

# Stoneybrooke



OF FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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SEPTEMBER 2023

### **Letter from the Board**

Dear SCA Members,

Greetings to all our wonderful members! As we step into the brisk and beautiful embrace of Fall, it's time to reveal the exciting lineup of events and updates we have in store for you in this month's newsletter.

Mark your calendars for September 30th as we celebrate Fall with games, delicious food, and community spirit at the Fall Community Block Party! This year's event will be again hosted at the Stonebridge Court cul-de-sac, featuring the return of the bounce house!

Get ready for bargains and hidden gems at our Fall Community Yard Sale. Join us on October 7th for a day of exploring and selling. Share your treasures!

Finally, our beloved Little Free Library is moving to its new home at 6919 Stoneybrooke Ln in the upcoming days. Help us continue to foster a love of reading in our neighborhood.

Thank you for being part of our community association. Read on for updates, member spotlights, and community stories.

Warm regards,

*~SCA Board*

## Neighborhood News

### Stoneybrooke Community Meeting and Block Party Set for September 30th

Your neighbors on Stonebridge Court Cul-de-sac invite you to a Fall Block Party on Saturday, September 30th tentatively starting at 4:30 PM. Following the festivities we will have a community meeting. Come enjoy the cooler weather and meet some new friends. Bring your own chairs, adult beverages, and cornhole boards! Look forward to the following activities!

- ***Bounce House!***
- ***Grilling!***
- ***Music!***

### Reminder: Fall Yard Sale Coming October 7th

The neighborhood tradition continues, with the fall yard sale scheduled for the first Saturday in October. The Spring Yard Sale occurs the first Saturday in May. Stay tuned for further details as the date approaches.

### Stoneybrooke Little Free Library Relocation.

The Stoneybrooke Little Free Library is moving! Coming soon, the library will be found at 6919 Stoneybrooke Ln. The library has stood in its present location, at the corner of Stonebridge Road and Court, since 2018. The new location will offer a more high traffic area, hopefully broadening its reach to more of our neighbors.



*Image: The Stoneybrooke Little Free Library.  
(Photo credit: Samuel Posnock)*



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE SCA ANNUAL MEETING AND

# COMMUNITY PICNIC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH FROM 4:30-7:30PM

GAMES, MUSIC, FOOD & FUN!

CORN HOLE  
BOUNCE HOUSE  
MUSIC  
KIDS ACTIVITIES



HOT DOGS  
BURGERS  
VEGGIE BURGERS  
DESSERTS

STONEBRIDGE COURT CUL DE SAC

BRING YOUR OWN

LAWN CHAIRS/BLANKET, GAMES, AND (IF ABLE) A DISH TO SHARE !

## Community News

### Springfield Whole Foods Relocating...to Springfield!

Whole Foods' 8402 Old Keene Mill Road location is moving to Springfield Plaza, 7025 Old Keene Mill Road on October 4<sup>th</sup>. The new location will have roughly double the square footage, providing regional farm-sourced produce, specialty cheeses, and a selection of more than 300 craft beers!

More: <https://wtop.com/virginia/2023/09/whole-foods-market-opening-larger-relocated-store-this-fall-in-springfield/>

### Alexandria City Council Reconsiders Special Events Policy.

Under current Alexandria policies, special events are not permitted on back-to-back weekends in Old Town. The town council has the authority to waive this restriction on a case-by-case basis. However, the council is now deliberating on loosening these restrictions, to allow events on consecutive weekends in Old Town.

More: <https://www.alxnow.com/2023/09/07/alexandria-city-council-to-consider-permanently-allowing-big-events-on-consecutive-weekends/>

### Thousands in Fairfax County Wrongfully Ticketed for Speeding.

Drivers in Fairfax received improper citations from speed cameras installed in school zones in multiple locations in Fairfax. The root cause could be traced to malfunctioning school zone signs, which advise drivers of reduced speed when lights are flashing. Since the lights were malfunctioning, drivers were correctly driving at the standard speed. However, speed cameras ticketed them for failing to observe the reduced speed. Police say 2,800 tickets were issued, and refunds are pending. Angry residents, however, say they are still awaiting refunds after paying their fines.

More: <https://wtop.com/fairfax-county/2023/09/why-did-hundreds-of-fairfax-co-drivers-mistakenly-receive-speed-camera-tickets/>

## 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/>

## Reminders

### Stay Connected

Stay up to date on neighborhood happenings by visiting the Stoneybrooke SCA website ([www.stoneybrooke.org/](http://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/](http://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.