

11 May 2023

Hello Neighbors,

Highlights from the May SRCA Board meeting and more community news is included below.

Griffith Street Repaving:

The City of Alexandria plans to mill and repave Griffith Place from Fort Williams Parkway to End from **May 12 to May 19 from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM**, excluding weekends, weather permitting. Scheduling is highly dependent on weather conditions.

Please be aware of the following during this project:

1. No vehicles may be parked on the affected street sections during the work. Temporary “No Parking” signs will be posted prior to any construction activity. In the event of delays, temporary signs will be adjusted accordingly.
2. Traffic in the immediate and surrounding area may need to be re-directed. Please observe traffic detours and other traffic signs.
3. City T& ES staff will be on the scene for the duration of the project.
4. Streets will be re-striped as soon as practical following resurfacing
5. Posted sign dates are subject to change and will be updated accordingly.

Brief Recap of SRCA Community Meeting on April 20 with Bill Rossello re: City’s Single-Family Zoning Initiatives:

We had a great turnout for this meeting and it was very informative! Zoning for Housing/Housing for all is a hot topic in the City right now and it’s a matter we need to stay on top of. The City is coordinating additional upcoming meetings to obtain more input from citizens and provide updates about what plans they’re considering. The following link contains more information: [Zoning for Housing/Housing for All | City of Alexandria, VA \(alexandriava.gov\)](https://www.alexandriava.gov/zoning-for-housing/housing-for-all)

The next Zoning for Housing community meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 22 from 6-8pm** at the Lee Center.

Duke Street In Motion Updates:

Two end-to-end corridor concepts are currently under consideration. The Duke Street in Motion Advisory Group (AG) will provide a presentation of feedback and make a recommendation to City Council on Thursday, May 25 on a preferred concept for the busway for each segment of the corridor as well as on curb features such as sidewalks, shared use paths, and bicycling facilities. They’ll then share the preferred concept with Boards & Commissions. In June there will be a public hearing and the City Council will vote on the near- and long-term solution. The design and bidding process is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2023. Construction would begin immediately following in 2024 with the goal of completing construction in 2027.

For more information, visit the [project website](#).

Strawberry Run Updates:

In the Mayor's monthly email report it was mis-stated that Strawberry Run and Taylor Run have been delayed which is costing the City of Alexandria money because they had to return the grant. There are no pollution credits to be gained, and it's not the reason the money had to be returned. We suggest you send an email asking the Mayor to correct this statement.

Stephens & St. Agnes School (SSSAS) Updates:

SSSAS held an Upper School Project Information Session on April 27 to talk to the neighborhood about the work being done. The next meeting will be on June 1.

Graduation has been moved up to June 3.

Update on Ft. Williams Parkway and Ft. Worth Avenue Medians:

All invasives have been sprayed and overgrowth trimmed down, but the City doesn't have the funding to fully fund planting evergreens or shrubs there, so we are looking at doing a revitalization of these areas as part of the Beautification Committee. SRCA President, Richie Weiblinger, is looking at partnership programs to help us beautify all of the medians.

Upcoming SRCA May Events:

- **Annual SRCA Yard Sale**
WHEN: Saturday, May 20, 8:00am until Noon
WHERE: The driveway/garage of participating homes
SRCA will post signs around the neighborhood directing people to participating homes.
- **SRCA Spring Party – *Don't forget to RSVP by May 15!***
WHEN: Sunday, May 21, 5:00-7:00pm
WHERE: The home of Ken and Elizabeth Wainstein, 4007 Moss Place
Adult SRCA Members Only
Please RSVP (acceptances only) to Katie Dominick by **Monday, May 15:**
dominick.katherineross@gmail.com or 202-276-5058.

Home Sales in Seminary Ridge:

Three homes (826 St. Stephens Rd, 4012 N Garland St, and 3948 Fort Worth Ave) recently sold in Seminary Ridge, and all sold in under a week. The market is picking up, but inventory is still down over 50% from the last two years. If you are thinking about selling, now is a really good time to start the process. Buyers are out there and looking for homes, and our neighborhood historically sells quickly and holds value tremendously well.

SRCA Dues Reminder:

To date, only 153 households have paid their 2022-2023 dues. We thank those who have paid and ask that if you have not done so, please send your check for \$50, payable to SRCA, to Scott Sutherland, Treasurer - or use the seminaryridge.net website to submit your payment.

Application for Approval of Exterior Modification/Addition:

If you are planning any exterior modifications and/or additions to your home, please complete SRCA's *Application for Approval of Exterior Modification/Addition* and submit it to the Board for approval. This form can be found on [our website](#) under the 'Documents' drop-down menu.

March Board Meeting Minutes: At the May Board meeting, the minutes from the March meeting were approved and have been posted on seminaryridge.net. Please note there was no Board meeting held in April.

Next SRCA Board Meeting: June 1, 2023 at 7:00 pm

And lastly, a friendly reminder about recycling:

- **Recycle Glass at the Purple Glass Recycling Bins – NOT in Your Home Recycling Bins**
Effective January 15, 2020, customers who receive City recycling service must bring glass containers to one of the region's "purple bin" [drop-off locations](#) to ensure the glass will be recycled. Glass placed in the bins is processed at a Fairfax County facility, where it is crushed into gravel and sand or recycled into new glass products.
- **No Plastic Bags in the Recycling Bin**
Alexandria's recycling processor does not accept plastic bags, wraps or film of any type in our residential recycling collections. Plastic bags get caught in the sorting machinery creating maintenance shut downs and safety problems for workers. Therefore, please return plastic bags to local grocery stores for recycling. To find the nearest plastic bag drop-off location, [click here](#).