

# SRA NEWS

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## A Message from the President

As we come to the close of another season of activities at the pool, I wanted to take a few minutes to thank everyone for their contribution to what has turned out to be a great season. We have seen the facility continue to perform wonderfully in spite of storms, power outages, and occasional unexpected closings due to lightning. The hard work of volunteers continues to keep the grounds looking sharp. We have watched our teams continue to grow and improve as the next generation of Stratford kids come into their own.

The SRA Construction Committee is in full swing working through pool house renovation predevelopment issues and we expect to break ground in 2016. The board has selected Fort Hunt Construction, Inc. as SRA's contractor for the pool house renovation. JC Schaub and Khrysti Uhrin (SRA pro bono architects) are chairing the SRA Construction Committee effort. After the pool house renovation the board will consider a new asphalt parking lot and making repairs to the existing pavilion and Shark Shack. The SRA Board is proud of the fact that it will not leverage additional debt for these renovations. As good stewards of the membership's assets, the board will use existing cash reserves for these renovations.

The board would like to thank our lifeguard crew and administrative staff for their efforts this year. We had a terrific mix of neighborhood kids and fresh faces, with an experienced group leading the way. We look forward to many of them returning next year, as well as seeing some of those from the junior guard program establish their place on the guard crew.

The board would also like to thank all the volunteers throughout the season who made it possible for us to stay open and operational. It's important for us all to remember that every single team event, social event, or improvement project is only made possible through volunteers. We have members in our community who give a great deal of their time and energy to SRA, and our community as a whole is much better for it.

If you have not yet volunteered to help SRA with its primary missions, I ask that you please volunteer your time in 2016. When assessing our volunteer ranks over the last several years, we discovered that only 10% of our membership commits actual volunteer hours to SRA, including the Board. SRA is a nonprofit organization, and this facility requires your assistance in order to function successfully. In order to increase our membership volunteer percentage, I ask that you please make a personal commitment to serve SRA in some volunteer capacity in 2016.

Finally, I want to thank my fellow members of the board, committee chairs and team representatives. This work can be time-consuming and challenging, and we thank you for your service. We are at the point in the year when, once again, we seek members of the board to serve two-year terms. Jody Nyalko, Bill Roberts, Larry Newman, and Sheila Pinter will be moving on, and I want to thank them for their service, their friendship and their commitment to SRA's mission. You will be missed.

We look forward to seeing you during our next general membership meeting on Tuesday, November 17. SRA Membership will vote on **(Continued next column)**

## Fall General Membership Meeting

The Fall Meeting of the Stratford Recreation Association will be held at Stratford Landing School on Tuesday, November 17 at 7:30 PM. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on boundary changes, present reports of current operations and status of the bathhouse renovation, and hold elections. All members are urged to attend this meeting. If you cannot attend, please complete the enclosed proxy form to enable another active member of the Association to vote on your behalf. It's important to have a quorum so votes can be taken on the boundaries and officers of the SRA. Biographies on all candidates may be found inside this newsletter.

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### *General Membership Meeting*

**Tuesday, November 17, 2015**

**7:30 PM**

***Stratford Landing Elementary  
School Cafeteria***

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boundary changes and six SRA Board positions (1) President, (2) Secretary and (3) four Member-at-Large positions. I have added my name to the ballot for a second term as President. Ben Bridgman and JC Schaub will do the same for two renewed Member-at-Large positions and Amy Kirner has added her name to the ballot as Secretary. This is still a wonderful opportunity for SRA members to volunteer and add their name to the ballot for a board position. If you are interested in running please attend the General Membership Meeting and speak up! Nominations will be taken from the floor.

David Fleischman  
President

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## Employment Opportunities

All positions require a short written application describing qualifications and experience. All applications are due by December 15 and must include full name, previous work experience, date of birth, contact numbers (cell and landline) and email address. Interviews will be conducted during the winter holiday break, so please email applications to: [vp@stratfordrec.org](mailto:vp@stratfordrec.org). Potential candidates will be contacted to schedule an interview. **Tiered pay scale is based on qualifications and number of years on staff at SRA.**

**Life Guards:** The Operations Committee of the SRA is receiving applications from interested and qualified candidates to be Guards at the SRA Pool for the 2016 Season. Candidates must be at least 15 years of age and have gone through and passed the SRA Junior Guard Program or have equivalent guard experience at a similar pool. Applicants should have, lifeguard certification, first aid, and CPR. If hired, SRA will reimburse the cost of the required courses upon success fully completing the season. (Certified pool operator is desired, but not required for Life Guards.)

**Pool Manager and Assistant Manager:** Must have lifeguard certification, first aid, certified pool operator and CPR. Applicants should bring evidence of certifications with them to the interview. We will consider candidates who will take the required courses this winter and spring (before the pool opens in May). Courses are offered in colleges, by the Red Cross, the Fairfax County Park Authority, and elsewhere.

**Office Staff:** We are seeking adults interested in working in the office. Work schedules are flexible during regular pool hours.

## Empty Nesters

**According to the SRA Bylaws, all memberships must be sold before any membership may be leased. Because of the number of memberships currently for sale, we may be unable to lease any memberships next season.**

Applications are now being accepted for empty nesters. **All applications must be submitted on or before April 1.**

The Empty Nester Policy allows members to lease their membership to people on a waiting list, on a yearly basis. You must request an application and submit it to the business manager on or before April 1 of the year in which you intend to lease your membership. You are then put on a list on a first-come basis.

**Empty nesters must pay annual dues. If and when the membership is leased, the member will be refunded the annual dues and will be issued 20 guest tickets to be used during that season. Empty nesters are expected to work at the pool during the spring clean up; however, they will not be issued additional guest tickets for doing so.**

## Proxy

Printed below is a proxy form you may use should you be unable to attend the meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2015. It must be dated and completely filled in. It may be assigned only to a bona fide active member of the Association.\* When properly assigned to another member of the Association, it will entitle the designee to vote on your behalf on all issues discussed during the meeting. Proxies must be received by 7:00 PM on November 17. **Proxies may dropped off at Jody Nyalko's home, 8713 Bluedale St., scanned and emailed to her at [secretary@stratfordrec.org](mailto:secretary@stratfordrec.org), or given to a member planning to attend the meeting.**

**PROXY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Your Name (printed)*

The undersigned member of the Stratford Recreation Association, Inc., hereby designates:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of designee (printed)*

As his or her proxy for any and all purposes or matters that may arise at the general membership meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, or any adjournment thereof. It is understood that if, after assigning the proxy, I attend the meeting, the proxy is revoked.

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*Your membership number*

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*Your signature*

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***Vote for SRA President, Secretary, and Four At-large Members***  
*(Nominations may be made from the floor with prior approval of the nominee)*

## Board Nominees

**President (2-year term):**

**David Fleischman**

David Fleischman and his family have lived in Alexandria since 2000. He and his wife, Susan, have three children (two of three are lifeguards at SRA), and have been members of SRA for six years. David has served as SRA's President for the last two years. He works in real estate development at the Department of Housing and Urban Development, but much prefers spending time with his family, watching the Green Bay Packers, skiing, mowing the lawn or cheering on his children at their various sporting events.

**Secretary (2-year term):**

**Amy Kirner**

Amy Kirner and her husband Bo Bodniewicz moved to their home in the Potomac Valley River Bend neighborhood in 2010 and became members of SRA shortly thereafter. Amy enjoys spending summer days at the pool with daughters Clara (age 6) and Diana (age 3). Both girls have taken swim lessons at SRA. Clara has done winter swim for several years and participated on the swim team this past summer. Amy was previously an at-large member of the SRA board. She has also been the membership chair of the Moms Club of Alexandria-Mt Vernon and volunteers at her girls' schools, Saint Louis Catholic School and Aldersgate Day School.

## Vote for Four At-large Members

**Benjamin Bridgman**

Ben, his wife Jennifer, and their two miniature dachshunds, have lived in Stratford Landing since 2012. He has volunteered at the pool for the last year and has served as an At-Large board member since August. He is an economist at the Bureau of Economic Analysis, where he conducts research on economic measurement. Outside of work, he is a dedicated runner and enjoys cooking and history.

**Dan Offringa**

Originally from the Netherlands, I have lived in Northern Virginia since my early teens, and in the Mount Vernon area for over 15 years. In my spare time I like to spend time on water-related activities such as sailing, wakeboarding, windsurfing, kiteboarding, kayaking and of course hanging out at the pool. I also enjoy watching Duke basketball. I worked at the FDA for 15 years and for the last 10 have been a regulatory consultant in the biotech and pharmaceutical industry. My wife, Karen and I decided to join SRA a few years ago because our children, Tierney and Boede, were interested in joining the dive team and it's close enough that they can go to the pool independently. We've since very much enjoyed becoming part of the SRA family.

**J.C. Schaub**

Having served two two-year terms as an At-Large member, JC is running for re-election. He is a restaurant architect who has worked on many well-known restaurants in the Metro DC area. JC and his wife Andrea, along with their two girls, Maddie "Jade" and Gracie moved to Virginia in 2005. They initially moved to Hollin Hills but visited SRA regularly on guest passes. They moved to Stratford Landing in 2009 and promptly became full members at SRA. Jade has been a lifeguard for three seasons. JC volunteered to become the Chair of the Concessions Committee for the 2011 season and has brought his restaurant design knowledge to bear on enhancing the Shark Shack. He is currently spearheading the Construction Committee to facilitate the upcoming renovation of our bathhouse.

**Sarah Lang**

I am an 8-year resident of Stratford Landing with children attending Fort Hunt Elementary School. With degrees in Marketing as well as Management, I have been an educational administrator for the majority of my professional career, first at the George Washington University and now at Episcopal High School. I hope to be an At-Large Board Member at the SRA to further engage with my own community and, perhaps, help others do the same. Thanks!

**A map of the suggested boundary changes will be available on the website and at the meeting.**

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=zbOUdhUJoHEq.kWS9IE6M0wA&usp=sharing>

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## Important Dates

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 2015

7:30 PM @ STRATFORD LANDING SCHOOL

### DEADLINE FOR DUES - APRIL 1, 2016

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MARCH 15, 2016

7:30 PM @ STRATFORD LANDING SCHOOL

### SRA BOARD MEETING – APRIL 19, 2016

7:30 PM @ STRATFORD LANDING SCHOOL

### SRA BOARD MEETING – MAY 17, 2016

7:30 PM @ THE POOL

### SRA BOARD MEETING – JUNE 21, 2016

7:30 PM @ THE POOL

*SRA members may submit written comments or proposals for discussion at all meetings. The Board will notify a member within seven (7) calendar days of a Board meeting if the issue or proposal is an agenda item for that Board meeting. Members may attend all Board meetings.*

## 2013 - 2015 SRA Board of Directors

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