

Stoneybrooke

OF FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Letter from the Board

Happy April Neighbors!

Notice that I didn't say Happy Spring, as...where is spring? When will we be able to put our winter hats away? Let's all hope that by the time you are reading this Sentinel, the cold weather has passed along with the spikes of Covid. I believe all of us in Stoneybrooke are anxiously awaiting fresh air and some more normalcy.

With spring yard cleanup and house cleanout, we are focusing in this issue on the trash services available to all. Please see below information on all known Trash Service Companies, current rates, and neighborhood reviews of services. Also, the Spring Yard Sale is scheduled for May 7th.

As we take to the sidewalks more with the warmer weather and the wonderful Food Trucks (thank you Rachel!), let's pass along smiles and warm greetings to each other, celebrating the ability to SEE each other's smiles (without masks). Also, please be sure to sign up your kids for the easter egg hunt in their own yard!

See you on the sidewalks,
-SCA Board



2022 Easter Egging

The Easter Bunny is visiting Stoneybrooke again this year and is hiding eggs at participating homes on the evening of Saturday, April 16th.

If you are interested in having the Bunny stop by your yard and hide 12 eggs per child, let the Board know of your interest by April 3rd.

To add your home to the Bunny's list, sign up by sending an email to scaboard@stoneybrooke.org and make sure your household is current on its annual SCA member dues.

In addition, if you would like to volunteer to help the Bunny hide eggs on April 16th, please let us know as well.

American Disposal Services:

Cost: ~\$93/quarter

Schedule: Pick up is once a week for trash, recycling, and yard waste.

Phone number: 703-368-0500

Website: <https://www.americandisposal.com/virginia/>

Republic Services:

Cost: \$56/month or \$166/quarter

Schedule: Pick up is once a week for trash, recycling, and yard waste.

Phone number: 703-818-8222

Website: <https://www.republicservices.com/customer-support>

AAA Recycling & Trash Removal Services:

AAA was acquired by Republic.

Note: If you call the AAA number that is on trash cans in the neighborhood, it will forward to Republic.

When we called the AAA number, we were quoted higher prices than calling the direct Republic number.

Nightingale Trucking Inc (NGT):

Cost: \$43/month

Schedule: Pick up twice a week for trash, once a week for recycling and yard waste

NGT is not taking new customers in other neighborhoods, but they are looking to take new customers in Stoneybrooke once their totes do come in. They are starting a waiting list for Stoneybrooke new customers right now - email ngttrucking@aol.com to get on the list.

Note: There is a lot of resource and financial pressure on the trash companies right now. They are struggling with gas prices soaring, and also finding and keeping reliable workers. Other companies are going to once a week pickups and increasing pricing because of these challenges. Nightingale's hopes to not increase its prices.

Phone number: 703-360-6634

Website: <https://www.nightingaletrucking.com/>

Fairfax County Solid Waste:

The County does not currently serve our community. To be serviced by the County, 50% of Stoneybrooke homeowners would have to sign a petition expressing their intent.

Once the signed petitions are received by the Solid Waste Management Program, signatures are verified and the petition package is prepared and compiled for submission to the County of Fairfax Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors authorizes the advertisement of a public hearing to be held in the Board Auditorium of the Government Center Building. The public hearing date is publicized for two consecutive weeks. When the public hearing is held, all support and/or opposition should be expressed by property owners.

If the proposed area is approved, residents will be notified by mail, assigned a trash collection service day, and service will begin according to the timetable. Participating households are charged a user fee on their real estate tax assessment.

At this time, becoming a County Solid Waste Collection Area does not seem feasible for Stoneybrooke.

Neighborhood Events

Easter Egging: Saturday, April 16th

Spring Yard Sale: Saturday, May 7th (rain date Sunday, May 8th)

Community News

Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Reveals New Brand

Wegmans Announces Opening Date

Wegmans is wrapping up construction on an 81,000 square-foot store the Hoffman Town Center off Eisenhower Avenue. The store has announced it will open at 9 a.m. on May 11th.

Much of the Wegmans will be on the second floor of the development with a ground-floor entrance. The development Wegmans joins is called Carlyle Crossing and includes luxury residences and retail spaces.

Chalkboard Wings & BBQ Opening Near Fort Belvoir

There's a new option for wings and barbecue — Chalkboard Wings & BBQ! The new venture takes over the closed Wing Stop at 8723C Cooper Rd. in the Mount Vernon neighborhood.

The name, Chalkboard, comes from the flexible menu. Owner CJ Cross said there will be plenty of staples on the menu, but he hopes to experiment with different types of meat from Virginia farmers. Ingredients for sauces and rubs will be sourced locally, too, whenever possible.

Once the restaurant is fully up and running, the restaurant will offer dinner Monday and Tuesday, and breakfast lunch and dinner Wednesday through Sunday. Weekday breakfasts will focus on quick options, like egg sandwiches, and he'll offer coffee from M.E. Swings Coffee Roasters.

For more info, soft opening hours and the menu, visit chalkboardwings.com.

Sur La Table Reopens in Alexandria

The Seattle-based kitchen and houseware chain filed for bankruptcy in July 2020 and shut down 51 stores later that year, including the Old Town location at 326 King St. The storefront has remained empty since the store closed.

Sur La Table was bought out by Marquee Brands and CSC Generation. The company, which was known for offering in-store cooking classes, created online classes and launched the Sur La Table Online Culinary Institute during the pandemic. The retailer is also launching an updated line of private label cookware and will once again host in-person classes.

Sur La Table also has open stores in Pentagon Row, Tysons, and North Bethesda.

Dos Jefes Tex-Mex Restaurant Opens in Huntington

Alexandria residents originally from Texas or other states along America's southern border say it's tough to find good Tex-Mex food here in the DMV. Dos Jefes Tex-Mex Restaurant is attempting to fill that void.

The restaurant will serve popular drinks like mojitos, sangria and margaritas as well as a variety of traditional Tex-Mex dishes like fajitas, enchiladas and burritos.

Possible Name Change for Lee District

It's not entirely certain that the Lee District in Fairfax County was named for Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee — but the potential for confusion is reason enough for a committee to recommend changing the district's name.

Fairfax County's Redistricting Advisory Committee is recommending that the Lee and Sully magisterial districts be renamed. "The report recommends that these two names be changed because they no longer reflect the county's values due to their association with the Confederacy and slavery," according to the committee's report summary.

The next step is for the full Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to decide whether to rename any districts, as well as determine the process for choosing new names. There is no timeline set for doing this yet.

Franconia Governmental Center Could be Replaced by Affordable Housing

The Franconia Governmental Center located at 6121 Franconia Rd. could soon be redeveloped into affordable housing.

FCRHA is currently accepting proposals to redevelop the 3.25 acres site, which is occupied by a 28,000 square foot brick building built in 1991. The building houses the office of the Lee District Supervisor, the Franconia Police Station and the Franconia Museum.

Developers will have to comply with three main constraints. The number of units cannot exceed 120, the building cannot be more than four stories high and 20 percent of the units must be made available to the Fairfax County magnet housing program for qualified police, fire, teachers and medical personnel.

The proposed 90,000 square foot facility will also house the Active Adult Center (currently located at 6488 Lansdowne Ctr.), Kingstowne Library (currently located at 6500 Lansdowne Ctr.) and a new childcare center for infants to pre-kindergarten children.

Initial Plans for New Inova Hospital at 'West End' Revealed

Partial demolition could start as early as this spring at Landmark Mall to make room for construction of the new Inova Hospital and Trauma Center in the new West End development.

The hospital campus will take up about 10 acres where Sears was, or one-fifth of the Landmark Mall property. The rest of the development on the 51-acre site will include medical offices, residences, retail and civic uses.

The first parts of the hospital are expected to open in 2028.

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>

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

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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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