

 6 June 2022

Hello neighbors!

We have several upcoming activities planned to help launch a fun-filled summer. Be sure to mark your calendars!! And our congratulations to all the recent graduates living in the neighborhood!

* On Friday, **10 June, 3-5:00pm**, Kate Bertles Hennigan, McEnearney Real Estate is sponsoring an **ice cream truck** to mark the end of school and unofficial start of summer. It will be outside Kate Hennigan’s house, 3721 Fort Worth Avenue. Be sure to stop by to enjoy your free ice cream.
* The City of Alexandria will be having **Family Fun Day on Saturday, 11 June, 11:00am – 2:00pm** at the William Ramsay Recreation Center, 5650 Sanger Avenue, offering free activities, a moon bounce, entertainment and food.
* SRCA is holding this summer’s first **Screen on the Green on 17 June**. We will be showing Cheaper by the Dozen 2 on the SSSAS upper campus football field starting as soon as it’s dark enough, sometime between 7:00 and 7:30pm. Be sure to bring a blanket or beach chair (NOT the kind with legs than can sink into the ground and that would damage the field). Alternatively, there are bleacher seats you can sit on. You are welcome to bring food and beverages (NO glass, NO alcohol), as long as you take all trash back home with you.
* On **Friday, 1 July at 7:30pm** there will be a **free concert** at Mason District Park by the National Concert Band of America. Our SRCA Parliamentarian, David Pritzker, is a member of this band and provided this information to those who would like to attend!
* A second Screen on the Green will be sponsored by Bertle’s Real Estate in August. Information on a specific date and movie will be in a future newsletter.

Please also mark your calendars for **SRCA’s annual meeting and picnic on 18 September**. More details will be provided in the coming months, but volunteers are needed! Could you help with these events? If so, please email: news4srca@gmail.com.

We need **volunteers to serve in SRCA officer positions and committee chairs** for 2022-23! A number of current officers and committee chairs will be “retiring” as of the end of SRCA’s year, in September 2022. We need new volunteers to fill positions! If you are interested, please reach out to SRCA President, Jeanne Jacob and Immediate Past President, Don Frahler, who are putting together the Nominating Committee this year (jeannegjacob@gmail.com) or you may also email news4srca@gmail.com.

In other news:

* A reminder to all new (and old) residents: if you are planning to make exterior changes to your residence (including fences), please submit a request form to SRCA (which is in the Directory), talk with your neighbors, and ensure City approval (as necessary).
* Also, if anyone is new to Seminary Ridge and you have not signed up to get our newsletters, please email Susan Clark-Sestak, Communications Chair, sclarksestak@icloud.com or news4srca@gmail.com.
* SSSAS high school graduation will start at 9:30am on 11 June on the upper campus football field, so expect a little more traffic and parking in the area that day.
* Construction on Karig Estates is on hold until an issue with the sewer line is resolved.
* As noted in the local papers, the Alexandria Police Department is instituting new policies for responding to non-emergency matters that do not pose a danger and/or have already taken place (e.g., car break-ins): these matters will now be handled by telephone rather than an officer coming to a home in person. This change is due to staffing shortages and is expected to last at least through the end of this year. There is NO change to an emergency situation: call 911 and your call will be handled in the appropriate manner.
* Alexandria’s Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA) is seeking public comment on the **proposed installation of athletic field lighting** at multiple athletic fields in the City. There will be two virtual meetings: **Wednesday, June 8 at 7 p.m (**Register in advance for this webinar: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_UvUcHSBfRMCvuGF6E-MjkA](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fzoom.us%2Fwebinar%2Fregister%2FWN_UvUcHSBfRMCvuGF6E-MjkA&data=05%7C01%7Cjack.browand%40alexandriava.gov%7C57e538ec30444dfae44208da39da9262%7Cfeaa9b3143754aeeadccc76ad32a890b%7C0%7C0%7C637885908179609953%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=fhMtoiFIqPVCZsFW2qQ10nYs5BYHzc58UaDEncwcIYU%3D&reserved=0), Meeting ID: 947 2358 2421, Passcode: 176247,Dial-in: 301.715.8592) and **Tuesday, June 21 at 7 p.m.**
(Register in advance: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_75TTvoNKS9annrnMVLkEew](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fzoom.us%2Fwebinar%2Fregister%2FWN_75TTvoNKS9annrnMVLkEew&data=05%7C01%7Cjack.browand%40alexandriava.gov%7C57e538ec30444dfae44208da39da9262%7Cfeaa9b3143754aeeadccc76ad32a890b%7C0%7C0%7C637885908179609953%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=5tYxCsbXvcYs7xmJf4SBMXjZY%2FsoFsdHjVkSjd8h91w%3D&reserved=0), Meeting ID: 999 1952 6672, Passcode: 702545, )Dial-in: 301.715.8592). The fields being considered are: Francis C Hammond Middle School, 4646 Seminary Road; Patrick Henry K-8 School & Recreation Center, 4643 & 4653 Taney Avenue; Jefferson Houston K-8 School, 1501 Cameron Street; George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mt. Vernon Avenue; and Eugene Simpson Stadium Park, 426 East Monroe Avenue.
* Keep up-to-date on progress being made at MacArthur Elementary School’s Modernization project by visiting its webpage: <https://www.acps.k12.va.us/Page/2651>
* The Alexandria Fire Department is asking for community input on the services people expect from the fire department, to inform their development of a new strategic plan. The survey can be found at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AlexandriaFireCommunity>.
* As residents are likely already aware, there was a recent stabbing at the Bradlee Shopping Center, resulting in the death of an 18-year-old Alexandria City High School student. A 16-year-old has subsequently been arrested. In response to SRCA questions, ACPD will be maintaining a presence at the shopping center and noted that there are numerous gangs active in the city, increasingly so west of N. Beauregard Street near Southern Towers.
* Due to upcoming holiday weeks, the July SRCA meeting will be held on 14 July (not 7 July) and the September meeting will be held on 8 September (not 1 September).
* The minutes for the SRCA May meeting have been approved and posted on the documents page of our website, seminaryridge.net.