



# STRATFORD LANDING CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Mount Vernon District, Fairfax County

## From the President

It has been a privilege to serve as the SLCA president this year. I have had the opportunity to volunteer with great neighbors and develop new friendships as well as learn more about the people in our community. I have found the projects we have worked on engaging and have enjoyed learning more about our Mount Vernon district and how it ticks.

If any of these experiences sound like something you might enjoy, I encourage you to get involved and join us on the board or offer to become a delegate to the MVCCA or be our new Neighborhood Watch coordinator. If you're hesitant to (jump into the deep end and) chair an SLCA committee, please consider volunteering to serve as a committee member.

I want to thank everyone who contributes their time and energy to the SLCA. The efforts of the SLCA officers, the SLCA committee chairs, the delegates to the MVCCA committees, the webmaster, the database manager, the newsletter editor and Facebook page manager all ensure that Stratford Landing has a voice in Fairfax County. I'd like to welcome the two newest members of the team – Database Manager Glenn Ferri and Facebook Page Manager Anne Holloway.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20th and will be held via Zoom. I hope you will join us so you can see who these outstanding volunteers are and thank them!

## Annual Meeting

**Tuesday, October 20, 2020**

**7:00pm – via Zoom**

*(link will be sent closer to the date)*

You must be a member in good standing to vote. The budget for 2020-21 will be presented and voted on as well as the annual election of officers. Nominations will be taken from the floor.

## Nominating Committee

We will elect new officers for 1 year terms at the annual meeting. If you would like to help us with this process please send an email to Kathy Lehner at [president.stratford308@gmail.com](mailto:president.stratford308@gmail.com).

## Blood Drive Update

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the INOVA Mount Vernon Blood Donor Center is still closed. We hope to use the Blood Mobile again in October.

**The time will be the same, 7:30 am - 12:00noon  
Saturday, October 3rd**

An email will be sent when a location is determined. Because we are still working out the details, the drive is not live in the Inova eDonor System yet. If you'd like to start booking appointments, please email your preferred time(s) to Stephen Schlacter at: [stephen.schlacter@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.schlacter@gmail.com).

We'll keep you updated on when we can resume SLCA's Community Blood Drive. In the meantime, if you want to donate as an individual, please call 866-256-6372 and use Sponsor Code 3018. If you have questions about eligibility, please visit [www.inova.org/bloodsaves](http://www.inova.org/bloodsaves) or contact Inova's Donor Advocate at 571-434-3628.

## Calling ALL Stratford Landing Neighbors & SLCA Members!

Guess what time it is? It is time for the Stratford Landing Citizens Association's annual membership drive! Our goal is to get as many of you signed up as we can before October 1<sup>st</sup>. Why you ask? So that we have enough time to process/update memberships to ensure you have a vote at our annual meeting on October 20th. Please print the membership form in this newsletter & mail in/drop off the form OR you can visit [www.stratford-landing.org](http://www.stratford-landing.org), & join/renew from the comfort of your home. If you are paying by CASH or CHECK, please please please make sure your membership information is CLEARLY attached/marked so that your account can be properly credited & processed.

### A little goes a LONG way. Your \$10.00 membership fee supports:

- ❖ SLCA's annual dues to the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA). Here we have designated representation on the standing committees that make important policy decisions & recommendations to the county's elected officials & staff on issues that affect local school planning, zoning, housing, the environment, public safety, transportation, human services & much more.
- ❖ The SLCA volunteers provide you with e-Blast alerts regarding important news & safety updates from across our "community watch" network. You also receive ongoing communication & neighborhood news via the newsletter & social media platforms to include the SLCA website & Facebook page. SLCA volunteers also provide a neighborhood directory as well as a "Sweet List" of recommended service providers & contractors endorsed by your neighbors.
- ❖ Do you have a street light out or sidewalk issue & are wondering how to get it repaired? The SLCA is your neighborhood resource for these as well as other community-related questions & concerns. We maintain strong relationships with the Fairfax County Police Department, the Park Police, & other organizations.
- ❖ The SLCA also provides annual community events to ensure that our neighborhood of 774 homes feels friendly & welcoming to everyone who lives here. In years past, the SLCA has sponsored the annual Easter Egg Hunt, a community yard sale, a summer picnic, blood drives, watershed clean-ups along Little Hunting Creek, & Santa on the fire truck.

The SLCA exists to serve & strengthen our community by providing a forum for sharing information, connecting neighbors, promoting activities & fostering civic engagement for those who live here. Whether you are renewing or joining, please complete & turn in your membership form to ensure that our records are accurate. Please renew or join today.

Let's care for our community together!

Thank you,

Stori Zimmerman  
SLCA, Membership Chair

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## Open Positions

### Public Safety Delegate to the MVCCA

The Public Safety Committee is an interface between the MVCCA and the Fairfax County Police Department, Sheriff's Office, Fire and Rescue Department, and Office of Emergency Management.

The Committee meets at 7:30 PM on the first Thursday of each month (except August) in Room 3 of the Mount Vernon Government Center.



### Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

The role of the neighborhood watch coordinator is to make sure everyone in the group has a way to communicate with each other (emails, text, and cell phones). They also are the person who works with the police department on issues in your neighborhood. They coordinate the flow of communication in the neighborhood to make sure everyone is aware of any issues or situations going on. The biggest responsibility is to recruit people to be involved in neighborhood watch. This person will not replace law enforcement; criminal activity should still be reported directly to the police department. Fairfax County provides training for the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator.

More information can be found at:

<http://hfvca.org/uploads/IntroToNeighborhoodWatch.pdf>



## Voting Information

### November Ballot Information

You may vote in-person on November 3; vote in-person absentee beginning October 14; or request an absentee ballot online (Ballots will be available beginning September 18).

No reason is required to request an absentee ballot this year. The online submission is not automatic. All absentee and voter registration forms must be approved and will be processed in the order of receipt.

Go to: <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation> to register, check status, or request an absentee ballot.

### Returning an Absentee Ballot

For security and integrity of the ballot, Virginia law does not currently allow for the use of drop boxes for returning absentee ballots. The law requires ballots to be returned by mail to the Office of the General Registrar or delivered personally to the General Registrar at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, Fairfax, VA 22035.

During the dates and times that the satellite locations are open, voters can return ballots to the Assistant Registrars. To repeat, **ONLY when the satellite locations are open** can a voter return a ballot to the Assistant Registrar.

For hours of operation at satellite locations: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee-locations/mount-vernion-governmental-center>



Wishing all of our students and teachers a  
healthy, happy 2020-2021 school year!

"Knowledge is in every country the  
surest basis of public happiness."  
- *George Washington*

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