

Communiqué

May 2024

Official Newsletter of the Stonewall Manor Community Association

SMCA ANNUAL MEETING

May 18 at 1:30pm at the Vine Church - 2501 Gallows Road in Dunn Loring

This year, the SMCA Annual Meeting will be held in-person at 1:30pm in conjunction with Stonewall Manor's 60th Anniversary Party at the Vine Church. Agenda items will include a review of the 2023-2024 activities and associated budget, Board nominations, and a preview of the priorities for the upcoming year. We encourage all SMCA members to attend, meet your fellow neighbors, and learn about opportunities to make our community an even greater place to live. Updated neighborhood directories should also be available for those who paid their biennial dues. The meeting should last no more than 30 minutes so everyone can enjoy the festivities.

The Board nominations to be voted on during the Annual Meeting include:

President:	Phil Eskeland
Vice President:	Lidian Shark
Treasurer:	Robin Depaoli
Secretary:	Oliver Wei

All the candidates are currently serving in their above mentioned roles. Tatiana Glennie has also graciously agreed to continue to serve at the SMCA Trash Fund Manager.



STONEWALL MANOR 60TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY!

Please Join Us!

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 2501 Gallows Rd.

Join us for some face painting, balloon twisting, music and other live performances! Refer to the next SMCA Board email for further party details. We are still in need of your help to make this an extra special event! Please reach out to Social Chair Andrea Bosco at ABosco@McEneaney.com if you are able to offer assistance with any of the items listed in the March party article.

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In an effort to keep dues at a reasonable level, the August Communiqué will be the last printed version.

If you are not currently receiving electronic SMCA Board updates and newsletters please sign up at

bit.ly/stonewall-updates.

Website - <https://stonewallmanor.org>

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.



Trash Trust Fund Announcements

Yard Debris started for the season: You may put yard waste out with your recycling, either in lidded containers or paper bags. Bundles of twigs may be tied with twine, in lengths of no more than 3-4 feet long and in person-sized weight (keep it under 50 pounds, maximum). Please remember that yard waste does NOT include dirt, mulch, tree roots, treated lumber.

TRASH PAYMENTS are due June 1st. Invoices will go out 5/15/2024. If you have any questions about Trash Rates or want to be included in the Trash Announcements, please email: smcatrashfund@gmail.com

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

Consolidated Trash Fund Participants, 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 collections 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. ANNUAL Fees are:

\$416 for 1x per week Trash Service (up from \$404)
\$456 for 2x per week Trash Service (up from \$428)

THANK YOU to our wonderful neighbors who opened their homes for the Renovated House Tour. Over 100 people toured the houses and everyone had a marvelous time!

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



May 11th - Garden Society Plant Sale from 8:30a.m. to 12p.m. at the corner of Villanova & Stonewall Drive the Garden Society will sell hanging

baskets, perennials from their gardens, houseplants, and annuals. Fairfax County Master Gardener Elaine Metlin will be available from 10-11 a.m. to answer gardening questions. Please come and enjoy an annual Garden Society tradition.