

Stoneybrooke



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Letter from the Board

The Washington Nationals are World Series Champions defeating the heavily favored Houston Astros in epic fashion. The 2019 baseball classic goes into the record books as the first time in the history of the major sports who play in a championship series (baseball, basketball, and hockey) that the visiting team won every game; the four games played in Houston were won by the Nats and the three played here in D.C. were all won by the Astros. It seems that the city has officially ridded itself of the championship curse with Capitols, Mystics and Nats all achieving the pinnacle of success within the past two years.

Where has the time gone? As this letter is being drafted, the weather app on my phone is predicting lows in the 20's and is even showing the snowflake icon in middle November. With Thanksgiving being very late in the month this year the December holidays are going to be here before we know it...and dare we say 2020?

The mild fall for 2019 means that the leaves stayed healthy and on the trees longer than in recent years. But...they are now in free fall mode and if your yard is like mine, a few hours raking and bagging over the weekend is all for naught just a few days later. Check with your private refuse collection service for pick up times and schedules and don't forget to keep the curb area in front of the house clear. It doesn't take too much debris to really hinder the drainage into the sewers. Now is also a good time to fire up the snow blower, get the shovel from the back of the shed, and make sure you have your supply salt and de-icer for the sidewalk.

Like it or hate it...daylight savings time kicked in last week and the days will continue to get shorter over the next six weeks. A rule of thumb is that as you change your clocks you should also change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors...items that we take for granted that our lives can literally depend upon. There are lots of other safety tips that go along with the transition to winter that all residents should consider...a professional cleaning of the fireplace, ensuring that you don't overload outlets with holiday decorations, and a good maintenance check of the furnace are all good practices. Also stay vigilant in keeping your vehicles locked and valuables out of sight. The shorter days and colder nights, and the fact that the neighborhood hasn't been "hit" in a while, all present an opportunity for sticky fingers to strike. As the holiday shopping season ramps up, we can expect an influx of delivery trucks dropping Amazon, Walmart and Target orders off at our doors. Thieves who are looking to make a quick score are just as aware of this as we are. Do your best to track your items and delivery windows, limit the amount of time they sit outside on your door step, and if possible, team up with your neighbors to keep an eye out and secure your items if you can't be home.

And in that spirit...team up with all of your friends and neighbors and just look out for one another in general...not just during the holidays but throughout the year. Take a moment to consider all that we are truly blessed with and think about what you can do for others this holiday season to make someone else's life just a bit brighter. How you do that is up to you...but you may never know the impact that something as simple as a smile and holding the door for someone can have. Shoveling a driveway, baking some cookies, dropping some change in the Salvation Army bucket, or grabbing an angel off of the tree for a needy child are but a few examples of how we can all make the world just a little bit better of a place.

Here's to a great Holiday season!

-SCA Board

Upcoming Local Events

'Winter Village' at Cameron Run

Mid-November - February

Cameron Run will be transformed from mid-November through February into a winter wonderland with an ice rink, beautifully lit photo ops, music and more.

The village will be open nightly from Nov. 15 to Jan. 5, from 5-10 p.m. From Jan. 6 to Feb. 28, only the ice rink will be open on weekends (Fridays from 5 - 10 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.).

Admission to the Winter Village will be \$5. Ice skating will cost \$8 per person and skate rentals will be \$4.

Also look for a large holiday tree, a 100-foot light tunnel, fire pits, heated tents, the "Paradise Playground" for kids, photo ops, "Bling & Things" (a holiday shop) and "Slice & Ice," serving up pizza, ice cream, s'mores and more.

Alexandria Cider Festival

Saturday, November 23rd - 1pm - 5pm

Enjoy a selection of ciders from 9 Virginia cideries. Ticket includes tastings, a souvenir glass, live music, and fun fall activities. Food trucks available. Special tastings and tasting lectures available for purchase onsite. Music provided by the Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW). Tickets are \$45 per person. Reservations recommended. \$55 at the door price.

Enjoy a selection of ciders from more than 10 Virginia cideries. Ticket includes tastings, a souvenir glass, live music and fun fall activities. This event features a food truck and will take place outside

2019 Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend Guide

Saturday and Sunday, December 6th - 7th

The 49th Annual Scottish Walk Weekend, presented by the Campagna Center, is one of Alexandria's favorite holiday traditions.

The weekend pays homage to Alexandria's Scottish roots, including its namesake, John Alexander, and the group of Scottish merchants who founded the city in the 18th century. The weekend is made up of several events on Friday, Dec. 6 and Saturday, Dec. 7.

All proceeds benefit The Campagna Center's many learning and enrichment programs for local Alexandria families and children.

Heather and Greens Sale

Friday and Saturday, December 6th and 7th, 9am - 5pm

Preorder a variety of beautiful holiday wreaths, garlands, and small boxwood trees on the Campagna Center's website at www.campagnacenter.org/events/scottish-christmas-walk-weekend/heather-and-greens by Nov. 29 for pick-up on Dec. 6 and 7 at the Campagna Center. If you miss the deadline to preorder, there will also a chance to purchase items that weekend on site. The Campagna Center is at 418 S. Washington St.

Taste of Scotland

Friday, December 6th, 6:30pm - 10 pm

Taste a variety of Scotches from Scotland distilleries as well as Scottish ale, and a selection of beer, wine and food. This event always sells out, so get tickets early at www.campagnacenter.org/scottishwalkweekend. Tickets for General Admission are \$110, and tickets for Patrons are \$180 for one or \$290 for two. Parking is available at the Colonial Parking garage on S. Columbus Street until 10:30 p.m. The event is at The Atrium Building, 277 S. Washington St. Patron events start at 6:30 p.m., general admission starts at 8 p.m.

The Scottish Walk

Saturday, December 7th - 11am

The Scottish Walk parade through Old Town Alexandria features Scottish Clans, dancers, Scottie dogs, bagpipe and drum bands and, of course, Santa Claus. It starts at the corner of St. Asaph and Wolfe streets, then it travels north across King Street, and winds through the neighborhoods on Queen and Fairfax Streets before concluding at Market Square in front of Alexandria's City Hall. The parade is open to the public, and no ticket is necessary. The parade starts at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7.

Holiday Homes Tour

Saturday, December 7th - 12:30pm - 4pm

Seize the rare opportunity to explore some of Old Town Alexandria's most breathtaking homes completely decorated for the holidays by interior designers and florists. The tour is Saturday, Dec. 7 from 12:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. The cost for a tour ticket is \$40. Tickets purchased prior to Nov 22 will be mailed. Tickets ordered after this date can be picked up or purchased at your first stop on the tour. A tour map will be available on The Campaigna Center's website by Nov 15, 2019.

For more information on purchasing tickets or sponsorships or for more details about weekend events visit www.campagnacenter.org/scottishwalkweekend.

Community News

I-395 Express Lanes to Open Nov. 17

If you're like some commuters, you relish the "Open to All" sign that lights up over the two HOV lanes on 395 — heading northbound beginning precisely at 9 a.m. each morning. But those days are numbered.

The current HOV lanes will convert into three toll-based (HOT) express lanes that will open on Sunday, Nov. 17. In preparation for the switch, the 395 HOV lanes will close late in the evening of Friday, Nov. 15.

Once the switch occurs, commuters who drive solo will pay a toll that will vary based on time of day and demand. You will need an E-ZPass or an E-ZPass Flex to use the lanes. Drivers can get an E-ZPass by signing up online, calling (877) 762-7824 or in-person from E-ZPass Customer Service Centers or E-ZPass

Laser Tag Venue Doyle's Outpost to Open in December

A new destination for state-of-the-art entertainment, Doyle's Outpost, is set to open in mid-December in Alexandria's West End.

Doyle's Outpost will open next to Planet Fitness in the Seminary Plaza Shopping Center, in the space formerly occupied by AMF Seminary Lanes bowling alley, which closed in 2005.

The main feature will be a 5,500 sq. ft., two-story Battle for DC-themed laser tag arena. In addition, Doyle's Outpost will feature fully immersive games through several Hologate Virtual Reality Stations.

Numerous popular arcade games will fill the rest of the venue along with a large sports bar and restaurant with at least two dozen HDTVs. The restaurant and bar will feature top-notch drinks and a unique cocktail menu in addition to plenty of food.

A manager for the location confirmed that opening is tentatively scheduled for Dec. 16 with a grand opening tentatively set for later in December. A special emphasis on customer service will set Doyle's Outpost apart from other entertainment venues in the area, the manager said.

Board Approves Plans to add “Cultural Center” to Woodlawn Site

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously on Tuesday to approve a plan to develop a Cultural Center on the historic Woodlawn property.

Located at 9000 Richmond Highway and owned by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Woodlawn property currently includes Woodlawn Mansion and the Pope Leighey House, which are each the National Register of Historic Places. The National Trust’s plan for the future of the 126-acre Woodlawn property envisions adding a number of new uses, including an event space, a restaurant, a “nano brewery,” educational facilities and a trail system.

Pupusas Express to open in Former Cosmopolitan Location

A new Hybla Valley pupuseria is hoping to open next Monday in the space formerly occupied by Cosmopolitan Grill.

Pupusas Express will specialize in its namesake, a traditional Salvadoran specialty consisting of thick corn flatbread filled with cheese, beans or meat. The restaurant will also feature quesadillas, tacos and carne asada dishes, as well as various soups and traditional Salvadoran drinks, said Julia Argueta, a manager of Pupusas Express. The restaurant is located between Results Fitness and Pho 777 at 7770 Richmond Highway. It occupies the space used by Cosmopolitan Grill for 11 years. Cosmopolitan closed at the end of May.

‘Say Yes to the Dress’ Star Monte Durham to Open Salon in Alexandria

The star of “Say Yes to the Dress Atlanta,” Monte Durham, plans to open a hair salon in Old Town Alexandria, he announced this week. No word yet on an opening date, but Durham said that it may be near Hotel Indigo on South Union Street.

A West Virginia native, Durham, 62, has made his home in the Alexandria area for many years (he’s a runner and a cyclist so be on the lookout for him when you’re out and about). Durham is active in the community. Last year, he chaired the American Horticultural Society’s 25th anniversary gala at its headquarters at River Farm on the banks of the Potomac River between the City of Alexandria and Mount Vernon.

Construction Progresses on Get Air Trampoline Park

Construction is progressing on Get Air Trampoline Park, an indoor recreation and amusement park in the West End of Alexandria at 340 S. Pickett St.

The space Get Air is occupying was formerly a U.S. Post Office in the West End Village shopping center.

Get Air locations are a popular place for parties and events. They feature wall to wall trampolines, foam pits, dodgeball, slamball and obstacle courses. Some locations also feature fitness classes, black light nights, DJ nights and “toddler times” for families with young children.

Get Air will join a number of similar trampoline parks in the northern Virginia area such as Flight Fit ‘n Fun in Springfield, Launch Trampoline Park in Herndon, Rebounderz Indoor Trampoline Park in Sterling and others.

Dunkin’ Donuts interested in Woodlawn Shopping Center Location

It’s still very early in the development process, but representatives for the Woodlawn Shopping Center gave a presentation earlier this month to the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA) about putting a Dunkin’ in a space that was most recently home to Best Smokes. At one time the space belonged to a bank, and is already configured for a drive-through window, which Dunkin’ is hoping to have at the store.

The Dunkin’ would be expected to have minimal impact on Richmond Highway traffic because the drive-through is accessed from within the shopping center’s property, and there is also a service road buffering the shopping center from Route 1.

James Beard Award-Winning Chef Coming to Old Town Alexandria

More details are coming in about The Mill, the new waterfront restaurant coming to 10 Duke St. at the Robinson Landing site. A James Beard Award-winning chef, John Currence, will take the helm when the restaurant opens in October 2021.

The warehouse building will be renovated to operate a market and casual dining restaurant in which Currence will be the chef de cuisine. Currence, one of the country's most celebrated Southern chefs, is a New Orleans native best known for his thoughtful and inventive cuisine at City Grocery in Oxford, Mississippi.

The two-story, 6,400 square-foot warehouse once served as a cooper's shop, which made wooden barrels for the Alexandria Flour Company, at the adjacent Pioneer Mills. Around 1864, the building was used as a mess house and commissary by the Union Army and was also used once as a place of comfort and food for weary troops.

Key Sources

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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!

Ladies!

Here's your chance to own a Real Housewives of Stoneybrooke wine glass.

Glasses are available to purchase for \$7.

Contact Rachel Moran (racheldyas@gmail.com) to place an order.

Cheers!



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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.)

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