

Stoneybrooke

OF FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Letter from the Board

Can it really be November? Is Jack Frost and Old-Man-Winter really just around the corner? I for one am happy to see it; bring on the snow, the smell of fireplaces in the evening air, and the sights and sounds of the holiday season. Time does in fact march on as we find ourselves ready for another seasonal transition... enjoying the fall weather knowing that the winter chills are not far off.

What a great Halloween weekend we had this year! It kicked off on Saturday afternoon up at the park with "Crickett the Magician" putting on his magic show for the kids...both big and small. It was a perfect afternoon that flowed right into the evening movie. It was a great turnout. The Halloween spirit carried over to Sunday as well. The number of families participating in the pumpkin carving, house decorating, trick or treat tables, and just the overall spirit of the holiday was amazing. It goes without saying that nothing this successful happens without a lot of planning and hard work. We would be remiss if we didn't send out (another) a big thanks to Rachel Moran for coordinating the weekend events and to our former neighbor down in the sunshine state, Ms. Andi Bethea, who continues to support our community through her generous donations.





I am happy to report that we have some new SCA board members for 2022. Congratulations to Jackie Murray and Katy Clough who were both elected over this past weekend to be the chair and vice chair for the upcoming year. And a continued thanks to those that chose to stay on for another year, donating their time and effort towards all of the great happenings in the neighborhood...Mark Husband, Megan Mansell and Margaret Canilang. We should also thank the Kahn family who have taken it upon themselves to serve as the neighborhood welcoming committee for our newest friends and neighbors.

The mild fall, warm weather, and ample rainfall has kept the yards green and the leaves 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, and if you are like me, you will spend countless hours raking and bagging over the weekend just to have the lawn covered again by midweek. Despite the fact that our residents rely on private contractors and not county services for trash and refuse, it all ends up in the same place and Fairfax County is working hard to phase out plastic bags for yard waste collection. 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. Additional information can be found here: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/yard-waste>

The longer nights and colder weather create an opportunity for petty thieves that have been a constant throughout our area over the past few years...nighttime visitors looking for targets of opportunity in hopes of a quick score. Maintain your vigilance and make sure locking your vehicle is the last thing you do each night. 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. The supply chain troubles that we follow on our favorite news source indicates there are no short-term signs of relief...meaning online shopping with curbside delivery will almost certainly increase from years past. Try and secure your deliveries as quickly as possible and when you can, team up with your neighbors and help each other out.

Don't forget to fall back this weekend! Daylight savings time is upon us...who doesn't want an extra hour of sleep on a Saturday night? A good 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. Other winter safety tips to consider:

- A professional cleaning of the fireplace
- A service check of the furnace
- Ensuring that you don't overload your outlets once you set up your holiday decorations
- Ensuring that your snow shovel and ice melt are ready to go for that first taste of winter
- Assembling an emergency kit for the car; blankets, kitty litter for traction, a small shovel, a candle and a coffee can, extra phone charger, are good starters. Also...make it a habit to keep your gas tank above half.

Again, it was great to see so many new faces up at the park and throughout the neighborhood this weekend. All of these events would not be possible without your continued donations. With 2022 just around the corner, please consider joining the SCA or simply continuing your support with an annual \$20 donation. Paypal and Venmo are both accepted and there is a membership form at the back of the newsletter.

That is it for November. In closing...start thinking about the upcoming holidays and how you can make a difference in someone's life. It may be as simple as a smile and holding a door; dropping your change in the donation bucket, or cleaning out your pantry and making the short drive to one of the local food pantries. You never know what someone else is going through or the positive impact that just a small gesture on your part may have on their life.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

-SCA Board



Stoneybrooke Candy Cane Lane 5K

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the following event. On the morning of Saturday December 11th, we will have a Stoneybrooke Candy Cane Lane 5K. A breakfast food truck and special visitors will be in attendance.

Stay tuned for sign-up and suggested routes. More info will be posted on Facebook and the Stoneybrooke website (www.stoneybrooke.org).

Community News

Fairfax County Public Schools Named An ENERGY STAR Partner Of The Year

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) has been named a 2021 ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year: Sustained Excellence, the highest honor among ENERGY STAR awards. This is the fifth consecutive year that FCPS has been recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Energy for its continued efforts to improve the energy efficiency of its buildings and facilities.

“Energy efficiency not only saves FCPS money, it also reduces pollution by cutting energy use. FCPS’ commitment to the safety, well-being, and future success of all children in our community demands action, and participating in the ENERGY STAR program provides simple, credible, and unbiased information, as well as a third party review of the effectiveness of our energy management efforts,” said Jeff Platenberg, FCPS assistant superintendent for Facilities and Transportation Services.

Fairfax County Redistricting Hearing Planned

A public hearing on proposed redistricting of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and School Board election districts will happen in November. The Board of Supervisors authorized the public hearing for Nov. 9 to consider 64 proposed redistricting maps.

Redrawing of local election district boundaries is required by law every 10 years after the U.S. Census to ensure fair representations as populations change.

Redistricting will not change school attendance boundaries, or electoral maps for the Virginia General Assembly and U.S. Congress. The state’s redistricting commission is in charge of electoral maps for the Virginia General Assembly and U.S. Congress.

Residents can view the proposed maps [online](#). Those without computer or internet access can visit a public library branch to use a computer. Testimony can be provided before or during the Nov. 9 public hearing to the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors.

Sharkey’s Cuts for Kids Salon Opening in Belle View Shopping Center

Anyone with kids knows that getting them to sit still for a haircut is a challenge. Sharkey’s Cuts for Kids is an award-winning salon franchise that was founded in 2002 to make haircuts fun for kids and a location is opening soon in Alexandria in the former Hair Cuttery in Belle View Shopping Center (1522 Belle View Blvd.).

Sharkey’s advertises itself as “providing a superior haircut with warm, experienced stylists in a meticulously clean place filled with fun!” Kids can sit in novelty chairs made to look like cars and watch cartoons or Netflix while they get their hair cut or styled. Older kids can play Xbox One or PS4 or watch tv on large screens.

The salon offers glamour-themed birthday parties where attendees can be pampered with a pretty hairstyle and make-up. The salon also sells its own line of kid-friendly hair products.

An opening date has not been announced.

New Dog Daycare and Boarding Opening in Hybla Valley

Playful Pack Dog Daycare & Boarding is opening a new location in Alexandria at 7520A Richmond Hwy. by the end of the year. The locally-based business currently has locations in McLean, Fairfax Station and Annapolis. In addition to the Alexandria location, Playful Pack plans to also open locations in Rosslyn and Leesburg.

In addition to offering dog daycare from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. every day, Playful Pack offers overnight boarding. The website says that the Playful Pack experience includes mental stimulation, physical exercise, healthy socialization, constant staff engagement, webcam access, report cards and a cage-free atmosphere. Pricing varies by location, and packages and multi-dog discounts are available.

Find out more about Playful Pack and the latest information on the opening of their Alexandria location on their website playfulpack.com.

Alexandria Couple Creates Non-Alcoholic, Organic Wine

Michelle and David Toothman found a way that you can have your wine and drink it too but without the negative side effects.

The Toothmans have lived in the Alexandria area for 20 years and have wanted to start their own business for a long time. When David retired from his career as a Marine Corps musician last year, it was the perfect time to pursue a new product idea.

Removing the alcohol also means that Lali wines have fewer calories than their alcoholic counterparts. An 8.4 oz can of Lali Red is only 20 calories while a 5 oz glass of alcoholic red wine is often 125 calories.

Lali is the first non-alcoholic, still wine to be offered in a can. It is available in Red, White and Rosé. Michelle describes the wine as “fruit forward” and smooth that retains the aromas and mouthfeel of wine. People’s reaction to the wines often depend on their personal palate.

You can purchase Lali wine in packs of four cans or a tasting flight trio with one of each variety on their website, zoie.com or try it locally at Roseina’s Good Food & Wine to Go (1307 Shenandoah Rd.) or Del Ray Pizzeria (2218 Mount Vernon Ave.). The Toothmans are working to expand the number of places that sell Lali locally and nationwide.

First US Offshore Wind Turbine Blade Factory Coming To Virginia

Dominion Energy is partnering with Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy to build the nation’s first offshore wind turbine blade factory in the Hampton Roads area near where Dominion is building an offshore wind facility.

The \$200 million factory at the Portsmouth Marine Terminal will produce turbine blades for Dominion’s Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Project, as well as other offshore wind energy generators around North America.

The facility, combined with its operations and maintenance activities, will create a total of 310 new jobs, of which about 50 will be service jobs to support the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Project, Virginia.

A two-turbine wind energy pilot project is currently operating off Virginia Beach. Federal regulators announced the beginning of a review process for the project over the summer.

The Virginia Clean Economy Act sets a target for Dominion to build or purchase at least 5,200 megawatts of energy through offshore wind by 2034 and to achieve 100-percent carbon-free energy production by 2045.

Generous George's to Try Another Concept

The long-empty Generous George's Pizza and Pasta, which was to become Yates Pizza Palace, may change hands again — and next time you order from a national chain restaurant, the food could come from 3000 Duke St.

A permit application filed with the city seeks a change of ownership of the former restaurant to a limited liability company affiliated with Reef Technology, a Miami-based company that uses its network of thousands of parking lots and other facilities to open 'neighborhood kitchens' to sell food from national chain restaurants.

Reef Technology describes itself as a company that "transforms open spaces into multi-purpose places that create jobs and bring new goods, services and experiences to your neighborhood." The company accepts applications from landlords and property owners to join the Reef Technology family, and properties have included parking, ghost kitchens, retail, hospitality and more.

Generous George's closed in 2009 after more than three decades in business as a family restaurant and go-to venue for birthday parties, sports team events and more. The Yates family worked hard in the late 2010s to build a new, more modern restaurant with rooftop seating with plans to open Yates Pizza Palace. Those plans never came to fruition after Jeffrey Yates passed away from cancer in 2018.

Key Sources

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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.

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

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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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