves new Dunkin Donuts on Telegraph. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has approved a proposal to put a Dunkin Donuts in a vacant building on Telegraph Road near Hayfield Secondary School. It will be located at 7710 Telegraph. The new restaurant will operate from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. It will seat 22 people, and it will have a drive-thru.

- *Covering the Corridor*

Office building in Huntington sells for \$8.3 million. The high-rise office building located at 5904 Richmond Hwy. was sold in early September. The 78,000 sq. ft. property had recently been renovated. Joshua Simon, a representative for the buyer, said in a press release, "As companies continue to look for lower lease rates compared to Old Town Alexandria, they will immediately see value in Huntington thanks to its prime location and anticipated growth." Some of that area growth includes a plan to expand the adjacent Riverside Apartments complex by five new buildings housing 800 additional units.

- *Covering the Corridor*

West Potomac student arrested after allegedly assaulting administrator. A 16-year-old student is facing charges of assault on a law enforcement officer, assault on a school official and disorderly conduct after allegedly assaulting an assistant principal and a police officer shortly after a pep rally on October 12th. The student was taken to the county's Juvenile Detention Center. Principal Tangy Millard sent an email to parents after the incident, saying the investigation into it was ongoing and asking for support from parents in maintaining "a positive learning environment."

- *Covering the Corridor*

Highlights from the Community

Construction underway on escalator canopy at Huntington Metro. Work has begun on a canopy for the outdoor escalator at the North Kings Hwy. entrance to the Huntington Metro station. Construction is expected to last until spring 2018. Most of the construction is expected to take place at night to minimize impact on customers using the entrance. The escalator had been out of commission for more than eight months because the county did not allow it to pass inspection since the canopy had not yet been built. Eventually, the county allowed the escalator to operate, except during snowy and icy conditions.

- *Covering the Corridor*

Key Sources

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

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

Greater Alexandria Patch | <https://patch.com/virginia/greateralexandria>

The Connection | <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/>

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!)