

Stoneybrooke



OF FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Letter from the Board

Without ruling out the possibility of a few late March snowflakes, for the most part, Stoneybrooke and all Northern Virginia made it through the winter without any crippling snow storms or extended periods of time spent homebound. The kids and teachers all got a few much-deserved snow days but not so many that the initial excitement quickly turned to boredom. But, with March Madness and the NCAA men's and women's basketball tourneys just days away, the talk here and there regarding the peak dates for the cherry blossoms at the Tidal Basin, and opening day for the Washington Nationals (without Bryce Harper) all abuzz, there is no doubt that spring is in the air!

As we usher in the warmer weather for good, plenty to keep in mind as we are out and about in this great community of ours:

Surely by the time the newsletter is published, the grumblings and adjustments to daylight savings time will have passed and we will all be enjoying the added hour of sunshine that we have at our disposal each evening after work. Please keep this in mind as more and more of our friends and neighbors are out after dinner. What used to be an evening commute home in the dark could very well be done now in broad daylight and there might be more folks out walking, biking and enjoying the fresh air than you are used to seeing on your drive home.

With the luxury of having a closed community, the furthest point in the neighborhood to and from the top of the hill is only a couple of minutes and watching your speed and being cautious isn't going to cost you any time...regardless of your destination.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, now is a good time to get ahead of the spring-cleaning projects around your property. You might want to ensure that the curb in front of your home is free of leaves, sticks, and debris that could inhibit the flow of runoff into the sewers. It would be hard to top the record setting rainfall in 2018 but we are sure to have our share of April showers and May thunderstorms. As we do our spring projects we also want to make sure hazardous materials are properly disposed of and don't end up in our local watershed.

As you are enjoying the longer days and warmer weather, go out of your way to say hello to one of your neighbors that you haven't spoke to in a while and spend a few minutes catching up. You may never know the impact that a few kind words can have on someone's day and the effect that it can have on our community.

-SCA Board

SCA Events

- Stoneybrooke Easter Egging: Sunday, April 21st
- Spring Yard Sale: Saturday, May 4th (Rain date Sunday, May 5th)

Upcoming Local Events

St. Mark's Episcopal Church Garden Plots Available

The community garden at St. Mark's Episcopal Church on S. Kings Highway has some garden plots available this year. Depending on the size of the plot, annuals rents are \$15-\$40. Please contact Candy Thompson at 703.909.5479 or candythompson9@gmail.com if you are interested.

Kingstowne Restaurant Joins Spring Wine Fling

Friday, March 1st - Sunday, March 24th

With the first day of spring around the corner, restaurants around the region are toasting the end of winter during Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington's Spring Wine Fling from March 1-24.

The annual event has a different theme every year. In 2019, it's called the Sangria Edition—hopefully paired with the return of warm weather. Over 25 restaurants will offer sangria specials and their own take on the drink.

Among the participating restaurants is the Kingstowne area's Osteria Marzano. The restaurant will have three types of sangrias to try. Patrons can watch staff smoke your cocktails with ingredients like tuaca, limoncello, and applewood. Osteria Marzano will also host a wine dinner on March 20th where guests judge 10 wines and enjoy a five-course dinner.

To find out about other participating restaurants, please visit www.wineflingdc.com/.

2019 Lee District Paving and Restriping

Comment Period Closes March 29, 2019

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) held a public meeting on proposed paving and restriping changes in the Lee District on Friday, March 8. Community members are asked to learn about VDOT's repaving program, proposed striping changes and give feedback. Feedback may be submitted until March 29.

Paving-related comments (e.g., drainage issues, missing signage, signal repair, walkway repair and sight distance issues due to vegetation overgrowth) should be submitted through the myVDOT portal: my.vdot.virginia.gov/. If you would like to request road repairs, please follow the "I need a road repaired" link on the VDOT portal or call 1-800-FOR-ROAD (1-800-367-7623).

Unfortunately, no additional roads can be added to the preliminary 2019 paving schedule at this point.

Striping-related comments (e.g., marked parking lanes, crosswalks, and/or sight distance issues due to parked vehicles) can be submitted electronically to FCDOT.

Paving work is scheduled to begin in April and conclude in November. Exact work dates are available about ten days prior to work beginning, as contractors set schedules based on personnel and equipment availability.

National Cherry Blossom Festival

Friday, March 22nd – Saturday, April 13th

Each year, the National Cherry Blossom Festival celebrates spring in Washington, DC, the gift of the cherry blossom trees, and the enduring friendship between the people of the United States and Japan. The Festival produces and coordinates daily events featuring diverse and creative programming promoting traditional and contemporary arts and culture, natural beauty, and community spirit.

Friday, March 22nd: Pink Tie Party Presented by ANA

Saturday, March 23rd: Opening Ceremony at the Warner Theatre

Saturday, March 30th: Blossom Kite Festival on the Washington Monument grounds

Saturday, April 6th: Petalpalooza

Saturday, April 13th: National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade® presented by Events DC

For more info visit: www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org/.

Community News

County to Look at Potential Trail Connecting Huntington and Mount Vernon Trail Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck has asked the county to study the possibility of a trail connection that would link a planned trail along Cameron Run in Huntington with an already existing path on the east side of Richmond Highway in the North Gateway area.

The theoretical connection would allow for cyclists and pedestrians to have a continuous trail between the Telegraph Road end of Huntington all the way to the Mount Vernon Trail in the city of Alexandria. Storck said in an interview Saturday that the potential connection has been something he's been looking at since the beginning of the Huntington Levee project, which will include a connected trail along Cameron Run once it's completed later this year. He said he's unsure of how hard the trail connection would be due to a few challenges, including low clearance underneath the Richmond Highway overpass at Cameron Run.

New Connector Route Will Link Route 1 to Kingstowne, Franconia-Springfield Metro

A new Fairfax Connector route running between the Franconia Springfield Metro Station and Inova Mount Vernon Hospital will begin service at the end of March.

The newly christened Route 308 will begin service March 30 and include stops at Jeff Todd Way and Richmond Highway, as well as at the Hilltop Village Center at Telegraph and Beulah Street, allowing corridor residents access to Wegmans and other businesses in Kingstowne.

On weekdays the 308 will begin service at 5:45 a.m. and will make its last stops at 10:20 p.m. On weekends it will run between 7 a.m. to 8:20 p.m. The full route can be seen below and on the Fairfax Connector website.

Yates Pizza Restaurant Gets Green Light from City

The City of Alexandria Planning Commission approved a Special Use Permit for Yates Pizza earlier this month. The request was for a special use permit "to operate a restaurant with outdoor dining, indoor and outdoor live entertainment, and a valet parking service."

According to the staff report from the City of Alexandria, “The applicant proposes to operate a 12,925 square-foot restaurant expected to serve pizza, pasta, salads and sandwiches. The business would offer a total of 448 seats. Sixty-one of these seats would be located outside on a second-level, rooftop terrace. The remaining 387 indoor seats would be located on the basement/lower level and the ground floor and in a second-level indoor area immediately adjacent to the outdoor terrace.”

Yates Pizza is located where Generous George’s Positive Pizza & Pasta operated until it closed in 2009. The iconic bright pink building that housed Generous George’s underwent a \$3 million renovation under the watchful eye of Yates, a longtime Alexandria resident and local business owner. The building got a more refined look with large windows, a rooftop deck, new kitchen, utilities and seating. Sadly, before the restaurant could open, Yates died at age 63 following a battle with cancer.

School of Rock to Open in Alexandria

The unique music education school will have programs for children and adults to learn a variety of instruments with a focus on rock music. Guitar, bass guitar, drums, keyboard and vocal lessons in groups and individually are offered. Students are given the opportunity to perform at local rock venues and learn about the music industry.

The big sign is up outside of 3260 Duke St., across from Alexandria Commons shopping center. But School of Rock has not announced its grand opening date or hours yet. Learn more about School of Rock programs, offerings and free trial classes at www.locations.schoolofrock.com/alexandria.

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>

Alexandria Living | <https://alexandrialivingmagazine.com/>

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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STONEBROOKE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION 2019 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!