

# Stoneybrooke



OF FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## SENTINEL SEPTEMBER 2018

### Letter from the Board

September is a busy month around the community, we hope that you can fit in the upcoming **SCA September meeting on Thursday, September 20th at 7:30p** featuring a representative from Fairfax County's Department of Code Compliance (<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code/>) as well as a **seasonal potluck** (Chili-cook off theme) in the Old Quarry Terrace culdesac on **Sunday, September 30th at 4:00p**.

The 2019 SCA membership drive is off to a great start with numbers surpassing 2018 membership! A big **THANK YOU** to those renewing their membership as well as new members. Membership is easier than ever (see the membership form and instructions on the last page of this Sentinel).

Each September, the SCA collects **\$20.00 annual dues** from participating residences. This low fee enables the SCA to facilitate community events, such as those highlighted above, as well as holiday events (children's Halloween parade and an Easter Egg hunt), operate and maintain our online presence (<http://www.stoneybrooke.org>), maintain all appropriate local and federal licenses, as well as upgrade initiatives to keep our community beautiful. **The SCA invites you to become a 2019 SCA member and support these initiatives.**

And as always, for anyone looking to pitch in, we welcome your participation. The SCA functions solely on volunteers and we invite both new and long-time residents. **Current vacancies** include a board position (Vice Chair), block captains, Sentinel content managers, and neighborhood watch coordinators. If you are interested in volunteering for a position or helping in some other way, please reach out to the board at [scaboard@stoneybrooke.org](mailto:scaboard@stoneybrooke.org) or via our website at [www.stoneybrooke.org/contact-us/](http://www.stoneybrooke.org/contact-us/)

See you on Thursday September 20th!

Bill Dorr  
SCA Board Chairman

## Upcoming SCA Events

- Thursday, September 20th, 7:30p - Community meeting with a speaker from Fairfax County's Department of Code Compliance
- Sunday, September 30th, 4p - BBQ/Potluck at Old Quarry Culdesac
- Saturday October 6th, 8a - 2p - Fall Yard Sale
- Sunday October 28th, 4p - 5p - 3rd Annual Howl and Prowl Halloween parade

## Upcoming Community Events

### Visit DC Area Museums for Free During the Smithsonian's "Museum Day"

Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Museum Day is an annual celebration of boundless curiosity hosted by Smithsonian magazine. Participating museums and cultural institutions across the country provide FREE entry to anyone presenting a Museum Day ticket. The Museum Day ticket provides FREE admission for two people on Saturday, September 22, 2018.

Free tickets are available for the public to download at this link: [www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/museum-day-2018/](http://www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/museum-day-2018/). Advanced registration is requested so that the museum sites know how many people to expect. If you don't register via the above web link beforehand you may still be admitted the day of the event, but that is at the museum's discretion, and no guarantee for admission. All are welcome to attend including children and groups.

### King Street Art Festival Returns to Alexandria Next Weekend

Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

Historic King Street will become an art lovers' haven during the 16th annual Alexandria King Street Art Festival. The free event will be held Saturday, September 22nd from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sunday, September 23rd from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. along King Street from Washington Street to the waterfront.

Two hundred local and national artists are set to display their works from across the nation in a prestigious show encompassing fine jewelry, exquisite works of art and hand-crafted apparel and decor. During this community festival, art enthusiasts discover spectacular paintings, life-sized sculptures, jewelry, glasswork, photography, ceramics and more. Patrons can also enjoy a beer and wine garden at the Torpedo Factory and an ice cream bowl fundraiser put on by The Art League.

For more information: [www.visitalexandriava.com/things-to-do/events/king-street-art-festival/](http://www.visitalexandriava.com/things-to-do/events/king-street-art-festival/)

### Visit the 9th Annual DC State Fair

Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

The DC State Fair is a free showcase of the District's agricultural and creative talents and a daylong celebration of all things homegrown. While the DC State Fair is inspired by time-honored state fair traditions—growing and gardening, animal husbandry, and deep-fried foods—it also honors the things that make the District of Columbia unique. This means the DC State Fair holds competitions to find the tastiest mumbo sauce, best honey, and most creative hula hoopers in the city; puts on a Pet Parade instead of a pig race; and works with local businesses and organizations that are committed to helping our community thrive. The Fair will take place at Waterfront Station in Southwest DC (375 and 425 M St. SW). Check [www.dcstatefair.org](http://www.dcstatefair.org) for updates on the event, including the schedule.

**Del Ray Art on the Avenue Happening Soon****Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

Art on the Avenue, a multi-cultural arts festival celebrating Del Ray's diversity through the arts in Alexandria neighborhood, will take place Saturday, Oct. 6 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Every year, over 50,000 visitors stroll down Mt. Vernon Avenue in Del Ray, Alexandria, between Bellefonte and Hume Avenues – people are greeted by over 300 artists (jewelers – silversmith & beaders, woodworkers, pottery makers, soap crafters, glass makers, unique painters, sculptures, fabric artists), musicians (Irish, folk, rock n' roll, country and more), and food vendors (hot dogs, BBQ, Indian, crab cakes, chocolate bananas dipped on a stick, homemade cider donuts). Kids activities have always been a vital part of the festival — stuff your own scarecrow, paint a pumpkin, lotus flower design, weave screen art, to name a few.

Free trolley transportation will be provided from the Braddock Road Metro Station to the festival. For more information, plus a complete schedule, visit [www.artontheavenue.org](http://www.artontheavenue.org).

**Alexandria Celebrates New Waterfront Experience with Portside Festival****Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

One of the most highly anticipated transformations of the Old Town Alexandria waterfront is happening this fall. The new waterfront experience will include Portside in Old Town programming, which will include free-to-the-public weekend events in history, art, music and fitness. There will be activities for children and for adults in addition to pop-up experiences and events.

The Portside in Old Town Festival will kick off Friday, October 12th through Sunday, October 14th with activities along the Potomac River near King Street. Festival-goers will enjoy free tours of the tall ship Godspeed, a waterfront beer garden from Port City Brewing Company, a pop-up Pizzeria Paradiso, live music and more.

Visit their website for more details: [www.visitalexandriava.com/event/portside-in-old-town-festival/12289/](http://www.visitalexandriava.com/event/portside-in-old-town-festival/12289/)

**Highlights from the Community****WMATA Considering Making REX Buses Cashless**

Metro announced Thursday that it is considering instituting cashless boarding on certain limited-stop routes, including the Richmond Highway Express (REX).

The transit agency wants the public's feedback on the idea before doing anything though. Metro will gather comments online, through the mail and during a September 17th public hearing at Metro Headquarters. The deadline for submitting comments is September 24th.

The process of boarding and paying can take up as much as 25% of a bus trip's total time and Metro is looking to shorten that time by allowing riders to only pay with SmarTrip cards — which allow a rider to simply tap a fare box while boarding — thus reducing delays by riders inserting paper money or coins. Customers would also no longer be able to add money to their SmarTrip cards at the console.

Take the survey here to voice your opinion: <https://www.wmata.com/service/bus/cash-free.cfm>

### **Bonchon Chicken Construction Finally Underway**

The long-delayed construction of a new Bonchon Chicken on Richmond Highway may finally be back on track. After many construction delays, the popular Korean-style fried chicken chain still plans to open a new location in the first floor retail space of the Beacon of Groveton. There is still no set opening date but should Bonchon open later this year, it will mark the first time that all of the Beacon's retail spaces have been occupied. A mattress store opened in 2015, and Pivot Physical Therapy moved into another spot last fall.

### **Key Sources**

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

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

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

Old Town Patch | <https://patch.com/virginia/oldtownalexandria>

### **Reminders**

#### **Stay Connected**

Stay up to date on neighborhood happenings by visiting the Stoneybrooke SCA website (<http://www.stoneybrooke.org/>), which includes a blog for highlighting recent events and publishing upcoming SCA related events.

Residents can also join online community on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Stoneybrookcommunity/>) for residents of Stoneybrooke, in Alexandria, VA. It is designed for members to connect and share information. Posts containing lost and found, requesting referrals for paid services or items, help with a project, borrowing, ride sharing, announcing yard sales or interesting events in Alexandria area, neighborhood alerts and concerns, giving away items or volunteering your time and any non-profit related posts are welcomed here.

Additionally, a Facebook group exists to advertise events and service or share recommendations here (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1034208403392227/>).

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**Need a hand in your yard or garden this fall?** Some of Stoneybrooke'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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## 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 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. Fill out the form below and print.
3. Mail the form and check to the Stoneybrooke Treasurer:  
Candy Thompson  
6825 Lamp Post 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)!