

# Stoneybrooke

OF FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

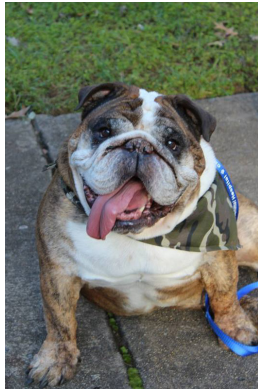
## SENTINEL NOVEMBER 2018

### Letter from the Board

#### Wrapping Up 2018

As we close up calendar year 2018, the SCA Board wishes all of our neighbors a happy holiday season and looks forward to continued events in 2019. The community embraced the season with a great Howl and Prowl turnout, with a lot of great costumes. Melissa hosted a great event for the neighborhood to get into the Halloween spirit, concluded with hot chocolate and snacks! Thanks for a fantastic event. We will continue with the annual events (community meetings, Easter Egging, Yard Sales, block parties, and howl and prow!); however, we are always seeking out additional ways to bring the community together. If you have any ideas or would like to volunteer, please contact us ([scaboard@stoneybrooke.org](mailto:scaboard@stoneybrooke.org)).

<http://www.stoneybrooke.org/contact-us/>



#### Keep a Watchful Eye

It was around this time last year that we began to see an increase in reported theft from unlocked vehicles. Please remember to lock your vehicles each evening to discourage these nightly checks; however, if you do have an incident, please report it to our local Fairfax County police department.

<http://www.stoneybrooke.org/2017/09/05/lock-cars-stoneybrooke/>

#### We Need Your Help

The SCA board would like to demonstrate our neighborhood's welcoming culture to new residents. If you notice a new neighbor, after you wave hello, please help out the SCA by contacting us ([scaboard@stoneybrooke.org](mailto:scaboard@stoneybrooke.org)) with the address. While our community is relatively small, it is difficult to keep up with all of our new neighbors, so we need your assistance.

<http://www.stoneybrooke.org/membership/>

-SCA Board

## Upcoming SCA Events

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

## Community News

### Richmond Highway Target to Undergo Renovation

The Target on Richmond Highway will undergo a renovation in the near future, and a new in-store Starbucks appears to be part of that project. The store at 6600 Richmond Highway is among the nearly 1,000 Targets nationwide that are expected to be fully renovated sometime before the end of 2020.

The Target on Richmond Highway opened in 2003 and has undergone various improvements since then, including the addition of self checkouts and refrigeration/freezer units in the food section. The forthcoming remodels vary from store to store, but focus on modern design aesthetic across the store, and enhanced merchandise presentations, including areas that showcase trends and top-of-mind products for the season.

### South Alex Construction Expected to Begin Before End of Year

Initial construction on the South Alex development in Penn Daw is expected to get underway before the end of the year. Combined Properties is currently in the process of closing on the construction loan for the project, which will include 400 apartments and 44,000 square feet of ground-level retail space anchored by an Aldi grocery store.

The project also includes 41 townhouses which are already under construction in the rear of the property. Those townhouses — known as the Towns at South Alex — are being built by Craftmark Homes and will be selling from the mid-\$700,000 range.

### Tolls Could Be Coming to Fairfax County Parkway

The Fairfax County Parkway will be getting a makeover, and the updated highway could include toll lanes. As Fairfax County continues to grow, it needs a plan other than just adding lanes. Any solutions that include adding HOT or HOV lanes could support express buses running along the corridor. Route 496 has been proposed with limited stops between the Franconia Springfield Metro Station and the future Herndon Silver Line Station, which is currently a park and ride. This route would greatly benefit from express lanes.

Fairfax County is now seeking your opinion on the future of the parkway. A survey and additional information can be found at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/study/fairfax-county-parkway](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/study/fairfax-county-parkway). The survey is open through November 19th for community input. Following the survey, preliminary alternatives will be developed and vetted by the public in the Spring of 2019. The comprehensive plan amendment process is slated to be complete by the beginning of 2020.

### Crystal City Chosen as New Amazon Co-HQ2

After running a year-long competition that drew interest from hundreds of cities and a number of states, Amazon has chosen New York City and Northern Virginia to split duty as its second headquarters.

Amazon announced it has chosen New York's Long Island City and Virginia's Arlington for HQ2. Both locations will receive a \$2.5 billion investment from Amazon, and each will have more than 25,000 workers over time. Hiring begins next year.

**Landmark Mall Re-Planning Process Begins**

Alexandria will begin replanning for the Landmark Mall redevelopment with updates to the existing plan with community input. Redevelopment had been delayed for years, but the Howard Hughes Corporation, which owns part of the mall site, said it's ready to move redevelopment forward.

Replanning will kick off with community meetings. The dates and locations are as follows:

- Open house: Wednesday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m.-9 p.m. at Brandywine Living (5550 Cardinal Place)
- Workshop: Saturday, Jan. 26, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (location to be announced)
- Community meeting: Wednesday, Feb. 27, 7 p.m.-9 p.m. (location to be announced)

The vision for redevelopment is a mixed-use center with transit and community open spaces. The city anticipates much of the framework will remain the same, but the community feedback process could bring in other considerations: new uses, flexible uses, and factoring in new city policies on traffic safety and multimodal transportation.

**Alexandria Police to Run Traffic Enforcement Campaign**

With the end of Daylight Savings Time and the sun setting earlier in the evenings, pedestrian-related crashes become more of a concern. Considering this and the city's Vision Zero initiative, Alexandria Police will be conducting traffic enforcement and education campaigns.

On two days, officers will be on hand at two locations for high-visibility traffic education and enforcement:

- Wednesday, Nov. 28 from 7 a.m.-9 a.m. and 3 p.m.-5 p.m. on Potomac Avenue
- Wednesday, Dec. 5 from 7-9 a.m. and 3-5 p.m. on North Beauregard Street between Sanger Avenue and Seminary Road

Last year, City Council approved the Vision Zero plan, which aims to eliminate traffic-related deaths and serious injuries by 2028. The plan, which identified high-crash corridors, spurred the city to reduce the speed limit on Route 1 between Four Mile Run and Slaters Lane from 35 to 25 mph in August.

Alexandria Police have the following tips on traffic safety:

**Drivers**

- Slow down, obey the speed limit, and be alert for people walking and biking.
- Stop for people in crosswalks.
- Never pass a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk.
- Yield to pedestrians and bicyclists when turning.

**Pedestrians**

- Wear something bright or reflective when it's dark outside.
- Use the crosswalk and wait for the walk signal.
- Watch for turning cars at intersections.

**Bicyclists**

- Be predictable and obey signs and signals.
- Never ride against traffic.
- Use lights at night.

## Upcoming Events

### Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk

Saturday, December 1st at 11am

The Campagna Center presents the 48th Annual Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend & Parade. A full lineup of festivities will celebrate the rich Scottish heritage of Old Town Alexandria. Enjoy marching units filled with the magnificent tartans of Scottish Clans, the stirring sound of Scottish bagpipes and drums, Scottish dancers, reenactment groups, Scottie dogs, dignitaries, classic cars, Santa Claus, and much more. The parade begins at St. Asaph and Wolfe Streets and concludes at Market Square with a massed band concert.

### Alexandria Holiday Boat Parade of Lights

Saturday, December 1st at 5:30pm

On the day of the Scottish Christmas Walk Parade, Alexandria's historic waterfront shines as dozens of brightly lit boats cruise the Potomac River for the Alexandria Holiday Boat Parade of Lights. Enjoy festivities at the Alexandria City Marina from 4 to 8 p.m., including a pop-up beer garden from Port City Brewing Company featuring their popular seasonal Tidings Ale, a pop-up Vola's Dockside Grill and giveaways from Lyft, which is also offering 20% off your ride to the Alexandria Holiday Boat Parade of Lights with the code HOLIDAYPARADE18!. Take part in a Letters to Santa postcard pop-up from paper goods boutique Penny Post, a DIY holiday wood ornament craft activity from AR Workshop Alexandria and a hot chocolate bar from Dolci Gelati. Parade-goers are invited to step into the Torpedo Factory Art Center, located at the Alexandria City Marina, for their annual holiday festivities from 2 to 8 p.m.

### Historic Alexandria Candlelight Tours

Saturday, December 8th at 4-9pm

Take a break from the fast pace of the season and enjoy the unique charm and history of Old Town at Alexandria's most popular holiday event. Tour Gadsby's Tavern Museum, Carlyle House Historic Park, and Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, enjoying seasonal decorations, entertainment, and light refreshments. This year's guest site is the Alexandria Black History Museum, featuring "Our Alexandria," The Sharon J. Frazier and Linwood M. Smith Dollhouse Collection. These beautiful miniatures tell the story of African American life in Alexandria and Virginia. See more at [www.visitalexandriava.com/event/historic-alexandria-candlelight-tours/12420/](http://www.visitalexandriava.com/event/historic-alexandria-candlelight-tours/12420/).

### Christmas Illuminations at Mount Vernon

Friday, December 14th at 5:30 PM (Special Event Showing on December 14, 2018 - December 15, 2018 — 5:30pm - 8:45pm)

Join Mount Vernon for an evening of family-friendly fun and fireworks choreographed to holiday music. Before the fireworks begin around 8:30PM, take a stroll through the estate while being serenaded by local choirs, visit with re-enactors from the First Virginia Regiment, and learn 18th-century dance moves from costumed guides in the Greenhouse. George and Martha Washington will also be on site to greet Mount Vernon's holiday guests.

Watch colonial artisans demonstrate the 18th-century process of creating chocolate. Keep toasty by warming up by a bonfire, visiting the blacksmith shop, or enjoying some hot chocolate or cider. Additional food will be available for purchase. The Museum and Education Center will also be open from 5:30-8:30PM.

More info can be found at [www.mountvernon.org/plan-your-visit/calendar/events/christmas-illuminations-at-mount-vernon/](http://www.mountvernon.org/plan-your-visit/calendar/events/christmas-illuminations-at-mount-vernon/).

**Wreaths Across America at Alexandria National Cemetery****Saturday, December 15th at 11:30am**

It's that time of year already. The Veterans of Foreign Wars 609 Russell Mitchell Post would like to invite the public to join us and volunteer for our Wreaths Across America event to be held December 15, 2018.

The event is held at the Alexandria National Cemetery in Old Town. More information as the day of the event gets closer but would like to request you help by also pledging for wreath donations to our cemetery. Make all wreath donations to the Alexandria National Cemetery at [www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/17241/Overview/?relatedId=0](http://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/17241/Overview/?relatedId=0)

**ZooLights at the National Zoo****Now through Tuesday, January 1st (except Dec. 24, 25 and 31) 5pm-9pm**

Join the thousands of visitors who make ZooLights a part of their annual holiday tradition. A free event, ZooLights includes live music performances, tasty winter treats and plenty of opportunities for holiday shopping. More than 500,000 environmentally-friendly LED lights transform the Zoo into a winter wonderland complete with a dazzling light show set to music! Please note: ZooLights remains free and open to the public even during special event nights!

**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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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)!