



from the President

I have been reminded this week about the importance of volunteers in our community. A longtime resident of Stratford Landing, Mary Lou Hoffman passed away in February. She was a founding member of the Stratford Women's Association and longtime chair of the SLCA's membership committee. She was also an important part of the SRA community.

We are lucky to have had a number of residents like Mary Lou willing to volunteer for a few years to decades in our community. Those of us volunteering as board members and committee chairs for the SLCA could use more friends working with us. If you want to get involved please reach out to us. In the meantime, enjoy spring's arrival!



Save the Date!

SLCA Blood Drive at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital

Saturday, April 4, 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.



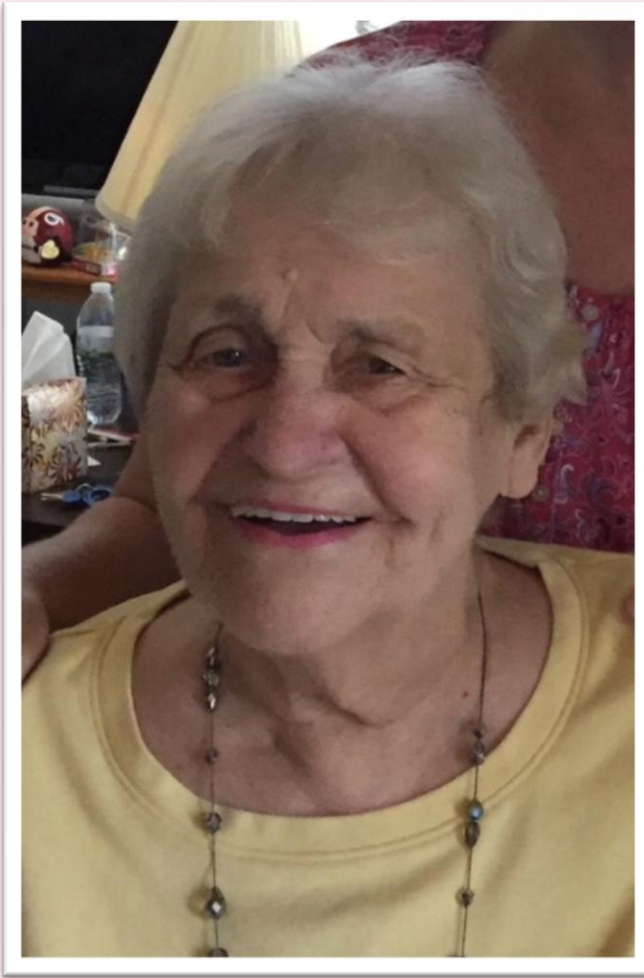
The Next Little Hunting Creek Cleanup

Saturday, March 28

Do you have a particularly trashy spot you'd like to clean up? Contact betsy@folhc.org to arrange for a supply of bags and gloves and trash pickup. High tides on March 28 are at 11:06 am and 11:36 pm; low tides are at 4:27 am and 5:05 pm.

Or, join the Friends of Little Hunting Creek that same day from 9:00 until 12:00 for invasive plant removal on the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust site near the corner of Stockton Pkwy and Londonderry. Bring your favorite tools and wear long pants, long sleeves, and boots, if you have them. We will supply gloves, bags, and some basic tools. Community service credits available. Contact cboertlein@aol.com with questions.

In Memory of Mary Louise Hoffman



Family and friends celebrated the life of Mary Louise Hoffman on Friday, February 21. Mary Lou was the mother of five, grandmother of seven, and great grandmother of seven. She was 86 years old.

Mary Lou and her family moved to Stratford Landing in 1970. Mary Lou was a charter member of the Stratford Woman's Club (organized in 1972), and was president from 1991-1993. She was also a member of the Garden Club and Bridge Club. Mary Lou spent decades as Membership Chair of the Stratford Landing Citizens Association. When she retired several years ago, many Block Captains refused to accept her decision and continued to drop their membership packets at Mary Lou's house! She volunteered in the office at the Stratford Recreation Association pool for many years. She was a mentor to teenage lifeguards and was always ready to listen. She was tough, but fair, kind and loving. On Election Day you could always find Mary Lou at the polls checking voter registrations. She eventually became Chief of Elections.

CHERRY BLOSSOM WATCH 2020 WASHINGTON DC

On average, DC's cherry blossoms bloom around the last week of March into the first week or April.

Warmer temperatures in the late winter into early spring bring the blossoms out earlier. Cooler temperatures push them later. The flowers generally last a week or two, but again, just how long they stay around depends on the weather. It has been a much warmer-than-normal winter so far. And there's not much in the available forecasts to suggest that that pattern is likely to change as we get into March.

So all indications at this point suggest an early bloom. That said, we're dealing with the weather, and if we get a sustained cold spell in March, it can slow things down considerably.

Visit cherryblossomwatch.com for an updated forecast in early March.

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Jeff Todd Way Initiative
(February 14, 2020)

Jeff Todd Way has experienced numerous speeding and reckless driving incidents as well as serious accidents in the past couple of years. Adjoining neighborhoods, which house many youngsters and pets, have complained of the dangers on that roadway. Jeff Todd Way, however, currently has limited police enforcement.

Administration, VDOT, Fairfax County, and the Army Corps of Engineers to reconnect access across Fort Belvoir.

In November 2016, the Commonwealth of Virginia executed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on the use of Jeff Todd Way and sent it to be signed by the Army Corps of Engineers. This memorandum, however, has not been signed to date. The document is required by Fairfax County to provide police traffic enforcement since Jeff Todd Road is situated on military property.

On February 3rd, 2020 SLCA Transportation Representatives attended a Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Association (MVCCA) meeting. At that meeting, it was proposed that a new effort to support the transfer of Jeff Todd Way from U.S. Army to VDOT be initiated. This effort would allow for joint (Ft Belvoir and Fairfax County) police jurisdiction to patrol Jeff Todd Way. A vote was taken and all present approved of asking the Chairman of the MVCCA Transportation Committee to draft a resolution to this effect. The appropriate U.S. Army office to sign this MOA is the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Housing and Partnerships. It is hoped that this action can be accomplished quickly which will help solve the traffic issues on Jeff Todd Way.



After September 11, 2001, access through Fort Belvoir from Richmond Highway to Telegraph Road by Woodlawn Road and Beulah Street was closed to the public for security reasons. In August, 2014 Jeff Todd Road, however, was opened by a partnership among the Federal Highway

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