

29 April 2022

**Thank you to Spring Clean-up** **volunteers**. We would like to extend a BIG “thank you” to all the neighbors who turned out – so many more than last year! – for our spring clean-up along Fort Williams Parkway and the Fort Worth island on 23 April: Meghan Britt, Mike Brookbank, Maria Browne, Aiden Brydges, James Brydges, Todd Brydges, Susan Clark-Sestak, Jane Flinn, Gerry Frank, Don Horne, Nora Giannotti, Jeanne Jacob, Paul Judge, Elizabeth Murphy, Ollie Russell, Joe Sestak, Bill Stiers, Reid Stuntz, and Richie Weiblinger. We think we are still missing a couple of names – so if you came by to help and are not listed here, please reach out to us so we can extend our thanks ([news4srca@gmail.com](mailto:news4srca@gmail.com)).

We hope everyone enjoys how much nicer our common areas look. There is, of course, always still more to do – so everyone is welcome to pitch in as schedules allow – to dig up a few weeds, rake a few leaves, etc.! Take a look at the “pictures” section of our website, seminaryridge.net to see everyone hard at work! We will likely plan another clean-up event in the fall, but these areas will need a bit of attention throughout the summer too. We will also be asking the city to pay more attention to these community areas, such as weed and poison ivy control and grass mowing.

**Here are some upcoming events we thought might be of interest:**

**Saturday, 30 April, 10am – 2pm: Drug Take-Back Day**. As a follow-up to the information we provided earlier, please note a correction to the locations for turning in unused or expired medications. They are: Alexandria Police HQ, 3600 Wheeler Ave\*; Alexandria Fire Station 210, 5255 Eisenhower Ave; Firsts Baptist Church, 2932 King St; and The Neighborhood Pharmacy of Del Ray, 2204 Mount Vernon Ave\*. (The \* locations have year-round permanent drop-boxes, as does Inova Hospital, 1-5pm daily; the hospital also now has a needle disposal box.)

**Thursday, 5 May, 7:30pm: SRCA meeting** via Zoom. An agenda and zoom meeting information will be sent by newsletter on Wednesday, 4 May.

**Saturday, 7 May, 10am – 2pm: The City of Alexandria will host “RecFest**”  at Armistead L. Boothe Park (520 Cameron Station Blvd.).  RecFest is a free day of family activities representing the City’s fitness, sports, enrichment, arts, nature, out-of-school time, and summer camp programs. Attendees can see demos, meet instructors and staff, and register for programs and camps on-site. RecFest will also feature activities, such as face painting, a moon bounce, balloon art, live animal demonstrations, hands-on science, craft projects, and art activities with the City’s Mobile Art Lab. All are invited to participate in the RecFest “Passport to Fun” event to win a prize. This year, a Spring 3K Run begins at 8am; all ages and fitness levels are welcome. Registration is required and the cost of participation is $25. Proceeds from the run will benefit youth enrolled in the City’s Out of School Time Program. In case of inclement weather, RecFest will take place indoors at Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School (435 Ferdinand Day Drive) following current City COVID-19 guidelines. **Visit**[**alexandriava.gov/Recreation**](https://www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation)**for more information about RecFest and Spring 3K Run events.**

**Saturday, 14 May, 8am – noon: SRCA Yard Sale. Don’t forget to sign up for the SRCA community yard sale if you want your locations included on the map Kate Hennigan will prepare. You must let her know by 10 May to be included on the map!**