

Stratford Landing Citizens' Association Newsletter

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Traffic Signage Proposal

The executive board has forwarded a members' request to the county for new traffic signage near the intersections of Camden and Cavendish, Camden and Stirrup, as well as a new speed sign on Camden and a painted crosswalk at Camden and Stirrup.

In early March, another side-impact car crash occurred in the intersection of Camden and Cavendish (Fairfax County Police Case # 07062000886). This is at least the third accident at this intersection since January 2006. Before the crash, members recently had asked that this intersection should be a 4-way, and not a 2-way stop. "The problem is the Cavendish drivers never know when the Camden drivers will stop and so some Camden drivers assume that the Cavendish drivers have to stop and they don't," said one of the victims. "Small children live at these corners. Some drivers don't have time to stop for a child," said a nearby neighbor.

Just prior to this 3rd mishap, a request by the SLCA public safety committee for new signage for Stratford Landing was made. The requesting procedure calls for a request from a civic association or individual citizen followed by the county visiting the sites in question, and then the county evaluates the need for the new signage. The county study will determine if a valid public safety issue needs to be addressed for the following items, which received a unanimous vote by the SLCA Executive Board meeting:

1. THE ADDITION OF "WATCH FOR CHILDREN" SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF CAMDEN AND STIRRUP.
2. THE ADDITION OF A PAINTED CROSSWALK ACROSS CAMDEN STREET AT THE INTERSECTION OF CAMDEN AND STIRRUP STREETS.
3. THE ADDITION OF CROSSWALK SIGNS ON CAMDEN STREET AND ALSO ON STIRRUP STREET AS DRIVERS APPROACH THE SCHOOL.
4. ADDITIONAL STOP SIGNS AT THE CAMDEN AND STIRRUP INTERSECTION AND THE INTERSECTION OF CAMDEN AND CAVENDISH, SO THAT BOTH BECOME 4-WAY STOP SIGN INTERSECTIONS.
5. ADDITIONAL SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ALONG CAMDEN STREET.

First Annual SL Garden Show!

If you are interested in hosting a tour of your garden for the Stratford Landing Garden Show, please contact Beth Bates at rbbates4@aol.com (703.704.9119) or Tara Quaadman at TNTquaad@aol.com (703.619.3072). SLCA will provide tea and cookies as residents enjoy and learn about your garden! The event will last two hours and will take place in June. See website for more information and details.

Charlie Herrmann's P & Z Report

King's Crossing Project—JPI has presented a new proposal for King's Crossing. The new plan expands the space to be occupied by the project allowing for an upscale grocery store to anchor the town center style development. The plan calls for 30% retail/commercial development and for 10% of the housing to be either affordable (5%) or workforce (5%) housing. The new plan would allow access from Quander Road. JPI is seeking community input on the plan prior to entering into contracts with any of the land owners. An informal poll of the Stratford Landing Executive Board taken during the March 13 monthly meeting was generally favorable towards the new plan. The board's show of support and its concerns was relayed to the P&Z chairman and committee.

Big Box Store Zoning Ordinance—The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will vote on a proposed zoning ordinance (ZO) concerning "big box" retail establishments on April 9, 2007. The resolution was adopted by the MVCCA at its March 15, 2007 meeting. To read a summary of the proposed ZO and review the staff report, you may visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoningordinance/proposed/.

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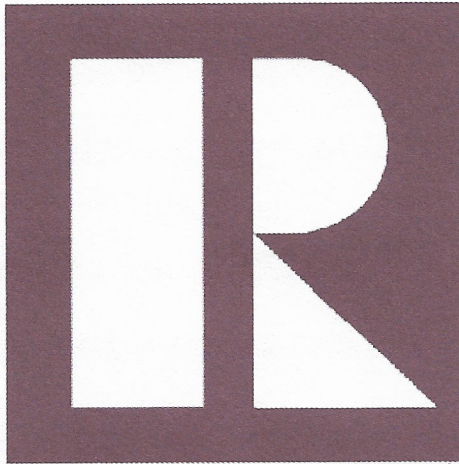
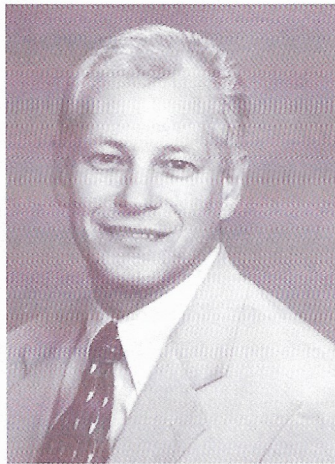
Working Group Formed

A working group was formed in December by the SLCA executive board and posted on the SLCA Web site at that time. The working group is co-shared by the executive board's Environmental and Community Improvements Committees' chairpersons to develop concepts for a possible new nature trail, limited-access park or greenway in the Stratford pumping station area.

Later, if the community voted for a greenway, trail or limited access park, then the community would make a formal request to the county. The only goal of the working group is to develop at least two concepts for a low-impact neighborhood park, trail or greenway, under provisions outlined in the Fairfax County Attorney's Opinion of February 21, 2006, for Stratford Landing in the 9-acre parcel known as the pumping station lands.

The working group's concepts must not provide for any vehicular access or parking on the county lands in the pumping station. The working group will also produce a plan to control any non-resident vehicle traffic, including no parking provisions, for the streets adjacent or nearby the pumping station.

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Melissa Cramer's Consumer Cupboard

Lara Fritts from SFDC (South Fairfax Development Center) has been invited to speak to the Mount Vernon Consumer Affairs Committee on Tuesday May 2nd at 7:30 p.m. at Walt Whitman Middle School. All members of the community are invited and encouraged to attend, if you have any questions about the redevelopment of Rt. 1. If you are unable to attend but have specific questions please email them to melissa.cramer@cox.net no later than May 1st so that a list can be compiled. Please visit the Stratford Landing Website www.stratfordlanding.org/ for any changes or updates.



Both kids and adults enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt at Stratford Landing Park. Thanks to the following people for organizing and volunteering for this event: Beth Bates, Tara Quaadman, Jeri Thorne, Miriam Snedecor, Mary Mikulski, Leah Gunter, Lizanne Sadlier, Kristen Chambers, and Carolyn Strittmatter.

Celia Boertlein's Ledgerbook and Report

The short version of the treasurer's report is that the balance on hand as of March 24, 2007 is \$12,105.87, which is \$1,056 more than at this time last year.

The longer version is that this time of year the MVCCA Budget & Finance Committee focuses on producing a resolution on the advertised budget for the upcoming fiscal year. This year, in order to produce our resolution, we have had five meetings. Representatives from nine civic associations, including Stratford Landing, helped in producing the resolution.

Anthony Griffin, County Executive, was the guest speaker at the MVCCA budget meeting on Tuesday, February 27th. The March issue of the MVCCA Record contains highlights of that meeting (www.mvcca.org/mv/NewsLetters/RECORD_MARCH2007.PDF).

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SLCA members may request to be placed on the Executive Board meeting agenda. Request must be made in one week advance of the meeting, which is held on the 2nd (double-digit) Tuesday of every month. Please call or email Linda Sweeney with your request to be placed on the agenda.

St. Aiden's Celebrates 40th Anniversary

An afternoon of fun and an open house is planned to celebrate the 40th anniversary of St. Aiden's Episcopal Day School on May 5, 2007 from 3-5 p.m.

Come enjoy the open house, birthday cake and ice cream on the lawn, children's art show and a sing-a-long in the chapel!

As part of the celebration, St. Aiden's is trying to update their day school furniture. Any donation towards this worthy cause will be greatly appreciated. For more information on the furniture upgrade drive, please contact The St. Aiden's Parent's Committee, 8531 Riverside Road, Alexandria, VA 22308.



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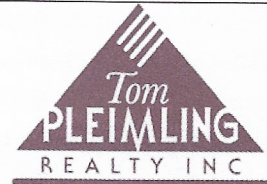
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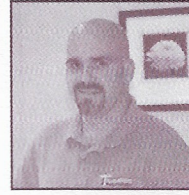
Thanks To Paul Siegel and Betsy Martin—for organizing the Little Hunting Creek clean-up on March 31. And thanks for responding to the County's request to have their work crews clean up the pumping station lands as well this year. Great job, you two!

Congrats Jay—The SLCA is pleased to note that Jay Spiegel, 8778 Stockton Parkway, has been appointed to the post of MVCCA Planning and Zoning Chairman.

Not Cricket—Several members since January have reported that a group of cricket players had used the Stratford Landing Park to play cricket and that these players removed the nets to play. This is a violation of county park rules and the infraction was reported to the county police who followed up with a visit to the park. The cricket players have been gone for at least two weekends.

PODS Removed—Several members since January have also reported 2 PODS or storage bins parked on Stratford streets without permits. According to county law, PODS are not permitted on any public road in Fairfax County without a permit. In one case since February, county police intervened and in one case, the POD owner company was contacted and the POD was moved from the street to the homeowner's driveway, which is allowable without a permit.

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Get Your Shovel Out—Several members called Mary Lou and the president to ask that residents in Stratford Landing please remember to shovel snow from the sidewalks after a snowfall. Many residents take daily walks and snow-covered sidewalks can lead to accidents.

Stressed Out?—Are you felling stressed, anxious or overwhelmed? You can experience relaxation right here in Stratford Landing. You are invited to attend a half-hour meditation workshop held each Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. in our community. For more information, contact Sujata at 703.622.4783.

Come On Down Stratford Blood

Donors!—SLCA Health and Human Services Chair Jack Shawn is asking that more Stratford blood donors come out and donate during the next blood drive at Mt. Vernon Hospital. If you can donate blood, please put June 2 on your calendars. Future 2007 blood drives are scheduled for August 4, October 6, and December 1. If you have questions about the blood drives, you may contact Jack Shawn at 703.780.4752.

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