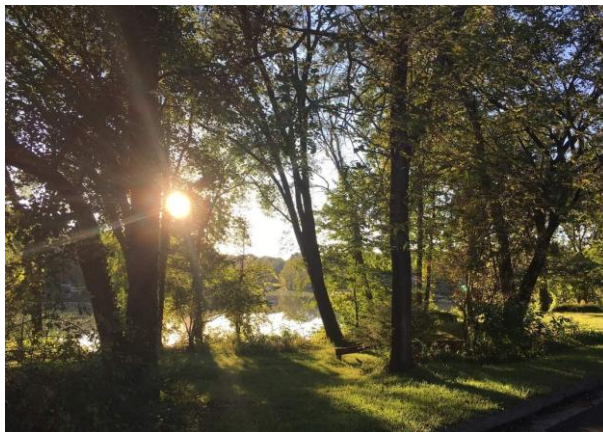




## From the President

I hope you are enjoying the transition to spring. I know I am. It has been nice to break up the school day and take my students outside for lunch, and at the end of the day enjoy long walks with our dog. The bird calls and songs are such a pleasure to listen to and the beautiful colors blooming in yards everywhere a sight to behold.

We continue to work on behalf of the community. We are submitting a proposal to the Audubon Society and hope to qualify for one of the Audubon at Home grants to help us landscape around the entrance signs. Our delegates have been regularly attending the MVCCA meetings on



Transportation, Environment and Recreation, Planning and Zoning, Education and the General Council. We do our best to provide you with timely updates from the MVCCA as well as Supervisor Storck.

I want to thank everyone who donated to the spring goodie bags that were distributed at the United Community food distribution on March 30th. The children were surprised and delighted to receive something fun!

### Nominating Committee

We need a nominating committee to help us prepare for the election of officers at the annual meeting in October. We've needed a secretary since February and I will not return as president. If recruiting is your specialty please consider helping the SLCA with this important job. Every year the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer as well as the 3 Standing Committee Chairpersons are elected at the annual meeting.

Thank you!  
Kathy Lehner  
8810 Stockton Pkwy.

## Update on Sewer Line Replacement

from Christopher Morgan (*Chair of the Environmental & Recreation Committee of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations*)

Sometime this summer, the sewer line that crosses Little Hunting Creek will be replaced by Fairfax County.

This sewer line is a pipe placed at a slight decline which allows sewage to flow downhill, by gravity from homes in the Wessynton neighborhood to the pumping station located in Stratford Landing. At the pumping station, the sewage is pumped via a separate pressurized line south to the Noman Cole Pollution Control Plant in Lorton.

The current gravity line has been in place since the late 1950s and is scheduled to be completely replaced. The sewer line runs beneath the creek. In order to install a new line, about half of the crossing will be enclosed by a coffer dam, the water pumped out, and a 10-foot deep trench dug to install the pipe. The dams will be placed in two phases, each leaving half the channel open so that Little Hunting Creek remains navigable to boat traffic.

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## Charitable Giving

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all of us and there is no question about the devastation it has wrought across the country in terms of the hundreds of thousands of lives tragically lost. But as the pandemic is hopefully starting to abate, we can start to see other encouraging signs as well. The pandemic has highlighted the great need in our own community for necessities we may all take for granted - such as food and basic household goods. This recognition has fostered a sense of giving and helping that has been a bright spot in this otherwise bleak year.

Americans have always led the way in terms of their generosity, but this past year has sparked even greater charitable giving because of the pandemic. Here in our own Stratford Landing community the focus on charitable giving has been inspiring and uplifting. Many in our community have been working to provide these necessities to those experiencing food insecurity and other challenges brought about by the pandemic. Our own SLCA President, Kathy Lehner, has been spearheading an effort to bring diapers and personal care items to a weekly distribution coordinated with United Community. The items that Kathy collects are a part of weekly food distributions that occur in the Buckman Loop and Audubon communities. Thanks to the generous donations of the Stratford Landing community, which has helped support her good works by providing these items, our community has supported up to 100 families each week since September.

The SLCA community also recently participated in an

initiative bringing spring gift bags to the children of families assisted by United Community. This initiative took the place of the annual SLCA Easter Egg Hunt which was canceled due to the pandemic and the response to SLCA's call for donations was overwhelming. Over 300 spring gift bags were donated to the United Community and brightened the faces of so many children and parents who enjoyed this wonderful springtime surprise.

The pandemic has created new demands and opportunities for giving. The need is so great and there are so many ways to help. Human rights activist and theologian Desmond Tutu put it best when he said, "*Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.*"

Thanks to everyone in our SLCA community for doing "those little bits of good" and to learn more about how you can help please contact Kathy Lehner.



*We invite community members to share their stories of charitable contributions or activities, so we can grow together as a community in the spirit of giving and hope. Publication does not signify endorsement or support for particular causes or organizations. We reserve the right to edit all submissions and to decline publication at our discretion.*

## Diaper Collection

I want to thank everyone who has supported my diaper and personal care items collection. The items are distributed weekly in conjunction with a United Community food distribution at Mt. Vernon Woods E.S. I am still collecting items. If you want to continue to donate or donate for the first time...we need size 4, 5, and 6 diapers, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, and T.P. Here is my Amazon Wish List, if you prefer to support the effort this way: <https://tinyurl.com/SLCAWishes>

Thank you!  
Kathy Lehner





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## This View of Little Hunting Creek Will Never Be Blocked

Late last year Marilyn Shoaff and her family – original residents on Stockton Parkway dating back to 1958 – placed a conservation easement on the creek side lot across the street from their home. The easement protects the natural habitat by conveying the building and development rights on the lot to the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust. The Trust warrants that those rights will never be exercised or sold and the family retains private ownership of the lot. The Shoaff family regards this preservation as a way of remembering their husband and father, Clark, and their love for the creek and its natural setting. It is a visual gift that the community can enjoy.

There are now three contiguous lots in the 8700 block of Stockton Parkway with this protection from development, and at least one other lot otherwise protected from development. These lots, in addition to the large lot owned outright by the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust next to the pump station, preserves a vista for the neighborhood that defines the natural beauty in Nature and the character of the neighborhood.

■ Paul Siegel

### SLCA Business

Every member of the SLCA has the right to be heard.

1. We invite all members to submit any issues or concerns in writing to the Board. Please send your submission by email to Kathy Lehner at [president.stratford308@gmail.com](mailto:president.stratford308@gmail.com). Such submissions shall be reviewed by the Board as new business at a Board meeting, with the timing for discussion to be determined by the President.

2. In exceptional circumstances, a member may request to present an issue or concern to the Board. In such circumstances, the member should contact the President by email at [president.stratford308@gmail.com](mailto:president.stratford308@gmail.com). The member should include any and all information and documentation that s/he wishes to present to the Board. Such submissions must be received at least two weeks before the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. (The SLCA Board meetings are the second Wednesday of the month.) The President will consult with the Board and make a determination whether to allow the requested presentation. If the request is granted, the member shall attend only that portion of the Board meeting relating to the presentation. The presentation shall be limited to 15 minutes, unless the President determines otherwise.

### Directory



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### Tree Pruning by Dominion

Dominion recently mailed notices to homeowners to expect tree pruning near power lines in the coming weeks. We should expect this to take place around the end of May.

# George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP) Safety Study Update



On April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association (MVCCA) received an update briefing on the results of the GWMP Safety Study from Charles Cuvelier, Superintendent and Aaron LaRocca, Deputy Superintendent, GWMP.

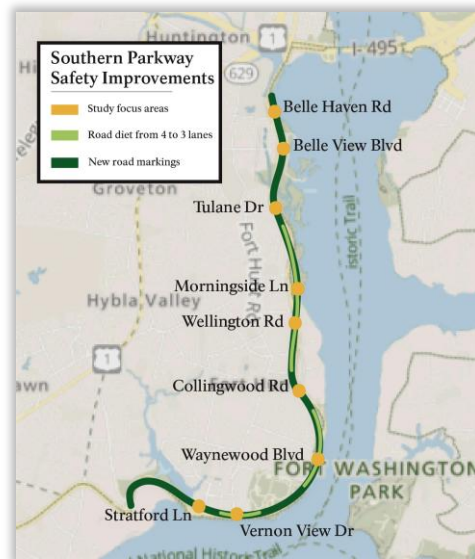
Superintendent Cuvelier reported that the "Study" began in the spring of 2019. Its initial public comment session resulted in over 850 inputs on how to make the Parkway a safer roadway for all to enjoy. Accepted inputs were categorized in terms of (1) Engineering, (2) Education, and (3) Enforcement (the three E's) recommendations. The goal, Mr. Cuvelier stated, is to establish an appropriate balance between the needs of all categories of users and the historic memorial intent of the Parkway (to honor George Washington). The overarching focus, however, is improving the Parkway's safety.

The study itself is in the form of a 304 page document, "G W Parkway Traffic and Safety Context Sensitive Solution Assessment Final.pdf" accessible online at: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?parkId=186&projectID=89079> The report is accompanied by six appendix documents.

Several aspects of the briefing surfaced themes that deserve close attention. These constitute near and longer term changes including:

- The controversial application of a "Road Diet,"
- Welcome availability (in the study) of traffic and accident data, and
- Near term actions such as road striping and vegetation pruning planned for this year.

The "Road Diet" involves reducing the Parkway to one southbound "through lane" between the Tulane and Stratford Landing intersections for "Traffic calming". Stated another way, moving southbound, the Road Diet begins at the Tulane intersection and continues past Morningside Lane, Wellington Road, Collingwood, Waynewood Boulevard, Vernon View, Lucia Lane and opens up at Stratford Lane. The lane configuration at Stratford is not impacted by the Road Diet.



When will the National Park Service (NPS) implement the Road Diet?

In the fall of 2021, the NPS will implement some of the study's recommendations intended to make the GWMP safer for drivers, cyclists and pedestri-

ans. The fall 2021 changes include:

- Restriping the road to implement a road diet while maintaining driving capacity.
- This means changing road markings between Tulane Drive and Stratford Lane so that there will be three travel lanes (2 northbound, 1 southbound) and one turn lane.
- Increasing visibility of lane markings.
- Removing vegetation at intersections to improve visibility.

NPS will also continue to implement safety solutions through education, enforcement, and engineering approaches.

Additional information on the GWMP can be found on the NPS Website:

<https://www.nps.gov/gwmp/learn/management/south-parkway-safety-study.htm>

## Updates to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance

Fairfax County is proposing changes to both The Code of the County of Fairfax and the Public Facilities Manual (PFM) in regard to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance, Tree Preservation, and planting requirements for Resource Protected Areas (RPAs). While the PFM is designed to guide the county itself on its capital public projects, the Code governs all residents and landowners.

Multiple property owners within Stratford Landing have parcels covered by the RPA, and will be affected by these proposed changes.

Information on RPA: <https://bit.ly/3nrOcXy>  
RPA Interactive Map: <https://bit.ly/3vruAFO>

These changes will be presented at two upcoming public hearings:

- Planning Commission May 12th, 2021 at 7:30pm
- Board of Supervisors on June 22nd at 4pm

## Update on Sewer Line Replacement - Continued

As part of the project, construction crews will occupy shorelines on both sides of the creek, and over 40 trees and assorted vegetation will be removed. In addition, the community boat launch in Woodland Park will be closed, and Stockton Parkway will be restricted to one single lane of vehicle traffic.

The contract has been awarded to Garney Construction. The contractor expects to have the first dams in the water no later than July 1st, 2021, although the project is currently nearly two years behind schedule and the exact timeline has not been published at this time.

For updates, see <https://tinyurl.com/SLCAsewerLine>

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