



STRATFORD LANDING

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February 2018 Newsletter



President's Letter

Happy New Year & Volunteers Needed!

Greetings and Happy New Year to all of you! I want to begin by thanking everyone who decorated their homes for the holidays. I love looking at all the festive lights and decorations and seeing our neighborhood looking so shiny and bright. I also want to congratulate our Holidate Lighting contest winners at 8510 Camden, 2317 Creek and 8428 Blakiston, and to thank Karena Rasser for donating gift cards from "Top it off" to add to our contest prizes. What a nice surprise for our neighborhood!

As we move through winter and some very cold weather, we turn our attention to the next year for the SLCA. One thing that has been on my mind is the 'Sweet List.' I understand the Sweet List has been in existence for a long time and many have relied on it as a trusted resource for services endorsed by neighbors. As ways of communicating have evolved, I have received inquiries regarding the status of the Sweet List, while others ask if it is still relevant given other means of digital communication. The list is sent out

News & Events

Upcoming Blood Drives

Thank you to all Blood Donors for your generosity and support this past year. Also, a big thank you to Anne and AJ, and the rest of the Inova Blood Donor Services staff for their support in continuing this great community tradition that Jack Shawn started so many years ago.

Our Stratford Landing Citizens Association (SLCA) group had 44 different donors this year, and we collected 103 units of blood. Each unit that is collected can save up to 3 lives, so that's a pretty significant impact on our community!

We're planning our drives for 2018. Tentative schedule is as follows:

Saturday, February 3, 2018
Saturday, April 7, 2018
Saturday, June 2, 2018
Saturday, August 4, 2018
Saturday, October 6, 2018
Saturday, December 1, 2018

For further information regarding SLCA Blood Drives, please contact
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annually to all members via email or can be provided upon request.

If we are going to continue to keep the Sweet List current, we need to find a coordinator, The Sweet List Coordinator would verify information provided with submissions (phone numbers, email and web addresses) and periodically check the list to ensure it is up to date. Current and accurate information is essential. So, if you are someone who is looking for a way to volunteer for SLCA for a task that could be managed on your own schedule I would love to hear from you. Please email me at: slcanewpres2015@gmail.com.

Looking ahead, it won't be long before Easter and our Spring yard sale. We are hoping to get those events on our calendar very soon. With those events approaching, we are in search of a new Recreation Chair to assist with the planning and coordination of these wonderful neighborhood events. Ideally, we would like to form a recreation committee to help balance responsibilities associated with these activities. I am sure that many of you look forward to such things as the Easter Egg Hunt and Halloween Parade. I certainly have enjoyed the Adult Socials and gear up to stay ahead of unwanted "stuff" by participating in the yard sales. Perhaps you may want to consider just volunteering to coordinate one event. If there is interest in such a position, please also email me at: slcanewpres2015@gmail.com.

I do receive emails from our members with questions, and I always appreciate constructive comments on ways to enhance our neighborhood. We are happy to find a place for anyone who would like to take on a task, so please reach out to us if there is interest. For now, stay in touch and let's hope we don't have to wear out our snow shovels this winter!

- Kim Fairchild, SLCA President

Welcome Kathy Lehner, Membership Chair!

Kathy and her family have lived in Stratford Landing for 21 years. She and her husband (Tom) raised their daughters here, and during that time Kathy volunteered at Ft. Hunt E.S., was a Girl Scout Troop leader, served on the SRA board and continues to serve as a block captain (15 years). Kathy is a Special Education Instructional Assistant at Riverside E.S., and looks forward to being an active member of SLCA.

Sanitary Sewer Line Replacement Little Hunting Creek



View of creek from proposed access point on Stockton Parkway where re-construction will occur.

A public meeting was held on Dec. 11, 2017, to inform local neighbors of the County's plans to replace a sewer line that runs under the stream bed of Little Hunting Creek.

The gravity-fed line serves 480 households in Wessington and Woodland Park, and brings sewage across to the creek to the Little Hunting Creek pump station. From there, sewage is pumped to Noman Cole Sewage Treatment Plant at Lorton.

The 12" cast iron pipe runs from Woodland Lane to Stockton Parkway. It needs to be replaced because it has sagged, which results in freezing problems, perpetual maintenance needs, costly emergency repairs, and risks to public health and the environment due to possible sewage backups or overflows. The pipe is the second most critical of County sewer lines at risk of failure. The sag is believed to be due to inadequate bedding support when the pipe was installed in 1961, or to other improper installation methods.

The County contracted with Arcadis Design and Consultancy to evaluate nine alternative engineering solutions to the problem based on six criteria: homeowner disruption, operation and maintenance, cost, permitting

requirements, easements needed, and schedule. Three alternatives were identified as viable, and the recommended alternative was to construct a new pipe using coffer dams.

A coffer dam is used to isolate the creek and expose the area of the creek bottom where the pipe will be laid. The area inside the coffer dam would be dewatered, then an excavator would be used inside the coffer dam to dig the trench for the replacement pipe. Coffers would be built in one section of the creek at a time. After the new pipe is constructed, it would be connected to existing sewer lines on both sides of the creek, and the old pipe would be abandoned. The new proposed sewer would pass through one private property, at 8616 Stockton Parkway, near the current pipe.

Design work will continue until May 2019. Preliminary work to be done includes geotechnical investigation of soil conditions under the creek, work to confirm the projected alignment, wetlands delineation, field survey, vegetation survey, and permitting. Construction is projected to take place from July through November of 2019. There will need to be construction access from both west and east shorelines of the creek (at Woodland Park and Stockton Parkway), and some clearing may be needed. Barges and other in-water equipment will need to be docked and moored.

For more detailed information, go to <http://www.folhc.org/news/sewer.htm> and click on links to the report and to answers to questions raised at the meeting. Additional public meetings will be held as design work progresses.

George Washington Parkway Traffic Study in 2018

We are pleased to report that the National Park Service (NPS) will begin a study of traffic on the George Washington Memorial Parkway in early 2018 between Belle Haven and Mount Vernon.

The study, which will be completed in late 2018 or early 2019, is expected to evaluate safety at problem intersections, look at ways to automate traffic enforcement, and provide recommendations to improve safety on that section of roadway.



Local politicians and community organizations have pressed the Park Service in recent years to find ways to reduce speeding and dangerous driving on the road. In response, NPS has advised U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8) that it will use the study to “recommend safety improvements,” and, in the meantime, “undertake traffic monitoring upgrades.” NPS plans to solicit input from area residents and parkway users during the study.

“Gathering good data is the first step toward arriving at solutions,” said Senator Scott Surovell (D-36) regarding the matter “and I am excited that the Park Service has listened to our concerns and found the resources to study this safety problem on one of our local crown jewels.”

“I am pleased that the first steps to improving the safety of this now major commuter roadway begins in 2018,” said Mount Vernon Supervisor Dan Storck regarding Beyer’s announcement. “Our residents should not have to play ‘dodge-’em’ to access our scenic parks, river or parkway whether by walking, biking or driving. I sincerely appreciate Congressman Beyer’s federal leadership and the unanimous state and local officials’ support to finally move this long-time community issue a step forward.”

Beyer’s December 20th statement also addressed several other of his initiatives that affect area residents. His proposal to construct a visitors’ center at the Marine Corps War Memorial has been signed into law. Further, Beyer helped obtain funding to “repair and rehabilitate” Arlington Memorial Bridge beginning in the fall of 2018. Regarding the noise generated by aircraft approaching and departing Reagan National, Beyer is working with state and local leaders and the Federal Aviation Administration to re-route aircraft over the Potomac River instead of above area homes

Around the County this Winter

Alexandria Restaurant Week

January 26th - February 4th

On January 26 to February 4, 2018, more than 60 Alexandria restaurants will feature a \$35 three-course dinner for one OR a \$35 dinner for two during Alexandria Winter Restaurant Week. More than 30 restaurants will also offer lunch menus at \$10, \$15 or \$20 per person in addition to the dinner specials.

Alexandria Winter Restaurant Week showcases the inventiveness of local chefs in neighborhoods throughout the city, including Old Town, Del Ray and the West End. At a range of locales, from fine dining establishments to casual neighborhood favorites, guests will savor the flavors of Alexandria's distinctive collection of eateries.

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Family Day @ The Kennedy Center

February 17th, 9AM - 3PM

The Kennedy Center welcomes you and your entire family to this free Lunar New Year party. Kids will love watching footage of and writing letters to Bao Bao. There will also be dress-up photo booth, where you can turn into a panda or don a Chinese costume, as well as live performances of folk dancing, shadow puppetry and acrobatics. You will also be able to learn paper umbrella coloring, paper cutting, block printing and Sichuan embroidery and watch masters of calligraphy, sugar painting and bamboo weaving at work.

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George Washington Birthday Parade

February 19th

The nation's largest George Washington Birthday parade marches a one-mile route through the streets of Old Town Alexandria. This community parade honors one of the Alexandria's favorite sons. First responders to the June 2017 shooting that occurred during a practice for a congressional baseball game will serve as the parade's grand marshals.

For more information, including parking, maps, route and status, visit www.washingtonbirthday.net or call 703-829-6640

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