STRATFORD LANDING CITIZENS ASSOCIATION Mount Vernon Districe, Fairfax County

From the President

I hope you have recovered from the Brood X invasion and are enjoying the summer with family and friends. The updates in this issue demonstrate that the SLCA board members continue their volunteer work on the community's behalf. I have enjoyed my time volunteering as membership chair and president. Both jobs were more interesting than I anticipated and the bonus is that I've made new friends. My commitment concludes in October and I look forward to supporting the next SLCA board.

Annual Meeting - Election of Officers

The SLCA annual meeting will be in October and as always, we will need to elect new officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) as well as chairpersons for the standing committees (Community Improvements and Transportation, Rules, Membership, and Recreation). If you would like to discuss any of these positions with me please send me an email at president.stratford308@gmail.com.

Diapers, Diapers, Diapers

Yep! I'm still collecting diapers for distribution with United Community neighborhood food distributions. If you would like to support this effort please feel free to drop off your donation anytime on my front porch at 8810 Stockton Pkwy. Here is the link to my Amazon wish list to make shopping easier or get ideas: <u>Amazon Wish List</u>

Thank you for the donations you have already so generously provided!

Kathy Lehner 8810 Stockton Pkwy.

Blood Drive Details Sunday, August 1st

While the donor center at Mount Vernon Hospital remains closed, we will host the Bloodmobile in the SRA Pool parking lot on Sunday, August 1st, from 9:00 AM -2:00 PM.

Thank you to SRA for hosting the drive, and thank you to our generous donors for making time to give the life saving gift of blood. If you have questions about eligibility, please contact Inova's Donor Advocate at 571-434-3628 or visit www.inova.org/bloodsaves..

Fireworks Alert!

George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate has informed us that there will be a brief 5-minute daytime fireworks display as part of their annual "An American Celebration" public event on Sunday, July 4, between 1:00 pm and 1:30 pm. More information can be found on the Mount Vernon Estate events website at <u>https://www.mountvernon.org/plan-your-visit/calendar/events/an-americancelebration/</u>.

Update on Sewer Line Replacement

Work is slated to begin soon as July 1st on replacing the 'Little Hunting Creek Force Main' - a 30 inch diameter concrete cylinder pipe and iron pipe constructed in the mid-1970s – built to convey wastewater to a treatment plant for processing. The Fairfax County Department of Public Works

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Update on Sewer Line Replacement - continued

and Environmental Services is in charge of this project replacing the existing pipe which is nearing the end of its useful and practical life. According to the County, a study was conducted to investigate options for replacing this force main recognizing that there may be challenges to the project – including impacts to local tidal areas and private property, staging and storage of construction materials and traffic disruptions. While SLCA does not currently have detailed information regarding specific timelines for this project, we understand that work is set to begin July 1st and may be completed around February 2022. This construction will impact the area adjacent to the water pumping station on the corner of Londonderry and Thomas Stockton Parkway. In addition to 'grubbing' (the process of removing undergrowth and root materials in the immediate area) the County will be using heavy construction equipment to replace this force main which will likely necessitate changes in traffic flow in that area. SLCA is in communication with the County to ensure that we are made aware of the latest developments with respect to this project so that we can keep our neighbors and community apprised as work is undertaken to construct the new force main. For more information about this project you may visit the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services webpage here:

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/capital-projects/little-hunting-creek-sanitary-sewerreplacement-project



As the summer is finally here and backyard activities take hold, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens (MVCCA) Transportation Committee continues to engage county, state and government leaders on Transportation issues in our area.

High on the list of priorities is the George Washington Memorial Parkway Study which was released earlier this year. The National Park Service (NPS) 304- page Safety Study is accessible at: https://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?parkld=186&projectID=89079.

The Report discusses near-term traffic control items such as the controversial "Road Diet." It also talks about road striping and vegetation pruning which, in addition to the "Road Diet", are planned for later this year. The "Road Diet" maintains two lanes northbound but only one "through lane" southbound between Tulane and Stratford Lane intersections. *(continued on page 4)*

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Transportation Update on the George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP) Safety Study - continued

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met in June and supported the use of speed cameras on the Parkway although NPS did not include them as a planned measure in their enforcement Report. This item will be further discussed down the road and is not а foregone conclusion. The Committee is also undertaking a personal review of the nine (9) GWMP Intersections named in the Study to comment on the NPS future plans for these locations. It is felt that local residents have longterm knowledge with issues related these intersections to (named below) and can further endorse NPS' improvement actions or recommend alternatives:

- 1. Belle Haven Road
- 2. Belle View Boulevard
- 3. Tulane Drive
- 4. Morningside Lane
- 5. Wellington Road
- 6. Collingwood Road
- 7. Waynewood Boulevard
- 8. Vernon View Drive
- 9. Stratford Lane

The June meeting also entertained a proposed resolution supporting the creation of an "Action Plan" to implement the enforcement recommendations of the GWMP Safety Study. Enforcement on the southern half of the Parkway (Old Town to Mt Vernon) is thought to be lacking by many area residents. Reckless driving and accidents, some serious or even fatal, have brought this item into focus. The MVCCA Transportation Committee approved the MVCCA's Safety Committee's proposed resolution which will be sent to the MVCCA General Council for further action (i.e. modification, approval or dismissal).

It should be noted to All Stratford Landing Citizens that although the GWMP Safety Study has concluded, Congressman Beyer (8th VA Congressional District) https://beyer.house.gov and Senator Scott Surovell (VA State Senate, 36th District) scottsurovell.blogspot.com remain open for comments and concerns regarding the Parkway and encourage inputs at their respective websites.



2021 Parade of Graduates



Stratford Landing Citizens Association June 7 at 8:38 AM · ✿

SLCA would like to congratulate all our 2021 graduates and thank all our friends and neighbors who came out yesterday to cheer our graduates on in the 2021 Parade of Graduates! "Wherever you go, go with all your heart."



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