

Stoneybrooke



OF FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Letter from the Board

Hard to believe that the holiday season has come and gone and that we are nearly a month into 2019. Hopefully everyone was able to take some time to spend with family and friends, reflect on the accomplishments of the past year, and chart their own personal course of how to make this next year even better.

The area experienced the first measurable snowfall of the winter recently. How can we help ourselves when inclement weather comes in?

Clearing the roads: The County did a pretty good job of getting the roads cleared despite the recent storm delivering on the top end of the accumulation prediction. If you are able to move your vehicles off of the roadway and into the driveway, it creates a larger area for the plows to operate, thus creating wider and clearer lanes. It also helps to keep the treatments where they are supposed to be...on the pavement and not on the side of your vehicle.

Sidewalks: At the first opportunity, do your best to get your sidewalk cleared...and if you know of somebody who cannot do theirs, go the extra mile and give them a hand. We have many in the neighborhood who depend on the sidewalks to move about safely...especially our school-kids who have to get to one of the designated bus stops. Often times, FCPS will close the schools not because of the roads, but because of the sidewalks.

Safe speeds: A friendly reminder to monitor your speed as you move through the neighborhood. Gravity and a reluctance to ride our brakes causes us to naturally gain speed and momentum going down the hill. Just keep in mind that one of the things that makes our neighborhood great is that it is not a thoroughfare between Kings Highway and Route 1, meaning that nearly everyone moving about has a vested interest in the safety of our community.

Security: As a community, we must all maintain our vigilance. This is everything from keeping your vehicles and valuable secured, proper lighting, looking out for one another, and generally just being a good neighbor. But sometime reporting, and re-reporting may be the only solution...the proverbial "squeaky wheel". Security is one of the top concerns of the board and several ideas will be discussed in the near future.

For any neighbors interested in coordinating and being a part of re-energizing the Stoneybrooke Neighborhood Watch, there is a meeting scheduled for February 5th, 2019. Exact time and location TBD. Please contact us (scaboard@stoneybrooke.org) to ask any questions or sign up.

Again...Happy New Year to all and good luck with those resolutions. Seize upon the opportunities for small victories and you will win each and every day!

-SCA Board

Upcoming SCA Events

- Neighborhood Watch Meeting: Tuesday, February 5th
- Stoneybrooke Easter Egging: Sunday, April 21st
- Spring Yard Sale: Saturday, May 4th (Rain date Sunday, May 5th)

Community News

Lime Electric Scooters Approved for Nine-Month Pilot Program in Alexandria

San Francisco-based dockless electric scooter and electric bike operator Lime has received a permit from the city of Alexandria, Virginia — the first operator to win approval there as part of a nine-month pilot program. The Alexandria City Council approved the pilot in November. The city is accepting permit applications from other operators in addition to Lime. The pilot program will evaluate the safety and popularity of dockless scooters and bikes and the performance of companies that enroll in the pilot. Alexandria is also soliciting public input during the nine-month pilot.

For more information, check out the City's website at <https://www.alexandriava.gov/tes/info/default.aspx?id=106050>

A Reminder about Recycling Rules and Guidelines

The biggest problem facing the recycling industry is contamination caused by the wrong items being thrown into recycling carts. No need to collect your recyclables using plastic bags. This makes it harder to process. Let your recyclables run loose in the cart! Recycle plastic bags at the grocery store. Here are some simple rules to follow to avoid contamination and to make sure your recycling is put to good future use:

- Rinse and remove any remaining food or liquid contents from your recyclables.
- NO plastic bags, NO takeout containers, NO diapers, NO pizza boxes, NO Styrofoam, NO packaging peanuts, NO Clamshell containers either Styrofoam or clear plastic.

Residential properties can recycle the following materials:

- Mixed paper and flattened cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Metal food and beverage cans
- Cartons (milk, juice) remove caps and straws
- Plastic food and beverage bottles, jugs, tubs.

Upcoming Events

Amazon Town Hall: A Deeper Dive

Sunday, January 20th, 2-4pm

Amazon is coming, but it is not a done deal till the Virginia state legislature and Arlington vote on funding packages, and Alexandria approves the new Virginia Tech Innovation Center. Take a deeper dive into the issue and what it means for housing, transportation, infrastructure and jobs. Can we afford it? Listen to elected officials and a panel of experts, plus ask your questions directly to the decision makers. The Town Hall is hosted by Our Revolution Alexandria will be held at Charles Houston Recreation Center.

Collage & Photography at Huntley Meadows

Beginning Wednesday, January 23rd at 10am

Artist Kathryn Coneway leads students in creating art inspired by the beauty of Huntley Meadows Park, combining collage explorations of color and texture with imagery from photos taken in the park. The class will include time walking and observing in nature, as well as time creating in the classroom. Participants will work in layers over several weeks and learn practices with mulberry paper, acrylic and photo transfer. Class meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for four weeks. All supplies are provided. The cost is \$79 per person. For more information visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows/collage-photography-at-huntley/012319>

Alexandria Warehouse Sale Marks 15th Year

Saturday, February 2nd, 9am-4pm

While the Super Bowl will dominate Sunday, Feb. 3, there's another event to look forward to a lot closer to come that weekend. The 15th annual Alexandria Warehouse Sale will happen Saturday, Feb. 2 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Westin Hotel, 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria. Dozens of businesses from Alexandria and the region will participate, and admission is free. Shoppers will find up to 80 percent off retail prices of items like clothing, shoes, jewelry, home furnishings and more. While some line up early to score the deals, the event has a steady flow of shoppers throughout the day. During the last few hours of the sale, shoppers can score more markdown deals. Participating businesses will also have in-line giveaways and prizes. Patrons can also enjoy complimentary pilates and yoga classes between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m., an AR Workshop Alexandria's Valentine's Themed Make & Take station from 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., the Truly Spiked & Sparkling Hard Seltzer Tasting Bar, and complimentary glitter and mini braid bar from 8 a.m.-9 a.m.

For more information on the sale, visit oldtownboutiquedistrict.com/alexandria-warehouse-sale.

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/>).