

Stoneybrooke



OF FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

SENTINEL
MARCH 2020

Letter from the Board

Another “winter” has come and gone, it seems, for the Stoneybrooke community. Above normal temperatures and below normal snow days had us reaching more for our sweaters and sweatshirts than winter coat and gloves. The warmer days accompanied by longer daylight evenings have more residents out on walks or other outdoor activities. It is incredibly easy to not notice one’s speed while driving down our neighborhood hills, please continue to keep safety and vehicle speed in mind as you are out and about. Please keep a close eye out for residents that are out and enjoying the weather in our great neighborhood.

Humans aren’t the only ones shaking off the winter doldrums and getting out and about. Four legged ones, and even worse, the “no-legged” ones like snakes could become more active as spring matures. Deer and fox sightings are rather common and there is a reasonable expectation for groundhogs, skunks, possums as well as snakes. Un-less any of them pose a direct and immediate threat to your safety, the recommended guidance is just to leave them alone.

Perhaps take advantage of the nice weather and clear your yard of anything that may attract unwanted visitors. Leaves, tree limbs and any other debris that has accumulated can provide an attractive residence. For your organic waste, Fairfax County is working to transition away from plastic bags for collection. The recommendation is for residents to use the compostable paper bags available at local home improvement stores or in a rigid container that is clearly marked. (<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/news/fairfax-county-begins-transition-plastic-yard-waste-bags>)

Please also take note of several upcoming community events, which kicks off with an Easter Egg Hunt at Stoneybrooke Park on Saturday, April 11th at 4pm (Come meet the Easter Bunny!). In May, we have the spring community yard sale on Saturday, May 4th followed by a community meeting on Thursday, May 14th at 7pm at the Stone Mansion.

If you’re interested in learning more about the community, the May SCA community meeting will be a great opportunity to meet with neighbors as well as our scheduled guest, Lee District Supervisor Rodney Lusk. We look forward to seeing you.

Happy Spring friends and neighbors!
-The SCA Board!

Community Events

- **Easter Egg Hunt** - *Saturday, April 11th at 4pm at the Stone Mansion*
- **Spring Yard Sale** - *Saturday, May 2nd (rain date the following day)*
- **Community Meeting** - *Thursday, May 14th at 7pm at the Stone Mansion (scheduled guest is Lee District Supervisor Rodney Lusk)*

Upcoming Events

Lee-Fendall House Easter Egg Hunt

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 10th-12th

The 21st Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Lee-Fendall House is set to take place April 10-12 at Lee-Fendall House Museum & Gardens, 614 Oronoco St. in Old Town Alexandria.

The museum's garden will be filled with hundreds of colorful, toy-filled Easter eggs. Other activities include games, crafts, refreshments and photos with the Easter Bunny. All children ages 12 and under are eligible to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt. Older children and adults are welcome to enjoy our other activities.

Admission to the Easter egg hunt is \$15 (\$10 for members) for children ages 1-12; \$5 (free for members) for adults; free for infants under 1 years old; discounted tickets are available for Friends of the Lee-Fendall House.

This event sells out, so purchase your tickets in advance online at http://www.leefendallhouse.org/?page_id=937.

AHS's Spring Garden Market

Friday and Saturday, April 17th - 18th

Each year, the American Horticultural Society (AHS) holds a highly popular two-day plant sale and garden product marketplace at its River Farm headquarters. The 2020 Spring Garden Market will take place from April 17-18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. AHS members have free entry; non-members pay \$10 per car (cash only).

At the market you can:

- Shop for natives, specialty plants, edibles, and much more
- Browse garden-themed art, books, tools, and garden accessories
- View garden-themed paintings by local artists on display in the manor house
- Visit the River Farm Garden Shop for books and unique gifts
- Explore the gardens in spring bloom
- Food available for purchase on site



"Tranquility," Oil on Panel, 26x34, by Brenda Kindera available at Principle Gallery

Community News

The Christmas Attic Closes Its Doors

One of Alexandria's most beloved businesses, The Christmas Attic at 125 S. Union St., has closed its doors after nearly 50 years in business near the Alexandria waterfront.

The year-round winter wonderland offered a special shopping experience, a stop for the young and young-at-heart, punctuated with an antique model train that looped on a track above shoppers browsing through ornaments and nutcrackers.

The family-owned boutique has been a part of Alexandria's holiday tradition for years, opening in 1971. Inside the historic shop, in a building that dates to the 1800s, you could step into a wonderland of the holidays spread out over two floors.

French Inspired Café to Open in Old Town

A new family and veteran-owned business is coming to the first floor of 215 S. Union St.

The café will serve manually brewed coffee from Counter Culture, a Durham, North Carolina- based coffee roasting company that provides sustainable coffee and develops strong partnerships with small farmers and café owners.

Customers can drop by for a quick breakfast or lunch or stay and hang out.

The location of the café was formerly occupied by B Doughnut, which closed in March 2019 after being open less than a year. The building is also home to Praha Beads and Jewelry and Grit Studio Kris Clark Hair and Makeup on the second floor.

The café is scheduled to open in mid-March.

Unique and Special Kids Spa moving to Groveton

The Unique and Special Kids Spa in Hybla Valley is moving to a new location in Groveton at the end of the month. Currently located in the Sherwood Crossing shopping center at 7910 Andrus Road, the U.S. Kids Spa will be moving to the office building at 6911 Richmond Highway.

The U.S. Kids Spa opened in October 2018 at the Andrus Road location. It caters to children between the ages of 3 and 15, according to its website. The spa has mini-mani and mini-pedi services starting at \$25 as well as party packages ranging between \$425 and \$575.

Belle View Shopping Center Redevelopment Nomination Submitted

Nominations submitted in the 2019-2020 South County Site-Specific Plan Amendment Process include a redevelopment proposal for the Belle View Shopping Center. That proposal calls for a mixed-use development to replace the shopping center, which had been constructed in 1959.

The nomination request for the Belle View Shopping Center calls for replacing the 182,000-square-foot retail strip with a mixed-use space including grocery store, retail, multifamily residential and townhouses.

By putting forward this nomination request, the Owner of the Property seeks to transform the property into a vibrant mixed-use neighborhood for its foreseeable future. Simply put, the goal is to ensure the Shopping Center remains the "living room" for the community for decades to come.

The nomination review phase is expected to happen from March to April 2020. The Planning Commission would hold a public hearing in June on the task forces' recommendations and decide which nominations will be added to the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Work Program. The Board of Supervisors would consider the revised Comprehensive Plan Amendment Work Program in July. Nominations on the standard track for approval could go to the Planning Commission for hearings as early as May 2021 and Board of Supervisors in June 2021.

County Officially moving away from plastic bags for yard waste

Fairfax County is asking residents to stop using plastic bags for yard waste collection and begin moving to compostable paper bags or reusable containers.

The county had already encouraged residents to not use plastic bags for yard waste, but last week the Board of Supervisors voted to begin transitioning away from plastic bags completely. A formal code change will be voted on by the BOS at a later time, according to a county press release.

For now, plastic bags will still be accepted if you leave them at the curb, and the county did not specifically say when they will stop accepting yard waste in plastic bags. However, it will not be before next year, according to a county press release.

The change will apply to all county residents regardless of whether the county picks up their yard waste or if private companies do so. The county website now has a Frequently Asked Questions page for residents on other questions they might have regarding the transition (no, you cannot blow your leaves into the street).

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!

Ladies!

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

Glasses are available to purchase for \$7.

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



Cheers!

FOR SALE –

Barely Used Bowflex Treadclimber - TC10. Originally paid over \$1,800 for it and asking \$750 for it (lists on Amazon for \$1,199). Includes Bowflex mat and various maintenance items. Available for pickup. Please give us a call at 703-768-3125 and leave a message if we do not answer.

**Keith & Beth Johnson
3805 Stonebridge Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22306**



HAYFIELD FOOTBALL

2020 MULCH SALE

ONLINE ORDER DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 27

DELIVERY DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 4

PICKUP DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 4

**ORDER ONLINE WITH A CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD GO TO
HAYFIELDHAWKSFOOTBALL.COM TO PLACE YOUR ORDER**

OR

PAY WITH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER

1. MAKE CHECK/MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:
HAWKS ATHLETICS BOOSTER CLUB
2. PLEASE ATTACH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO THIS FORM
3. MAIL BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25
TO: 7630 TELEGRAPH RD
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22315

OF BAGS x \$5/BAG _____

DELIVERY FEE _____

\$5 for < 10 bags

\$10 for 10-20 bags

\$20 for 21-50 bags

\$30 for > 51 bags

SUBTOTAL _____

DONATION (OPTIONAL) _____

TOTAL PAYMENT _____

DELIVERY INFORMATION

NAME: _____

NEIGHBORHOOD: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: (H) _____ (C) _____

EMAIL: _____

DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS: _____

MULCH AND DELIVERY PRICES

\$5.00 PER BAG – EACH BAG CONTAINS 3-CUBIC FEET OF MULCH –

\$5 for < 10 bags **\$10** for 10-20 bags **\$20** for 21-50 bags **\$30** for > 51 bags

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE HAYFIELD FOOTBALL PROGRAM!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT HAYFIELDHAWKSFOOTBALL.COM OR EMAIL HAYFIELDMULCH@GMAIL.COM

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MEMBERSHIP FORM JANUARY 2020 - DECEMBER 2020

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!