

Stratford Landing Citizens Association



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President's Letter

Looking Forward To Spring ... And Summer!

It is such a great feeling when I hear the sound of children's voices outside playing in the early evening, signaling the beginning of spring and nice weather. After what seems to be a very long stretch of gray, I am always happy to see the bursts of color everywhere as

the forsythia, azaleas and spring flowers begin to bloom. We have already had a successful Easter Egg Hunt. Many thanks to Emily McAsey and friends for organizing that event. The Friends of Little Hunting

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Basketball Hoops

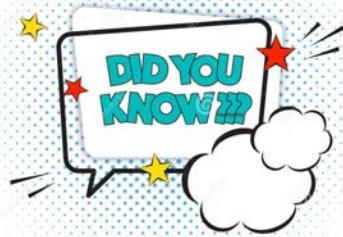
Community residents across the country disagree on whether laws should restrict "street play."

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Little Hunting Creek

Learn how Friends of Little Hunting Creek are helping to keep our community clean.

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BASKETBALL HOOPS

In communities across the country, residents are sometimes conflicted over residential "street play." Many parents who themselves grew up playing sports in their own neighborhood streets find their children are actually prohibited by law from doing the same.

In Fairfax County, for example, code regulations require basketball hoops to have a 15-foot setback from the roadway. This applies to our neighborhood. Kids playing basketball in the street are actually not allowed to do so, and basketball hoops in particular, by law, should be well into a home's driveway.

Find more information about setback and "street play" in the below links.

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/zoning/residential-setback-requirements>

<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2004/jun/29/rules-in-hoops-out/>

50 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mary Lou Hoffman

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution recently recognized SLCA Member Mary Lou Hoffman at the Virginia state conference for an incredible 50 years service to that organization.

Mary Lou was also a stalwart SLCA Board Member for several decades, serving in

various capacities, including Membership Chair.

Congratulations, Mary Lou!



Photo: Kate Waller Barrett Chapter (KWB) Regent Claire Bennett; Mary Lou Hoffman; KWB Chaplain Katie Cooney

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Creek have had their Spring Clean Up. We are grateful for all their hard work and commitment to protecting the health of the creek and we are fortunate for the opportunity to share the view along Stockton Parkway. The Spring Yard Sale is scheduled for May 4th with a rain date of May 11th. I am inspired to attack my closets with a vengeance and hopefully find some things to sell.

I raised an athlete and always felt that as soon as spring sports began, we steam rolled into the end of school. It won't be long before the pools are open, vacations begin and once again we can enjoy the sounds of summer. With that comes more kids riding bikes in our neighborhood, more walkers and joggers, and more balls finding their way into the streets. As we continue with spring-cleaning and summer planning, I look forward to some good times outside and hopefully a little deep porch sitting.

- SLCA President



EASTER EGG HUNT SUCCESS

About 50 parents and young children enjoyed sunny skies and warm temperatures on Saturday, April 13, for the annual egg hunt. In addition to candy-filled eggs, there were crafts and snacks. The little ones looked like they enjoyed the activity.

Thank you Emily McAsey for volunteering to run the event. Catherine Baker and Erica Freundel also assisted.



LITTLE HUNTING CREEK CLEANUP

Thanks to Stratford Landing residents Celia Boertlein, who led the removal of English ivy and other invasive vines at the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust site, and Paul Siegel, who led the Stratford Armada in canoes and kayaks to clean up trash in the creek, as well as the neighbors who turned up to help.

Friends of Little Hunting Creek also cleaned up sites in First River Farms, Gum Springs, Riverside Estates, Colonel John Byers Park, and White Oak Park. So far, 83 volunteers have picked up 123 bags of trash and recyclables, 3 tires, one shopping cart, and 334 pounds of bulk trash.

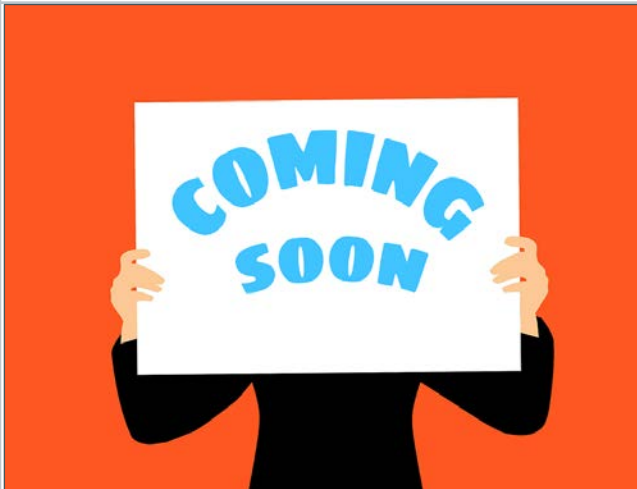


Next up: 9 a.m. on May 11, Senator Scott Surovell's cleanups on Little Hunting Creek across Route 1, at Janna Lee Avenue bridge (from Route 1 at the

intersection with Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy, turn west onto Buckman Rd., right on Janna Lee Ave., to the bridge over Little Hunting Creek) and Mount Vernon Plaza (adjacent to the Sherwin

Williams store, directly across from Mama's Kitchen).





STRATFORD LANDING YARD SALE
Saturday, May 4 (8 a.m. – 12 p.m.)*
Sell from your own yard!
*rain date May 11

**WHERE (AND WHERE NOT) TO WALK
ALONG LITTLE HUNTING CREEK ...**

Many people enjoy walking their dogs and strolling along Stockton Parkway to catch the views of Little Hunting Creek. While they may freely enjoy the views offered by the creek side lots on Stockton Parkway, they should clean up after their pets, be respectful of other's property, and not enter unless they have the specific permission of the owner (or unless a sign indicates access is allowed). The lots are private property. Be aware of "no trespassing" signs. An alternate route is the little trail through the wetland area at the site owned and preserved by the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust (<https://www.nvct.org/>) at the end of Stockton Parkway adjacent to the pump station.

**SLCA
Blood Drive**

The next SLCA Blood Drive will be Saturday, June 8, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Appointments can be booked online using Sponsor Code 3018 or by contacting Steve Schlacter at Stephen.Schlacter@gmail.com or (703) 587-5695.

If you have questions about eligibility, please visit www.inova.org/bloodsaves or contact Inova's Donor Advocate at (571) 434-3628.

**MVCCA P&Z
Committee
April 1, 2019**

A resolution to support granting of special exception to allow gas pumps to be put at the 7-Eleven on Lukens (across from Engleside Plaza) was passed by the committee. Also in the resolution was the suggestion of present or future charging stations and possible future solar panels.

The committee passed a resolution to support a zoning ordinance amendment to allow gardening in front yards on properties with less than 36,000 square feet (100 square feet in size and 15' from the front property line.) The resolution to support included the provision that the amendment not supercede Home Owner Association and Condo Association bylaws.

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