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# SRA News

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

After the close of another great season of activities at SRA, I wanted to take a few minutes to thank everyone for their contribution. The facility performed wonderfully in spite of storms, power outages, and occasional lightning-related closings. The hard work of volunteers kept the grounds looking sharp. And our teams continued to grow and improve.

The pool house renovation is in full swing with Fort Hunt Construction as SRA's contractor. JC Schaub and Khrysti Uhrin (SRA pro bono architects) are chairing the construction effort. After the pool house renovation, the board will consider a new asphalt parking lot and 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.

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. 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.

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.

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. Dan Fleming will be moving on, and I want to thank him for his service, friendship and commitment to SRA's mission.

We look forward to seeing you at our next general membership meeting on Tuesday, November 15, at Carl Sandburg Middle School. SRA Membership will vote on four SRA Board positions: (1) Vice President, (2) Treasurer and (3) two Member-at-Large positions. Ben Bridgman

## General Membership Meeting Tuesday, November 15, 7:30 p.m.

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**Carl Sandburg Middle School  
8428 Fort Hunt Road**

The fall general membership meeting of Stratford Recreation Association will be held at Carl Sandburg Middle School (in the cafeteria) on Tuesday, November 15, at 7:30 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to present reports of current operations and the status of the pool house renovation, and hold an election for four open positions on the Board of Directors.

All members are urged to attend this meeting. If you cannot attend, please complete the enclosed proxy form to enable another active member of SRA to vote on your behalf. It's important to have a quorum so votes can be taken on officers and candidates of SRA.

Meet the candidates through their biographies included inside this newsletter beginning on page 2. Nominations may also be taken from the floor.

and Kristen Culver will add their names to the two Member-at-Large positions, Steve Schlacter will add his name as Vice President, and John Burke will add his name to the ballot as Treasurer.

SRA members are also eligible to volunteer and add their name to the ballot for a board position. If you are interested, please attend the general membership meeting and introduce yourself to one of the Board of Directors. Nominations will be taken from the floor.

Best regards,  
David Fleischman

## Operations Committee Updates

The SRA Operations Committee is receiving applications from interested and qualified candidates to work at the SRA Pool for the 2017 Season. Interviews for the 2017 season will be held in late December, during the winter holiday break. All positions require a short written application, available on the [stratfordrec.org](http://stratfordrec.org) website, describing qualifications and experience. All applications are due by December 15 and must include full name, mailing address, previous work experience, date of birth, phone numbers (cell and landline) and email address. We are hiring responsible individuals for the following positions:

### POOL MANAGER AND ASSISTANT MANAGERS

The manager and assistant managers are responsible for the day-to-day operations of the facility. They are expected to lead the SRA staff, manage scheduling, and see to it that rules are followed to ensure our members and their guests safely enjoy SRA. Candidates must have Certified Pool Operator certification, as well as lifeguard, first aid, and CPR certifications. 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). Certification courses are offered by our General Manager (Mark Murray, MVPS, LLC), as well as by colleges, the Red Cross, the Fairfax County Park Authority, and elsewhere.

### LIFEGUARDS

Candidates must be at least 15 years of age and have gone through and passed the SRA Junior Guard Program or be 16 years of age and 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 successfully completing the season. (Certified Pool Operator certification is desired but not required for lifeguards.)

### OFFICE STAFF

We are seeking responsible young people interested in working in the office. Applicants should be organized and personable. Work schedules are flexible during regular pool hours.

Please email applications to: [vp@stratfordrec.org](mailto:vp@stratfordrec.org) no later than December 15. Potential candidates will be contacted to schedule an interview. SRA's tiered pay scale is based on qualifications and number of years on staff.

## Membership Updates

### SELLING MEMBERSHIPS

SRA currently has four memberships to sell for the 2017 season; we have sold four already. If you are moving or no longer use the pool, get on the sell list NOW. You need to fill out a sell form and attach your pool certificate, then mail them or drop them off at 8903 Camfield Drive.

### EMPTY NESTERS

Currently we have 14 memberships to lease for 2017. Once SRA sells all the full memberships then we can start leasing from these memberships. Empty Nesters are active members who don't wish to sell their membership, so they lease it out. When your membership is leased before July 15, you receive 20 guest tickets; after July 15, it steps down to 10 tickets. Until your membership is leased, you are still obligated to pay the annual fee of \$595. Once it's leased, you will receive a full refund of \$595 before July 15, and \$297.50 after July 15.

### EARN YOUR GUEST PASSES IN SPRING 2017

Members who work on Clean-Up Days in spring 2017 will be issued 20 guest tickets. The member's family may use these tickets for guests; members 16 and under may bring no more than 4 guests without an adult. When the 20 tickets have been used, members must pay the \$5 guest fee for each guest. Tickets and fees are not needed for accompanied children under age 3. Tickets are non-transferable.

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## 2017 Election: Board of Directors

Open seats on the Board are Vice President, Treasurer, and two Member-at-Large positions. Votes will be taken at the November 15 general membership meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting in person, please complete the Proxy form included in this newsletter.

## Meet the Candidates

### STEVE SCHLACTER, VICE PRESIDENT

Steve and his wife, Elisa, and two daughters, Georgia and Carolena, have been Stratford Landing residents since 2003, and members of SRA since 2010. Steve has served on the SRA Board for four years: two years as an At-Large Member, and the past two years as the Vice President and Chair of the Operations Committee. Steve first got involved at SRA by volunteering at the grill on Family Night and helping out with other social events. He also recently took on the role of coordinator for the SLCA's community blood drive. *(continued on next page)*

*(Steve Schlacter, continued)* Steve works at Leidos as a Principal Systems Engineer and Project Manager. He has supported the Military Health System for his entire 20+ year career at Leidos and takes pride in the perspective he gained while traveling to DOD hospitals in the far corners of the world, and many corners of our USA. Outside the office, Steve enjoys running, reading, and can often be found tending to his Weber grill in all weather conditions working to fine-tune his culinary creations (and to properly implement the far superior creations of his wife). A proud husband to one, father to two and eldest brother to six, Steve loves to spend time with his large extended family.

**JOHN BURKE, TREASURER**

I first moved to Stratford in 1982 at the age of 9, and now live here with my wife, Beth, and our three active boys. I enjoy running, cooking, and watching the Nationals and Capitals. For the past 10 years I have been the CFO of a real estate consulting and marketing firm based in Alexandria. I've enjoyed volunteering at SRA on family nights and various pool functions, and welcome the opportunity to volunteer further. Thank you.

**KRISTEN CULVER, MEMBER-AT-LARGE**

My name is Kristen Culver. I have been married to my husband Cory for 21 years. We have two children; Jackson, 15 and Savanna, 13. We are a retired Navy family, but have lived in Alexandria (22308) since June of 2007. I have been a pre-school teacher at St. Aidan's Day School for nine years. I have done countless hours of volunteer work at SRA, Fort Hunt Elementary, Carl Sandburg, and Aldersgate Methodist Church. I served on the SRA board for two years as the Member-at-Large and as Membership Rep for the past year. We joined SRA three years ago and really enjoy the use of the pool, swim team, and attending several of the SRA social events. I am invested in this community and would like the opportunity to continue to serve on the SRA board.

**BENJAMIN BRIDGMAN, MEMBER-AT-LARGE**

Ben and his wife, Jennifer, and their two miniature dachshunds have lived in Stratford Landing since 2012. He has volunteered at the pool for the last two years and has served as an At-Large board member. Ben 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.

**SRA Member Proxy**

Please fully complete this proxy form if you are unable to attend the meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2016. It may be assigned only to a bona fide active member of SRA. When properly assigned to another SRA member, that designee may vote on your behalf on all issues discussed during the meeting. Proxies must be received no later than 7:00 p.m. on November 15. **Proxies may dropped off at Amy Kirner's home, 8902 Camfield Drive, scanned and emailed to her at [secretary@stratfordrec.org](mailto:secretary@stratfordrec.org), or given to a member planning to attend the meeting.**

PROXY: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Member Name (printed)*

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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*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 15, 2016, 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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*Membership Number*

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*Member Signature*

**2016-2017 SRA Meetings**

*All meetings begin at 7:30 pm*

General Membership Meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 17,  
Carl Sandburg Middle School, Cafeteria

Board Meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 20

Board Meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 17

Board Meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 21

General Membership Meeting, Tuesday, Mar 21

Reminder: Deadline for Pool Dues: April 1, 2017

*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**

President, David Fleischman,

[president@stratfordrec.org](mailto:president@stratfordrec.org)

Vice President, Steve Schlacter, [vp@stratfordrec.org](mailto:vp@stratfordrec.org)

Secretary, Amy Kirner, [secretary@stratfordrec.org](mailto:secretary@stratfordrec.org)

Treasurer, Dan Fleming, [treasurer@stratfordrec.org](mailto:treasurer@stratfordrec.org)

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At Large, Ben Bridgman, [brbridgman@gmail.com](mailto:brbridgman@gmail.com)

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Business Manager, Ellen Haas,

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