

Stoneybrooke



OF FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Letter from the Board

Another exciting month for the Stoneybrooke community with some recent events such as the Stoneybrooke Easter Egging and the Stoneybrooke Spring Yard Sale completed. Congratulations to all of this year's spring High School and College graduates. Same to the parents and family members who are there to celebrate with the class of 2018. Many colleges and universities have already held graduation ceremonies and commencements, with local high school graduations right around the corner (West Potomac High School is June 8th).

This month, to celebrate our great community, the residents of Old Quarry Terrace have volunteered their cul-de-sac to host the 2018 Stoneybrooke community potluck and cookout on Sunday, May 20th at 4p – 6:30p. All Stoneybrooke residents are invited to this event. The SCA will also make this event it's May 2018 community meeting, inviting residents to discuss future events and ways to continue improving our community.

Please RSVP here (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4ea4a62aa46-maybbq>) and sign-up to bring something to share.

We also have heard rumors of members of our local Fire Department making a visit with their Fire Engine (subject to cancellation due to responding to calls).

Looking forward to seeing those who can make it on May 20th! Bill will be spending the weekend by his barrel smoker making some pulled pork for the event -- if any other local BBQ enthusiasts are interested in an unofficial cook-off, message us at scaboard@stoneybrooke.org.

And as always, for anyone looking to pitch in, we welcome your participation. The SCA functions solely on volunteers and we invite both new and long-time residents. Current vacancies include a board position (Vice Chair), event planners, Sentinel content managers, and neighborhood watch coordinators. If you are interested in volunteering for a position or helping in some other way, please reach out to the board at scaboard@stoneybrooke.org or via our website at www.stoneybrooke.org/contact-us/.

- SCA Board

Upcoming SCA Events

- Sunday May 20th 4p – 6:30p – Stoneybrooke potluck and annual May community meeting (Old Quarry Terrace cul-de-sac)
- Tuesday August 7th, 5p – 8p – National Night Out (Stone Mansion Park at top of Stoneybrooke Lane)
- Saturday September 1st – Begin of SCA's fiscal year 2019 (renew membership)
- TBD September, Community meeting with guest speaker
- Saturday October 6th, 8a – 2p – Fall Yard Sale
- Sunday October 28th, 4p – 5p – 3rd annual Howl and Prowl Halloween parade

Upcoming Community Events

Paws for the People Fundraiser

Saturday, May 19th 3-6:00pm

Paws for the People is a dog show event sponsored by Olde Towne School for Dogs and Frolick Dogs Canine Sports Club. All proceeds will benefit the Lazarus Food Pantry, held weekly on Thursday mornings at Christ Church Alexandria. The Lazarus Food Pantry is open to all City of Alexandria residents and is one of only two food pantries in the city which provides fresh produce, meat, and dairy.

Dogs and owners of all breeds, ages, ability, and experience are welcome and encouraged to participate! The event will be comprised of three show rings running concurrently: The Center Ring; Obedience; and Agility.

Each entrant will receive a gift card and a treat bag. For more information: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/paws-for-the-people-registration-44493967655>

Blood Drive & Family BBQ in Honor of Whitaker

Sunday, May 27th 10am-5:00pm

Our neighbors, the Finamores, are hosting a blood drive and BBQ at the Stone Mansion on Sunday, May 27th, in honor of two year old Whitaker who has been battling cancer for half of his life. He was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma about 18 months ago, a cancer that affects his nerves and adrenal glands. The tumor quickly metastasized to his bone marrow, and he has endured many rounds of chemo, countless hospital stays, two bone marrow transplants, and somewhere around 50 blood transfusions.

Fired Up to Help <https://www.fireduptohelp.org/>, will be serving pulled pork, BBQ chicken and beef brisket, with all proceeds going to a charity handpicked by Whit's family; Growing Hope Kids.

If you can't make it to the event, you can help by making a donation to GoFundMe: <https://www.gofundme.com/teamswell> or by donating blood. Make an appointment online at <https://bit.ly/2vswXy9>

Free Admission to Fairfax County RECenters for US Military Members on Memorial Day

Monday, May 28th

To all who serve and have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, please enjoy Memorial Day, with your family at any Fairfax County RECenter or Lakefront park at no charge.

Complimentary RECenter Admission includes use of pools, fitness rooms, drop-in fitness classes, gyms, and mini golf. For more information: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/honoring-americas-veterans-memorial-day>

Taste of Springfield Festival

Saturday, June 2nd 12-6:00pm

Join your neighbors for the second annual Taste of Springfield Festival. The event is a seasonal celebration of good food, exhibitors, entertainment and LIVE music! This outdoor, family-friendly event allows you to stroll through various vendor booths at your leisure while sampling some of the delicious offerings of local restaurants and chefs.

The event will take place in the parking lot along Frontier Drive, at Springfield Town Center. Admission to the event is free. For more information: <https://springfieldtowncenter.com/calendar/view/1690>

Highlights from the Community**Mount Vernon RECenter Renovation Design Underway**

The Fairfax County Park Authority will renovate and expand Mount Vernon RECenter in the near future. This is an exciting capital improvement project that will provide great benefits to the community and provide a state-of-the-art facility for the many thousands who use the RECenter each year.

The Mount Vernon RECenter is well past its lifecycle, according to the Park Authority. The center's ice rink was opened in 1979, while the aquatic center was built in 1983.

The project will be paid for with a Park Authority bond that was passed by voters in 2016.

New Playground Open at Bucknell Manor Park

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on Sunday, May 6, 2018 for the new playground at Bucknell Manor Park.

Bucknell Manor Park now features two play areas to appeal to children of different ages. In addition to the play structures, the facility includes new borders, subsurface drainage, child safety fencing and an asphalt trail – all designed to meet ADA standards.

The \$100,000 project was financed through the 2016 Park Bond as part of a plan to install new playground equipment at aging parks to bring them into compliance with today's safety and ADA standards.

Route 1 Residents and Stakeholders Make Case for Transportation Funding

The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) is currently in the process of selecting which projects will get funding as part of its six-year program, and is asking for community input. Two huge Richmond Highway area projects — the widening of Route 1 between Jeff Todd Way and Napper Road, and the Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project — are among 60 that the NVTA is evaluating.

The two Richmond Highway-area project were ranked first and second, respectively, on Fairfax County's wish list to the NVTA. But while the projects are better positioned than ever, the NVTA took a budget hit from the state this year, with funding for a Metro maintenance bill taking money from the NVTA's budget.

The NVTA will make its final decisions in June. In the meantime, a public comment period began on April 13 and lasts until May 20. It will include meetings in multiple Northern Virginia jurisdictions that vie for the NVTA's money.

City of Alexandria One Step closer to having its own “Richmond Highway”

If you’ve enjoyed the confusion of having two Alexandrias in Northern Virginia, good news: We’ll soon have two Richmond Highways — both with Alexandria addresses — in completely different places. That’s because the City of Alexandria is one step closer to adopting the name “Richmond Highway” for some, but not all, of Route 1 within city limits.

Alexandria City Manager Mark B. Jinks, following the lead of the city’s Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Renaming Jefferson Davis Highway, has pushed forward a recommendation that “Richmond Highway” become the new moniker for the stretch of roadway currently named after the president of the Confederacy. If approved, the name change would only affect the part of U.S. 1 in Alexandria named after Davis — which runs from Arlington to the top of Old Town — and not the two other stretches of Route 1 in the city, which are known as Patrick Street and Henry Street. So even after the change, Alexandria will still have three different names for Route 1 within its borders.

The issue isn’t a done deal yet — the Alexandria City Council takes up the recommendation a public hearing on the issue is tentatively set for June 23.

Metro Repairs to Shut Down Huntington Station Next Summer

Metro is planning to shut down the Yellow and Blue lines south of National Airport in the summer of 2019 for a massive platform repair project at multiple stations — meaning no trains will run from either Huntington or Franconia-Springfield during that time.

The plans will affect a total of 20 stations throughout the system. Work will take place in four phases, with the first phase starting in the summer of 2019. The work in that phase, starting sometime after Memorial Day, will include rebuilds at Braddock Road, King Street and Eisenhower Avenue, shutting down the Yellow and Blue lines south of National Airport.

Metro says the platform rebuilds are “a necessary safety project,” and that based on previous rebuilds of station platforms, a complete closing of the station is preferable to keeping stations open during the repair work. Huntington’s and National Airport’s platform are scheduled to be rebuilt between January and May 2020, but neither station will be closed during the work. Franconia-Springfield will have its platform rebuilt between October and December 2019 and will also stay open.

Inova Mount Vernon among Safest Hospitals in Area

Inova Mount Vernon Hospital is the safest hospital within 10 miles of the Richmond Highway corridor according to the results of a biannual grading by The Leapfrog Group, a national non-profit focused on improving the quality and safety of health care.

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade — which scores hospitals on how safe they keep patients from errors, injuries, accidents and infections — assigns letter grades to approximately 2,500 acute-care hospitals throughout the United States. Results from spring 2018 show that Virginia was one of five states with the highest percentage of “A” hospitals. Besides Inova Mount Vernon, the Virginia Hospital Center-Arlington Health System, Inova Fair Oaks Hospital and Inova Loudoun Hospital were three Northern Virginia providers that received top marks from Leapfrog. The watchdog organization also commended Maryland and Washington, D.C. hospitals for showing significant improvement, noting that the nation’s capital has its first A-grade hospital (Sibley Memorial) since spring 2013.

Key Sources

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

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

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

Old Town Patch | <https://patch.com/virginia/oldtownalexandria>

Reminders

Stay Connected

Stay up to date on neighborhood happenings by joining the Stoneybrooke Neighborhood Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/210928805722992/>). If you are looking for recommendations, or to sell or buy something, check out the Stoneybrooke Events, Services & Recommendations (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1034208403392227/>) group.

Need a hand in your yard or garden this season? Some of Stoneybrooke'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!)