



NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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General Meeting – **May 4, 2005**

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

Guest Speakers: State Senator Richard Saslaw; State Representative Vivian Watts

President's Message

Norma Heck

COME TALK TO YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS – are they really thinking about eliminating in-state tuition rates? The May 4th general meeting will address the 2005 Virginia State legislative agenda and we hope for a large turnout for this important subject. Several very important issues ranging from funding for education and transportation to escalating property taxes are being considered. This is a State election year so it is even more important that our citizens weigh in on the issues. Senator Saslaw and Representative Watts will brief us on the legislative initiatives that were addressed during this year's session and give us their perspective on the major issues that will be addressed this coming year.

The date for our community yard sale is set for Saturday May 14, 2005; the date for our community clean up day is set for the following Saturday May 21, 2005. We need volunteers with small trucks or trailers that can assist residents in getting their junk to the drop-off location at the school. Please do not leave items unattended at the school before the county pick up trucks arrive. Also remember that the county will not accept hazardous materials (paint, batteries, chemicals, etc), normal household garbage, yard waste, or contractor debris.

Residents are reminded that Fairfax County has noise ordinances and that each of us should be considerate of our neighbors. Don't operate power equipment too early on weekends, keep the music at a reasonable volume, and don't let

your pet become a nuisance. If you have a dog that has a lot to say when left outside unattended then don't do it. The occasional woof at a passerby is fine but some dogs bark for extended periods; that is not fair to your neighbors and may result in your getting an unwelcome visit from animal control.

Need help with summer chores?

A list of willing teenage workers is in this newsletter. If you don't have a list handy and have a job you need done e-mail us through our website or call Skip Chaples at (703) 644-1311 and we'll put a Teenager in touch with you.

Teen Job List

Sign up now for the Summer Teen job list. A mail-in form is in the back of this newsletter or you can sign up on-line at www.NSCIVIC.org.

School Volunteers

Our April meeting addressed the status of North Springfield Elementary School. The school is performing well but it is in need of community volunteers. If you are interested in any of the following tasks at the school call the Assistant Principal, Mr Eric Johnson at (703) 658-5506 for more information.

Library – help with sorting, cataloging, and stocking

Reading – read to students or be read to

Computers –troubleshoot and resolve problems

Grounds maintenance – adopt an area.

Life Experiences –have first hand knowledge of a major event in our history; tell your story to a class

All volunteers attend a school orientation seminar and are subject to a background check.

Heming Beautification Project

This fall we want to plant trees along Heming Avenue. If you would like to support this effort send your donation in any amount made payable to NSCA. You can dedicate a tree to someone by contributing the cost of one tree, \$150, and providing us that person(s) name. All contributors will be acknowledged in the newsletter and on the website.

NSCA Website

Skip Chaples

Our website contains the newsletter as well as valuable information about the community and local government. You can submit your e-mail address to us and we will automatically notify you every time something new is added to the website or if there is important information that should be disseminated between newsletters.

Membership

Tricia Barnes

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their dues. If you haven't gotten around to it yet, please use the form in the newsletter to send in your dues or bring them to the May 4th meeting.

Beautification

Ed Stock

The forsythia at the corner of Leesville and Heming made a nice comeback this year. This area was originally planted by the Girl Scouts over 30 years ago. The area was restored last year by Andrew Judge as his Boy Scout Eagle Project. John Everett has been maintaining the area ever since. Thanks to all for a job well done.

Community Volunteers Needed

Skip Chaples

Fairfax County needs volunteers to support their Emergency Preparedness Plan within our community. There are three initiatives underway: **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**; **Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)**; and **Neighborhood Watch**. If you are interested in participating, contact Skip Chaples at (703) 644-1311 or at SkipChaples@cox.net.

BSA Boy Scout Troop 990

Skip Chaples

In April the scouts went Mountain Biking on the C&O Canal. We'll be camping at Virginia Beach in May and White Water Rafting in June.

We continue to raise funds for the operation of the Troop by recycling aluminum cans. Our collection trailer is parked at the North Springfield pool.

Boys between the ages of 10-1/2 and 17 interested in the Troop can learn more about our programs by contacting Skip Chaples at (703) 644-1311.

BSA Venture Crew 990

Skip Chaples

Our Venture Crew attended the District Camporee in April and is getting ready for their summer trip to the BSA Sea Base High Adventure camp in the Bahamas.

Venture Crews are male and female young adults, ages 14 to 20, and adult advisors. For more information on the Crew please contact Mrs. Kathy Ichter (703)-354-3728.

Cub Scout Pack 890

Steve Slough

The next paper drive is scheduled for Saturday, May 21st beginning at 8AM. Please bundle newspapers only and place them curbside for pick up. Newspaper collection will take place the third Saturday of each month throughout the year.

The Pack is having a great year with a fun packed as well as informative program set up

for the boys. 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. Call Cubmaster Steve Slough at (703) 451-4439.

North Springfield Elementary School

Christina Hayashida

Join us on Friday, May 20th for the Annual North Springfield Elementary School Family Fun Night and Picnic! The PTA will supply hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, silverware, paper plates and sodas (for only \$2.50 per person). You supply the rest! If your last name begins with **A-R** please bring a salad or side dish to share; if it begins with **S-Z** please bring a dessert or sliced watermelon. This is an old-fashioned family potluck picnic.

If you can help with set-up; serving; clean-up after the event; selling food and beverages; or have a gas grill or cooler we could use please contact either Kathy Dannholz at 703-941-9250 or Rob Horvath at 703-914-9492.

Bring a blanket or chair to sit on; the rain date is Friday, May 27th

Fund Raising

If you have not already done so, please re-register your Giant Bonus card, Harris Teeter VIC card, and Safeway Card so that North Springfield Elementary can receive credit. Visit the stores' website or register at your local store.

Giantfood.com ID No. 02079
HarrisTeeter.com ID No. 4530
Escrip.com (Safeway) ID No. 6608321

The school is still collecting General Mills Box Tops for Education; Campbell's Food Labels for Education; and all ink jet and laser jet cartridges. 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).

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

North Springfield Elementary School PTA Fundraiser

Do you shop at Giant? If so, you can help NSES PTA fund school activities by purchasing Giant grocery cards.

Use the cards like cash at Giant. The school gets 4% from Giant for every dollar purchased. Buy \$20, \$50, or \$100 cards. They never expire.

Contact Tuanchai or Rob Horvath at 703-914-9492 to purchase the cards. We will deliver them to your door.

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Take advantage of our low prices and your ad will be seen in print and on our website by over 2,200 households in October, November, February, March, April or May.

Business Card	\$25 (3.5" x 2")
Quarter Page	\$45 (3.75" x 5")
Half Page	\$90
Full Page	\$180

Mail your business card or camera-ready proof with a check for the appropriate amount by September 19th to:

N.S.C.A. Newsletter
P.O. Box 1007
Springfield, VA 22151

Now you can have your ad posted on our website during those months that we do not publish a newsletter. The monthly rates for this service are:

Business Card	\$5 (3.5" x 2")
Quarter Page	\$10 (3.75" x 5")
Half Page	\$20
Full Page	\$40

Please note that this service is only available to those who have advertised in the newsletter.

Boy Scout Fundraiser

Need your House Number
painted on your curb?

Call Boy Scout Troop 990
(703) 644-1311

NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Calendar Year January – December 2005
NSCA, P.O. Box 1007, Springfield, VA 22151
\$15.00 Membership – Contributions Welcome

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Date: _____ Amount Paid: _____

NORTH SPRINGFIELD SUMMER TEEN JOB LIST

Fill out this application and mail to: NSCA, P.O. Box 1007, Springfield, VA 22151

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Age: _____ Availability Dates: _____

Check jobs of interest: Babysitting _____ Yard Work _____ House Sitting _____ Pet Care _____

Lawn Mowing _____
