

Stoneybrooke



OF FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

SENTINEL AUGUST 2019

Letter from the Board

We have reached that time of year where many in the neighborhood are on a final countdown to the end of summer: kids who are cherishing the last few days of vacation, parents who are counting the days until the school bus once again rolls through the neighborhood, and sports fans who know that football is just around the corner. Hard to believe that Labor Day and the unofficial end of summer is upon us as we unconsciously notice the days getting shorter and shorter.

Back to school is always a good time to refocus our priorities on safety. We are just a few days away from children of all ages being out, waiting for the school bus as we begin and end our daily grind. If you listen to the news you will know that both Virginia and Maryland are making huge investments in technology to make buses safer and easier for law enforcement to identify and ticket drivers who illegally pass while loading and unloading. Just make sure you are aware of the rules here in Fairfax County or anywhere else your commute may take you...and when in doubt always err on the side of caution...it just isn't worth it. Regardless of the number of lanes, the general rule is that unless there is a median separating the opposite lanes of travel, all must stop.

Many experts have said July 2019 is the hottest ever recorded. While we are looking forward to the cooler weather that September and October bring, we are not there yet. For many the start of school also marks the start of extracurricular activities and there may be some cases where the change of daily schedules around the home will impact the pets also. We surely have a few 90-degree heaters left and we should all keep that in mind as our young athletes put on the football pads and the cross-country shoes for another season of competition.

Our close proximity to the Pentagon, Joint Bases Andrew-Bolling and Myer-Henderson Hall, and Fort Belvoir coupled with the generation who is open to more frequent job changes means that the neighborhood has seen a lot of turnover. Military in and out on change of station moves, professionals who are capitalizing on new opportunities, and even some original owners who are ready for the next chapter of their lives all makes for a community that changes and grows from season to season, year to year. For those we have to say goodbye to, the community can only wish you the best of luck wherever you may land. For those who are new to the neighborhood, let us wish you the warmest of welcomes in hopes that this is the beginning of many years of happiness here in our little part of Northern Virginia.

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 Sentinel content managers, event coordinators/planners, and neighborhood watch coordinators. SCA Board membership is also a rewarding way to volunteer your efforts. Please reach out to any of the current SCA Board Members if you're interested in filling a future board position. Nominations / elections are held each May. 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 Stoneybrooke Events

- Chili Pot Luck and Community Meeting: Saturday, September 28th, 4-7pm, Old Quarry Terrace
- Fall Yard Sale: Saturday, October 5th (rain date Sunday)

Upcoming Local Events

Annual Clear the Animal Shelters Event

Saturday, August 17, 2019, 11am - 5pm

The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria is participating in the annual Clear the Shelters event again this year, helping residents adopt pets in need free of charge. With a superhero theme this year, the AWLA will open its doors at 11 a.m. on August 17th to accommodate additional visitors. Attendees should note that the waiting line for the event will be outdoors and to plan accordingly.

To learn more and see some of the animals up for adoption, visit the AWLA website at alexandrianimals.org.

Old Town Beer, Wine and Dog Festival

Saturday, August 17th, 11am - 6pm

Dogs, drinks and live music are coming together for the first Old Town Beer, Wine and Dog Festival. The event will feature locally-sourced craft beer, wine and food and live music in a pet-friendly area. Lucky Dog Animal Rescue will bring adoptable dogs to the event.

The festival is actually a trial for a new business called Brewski's Barkhaus. Barkhaus will combine the best elements of a dog park and tap room, while encouraging people to adopt homeless dogs. The concept includes both indoor and outdoor spaces for dogs and their humans.

Tickets to the Aug. 17 festival are \$10 in advance and can be purchased online. Proceeds from the event will benefit Lucky Dog Animal Rescue and the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria.

More information about the festival is available at www.oldtownbeerwineanddog.com.

Alexandria Irish Festival

Saturday, August 24th, 11am - 7pm

Join the Ballyshanners (the folks behind the Alexandria St. Patrick's Parade) at this fun, family-friendly event at Waterfront Park on Aug. 24 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The festivities will include food, a beer truck, music and dancing, vendors, crafts and jewelry and more.

Venturing into Volunteering Fair

Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019, 10am - 2pm

Fairfax 50+ invites you to the Venture into Volunteering Fair (<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/calendar/Show-Event.aspx?Event=19395>) at the Dulles Expo Center on Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2019, 10AM-2PM. Representatives from 100 organizations will be on hand to share information about a wide variety of volunteer opportunities in Northern Virginia. Attendees can even help onsite that day by bringing shelf-stable food to donate to Food for Others, old hearing aids/eyeglasses for the Lions Club, or by donating blood to the American Red Cross. There will be door prizes throughout the event! Go to <http://bit.ly/venturefair2019> or call 703-324-5406 for more information.

Community News

Wegmans Breaks Ground in Hoffman Town Center

Wegmans will be building an 84,000 square-foot store in Alexandria near the Hoffman Town Center off of Eisenhower Avenue. The grocery store is part of a mixed-use project on the 5-acre site, according to developer StoneBridgeCarras. Much of the Wegmans will be on the second floor of the development. The project will also several hundred residential units. With an aggressive construction timeline, the project is estimated to be completed by 2022. Wegmans has not announced an opening date.

ALDI to Replace Closed Kingstowne Toys R Us

An ALDI grocery store will open at 6001 Kingstowne Village Parkway, according to permits filed with Fairfax County to make alterations to the space. The space was formerly occupied by Toys “R” Us, which closed all 700 of its toy stores across the country two years ago.

There are currently about a dozen ALDI stores in Northern Virginia, including two in Alexandria’s West End (at a former Magruder’s location and former Mango Mike’s restaurant location), one in Del Ray that opened in 2016 and one on Richmond Highway. Another ALDI will be opening in the former Babies R Us space in Bailey’s Crossroads.

No word yet on an opening date. Most ALDI grand openings include lots of coupons for free items for the first 100 shoppers.

New Apartment Building Neighbor Planned for Huntington Metro

A developer has applied to build a new seven-story, 379-unit apartment on a vacant spot next to the Huntington Metro. While the land is zoned for mixed-use, the new building will be residential only and have a 530-space parking garage.

The Bethesda-based SK+1 is the architect for the project and has designed a number of residential and mixed-use buildings throughout the D.C. area, including The Parker on Huntington Avenue and Modera Mosaic in Merrifield’s Mosaic District.

The land the new apartment building will be built borders the south garage at the Huntington Metro station and the Courts at Huntington Station. It had long been home to a 1940s-era single-family house that last served as a Metro Transit Police substation.

Golftec Opens Its Doors in Belle View Shopping Center

A company offering golf lessons and golf club fittings — Golftec — has opened its doors in the Belle View shopping center. The new facility is 2,250 square feet and has teaching/practice bays along with a putting green staffed by a team of coaches.

The location also features the company’s enhanced custom club-fitting program. The fitting experience combines swing characteristics with ball flight data to help identify optimal golf equipment for each student. An array of club head/shaft options are available to match players of any skill level with the clubs that best meet their needs.

The majority of Golftec certified personal coaches are PGA professionals who have taught thousands of lessons. To learn more visit golftec.com.

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 on-line 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.

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

Dean's Dog Sitting



Hey do you need someone to watch your dog while you are on vacation or at work? If so I am here! My name is Dean, I am 12 years old and I am a local dog sitter. Here are a few reasons why you should pick me:

- my older brother has taught me many things in dog sitting
- I am young so I can run around and play with your dog
- I love dogs so I would be more than happy to help out

You can email me at- deanthebean6911@yahoo.com or call at 703-768-0895

I hope to see your dog soon!



18th Annual Arlington Police, Fire & Sheriff

9/11 Memorial 5K Race

Saturday,
September 7, 2019
@6:00pm

Doubletree Hotel
300 Army Navy Dr.,
Arlington, VA 22202

- * Race limited to 3,000 Register at www.arlington911race.com
- * Arlington's largest picnic after a 5K with food/beverages.
- * Run/walk, create a team. Over 40 individual awards and 4 team categories.

All Proceeds will be donated to 9/11 related charities

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MEMBERSHIP FORM SEPTEMBER 2018 - DECEMBER 2019

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

OR

1. Send \$20 via PayPal to scaboard@stoneybrooke.org.
2. Include the information in the form below.

Your Name: _____ *(for the Community Directory)*

Your Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Check One: Include us in the Community Directory OR Do not include us in the Directory

Email: _____ *(To receive your copy of the Stoneybrooke Sentinel by email.
Not for Community Directory or other mailings.)*

Visit us online at www.stoneybrooke.org!