

Stoneybrooke

OF FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

SENTINEL MARCH 2022

Letter from the Board

With the majority of winter behind us, and the days getting longer, we have much to look forward to this year! Spring is almost here, and with that comes FOOD TRUCK SEASON! Please see the information below on the current Food Truck schedule. A big thanks to Rachel Moran for organizing food trucks for our community!

We are all so fortunate to live in a community where there is kindness and giving - the free offers on the Facebook pages alone speak to the giving! As we get outside and see each other more, remember that each and every smile, wave, or hello to a fellow neighbor is invaluable and may just make their day.

Sending cheer and smiles to all,
-SCA Board

THIS THURSDAY!

Jambalaya Brothers (Cajun Cuisine)

Location: Normal Location (Intersection of Stoneybrooke Lane and Lamp Post Lane)

Time: 5:00-7:30pm

Pre-order: <https://app.getyomojo.com/neworder/xAeWObPQdz/locations>

Make sure to select March 10-Stoneybrooke

Stoneybrooke Food Truck Schedule 2022		
Time: 4:30-7:30pm or 5:00-8:00pm		
Location: Deadend at the bottom of Stoneybrooke Lane		
	Dinner	Dessert
March 10	Jambalaya Brothers	
March 24	Hangry Panda	
April 14	Crepes Parfait	Captain Cookie
April 28	Little Lady Grill	Sweet Frog
May 5*	Bonefish	
May 12	Empanadas de Mendoza	
May 26	Roaming Coyote	Captain Cookie
June 9	District Small Bites (Burger	
June 23	Mr. Falafel	Sweet Frog
July 7	Mina's Tamales	
July 21	Bonefish	Captain Cookie
Aug 4*	Little Lady Grill	

Upcoming Events

The Ides of Bark | Sunday March 27, 2022

Come to Grist Mill Park on Sunday, March 27, 2022, for the annual Ides of Bark celebration. It’s the ultimate event for you and your canine pal, and admission is free!

At Ides of Bark, there will be games, prizes, food and fun for everyone in the family -- on two feet and four feet. Enjoy demonstrations by the Fairfax County Police K-9 unit. Visit with vendors catering to all your dog’s needs. Pet First Aid/CPR demonstrations and health assessments will be offered every half hour by Pet Tech instructors. You can also license your dog with Fairfax County. Licenses will be available for \$10 (cash or check) with proof of a current rabies shot.

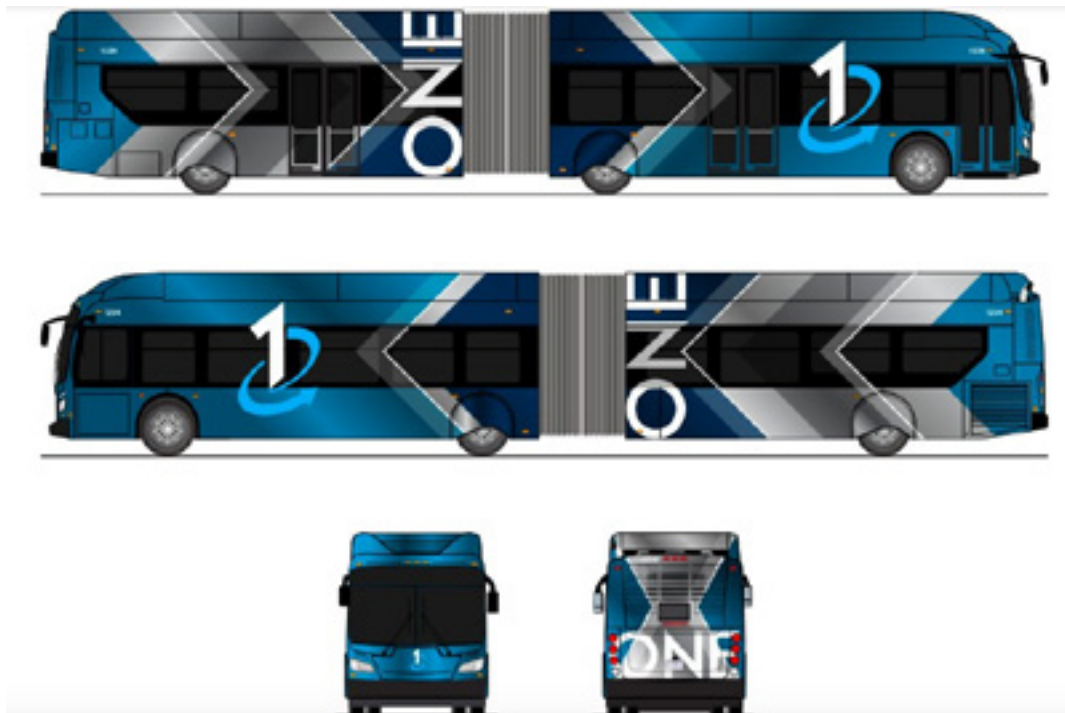
This festival for dogs and their owners takes place from 1 to 4 p.m. The event is being sponsored by the office of Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck, the Fairfax County Park Foundation and the Fairfax County Park Authority. <https://www.fxva.com/event/the-ides-of-bark/21907/>

Community News

Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Reveals New Brand

The new BRT system will be called “The One” and features various shades of blue, silver and white. The One will be the largest bus rapid transit system in the Commonwealth of Virginia once it is complete in 2030. The system will have nine stations along Richmond Highway from Huntington Metro Station to Fort Belvoir and expects to serve 15,000 passengers a day. The project will also feature improvements for pedestrians and cyclists as well as other amenities and will utilize electric buses.

Last month’s brand reveal was a huge step in the process to construct a modern, high-quality public transportation system along the Route 1 corridor, which has been in the works for years. The BRT system and the concurrent widening of Route 1 are part of a \$1 billion investment to revitalize Richmond Highway.



Evolution Home Moving to the West End

Local home goods consignment and resale store Evolution Home will be moving from its current location in Belle Haven to Alexandria's West End.

The move will happen sometime in April, according to Evolution Home owner Susan Driscoll.

Evolution Home started in Del Ray in 1999 (then known as Potomac West Interiors and Antique Gallery), and later moved to a former bowling alley at 6239 Shields Ave. in the Belle Haven area.

Now, the business will move to a larger space at 861 S. Pickett St. in Alexandria, between Aslin Beer Co. and the Habitat for Humanity ReStore.

Nepenthe Gallery Opening in Hollin Hall Shopping Center

A new art gallery, frame shop and photography studio is opening in the Hollin Hall shopping center. Nepenthe Gallery will celebrate its grand opening on March 10 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

According to the gallery's website, Nepenthe Gallery will feature art work from "a broad range of art from local, emerging and established artists." It will also have a custom frame shop and will include studio space for photographer Renée C. Gage.

Nepenthe Gallery is located right next to Hollin Hall Pastry Shop. It will join a number of new businesses that have opened in the shopping center in the past few years including Nature's Nibbles and Urban Redeux and alongside established stores and restaurants like Hollin Hall Variety Store, Village Hardware and Roseina's among many others.

National Museum of the U.S. Army Reopens Activities

On Saturday, March 5, the National Museum of the U.S. Army, will officially open Fort Discover, an exploration area designed for visitors ages eight and younger. The indoor play space enable children to use imaginative play to climb an Army tower, drive a Jeep and serve up chow, among other features, as well as play age-appropriate interactive games to learn about Army innovations from past to present. Fort Discover is just one part of the museum's Experiential Learning Center (ELC), which provides interactive learning for all ages.

For those who want a guided tour of the museum's exhibits, docent-led tours were recently launched daily at 10:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m., subject to docent availability. Visitors can sign up for tours at the Welcome Desk upon their arrival. Large-group tours for groups of 10 or more people can be arranged in advance by obtaining free tickets through the Army Historical Foundation. Private events at the museum are being booked as far out as 2025.

The museum provides free, timed-entry tickets for individuals — currently through April 2022. You can sign up on their website at www.thenmusa.org/

Holly, Woods, and Vines now The Garden Plot

For years, the supersized watering can has been a recognizable landmark along Richmond Highway for the Holly Woods and Vines Garden Center. Now, the business — under new ownership since January 2022 — is relaunching as “The Garden Plot” and is stocking up to serve customers during the busy growing season.

Two former Holly Woods and Vines employees teamed up last year to purchase the garden center when longtime owners Vanessa Wheeler and John Johnson decided to sell.

New storefront signage and a paint job for the building are in the plans for coming months. Eventually, the store may begin to offer plant-related workshops for the community. The business is also looking for plant lovers with flexible schedules to join the team.

NPS Kicks Off Mount Vernon Trail Bridge Replacement

The National Park Service (NPS), together with the Federal Highway Administration and Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), have begun the replacement of Bridge 12, located just north of Fort Hunt Park along the Mount Vernon Trail, and plans to realign the trail to improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians.

Trail curves leading to the bridge will be straightened, and the bridge itself will be relocated, eliminating the steep grade and dangerous curves on both sides of it. The NPS will also upgrade the bridge railings and apply new asphalt to the trail.

During the bridge and trail renovation – which is expected to last through the summer – trail users will be detoured onto the southbound section of the George Washington Memorial Parkway near Waynewood Boulevard.

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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Please choose the *Friends and Family* option.