

# Stoneybrooke



OF FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## SENTINEL JUNE 2021

### Letter from the Board

The running of the Indianapolis 500 and Memorial Day cook-outs mean that summer is (unofficially) underway. Seems like just yesterday the winter cold was setting in and the neighborhood was busy decorating for the busy holiday season...how the time flies.

The arrival of June means the passing of another school year and for some of our friends and neighbors, 2021 means the end of one chapter and the beginning of a new. With ceremonies either canceled or conducted virtually this time last year, at least we are back to some degree of normalcy where graduates are able to walk across the stage and receive their diplomas in person thus creating a lifelong memory. Congratulations to all of our high school and college graduates and to everyone celebrating an academic achieve from one of any number of institutions both near and far.

With school out and the dog days of summer on the horizon, make safety a part of everything you do. Start with staying hydrated and knowing “when to say when” if you are working or playing in the sun. Keep your sunscreen and bug spray handy and dress for the task at hand. While we should always obey our posted speed limits (because that is what good neighbors do) the summer months are critical. And don’t forget about taking proper care of your pets in the summer heat. Keep plenty of fresh water and shade available and absolutely never leave them in a parked car...for any amount of time. We have had a few snake sightings in the neighborhood, cicadas are out in full force, and the mosquitoes are on the way. Prevention trumps cure every day of the week. If you don’t provide either a place to live in your yard, they will look elsewhere. Keeping your property clear of debris and standing water is the best way to control unwanted pests and vermin.

With the 4th of July weekend right in front of us, fireworks must be a topic of conversation. Not a year passes that, despite warning upon warning, someone suffers a needless injury. In addition, always be considerate of your neighbors. Most will understand celebrating on the evening of the 4th as long as you are courteous and clean up after yourselves. It is the celebrations prior to, and after this date that tend to upset most folks. Keep in mind your neighbors that might have small children and pets or dislike noises due to PTSD as well as those neighbors that might not have the luxury of having a long weekend. For many like our first responders and military neighbors, the 4th and 5th of July are just another workday.

Finally, summertime for the military is the traditional time for permanent changes of station moves but the never-ending process of saying goodbye to old neighbors and welcoming new ones isn't limited to those in uniform. Telework, connectivity and flex-hours have holistically changed how work gets done these days making proximity to brick and mortar places of employment not as important as it used to be. While we do our best to keep track of our new residents, nothing beats a friendly wave and hello from those right next doors. As you do welcome new folks, ensure that you pass along the two unofficial Facebook pages and feel free to put them in contact with one of the SCA voluntary board members for additional information.

Speaking of... I think that most know that the SCA board members contribute their time and effort on a volunteer basis to do the little things that make this community the great place this it is. In addition to your donations, the board could also use your time and motivation if you are so inclined. Current vacancies include the chair and it is more than likely that the vice chair will be vacated at the end of the year. Also, we are always looking for event planners to take the lead on numerous community events such as the Halloween "Howl and Prowl". 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).

A final reminder...food trucks are scheduled through Labor Day Weekend... get out and enjoy some of the best of what Northern Virginia has to offer!

#### -SCA Board

 <b>STONEYBROOKE FOOD TRUCK LINE UP</b> 		
Location: Bottom of Stoneybrooke Lane		Time: 4:30-7:30PM
**Denotes <u>The Crosstown Sounds</u> band scheduled 		
Date	Truck Name	Cuisine
<del>May 11-12</del>	<del>DC Street</del>	<del>Pizza</del>
<del>May 17-18</del>	Saté	Indonesian
<del>May 24</del>	the Pie Shop	Pies (Sweet/Savory)
<del>May 31</del>	Mr. Falafel	Shawarma
<del>June 7</del>	Kona Ice	Shaved Ice
<del>June 14</del>	Empanadas de Mendoza	Empanadas
<del>June 21</del>	<del>DC Street</del>	<del>Pizza</del>
<del>June 28</del>	Captain Cookie and the Milkman	Cookies and Ice Cream
<del>July 5</del>	Buena'dillas	Quesadillas
<del>July 12</del>	Scoops2U	Ice Cream
June 12	Astro Chicken & Doughnuts	Fried Chicken & Doughnuts
	Little Miss Whoopie	Whoopie Pies
June 26	2 Cousins	Burgers/BBQ/Southern
	Kona Ice	Shaved Ice
July 3**	New Gourmet Delight	Asian Fusion Paninis
	Captain Cookie & the Milkman	Cookies and Ice Cream
July 17	Bun'd Up	Taiwanese Buns (Sandwiches)
	Killer Tomatoes	Wood Fire Pizza
	Hershey's	Ice Cream
July 31	Pepe	Sandwiches from José Andrés
	Anita's Frozen Cotton Candy	Shaved Ice
August 14	Little Lady Grill	Grilled Latin Fusion
	Lattimore's	Funnel Cake, Lemonade & Other Fried Treats
August 28	The Roaming Coyote	Tex Mex
	Hershey's	Ice Cream
Sept 4	Talk of the Mountain	Seafood
	Kaye's Mini Doughnuts	Doughnuts

## Upcoming Events

- **Craft Beer Festival at Mount Vernon: Saturday, June 19th, 6pm - 9pm**

Experience Mount Vernon after-hours and taste craft beers from across the region. Learn how beer was brewed in the 18th century. Cost is \$40 for members and \$48 for non-members. The event will take place rain or shine. The Mansion will be closed during this event.

- **Environmental Expo: Do/Learn: Saturday, June 26th, 8am - 12pm**

The Mount Vernon District 3rd Annual Environment Expo: Get Outdoors! Do and Learn! event will be held in partnership with the National Park Service at Fort Hunt Park on Saturday, June 26 from 8 a.m. - noon.



## ENVIRONMENT EXPO

Get Outdoors! Learn and Do!

June 26, 2021

8 a.m.—noon

Fort Hunt Park

Family Friendly Event including: Exhibitors, Workshops, Live Music, Live Reptile & Owl Programs, Electric Vehicles, Nature Walks, Junior Ranger Program, Touch-a-Truck Recycling, History Tours, Purple Glass Monster, Food Trucks and more!

*(Event will follow COVID-19 protocols and restrictions. Pre-registrations recommended. If COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, walk-ups will be permitted.)*



## Community News

### Amazon Fresh Grocery Store Opens

The Amazon Fresh grocery store in the Festival at Manchester Lakes Shopping Center in Franconia opened on Thursday, May 27.

The grocery store is opening in part of the former Shoppers grocery store, which closed in early 2020.

Amazon describes the shopping experience this way:

“Our checkout-free shopping experience is made possible by the same types of technologies used in self-driving cars: computer vision, sensor fusion, and deep learning. Just Walk Out Technology automatically detects when products are taken from or returned to the shelves and keeps track of them in a virtual cart. When you’re done shopping, you can just leave the store. Later, we’ll send you a receipt and charge your Amazon account. No lines, no checkout. (No, seriously.)”

### Goodie’s Frozen Custard & Treats Opens at The Ice House

Goodies Frozen Custard & Treats will serve carry-out frozen custard, coffee and baked goods at The Ice House building at 200 Commerce St. Goodies is known for Wisconsin-style frozen custard and treats like the donutwich (an apple cider donut stuffed with vanilla frozen custard and topped with caramel), sundaes, shakes and floats.

The Ice House was originally the property of Mutual Ice Co., Alexandria’s largest ice distributor. At just 300 sq. ft. inside, the building stored ice during a time before home refrigeration was widely available. The Mutual Ice Co. was founded in 1900 on the Potomac River waterfront, selling ice to residents and servicing rail cars along the Potomac Yard rail line.

Learn more about Goodies at [mmmgoodies.com](http://mmmgoodies.com).

### Potomac Paddle Club Takes to the Water from Old Town

Potomac Paddle Club, the first “cycleboat” in the region, will be launching from Old Town this summer.

For two Friday’s each month this summer, they will be operating a two-and-a-half hour cruise that starts from The City of Alexandria Marina dock behind the Torpedo Factory and travels to National Harbor.

With a mahogany bar as its centerpiece, guests have the choice to pedal in tandem on the boat, even though it is motor-powered. Due to COVID-19, all of the Alexandria-based tours will be private groups of 10-16 passengers, perfect for birthdays, work events and celebrations. Since the pedal boat is BYOB, passengers may bring their own alcoholic beverages, with the exception of hard liquor.

Visit [www.potomacpaddleclub.com](http://www.potomacpaddleclub.com) to make a reservation for cruises that leave from Old Town or Georgetown.

### Luxury Cat Hotel Wants to Open in Alexandria

JNL Bean, LLC filed a special use permit request to open a cat-exclusive hotel and grooming business at 2391 Dove St., just southeast of the Duke Street/Telegraph Road interchange.

According to the special use permit application, the operation would be “a feline-exclusive boarding facility with custom-built, individually-themed luxury spaces complete with room service, and a feline-exclusive grooming salon.”

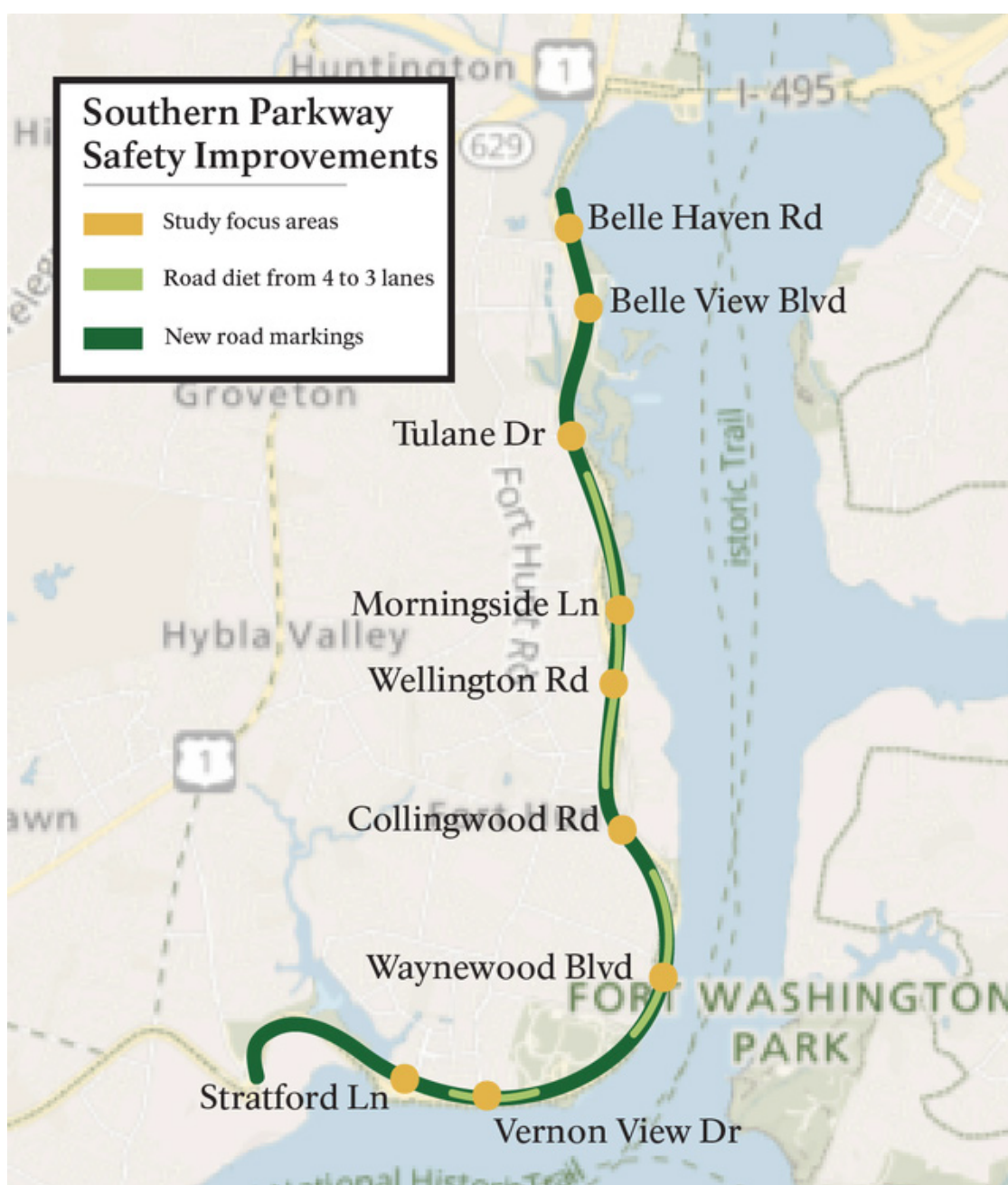
## NPS Proposes 'Road Diet' on George Washington Memorial Parkway

New safety study results show speeding, certain intersections present safety problems.

This past month, the National Park Service (NPS) released a 300-page assessment of traffic and safety along the 6.3 mile stretch of the George Washington Memorial Parkway between Old Town and Mount Vernon. Chief among the recommendations in the report: Reduce traffic lanes from four to three and add a turning lane.

"We are being responsive to comments from the public and the expert advice of transportation professionals," Superintendent of George Washington Memorial Highway Charles Cuvelier said in a press release. "Whether you are a park visitor or commuter, these changes will make driving, walking and bicycling between Alexandria and Mount Vernon safer and more enjoyable for everyone."

The study focused on nine intersections along the parkway (see map below).



The report proposes a variety of short term and long term solutions. Initial improvements, which could begin later this year, include the following:

Restripe the road to implement a road diet while maintaining driving capacity.

On the parkway between Tulane Drive and Stratford Lane, the NPS will change markings so that there will be three travel lanes (2 northbound, 1 southbound) and one turn lane.

Increase visibility of lane markings and Mount Vernon Trail crosswalks.

Remove vegetation at intersections to improve visibility.

Other efforts and projects could include more public education, increased policing and enforcement of speed limits and distracted driving. Officials are also considering the addition of rumble strips, improvements to traffic patterns (like pedestrian and bicycle refuge islands, roundabouts and U-turn and left-turn lanes) and additional lighting, striping and signs.

A complete copy of the report and more information can be found at [parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=89079](https://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=89079).

## Key Sources

Alexandria Living | <https://alexandrialivingmagazine.com/>

Fairfax County | <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/>

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

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

The Washington Post | <https://www.washingtonpost.com/>

## Reminders

### Stay Connected

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

Residents can also join on-line community on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/groups/Stoneybrookcommunity/](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 ([www.facebook.com/groups/1034208403392227/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1034208403392227/)).

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## MEMBERSHIP INFO JANUARY 2021 - DECEMBER 2021

### 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.

### Payment Options:

1. Make out a \$20 check payable to 'SCA'.
2. Note your name and address on the check.
3. Deliver your check to our Stoneybrooke Treasurer  
Margaret Canilang:  
6903 Stonebridge Court, Alexandria, VA 22306

Or:

1. Send \$20 thru PayPal or Venmo by scanning one of the QR codes below.
2. Include your name and address in the details.



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Please choose the *Friends and Family* option.