

Stoneybrooke



OF FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

SENTINEL DECEMBER 2021

Letter from the Board

Hard to believe that the holiday season is upon us and in full swing. As we await our first snowflakes of the season, if you put any trust in weather predictions, it looks like we are in for above average temperatures and below average snowfall...but who knows. I think we can all expect a cold January and like it or not, at least a couple of storms that will be enough to make commuting a challenge...even if it is just up the Stoneybrooke hill. But predictions and what fosters into reality can be vastly different; only “old man winter” truly knows what is in store for us over the next few months. Following the adage that “it is better to have and not need, than to need and not have” and take a few minutes now and prepare the house and car for winter safety.

- Now is a good time for an inspection on the chimney and furnace.
- If using portable space heaters, ensure that they are operated safely and away from curtains, blankets, or other potential fire hazard, and never leave unattended.
- Get your snow shovel and ice melt now.
- Unhook your hoses, turn off the water line, and drain the spigot.
- Anticipate power outages and prepare as needed.
- Keep the car’s fuel tank as full as possible and “top off” more frequently.
- Stock the car with the winter essentials...blankets, kitty litter or sand (for extra weight and traction), a candle and coffee can, a small shovel, and an extra phone charger are all good ideas.

With the holiday season in full swing, we can expect delivery drivers running through the neighborhood from morning to night and leaving packages on our doorsteps and in our mailboxes. Be vigilant in tracking your deliveries and securing them as quickly as possible or coordinating with your neighbors for assistance. Make hitting your key FOB the last thing you do each night and maintain your vigilance on home security to safeguard a home full of gifts. The expectation is that many friends and neighbors will travel this holiday season so just ensure that you have a plan during your absence. Asking a neighbor to grab your mail and newspapers and putting a couple of lights on timers are both good ways to maintain the appearance that you are home.

As 2020 became 2021 and we continued to adapt to a new way of life that no one could have predicted, our Stoneybrooke neighbors continued to grow together as a community and created events and memories that we can all look back and smile. The establishment of the Little Free Library, the food trucks, the Easter Bunny, the magic show at the mansion, the Halloween movies and decorating contest, and the December 5k are just a handful of the events that got us through another difficult year. But truth be told, it is the people that make any neighborhood what it is and for us we should all be thankful to have each other as friends and neighbors.

As we usher in 2022, we have two new SCA board members that are ready to seize the momentum of the last few years and continue to evolve the neighborhood into a premier northern Virginia community. Extend a warm welcome to Ms. Jackie Murray and Ms. Katy Clough as the new Chair and Vice Chair, joining Mr. Mark Husband, Ms. Megan Mansell, and Ms. Margaret Canilang. Please join me in thanking all for their continued dedication. As these great neighbors volunteer their time, you can do your part by continuing to support the SCA financially. Your annual \$20 donation is key to making Stoneybrooke the great place that it is.

Finally (and briefly) take time to reflect on this past year as you are making your New Year's resolutions for 2022. Consider both your triumphs and tragedies, the highs and lows, and the circumstances of each. Give thanks where needed, take personal responsibility for shortfalls, and strive to be better in every way. One of the great things about our neighborhood is our diversity, and out of fear of leaving someone or some tradition out, let the Stoneybrooke Community Association simply wish you and your families the happiest of holiday seasons and a very happy New Year!

-SCA Board



The poster features a large red and white striped candy cane on the left. The text reads: "Stoneybrooke CANDY CANE LANE 5K". Below the text is a silhouette of a group of runners. At the bottom, it says "SAT • DEC 11 9-11AM" and "BREAKFAST FOOD TRUCK". A QR code is in the bottom left corner, and the text "Register by 12/6" is in the bottom center. A red and white dashed line is at the bottom, with the website "www.stoneybrooke.org" below it.

On the morning of Saturday 12/11, Stoneybrooke will hold its second annual Candy Cane Lane Run/Walk 5K. An optional course will be distributed closer to the date with candy canes and sweet treats to mark the path. This is a family friendly event.

Anita's New Mexico Style Mexican Foods will also be on site from 9-11am selling their delicious breakfast burritos. See menu and pre-order information below. Walk-ups are welcome. Come join your neighbors for a jolly time!

UPDATE: Deadline extended to sign-up is 12/6. Cost for the race is \$5 per person. All participants will receive a commemorative pin.

Neighborhood Events

- **Stoneybrooke Candy Cane Lane 5K:** December 11th, 9-11am

Community News

- **Ice & Lights: The Winter Village at Cameron Run:** Now through the new year. Enjoy food, shopping, photo ops and lots of holiday lights at the Winter Village, plus ice skating.
- **Mount Vernon by Candlelight:** Every weekend through December
- **Christmas Illuminations at Mount Vernon:** December 17th and 18th
- **Holiday Boat Parade of Lights:** December 4th just after dark. This year, enjoy a Port City pop-up beer garden, giveaways from 97.1 WASH-FM and more.
- **Del Ray Tree Light and Menorah Lighting:** December 5th at 6pm at Pat Miller Square

Shop Made in VA Opens

The sister store to Shop Made in DC features items from microbusinesses, makers, crafters and others who make creative items, few of whom could stand up a retail store on their own. Shop Made in VA has opened in Old Town, at 1121 King St.

Founded by Stacey Price of People Make Place and Michael Babin of Neighborhood Restaurant Group, Shop Made in Virginia is dedicated to showcasing the talents of VA-based designers, artists, and makers. Shop Made in VA features more than 120 makers from all over Virginia.

Inova Deploys Urgent Care At-Home Service

Inova healthcare is partnering with DispatchHealth to launch on-demand, urgent healthcare at home local residents.

For injuries and illnesses that do not require an emergency room visit but can't wait a few days for a doctor's appointment, healthcare professionals from DispatchHealth will come to your home. Services include those for:

- Viral infections including COVID-19 and Influenza
- COPD exacerbations
- Congestive heart failure
- Minor fractures, sprains, strains, and bruises
- Pneumonia
- And more.

To request care, patients can call 571-393-1944, visit DispatchHealth.com or download a free mobile app. A doctor's referral is not required. Once requested, an emergency care-trained DispatchHealth medical team that includes a nurse practitioner or physician associate, along with a medical technician, will arrive at the patient's home to treat the patient.

For life-threatening and time-sensitive injuries and illnesses, patients should call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room. DispatchHealth shouldn't be used in a life-threatening emergency, and it doesn't replace a primary care provider, Inova cautioned.

Sudshare App-Based Laundry Service Launches in Alexandria

Sudshare has launched in Alexandria to connect people who hate washing clothes (or don't have time to do it) with people who are willing to do it for you.

"Sudshare is like Uber, but for laundry," the company explained. "The app connects people who have piles of laundry but no time with people who have time and want to turn their washer/dryer into a work-from-home gig."

For just \$1 per pound, Sudshare "sudsters" will pick up, wash, dry, fold and return your clothes within 24 hours. You may include special instructions. Sudster washes in cold water with Tide, Kirkland or Persil detergent unless you request otherwise.

More Travel Changes Could Come to Richmond Highway

As local residents adjust to some major changes along the George Washington Memorial Parkway, local and state officials are considering another significant adjustment to a major road.

"In response to the community's concerns about the speed on Richmond Highway - our Main Street - I, along with other local officials, requested that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) conduct a speed study to determine if the speed limit on this roadway is appropriate, or if it should be decreased," wrote Fairfax County District Supervisor Dan Storck in an email to residents.

"While I am supportive of reducing the speed limit on our Main Street, I am very interested in the study findings and hearing from each of you about this important safety issue. The lowering of the speed limit may also prevent the need for sound walls along the corridor," he continued.

The speed limit along Richmond Highway is 45 mph, and the study area goes between Belvoir Road/Meade Road at the southern end and I-95/I-495 Capital Beltway on the northern end.

The goal of lowering the speed would be for the safety of all commuters, including pedestrians and bicyclists.

The potential changes to Richmond Highway come on the heels of a "road diet" completed along the GW Parkway earlier this fall. The changes reduce the number of vehicular travel lanes in an effort to make turning easier, increase safety and decrease the number of accidents.

Not all residents are happy with the changes, saying the Parkway is harder to navigate, and some left turns from side streets onto the Parkway are now nearly impossible.

Golf to Return to Former TopGolf in Kingstowne?

The former TopGolf in Kingstowne and adjacent Ruby Tuesday, also closed, could reopen as a new venue called Rudy's, according to a report by Washington Business Journal.

In many ways, Rudy's would be similar to TopGolf and could even use technology owned by TopGolf that tracks balls from your club to the hole. The other half of the facility would be a restaurant.

The TopGolf location was the company's first location when it opened in 2005.

The property owner filed plans with the Fairfax County government several years ago to replace Topgolf Alexandria with townhomes, multifamily units and commercial space. Those plans are on hold, but they aren't totally off the table.

Spin Pollo Peruvian Chicken to Open in Kingstowne

Spin Pollo Peruvian Chicken will join the newly opened &pizza and Chopt at 5942 Kingstowne Towne Center. The Kingstowne location will be Spin Pollo's second restaurant. The original is located at 6672 Arlington Blvd. in Falls Church.

The restaurant serves Peruvian-style charbroiled chicken which is marinated for 24 hours before it is roasted and served with a variety of sides like plantains, fries, rice, or veggies. The restaurant also serves other traditional dishes including ceviche, carne asada, pescado frito and more.

The new location is currently under construction and an opening date has not been announced.

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/).

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MEMBERSHIP INFO JANUARY 2022 - DECEMBER 2022

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.