

Stoneybrooke

OF FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

SENTINEL
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Letter from the Board

What a summer it has been! In true Northern Virginia summer fashion, it has been yet another hot one. It has been great to see so many neighbors out and about, especially at the food trucks. A HUGE thank you to Rachel for organizing free ice cream for kids last week, and all the wonderful food trucks for nights when we all think, “one less weeknight to cook dinner....what a win!”

As we head into Labor Day weekend, we see fall on the horizon. Cooler weather (or at least less humidity), kids back in school (did someone just shout ‘Amen?’), and some planned neighborhood events.

Our community yard sale is planned for Saturday, October 1st. And two weeks beforehand (Saturday, September 17th) we will have our Stoneybrooke Annual Picnic from 4:30-7:30, which runs in conjunction with our SCA Annual Meeting (on purpose :-). We are in need of some neighbors to help out with different roles within the SCA; please don’t dismiss the idea immediately. Roles really do not take up a great deal of time, and it is truly a teamwork environment. We would like to also have some new neighbors (or group of neighbors) involved to provide new points of view or ideas that are of interest in the neighborhood. Please at least inquire and talk to one of us if you could possibly be interested.

May the cooler fall weather bring all of you more walks on the sidewalks, and more time outside to wave to, or smile at, a fellow neighbor. You never know what a neighbor is going through, and how far a smile, wave, or hello can go to brighten their day.

Sending smiles, waves, and hellos to all of you today and every day,

-SCA Board



WEB DEVELOPER/DESIGNER SOUGHT

The SCA Board is seeing the help of a web designer/developer to assist the Board in keeping the neighborhood website up to date and functional. If you are interested in assisting the community with this endeavor, please reach out to any board member or email us at scaboard@stoneybrooke.org

-Thanks!

Upcoming Events

Stoneybrooke Annual Picnic

Saturday, September 17th, 4:30 - 7:30 pm

(Stoneybrooke Citizens Association meeting from 5:30 - 6:00pm)

Old Town Art Walk

Thursday, September 15, 5-8pm

Take a self guided tour of Old Town Alexandria and explore the fine art and studio crafts found in art galleries and boutique shops.

The Art Walks are 5-8 p.m., the third Thursdays of the month, beginning in May and continuing through October. The stroll is a great activity after an early dinner, or before enjoying a meal at one of Old Town Alexandria’s restaurants!

Visit www.oldtownbusiness.org for a list of participating shops.



Port City Fall Makers’ Market

Sunday, September 18, 12-5pm

More than two dozen Alexandria-based makers, artists and creators will pop-up at Port City Brewing Co. Sunday, Sept. 18 from noon - 5 p.m.

The pop-up market is a collaboration between Port City and Made in ALX, a collective of makers in Alexandria. The event will be a fun way to welcome fall, and several makers will debut fall lineups of candles and cozy items. Parking is available on the street outside Port City Brewing Co., 3950 Wheeler Ave. Admission to the fall market is free.

Visit www.madeinalex.com for a full list of participating vendors.



Community News

New ‘Parklet’ at Mount Vernon Plaza

Mount Vernon Plaza shopping center in Hybla Valley will gain an outdoor “parklet” space this summer, providing a place for shoppers to gather.

The 3,200-square-foot parklet will be located in the outdoor dining space adjacent to Moe’s Southwest Grill and Limon Pollo a la Brasa. The outdoor space will have café seating, a trellis, green space, porch swing benches, soma stones, new lighting and landscaping.

The parklet idea resulted from discussions between shopping center owner Federal Realty and the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation, which supports projects that stimulate economic growth in the Richmond Highway corridor. Construction on the parklet started in May and should finish early this fall.

Tourism Initiative Promoting Southern Fairfax County Announced

Potomac Banks is Fairfax County's first joint destination-focused tourism strategy. The branding will create a collective tourism strategy for all the historic sites, museums, parks, arts and cultural venues, local wine and beer makers and agro-tourism businesses in southern Fairfax County. The name Potomac Banks: Explore Fairfax South, references the area's location along the banks of the Potomac River.

The branding is a collaboration between the county and Visit Fairfax, the county's tourism organization.

One aim of the campaign is reaching visitors who may visit popular sites like George Washington's Mount Vernon and overlook other attractions.

Aside from Mount Vernon, Southern Fairfax County is home to attractions like River Farm, George Mason's Gunston Hall, Workhouse Arts Center, National Museum of the United States Army, Woodlawn and Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House. In addition, the Gum Springs Historical Society And Museum continues to preserve the history of Gum Springs, Fairfax County's oldest African American community. It is also home to an abundance of parks, such as Huntley Meadows Park, Occoquan Regional Park, and Pohick Bay Regional Park.

With the new Potomac Banks branding, a Potomac Banks Saving Pass was launched by Visit Fairfax. The savings pass offers visitors discounted admission to partners such as George Washington's Mount Vernon, George Mason's Gunston Hall and Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House. The pass also provides deals on tours, gifts and activities from partners like Woodlawn Press Winery, Workhouse Arts Center, National Museum of the United States Army and more. You can learn more about the program and purchase your savings pass at this link: www.fxva.com/southcounty/



Lee District to be Renamed Franconia District

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recently approved Supervisor Rodney Lusk's board matter to change the name of the district from Lee District to Franconia District.

After a two-and-a-half-year process, Lusk said the name Franconia was the overwhelming preference for those who participated in an effort to decide whether to change the name of the Lee District. Fairfax County Board Chairman Jeffrey McKay, who represented the Lee District on the board of supervisors for 12 years prior to getting elected chairman, said that he supports the name change because it now recognizes a geographic area that is at the root of the history of the area.

The Lee District was one of the original six magisterial districts of Fairfax County and was likely named after the Lee family based on the original district's location and boundaries. The district was home to Robert E. Lee High School, which the Fairfax County School Board renamed as John R. Lewis High School in 2020. The Fairfax County Park Authority removed the Robert E. Lee name from its recreation center, renaming it Lee District Rec Center.

Voters can expect to see the name change to Franconia reflected on the ballot when they go to vote for district supervisor and school board member in November 2023.

Evolution Home Opens in Alexandria's West End

The local, woman-owned vintage market Evolution Home has moved into a new, bigger space in the West End. Evolution Home relocated from the Belle Haven area to 861 S. Pickett St., next to Aslin Beer Co.

The company's previous location was a former bowling alley at 6239 Shields Ave. in the Belle Haven area. The move is because Lennar Corp. is planning to build hundreds of residential units on the 7.6 acres between Shields Avenue and Quander Road. The project is titled Alexandria Crossing.

Evolution Home has been a fixture in the Alexandria community since 1999, offering a curated vintage inventory and a constantly evolving selection of consignment furniture and décor. Its sister company, Market Ready, has catered to local home stagers and realtors with furniture leasing and staging services since 2011.

More info is available at www.evolution-home.com, at [@EvolutionHomeShop](https://www.facebook.com/EvolutionHomeShop) on Facebook or [@evolutionhome](https://www.instagram.com/evolutionhome) on Instagram.

Mount Vernon Rec Center to Close for up to Two Years During Renovation

Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) board has voted to temporarily close the Mount Vernon Rec Center (2017 Belle View Blvd.) during renovations, in order for the project to remain on schedule.

Construction was supposed to begin last summer, and the rec center was originally going to remain open as the renovations took place in phases, but the COVID-19 pandemic and related supply chain issues significantly delayed the project and raised costs. The project is funded by park bond funds approved by voters in 2016 and 2020.

Proposed renovations include adding a two story fitness center, multi-purpose areas, offices, other building and pool upgrades and a second ice rink that meets NHL standards and new locker rooms. Mount Vernon Rec Center is currently the only FCPA facility with an ice rink.

The facility will close in early 2023 and will remain closed for approximately 24 months, with the center expected to reopen in 2025.

More information on the renovation and closure can be found at the project [webpage](#) or by emailing park-mail@fairfaxcounty.gov with Mount Vernon in the subject line.



The Bun Papa Wins RAMMY Award

The Bun Papa won Outstanding Pop-Up Concept in the 2022 RAMMY Awards.

The RAMMY Awards are presented by the Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington RAMMY Awards annually honors the region's best restaurants, chefs and concepts in dining.

The pop-up restaurant was the creation of the team behind Bread & Water Company, Markos Panas, Noelle Rickey and Doug Abedje along with the culinary expertise of Chef Patrick Tanyag. It opened for take-out inside Bread & Water's original location at 1512 Belle View Blvd., later opening a spot inside Capital One Arena in section 105 (closed for the summer), and a third location at 3648 King St. in the Bradlee Shopping Center.

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>

Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation (SFDC) | <http://www.sfdc.org/>

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

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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