

STRATFORD LANDING CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Mount Vernon District, Fairfax County



From the President

Happy New Year! Here's hoping that 2021 is, indeed, a happy year for everyone. Our community managed to make lemonade out of lemons with the celebration of our graduates in May and our festive Santa parade. I realize these moments could not replace the family celebrations that may not have taken place during our year of the coronavirus but I'm hopeful that everyone felt the commitment our neighbors have to each other.

We also managed to complete the biggest community improvement project in the history of Stratford Landing. The SLCA replaced the three (3) dated entrance signs. I want to again thank the members of the board for working together to present a proposal to our membership at the annual meeting in October, for the membership's support of approval, and the many donations we received for the project. Matt Dunne, our vice president, was our project manager for replacing the signs. He worked with the County, the sign company and the contractors to ensure we stayed in motion. Celia Boertlein, our treasurer, also put in additional time to ensure the success of the project

And now, we focus on 2021. We hope to update the landscaping around the signs, present recommendations to update our bylaws to our membership in October, and continue to represent our community at the Mt. Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA).

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Blood Drive Update

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the INOVA Mount Vernon Blood Donor Center is still closed. We have booked the Blood Mobile for Saturday, February 6, 2021 at a location to be determined.

We'll keep you updated on when we can resume SLCA's regular 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 or contact Inova's Donor Advocate at 571-434-3628.

Environmental Incident – Fuel Spill

Many of you are aware through emails and Facebook that a fuel spill occurred in the neighborhood on Friday, December 19th. We want to assure you we continue to monitor the situation, are in the loop for updates, and will share information as it is shared with us. Any questions/comments should be directed to Supervisor Dan Storck's office.

Call: 703-780-7518 | TTY 711 or email: mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov

From the President - *Continued*

We will miss you, Jody!

It is with a heavy heart that I share with you that our longtime community volunteer, Jody Nyalko, is moving from our neighborhood later this month. Jody and her family moved here in 1987 and she has been an active part of Stratford Landing for most of those 33 years. She served for a number of years on the SRA board as well as the SLCA. I know we all wish her well in her next chapter. Thank you, Jody, for all you have done to keep our neighborhood a great place to live!

Thank you, Betsy!

I want to thank Betsy Martin for her years of service to our community serving as our delegate to the MVCCA Environment and Recreation Committee. Betsy resigned from her position in July so she could make room for a position with the Audubon Society. We are fortunate to have her expertise in our neighborhood.

Opportunities to Get Involved

I've said before that the SLCA is the backbone of the neighborhood and I truly believe that. The work we do is important...maybe not every day...but it adds up. I refer to the new signs as the best example of what the SLCA does for the neighborhood. But also, how about those parades?

Are you concerned about the larger Mt. Vernon community and its impact on Stratford Landing? Then I encourage you to get involved. We need two (2) delegates to represent the SLCA on the MVCCA's Public Safety Committee and the renewed Budget and Finance Committee. The Public Safety committee works with the Mt. Vernon police and fire departments as well as the office of emergency management. The Budget and Finance committee has been dormant for years so this is a great opportunity to work with the new chair to set the agenda as the Board of Supervisors begin discussions on next year's budget.

Please let me know if you would like to get involved with either of these committees. The Public Safety Committee meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30pm (via Zoom). The Budget and Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 5 at 7pm (via Zoom).

Secretary, SLCA

Jody Nyalko's departure from the neighborhood means there will be an opening on the board. If you are interested in learning more about this position and getting involved please let me know. Our board meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm (currently via Zoom). The Secretary needs to document our meetings, and Jody has taken the lead managing most of our communications, including the email blasts and coordinating the newsletter for our publisher.

Neighborhood Watch

Would anyone like to coordinate this program for our community? Let me know!!

News from the MVCCA

Transportation Committee

The committee is working with the Board of Supervisors on airplane noise; coordinating with Lee District on North Kings Hwy asking for more sidewalks and narrower lanes; reviewing FCDOT and VDOT to adopt Complete Street Policy, which would measure not just how long a car waits at a stop light, but also how long pedestrians and bikes wait, whether it is safe, etc.; the National Park Service will brief the committee on its plan for safety measures for the GW Parkway; and seeking accurate numbers for undergrounding of utilities along Route 1.

Public Safety

The Committee is developing a work plan with the following topics: speeding in neighborhoods, police staffing and reform and pedestrian safety.

General Council Meeting, Dec. 16 – Resolutions Passed

At the General Council meeting on Dec. 16th, the members passed 4 Resolutions. The 2 Education Resolutions urged that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) include substantial additional investment in FCPS in on-going budget development for the 2022 school year and that the MVCCA supports teacher priority in COVID-19 vaccine distribution. The Planning and Zoning resolution opposes additional special exemptions for multi-pump gas stations/convenience stores along Route 1 and the Joint Transportation, Planning and Zoning and Public Safety resolution with Lee District supports improving the current and planned design of the North Kings Hwy. road and sidewalks between School St and the Huntington Metro.

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Stratford Landing Entrance Signs



The board members want to thank the following members of the SLCA for their generous donations of \$7,320 to replace our entrance signs. The total cost of the project was \$8,060 and without your support we would not have been able to make this outstanding improvement to our community.

- Katherine Ahmad
- Anonymous (1)
- John & Martha Bioty
- Celia Boertlein
- Kathy & Brad Bradford
- Leah Chapla
- David & Maureen Cleveland
- Scott & Roberta Cullen
- Patrick Daugherty
- Matt & Christina Diamond
- Jeremy & Karen Fisher
- John & Gina Fitzsimmons
- Roger & Barbara Furey
- John & Susan Graham
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- Carol & John Horn
- Monty Hougen
- Elizabeth & Jeremy Huggins
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- Ed & Lisa Perez
- Sam & Sally Sasnett
- Lynne & Jim Sherald
- Catherine & Steven Stebbins
- Jim Sullivan
- Matthew & Michelle Tyler
- Tracey & Gar Whaley
- Brian & Beth Yeh



Donors: Kitty Ahmad above, Cathy Bradford, lower left, Tracy & Barry Hutchison, lower right





SLCA Board Members Unveil New Entrance Signs

Board members (L-R): Jody Nyalko, Christopher Morgan, Emily McAsey, Leah Chapla (in framed photo), Kathy Lehner, Matt Dunne, John Bioty, Keith Kettell, Celia Boertlein and Stori Zimmerman (not pictured) Future Board Members Claire and Caroline in front.

Helping Others

If you are looking for ways to help others during the pandemic I have been collecting diapers, feminine hygiene products and personal care items for families who live over in the Buckman Loop. I have been taking a trunk load of supplies over for distribution every 2 weeks since April and the need continues to grow.

You can drop off your contribution on my front porch anytime and I will include it with the next distribution. This is an ongoing effort so you are never too late with your contribution. Size 5 and 6 diapers are most in need right now.

I will take all donated items for distribution on Jan. 6, Jan. 20., Feb. 3 and Feb. 17. Feel free to donate as many times as you like!

Thank you!
Kathy Lehner
8810 Stockton Pkwy.

Quick Reminder

If any of your information changes, please notify the SLCA by emailing us at cboertlein@aol.com. A directory update will be coming within the next several months and we need to include the most current information. Email addresses are **not** included in the directory update, but are vital to the Association's communications with you.

 Follow Stratford Landing Citizens Association on Facebook to get more neighborhood news!
[Facebook.com/StratfordLandingCitizensAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/StratfordLandingCitizensAssociation)

SLCA Holiday Parade & Decorating Contest

The votes have been tallied and we have winners in this year's SLCA Holiday Parade & Decorating Contest. Congratulations to first place, tied winners "Penguins on an Iceberg" and "The Candy Cane Van." Congratulations also to runner up "Iron Patriot" and honorable mention to "Be Merry Christmas Tree."

Thank you to our Stratford Landing neighbors for their clever, creative and thoughtfully crafted submissions! And huge thank you to the volunteer judges, Santa's chauffeur (Anthony Calbro), and of course Santa and his elves (Barry Hutchison and Rob Maher) for making the day magical!

Wishing happy holidays to all of our Stratford Landing families!



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