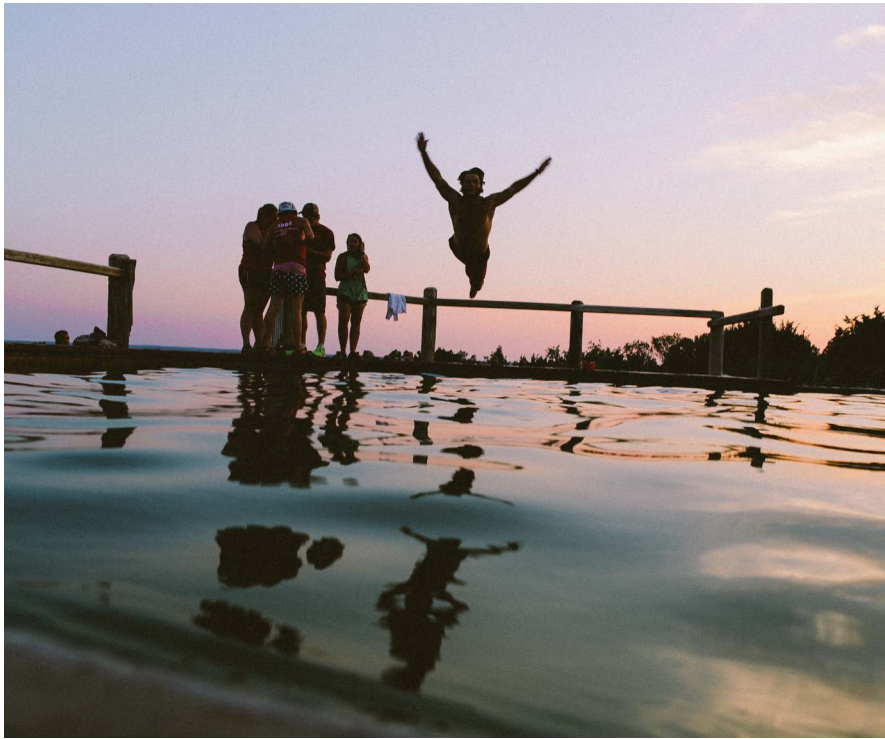




STRATFORD LANDING

Mount Vernon District, Fairfax County
June 2017 Newsletter

Bring on summer!



Letter from the President

Enjoy Northern Virginia this Summer!

It's the time of year again when I pass George Washington's Mount Vernon and see the buses lined up, I think about how amazing it is to live in our area; a place where people plan months in advance to spend vacation. I am so fortunate to live in a place with endless opportunities for recreation, culture and good old fashioned living. As we prepare for pools to open and excitement for summer builds, I particularly look forward to the many outdoor events available in our own backyards. I love to go in my shed and dig out my folding chair and picnic basket for the wonderful outdoor concerts that begin in June (and remarkably are free)! I love heading down to the Grist Mill on Friday nights or over to Fort Hunt Park on Sundays. Living in this community, we have access to some of the best bike trails in the country and water for boating, kayaking or canoeing. I recently attended the Spring Wine Festival at George Washington's Mount Vernon. I never tire of sitting on our first President's front lawn with a magnificent view of the Potomac River.

Upcoming Events

Food Truck Fridays

Every Friday in June, 6 - 8PM
Stratford Pool

Every Friday in June, the Stratford Recreation Association will host a food truck.

Trucks will be located in the pool's parking lot, and all community members are welcome! Vendor details have been updated on the Stratford Landing website, Facebook & NextDoor.

Free Summer Concerts

Another season of the Mount Vernon Nights Concert Series at Grist Mill Park and Workhouse Arts Center is upon us! For details visit: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/downloads/sesflyers17_mtvnon.pdf

Blood Drive

Saturday, June 3rd, 7:30am - Noon

Inova Mt. Vernon Hospital

Sign up online at inovabloodsaves.org, or contact Steve Schlacter

(stephen.schlacter@gmail.com / 703-587-5695) for an appointment.

Direct Link: <https://www.inovabloodsaves.org/index.cfm?group=op&expand=19253&z=22306>

Goodbye Summer, Hello Fall Soiree

Saturday, September 23rd

Fall Yard Sale

Saturday, October 14th, 8AM



Find us on Nextdoor &
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Letter from the President (cont'd)

Recently, I got back in touch with some relatives I had lost track of. When I tell my family that my home is on land once owned by George Washington, the reaction is amazement and fascination. This makes me feel very fortunate to live in an area so rich in history that reflects the deep roots of our nation's foundation. I have tried to take advantage of all that the local history has to offer by visiting places such as Woodlawn Plantation, the Washington Distillery and Gunston Hall. I am reminded that many of these places have survived due to the hard work and dedication of so many volunteers. Their commitment makes it possible for the rest of us to enjoy these important pieces of history. I am grateful to all those who offer their time and expertise.

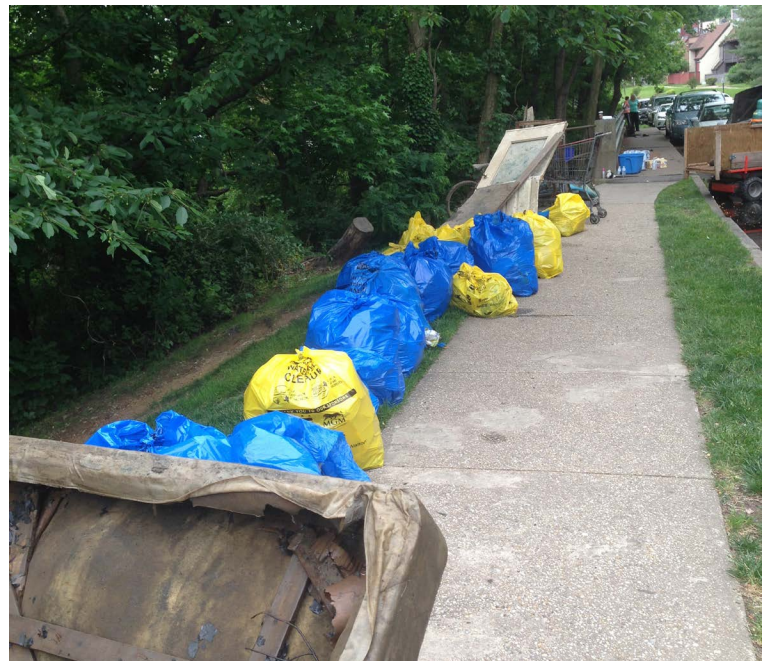
There is something for everyone to enjoy in Northern Virginia. I like feeling that I am supporting local efforts while taking advantage of opportunities in our own backyard. I hope all of you will find things to enjoy this summer. I wish you all a wonderful summer and safe travels. We're happy to share your recommendations via our website and Facebook if you send them our way!

We will launch the new Neighborhood Watch Program the first week of June. Please watch for a flyer in your mailbox that will include instructions for how to contact our Neighborhood Watch Coordinator to be added to a contact list and join this very important program. Information will also be made available on our website .

Nearly 1 Ton of Trash Removed from Little Hunting Creek

On May 20th, the 2017 Little Hunting Creek Cleanup near U.S. Route 1 in Lee District attracted the helping hands of many neighbors. Dubbed "Fairfax County's Trashiest Stream" in 2005 by Fairfax County, the stream continues to be a massive collector of bottles, bags, cans, shopping carts, tires, bikes, trash, litter, and other foreign objects.

Little Hunting Creek's trashiest section runs through the Lee District area of Fairfax County in the Route 1 Corridor before it crosses Route 1 and passes George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate. Below is a photo that was submitted by a Stratford Landing resident who participated.



Earth Day re-cap, Food Truck Fridays & Signage Fund

Stratford Landing held its 1st Annual Earth Day event on Saturday, April 22nd. It rained, but we were merry! Two local businesses, Hybla Valley Nursery and Campbell & Ferrara, donated a tree and landscape gift certificate for our raffles. Holly, Woods & Vines (HW&V) provided an opportunity during the week leading up to Earth Day for residents to visit and purchase plant material (10% of proceeds were donated back to SLCA). Thanks to your purchases, over \$1500 in plant material was purchased, and we raised \$150 for our signage fund. While small, every little bit counts!

Finally, we hosted our first Food Truck event. Even though it rained, over 70 community members came out to socialize and eat cheese steaks and french fries served by DC Steakholders. We are working to make food trucks a regular activity for our neighborhood to enjoy, and will continue these efforts with Food Truck Fridays hosted by the pool during the month of June (all community members welcome). A schedule for July & August is in the works. Once finalized, dates and vendors will be published to the SLCA website, Facebook & Nextdoor. Stay tuned!

A Note from the Family of Jim Taylor

We regret to inform you that long-time Stratford Landing resident and recent SLCA board member, Jim Taylor, passed away on April 25th. Jim was 81 years old. He and his wife, Delores, have lived in the community for over 41 years. Jim was an avid exerciser and could often be seen walking the neighborhood, including 20 years to and from the 11Y bus stop. After retiring in 1995 from the Inter-American Development Bank, his favorite summer pastime included his daily walk to Stratford Pool and to swim laps. He will be deeply missed. A memorial service will be held on June 2nd at 5pm at the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church.

Traffic Calming Update

At the request of numerous community members, the SLCA Board completed steps required by Fairfax County to request a traffic calming study. The process for this is specified by the County.

The study has been completed for the following streets: Camden Street, Childs Lane, Londonderry Road and Cavendish Drive. All have qualified based on the County's requirements for measures to be implemented.

MAY 29nd UPDATE: The four community members appointed to comprise our neighborhood Task Force are visiting residents where proposed traffic humps/ tables could be implemented. All neighbors affected by the calming measures must approve the plan prior to scheduling a hearing with the county regarding the proposal. If you'd like to learn more or to request a copy of the proposed plan please contact Committee Chair, Jim Horn, at john.horn3@gmail.com.

Have a story or news you'd like to share?

The SLCA Newsletter is published every other month as part of your membership benefits. We're always excited when community members want to contribute news or information! If you have something you'd like to share, **please contact Sarah Linden at sarah.artuso@gmail.com**

Stratford Landing 'Skimm'

Community Quiet Hours

Did you know Fairfax County has 'Quiet Hours'? This is important to keep in mind as days grow longer, summer parties kick-off and with kids out sometimes late at night. It even includes animals (we know this can be tough). Please be respectful of your neighbors and noise levels this summer by learning what's acceptable here: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/environment/noise/>

Grass Height Regulations

In Fairfax County and on a developed, residential property, it is unlawful for any owner of any occupied property less than 1/2 acre OR of any vacant, developed residential lot less than 1/2 acre to permit growth of any grass or lawn area to reach more than 12 inches high. If you are aware of a situation that does not comply with this ordinance, you may file a complaint here: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/complaints>

Keep Updated with County Proceedings

Missed a meeting on airport noise, Bock Farm, or improvements to Route 1? Keep current with proceedings in the Mount Vernon District by signing up for the Mount Vernon Advisor, Supervisor Storck's monthly newsletter: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon

Summer Swim Lessons

Drowning is the second leading cause of death for children under the age of 14. Stratford Recreation Association offers swim lessons to every child in the membership area, member and non-member alike. **Sign up at the pool or email Jody Nyalko at jnyalko@verizon.net to learn more.**

Zika Virus Prevention & Updates

With mosquito season in full swing (May - October), concern for spread of the Zika virus to our area has been a hot topic of conversation for our community. While all Virginia Zika cases so far have been the result of an individual traveling to an area where the Zika Virus is widespread, cautionary measures should be taken throughout the summer to protect yourself and your family. The Virginia Department of Health updates confirmed and probable Zika cases every Friday here: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/zika/zika-virus-update/>



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