



NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

General Meeting – **November 3, 2004**

7:30 p.m. – North Springfield Elementary School Cafeteria

Guest Speakers:

- Sharon Bulova, Braddock District Supervisor
- Captain Burton, Fairfax County Police, Dept. Chief of Police
- Ivan Braff, Div. Supervisor, Fairfax County Dept. of Recreational Community Services
- Officer Edwards, Fairfax County Police, Franconia Station

President's Message

Norma Heck

Voting is one of our most important obligations as a citizen thus we encourage every eligible citizen to exercise their right and vote on November 2nd. This year's ballot contains choices at the Federal, State, and Local level. At the Federal level we will select a President and our congressman to the US House of Representatives; at the State level there are two proposed constitutional amendments; and at the local level there are four bond referendums – Human Services, Parks, Libraries, and Transportation. The polling places in Virginia are open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm.

This month's general meeting is on Safety in Community. Officer Edwards from the Franconia Station, Fairfax County Police, will update us on criminal activity in our community over this past summer and provide us some helpful suggestions for being safer during the upcoming holiday season.

Braddock District Supervisor Sharon Bulova will provide us an overview of her Community Dialog on Gang Activity and Revitalization. She will also bring us up to date on the County's gang initiatives to include the use of the funding that is being appropriated to address this issue.

Captain Burton from the Fairfax County Headquarters, Department of the Chief of

Police; as well as, Ivan Braff from the Fairfax County Department of Recreational Community Services will also share their thoughts as they relate to community safety.

We wish all residents a safe and joyous holiday and extend to you our best wishes for the New Year.

NSCA Website

Skip Chaples

WWW.NSCIVIC.ORG is online

Our new website is up and running. It has limited information right now but check back often. The site will be updated frequently until all of the planned information is available. Our first priority is to complete the functionality and content of the site. After that is done we'll restructure the site as appropriate to address ease of use and appearance considerations. Your comments and suggestions are welcome. This site is being developed by volunteers CJ Sidener with support from his father Chris Sidener. CJ is a scout in Troop 990 and sophomore at Annandale High School; his father Chris is a Computer Systems and Networking Consultant. The Civic Association thanks both for their efforts in support of our community.

Braddock Nights Concerts

Chet McLaren

Every Friday night during the summer, Supervisor Bulova has arranged for various musical groups to appear in concert at Lake Accotink for the entertainment of local citizens. Planning for next year's concerts will begin shortly. If you have favorite musical group which you would like to see return in 2005, call or Email Chet McLaren with your suggestions not later than Wednesday, Nov 18 so the planning group can consider your suggestions. (cmclaren@erols.com) or (703-866-6494).

Judging Holiday Decorations

One of the charms of our community is the innovative and colorful displays that many of our residences construct to express their sentiments during the holiday season. Between 7:00 and 10:00 pm on Monday December 20th we'll be touring the community to select those displays that we feel best portray the spirit of the season. If you're decorating this year please have your display on during this time period. When judging we do not have any specific criteria or style in mind; instead, we look for such things as originality, creativity, and how well it reflects the true meaning of the holiday season. It is the thought that appears to have gone into the arrangement of the display versus the quantity of lights and seasonal figure cutouts that most influence our decision.

Lake Accotink Dredging Project

Chet McLaren

The 1998 Park Bond Program included \$6.15 million to dredge Lake Accotink and make repairs to the dam. Bids to dredge the lake were advertised in November 2003 and resulted in only one response. That bid was 50% over the cost estimated by the county's Department of Public Works (DPW), which is responsible for the project work.

DPW re-evaluated the requirements with the help of an independent construction estimating firm and developed new bid documentation. The new project schedule is:

Timeframe	Activities
Oct 2004	Complete revisions to the bid documents
Nov 2004	Advertise the project for bids
Dec 2004/Jan 2005	Open bids
Jan 2005	Obtain contract approval by the Park Authority Board
Jan/Feb 2005	Obtain contract approval by the Board of Supervisors
Feb/Mar 2005	Give contractor notice to proceed
May/June 2006	Project completion

The new requirements anticipate that work at Lake Accotink will be completed in 8 months as compared to 16 months under the previous schedule.

Dredged material will still be pumped 3 miles to the Virginia Concrete site in the Shirley Industrial Park. However, it will now be deposited in woven geo-textile bags which will allow the water to drain out and be pumped back to Lake Accotink. After the material is dewatered, it will be used to fill quarry ponds on the site. Disposal will be completed in 2 years.

History of Braddock

Chet McLaren

Our neighborhood has a long and interesting history from the time of early Native Americans through the gradual changes to the community which we know today. Supervisor Sharon Bulova is including a Braddock Miniseries in her Town Meetings which will give us a look back at the early days of forests and farms and trace the evolution of our land and system of governance through the years.

Notice of these meetings is contained in "Braddock Byline" issued by Supervisor Bulova and distributed to every home in North Springfield. Watch for the Winter 2005 edition for a notice on the next Town Meeting with the Braddock Miniseries presentation. You will find it to be a very interesting trip back in time.

BSA Boy Scout Troop 990 & Venture Crew 990

Skip Chaples

Troop and Crew 990 have begun another exciting year of scouting. In October we hosted the second year Webelos for a weekend campout in Shenandoah National Park. In November we'll be backpacking in the Mountains and in December we'll be touring the battlefields and museums in the Richmond area. Weekly scout meetings address various scout skills and Eagle rank required merit badges.

The Boy Scouts of America will hold their annual Scouting for Food Drive in November. Collection bags will be distributed on November 6th and food pickup will begin at 8:00 am on December 13th. Please place items for collection in full view of the street so that our scouts can see them when they drive around for collection. The North Springfield community has always been a generous supporter of this very worthwhile program and we look forward to your support again this year.

Cub Scout Pack 890

Steve Slough

Thanks for your continued support of our monthly newspaper drives. The next paper drive is scheduled for Saturday, November 20th beginning at 8AM. Please bundle newspapers only, no magazines or phone books, and place them curbside for pick up by the Cub Scouts.

If your son is a student at North Springfield Elementary School and interested in having fun as he learns new skills and makes new friends why not give the Pack a look. A parent and son can attend any Pack function as a guest to see what it's all about with no obligation to join. We are also seeking a den leader for our 4th grade Webelos I den. We have at least 3 boys interested, but no leader at this point. No prior scouting experience is required. If you're interested in joining the Pack or filling one of our open positions call Cubmaster Steve Slough at (703) 451-4439, Committee Chairman Bob Wattenbarger at 703-455-0027,

or Chartered Organization Representative Skip Chaples at 703 644-1311.

North Springfield Elementary School

Christina Hayashida

North Springfield Elementary students did a terrific job in selling Sally Foster gift-wrap products in September. The orders will be arriving at the school for distribution to the students on Tuesday, November 2nd. Thanks to all of you in the community who supported our students in this venture

There will be no school on November 1st and 2nd; these are scheduled teacher workdays.

On Tuesday, November 9th there will be a PTA Meeting. Everyone is welcome; parents are encouraged to come and be a part of the team.

On Friday, November 12th from 5:30-9:00pm the North Springfield PTA will host a Fall Festival. There will be lots of rides, games and fun for all ages. We will have a moon bounce, giant slide, human whirl, haunted house and great food. Stop by and bring the family.

The school will close two hours early on Wednesday, November 24th, and will be closed November 25-26 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Please re-register your Giant Bonus card, Harris Teeter VIC card, and Safeway Card so that North Springfield Elementary can receive credit through these very successful fund raising programs. Visit the stores' website or register at your local store.

Giantfood.com NSES ID No. 02079

HarrisTeeter.com NSES ID No. 4530

Escrrip.com (Safeway) NSES ID No. 6608321

The school is collecting several items this year: General Mills Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Food Labels for Education and any and all ink jet and laser jet cartridges. These programs allow the school to buy computers, software and other helpful things. There is a box in the lobby where you may drop off your

box tops, labels and ink jets. (Please put ink jets in a plastic bag).

If you shop at Target, please register your target card and record us as your school. We will then receive 1% of all purchases.

In addition to the bonus card program, the PTA sells Giant gift cards. These cards are sold in \$20, \$50, and \$100 allotments. Buy and use them for your everyday shopping and never have to worry about having cash with you. Best of all, the school earns 4% on all cards sold and you still get full value for your money. Call Tuanchai Horvath at (703) 914-9492 and the cards will be delivered to your door

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