
SRA News

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am happy to report that SRA continues to be a financially sound, stable, and thriving part of our community.

Our membership remains stable with new families purchasing memberships as they become available. This stability has allowed us to move forward with plans for the bath house renovation, which is now expected to break ground in September 2016. This is due to a public hearing delay, permit processing and construction timelines threatening to interfere with summer swim and dive schedules. The SRA Board agreed that this is the most responsible route to take and appreciates your patience as we move swiftly through the predevelopment process.

Under the direction of the SRA Board, JC Schaub has volunteered his time to lead the SRA Construction Committee efforts. The Board and Construction Committee look forward to sharing information from the March 2 Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals hearing as soon as we can.

We are well on our way to finalizing the SRA team for 2016. In January our Operations Committee kept busy interviewing and filling our lifeguard and staff positions for the summer. We have a great roster of guards, coaches, and staff for the upcoming season, with many familiar faces returning to SRA. Once again, Mark Murray will continue to provide his seasoned leadership for us. My sincere thanks to Steve Schlacter, VP Operations, and SRA's Operations Committee members: Jody Nyalko, Dan Fleming, Sarah Lang, and Mark Murray.

As you know, SRA is a nonprofit member corporation that needs your help to run the various swim and dive meets, tennis matches, Family Nights, concession sales, and social parties and events that sustain us all summer. I encourage you to pitch in to help all season long at SRA. Your volunteer time is imperative to our success. In addition to swim timers and dive judges, there are a limited number of specialized swimming and dive

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General Membership Meeting Tuesday, March 15, 7:30 p.m. Stratford Landing ES

SRA's spring meeting will be held in the cafeteria of Stratford Landing Elementary School on Tuesday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. Please join us as we discuss plans for the upcoming season.

DUES NOTICE: Dues remain \$595 for 2016; due April 1.

Dues cover SRA's operating funds for the season, so please pay on time. A check may be mailed to SRA Business Manager at 8832 Camfield Drive, Alexandria, VA 22308, or dropped in the SRA box located at that address. It may be easiest to just bring your check to the March meeting!

Payment in full is due by April 1.

Late fees will be charged as follows:

- Payment in full received between April 1 and April 15: \$59.50 late fee.
- After April 15, \$119 late fee, and suspension of membership privileges until paid.
- The postmark on the envelope will determine the payment date.
- Late fees are nonrefundable and may not be waived, as per SRA by-laws. There are no exceptions.
- Those wishing to sell their membership must pay dues by April 1. When your membership is sold, dues will be refunded on a pro-rated basis.
- Empty Nester applicants must pay dues by April 1. See page 3 for more information about this program.

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volunteer positions that need to be filled. Other volunteer positions include tennis, social events, concessions, cooks, fundraising, and pre-season and post-season Clean Up Days, to name a few. Please continue to visit our website at www.stratfordrec.org and contact SRA's Board, Operations Committee or Team Coordinators by email to volunteer your time.

Finally, I am happy to report that the SRA Board has adopted a 2016 operations budget that keeps membership dues and team fees at the same rate as last year. SRA will continue to work hard at fundraising, remain dedicated to controlling costs, and being good stewards of its assets.

I sincerely look forward to meeting and working with the SRA community this year! If you ever have any questions for me, please do not hesitate to send me an email: president@stratfordrec.org. Please remember to join us at 7:30 pm for our SRA General Membership meeting on Tuesday, March 15, at Stratford Landing Elementary School.

Go Sharks!

David Fleischman

STRATFORD SHARKS

Swim, Dive & Tennis Team News

It's a great time to be a Stratford Shark! If you want more information about joining the swim, dive and/or tennis teams, here's the contact information. The teams are open to children of all skill levels.

- Swim Team –Ken and Janice Rivera, straswim@gmail.com
- Dive Team – Peggy Dinkel, stratforddive@yahoo.com
- Tennis Team – Dave Sadlier, dave@sadlier.net (Junior program); Lorrie Rezendez, lorretired@aol.com (Women's program)

Team Fees

Each family is asked to pay \$110 per child (which covers participation in up to three teams), \$220 for two children, with a maximum payment of \$280 per family. Further details on sign-ups will be on the web at www.stratfordrec.org and in the May SRA News. Sign up in person at SRA on Super Sunday, May 22, 2-4 pm.

LIFEGUARD NEWS

ARC Lifeguard Training

SRA will once again host the annual American Red Cross Lifeguard Training course in May (designed to accommodate both public and private school schedules) under the experienced direction of Mark Murray.

Friday, May 20: 4 – 9 pm

Saturday, May 21: 9 am – 9 pm

Sunday, May 22: 10 am – 9 pm

Course requirements:

- Student must be 15 years old on or before the final scheduled session of this course;
- Swim 300 yards continuously demonstrating breath control and rhythmic breathing;
- Tread water for 2 minutes using only legs; and
- Complete a timed event within 1:40 – swim 20 yards, surface dive to 7-10 feet, retrieve a 10-pound object, and swim 20 yards on your back to starting point and exit the water without the use of a ladder or steps

Cost: \$339. Please make check payable to: MVPS, LLC (Mount Vernon Pool Service, LLC)

To register, mail your check to:

MVPS, LLC

3736 Mary Evelyn Way

Alexandria, VA 22309

The registration form is available on our website, www.stratfordrec.org, or you may [access the Lifeguard Training registration form directly here](#).

- Terms: Students must be available for all class times and sessions; no absence is permissible.
- Equipment needed: swim suit, several towels, goggles, swim cap or hair tie (if long hair), warm clothing (sweats), pen and pencil, notebook.
- To pass this course: Attend and participate in all class sessions; demonstrate competency in all required skills and activities; demonstrate competency in all required final rescue skill scenarios; pass both the Section 1 – CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer and First Aid; and Section 2 – Lifeguarding Skills, final written exams with minimum grades of 80%.
- Fee will be reimbursed by SRA if a guard successfully completes the course and one full season at SRA.

The Lifeguard Review Course, required for all returning guards, will be held on Super Sunday, May 22, 12-6pm at SRA.

Pool Operators Prep Course

For lifeguards who are at least 16 years of age and wish to be certified as a pool operator, there will be a prep course and test held at SRA on Saturday, May 21, 12-3 pm. The course prepares students for the Pool Operators Exam required by Northern Virginia localities; the test will be given immediately after the course or at an agreed-upon time between the instructor and the student. This class is not graded; it preps students for the county certified pool operator exam. Be sure to bring warm clothing (sweatshirt, sweat pants), pen and pencil, and a notebook. The registration form is available on our website, www.stratfordrec.org, or you may access the pool ops form directly here.

Junior Guard Program

SRA's Junior Guard program offers teens age 13 and 14 a head start on the lifeguard certification program. Introducing the skills needed to be a full-time guard, the program is divided into 12 lessons over four weeks, with one week used for make-up sessions and preparation for a final exam. Look for more details on this program on Super Sunday, May 22, at SRA.

SUPER SUNDAY MAY 22, 2-4 pm at SRA

This year's Super Sunday is May 22, from 2 to 4 pm at SRA. Learn more about the swim, dive, and tennis teams, meet the coaches, fill out registration forms, order team suits, and get printed summer schedules. Super Sunday also showcases our social events for the summer. It's a great opportunity to save the dates (and prepay, if you like) for our festive and friendly neighborhood summer fêtes.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

It's time again for you to put in your three hours of sweat equity to get the pool and grounds ready for the new season and to earn your guest tickets. The clean up dates will be May 7, 14-15, and 21-22; two shifts per day, 9-12 and 12-3. Also, we will try to offer a mid-week work day as that has proven convenient for some members. Stay tuned for details.

EMPTY NESTER PROGRAM

The Empty Nester Program allows members who infrequently use their membership to lease that membership to people on the waiting list on a yearly basis. Interested members must submit an application to the membership coordinator on or before April 1 of the year in which they intend to lease their membership. They are then placed on a list on a first-come, first-served basis as a membership available for lease.

Empty nesters must pay their annual dues. If and when the membership is leased, dues will be refunded and 20 guest tickets will be issued for use during that season.

Please note: As soon as all available memberships are sold, we will offer empty nester leases to members on the empty nester list.

BOUNDARY EXPANSION

We are proposing to expand our membership boundaries, and require a majority vote of the membership to do so.

The proposed boundary expansion would include Riverside Gardens and Plymouth Haven, as well as new construction contained within the boundary roads:

- Collingwood Road, east of Riverside Road, extended to Fort Hunt Road.
- Fort Hunt Road, south to Plymouth Road.
- Plymouth Road to Potomac Road to Alden Road.
- Alden Road back to Winthrop to Fort Hunt Road east past Fort Hunt Park.

[Click here to vote in the survey.](#) You can also view a map of this proposed expansion through the link. Please submit your vote by March 11, 2016. Thank you.



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2016 Board and General Membership Meetings

All meetings begin at 7:30 pm

SRA General Membership Meeting at Stratford

Landing ES - March 15

SRA Board Meeting at Stratford Landing ES - April 19

SRA Board Meeting at SRA - May 17

SRA Board Meeting at SRA - June 21

SRA General Membership Meeting at SRA - July 19

SRA Board Meeting at SRA - August 16

SRA members may submit written comments or proposals for discussion at these 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 Board meetings.

2016 SRA Board of Directors

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EMAIL ADDRESSES

We are collecting email addresses to save on mailing costs. If you would like to receive this newsletter electronically (and enable instant access to clickable information), please email your name and email address(es) to Ellen Haas, Business Manager, at business-manager@stratfordrec.org

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