

Stoneybrooke

OF FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Letter from the Board

Yet again, Megan has pulled together great content for this month's Sentinel -- As a Stoneybrooke resident, I'm amazed at the resources available for us to share ideas, talk about upcoming events, and come together as neighbors. Several topics covered in this Sentinel, but a few I'd like to highlight.

First, this upcoming Sunday (10/28 @ 4pm) is our annual Howl and Prowl Parade (Thank you Melissa for your continued spearheading of this event). We'll meet at the Northeast corner of Stoneybrooke Lane and Stonebridge Road. All are welcomed to walk the short route with your children and pets and show off fun costumes in daylight. If you'd like to help pass out candy along the route, please reach out to us (scaboard@stoneybrooke.org) for volunteer information.

Next, we had another great block party event down on Old Quarry Terrace (Special thanks to Laura and Aaron and the residents on that cul-de-sac). Many great dishes contributed to me eating a bit too much (especially those spicy chicken wings!), looking forward to this now being an annual event (The last Saturday in September). And thank you to former resident, Andi Bethea, who made a generous donation to the SCA in order to continue hosting fun social events such as this. Andi, we look forward to seeing you and Chance at a future block party!



Earlier in September, we held our first community meeting of the 2019 fiscal year. We were joined by members of the Fairfax County Department of Code Compliance (<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code/>) who provided us with a detailed brief followed by a Q&A session on their role in the community and how they help maintain a high standard for safety and quality of life within Fairfax County. Please reach out to us if you have any questions or suggestions for future guest speakers at community events.

Finally, a big "Thank You" to all community members who have become 2019 members of the SCA and showing support for the SCA events and activities. To date, we have 61 residences as paid members, which is more than double last year's membership! It is easy to join: <http://www.stoneybrooke.org/membership/>.

Enjoy a fun and safe Halloween!
-SCA Board

Upcoming SCA Events

- Sunday, October 28th, 4 – 5pm – 3rd Annual Howl and Prowl Halloween parade

Upcoming Community Events

Senior Cyber Security Workshop

Wednesday, October 24th

By 2030, a quarter of Fairfax County homes will have residents over 60 years of age which makes our community a tempting and growing target for scammers and con artists. It is critical we remain hyper-vigilant and always err on the side of caution when in doubt. To that end, later this month, Paul Krizek will be co-hosting a Senior Cyber Security Workshop (people of all ages are welcome!) on October 24 from 2-4pm at Sherwood Regional Library with Sen. Mark Warner's office and Mount Vernon at Home to learn about potential threats and how to combat them.

But in the meantime, remember that it is ok to hang up the phone, not answer the door, or not open an email and certainly it is a good idea to call the non-emergency police number at 703-691-2131, if you are at all dubious or concerned. You won't get scammed if you aren't available to the conman. To RSVP to the Cyber Security Workshop please email ed@paulkrizek.com.

Third Annual Tour *de* Mount Vernon

Saturday, October 27th

The 3rd Annual Tour *de* Mount Vernon, community bike ride will take place on October 27 at 8:30am, starting and ending at Fort Hunt Park. Hosted by the Mount Vernon District Board of Supervisors in partnership with the Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling (FABB), this event is focused on encouraging community members to explore the many of the treasures of the Mount Vernon District. This year's ride travels through the northeastern part of the district and includes the Mount Vernon Estate, Belle View Park, Grist Mill Distillery, the Gum Springs Museum and Cultural Center, among many more. For more information visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/tour-de-mount-vernon-0>.

Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout

Saturday, October 27th

Take advantage of a free, convenient, confidential, and safe disposal of unused or expired medications during Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout on Saturday, October 27, 2018. Drop off medications at any of the eight Fairfax County District Police Stations (pills or liquids only, no pressurized canisters or needles) between 10am and 2pm.

Drug take back programs are important because they are a safe method for disposing of prescription drugs and are organized and closely monitored by local, state, and federal government agencies. Safe disposal of unused or expired medications prevents drug abuse and misuse, accidental poisoning, and protects the environment.

Crime Solvers Holding a Community Shred Event

Saturday, October 27th

On Saturday, October 27th from 8:30am to 12pm, Fairfax County Crime Solvers will be hosting a Community Shred Event where members of the community can bring their personal documents, for safe and secure shredding. Crime Solvers only suggests a \$5 donation per bag/box, which is tax deductible. Papers are shredded on-site. The Shred Event will be held at the Mount Vernon District Police Station on Parkers Lane.

Shredding your personal documents is a great way to help prevent crime, such as identity theft. Our past shred events have each securely shredded over 1,000 lbs. of personal documents!

Keeping Trick-or-Treat Safe

Wednesday, October 31st

If you plan on trick-or-treating, Fairfax County has the following tips:

1. Children should only visit homes that have their porch lights on.
2. Inspect your children's candy before they eat it, especially for those with food allergies (some people use teal pumpkins to distribute allergy-free treats).
3. Adults or older children should supervise those under age 12.
4. Make sure children know their phone number and address — and to provide this information to a police officer in an emergency.
5. Plan and discuss the trick-or-treat route you will take. If you're on Nextdoor, check the treat map to see which neighbors will be handing out candy.
6. Establish a time for children to return home.
7. Teach children to travel in familiar areas, stop only at well-lit houses and never enter a stranger's home.
8. Stay on sidewalks and avoid walking in streets, if possible. Cross streets only at the corner and never cross between parked vehicles or mid-block.
9. When trick-or-treating, use battery-powered lights, keep your devices charged and pick a place to meet if you get lost.

New Pho Restaurant Opening in Hybla Valley

Pho 777 in Hybla Valley will open for business on Sunday morning, according to owner Mimi Tran. The new Vietnamese soup restaurant is located at 7770 Richmond Highway, in a space previously occupied by sweet-Frog. It will open at 10am on Sunday and operate seven days a week for dine-in and carry-out orders. In the future the restaurant will likely have delivery as an option too.

In addition to pho — which is a Vietnamese soup with broth, noodles and other ingredients — Pho 777 will also feature certain specialty meals that are offered once a week or so.

Alexandria Seeks Name for Upcoming Waterfront Park

The City of Alexandria has opened a survey to choose the name for the new waterfront park under construction at the base of King Street. Currently referred to as Fitzgerald Square.

Alexandria residents can suggest names for the new park in an online survey (<https://survey.alexandriava.gov/s3/New-Park-Name-2018>) through November 16. A public hearing will take place on November 15, from 7-9 pm, at the Charles Houston Recreation Center.

When City Council approved the waterfront plan in 2012, Fitzgerald Square was used as a placeholder name. It was named after Col. John Fitzgerald, an Irish immigrant, American Revolution war hero, and founder of the first Catholic church in Virginia (now the Basilica of Saint Mary).

Wendy's Eyeing Beacon Center for New Location

Wendy's is looking to open a new restaurant on Beacon Hill as a replacement for the location that closed down last year. The fast-food chain has filed paperwork with Fairfax County requesting approval for a new location

at the Beacon Center. The new restaurant, which will need to be approved by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors before any construction begins, would be built between Famous Dave's and TGI Fridays in an area now used for parking.

The new restaurant would fill a void for local Wendy's fans still mourning last fall's closure of the longtime location at the corner of Richmond Highway and Fairview Drive. That Wendy's, which had sat at the spot since the 1970s, was shuttered to make way for a new mixed-use development. The old building remains standing, as construction on the new complex has yet to begin.

Alexandria Named a 2018 Best Bike City in America

Between a scenic bike route on the Mount Vernon Trail to bike lanes in Old Town and bikeshare stations, you might not be surprised to learn Alexandria was named one of the 2018 Best Bike Cities in America.

Bicycling Magazine looked at various aspects of bicycling when ranking the top 50 cities, from availability of bike lanes for places bikers can stop at. The magazine graded cities on a 100-point scale with four categories: safety, accessibility to riders of all ages, political climate relating to biking and the scenery and stops along bike routes.

Alexandria ranked 25th, up from 34th two years ago. What helped the city most involved safety measures, the adoption of the Vision Zero plan, which aims to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2028 and reducing speed limits on roadways.

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 visiting the Stoneybrooke SCA website (<http://www.stoneybrooke.org/>), which includes a blog for highlighting recent events and publishing upcoming SCA related events.

Residents can also join online community on Facebook (<https://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.

Additionally, a Facebook group exists to advertise events and service or share recommendations here (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1034208403392227/>).

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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!