

Stoneybrooke

OF FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Letter from the Board

Greetings again neighbors, and happy Summer Solstice to everyone. It is officially summer here in Stoneybrooke and it's great to see the neighbors out enjoying this nice weather. Congrats to all the teachers we have in the neighborhood who wrapped up another school year, make the most of your summer!

In May, there was a great turn out for the Stoneybrooke potluck and cookout. We cannot send out enough thanks to everyone who contributed, especially the residents of Old Quarry Terrace for offering up their cul-de-sac, the neighbors who helped coordinate having Penn Daw Fire Station crew visit with their engine, and all the neighbors who shared food, beverages, and activities. We look forward to doing something similar this fall.



Photos from May cookout

Please take a look at the upcoming SCA events and other local area highlights for some fun things to do this summer. We will have a formal community meeting again in September, so keep an eye out for upcoming agenda and a guest speaker. September will also mark our new fiscal year, so if you are a member, please consider renewing your membership for FY19. If you're not yet a member, but would like to be, you can find the membership form attached to this sentinel. Voluntary membership is a low fee of \$20.00 and enables the SCA to facilitate community events such as block parties and holiday events (children's Halloween parade and an Easter Egg hunt), operate and maintain our online presence (<http://www.stoneybrooke.org>), as well as maintain all appropriate local and federal licenses.

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

- Tuesday, August 7th, 5–8pm – National Night Out (Stone Mansion Park at top of Stoneybrooke Lane)
- Saturday, September 1st – Begin of SCA's fiscal year 2019 (renew membership)
- Thursday, September 20th, 7:30pm - Community meeting at Mansion
- Saturday, October 6th, 8am–2pm – Fall Yard Sale
- Sunday, October 28th, 4–5pm – 3rd Annual Howl and Prowl Halloween parade

Upcoming Community Events

Gum Springs Celebrating its 185th Anniversary

Saturday, June 23rd 11am-5pm

The Gum Springs Community Day & Parade kicks off at 11 a.m with the parade, which will start at the intersection of Richmond Highway and Fordson Road. The parade route will go down Fordson and finish at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Park. The grand marshal for Saturday's parade is 98-year-old Ada Singletary, who is believed to be the oldest Gum Springs resident actually born and raised in the community.

Gum Springs is the oldest African American community in Fairfax County. It was founded in 1833 by West Ford, a freed slave who lived and worked on the Mount Vernon plantation. Gum Springs became a safe haven for freed and runaway slaves, who made a living in the then-rural community as farmers, lumber workers and tradesmen.

Catch an Outdoor Movie this Summer Along the Corridor

The Zelsman Powers Group realtors at Coldwell Banker are holding their third annual free “Summer Sunset Movie Nights” at the Mt. Vernon RECenter every Friday evening at 7 p.m. through the end of June. Marvel movies are the theme. This Friday, the feature film will be “Thor: Ragnarock” followed by “Black Panther” next week.

Further south — along the Potomac River near Fort Hunt Park — Cedar Knoll restaurant will hold its “Cedar Knoll Summer Cinema” every Thursday this summer, with the exception of the third Thursday of each month.

A full movie schedule is posted on the restaurant's Facebook page.

Fourth of July Festivities

Independence Fireworks

3200 Mount Vernon Hwy, Mount Vernon, June 29th-30th, 6-9:45pm

A fitting destination for Independence Day festivities is the first president's mansion. Watch fireworks choreographed to patriotic music. Cost with a mansion tour is \$35 for adults, \$25 for youth; without mansion tour is \$30 for adults and \$20 for youth.

Workhouse Arts Center Fireworks in Lorton

9518 Workhouse Way Lorton June 30th, 5-10pm

The 30-minute fireworks show will follow a performance by the US Navy Band Commodores, the Navy's premier jazz ensemble. Visitors can enjoy local food trucks, craft beer, fine wine and non-alcoholic drinks. Admission to Workhouse Fireworks is free, while parking is \$20 per car (cash only) at the Workhouse campus (enter via eastbound Workhouse Road).

An American Celebration at Mount Vernon

3200 Mount Vernon Hwy, Mount Vernon, July 4th, 9am-5pm

Visitors will flock to Mount Vernon to see daytime fireworks over the Potomac River, cannon fire and military re-enactments. The cost is included in admission to the estate.

National Independence Day Parade

Constitution Avenue NW from 7th Street NW to 17th Street NW, July 4th, 11:45am-2pm

Marching bands, fife and drum corps, floats, military units, giant balloons, equestrian, drill teams and more celebrate Independence Day in this patriotic, flag-waving, red, white and blue celebration of America's birthday.

A Capitol Fourth

West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol, July 4th, 8-9:30pm

Co-sponsored by the National Park Service and the National Symphony Orchestra, join Jimmy Buffett and the Broadway cast of *Escape to Margaritaville*, pop superstars the Temptations and the Beach Boys, country music star Luke Combs, host John Stamos, and many more as they honor our country's 242nd birthday. Gates will open at 3 p.m.

DC Fireworks Display

National Mall, July 4th, 9:09-9:27pm

Independence Day culminates with a spectacular fireworks display over the National Mall. The fireworks will be launched from the area of the Reflecting Pool, and will be visible from many locations throughout D.C. and Northern Virginia. The fireworks will be cancelled in case of heavy rain, thunderstorms or high winds.

Alexandria Birthday Celebration

Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison Street, Old Town, July 7th, 6-10pm

Alexandria celebrates America's 242nd birthday and Alexandria's 269th in one big celebration. Visitors can enjoy live music by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, patriotic birthday cake, food vendors and a dazzling fireworks display over the Potomac River.

Highlights from the Community**Funding Approved for Route 1 Widening and BRT Project**

Fairfax County's \$127 million request for the Route 1 widening project and its \$260 million request for the Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project each got the thumbs up from the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA), which is responsible for allocating state funds for regional transportation projects.

No two projects received more funding than the two Richmond Highway-related projects, which had topped the county's wishlist to the NVTA. The third-largest chunk of NVTA funding was \$89 million that went to the Route 28 corridor project in Prince William County.

The two projects are at the heart of the Embark Richmond Highway initiative, which was formally adopted into the county's comprehensive plan in March. The eight community business centers planned in Embark would be connected by BRT running from the Huntington Metro to Fort Belvoir, and both projects are necessary to make that happen.

Huntington Levee Almost Complete

After years of enduring major floods and numerous scares during storms, construction of the Huntington Levee is in its final stretch. The relocation of utilities, including overhead power lines and sanitary sewers, is now complete. The embankment is approximately 80 percent complete, and the pump house's structure is in its final stages, with utility work inside of it getting underway.

The pumps are estimated to be running near the end of the summer, Smith said. Once those are ready, the final stages of closing off the 2,800-foot-long earthen embankment and concrete I-wall embankment can begin.

Memory Depot Debuts at Sherwood Regional Library

The Sherwood Regional Library — along with the City of Fairfax Regional Library — has opened new Memory Depots, do-it-yourself stations enabling patrons to digitize materials at no cost.

The stations' technologies will enable the digitization of photographic prints, negatives and slides; scrapbooks and other documents; and VHS video cassettes. Audio cassettes are coming soon, according to Fairfax County's website.

Library staff will provide personal orientations on how to digitize materials. Until the Memory Depot's online sign-up system is ready at Sherwood Regional, patrons are encouraged to call the library directly (703-765-3645, extension #4) or stop by the information desk to make a reservation.

Lee District Spray Ground Opens with New Features

Our Special Harbor sprayground has opened and has new features for kids to enjoy — a new lighthouse, anchor and dinghy. The Chesapeake Bay-themed sprayground also features a spraying osprey nest, Chessie the sea serpent, misting sunflowers and areas for younger children to enjoy.

The sprayground will be open seven days a week, with weekday hours from 11 am – 7 pm (except Wednesdays, when the closing time is 5 pm). Admission is free, and all kids must wear aquatic shoes or sandals with a manufactured back strap.

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.

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STONEYBROOKE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION 2018 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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.

How to join:

1. Make out a \$20 check payable to 'SCA'
2. Fill out the form below and print.
3. Mail the form and check to the Stoneybrooke Treasurer:
Candy Thompson
6825 Lamp Post Lane
Alexandria, VA 22306
4. Enjoy our great neighborhood!

Your Name:	<input type="text"/>	Directory Information
Your Spouse's Name:	<input type="text"/>	
Address:	<input type="text"/>	
Phone:	<input type="text"/>	
Check One:	Include us in the Community Directory <input type="checkbox"/>	OR Do not include us in the Directory <input type="checkbox"/>
Email:	<input type="text"/>	To receive your copy of The Stoneybrooke Sentinel by email Not for community directory or other mailings

Contact us online at www.stoneybrooke.org!