

Stoneybrooke

OF FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Letter from the Board

In the span of 388 days, The Virginia Cavaliers men's basketball team moved from one end of the spectrum to the other in sports history. Going into the 2018 NCAA Tournament, a #16 seed had never beaten a #1 seed in the opening round but someone failed to tell the University of Maryland, Baltimore County that. In a stunning upset, the Cavs sealed their infamy in a 74-54 loss to a Retriever squad that simply could not miss. Fast forward a year later and following improbable comeback wins against Purdue and Auburn, Virginia was able to best Texas Tech in overtime to take the 2019 championship. The proverbial "worst to first" if there ever was one. Congrats to all of the UVA fans out there and a shout out to the Virginia Tech Hokies who made it into the "Sweet 16" for only the second time in history...52 years after their first appearance back in 1967.

It looks like another winter has come and gone through Northern Virginia and we now prepare for the April and May afternoon rain showers and thunderstorms that will usher in the summer. As the lawns turn green and the trees start to bud, keep the following in mind.

With spring clean-up and mowers being fired up, yard waste can become an issue. Fairfax County defines yard waste as grass clippings, leaves, and brush (i.e., branches and twigs smaller than four-feet in length) generated during general yard maintenance. While they encourage recycling on-site whenever possible (mulching or composting), they also offer curbside pick-up. While there is no regulatory guidance prohibiting the use of plastic bags, they do recommend the use of the brown paper lawn bags or reusable plastic bins. Ensure that you check with your trash removal provider to make sure they don't have any additional restrictions. Additional information is available here: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/yard-waste.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming community events:

- The neighborhood yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 4th, 8am until complete (rain date Sunday). You can expect increased traffic and lots of visitors to the neighborhood looking to turn your trash into their treasure. Signs will be posted in the neighborhood the week prior.
- The community picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 2nd, late in the afternoon on the Stone Quarry Cul-De-Sac. Bring your soccer chairs and sunscreen and enjoy an afternoon out with the neighbors you know, and more importantly the ones you have yet to meet. More information to follow on this.

Just as the warmer weather brings out our friends and neighbors, we can expect that it will also bring out those who are not our friends. These are the folks looking for unlocked car doors that serve as an invitation to spare change, purses, wallets, backpacks, and anything else of potential value to that can be lifted as we sleep. Seems like it has been awhile since we have had any issues...continue to stay vigilant.

Happy Spring to everybody!

-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.

Free Rides This Month on New Fairfax Connector Route

Through the end of April

Fairfax County is offering free rides throughout April on a new bus route that runs from the Franconia-Springfield Metro through Kingstowne to Inova Mount Vernon Hospital. The new Route 308 began running on March 30. It connects Richmond Highway to Kingstowne via Jeff Todd Way, and includes a stop at the Hilltop Village Center — home to Wegmans — as well as Springfield Town Center, Manchester Lakes Shopping Center, Mount Vernon Plaza and the Gum Springs Center.

Other stops include the South County Government Center, the Mount Vernon Governmental Center and Sherwood Regional Library.

The full schedule of stops and other information about recent Fairfax Connector changes can be found on the Fairfax County Department of Transportation's website: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/news/c09_18.

The Easter Bunny is Coming!

Through Monday, April 20th

The Easter Bunny has arrived at Springfield Town Center, and that means it's time to round up the kids (and pets) for a visit. The Easter Bunny will be available for photos through April 20 at the mall's Grand Court. Hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Pets can join in on the fun every Monday through April 15th.

Visit www.springfieldtowncenter.com/bunny for more details and pricing.

Virginia Garden Week Tour Tickets Available

Saturday, April 27th, 10am – 4pm

Alexandria will help kick off the Garden Club of Virginia's 86th Historic Garden Week public tour of stunning historic homes and gardens. The local tour on Saturday, April 27th is part of the Garden Club of Virginia's state-wide tour of Virginia's finest historic homes and gardens during the height of the spring blooming season. The statewide tour runs from April 27th to May 4th.

The Garden Club of Virginia's eight-day event includes more than 25 tours throughout Virginia and more than 200 private homes and gardens hosted by member clubs. The annual event is expected to draw an estimated 1,500 garden enthusiasts and tourists to Alexandria.

The 2019 tour in Alexandria is presented by the Hunting Creek Garden Club and the Garden Club of Alexandria from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 27th.

The walking tour includes private townhomes, secluded gardens, refreshments and a Marketplace at The Athenaeum. In addition, the tour ticket provides access to two Garden Club of Virginia restoration projects — George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens and Green Spring Gardens — as well as other local sites.

For tickets and more details on this event, visit vagardenweek.org.

Old Town Cocktail Week Coming in May

Friday, May 3rd - Saturday, May 11th

Old Town Business (formerly OTBPA) is hosting its first-ever Old Town Cocktail Week from May 3 to 11. OTCW is encouraging guests to “Drink Up Old Town” and explore local businesses. The event kicks off Friday, May 3 with The Art League's popular Art on the Rocks event. Art on the Rocks ticket holders can sample cocktail and appetizer pairings created by local mixologists and chefs, with the pairings inspired by works of art created by members of The Art League Gallery. Ticket information available here: www.eventbrite.com/e/art-on-the-rocks-2019-tickets-52720610766

Community News

New Domestic Violence Shelter Opens

Earlier this month Artemis House Region 1, a domestic violence shelter located in the Richmond Highway area, opened. Previously, Fairfax County had two domestic violence shelters: Artemis House in northern Fairfax County and Bethany House in central Fairfax County. The shelters have undisclosed locations to give domestic violence victims safe and secure shelter while they work on longer-term living arrangements. It also provides a safe location to begin recovery from trauma.

Artemis House accepts men, women, people who identify as transgender and children. Adults and children staying at Artemis House have access to case management services and counseling. Residents also receive transportation assistance and emergency food and clothing if needed.

Tall Ship Providence to Dock at City Marina for Year

City Council is set to consider the short-term agreement for Tall Ship Providence, a replica of the Navy's first warships arriving in Alexandria this summer. Under the short-term agreement, the Tall Ship Providence Foundation would dock the ship at the Alexandria City Marina's G/H Pier for one year. The ship is being restored currently and could sail into Alexandria in mid-June. The ship could open to the public in July.

Once the ship is open, visitors can climb aboard and learn about 18th century life on the sea and the history of the original ship, and meet a John Paul Jones reenactor. Weekly sails, craft brew cruises with Port City Brewing Company and private tours will further bolster entertainment offerings on the waterfront.

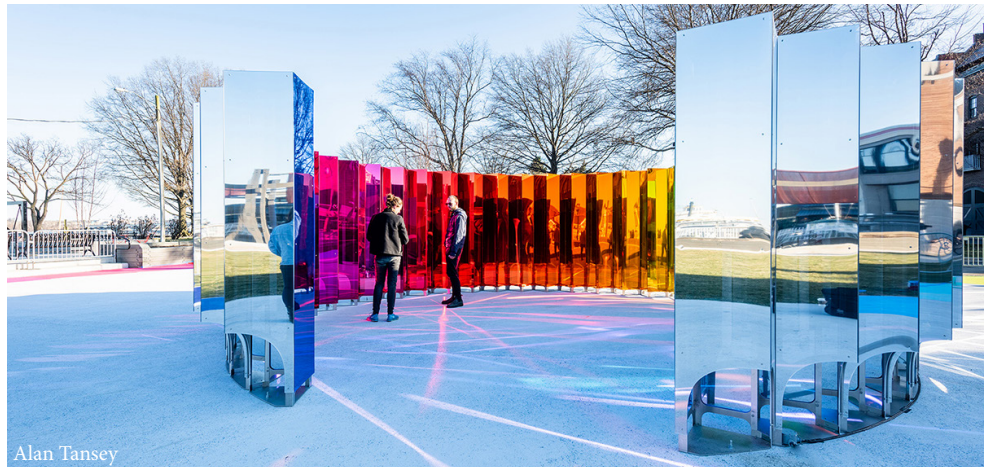
Tall Ship Providence is known for appearances in “Pirates of the Caribbean.” A descendant of the original ship built the replica in 1976 for America's Bicentennial. The Tall Ship Providence Foundation purchased it from Rhode Island.

***Mirror Mirror* Installation Open at New Waterfront Park**

Mirror Mirror, a site-specific, temporary installation will activate the new expansion of Waterfront Park from through November 2019. The project aims to encourage visitors to experience art and explore and enjoy the new public plaza and civic space.

The artwork takes the form of an opened circle, 25-feet in diameter and approximately 8 feet high, that visitors can walk inside and around. Playing with the ideas of reflection and refraction of light, *Mirror Mirror's* interior and exterior are clad with a mirrored surface that reflects the surrounding environment in unexpected ways. The artwork is also programmed to respond to sound with light, allowing visitors to interact with the artwork and affect its appearance using their voices and bodies.

Mirror Mirror is located in the expanded area of Waterfront Park at the foot of King Street, adjacent to the Torpedo Factory Art Center and the existing Waterfront Park.



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 (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 (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.

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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!