

# Communiqué

December 2023

Official Newsletter of the Stonewall Manor Community Association

## Dec 24th Neighborhood Luminaria Display



Since the late 1960's our neighborhood has come together to "show our combined light" or "light the journey home" through our annual Winter Holidays Luminaria Display. In 2023 we are planning to host our display on December 24th (rain/weather date 31 December). We will require volunteers to enable this tradition to be a success! Residents light the candles at dusk and the result makes a truly magical display.

This is a fun activity for everyone, and a great family activity for kids from 8 to 80. We need a handful of neighbors to help prepare the bags, 20-30 people to scoop sand and place candles in the bags and another 10-15 drivers and people to help place the bags. If you would like to assist us with this special event [sign up here](#).

Contact [luminariesstonewallmanor@gmail.com](mailto:luminariesstonewallmanor@gmail.com) if you have additional questions. Make certain to clean up the curb area in front of your home and keep a lookout for more information and updates on SMCA Email or Manormail!

## House Renovations

Would you like to show off your wonderful house renovations? Please join the 2024 Stonewall Manor Open House afternoon which is scheduled for:

**Saturday, March 16, 2024**  
**1:00 to 4:00 pm.**

If you are among the many owners who have done renovations, interesting updates, or changes to your floorplan, please consider joining the Open House. It would be helpful to provide information on the contractor, the products and your remodeling experiences if you wish to include that information.

To put your home on the list please email Lynn Glendinning at [newlunalynn@gmail.com](mailto:newlunalynn@gmail.com) with your name and address, type of renovation and style of house. We would love you to be part of the renovated house tour!



## SMCA New Directory Format 2023-25

SMCA is evaluating new software for the Directory. To assist us with the evaluation period please verify/update your information to be included in the directory. In the email from the SMCA Board click on the link *Update Preferences*. Make any necessary field updates. Use the bottom field to include any other names in your household you wish to appear.



## Welcome Committee

Join the SMCA Welcome Committee and be one of the first folks to meet new neighbors. Duties include preparing Welcome bags and delivering the bags to our Area Reps or new residents.

Contact Nancy Pugh at [Nancy.pugh2@verizon.net](mailto:Nancy.pugh2@verizon.net) for more details!

Website - <https://stonewallmanor.org>

To receive SMCA Board updates and community announcements please sign up at [bit.ly/stonewall-updates](https://bit.ly/stonewall-updates)

## Neighborhood 60th!

Save the date!

The neighborhood 60th anniversary celebration is scheduled for:



**Saturday, May 18 (12pm-4pm)**

Volunteers are needed! If you can offer some assistance SMCA President Phil Eskeland will share details about what is needed.

Contact Phil at [SMCAPrez1@gmail.com](mailto:SMCAPrez1@gmail.com).

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## Help With Snow



Winter is just around the corner and it's time to think about helping elderly or disabled neighbors in Stonewall Manor.

I have a snowblower, so if you would like to help, but don't have the means, please reach out and I'll loan you my blower to use for this worthy cause! Thanks to all of our previous volunteers!!!

You can reach me at [malgranville@gmail.com](mailto:malgranville@gmail.com).

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## Richard Hildreth *in memorium*

When snow plowing and trash pick-up were not yet available, Dick founded SMCA to address those issues. His other major contributions to our community include: streetlights, serving as President of SMCA in 1971, 1974 and 2002 through 2005; the 40th Anniversary Parade for Stonewall and the creation of the access path from Jackson Parkway to the W&OD Trail. After his own children graduated from Marshall High School, he helped to create a "letter award" in recognition of academic achievement. He will be greatly missed.

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## Trash Fund and SMCA Dues Announcements

- **Trash Payments** are due: December 1st. You should have received an invoice this week; if you have any questions, please email: [SMCA-TrashFund@gmail.com](mailto:SMCA-TrashFund@gmail.com)
- All payments more than 15 days late are subject to a \$15 late fee. Accounts not paid within 30 days are subject to suspension. Suspended accounts will have a \$25 reconnection fee.
- For **Trash collection** issues, please call 703-239-8540 or visit: <https://cswaste.com>
- **Yard Debris:** During October through December 20th, you may put out up to 15 Trash bags of Yard Debris. Because the county closes the yard-debris landfill, starting December 26th Champion only accepts up to 2 bags per collection (put it with your household trash).
- **Holiday Tree Collection:** Please note Champion will pick up Christmas trees on 1/3/2024 and 1/10/2024 minus any decorations.
- For questions about **Dues** and whether you've paid them or not, please email the SMCA Treasurer, Robin Depaoli, at [RNormanDepaoli@outlook.com](mailto:RNormanDepaoli@outlook.com)

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## Pick up after your pet please!

Please keep your dog on a leash at all times including the fields of Thoreau Middle School! Always clean up after your dog! Put it in a bag, knot the top, and toss it in your own trashcan. It's Fairfax County law, it is safer for you and your dog, and considerate to people who share our sidewalks with you.

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## Charitable Scams

Donate to charities you know and trust. To assist with evaluating charities go to <https://consumer.ftc.gov/features/how-donate-wisely-and-avoid-charity-scams>

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