



STRATFORD LANDING

Mount Vernon District, Fairfax County
December 2016 Newsletter

Happy Holidays!



Letter from The President SLCA Year in Review

As I begin my second year as President of the SLCA, I look back at the past year and think about all that I have learned, and all that has been done with the help of the great volunteers in our neighborhood. I also look ahead to next year and think about all that is still to be accomplished. I ask myself what is the SLCA?

Our by-laws state “The purpose of the Association is to promote civic interests and general welfare of the residents of the Stratford Landing community.” For some, this means planning activities. For others, it’s keeping the neighborhood safe and working to maintain its integrity.

In the past year, our volunteers have organized a clean-up of Little Hunting Creek and a long overdue spruce up of the neighborhood entrances. Next spring, we are planning to continue these efforts and hopefully improve these areas even more. A survey of members was taken to get suggestions for future improvements and possible upgrades to our signs.

Upcoming Events

Santa on Firetruck

Saturday, December 17th, 3pm

On Saturday, December 17th Santa will return on his red firetruck and ride throughout our neighborhood, passing out candy to all the children and neighbors who come out to watch! Hopefully we will have as nice of a day as we did last year. Set-up your tables, lay out your blankets or gather with neighbors as we continue this tradition! He will start his route on the corner of Londonderry Road and Riverside Drive at 3pm.

Route Map:

<http://www.stratfordlanding.org/>

Annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest

Sunday, December 18th, 5pm

SLCA will once again support the holiday decorating contest, with judging by the owner of the Virginia Florist, Kevin Green, on December 18th. Kevin will be driving around the neighborhood and handing out cash prizes to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners at 5pm, so make sure you’re home in case he comes to visit you!

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Letter from the President (cont'd)

We recently completed our Fall membership drive with the help of our Membership Committee and all of our block captains. In addition, we currently have a committee hard at work selling advertising and compiling data for our next edition of the Membership Directory. We also have a new volunteer taking on the job of updating our website and doing our newsletter design. Our treasurer takes care of our Facebook page. If you haven't already, please like us on Facebook to get updates on events and happenings!

A good time was had by all at our Fall adult social held at St. Aidan's Church. I was particularly pleased to have an opportunity to get to know people from the neighborhood that I had not met before. As always, we had our annual Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween parade and party, and of course are looking forward to Santa's Visit on the Firetruck. This year Santa will be accompanied by our Neighborhood Watch liaison, Officer Robert Urps. At our annual meeting, we were pleased to hear a very interesting presentation from Officer William Williamson who is assigned to the Fairfax County bicycle patrol unit for our neighborhood.

We continue to work with Supervisor Stork's office to address the traffic concerns. The traffic calming study has been on-going. We are hopeful that there will be a posi-

tive outcome in our neighborhood to address these issues. Other members of our board and I have worked with the County to address concerns of abandoned and neglected properties. We are pleased that some progress has been made. In multiple instances, the County took action to enforce Fairfax County ordinances. We successfully addressed a drainage problem that occurred after paving was completed and got graffiti quickly removed from the Stratford Landing Park sign.

Our SLCA Delegates to the Mount Vernon Community Citizens Association (MVCCA) continue to attend monthly meetings, keeping us informed about concerns throughout the Mount Vernon area. We are fortunate to have volunteers who are willing to dedicate their personal time to these efforts.

Is there room for improvement? Absolutely! As with all volunteer-led organizations, we are happy to have more community involvement and can always use the helping hands of additional volunteers. I hope you will consider helping us out this next year. Thanks to all of those who have given their time. We look forward to seeing you.

Have a wonderful holiday season!
- Kim Fairchild, SLCA President

Bock Farm Update

On November 1, Supervisor Storck requested the Board of Supervisors defer until February 14, the proposed senior living community to be built on a little over 1/3 of what is known now as Bock Farm, located at Parkers Lane and Hinson Farm Road. Changes to the remaining seven acres are restricted by Fairfax County and a legal covenant. This deferral will enable more options to be identified, provide more information about the proposed changes, and an opportunity to work with the community and the Bock's to reach an acceptable outcome.

For more details visit: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/meetings/2016/nov-1.htm>

Traffic Calming Update

An engineering review conducted by FCDOT has reported that Cavendish Drive and Londonderry Road qualify for inclusion in the Residential Traffic Administration Program (RTAP) for traffic calming. This brings the total to four roads in our neighborhood, with Childs Lane and Camden Drive qualifying last Spring.

Next steps include:

- (1) Formation of a community Task Force to be chaired by John Horn, SLCA Transportation Representative, and to include Chris Bahret, Nancy Noblach and John Bioty.
- (2) The Task Force will provide insight and guidance on community expectations for the traffic calming measures.

(3) The Task Force will also provide available dates for an initial Traffic Calming meeting with County staff.

(4) After a review is completed by the Task Force and the County staff, a community meeting will be held to provide information on the proposed traffic calming plan.

(5) This will be followed by a vote via ballot taken by residences in the petition (not impacted) area to approve the traffic calming plan.

(6) Finally, The Board of Supervisors will need to approve the traffic calming plan prior to measures being installed.

For more information regarding this process set forth by Fairfax County, please visit the RTAP website: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/rtap.htm>

Annual Board Meeting

On October 18, we had a nice turn-out for the SLCA Annual Board Meeting. Officer William Williamson who is assigned to the Fairfax County bicycle patrol unit for our neighborhood was the guest speaker. He handed out some reference material regarding the importance of neighborhood safety, and really stressed the importance of establishing a more formalized community watch program.

Attendees had a chance to ask several questions regarding the safety of our neighborhood. Overall, community members were encouraged by the safety of our neighborhood.

New Directory Coming Soon!

We completed the membership drive in November, although new residents are welcome to join throughout the year!

Those who joined during our Fall membership drive will be included in our new directory (unless you indicated to us that you did not want your information printed).

We are completing the collection of advertisements and hope to get the directory printed very soon. All members in good standing will receive a new directory upon completion.

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