

Stoneybrooke



OF FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Letter from the Board

Greetings from your Stoneybrooke Citizens Association (SCA) Board! As the leaves begin to turn and the crisp Autumn air settles in, we are excited to invite you to our Fall Picnic and Annual Community Meeting on Saturday, September 28th, starting at 4:30 PM at Stonebridge Court Cul-de-sac. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the cooler weather, meet fellow residents, and participate in some fun activities!

Bring your own chairs, adult beverages, and cornhole boards. We're thrilled to announce that the bounce house will make a return appearance, generously sponsored by Marshall Roofing. For those with a culinary flair, don't miss our 1st Annual Pie Bake-Off and Chili Cook-Off! Sample the delicious entries between 5:00 and 6:00 PM, cast your votes, and see who will take home the top prizes. The winners will be revealed during the community meeting.

The meeting will start promptly at 6:00 PM with two key objectives: electing new board members and discussing important community announcements. Bill Dorr, a dedicated SCA member and past Board Chairman, is nominated for the position of Board Chairman. Bill has been actively involved in our community since 2009 and is committed to continuing the positive momentum of the SCA Board.

To enter the cook-offs, please email board@stoneybrooke.org or text Samuel Posnock at 817-308-6947 with your details. Participants must have their dishes ready by 5:00 PM, and voting will occur between 5:00 and 6:00 PM. We look forward to sampling your creations!

Also, we recently celebrated National Night Out on August 6th. It was a great success with officers from Fairfax County Police and Fire & Rescue engaging with our community, enhancing neighborhood safety, and creating lasting memories for our kids.

Stay tuned for updates on the event page shared on the Stoneybrooke Facebook page. We can't wait to see you all at the Fall Picnic!

Warm regards,

~SCA Board

Neighborhood News

Fall Picnic and Annual Meeting Coming September 28th

Your neighbors on Stonebridge Court Cul-de-sac invite you to a Fall Picnic and Community Meeting on Saturday, September 28th starting at 4:30 PM. Come enjoy the cooler weather and meet some new friends. Bring your own chairs, adult beverages, and cornhole boards! The bounce house will make a return appearance, this time generously sponsored by Marshall Roofing. Guests are encouraged to sample the entrants into the 1st annual pie bake-off and chili cook-off competition before the community meeting and place their votes, as the winners will be announced at the conclusion of the meeting. The brief community meeting portion will begin at 6 PM. Our meeting will have two primary purposes. First, we will hold a vote to elect new board members to the SCA Board. Second, we will issue announcements relevant to the community. Finally, winners of the cook-offs will be announced. There will be an event page shared on the Stoneybrooke Facebook page containing any updates leading up to the event.



Chili Cook-off and Pie Bake-off at Fall Picnic

To enter the chili cook-off and/or pie bake-off, please email board@stoneybrooke.org OR text Samuel Posnock @ 817-308-6947 by Thursday, September 26th. Please provide your full name, which dish(es) you are entering, and your street number. Rules are as follows:

- **Set Up:** All participants should have their Chili and/or Pie set up and ready to serve on the designated tables located at the Stonebridge Ct cul-de-sac by 5:00 PM. Each participant will find their designated spot marked by their name. SCA will provide 2 oz cups or small plates and spoons or forks but participants must be prepared to serve/distribute with proper serving utensils. There will NOT be a hookup for power for chili participants using crockpots.
- **Voting:** The winner (Chili and Pie separately) of the cook off will be selected by popular vote. Each resident gets one ticket (vote, 1 each per competition) which you can pick up at the serving tables on the day of the event. Each dish will have a “ballot box” where residents can submit their ticket for their chosen dish. Tasting will occur between 5 and 6 PM. At approximately 6 PM the votes will be tallied and the winner decided. In the event of a tie, a panel of judges made up of board members will decide the winner.
- **Chili Rules:** For the chili cook-off, all chilis must be homemade and cooked within 24 hours of the start of the competition and served HOT. Each participant may only submit one type of chili to the contest. All styles and flavors of chili are acceptable including meat-forward, bean-forward, vegetarian, or other. You will need enough chili to be sampled by ~40 potential residents in small 2 oz cups (A 6qt stockpot is typical, a full-size Crockpot is 6-7 quarts). SCA will provide cups and spoons for sampling, but you must come prepared to serve small samples. There will NOT be power hookups available to plug in a crockpot.
- **Pie Rules:** For the pie bake-off, all pies must be homemade but may use store-bought dough. Sweet or savory pies will be accepted. Each participant may only submit one flavor of pie to the contest. You will need enough pieces to be sampled by 14 potential residents (Very thin slices!). We recommend baking more than one pie so more voters can sample your dish. SCA will provide plates and forks but you must come prepared to serve small samples of your pies to residents using proper serving utensils.

Election Vote at Community Meeting During Fall Picnic

Members representing at least 20 dues paying households must be in attendance to vote for Board Chairman at our Fall Picnic on September 28th.

Board Chairman: *It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the Board when present to preside at all meetings of the Association and to appoint all committees as provided for in Article IV of the Bylaws.* The Chairman sets the vision for SCA Board activities, leads meetings, ensures accountability of Board Members as they execute their duties. Responds to outside inquests as needed.

The nominee for this position is Bill Dorr. Read more about Bill below:

My name is Bill Dorr and I am an active SCA member in good standing. My wife Jennifer and I have been members of the SCA since moving into the neighborhood in 2009. Shortly after moving into the neighborhood, I was excited to attend a community meeting that hosted then-Franconia District Supervisor McKay and was able to see first hand the value that a non-HOA based community association can provide for promoting the interests of the community.

There was an opportunity in 2016 to fill vacant SCA Board positions as community members began to express increasing interest in community engagement and social events. I attended some interest meetings hosted by the then few remaining board members and at the next community meeting of elections, was nominated and elected as the SCA Board Chairman. I was happy to fill this role for five years and resigned in December 2020 to focus on raising my young children. The [December 2020 Sentinel](#) "Letter from the Board" summarized the accomplishments the SCA board and community were able to accomplish during that time span.

Now that our children are a bit older and I feel I have some additional time to give back to the community, I am interested in re-joining the SCA Board to fill the vacant Chairman position to 1) Continue the momentum the SCA Board has had since I've joined the community in 2009. These neighbor-led and SCA-empowered initiatives are one of the primary reasons why our family loves Stoneybrooke and 2) Facilitate additional broader community engagement and outreach in support of the SCA's purpose to "promote the interests of the residents of Stoneybrooke subdivision in improving our community" -- A post pandemic return of community meetings with our civic and elected leaders providing updates and hearing from our neighbor's is an important core value to me.

National Night Out Great Success!

Officers from Fairfax County Police and Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department visited our neighborhood to meet and greet neighbors as part of National Night Out, an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Stoneybrooke participated in a National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6th to make our neighborhood a safer, more caring place to live. Between 4 PM and 7 PM, groups of officers rotated through the neighborhood every

half hour, giving us a chance to meet many of them. Kids enjoyed seeing the cool motorcycles and getting a walk-through tour of a fire truck.



Images: Officers and Residents Mix at National Night Out

(Photo Credit: Samuel Posnock)

Community News

Deadline Extended for Nominations, Fairfax County Champions of Character Awards

The deadline to nominate an individual has been extended to September 15 for the Stephen A. McLaughlin Fairfax County Champions of Character Awards. This award recognizes youth athletes, coaches and parents in each supervisory district in Fairfax County for having demonstrated

extraordinary service in the athletic community while modeling the basic traits of good character: Respect, Responsibility, Caring, Trustworthiness, Citizenship, and Fairness. Nominate an athlete, coach, or parent of your choice at the link below.

More: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services/athletics/champions-of-character/Nomination>

Brush Fire at Huntley Meadows Park

A fire broke out during the evening of July 6 at Huntley Meadows Park in Hybla Valley, burning around three acres of wooded area before it was extinguished, according to a spokesperson for Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department (FCFRD). There were no injuries and that first responders continued checking for hot spots after the fire was contained. The cause of the fire is still under investigation, said Franconia District Supervisor Rodney Lusk, whose district is home to the park. Lusk relayed that firefighters had to cut around 700 feet into the park, removing small trees and brush in order to access the fire, which was in an overgrown, publicly inaccessible area near the center of the park, south of Harrison Lane and east of the park's observation tower. No damage was caused to homes or properties around the park, he said.

More: <https://mvonthemove.com/firefighters-contain-brush-fire-at-huntley-meadows-park/>

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 an online 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.