

27 July 2023

Hello Neighbors,

Please read below for upcoming SRCA events and announcements, and other community updates!

Upcoming SRCA Events and Announcements:

- As a reminder, our annual "Screen on the Green" event is **THIS Saturday, July 29th at 7:00 pm** (rain date is Saturday, August 19th). This is a family-friendly evening of fun under the stars on the SSSAS upper school football field! This summer's featured movie will be *The Sandlot!* Bring your blankets, pillows, cushions, etc. (but no chairs with sharp legs please)! Seating is also available on the bleachers. Popcorn and bottled water will be provided, courtesy of Kate Bertles Hennigan with McEneaney Associates.
- Please note the **NEW DATE** for the **SRCA Annual Picnic & Meeting** is **Sunday, October 1.**
- **SRCA is seeking volunteers to serve in SRCA officer and committee chair positions for 2023-24!** Some positions will become available in October 2023. If you are interested in getting more involved in our wonderful community, please [contact us](#). This is a great opportunity to become better acquainted with your fellow neighbors and have a voice in SRCA events and community projects!
- Our **Beautification Committee** is back up and running! If you're interested in joining this committee, please email news4srca@gmail.com.
- **SRCA is finalizing our new directory!** If you're new to the neighborhood and would like your contact information included in our directory, or if you're already listed in our directory but want changes made, please let us know as soon as possible! Simply submit the online [Directory Information Form](#) (scroll down to the purple section of the page) or email news4srca@gmail.com.

Duke Street In Motion Updates:

On June 27th, City Council approved the concept design for the Duke Street Transitway as [proposed](#) by the Duke Street Advisory Group. The City will continue to work with residents on design elements of the project, specifically some of the service roads and intersections in Segment 3, later this summer. View the Council [docket](#), [meeting video](#), and [presentation](#).

Should you have any questions about the road and curb concepts, the costs vs. benefits, and the implications for those of us who live along the corridor, to please email Erin Winograd at Erin@Winograd.US.

Seminary Hill Civic Association (SHA) Updates:

ACPS District B Board Members – Kelly Booz and Ashley Baird Simpson – attended the June 8, 2023 SHA meeting at Immanuel Church on the Hill and answered a variety of questions about Douglas MacArthur and Minnie Howard plans. SHA is not meeting this summer and will reconvene September 21, 2023.

- **Douglas MacArthur Modernization Project:** Installation of the scoreboard and climbing wall in the gymnasium are complete. Level two cabinets and wainscoting are complete, installation is

ongoing on remaining levels. Traffic coating in the garage has begun and will continue over the next few weeks. Installation of cafeteria flooring and kitchen equipment is ongoing. Bus loop grading and paving are complete. Installation of kitchen flooring, the gymnasium wall and the learning stair curtain wall are also complete. Restroom tile is complete on level three and fixture installation is ongoing on levels one and three. Metal panel installation along the exterior is nearing completion. Curb and sidewalk work continues in multiple areas.

Community members can send questions, comments and concerns to the project email: newmacarthur@acps.k12.va.us. Updates can be found on the [ACPS Douglas MacArthur Modernization webpage](#).

- **Minnie Howard Redevelopment Construction:** Community members can send construction questions, comments and concerns to the project email: hsproject@acps.k12.va.us. Updates can be found on the [ACPS Minnie Howard Redevelopment webpage](#).

West End Coalition (WEC) Updates:

The next quarterly virtual meeting of the WEC will be Saturday, September 23 at 10:00 AM. The WEC is inviting Mayor Wilson as the guest speaker.

Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations (AFCA) Updates:

AFCA met on June 28, 2023. Josh Baker, CEO, Alexandria Transit Company (DASH), followed by Kathie Hoekstra, Chair, Alexandria Environmental Protection Commission opened the program. AFCA is planning a Housing Forum in the September/October timeframe.

Stephens & St. Agnes School (SSSAS) Updates:

SSSAS's construction project is underway. The module classrooms are up and will be ready for the start of the school year in September. If the construction trucks are not exiting down St. Stephens Rd. onto Seminary Rd., please let SSSAS know because that's the route they're supposed to take. They'll be running 30-40 trucks down the road every day to get as much work done as they can over the summer. Building will start in September. SSSAS has asked the trucks not to come through during school drop-off and pick-up times so the truck traffic shouldn't interfere with parent/student traffic. The plan is for the modular buildings to be up all school year. If the work is completed on time, the modular buildings will be taken down at the end of the school year; if there are any delays, they'll be kept up through Summer 2024. If anyone has any issues or concerns, please email Construction@sssas.org.

Home Sales in Seminary Ridge:

Overall values are holding in our neighborhood. There are certainly a couple of outliers, but this time of year is not the hot market; things won't pick back up in earnest until after Labor Day.

June Board Meeting Minutes: At the July Board meeting, the minutes from the June meeting were approved and have been posted on seminaryridge.net.

Next SRCA Board Meeting: August 3, 2023 at 7:00 pm