

# Stoneybrooke

OF FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## SENTINEL MAY 2017

### Letter from the Board

Greetings again Stoneybrooke Residents! We have survived another Northern Virginia winter. While I'm sure we each missed having multiple snow days this winter, the mild weather does mean that summer is scheduled to begin without any school extensions! The SCA looks forward to the warmer weather and finding opportunities to get together as a community through a block party or other gathering. If you have any ideas or think your cul-de-sac or portion of Stoneybrooke would be a great spot for a block party, please contact us at [scaboard@stoneybrooke.org](mailto:scaboard@stoneybrooke.org).

Thank you to all the planning and execution support for the multiple SCA events we've had this past year: A community meeting in September, the Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 Yard Sales, the "Stoneybrooke Howl & Prowl" Halloween Parade, the "Stoneybrooke Egging" Easter Egg Hunt, and a small block-party on Stone Mill Place.

In addition to helping sponsor events and consolidating news and information from our local community, the SCA also provides a voice to our local leaders. We were able to replace the "No Access to Route 1" sign at the entrance of Stoneybrooke Lane as well as find out about the traffic counters in our neighborhood. We are tentatively scheduled to have Supervisor Jeff McKay join us at our September 2017 community meeting at Stone Mansion and are delighted to be joined by the Fairfax County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) representatives at our upcoming meeting on May 18th at 7:00p at Stone Mansion.

Finally, one of the agenda items at our meeting will be the SCA Board positions. We have one current vacancy, Secretary, and will soon have another as our Vice Chairman, Jason Prokop, is stepping down from the position. SCA Board elections are held at each May community meeting and are effective for the following fiscal year (September 1 - August 31). If you're interested in serving on the SCA Board, please let us know before or during the community meeting on May 18th.

- SCA Board

## Highlights from the Community

Join the Rose Hill Elementary School's Rose Hill Players for "The Mad Adventures of Mr. Toad," a delightful, upbeat version of Kenneth Grahame's ever-popular Wind in the Willows. Our eccentric but likeable Toad of Toad Hall, given to 'crazes,' has a problem: he is obsessed with motorcars and ends up crashing them everywhere he goes! Despite the sincere efforts of his dear friends Badger, Rat and Mole, Toad's madness gets the best of him and he ends up in prison for his reckless driving after a hysterical episode with the Judge. Toad's enemies, the weasels, couldn't be happier to have him behind bars as they plot to overtake Toad's estate! Meanwhile, the jailer's daughter, Polly, helps Toad escape prison dressed as a washerwoman! Yet another madcap scene ensues when Toad finally meets up with his friends again, and they devise a clever scheme to recapture Toad Hall from the weasels. Let the music and magic of Mr. Toad take you on a wild ride.

Performances will be held at Thomas A. Edison High School (5801 Franconia Rd., Alexandria) on Friday, June 2nd at 7pm, and Saturday, June 3rd at 1pm and 7pm. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, and \$1 for children at the matinee. Concessions will be available for sale.

- *Melissa A.*

The new Bob & Edith's Diner is aiming for a late May/early June opening. The 24-hour diner, a sister restaurant to the owners' Springfield and Arlington locations, will be located in the shopping center on North Kings Highway directly across from the south entrance to the Huntington Metro Station.

- *Covering the Corridor*

VDOT has published their 2017 NoVA paving map, which is now viewable on the [VDOT website](#). A paving schedule has not yet been released, but exact work dates will be available about ten days prior to work beginning. Paving typically takes place during non-rush hour times. Among the major Richmond Hwy area roads scheduled to be repaved include Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy, North Kings Hwy, South Kings Hwy, Telegraph Rd, Rose Hill Dr.

- *Covering the Corridor*

Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia is building a new house in Groveton in the 6800 block of Donora Dr. Habitat purchased the lot in April 2016, and there is currently no structure on the property. Construction is expected to take between 14-18 months. This will be the third home built by Habitat NOVA in Groveton.

- *Covering the Corridor*

Virginia Hills Swim Club is accepting new members for the 2017 swim season. There is currently no wait list. For more information about the club, visit the [Virginia Hills Swim Club website](#). For membership information, email [info@vahillspool.org](mailto:info@vahillspool.org), and the membership chair can schedule a tour and help you decide the membership level that's right for you.

- *Kingstown Patch*

Two Brothers Soul Food restaurant and lounge coming to Richmond Hwy. Owners David Roundtree and Chris Everette grew up in the area, and the kitchen will be run by Andre Rush, a Mississippi-born chef who was an award-winning culinary artist and ice sculpter while serving in the Army. The restaurant is located at 7305 Richmond Hwy. Two Brothers will be celebrating their grand opening Friday, May 26th, at 11am.

- *Covering the Corridor*

## Highlights from the Community

**Huntington Farmers Market back for third season.** The market, located near the North Kings Hwy entrance to the Huntington Metro Station, opened April 27th and is open every Thursday from 3pm to 7pm. For more information on the vendors, see the [Smart Markets webpage](#). The McCutcheon/Mount Vernon farmers market, the only other Richmond Hwy-area market, opened May 3rd.

- *Covering the Corridor*

**VDOT lays out basics of Richmond Hwy widening.** The project will widen the highway from four to six lanes between Jeff Todd Way and Napper Rd. The project will also include 6 1/2-foot wide asphalt bike lanes on each side, 6-foot wide concrete sidewalks on each side, and a 58-foot wide median section so that Bus Rapid Transit can later be added as part of the Embark Richmond Hwy initiative. Construction is still years away, with an estimated completion date in 2026. Advisory group and community meetings are being held to discuss the project. For a schedule of upcoming meetings and presentations and minutes from previous meetings, please visit [Fairfax County's website](#).

- *Covering the Corridor*

**Carl Sandburg principal resigned after extended leave.** FCPS Assistant Superintendent Terry Dade informed parents via letter that Carl Sandburg Middle School principal Terrence Yarborough was on leave. FCPS spokesman declined to comment on the nature of the leave or when it began. On May 5th, Yarborough announced his resignation in a letter sent to parents.

- *Covering the Corridor*

**Mission BBQ coming to Alexandria.** The new BBQ joint will be located at 6482 Landsdown Center, previously home Red, Hot & Blue. Opening date has not yet been specified.

- *Mission BBQ*

“There have been at least two sightings of a rather well-read, large fox stealing morning newspapers in lower Stoneybrooke. #wellreadfox”

- *Judy Jurkowski*

### Key Sources

Covering the Corridor | <http://coveringthecorridor.com>

Kingstown Patch | <https://patch.com/virginia/kingstowne>

**Need a hand in your yard or garden this season?** Some of Stoneybrook's local youth would love to help you out!

Caleb | Caleb's Odd Jobs | [calebsoddjobs@icloud.com](mailto:calebsoddjobs@icloud.com)

Abby & Bailey | The Yardeners | [yardenerslw@gmail.com](mailto:yardenerslw@gmail.com) (Age appropriate jobs for 10-year-olds; no power tools please!)