



STRATFORD LANDING

Mount Vernon District · Fairfax County · 22308

October 2017 Newsletter

Fun-filled Fall!



Letter from the President

Time to Renew your SLCA Membership!

I hope by now many of you have noticed our “sandwich boards” placed at the entrances of our neighborhood announcing the activities SLCA has planned for the fall. If not, I encourage you to please take a look. We also announce updates on our Facebook page and website. I am certainly looking forward to these neighborhood activities. Our 2nd Annual Fall Soiree took place on September 23rd at St. Aidan’s Church. The event was well attended and a good time was had by all. We’ve included a picture of our door prize winners on page 3!

This October marks the 2nd anniversary of my SLCA presidency. I took on the position because I wanted to make a contribution to our community. During my time in this position, I have learned a great deal and have met some wonderful people. I have also received many interesting phone calls and emails, and have gotten to know our local officials and police officers. I am also very proud of our volunteers and board members. They are truly dedicated to this neighborhood

News & Events

SLCA Annual Membership Drive

The SLCA Annual Membership Drive is now underway. Please consider renewing your membership, and please help us spread the word! Your membership payment by October 15th is greatly appreciated! Learn more: <http://www.stratfordlanding.org/aboutslca/>

Stratford Landing Blood Drive

Saturday, Oct 7th

SLCA Jack & Betty Shawn Blood Drives at INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital at 2501 Parkers Lane. See ‘News & Events’ section of the SLCA website for a direct sign-up link!

Fall Community Yard Sale

Saturday, Oct 14th, 8am - Noon

Rain Date: Sunday, Oct 15th

SLCA Annual Meeting

Tuesday, Oct 24th, 7:30pm

Fort Hunt Elementary School Cafeteria
Please see proxy and list of candidates that is part of this newsletter. If you are unable to attend, you may give your proxy to someone attending the meeting. Your votes are much appreciated.

Halloween Parade & Party

Saturday, Oct 28th, 11am - 12:30pm

Put on your favorite costume and come out for a spooktacular time to include fun, food and games. The parade will start at the corner of Camden and Cavendish and will end at Stratford Landing Park.



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Letter from the President (cont'd)

and the Mount Vernon community, and I am appreciative of the time they put in to keep Stratford Landing a wonderful place to live. I have enjoyed working with all of them on the various initiatives we undertake as an organization. Many of our endeavors have been successful and have had extremely positive impacts on our community. These of course would not be possible without your support, which is why it is so important for you to renew your household membership of \$10 for the 2018 fiscal year. Our annual membership drive is currently underway, and will continue through the end of October. Payments can be made online or by mail. All information can be found on our website, which also outlines the many benefits of SLCA. Your payment by October 15th is greatly appreciated!

We had a very successful year in 2017 in terms of membership, perhaps the highest it has been in quite some time! Of importance is our upcoming SLCA Annual meeting on October 24th at 7:30pm in the Fort Hunt Elementary School Cafeteria. We will be voting in our new slate of officers at that time, will provide you a fully budgetary status report and outline our year in review. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, you may contact me at slcanewpres2015@gmail.com. We are still in the planning stages of getting a guest speaker for this event, so please watch for future announcements regarding specific details of this meeting. I wish you the best and a safe and happy fall! I hope to see you at our events.

Warning: Jury Duty Phone Scam

Have you received a phone call from the "Fairfax County Sheriff's Office" saying that you have missed jury duty? Recently, we've seen an increase in scammers calling citizens, claiming they have failed to appear for jury duty and a warrant would be issued. These scammers, claiming to be deputies, use unregistered phone numbers and caller ID with masking/spoofing technology to make the call appear as if it's coming from the actual Sheriff's Office phone number. Scammers are requesting store gift cards, pre-paid debit cards or money orders.

If you have received a jury duty summons, and want to confirm it, you can contact the Circuit Court jury duty clerk at 703-246-7816 (press 0).

Mount Vernon at Home Connecting Neighbors

Perhaps you have seen the 'Mount Vernon At Home' sign when you visit Sherwood Regional Library or noticed their brochures displayed in local businesses. If you don't belong to, volunteer for, or share information about Mount Vernon At Home, you are missing out on a unique experience in our community!

In 2007, a group of Mount Vernon neighbors and friends in their retirement years gathered to discuss their common goals of leading vibrant, engaged lives in their homes and communities here in the Mount Vernon area. With an eye to the future, these founders also wanted to create a network to provide the support they might need in the future as they age in place. After much planning, Mount Vernon At Home, a volunteer-powered nonprofit "village," was born!

Ten years down the road Mount Vernon At Home has 160 members, 70 volunteers and offers a full array of services and activities including many social, cultural and educational events.

Mount Vernon At Home is one of over 300 villages across the country developed by neighbors interested in redefining the aging experience, creating community connections, and helping older adults retain their independence with practical help.

As a membership organization, Mount Vernon At Home volunteers assist its members with transportation to local appointments; errands; grocery shopping; light handyman help and simple repairs in the home; technology problem-solving (printers, computers, smart TVs and cell phones, etc.); home organization and decluttering; friendly visits and much more.

Your membership in Mount Vernon At Home can free you from asking your neighbors for help – again- and revitalize your social connections!

Judy Rosen, a founding member, sums up the value of her Mount Vernon At Home membership: "Mount Vernon At Home has been a lifesaver for me! They take the place of my family who live too far away to help. Their handyman volunteers are terrific and if the job is too involved for a

volunteer, the office will refer me to a reliable preferred provider to get the job done. The happiest surprise for me, however, has been the social aspect. Mount Vernon At Home events are always stimulating and the best part is that I have met some very interesting people who I now call friends. Mount Vernon At Home continues to be one of my best investments!"

Call Mount Vernon At Home at 703-303-4060 or email them at info@mountvernonathome.org to join or volunteer. Or drop by their office on the second floor of the Sherwood Regional Library at 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane.

Traffic Calming Update

SLCA continues to work on the community traffic calming study conducted by Fairfax County. We are in the process of distributing "resident impact" requests. These requests are made to property owners whose homes are adjacent to the suggested calming devices (speed tables/humps). Property owners who have been approached so far have denied permission for these measures, but not all impacted residents have been contacted. We are still waiting for the County to install a "Watch for Children" sign on Caven-dish Drive. For further details regarding our traffic calm-ing efforts, please contact Kim Fairchild, SLCA President, at slcanewpres2015@gmail.com.

Magnet & Signage Fundraiser

I'm sure you all have been wondering about our signage fundraiser. Unfortunately, those efforts were slowed a bit due to other priorities and efforts taken on by our vol-unteers. That said, this effort, which will kick-off with a magnet drive, will be a top priority for SLCA in 2018.

Currently, the design for the magnet is nearing completion which will unveil a new SLCA logo. Those who purchase magnets (pricing to be announced soon), will also receive coupons for four (4) local businesses who have graciously purchased advertising on the magnet's tear-away corners in support of our efforts. We are excited about this oppor-tunity, particularly because our magnets are being sourced by one of our neighborhood business owners, Barbara Wheeler, who owns IBF Promos. Barbara has been an

excellent resource in helping with ideas and options for this fundraiser. If you're even in need of branding or a logo on just about anything, or in need of ideas for what could make a good fundraiser, Barbara is an excellent resource. Check out her company's website here: <http://www.ibfpro-mos.com/>. She and her husband work as a team and are some of the kindest people you will ever meet!

A Successful Soiree



Our door prize winners of gift certificates to some of our local businesses include (left to right): John Dickert, Sharon Timmons, Jay Waters & Anna Waters.

On Saturday, September 23rd, SLCA hosted the 2nd Annual Adult-only Soiree at St. Aidan's Episcopal Day School. A great evening was had by all who attended. It's always great to get a chance to see people from the neighbor-hood and get to meet some new people. Thanks to Nicole Gerow, our Recreation Chair, for all her hard work to put together such a nice evening. We raffled off a number of prizes. Congratulations to the winners!

Has your email address changed?

Renewing your SLCA membership is a great way to update your email address to ensure you receive SLCA notifications, emails and this newsletter. SLCA is aware that a number of individuals have been affected by Verizon's choice to forgo email support. If you were affected or have experienced a change of email address, please let us know as soon as possible. You may contact Jody Nyalko at jnyalko@gmail.com with your update!

Around the County this Fall

Cox Farm Fall Festival Now Open! **Open Daily Sept 22 - Oct 31, 10am - 6pm**

Have you heard of Cox Farms? If you haven't, it's worth the trip this fall! The Fall Festival, which runs now through the beginning of November is a must-do fall activity. From their world famous hay rides, visits with farm animals, trips down some incredible giant slides, apple-cider everything, to cornfields and rope swings - there's something fun for every age group. Located in Centreville, VA it's just a quick trip for loads of fun. Learn more: <http://www.coxfarms.com/default.aspx>

Tour de Mount Vernon 2017 **Saturday, November 4th at 8:30am**

Grab your bike friends and family to ride a scenic route through our backyards, enjoy the outdoors, and find the hidden treasures of the Mount Vernon District. Supervisor Dan Storck invites you to join him for a community bike ride on Saturday November 4, 2017, at 8:30 am, starting and ending at the historic Fort Hunt Park.

The Mount Vernon District is home to many cultural and environmental resources and the ride will provide an opportunity to learn more about the hidden treasures of the Mount Vernon District. Learn more: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/tourde-mountvernon.htm>

Fairfax County Archery Program

Fairfax County utilizes archery hunters to help control the deer population. There have been some changes for the 2017-2018 season that impact our neighborhood. You may want to visit the web site at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/wildlife/archery/archery-program.htm>. The archery season for deer began on Saturday, September 9th and goes thru Saturday, February 24, 2018. There is a listing of county parkland online where Mount Vernon areas are listed under the "Huntley Meadows Cluster."

Sign-up for Emergency Alerts

Hurricane season is here! The Emergency Information Blog is Fairfax County's main communication platform before, during and after an emergency. The blog informs you what to do; sign-up for alerts to receive notification of emergency events. Register here: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/alerts/>

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**Absentee Voters Proxy Form for the
October 24, 2017 SLCA Annual Meeting**

I, _____,

residing at _____,

hereby grant my proxy to _____, for the sole purpose of casting votes during the Stratford Landing Citizens Association Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Signed,

Note: A member may carry in no more than three proxies. They may cast their single vote and up to three proxy votes. Remember, only one vote per household.

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Candidates for Executive Committee

Officers running for re-election:

President	Kim Fairchild
Vice President	Jody Nyalko
Secretary	Claire Kluskens
Treasurer	Celia Boertlein

Standing Committee Chairs running for re-election

Community Improvements & Transportation	John Horn
*Membership	_____
Recreation	Nicole Gerow
Rules	Keith Kettell

NOTE: Nominations may be made from the floor with permission of the person being nominated.

**Position currently vacant*