

31 August 2022

Hello SRCA!

As we celebrate the last day of August, we wanted to provide a few important updates, especially about our upcoming **picnic and annual meeting**, which will be held on **Sunday, 18 September** on the field at SSSAS Upper School campus. The picnic will start at 4:00pm, and the annual meeting at 5:30pm. In the event of rain, both events will move indoors to the cafeteria of SSSAS.

In preparation for the annual meeting, the block captains will be delivering an envelope to each household containing important information – some of which needs to be returned. If at all possible, please drop off your responses to SRCA Secretary, Susan Clark-Sestak, rather than mailing them in the return envelope provided in the package. The **documents to be returned** **by 12 September** are:

* order form for picnic food if you will be attending the picnic
* ballots for 2022-2023 SRCA officers and proposed Bylaw changes (Covenant households only)
* proxy form if you will not be attending the annual meeting (Covenant households only)
* Directory form and payment of 2022-2023 dues ($50)

If you do NOT receive this package by 8 September, please contact Susan immediately ([sclarksestak@icloud.com](mailto:sclarksestak@icloud.com)). Also, if you would like a little more time to review the proposed Bylaw changes (most are to correct typos, recognize updated forms of communication, and clarify responsibilities), the proposed changes are posted on the “documents” page of our website, seminaryridge.net.

In other news:

* It was announced on August 25 that the south-facing, reversible **HOV ramp** connecting the 395 Express Lanes to **Seminary Road will convert to a standard express lane, or High Occupancy Toll, ramp on Friday, September 9**. Converting the ramp will make it possible for vehicles that are traveling with fewer than three people to pay a toll to exit to Seminary Road from the northbound 395 Express Lanes, or to enter the southbound Lanes from Seminary Road.
* The City will host a **workshop**, open to the public, “**to discuss potential alternative approaches for the Taylor Run and Strawberry Run** projects aimed at reaching a consensus approach for improving the health and function of these two streams in the City. The workshop will be held at Alexandria Renew Education Center & Meeting Space, 1800 Limerick Street on **Saturday, Sept. 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m**. and a hybrid option is also available via Zoom link. The workshop format will include presentations in the morning on the different alternatives, a lunch break and breakout discussions around community goals on improving the two streams.” Please RSVP to attend the workshop in-person using the [online form](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/5f3aac1c22374a3eb668a46752066f75) at: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/5f3aac1c22374a3eb668a46752066f75>. The workshop will also be streamed on [Zoom](https://zoom.us/j/92613539498#success), meeting ID: 926 1353 9498 and Passcode: 411757
* The **Sheriff's Office is hosting a community academy** for four consecutive Saturdays from September 10 through October 1, with graduation on the morning of October 8. Classes are held on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the William G Truesdale Adult Detention Center, 2003 Mill Road, in Alexandria. Additional information can be found at: <https://www.alexandriava.gov/academies/sheriffs-community-academy>

Hope to see you at the picnic and annual meeting next month! Also, the monthly SRCA meeting will be held on Thursday, 8 September at 7:30pm. Agenda and Zoom meeting invite will be sent out the day before.