

Stoneybrooke



OF FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Letter from the Board

Hello, Stoneybrooke neighbors! We'd like to remind everyone of our fall community meeting coming up this Thursday, September 21st. It will be held at 7pm at Stone Mansion. Supervisor Jeff McKay is scheduled to visit us during this meeting to give an update on district events and answer questions from the community. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Other upcoming events:

- Saturday, October 7th | Fall community yard sale. Held on the first Saturday each May and October, the SCA puts out online advertisements and local signage to encourage yard sale aficionados to swing through.
 - Sunday, October 29th | Due to the success of the 2016 event, we are looking forward to the second annual Howl and Prowl Parade. 4:00p
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Last month, we reported an increase in petty larcenies and vehicle breakins in the neighborhood. Please remember to lock your doors every time you exit your vehicle, and do not leave valuables unattended in your car. Additionally, several bicycles have been reported missing, so please lock your chains or stow bikes in a secure storage unit or inside your home. It appears the bicycles are being used as a quick means for transportation for the thieves.

If you discover that your vehicle has been entered or find anything missing, always file a report with the Fairfax County PD. You can file a report online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/reportcrime/> or by calling the non-emergency number at 703-691-2131. Filing a report for every incident will prompt FCPD to patrol our neighborhood more frequently, thus deterring criminal activity.

For more tips on keeping Stoneybrooke safe, visit <http://www.stoneybrooke.org/2017/09/05/lock-cars-stoney-brooke/> to read one of our latest blog posts on deterring neighborhood crime!

As a reminder, the 2017 SCA membership year ended on August 31st, and we are now accepting dues for 2018. Annual dues are only \$20, and your contribution funds our neighborhood events, production of the Sentinel, community maintenance and provides your family a vote on SCA matters at community meetings. You can find a printable copy of the 2018 membership form on our website at [stoneybrooke.org/membership](http://www.stoneybrooke.org/membership). Our Treasurer will also be collecting dues at the September community meeting.

The SCA functions solely on volunteers and is open to any resident willing to pitch in. Current vacancies include a board position (Vice Chair), event planners, Sentinel content managers, and neighborhood watch coordinators. We are also seeking a financially savvy individual for the Treasurer position which will be vacated in 2018. Thank you for supporting the Stoneybrooke Citizens Association!

- SCA Board

Highlights from the Community

Inova Mt. Vernon ranks high on list of top DC area hospitals. Inova Mt. Vernon ranked 8th out of 56 area hospitals in U.S. News & World Report's 2017-2018 hospital rankings released in August. Inova Mt. Vernon has 237 beds and employs 363 doctors and 229 nurses. It was also ranked the 18th best hospital in the state of Virginia. The hospital also received high marks for safety in two national surveys released in April.

- *Covering the Corridor*

No long-term fix coming for Huntington Metro escalator. WMATA says there are no plans in the near future to refurbish or replace a critical escalator at the Huntington Metro station. The escalator has been out of commission for a number of days this summer. Because the escalator is the only full-width model at the station, commuters are experiencing a considerably longer wait time to enter the platform during rush hour.

- *Covering the Corridor*

McGee Garden Center moved to new location. The McGee Garden Center, in business for seven years on Richmond Hwy in the Hybla Valley area, has moved to a new location just down the road. McGee sells gardening and landscaping supplies and is known for their seasonal displays at Halloween and Christmas. Their new location is 7925 Richmond Hwy, at the corner of Richmond Hwy and Sherwood Hall Ln. Owner, Gloria McGee, hopes to be fully operational by mid- to late-September.

- *Covering the Corridor*

Supervisor McKay calls for dedicated Metro funding. Lee District Supervisor, Jeff McKay, penned an op-ed for the Washington Post calling for the state of Virginia to recognize the importance of Metro and VRE to the state's overall revenue. McKay cited a study that shows that for every dollar Virginia invests in Metro and VRE, it receives about \$2.50 in return. You can read the full op-ed at the [Washington Post](#).

- *Covering the Corridor*

Woodlawn Stables has reopened as Claddagh Farm. Three years ago, the 60-acre Woodlawn Stables was forced to close due to the widening of Richmond Hwy. The family that owned the stables has relocated operations to Jeffersonton, VA, taking their lesson horses and reopening as Claddagh Farm.

- *The Connection*

FCPD warns of jury duty scams. The Fairfax County Police are warning citizens to be on the lookout for telephone scammers claiming to be from the county's sheriff's office. The fake "deputies" claim that you've missed jury duty and that a warrant has been issued for your arrest. The scammers are asking for store gift cards, pre-paid debit cards or money orders to pay fictional court costs and fines, and they are sophisticated enough to spoof caller IDs. If you have received a jury duty summons, and want to confirm it, you can contact the Circuit Court jury duty clerk at 703-246-7816 (press 0). If you think you might be the victim of a scam, please file a report online with the Financial Crimes Section at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/financialcrimes/> or call 703-691-2131.

- *FCPD News*

Highlights from the Community

Tips for morning commuters. Fairfax County Public Schools is the largest district in Virginia, serving more than 189,000 students. Now that school is back in session, drivers should be aware of the increased presence of buses, pedestrians and crossing guards. The Kingstown Patch has posted several resources residents might find useful:

- **Map of all school crossing sites in Fairfax County**
- **FCPS daily start and end times**
- **School year calendar for FCPS**
- **Times flashing lights will be on to require reduced speeds in school zones**
- **Responsibilities of school crossing guards**
- **School bus delays in real time**
- **Weather cancellation policy**

- *Kingstown Patch*

Key Sources

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

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

Greater Alexandria Patch | <https://patch.com/virginia/greateralexandria>

The Connection | <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/>

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

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