



President and the founding President, Mrs. Hallie Burton



: President Burton and charter member Edwin "Boyzie" Aiken (both deceased)



Stronghold community residents.

ABOUT THE PRESIDENT

How did you get Involved in the Stronghold Civic Association (SCA)?

As a lifelong resident born and raised in the Stronghold community, I got involved with the Stronghold Civic Association (aka) Stronghold Concerned Citizens Group to support my mother Mrs. Pamela Stroman, Mrs. Hallie Burton, and Mrs. Shirley Butler. [photos, left]. They were among the chartered members who sat on the porch of 11 Bryant Street as the White Hat Patrol. Our current Vice President Lisa Bell and I felt it would be our honor to support our mothers, lend a hand and lean in to learn more from these Jewels of Wisdom. The Stronghold community has always been family oriented, and I will continue with this legacy as best as I can.

As you complete this 2nd consecutive term as President, what are some of the issues facing the community?

The District Reservoir which is opening soon. The south bound and north bound traffic on N. Capitol Street, because of the District Reservoir and the turn signals entering the District Reservoir. The construction workers parking in the stronghold community making it difficult for residents to find parking. These are just to name a few of the issues that we are currently facing in the community along with the Stronghold Signage.

How has SCA been involved in addressing some challenges under your leadership?

The re-opening of the store located at the corner of North Capitol and Bryant Streets NW, named The Hillview Market. The SCA Executive Board and residents of the Stronghold community participated in a hearing before the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration in (ABRA) January 2022). The new owner requested a Class Change from Retailer "B" to Retailer "A" Liquor Store. The ruling of a Licensed A for the purpose of selling alcohol in the establishment was DENIED. We, the Stronghold Civic Association (SCA) were very happy that our efforts were not unseen. For years, the former owners had a Retailer B license which allowed them to sell groceries, wine, and beer. These items are just what this family-oriented community needs. As always, our Motto continues to Live within this Stronghold Community. We are "working together for our community since 1991."

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RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

SCA President India Luckett and members along with **Ward 5 Councilman Zachary Parker** and staff member celebrated the Grand Opening of the Reservoir Park Recreation Center on Saturday, June 15. [left to right: President Luckett, Councilman Parker, Rachelle Roberts, Ward 5 Chief of Staff, Doris Newton, and Laura Jackson.]

Check out the Ward 5 weekly newsletter here:

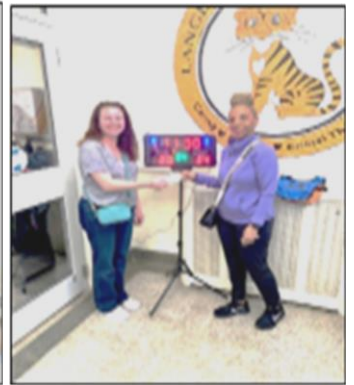
[Ward 5 Weekly: Eminent Domain and Council Recess \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

Ward 5 Seniors Newsletter

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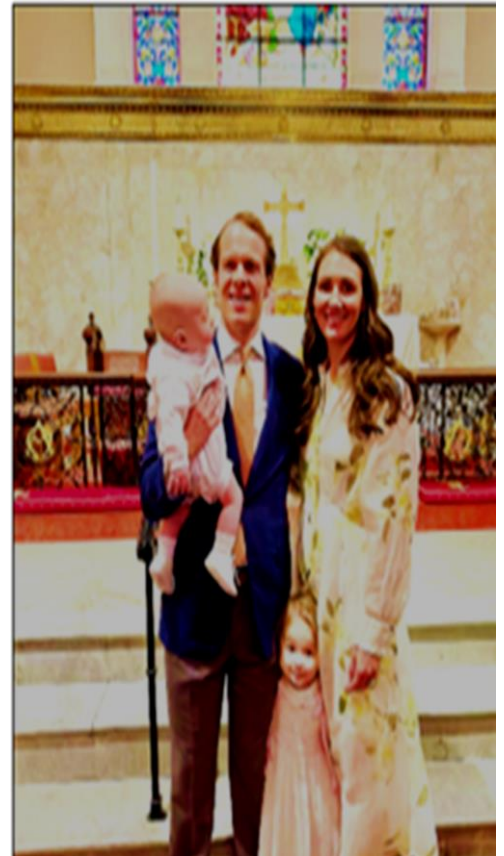
SCA Vice President, Lisa Bell delivered a **monetary donation** on behalf of the association to **Langley Elementary School** in payment for an Electronic Scoreboard and Pennies. The photo is with Principal Kellogg, PTO President, Katie Gima and Coach Bryant. They were so excited and appreciative of the gift from SCA. *Photos and text courtesy of Lisa Bell*



Around The Neighborhood!

RIGHT--SCA's former Vice President and family welcomed their newest addition in August 2023. Peter, Amber, Emma (3 years), and Ford (10 months) The family is pictured here at Ford's baptism in April. Their dog Lucy (not pictured) is thrilled to have another walking partner!"

Photo and text courtesy of the Nevilles



LEFT-- Meet Laura and Matt McNeill (Franklin St.) Their pet Zerra McNeill, (white dog) passed away June 26 after a 1.5 year battle with lymphoma. She loved walks through the Stronghold alleys, around Trinity College and on the trails at the National Arboretum. But at the end of the day she was a lazy girl and most of all she loved treats and belly rubs. Thanks to all our neighbors for the love and pets ~Laura~ Also see "In Memoriam" section.

Photo and text courtesy of the McNeills





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Updated link for Plant Distribution Event interest form!

Please use this link to access the interest form: <https://forms.gle/tsASm1gj61ddbUSu6>



IN MEMORIAM--Continued prayers and condolences to the families.



--Reginald Aiken
(aka Gaye Gaye, Gate,
Hog)
March 2024



Mrs. Sylvia Wrenn
Mother of Charles and Jeff Whitby
December 2023



Zerra
See McNeill write-up page 2
June 2024

--Edwin T. Aiken, Sr.
(aka "Boyzie")
November 2023
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(Photo courtesy of Bing-Importance of community)



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ABOUT The Stronghold Civic Association (SCA)

The Stronghold Civic Association (SCA) helps represent the community to our Councilmember and ANC SMD. The SCA meets on the first Monday of every month via Zoom. To join the meeting, please email StrongholdCivicAssociation@gmail.com for the link.

Membership of the Stronghold Civic Association is open to all Stronghold residents.

The SCA is led by:

Executive Committee-September 2023 to September 2025

President: **India Lockett**

Vice President: **Lisa Bell**

Secretary: **Ethan Buch**

Director of Planning: **Kirby Vining**

Treasurer: **Evelyn Brown**

Renew your Stronghold Civic Association dues or become a member: Annual dues are \$20 per person, \$10 for seniors 62+. Payment can be made on [Venmo](#): @strongholdcivicassociation or mail check/M.O. payable to SCA, 2318 N. Capitol St., NW 20002, attn: SCA.

Contact treasurer Evelyn Brown at evelynb14@verizon.net for help or questions.

The Stronghold Civic Association maintains a scholarship fund for students in the Stronghold community. Please contact StrongholdCivicAssociation@gmail.com for more information

Stronghold is located within Ward 5. Our current Councilmember is [Mr. Zachary Parker](#)

At Large Council Member [Mr. Kenyan McDuffie](#) is a resident of Stronghold

Stronghold Metropolitan Police 5th District, with headquarters located at [1805 Bladensburg Road, NE](#)

Stronghold is part of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) Single Member District (SMD) 5E06. Our current ANC SMD representative is Stronghold resident [Mr. Kirby Vining](#)

See our website for more details.

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