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Letter from the Board

Happy Spring Stoneybrooke!

We hope you all have been enjoying the cooler (than usual) spring weather. April was a month for pollen everywhere! May gives us a time to blow and hose the pollen away and enjoy the outdoor weather before the summer humidity arrives. While cleaning off furniture and patios outdoors, don't forget to "clean out" inside as well for the STONEYBROOKE YARD SALE on May 6th. RAIN DATE IS SUNDAY, May 7th. Second rain date is the following Saturday, May 13th. The yard sale is a great opportunity to get rid of "stuff" without having far to move it. It is also a wonderful opportunity to meet and talk with old and new neighbors.

Also, please see (and sign up for) the Memorial Day activities planned for our neighborhood. If you are heading out of town for the long weekend, please notice that our events are timed on Monday afternoon/evening to compliment the end of a weekend away (food trucks and entertainment).

We will you all a May full of fun and cheer!

See 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

Spring Yard Sale Only a Week Away!

Continuing our neighborhood tradition, the Spring Yard sale will occur the first Saturday in May (Saturday, May 6th). The first rain date is the next day on Sunday, May 7th. The second rain date is the following Saturday, May 13th. You will see signs go up in the neighborhood in the days leading up to the sale. The SCA board looks forward to seeing neighbors and scoring deals. Please monitor the Facebook event page for further updates.

Stoneybrooke Memorial Day Celebration and Cornhole Tournament

Dust off your finest (regulation-sized) Cornhole Board and join us for an afternoon of fun on Memorial Day (May 29th) from 3 - 7 PM. Festivities will be held at Stoneybrooke park. To register for the tournament, click here!

- *Bike Parade*, 3pm. Decorate your bike, scooter, wagon, stroller, etc. patriotically to take for a spin.
- *Mission BBQ*, 5pm. (Pay in advance only. Need to pay \$18/pp to Rachel by May 15)
- Cornhole Tournament, (Adult and Kid) throughout the event. Sign-up here by May 26.
- *Nerf Games*, 6pm. Bring your own supplies for a variety of games.

Visit www.stoneybrooke.org/blog for more details!

Easter Egging

Did you catch a glimpse of the Easter Bunny hopping through Stoneybrooke? Residents reported sightings across the neighborhood, and children found eggs hidden in their yards. If you missed out, we hope you will sign up next year.



Residents searched for eggs and spotted the Easter Bunny (Photo credits: Luci Jean & Mary Jane Blodgett (L), Amy Gilbert (R))



Mission BBQ Buffet

\$18 per person - Pay in advance ONLY

Sliced brisket, pulled pork, pulled chicken, mac and cheese, collard greens, green beans & bacon, cole slaw, baked beans, cornbread, and rolls.

Bring a dessert to share!

Contact Rachel Moran (302-521-9793) and
Pay by May 15 - Cash or Venmo @Rachel-Moran-31



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More details to come on Facebook and www.stoneybrooke.org/blog

Community News

Potomac Yard Metro Station Opens May 19.

The station is located between Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and Braddock Road stations on the Blue and Yellow lines. Potomac Yard will be Metro's 98th station and is Metro's second infill station, built between existing stations. The opening day for Metro's newest station, Potomac Yard, is set for Friday, May 19. Metro General Manager and Chief Executive Officer Randy Clarke recently joined City of Alexandria Mayor Justin Wilson to make the announcement while touring the Potomac Yard site. More: https://alexandrialivingmagazine.com/news/metro-opening-day-set-for-friday-may-19/

Leave those baby deer alone, say county officials.

Starting May 1, attempts to rehabilitate deer fawns or bring baby deer from the Virginia county to other jurisdictions won't be allowed, Fairfax County's Animal Protection Police and the Wildlife Management Specialist said in a joint statement with county police. Officials are trying to contain an outbreak among Fairfax's deer population, which they note has not affected humans. If you see a baby deer in distress, near an apparent dead doe, crying or showing signs of trauma, officials say you should call the Animal Protection Police at 703-691-2131.

More: https://wtop.com/fairfax-county/2023/04/fairfax-county-wants-you-to-leave-baby-deer-alone/

Fairfax Connector begins free youth service May 1st.

Fairfax is offering free student bus passes for all youth in the county to have a seat on the Connector at no cost. Middle and high school students can request a free student bus pass

(https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/student-pass). The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has approved the expansion of fare-free services on all Fairfax Connector routes for children 12 and younger, beginning May 1st. The child must be accompanied by a paying adult to qualify.

More: https://www.fox5dc.com/news/fairfax-county-connectors-new-youth-fare-policy-begins-in-may

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/).

Local 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/

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 <u>PayPal</u> (scaboard@stoneybrooke.org) or <u>Venmo</u> (@stoneybrooke_sca) by scanning one of the QR codes below.
- 2. Include your name, address, and email address* in the details.







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