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# THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE OF THE SENTINEL

# PLEASE READ

SCA Meeting Wednesday (not Thursday), June 15 7:30 p.m.

**Stone Mansion** 

**Elections Developers for local projects** 

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### Message from the Chairman

As I wrap up my third year as Chairman of your citizen's association, I have many people to thank, laughs that I've enjoyed, intelligent conversations that have inspired me, and a desire to continue to serve you and our neighborhood. Thank you for all of your kind comments and words of encouragement.

As things stand today however, while the desire to serve remains, my energy level is beginning to run out. I think that it is time for a change.

Allow me to explain the changes I need to continue as your Chairman.

There are a small handful of people who have made this SCA go since I began my involvement. Truth be told, I continue to do a LOT of work. When I began, the SCA needed a lot of attention and upgrading, and that took effort. Our current Board has done a tremendous job shoring up the SCA and ensuring we have our message heard in the larger community. And it is the issues (development, BRAC) that are now facing us in the larger community where I need to focus my attention. I cannot however continue doing the amount of work I do and give fair time to more important needs. Thus, I, and the Board need help. If more of you would lend a hand, everything you have come to count on and enjoy will continue. If not, it will come to an end.

There are 4 specific areas we need help with.

Sentinel Production & Distribution: I write and produce the Sentinel every month. After this issue, I will no longer do this. The SCA Board has agreed that we will turn the production of the Sentinel over to a professional newsletter writer/producer. I have one such contact that I am talking with however, if you know anyone who is in this line of work, please let me know. I would like to have a web-based online version and a printed version. Because there will be a cost to farm this out, our monthly dues will increase.

Regarding distribution, we may be losing one of our two Sentinel distributors who deliver hard copies. I need someone to distribute the Sentinel around lower Stoneybrooke. If no one steps up, those residents will no longer receive their monthly Sentinel.

<u>Youth Event Coordinator</u>: As reported to you a few months ago, Judy is stepping down and will no longer coordinate these events. Thus, we need someone to take the reigns. If I do not have anyone contact me to take this over, all kid's events for next year will be canceled. This will include the Halloween Party, Christmas Party, and Easter Egg Hunt.

**Stoneybrooke Event Coordinator**: Same as above. This will include the Fall Bash and Spring Fling.

<u>Sentinel Ad Sales</u>: I want someone to take this over. I have personally sold every ad you see in the Sentinel but have had to stop due to limits on my time and, more importantly, limits on the size (electronically) of this newsletter. This is why I want a web version and printed version. This will allow us to sell even more ads, generate more revenue, and hopefully continue to make improvements to Stoneybrooke.

I do not want to diminish what we have come to know, enjoy, and cherish about Stoneybrooke. Making decisions to begin cutting back truly bothers me. My blood pressure, on the other hand, is pretty happy! So it's like this: We either get some help or we make tough decisions and move on. Assuming we do get COMMITTED volunteers, (no wishy-washy, "Well, I'll give it try"), I have included in this issue a calendar for next year. This will be subject to change.

On to our normal course of business.

#### JUNE SCA MEETING

The June SCA meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, not Thursday, June 16.

Most important, we will hold our annual elections. The slate of candidates is listed at the end of my article.

We will have a report from our neighborhood watch chairman, Don Faxon, on his efforts and vision for our neighborhood watch. We have had 4 meetings thus far and a lot of interest, so I urge you to come and hear what Don has to say.

I have confirmations from several developers to set up a table for you to visit and discuss their projects. They include:

- Groveton Heights, across Memorial Street from Beacon Mall.
- Beacon Mall changes
- Kings Crossing (the current Michael's and Chucky Cheese site)
- A new "seniors independent living" development on the current golf driving range on Telegraph Road.
- Mount Vernon Gateway, a gated community at the intersection of Route 1 and Buckman Road.
- Route 1 community that will punch through to Harrison Lane.

I sincerely hope you can attend to vote, listen and chat with Don, and visit with the developers and planners who have some terrific projects planned for the area around us.

#### **Barrier Update**

Upon contacting Supervisor Dana Kauffman's staff on Friday, June 3, I learned that VDOT has sent the proposed design back to county designers for, "...extremely minor design changes." In addition, Supervisor Kauffman has directed county staff to ensure that language is in place that will permanently secure the barriers. I will be meeting again with Lee District Staff to review the changes and learn more about the "language" issue. At this point, I do not know when the barriers will be replaced however; I remain confidant they will be.

#### <u>So Long, Hello</u>

As everyone knows, we have several residents who are leaving us this summer, so we'd like to say goodbye to:

Warren & Annette Bell Matt & Deb Brooks Dave & Karen Bush, John & Kate Todd & Katie Earle Bob & Toni Penwell

You've been wonderful neighbors; we will miss you. Good luck and warmest wishes to you all!

As for the new residents moving in, it will be "The Bells House," and "The Earle's House" for a while so hang in there with us. We'll get to know and love you too and soon enough, it will be your house!

Again, thank you to everyone who made this past year such a tremendous success. Have a safe summer; I'll be in touch...

All for now...Mike

P.S. I have already confirmed Supervisor Kauffman & Wilson Bridge reps for our September SCA meeting.

#### 2005-2006 ELECTION BALLOT

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For Vice-Chairman	Scott McMahon
For Treasurer	Bernie Tabarini
For Secretary:	Open
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#### **High School Exchange Student**

Dr. Christiana Haude & family with a16 year old daughter Ana from Essen, Germany would like to invite a 16 year old girl from the U.S. to spend her 2005 summer in Germany (suggested time frame 9 July - 18 August 2005). Ana Haude is learning English in school. The visit is to improve Ana's knowledge of English and show the American girl a good time in Europe. Contact: Lilly Pierce <u>lillyanddave@earthlink.net</u> German contact: Dr. Haude christiana.haude@cityweb.de

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#### Life insurance: it's for the people who live By Yvette Schuler State Farm® agent

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 Long-term needs include care for a disabled child or elderly parent expenses and, in general, the chance for members of your family to continue to live the life to which

they are accustomed. Life insurance is not for the people who die, but for people who live. It's wise to

explore options while you are still healthy; health problems can make life insurance expensive or unavailable. Three forms of life insurance are most common today: Term life insurance. This is temporary

life insurance for a specific time period (one, five, 10 or more years). It can provide shortterm coverage on a limited budget. Term insurance, however, costs more to buy as you get older.

There are two common types of term life insurance: • Level term: the amount of protection

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The financial strength of the insurer.
 Customer service.

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#### Message from Supervisor Kauffman

When the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) report came out on May 13, it put our part of Fairfax County in a very interesting position. Along with most folks, I took a couple of deep breaths and tried to see into the future. What I saw in the crystal ball both cheered and worried me. On the cheer side—the largest number of new jobs comes to Fort Belvoir and the Engineering Proving Grounds (EPG), strengthening what is already the County's largest employer and ensuring a solid job base for this part of the County for years to come. The worry side understandably includes alarm bells over what this could mean for area traffic and schools.

There's much we don't yet know, most importantly, where do the people filling these jobs call home. If the majority of people already live in our neighborhoods or close-by parts of Prince William County, that's one set of challenges. If they live near their present jobs in Alexandria or Arlington, then that's another.

I urged Chairman Connolly to join us in clearly articulating the County's interests and concerns. As Chairman of the Board's Fort Belvior Committee, I am working with Chairman Connolly, and Supervisors Hyland and McConnell to ensure we are in a leadership role as Fort Belvior struggles with how to successfully absorb up to a 75 percent increase in employment over the next six years. Believe it or not, the Fort has been given only 90 days to show how this will happen. They've asked for our help and they will get it. At the first Board meeting following the release of the BRAC report we unanimously approved the following resolution.

#### JOINT BOARD MATTER With Supervisors Hyland, Kauffman, and McConnell May 23, 2005

#### Ft. Belvoir

#### **Background:**

On Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of May, the Department of Defense issued its report on base closures and relocations. As a result, Northern Virginia is going to sustain both the largest single loss of jobs with over 23,000 jobs cut from Arlington and Alexandria, and the single largest addition of net new jobs with the addition of 18,000 jobs in Ft. Belvoir and the Engineering Proving Grounds (EPG). This sudden infusion of new employees brings with it the challenge of how to incorporate these jobs and the people who fill them into an area where the major road network has, with the exception of paving and widening, remained largely unchanged since tobacco was rolled

down what is today Richmond Highway.

Six years ago we asked for a study of extending transit service from the Franconia-Springfield Metro Station to the EPG and southward to the Main Post of Ft. Belvoir. Similarly, the County and VDOT recently finished an exhaustive review of the future roadway improvement needs of the Richmond Highway and concluded that a transit link was needed tying Ft. Belvoir to the Huntington Station. This influx of jobs will have a large and unanticipated impact not only on our transportation system, but across the infrastructure spectrum, affecting our schools, air quality, and housing stock, to name but a few. Fairfax County staff resources must be brought to bear and a single point of contact must be chosen, to ensure that information is shared quickly and seamlessly between Fairfax and the U.S. Army. The "implementation plan" to be drafted by Ft. Belvoir over the next ninety days must be a first cut, and community input and guidance must be sought, so that and long-term strategy can be crafted to ensure the lasting success for the Army, the current community, and the future of this area.

Motion: Therefore, I move that;

• A meeting of the Board's Ft. Belvoir Committee be scheduled with dispatch to ensure that Board colleagues, staff, and the public have a chance to be fully briefed on the scope of the proposed changes, and;

- The Board of Supervisors declare our firm conviction that when the federal government makes a decision that adds 18,000 jobs to Fairfax County, the largest single new impact of BRAC, it has a special obligation to help in a substantial and significant way to offset these impacts, and;
- The Board exhort its congressional delegation for assistance in the dedication of funds for transportation improvements in the Richmond Highway corridor and its environs, including but not limited to the extension of rail from Huntington to Ft. Belvoir itself, the extension of rail from Franconia-Springfield to the EPG and from there to Ft. Belvoir, enhanced bus services, and other sundry road improvements.

The process that will shape the future of our corner of Fairfax County is clearly on a fast track. As we move forward, I do my best to keep you informed and protect our shared interests.

#### **CLASSIFIEDS**

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<u>Month</u> Sept	Day Wed Mon Thur Sat Tue	Date 7 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup>	Time           7:00           7:00           7:30           4:00           7:00	Event SCA Board Mtg Lee District Land Use SCA Quarterly Mtg Fall Bash StoneyEyes Mtg	Location TBD Franconia Govt Center Stone Mansion Cobblestone Court TBD
Oct	Sat	$1^{st}$	8:00a	Fall Yard Sale	Community
	Wed	$5^{th}$	7:00	SCA Board Mtg	TBD
	Mon	$10^{th}$	7:00	Lee District Land Use	Franconia Govt Center
	Tue	$25^{th}$	7:00	StoneyEyes Mtg	TBD
	Sun	$30^{th}$	2:00	Kid's Halloween Party	TBD
Nov	Wed	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00	SCA Board Mtg	TBD
	Mon	7 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Lee District Land Use	Franconia Govt Center
	Tue	29 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	StoneyEyes Mtg	TBD
Dec	Wed	7 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	SCA Board Mtg	TBD
	Mon	12 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Lee District Land Use	Franconia Govt Center
	Tue	13 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	SCA Quarterly Mtg	Stone Mansion
	Sun	18 <sup>th</sup>	2:00	Kid's Holiday Party	Stone Mansion
	Tue	27 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	StoneyEyes Mtg	TBD
Jan	Wed Mon Tue	$\begin{array}{c} 4^{th} \\ 9^{th} \\ 31^{st} \end{array}$	7:00 7:00 7:00	SCA Board Mtg Lee District Land Use StoneyEyes Mtg	TBD Franconia Govt Center TBD
Feb	Wed	$1^{st}$	7:00	SCA Board Mtg	TBD
	Mon	$6^{th}$	7:00	Lee District Land Use	Franconia Govt Center
	Tue	$28^{th}$	7:00	StoneyEyes Mtg	TBD

March	Wed	$1^{\mathrm{st}}$	7:00	SCA Board Mtg	TBD
	Mon	$6^{\mathrm{th}}$	7:00	Lee District Land Use	Franconia Govt Center
	Wed	$15^{\mathrm{th}}$	7:30	SCA Quarterly Mtg	Stone Mansion
	Tue	$28^{\mathrm{th}}$	7:00	StoneyEyes Mtg	TBD
April	Wed	5 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	SCA Board Mtg	TBD
	Mon	10 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Lee District Land Use	Franconia Govt Center
	Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup>	2:00	Kid's Egg Hunt	Stone Mansion
	Tue	25 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	StoneyEyes Mtg	TBD
May	Wed	$3^{rd}$	7:00	SCA Board Mtg	TBD
	Sat	$6^{th}$	8:00a	Spring Yard Sale	Community
	Mon	$8^{th}$	7:00	Lee District Land Use	Franconia Govt Center
	Tue	$30^{th}$	7:00	StoneyEyes Mtg	TBD
June	Wed	7 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	SCA Board Mtg	TBD
	Mon	12 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	Lee District Land Use	Franconia Govt Center
	Thur	15 <sup>th</sup>	7:30	SCA Quarterly Mtg	Stone Mansion
	Sat	17 <sup>th</sup>	4:00	Spring Fling	Stone Mill Place
	Tue	27 <sup>th</sup>	7:00	StoneyEyes Mtg	TBD
July	Wed Mon Tue	$5^{th}$ $10^{th}$ $25^{th}$	7:00 7:00 7:00	SCA Board Mtg Lee District Land Use StoneyEyes Mtg	TBD Franconia Govt Center TBD
August	Wed	$2^{ m nd}$	7:00	SCA Board Mtg	TBD
	Mon	$7^{ m th}$	7:00	Lee District Land Use	Franconia Govt Center
	Tue	$29^{ m th}$	7:00	StoneyEyes Mtg	TBD





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