

Stratford Landing Citizens' Association Newsletter

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SLCA Announces Executive Board Vacancies

The Stratford Landing Citizens' Association (SLCA) is seeking community members to fill current open positions on the Executive Board.

Immediate open positions include representatives for Budget & Finance, Environment Committee, Education Committee, and newsletter designer. Anyone interested in these opportunities should contact SLCA president Melissa Cramer at 703-360-1687 or by email at **melissa.cramer@cox.net**.

Elections for the 2008-2009 year will be held at the SLCA Annual Meeting and Candidates' Night,

which is scheduled for Tuesday, October 28, at 7 p.m. in the Stratford Landing Elementary School cafeteria.

Information on candidates, as well as voting and proxy information, will be included in the October newsletter.

Those wishing to nominate someone or run for an elected position at the October meeting should contact SCLA Nominating Committee Chair Celia Boertlein at 703-360-3735 or by email at **cboertlein@aol.com**. Candidates must be nominated before September 15, 2008, to run for an elected position.

SLCA Membership Drive Underway

The annual SLCA membership drive is now underway. The deadline for dues, which are \$10, is October 1, 2008.

Members are asked to please help out by delivering dues to their block captain. If you are not sure who

your block captain is, please contact SLCA Membership Chair Mary Lou Hoffman at 703-360-7267.

Eligibility to vote at the SLCA annual meeting is limited to those households with dues paid, so please pay promptly and keep your receipt.

Residents Enjoy Movie Night Under the Stars

We hope that everyone had a GREAT time at the third annual SLCA Movie Night Under the Stars! The event, which is co-sponsored by the SLCA and the SRA each year, appeared to be a huge success once again.

We would like to thank SLCA Recreation Committee Co-chairs Tara Quaadman and Beth Bates for organizing this event. Sadly, it serves

as a send-off for these two wonderful women, who have served as committee co-chairs for the past three years. We thank them for all of their hard work, creative ideas, and endless dedication.

Fortunately, this is one tradition they have started that will continue, and we hope to see all of you in the summer of 2009 for the next Movie Night Under the Stars!

Celebrate and Say Goodbye to SRA Pool

Whether you have lived in Stratford Landing for 30 years or 30 days, chances are you've had a chance to enjoy the local pool. Well, it's time to say goodbye to this neighborhood institution.

Construction on a new pool is set to begin this September. To celebrate this event, the Stratford Recreation Association (SRA) board is holding a Demolition Party, which will be held at the pool on Saturday, September 13, from 7-10 p.m.

The event will feature food, drinks, and entertainment. It will also provide the perfect opportunity for residents to share their stories of special times spent at the pool. Board members invite everyone in the community, whether a member of the SRA or not, to join them for the festivities.

For information about the Demolition Party or to obtain tickets, contact Dave or Lizanne Sadlier at 703-780-5015 or by email at **stratfordrec@gmail.com**. Proceeds from the Demolition Party will go toward the new pool construction.

SRA to Hold Boot Sale

The Stratford Recreation Association (SRA) will hold its first annual boot sale on Saturday, September 6, from 8 to 11 a.m. in the SRA pool parking lot located on Brinitzer Way. There will be a \$1 general admission fee, which will benefit the SRA's pool rebuilding fund.

If you are interested in selling items at the boot sale, please contact Rossana Kistler at 703-347-9269 to reserve your selling spot today. Hurry, as spaces are limited!

Police, CPSU Seek Donations

Officers at the Mount Vernon District Station are working with the Child Protective Services Unit (CPSU) to provide many essential items for our local families less fortunate than others. Many of the children in our district begin their school day without the benefit of having these items. It is unfortunate, but does occur.

A collection box has been placed at the Mount Vernon District Station for such items to be donated. The list of basic items needed by these children and their families includes: toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, brushes, soap, liquid soap, shampoo, dental floss, deodorant, diapers, and new underwear for grade-school-age children.

Get Green and Dirty on Watershed Clean-up Day

Everyone can get a little green by participating in the Fairfax County Park Authority's (FCPA) Watershed Clean-up Day. The event is set for Saturday, October 18, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and is part of the International Coastal Cleanup.

Individuals, students, families, scouts, and other community groups can help clear out Earth's arteries by collecting tires, bed springs, bottles, cans, and other debris. Not only will this give local waterways a clean bill of health, but it will also earn the gratitude of our furred, feathered, and scaled neighbors.

Participants are advised to wear boots and old clothes and to bring gloves. Trash bags and a ton of appreciation will be provided. Participants should also call ahead to reserve a section of the watershed. For more information and clean-up site locations, contact the FCPA Resource Management Division at 703-324-8513, or visit the SLCA website at www.stratfordlanding.org.

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Correction

It was suggested in the June newsletter that bike riders should face on-coming traffic. This is a common misconception and is, in fact, against the law in Virginia. We are sorry for any confusion that this statement made. The Virginia Code is listed below.

§ 46.2-802. Except as otherwise provided by law, on all highways of sufficient width, the driver of a vehicle shall drive on the right half of the highway, unless it is impracticable to travel on such side of the highway and except when overtaking and passing another vehicle, subject to the provisions applicable to overtaking and passing set forth in Article 4 (§ 46.2-837 et seq.) of this chapter.

§ 46.2-800. Every person riding a bicycle... on a highway shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter and shall have all of the rights and duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle, unless the context of the provision clearly indicates otherwise.

Mount Vernon At Home to Hold Public Meeting

Mount Vernon at Home (MVAH), a local, non-profit organization that supports safe and comfortable living in people's own homes as they age, is holding a public meeting on Tuesday, October 7, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the lecture hall (Room A15) at Walt Whitman Middle School.

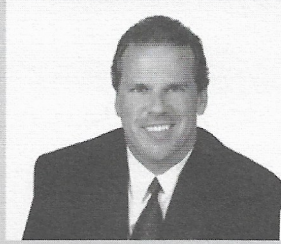
At the meeting, MVAH staff will discuss how the organization has progressed in the past year. They will also answer questions about the program. Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland will be the honored speaker. Come early to get a good seat!

U.S. Post Office Pitches in on Recycling

Raise your hand if you are one of those people who have small electronic devices sitting around just gathering dust. Want to get rid of the clutter? Well, you don't have to go any further than your local post office.

At the post office, you can obtain a white, plastic envelope that can be used to mail in small electronics for recycling. This can be done at no cost to you. The postage-paid mailers are free.

Items that can be placed in the envelopes include cell phones, PDAs, digital cameras, MP3 players, inkjet cartridges, or other small electronics. Items received through this program will be reused, recycled, or broken down into their component parts for reuse and recycling.



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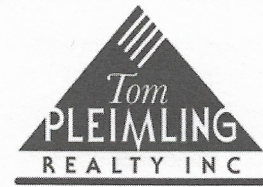
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North Hill Redevelopment Update

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) has supported construction of manufactured homes on 11 of the 33-acre site on the corner of Route 1 and Dart Drive, which is located across from Lockheed Boulevard. Current expectations are that the remaining land at this site will be redeveloped as a community park.

The Regional Housing Authority (RHA) is seeking community insight regarding this property before final designs are made. Citizens may wish to contact Elisabeth Lardner, RHA's Mount Vernon representative, with

questions, comments, or views.

Citizens can also learn more this fall when, Ron Fitzsimmons, a member of Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland's office, will hold an update meeting on the project. Keep an eye on *The Mount Vernon Voice* or *The Gazette* for the meeting date.

If you have any questions, please contact Joan McLellan, Stratford Landing resident and Executive Board representative to the Special Committee on Affordable and Workforce Housing, MVCCA.

Fairfax County Public Schools to Start Soon

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) welcomes students back on September 2. To get the year off to a great start, each school has scheduled an open house and Back-to-School Night. Dates and times for those events at Stratford Landing community schools are as follows:

Fort Hunt Elementary School

Open House: August 28, 9-10 a.m.
 Back-to-School Night (4-6): September 15, 7 p.m.
 Back-to-School Night (K-3): September 22, 7 p.m.

Stratford Landing Elementary School

New Families Reception: August 28,

12:30 p.m.
 New Students Open House: August 28, 1 p.m.
 Returning Students Open House: August 28, 2 p.m.
 Back-to-School Night: September 11, 7 p.m.

Carl Sandburg Middle School

Open House for 7th and New 8th Grade Students: September 25, 7 p.m.
 Opening-of-School Orientation: August 29, 8:15-10:15 a.m.

West Potomac High School

Open House: August 26, 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Students may also pick up schedules and student information packets August 27 or 28 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.)

Freshman and New Student Orientation: August 26, 7-8:30 p.m.
 College Planning Night: September 16, 6-7 p.m.
 Back-to-School Night: September 16, 7 p.m.

Check your school's website for items such as schedules, registration information, supply lists, and SOL and other testing information.

If you do not know your school's website address, all school websites can be accessed at the general FCPS site, which is <http://www.fcps.edu/index.shtml>. A list of local schools and their website address can also be found at www.stratfordlanding.org.

Stratford Landing Executive Board

The SLCA executive board holds its regular meetings monthly at Walt Whitman Middle School on the first double-digit Tuesday of the month. Any special meetings, including the October annual meeting, are held at Stratford Landing Elementary School. Dates and times will be publicized in advance. Members are encouraged to attend.

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