

Stoneybrooke



OF FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

SENTINEL

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Letter from the Board

Good Day Stoneybrooke Neighbors!

Happy March to you! Spring is here, but it seems that Winter did not show up this year. With Spring comes time to look forward to the Easter Egg Hunt provided by the Stoneybrooke Community Association (SCA; with membership) and Food Truck season. We look forward to having more households join the SCA this year, so that we can offer more events to our neighborhood. Also, if you are interested in being involved in the SCA or have an idea for an event, please let us know! The more people from our neighborhood involved in the SCA, the better.

Please remember this time of year to check your trash companies schedule for yard waste pickup, and just a friendly reminder to remember to pick up any #2s that canine residents deposit in others' yards - this would be one of the few examples where the saying "sharing is caring" does not apply.

We wish you all a great start to warmer weather and look forward to seeing you on the sidewalks.

~SCA Board



Webmaster needed!

Interested in web design and server hosting? Have experience with HTML, CSS, JavaScript, WordPress, or any other web hosting technology? The SCA Board is seeking a volunteer for the webmaster role to implement a tech refresh and user experience. Any interested individuals are encouraged to contact us (<http://www.stoneybrooke.org/contact-us/>).

This could be a fantastic college application bullet for a high school student or a beneficial resume item for a junior professional in the IT industry.

Neighborhood News

2023 Food Truck Schedule Announced

Social Chair Rachel Moran has revealed this year's food truck schedule. We extend our gratitude to her for taking the initiative to coordinate this and help bring our neighborhood together. If you see her around, give her a shout out. Which of the upcoming trucks are you most looking forward to?

- March 9th - Hangry Panda
- March 23rd - Killer Tomato, Himalayan Soul, Captain Cookie
- April 13th - Empanadas de Mendoza, Duck Donuts
- April 27 - Mr. Falafel, Sweet Frog

Dues

Stoneybrooke Community Association is now in the 2023 Fiscal Year. Members have been very prompt in paying dues. If you have not yet submitted your payment, please access the QR code and instructions on the last page of this newsletter.

Easter Egging Returns in 2023

The Easter Bunny is visiting Stoneybrooke again this year and is hiding eggs at participating homes on the evening of Saturday, April 8th. 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 March 24th. 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 8th, please let us know as well.



Community News

Army Ten-Miler Race Registration Opens March 1st

The Army Ten-Miler is set to open two official registration sessions two months early this year: March 1 priority registration and March 8 general registration. Priority registration opens at 8 a.m. on March 1st

and is open to current military servicemembers and to ATM Priority Club members (runners who have finished seven or more ATM races, including the 2020 and 2021 virtual version). General registration opens on race day, at 8 a.m. on March 8th. The Army's 39th annual race will return to full capacity of 36,000 runners in-person on Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023, at 8 a.m. in Washington, D.C.

Visit https://www.insidenova.com/headlines/army-ten-miler-registration-opening-two-months-early/article_62f287b6-b6fd-11ed-8642-3b9b08b2f9ea.html for more details.

Crazy Mason Milkshake Bar Coming to Old Town

The Crazy Mason Milkshake Bar specializes in unique milkshakes served in keepsake mason jars. The new dessert spot will open at 716 King St. sometime this summer. The Alexandria location is the 10th Crazy Mason in the works. The owners of the company's Ellicott City, Maryland location, Erin and Robert Studer, are expanding to Alexandria. The original store, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, first opened in June 2020 by husband-and-wife duo Bo and Sherri Steele. The crazy creations began as a "love of all things sweet and bringing something unique" to their hometown. Read more here:

<https://alexandrialivingmagazine.com/food-and-dining/milkshake-bar-to-open-in-old-town-alexandria/>

2023 Property Assessments Now Available

To look up your current or past assessments, enter your property's address in the county's online database ([Fairfax County](#)). Countywide residential real estate assessments are up an average of 6.97%, with the average assessment for all homes at \$719,522. In 2022, the countywide average home assessment was \$672,639. At the end of 2022, home sale prices on average were still higher than they were a year before. With mortgage rates increasing during this past summer and fall, the rate of year-over-year price appreciation declined, but it still remained positive.

Website: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2023-real-estate-assessments-now-available-average-residential-increase-697>

Key Resources

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/>

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 an online 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.

Electronic Payment Options:

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



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*Please choose the **Friends and Family** option.*

* To receive your copy of the Stoneybrooke Sentinel by email. Not for Community Directory or other mailings.