Over the Fence September 2016

### Check out what is happening in our neighborhood and city wide.

The Southampton Citizens Association's meeting Tuesday, Sept. 20, 7:15 p.m. will provide further discussion regarding proposals from Harper Associates for the Shops at Stratford Hills where Martins, Target and soon to open Tuesday Morning are located. Mark Baker will update the SCA on the Cherokee Road townhouse project.

The SCA will co-host along with the Greater Oxford Civic Association a candidates forum for City Council and School Board on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke Lutheran Church at 7757 Chippenham Parkway. All candidates have committed to participate. We anticipate mayoral candidates will attend. A reception with light food and an opportunity for fellowship will immediately follow the forum.

The SCA will hold its Annual Meeting Tuesday, Nov. 15th at 7:15 p.m. at the Southampton Recreation Association at 3201 Chellowe Road. The meeting will constitute a town hall pertinent to Cherokee Road. Please note that there is an online survey at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/59J8YTK. Currently 226 persons have participated. The meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss the survey results along with providing neighbors an opportunity to advocate for their respective position and/or have their inquiries addressed. In the interim, please continue to weigh in with your observations and/or recommendations via social media. The SCA is grateful for this feedback. It is invaluable and precisely why the SCA voted to approve the city's study.

## Notes from the August Meeting rescheduled from July

The SCA agenda included 1) crime in the neighborhood specifically the rise in shed break-ins and theft of lawn mowers and other yard tools and 2) proposals for the Shops at Stratford Hills. Detective Ryan Nixon informed attendees that one arrest had been made in the shed break ins, but the ringleader remained at large. Nixon indicated that this suspect is a 60 year old black male with a beard and balding and drives a white work-van. Neighbors were asked to immediately call 911 if this person is seen. Additionally, Nixon circulated pictures of the other suspects. It should be noted that some property has been recovered.

Will Allen from Harper Associates presented three proposals for the Shops at Stratford Hills on Forest Hill. The first proposal creates median breaks along Joe Brooks Boulevard and the eastern entrance within the shopping center to allow cars easier access to the outer parcels. The second proposal provides new retail construction east along Forest Hill. This would result in the demolition of the tattoo parlor and the removal of trees that exist between the two and would include a 25 foot setback from Forest Hill. This proposal was defeated. The third proposal was tabled for discussion at the September meeting. For additional information, visit us at www.scarichmond.com

### **Update**

Negotiations are in progress for a single family house to be built on the wooded lots across from Huguenot High School. These lots were the topic of discussion this spring when a developer attempted to construct a 50,000 square foot self-storage unit on the site.

### Join the SCA Board

The Annual Meeting signifies a new year for the SCA. We have worked hard this year to engage you, our neighbors, in important developments around our neighborhood. It is important to have a structured organization that can work to enhance as well as protect our neighborhood. Please consider donating some time to the SCA.

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#### **Mark Your Calendars**

SCA	Sept. 20	7:15 p.m.	Plans for the Shops at Stratford Hills, Planned Cherokee Road Apartments
SCA/Oxford	Oct. 18	7:00 p.m.	Candidates Forum, St. Luke Lutheran Church, 7757 Chippenham Parkway,
SCA	Nov. 15	7:15 p.m.	Annual Meeting in conjunction with town hall meeting regarding Cherokee Road
SCA	Dec. 20	7:15 p.m.	

All regular SCA meetings are held at Southampton Recreation Center, 3201 Chellowe Road.

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# **Support Appreciated**

We appreciate your financial support. It has allowed us to communicate with neighbors regarding important business on a month by month basis. Your attendance at meetings and communication with the SCA is just as important in protecting and enhancing our neighborhood. If you have not joined please consider joining. Membership is only \$20.

You can pay by mail using the form below or use PayPal, http://www.scarichmond.com/join.html. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, contact our membership chair Katie Hellebush at katie.hellebush@gmail.com.

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