

Stratford Landing Newsletter

Stratford Landing Mount Vernon District Fairfax County February 2011

Bimonthly Newsletter

Holiday Decorating Winners

Congratulations to our 2010 Holiday Decorating Winners:

Best Overall:

2317 Creek Drive

Prettiest in the Daytime:

2318 Wittington Blvd

Prettiest at Night:

8709 Triumph Court

Most Kid-Friendly:

8725 Bluedale Street



Thanks to a totally new committee of judges for all their hard work! They said the remaining snow made it especially beautiful this year.

Betty and Jack Shawn Stratford Community Blood Drive

Please join your neighbors for the next drive at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital

on Feb 5th. Call Jack Shawn, 703-780-4752, if you have questions or want to schedule a time on that Saturday morning. The drive following will be on April 2nd. Mark your calendars now.

***** Reminder: The Winter Coffee is taking the place of the Potluck, which was originally scheduled for February 11th.**

Winter Coffee

Come on in out of the cold and join us at Stratford Landing Elementary School to have some coffee and breakfast with your neighbors. The Winter Coffee will be held on Saturday, February 12th from 9:30 to 11:00. SLCA will supply coffee and juice. Please bring breakfast items to share!

Spring Fling and Egg Hunt

Mark your calendars: the Spring Fling and Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 9th at 2:30pm. This is always a fun event. If the weather is half as nice as last year, it will be a fantastic kick-off for Spring. We will have a parade up Camden Street, followed by the egg hunt and crafts in the park. As in past years, we will ask

families to RSVP and contribute filled eggs for the egg hunt. Please watch for an email and/or check the website for more details (and a reminder!) as the date gets closer.

Block Captain Meetings Update

We had only one person interested in the Jan 20th meeting so we have moved that one to Mar 3rd at 2:30pm. This newsletter will be delivered around the time of the second one (Feb 1st) but based on the signups (lack thereof) it will most likely be changed or canceled as well. We are still taking signups for the Thurs, Feb 17th, 7:30pm and Sat, Feb 26th, 10 am slots and now for the Mar 3rd date as well. Recall, this is an effort to update you all and to give you a forum for telling us what we can do better. Again, we ask block captains to try to attend just one of them (all will cover the same ground). We currently plan to hold the meetings at the home of Carolyn and Ken Pribyla. So, please call or email Ken or Mary Lou Hoffman with your preferred meeting date. Again, thanks for all you do for our community.

Leah Chapla

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FREE Comprehensive Emergency Response Training (CERT) Now Available!

Fairfax County is offering two CERT 2 courses beginning in March. These courses take place at the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Academy, 4600 West Ox Road in Fairfax: March 1 to April 23 from 7-10:30 PM.

A CERT Basic Training course is also being offered. It runs over five Saturdays, February 19 through March 12. This course will be split between the **Springfield District Government Center** (Feb 19 and March 5) and the **Braddock District Supervisor's Office** (Feb 26 and March 12). A fifth morning only session (Fire Safety) will be conducted at the **Burke Volunteer Fire Station**. Sessions begin at 9:00am, with a one hour lunch break, and end no later than 4:30pm.

There are no prerequisites for either
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of these courses. If you would like to sign up for one of these courses, please contact Tony Magro via email, TMagro10@gmail.com, or phone, (703) 780-7480, and specify which class you would like to attend.

MVCCA Annual Awards Nominations are open for the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Association's annual awards for Citizen of the Year, Organization of the Year and Student of the Year. Stratford Landing did very well last year as Joan McLellan won Citizen of the Year and Rachel Lau from West Potomac High School won Student of the Year. So, please step forward and nominate some deserving folks. If you need more information on the awards go to www.mvcca.org. you will find nomination forms and information. If you would prefer, simply contact Ken Pribyla, 703-619-1385, and I will assist you in making the nomination as well as possibly sponsoring the nomination from the SLCA committee.

The Stratford Woman's Club

The club sponsored their annual Christmas Luncheon at the Mental Health Center for 50 members of the Richmond

Highway Homeless population. Famous Dave's generously provided a barbeque etc., as they did so generously last year. Please patronize Famous Dave's whenever you are in the area, they have been so kind and helpful. Fifty warm flannel shirts wrapped and sized, were provided, as always, by our members.

West Potomac High School Graduation Celebration Planned

West Potomac High School's Class of 2011 will hold its All Night Graduation Celebration (ANGC) at Belle Haven Country Club Friday, June 17, 2011 from 11:00pm until 4:00am. The event will provide a safe, fun, supervised drug and alcohol-free celebration for seniors who will have graduated earlier in the day.

The theme for the All Night Graduation Celebration is "Studio '11", patterned after the famed "Studio 54" club in New York, with the number changed to reflect the graduation year. The evening's festivities will include a casino, a disco with a disc jockey, light show and videos, a game room, refreshments, and door prizes throughout the evening as an incentive

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for all seniors to attend.

The All Night Graduation Committee, comprised of parents and students, is busy raising funds to support this effort since there is no school or county funding. Letters have been sent to local businesses and organizations requesting contributions, and the Committee will provide significant recognition for sponsors.

The ANGC Committee has planned numerous fundraisers. Upcoming events include a community BINGO game Sunday, February 27, as well as a premium mattress sale February 26 – 27, both held at the school. The community can also contribute by shopping on Amazon.com through the ANGC website. Go to www.WPHS2011ANGC.org, and then click on the Amazon link at the bottom of the page. A percentage of sales will go to support this important event. Tax-deductible contributions may also be directed to the West Potomac PTSA, ANGC, 6500 Quander Road, Alexandria, VA 22307.

“We are so pleased that the Celebration will be held closer to home this year, which will promote increased attendance by our seniors, as well as helping local businesses involved with the event,” said Elizabeth Wilmot, co-chairman of the Committee. “We will strongly promote and support all of the businesses and organizations that help us provide a safe and memorable celebration for our graduates.”

For more information about the West Potomac High School All Night Graduation Celebration event, fundraising activities, how to contribute, and a list of sponsors go to www.WPHS2011ANGC.org.

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Treasurer’s Report

Balance on hand 01/22/11 = \$2,505.67.

Primary source of receipts for this fiscal year has been \$6,410.00 from member dues.

Primary sources of disbursements (\$6,184.63) for this fiscal year have been:

\$955.84 for communications (newsletter printing, website development and maintenance)

\$1,047.79 for community activities (annual meeting, fall festival, winter coffee, holiday decorating, sign maintenance)

\$102.00 for membership in the MVCCA

\$3,294.00 for Director’s and Officer’s Insurance (approx. \$806 less than last year)

\$ 785.00 for Liability insurance



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Feathered Friends

Winter birds are here! They're marked with an asterisk (*). During November-January, 51 species of birds were seen in Stratford Landing, including Canada Goose, American Black Duck, Mallard, *Bufflehead, *Hooded Merganser, *Common Merganser, *Ruddy Duck, Great Blue Heron, Turkey Vulture, Bald Eagle, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Ring-billed Gull, Mourning Dove, Belted Kingfisher, Red-bellied Woodpecker, *Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Eastern Phoebe, Blue Jay, American Crow, Fish Crow, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, *Golden-crowned Kinglet, *Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Eastern Bluebird, American Robin, Northern Mockingbird, European Starling, Cedar Waxwing, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Eastern Towhee, *Fox Sparrow, Song Sparrow, *White-throated Sparrow, *Dark-eyed Junco, Northern Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, House Finch, American Goldfinch, and House Sparrow. For more information about birds in our area, visit www.eBird.org and www.allaboutbirds.org.



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