

SLCA Community Accomplishments (2006-2007)

Since December 2005, several SLCA members have asked us to keep track of our work and activities and to update the membership from time to time. So, as the first of a number of occasional reports, the following are your accomplishments over the previous 18 months:

1. In the summer of 2007, initiated a process to conduct referenda that utilized block captain involvement that resulted in a 64% turnout of the community. This level of turnout is unprecedented.
2. Started an advertising program that has brought in an addition \$4900 per year in new revenue in 2006 and \$6,255 in 2007. The 2007 advertising proceeds now equals 91% of the dues income for the year, which is approximately \$6,880 per year. This additional income helps offset the cost of our newsletter and helps us operate on sound and professional basis. The SLCA Budget balance to date consistently increased each month over the year-ago balance.
3. Purchased Director's and Officer's insurance to protect Executive Committee members, who are volunteers, and their assets.
4. Renewed and restructured the relationship with the Stratford Recreation Association. Both organizations now cooperate and hold joint events.
5. SLCA was successfully re-incorporated with the State of Virginia follow years of lapsed recognition and hit a record number of Members in 2007 of 688 households or 96 % participation
6. Resolved 8 neighbor disputes over fencing, property and street / basketball hoops issues
7. Completed the installation of 20 new streetlights - 12 on Stirrup and Cavendish, three new lights on Cotswold Court, three new lights on Monticello Ave and two on Pennsylvania Ave.
8. Redesigned the newsletter and changed editorial emphasis to a positive "news you can use" approach
9. Updated the SLCA Bylaws to provide for expenditures up to 7% of the annual budget.
10. Greatly expanded the SLCA Recreation program, including:
 - New Movie Night inaugurated at the Pool for July/Aug (Now in its 2nd Year! In 2006 and 2007, approximately 225 Members attended each year.)
 - Expanded the Halloween event at the Park (Record number (420) attended in 2006.
11. Updated and set new policy standards for the Sweet List
12. Launched an effort for a small park area or nature walk for the pumping station lands and secured a County Attorney's opinion that would allow this positive addition to our neighborhood, subject to Members' approval. Organized the first-ever community walk-through of the pumping station in September 2006. Gerry Hyland arranged for the tour.
13. Successfully staged 9 blood drives for Stratford Landing at Inova Hospital
14. (Public Safety and Transportation) Street signs program - 5 of 6 requests were approved by State of Virginia and Fairfax County. All of the 2007 signs have been installed, except the one on Camden and Cavendish that is subject to the county's R-TAP process, which will be decided on August 15. 2007
15. In 2006, greatly curtailed vandalism in Stratford Landing with neighborhood watches and cooperation with Fairfax County Police (Car windshield smashings and tire slashings)
16. Enlisted Stratford Landing Girl Scouts to apply new "No Dumping Warnings to all 206 storm water drains in the community.