

Stoneybrooke

OF FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

SENTINEL
MAY 2021

Letter from the Board



April is supposedly “in like a lion and out like a lamb” but to date, the area has yet to see the spring thunderstorms typical with the turbulence and instability of the season. But adequate rainfall and the warm spring afternoons have the yards nice and green and if yours is like mine, growing like crazy. Longer days, everything outside having a nice yellow coating of pollen, and the anticipated 17-year cycle of cicadas are all signs that summer is just around the corner.

Easter was a great event for the community but a busy one for the Easter Bunny. Many of the street corners and front yards were filled with neighbors, young and old, hoping to catch a glance as he made a trip through the neighborhood on Saturday night. After that, nearly 40 neighborhood children woke up Sunday morning to find that the EB had visited overnight setting them up for an exciting Easter morning egg hunt. Many thanks to the volunteers and coordinators who had a hand in putting this together... nothing but positive feedback.

With graduations and Memorial Day cook-outs just around the corner, a couple of friendly reminders to kick the summer off right:

- Fairfax County is no longer accepting yard waste in plastic bags. Your options are the paper refuse bags that you can purchase at one of the local hardware stores or a reusable container.
- Grass isn't the only thing growing with the rain and sunshine; be on the lookout for thistle, poison ivy and Virginia Creeper...especially if your property is up against a wooded area.
- Start thinking about summer safety now; 80-degree days are already in the books so get your sunscreen and mosquito spray ready and always monitor hydration whether your activity is work or play.
- Vermin and other unwanted pests can make their homes in the most unsuspecting of places; keeping your place neat and tidy is the best way to prevent unwanted visitors.



Unfortunately, earlier in the month we had another round of “middle of the night” visitors strike along Lamp Post and the adjacent streets. We talk vigilance and making “hitting your key FOB before bedtime” a normal routine but it sounds like these folks might have been one step ahead of us...using technology to skirt your vehicles electronic locks. They also seem to have avoided nearly everyone’s security cameras and video door bells. Not sure what else can be done to mitigate the behavior of others other than parking as close to the house as possible, parking in well-lit areas, and ensuring that there is nothing of value left in your vehicles overnight.

In closing, I wanted to use the EB’s visit as just one example of the great things that the Stoneybrooke Community Association (SCA) does for the neighborhood. I think that most know that the SCA board members contribute their time and effort on a volunteer basis to do the little things that make this community the great place it is. Your annual \$20 contribution goes a long way in making your neighborhood what it is and we encourage long-time residents to continue their generous support and for new neighbors to join as they settle in and make northern Virginia their new home. (Membership forms are located at the back of the newsletter.)

In addition to your donations, the board could also use your time and motivation if you are so inclined. Current vacancies include the chair and it is more than likely that the vice chair will be vacated at the end of the year. Also, we are always looking for event planners to take the lead on numerous community events such as the Halloween “Howl and Prowl”. 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.

Finally, something we can all agree on...FOOD TRUCKS!! Food trucks are scheduled all the way through Summer and on many evenings, you can enjoy the music of The Crosstown Sounds.
Happy May!
SCA Board

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Location: Bottom of Stoneybrooke Lane		Time: 4:30-7:30PM
**Denotes <u>The Crosstown Sounds</u> band scheduled 🎵🎵		
Date	Truck Name	Cuisine
April 10	DC Slices	Pizza
April 17**	Saté	Indonesian
	the Pie Shop	Pies (Sweet/Savory)
May 1	Mr. Falafel	Shawarma
	Kona Ice	Shaved Ice
May 15**	Empanadas de Mendoza	Empanadas
	DC Slices	Pizza
	Captain Cookie and the Milkman	Cookies and Ice Cream
May 29	Buena'dillas	Quesadillas
	Scoops2U	Ice Cream
June 12	Astro Chicken & Doughnuts	Fried Chicken & Doughnuts
	Little Miss Whoopie	Whoopie Pies
June 26	2 Cousins	Burgers/BBQ/Southern
	Kona Ice	Shaved Ice
July 3**	New Gourmet Delight	Asian Fusion Paninis
	Captain Cookie & the Milkman	Cookies and Ice Cream
July 17	Bun'd Up	Taiwanese Buns (Sandwiches)
	Killer Tomatoes	Wood Fire Pizza
	Hershey's	Ice Cream
July 31	Pepe	Sandwiches from José Andrés
	Anita's Frozen Cotton Candy	Shaved Ice
August 14	Little Lady Grill	Grilled Latin Fusion
	Lattimore's	Funnel Cake, Lemonade & Other Fried Treats
August 28	The Roaming Coyote	Tex Mex
	Hershey's	Ice Cream
Sept 4	Talk of the Mountain	Seafood
	Kaye's Mini Doughnuts	Doughnuts

Upcoming Neighborhood Events

- Yard Sale: Saturday, May 1st (Raindate Sunday, May 2nd)

Community News

Kingstowne-Rose Hill Area Red Cross Blood Drive Coming Up Soon

The need for local blood donations remains high as coronavirus vaccines become more available and people begin to resume more of their normal activities. People who have received a coronavirus vaccine can donate blood so long as they are symptom-free, feeling well and can provide the vaccine manufacturer's name, according to the American Red Cross. There is no waiting period after getting a vaccine dose.

Below is the info for a Red Cross blood drive coming up in the Kingstowne-Rose Hill area in the next few weeks. You can search for additional Red Cross blood drives from a wider area here.

5/6/2021: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints - Franconia, 6219 Villa St.

Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive. Appointments can be made via the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, online or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

The Red Cross is testing all donations for COVID-19 antibodies. COVID-19 antibody test results will be available to donors within two weeks in the Red Cross Blood Donor App or donor portal. A positive antibody test result does not confirm infection or immunity, according to the Red Cross.

Pre-2012 SmarTrip Cards To Be Phased Out By Metro

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority announced plans to phase out SmarTrip cards made before 2012 that contain outdated chip technology. The change will happen through a year-long rollout of new faregates in stations starting as soon as June and new bus fareboxes in 2022.

Riders who do not have a SmarTrip card made from 2012 and on are encouraged to get a new card before the changes begin. Metro estimated as many as 400,000 of the old SmarTrip cards were active before the COVID-19 pandemic, a fraction of the estimated six million active cards at the time.

The pre-2012 SmarTrip cards will be phased out by station as new faregates are installed. Installation at the first stations will begin no earlier than June, and installation at remaining stations will be completed over the course of a year.

Riders can transfer balances to a new or existing SmarTrip card through mail-in, online, phone or in-person options.

Hiring Underway For Future Amazon Grocery Store In Franconia

Amazon is hiring for a new concept store coming to the Festival at Manchester Lakes in Franconia. The store will be located in a space over 31,000 square feet at the Festival at Manchester Lakes shopping center. Shoppers was the anchoring retailer at the shopping center before it closed in 2020.

The future Amazon grocery store is hiring for full-time and part-time positions, specifically grocery, food service and kitchen associates. Pay starts at \$15 per hour, and there are a variety of benefits packages and a Career Choice program with education and training for in-demand jobs.

This will be the first of Amazon's new concept grocery stores in Northern Virginia.

St. James To Offer In-Person Summer Camps In Springfield

The St. James sports and entertainment complex in Springfield will host in-person camp offerings this summer. The full and half-day camps will be held between June 7 and Aug. 27 and are geared toward children ages 6 to 15. There are 14 camp experiences, covering specific sport camps like golf, lacrosse and dance to ultimate sports camps allowing children to learn a variety of sports and games.

A 15% early bird registration discount is available until April 15. St. James members can call the sales staff for their membership discount.

The St. James, a 450,000-square-foot facility with a variety of sports and wellness venues, programs and services, entertainment and more, opened in 2018. The facility is located at 6805 Industrial Road in Springfield.

Lost Boy Cider Wins Best in Show in Governor's Cup

Lost Boy Cider won Best in Show recently for its 2020 Comeback Kid cider in the 2021 Virginia Governor's Cup. This is the first year that Virginia cider was judged in its own category in the Governor's Cup, which started out by judging wines. There were 27 entries in the cider category. Lost Boy Cider's 2020 Comeback Kid won a gold medal earlier in the Governor's Cup competition, which put it in the running for Best in Show.

The cidery's 2020 Wingman and Hazy Hopped ciders won silver medals, and the 2020 Pumpkinhead and En Fuego won bronze awards. This month, Lost Boy is introducing a new cider called Cherry Blossom: "Shenandoah apples fermented with both dark sweet cherries and tart Montmorency cherries combined with whole Jasmine blossoms. The final balance is juicy ripe cherry up front and a finish of white flowers and sun-dried hay on the back," according to the cidery.

Lost Boy Cider opened in 2019. Founded by Tristan Wright, who got into cider after discovering a gluten allergy, the cidery is at 317 Hooffs Run Dr. The cidery's head cidemaker is David Biun.

Key Sources

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

Fairfax County | <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/>

Kingstown Patch | <https://patch.com/virginia/kingstowne>

Old Town Patch | <https://patch.com/virginia/oldtownalexandria>

The Washington Post | <https://www.washingtonpost.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.

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MEMBERSHIP INFO JANUARY 2021 - DECEMBER 2021

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.

Payment Options:

1. Make out a \$20 check payable to 'SCA'.
2. Note your name and address on the check.
3. Deliver your check to our Stoneybrooke Treasurer
Margaret Canilang:
6903 Stonebridge Court, Alexandria, VA 22306

Or:

1. Send \$20 thru PayPal or Venmo by scanning one of the QR codes below.
2. Include your name and address in the details.



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Please choose the *Friends and Family* option.