

Stoneybrooke



OF FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

SENTINEL OCTOBER 2021

Letter from the Board

Despite temperatures and rain that has kept our lawns lush and green through summer, it looks like autumn has finally arrived. The oranges and reds are beginning to show on the trees and, while mowing yesterday, I noticed the leaves are beginning to accumulate on the lawn. Keeping with the Halloween spirit, the pumpkins, ghouls and goblins are beginning to show up in the neighborhood as is the pleasant aroma of a warm fire of an evening.

As the leaves begin to fall and over take the yards and streets, this is a good time to talk refuse collection. While lots of information is available on the Fairfax County website, Stoneybrooke residents rely on private trash collection services who all have their own timelines and separate days for leaf and yard debris pick-up. Also, keep in mind that Fairfax County no longer takes yard waste in plastic bags. The recommendation is to use either a plastic bin or the paper lawn and leaf collection bags available at the local home improvement store. For additional information on managing your yard waste you can go to this link: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/yard-waste

Regardless of who your provider is and how you choose to maintain your property, take the extra few minutes to look for common areas that you can put a little effort into. Most important are the curbs and the pathways to the sewers. The geography of our neighborhood allows for gravity to do most of the work in moving out rainwater but leaves, sticks and other debris can greatly impact the free flow into the sewers. It doesn't take much...or very long for organic material to accumulate and effectively dam up the free flow of water.

Speaking of, Fairfax County has a campaign to help improve local surface water quality by working to reduce residential water pollution. The most common sources of residential pollution are:

- Swimming pool discharges
- Vehicle washing and maintenance
- Excessive animal waste
- Improper yard waste disposal
- Unsecured garbage and trash
- Improper pesticide application
- Construction materials and paint

Did you know? The Fairfax County storm drainage system, known as the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) carries stormwater to nearby ponds, streams, lakes, and rivers. Please do not dump anything down the storm drains. Do not rake or dump grass clippings or leaves into the storm drainage system. Never dump treated swimming pool water, pet waste, used motor oil, paint, chemicals or other substances into a storm drain. Secure garbage on collection days to avoid litter reaching the stormwater system.

For more information regarding the Fairfax County MS4, please visit
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/stormwater/storm-drainage-system>

For more information regarding different types of illicit discharges to the MS4, please visit
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/stormwater/illicit-discharge-and-improper-disposal-idid-program>

You, as a homeowner, can help to prevent pollutants from reaching the county's waterways.
Please remember – *only rain down the drain!*

Board Vacancies and Elections: The board is working a plan to host a quick community meeting in order to vote for the next round of board members. It is still not too late for anyone interested in taking over the vacant “chair” of the Stoneybrooke Community Association, as well as the “vice-chair” position that will be vacated at the end of the year. Both call for little more than a couple of hours of your time each month to ensure that all of the great happenings within the neighborhood continue. Anyone who may be interested can reach out to one of the current board members.

A reminder...maintain your vigilance on your personal security. I was going to say that with the days getting shorter and the nights getting cooler, now may be the right time for nighttime visitors to walk through the neighborhood looking for a quick and easy score on unlocked vehicles...but truth be told...the time is always right. Maintaining well lit areas, removing valuables from your vehicle, and getting everything locked up early evening are the keys to prevention.

Finally...let's talk Halloween...the favorite time of year for many. Again, Rachel Moran has done a great job in putting together this year's events. More information about the holiday activities are included in the Sentinel.

Happy October!
-SCA Board

Upcoming Neighborhood Events

- Fall Yard Sale Saturday, October 2nd (Rain date Sunday, October 3rd)
- Halloween Weekend Activities

Saturday, October 30th

On Saturday October 30, the SCA is hosting a Halloween themed event at Stoneybrooke Park. Beginning at 4pm, kids entertainer, Crickett, will be performing a Mad Scientist Bubble Show. Kids are encouraged to dress up for the event, but not required. Masks are recommended.

This event is made possible by the generous donation from our fabulous former neighbor Andi Bethea! Thank you so much!

Sign up for the event by completing the following form: <https://form.jotform.com/212714742377155>.

The SCA will host a short community meeting on Saturday as well, the primary purpose will be to vote on the proposed new board members for 2022. More information to follow that will be published on Facebook.

Sunday, October 31st

Now that the weather is beginning to cool, we can settle in and prepare for all that fall has to offer. One of the events Stoneybrooke loves is Halloween. This year, Halloween is on a Sunday and trick or treating will be from 5-8pm.

Since Covid is still prevalent, the setup will be similar to last year. Neighbors, who choose to participate, should set up a table outside of their house to distribute treats/tricks. The treats should be spread out to limit the spread of germs (e.g., individual bags, cups, treats spaced out on table). **NO COMMUNAL BOWLS.**

Mina's Tamales will be the food truck on site for the event. Note: the truck is here on Sunday, instead of the usual Saturday. Pre-order is available.

The SCA is also excited to share that we will have several contests again this year. Prizes will be awarded.

- Table Design: Who will have the best table design to distribute candy? I remember a few good ones from last year: "Stoneybucks Candies" and "Is it Halloween or Christmas?"
- Pumpkin Carving: Creepy, funny, friendly, scary? You decide!
- Pet Costume: Kids are cute, but pets in costumes?!?! The BEST!
- House Decorated: Pull out all the tricks or head to Home Depot and dress up your house!

Submit a picture for each submission (ex. 3 pumpkins = 3 pictures) to racheldyas@gmail.com by Nov. 1.

Complete the sign-up form so we can have an estimate of the number of trick or treaters. A map will be created to locate houses who are passing out treats.

Halloween Night Sign-up Form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9agYn5WWNrHveaqw-Cm-Bgpu58QItB2RV2sPU7xILKeANG-g/viewform?usp=pp_url

Community News

Art on the Avenue is Back

Dozens of artists will line Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray on Saturday, Oct. 2 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. The popular event draws artists in more than 10 categories from food and books to sculpture, painting, bath and body products and more. In addition, attendees can enjoy music, visit the kid's art corner and support local restaurants and businesses. In the past, the event has brought out 300 artists and 50,000 visitors. It has been named one of the best festivals in Virginia. Learn more at www.artontheavenue.org.

Stuff The Bus Food Drive Next Weekend

Since 2011, Stuff the Bus food drives have been held as a way to replenish local food pantries during times when donations drop off. The events are typically held after the summer and winter holidays. A partnership between Fairfax County and local nonprofits, Stuff the Bus has collected over 220 tons of food.

Fastran buses will be on site for donation drop-offs at 19 locations across Fairfax County from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Oct. 9. The food pantry benefiting from the donations will vary by location. Another location for nonperishable food donations will be South Lakes High School PTSA Food Pantry at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1133 Reston Avenue, Herndon, VA.

Residents can stop by any Stuff the Bus location on Oct. 9 or make a monetary donation on Volunteer Fairfax's Stuff the Bus Donation Page. Monetary donations can help nonprofits purchase more food in bulk or with special discounts from retailers, as well as provide culturally appropriate foods and fresh foods, and keep food pantries stocked when donations drop. You can view the list of location [here](#).

Tour de Mount Vernon Set for Late October

The annual Tour de Mount Vernon returns this fall on Oct. 23. The bike ride offers a tour of the Mount Vernon District of Fairfax County, while offering participants the chance to ask questions at various sites and connect with other local residents. The route will start and end at the Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House.

NEW this year! All riders and volunteers will receive will receive a voucher for admission to George Washington's Mount Vernon between now and the end of the year. Registration is \$25 and is available [here](#).

GW Parkway to Go on a 'Road Diet' in October

In early October, the National Park Service (NPS), which runs the George Washington Memorial Parkway, will start putting that road on a diet. The restriping program will alter lane configurations in an effort to make the Parkway safer for drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists.

The NPS will restripe the road between the City of Alexandria and George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate to create just one southbound lane instead of two, a turning lane and two northbound lanes between Stratford Lane (near Mount Vernon Estate) and Tulane Drive (just south of Belle View).

In addition, new signs and flexible posts will be installed where the Parkway intersects with Belle View Boulevard and Belle Haven Drive. Other intersections will also see changes, including cutting back vegetation to improve driver's sightlines and more visible crosswalk markings.

Aslin Beer Co. Opens New Scratch Kitchen in Alexandria

Aslin is opening a new scratch kitchen concept called Knead. Knead will feature large round pizza, individual Sicilian-style slices and sandwiches on house-made bread. Salads and sides will also be on the menu, and the popular Korean-style chicken sandwich and double-stack Smash burger will return.

Knead will be operating Wednesday through Sunday at Aslin, 847 S. Pickett St., in Alexandria.

South County Teen and Senior Centers Opens at the Original Mount Vernon High School

On September 22, about 50 community members gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of the South County Teen and Senior Centers at the Original Mount Vernon High School.

The OMVHS master development planning process was concluded in fall 2019. Following early proposed redevelopment concepts for renovations, a mix of new residential development, and additional public facilities, the county determined to focus on a phased approach to redevelopment that would align with the EMBARK and Bus Rapid Transit project along the Richmond Highway Corridor, which is in the planning phase. As such, the priority for the redevelopment work has been placed on the renovations and adaptive reuse of the historic high school and related site work as Phase I of the overall redevelopment.

The overarching vision of Phase I is to leverage the former high school to build communities of opportunity, create career pathways, connect different generations and better integrate residents into the economy. The renovated high school will be suitable for educational, childcare and childhood education programs; art, recreational, and life skill training programs; and innovation and business incubation spaces.

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/), 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/) 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/).



OCTOBER 30

HALLOWEEN FUN @ STONEYBROOKE PARK

**4:00PM MAD SCIENTIST BUBBLE SHOW
BY CRICKETT (FOR ALL AGES)**

6:30PM MOVIES ON THE BIG SCREEN
FIRST SHOW—KID FRIENDLY
LATE SHOW—ADULT FRIENDLY

*Event sponsored by former Stoneybrooke neighbor.



RSVP HERE



STONEBROOKE HALLOWEEN



**TRICK OR TREAT
SCAVENGER HUNT**



FOOD TRUCK



CONTESTS:

- Table Design
- Pumpkin Carving
- Dog Costume
- House Decorating

For those choosing to handout candy, we ask that a table be set up outside your house and NO communal bowls.



OCT 31

5PM TO 8PM

**MORE INFO VISIT
WWW.STONEBROOKE.ORG**

**OR
FACEBOOK**

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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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