

# Communiqué

March 2024

Official Newsletter of the Stonewall Manor Community Association

## STONEWALL MANOR 60TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY!

Stonewall Manor is turning 60 years old and you are all invited to the party scheduled for:



**Saturday, May 18th from 12 - 4PM at the Vine Church on Gallows Rd.**

We need your help to make this an extra special event! Please reach out to Social Chair Andrea Bosco at [ABosco@McEnearney.com](mailto:ABosco@McEnearney.com) if you are able to help with any of the below needs:

- Singers, dancers, musicians who would like to perform.
- Kid entertainers – face painters, tattoos, bubbles, balloon twisters, Disney characters.
- Students and/or scouts in need of volunteer hours who can help setup/cleanup the event.
- PE teachers or coaches available to play PE style games for older kids.
- Share your creativity by helping us decorate the event.
- Any historians able to give a presentation on the early days of Stonewall Manor?
- Submit nominees for neighborhood superlatives – longest resident, most spirited family, best curb appeal, best baker.
- How can we help each other? Submit your expertise to be included in the neighborhood's favour board (e.g. Handyman, babysitters, baker)
- We will accept any donations for things needed to execute any of the above activities to defray the cost of the party.

## House Renovations

Are you thinking about changing/updating some of the rooms of your house? Considering major renovations? Curious about the work your neighbors have done? Please join the 2024 Stonewall Manor Open House afternoon which is scheduled for:



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

Each participating house will have a colorful balloon near their walkway and we will be emailing a copy of the neighborhood map to the official SMCA Board email list and Manormail in early March.

## Last Chance to Update Directory

Please make any updates to your information by **March 15th**. On any email from the SMCA Board click on the link Update Preferences at the very bottom. Make any necessary field updates. Use the bottom field to include any other names in your household you wish to appear. Any questions, please email [smcaprez1@gmail.com](mailto:smcaprez1@gmail.com).

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)

## Garden to Vase

JoAnn Donnelly of the Stonewall Manor Garden Society will be presenting a program entitled

**"Garden to Vase"  
at the Patrick Henry Public Library  
on Saturday, April 27 from 1 to 2p.m.**

The program is open to the public and JoAnn will be showing how we can use our own flowers to make amazing arrangements. Please come and enjoy this free presentation.



## Annual Community Yard Sale

**Saturday, June 1  
9am - 2pm  
(rain date, Sunday, June 2)**

Time to declutter and sell (or give away) some of your "stuff" right on your own driveway. It's also a great opportunity to get to know some of your neighbors. Please remember to remove any unsold items by the end of the day.

## Garden Society Plant Sale

The Stonewall Manor Garden Society will hold its annual plant sale on **May 11, 2024**, the day before Mother's Day, at the corner of Villanova and Stonewall Drive, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. We will sell hanging baskets, perennials from our gardens, and newly planted annuals. We'll also have houseplants and other gardening/flower paraphernalia like vases and pots. Please come and enjoy an annual Garden Society tradition!



## Trash Trust Fund Announcements

**TRASH PAYMENTS: are due March 1st. Invoices went out on 2/15/2024.** If you have any questions about the Trash Rates or want to be included in the Trash Announcements, please email: [smcatrashfund@gmail.com](mailto:smcatrashfund@gmail.com)

### CHAMPION TRASH RATES Increase for 2024-2025 (starting with May 2024 invoices)

For those of you who participate in the Consolidated Trash Fund, **please be aware that the trash rates will be increasing starting with the MAY 2024 invoices.** Per our 3-year contract with Champion, the rates are supposed to increase by 7.5% per year. However, since we have no outstanding collection and some surplus, starting on 6/1/2024 the new rates will be:

**\$104 for 1x per week Trash Service** (up from \$101)  
**\$114 for 2x per week Trash Service** (up from \$107)

There are no extra fees for credit card payments, electronic bank payments or checks. The annual payments (which are due 6/1) have no discounts, but you are welcome to make annual payments.

### FRIENDLY REMINDERS ABOUT RECYCLING:

- **No items set out for curbside recycling should be placed in plastic bags**
- No glass bottles or jars should be set out for curbside recycling
- Glass bottles or jars (not windows, mirrors, or commercial use glass) should be brought to one of the nearby purple, glass-only recycling containers. The closest purple container to our neighborhood is located at 2334 Gallows Road in Dunn Loring behind the Dunn Loring Administrative Building, on the corner of Idylwood Road and Gallows Road
- Yard debris pickup will resume on March 15th
- For more information, please visit the following website: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/glass>

