

STRATFORD LANDING CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Mount Vernon District, Fairfax County



From the President

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed a joyous holiday season with family and friends. The SLCA had a busy weekend in December with the holiday decorations judging on December 14 and Santa riding through the neighborhood on a fire truck on a beautiful day on December 15. Thank you, Emily McAsey, our Recreation Committee Chair, for coordinating these neighborhood traditions for all of us.

If you have any questions or concerns about the SLCA please feel free to join us at our monthly board meetings. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 and will be at the Ft. Hunt E.S. library for our January – May meetings. We need more volunteers to support our organization. If you aren't a "people person" but are comfortable with data work then we need you to manage our database.

If you are a "people person" how about becoming our Membership Committee Chair? Like to plan parties? How about helping Emily with the neighborhood events? Got an idea for an additional event? Let her know and – with your help – let's get it on the calendar!

Save the Date!

SLCA Blood Drive at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital

Saturday, February 1, 7:30am - 12:30pm

Appointments available at www.inovabloodsaves.org/ using Sponsor Code 3018, or contact Stephen Schlacter, 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.

The Next Little Hunting Creek Cleanup

March 28, 2020

Save the date, details to follow.

Leave No Trace

Take Your Dog Waste With You

Please remember that it isn't enough to clean up your dog's waste. You need to take it with you. Using someone else's trash cans or recycling bins is NOT helpful. The recycling bins become contaminated when dog waste is put in them and the items in the bin cannot be recycled. Please, please...take the waste back to your trash bins for disposal.

Expect Disruption: Little Hunting Creek Sewer Rehabilitation Project to Start Soon

The county will soon begin construction on a project to replace 789 feet of 12" iron pipe underneath Little Hunting Creek, 342 feet of sewer pipe under Stockton Parkway, and 128 feet connecting the sewer line under Little Hunting Creek to the sewer line under Stockton Parkway. The project also involves construction of new manholes where the new sewer connects to the existing sewer system. The project will involve construction on the east side of the creek, in Stratford Landing, and on the west side, at Woodland Park. The new pipeline is the same diameter and capacity as the existing one. It is being replaced because it is failing.

Currently, the project is in the process of obtaining final permits, then it will be bid. After the contract is bid (probably January or February), bids will be reviewed and a construction contract will be awarded and a schedule for project activities will be determined by the county and the contractor. At that time, there will be an informational community meeting.

In Stratford Landing, the main construction activity will be across the street from 8701 and 8615 Stockton Parkway. The county has permanent easements to allow access to the sewer line as well as temporary construction easements where the construction will be staged. Equipment and supplies to be brought in and staged in this area include a crane, barges, excavation equipment, dump trucks, steel sheeting, and the pipe itself. The crane will be used to put barges into the creek and to load excavating equipment and supplies on them. As shown in the diagram on page 4, two stone-lined construction entrances will be used to bring equipment in and down the steep slope to the creek. A temporary cofferdam will be installed at the bottom of the slope to assist with the barge operations in the creek. Excavation work will done from barges as well the land.

To install the pipe under the creek, dual timber piles will be driven to a depth of 55 feet every 20 feet along the proposed

sanitary sewer line with timber cross-bracing and steel pipe support cradles.

Driving piles into bedrock causes vibrations that can lead sewer and gas lines to fail. That is not expected to happen during this operation, because the soils under Little Hunting Creek are very soft and the piles will not reach bedrock. Nevertheless, the county will monitor for vibrations during the pile-driving operation.

While the new sewer line is being built under Stockton Parkway and connected to the new sewer line under the creek, there will be several days when the county must temporarily install a sewer bypass line to connect the new sewer to the existing sewerage system. Sewer service will continue uninterrupted.

After all the new sewer lines are connected, the old sewer line under the creek (and some of the old sewer line under Stockton Parkway) will be plugged permanently, filled with grout, and abandoned in place.

Environmental Impacts and Protections

The project will largely take place in the Little Hunting Creek floodplain, including the Resource Protection Area. Because this is a public utility project, it is exempt from the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance. Some wetlands will be impacted, and a wetland permit is required. The plan says that the construction area will be 10-30% denuded, and 27 trees are scheduled for removal, with all but four to be replaced. (The four not to be replaced are within the permanent easement allowing for access to the sewer line. It appears these trees were planted after the original sewer line was installed in 1961, since the old sewer line is underneath their roots.)

To protect Little Hunting Creek's water quality, turbidity curtains will be installed to encapsulate the work area at all times and keep sediment from migrating into the creek.

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- To protect Little Hunting Creek’s water quality, turbidity curtains will be installed to encapsulate the work area at all times and keep sediment from migrating into the creek. (They will be installed so as not to impede safe passage of a vessel.)
- Silt fences will be installed to protect certain trees and areas of wetland, and disturbed wetland areas are to be restored using specified wetland plantings or seed.
- Excavated soil material is to be tested for PCBs, which are known to be present in Little Hunting Creek. Contaminated soils will be disposed of at an appropriate permitted facility and replacement soils used for backfilling.
- The plan calls for installation of rip-rap (using man-size rocks) to stabilize slopes between low tide and high tide elevations during construction. Much of the rip-rap will be removed when the project is over, except in the vicinity of the pipe, where it will remain permanently.

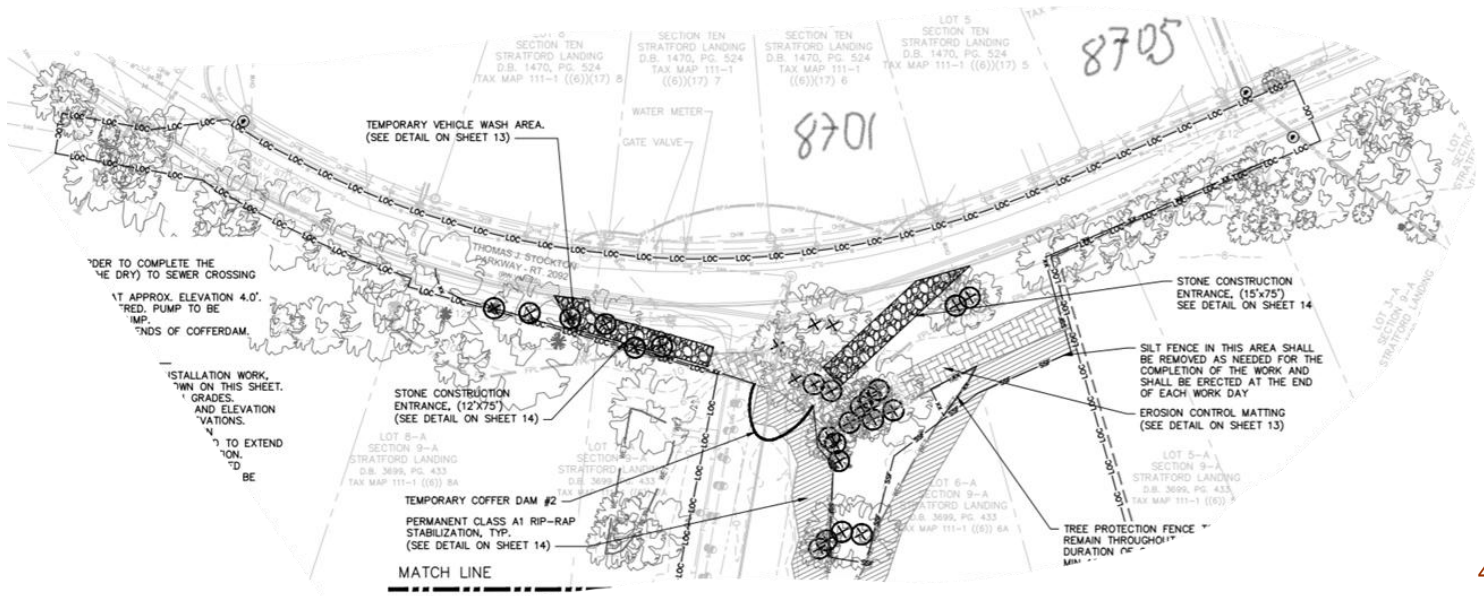
Time of year restrictions will limit construction in the creek during periods of heightened sensitivity for species of concern, such as anadromous fish, nesting shorebirds, shellfish, submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV), and threatened and endangered species, such as the bald eagle. Construction in the creek will be restricted Feb. 15-June 30.

Neighborhood Impacts

The main impacts will be to residents on Stockton Parkway between Turbridge and Waterford, especially those in the immediate vicinity of construction.

- Existing sewer service will continue throughout the construction project
- Stockton Parkway between Turbridge and Waterford will be closed to thru traffic during installation of the sewer and restoration of the roadway, about four weeks, according to the plan. Traffic will be rerouted on Waterford. The contractor will maintain access to residences on Stockton Parkway at all times, closing no more than one lane of traffic and maintaining a minimum clear roadway of at least 11 feet at all times, according to the plan.
- A temporary chain link safety fence will be installed at the limits of construction (LOC), which covers multiple properties. The location of the fence will be coordinated with the engineer and the owners, and the fence will extend to the edge of the water. There will be two gates, one at each construction entrance. For safety reasons, there will be no access into the fenced-off area during construction.

To see the plan and project updates, go to <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/capital-projects/little-hunting-creek-sanitary-sewer-replacement-project>.



SCLA Decorating Contest and Santa on a Fire Truck

December in Stratford Landing was full of lights, sirens and the holiday spirit. Residents enjoyed the annual holiday traditions of the SLCA Decorating Contest and Santa on a fire truck.

The weather was perfect on Sunday, December 15th when Santa cruised the neighborhood waving from a Fire truck and bringing treats. **Special** thank you to Santa for visiting from the North Pole, to elves Barry Hutchison and Rob Maher, the Dickert Family, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue and Fairfax County Fire Station #9, “ The Work Horse of the Highway.”

Happy Holidays to all! What a great end to the decade. See you in 2020 for more fun community events.



First Place



Second Place



Third Place

First Place in the SLCA Decorating Contest was awarded to the **Coneway Family** for a clever display including sledding snowmen. Kudos to Kevin for working to make his vision a reality. Second place went to the **Keister Family**. The third place winner was the **Soyka Family**. Congratulations to all our winners. There were so many beautifully decorated homes throughout the neighborhood sharing the holiday spirit. A very special thank you to Eileen Myers, Olivia Myers, Terri Maloney and Vicki Quinn for their assistance.



Shared Mobility Devices in Fairfax County

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved a Shared Mobility Device (SMD) ordinance on Nov. 19 that will govern devices such as e-scooters in Fairfax County effective Jan. 1, 2020. In February of this year, the General Assembly passed a law permitting shared mobility devices in Virginia and gave local governments authority to establish regulations or a pilot program for these new devices. [Fairfax County's Department of Cable and Consumer Services](#) will regulate the e-scooter and other SMD operators through a permitting process. Operators will be required to maintain certain fleet sizes with an initial maximum fleet of 300 devices per operator permit that can be increased to 600 devices per operator based on usage.

Like bicycles, e-scooters can be used on a highway, sidewalk, shared-use path, roadway, or crosswalk. E-scooters in Fairfax County cannot be operated above 10 mph. Once riders reach their destination, they should leave the device parked in an area that does not impede normal

car or foot traffic. If residents notice an e-scooter parked in an inappropriate place or left on private property, they can contact the device operator listed on the e-scooter and the operator must remove it.

Fairfax County staff will create a process for complaints about e-scooters and SMDs related to improper use or abandonment. Staff will coordinate implementation of the complaint process with bordering jurisdictions and present a summary in the first year of SMDs in early 2021.

Additional information is available at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cableconsumer/csd/shared-mobility>, or by calling the Fairfax County Department of Cable and Consumer Services at 703-324-5966, TTY 711. In order to report any issues related to scooters and other shared devices, emails can be sent to consumer@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Please Note: Motorized vehicles are NOT permitted on the George Washington Parkway bike path.

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"The holiday season is a perfect time to reflect on our blessings and seek out ways to make life better for those around us."

-Terri Marshall

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