

Stoneybrooke



OF FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

SENTINEL FEBRUARY 2022

Letter from the Board

Well, Punxsutawney Phil has deemed 6 additional weeks of winter for us all so here are some reminders for roads and sidewalks: if there is a forecast for heavy snow, please try to park your cars in the driveway to allow the snowplows to clear as much of the roads as possible.

Enclosed within this month's sentinel is some great information regarding local events and resources (thank you Megan!), please check it out below.

Stay warm and safe this month - only six more Mondays until Spring.

-SCA Board

Upcoming Events

ChocolateFest at Occoquan | February 4th - 14th

Mark your calendar for February 4 through February 14, when the Town of Occoquan together with the Merchants Guild will sponsor a passport event for ChocolateFest! This refreshed event features in-person and virtual activities PLUS a chance to win an Occoquan Romantic Getaway package, estimated to be worth \$1,000! In addition, many local merchants and restaurant owners offer special Valentine gift packages.

On February 4 at 6pm, the event will kickoff with free giveaways on a Facebook Live showcasing some of the most unique gifts in OCQ. Learn more at www.occoquanva.gov/occoquan-events/chocolatefest/

35th Annual Mount Vernon Town Meeting | Saturday, February 12, 2022

At the meeting - whether in-person or virtually - you will have a chance to meet your Supervisor and County, state and federal leaders. As well as, have your questions answered, learn about issues important to you and connect with County agencies and community service providers in our very popular Exhibit Hall (in-person only). The highlight of the morning will be taking a “virtual tour” of all that is happening in the District with your “pilot” Supervisor Storck. Again this year, we are monitoring the COVID-19 situation, taking all CDC recommended safeguards, and will adjust our format as needed.

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/35th-annual-town-meeting-2022?fbclid=IwAR0estryhhfkWbQDJIn_gWE6AR-ZRiDXyBkq_hI8VHoQgLN2bAeXh8lC86M

Chocolate with Washington | Saturday, February 12th

Children (and accompanying adults) are invited to spend an hour with General Washington to talk about the events of the revolution, ask questions of our first citizen, and enjoy hot chocolate and delicious comestibles. Masks will be required.

This event is sponsored by First Home Care Foster Care Agency. First Home Care is dedicated to providing therapeutic foster care services and adoption services to children and teenagers who need placement out of their homes into stable, supportive and nurturing family environments. You can purchase tickets at this link: www.eventbrite.com/e/chocolate-with-washington-tickets-258956093647

Digging the Details! | Tuesday, February 15th

Learn how to analyze a wide range of documentation for your family search. Angela Packer McGhie, an award-winning genealogical researcher, writer, and instructor, will show you how, during her presentation at the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society’s February 15 meeting. The meeting will be streamed via Zoom and, most hopefully, will also be held live at the Hollin Hall Senior Center.

Register via email at contact-us@mvgenealogy.org. Find out more about this FREE meeting and other MVGS activities at www.mvgenealogy.org/eventListings.php?nm=20#er534.

Free Admission for George Washington’s Birthday | Monday, February 21st

Celebrate the first president of the United States at his beloved home. Admission is free for Presidents Day and George Washington’s birthday. Admission tickets must be reserved online in advance. Tickets will be released to Mount Vernon members on February 11 and to the general public on February 15. A limited number of tickets are available at www.mountvernon.org/en/ticketing.

Community News

Chick-fil-A Under Construction in Kingstowne

After a lengthy pandemic-related delay, construction has started on the new Chick-fil-A restaurant in Kingstowne. The restaurant, with a planned drive-through, is taking over the restaurant space formerly occupied by Fiona's, a popular Irish pub. Chick-fil-A has not announced an expected opening date yet and the restaurant is not yet hiring, which means an opening could still be months away.

Rudy's Moves Closer to Opening in Kingstowne

A company called Rudy & Roy LLC is hiring servers, managers, event coordinators and porters for its new venture, called Rudy's, in Kingstowne. The new Rudy's will be taking over the space formerly occupied by the nation's first Topgolf and Ruby Tuesday. The venue will be part driving range, part restaurant and sports bar.

According to a job ad for guest services, "Rudy's is a golf recreation and entertainment facility where family, friends and corporate organizations can gather to enjoy recreation, food & beverage, entertainment and FUN! From private suite parties to working on your game as well as choosing [your] spirit of choice, [we're] all about awesome customer service and having our guests have an exceptional experience."

Old Town Alexandria Historic Garden Tour Tickets on Sale Now

Every April, five of Old Town Alexandria's private homes and gardens will open to the public, as part of the annual Historic Garden Week of Virginia, the oldest and largest house and garden tour in the nation. The homes will feature beautiful flower arrangements, created by the members of the Hunting Creek Garden Club and the Garden Club of Alexandria, both sponsors of the tour. Advance tickets are \$55 online at www.vagardenweek.org and may be purchased tour day at the Alexandria Visitor's Center at 221 King Street.

Indoor Dog Park and Bar Opening in Alexandria's West End

Snouts & Stouts will have 6,000 square feet of climate-controlled play space, covered in a specialized K9 turf which will be kept clean by a flushing system and sanitation. Staff, called the "Dog Patrol," will monitor dog play, provide water and clean up after dogs so owners can sit back and relax.

Snouts & Stouts has not announced a specific location yet, but have revealed that it will be located somewhere on South Pickett Street in Alexandria's West End and open in spring 2022.

Owners will be able to sip one of the many beers on tap, or a wine or seltzer. They can also grab something to eat for themselves and their pup from the snack café. All of the food sold will be dog safe, in case they manage to steal a bite.

All dog park attendees must be members or purchase a day pass online at www.snoutsnstouts.com.

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/>

Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation (SFDC | <http://www.sfdc.org/>

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/).

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MEMBERSHIP INFO

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.