



NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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General Meeting – **October 5, 2005**

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

Guest Speakers: State Office candidates or their representative

President's Message

Norma Heck

We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. Fall is here and your Civic Association is gearing up for another year of service to the community. November 8th is Election Day for many State government offices so our first general meeting on October 5th will be candidate's night. We have invited all those running for elective office either state-wide or in our district to come and speak to us as well as answer your questions. We anticipate that most of the candidates or their representative will be there so we encourage everyone to attend this important meeting.

We received many calls over the summer regarding the pricing for AAA Trash Service in our community. Residents were noting that prices were increasing and that everyone was not receiving the same rate. We contacted AAA and they agreed to continue offering a flat rate for all North Springfield residents. Effective September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2006 the rate they offer is \$23.00 per month; \$21.50 per month for those age 62 and older. The rate is subject to revision if the County raises the dumping fee AAA must pay. The rate is for twice a week trash service plus recycling and yard waste; AAA no longer offers once a week trash service. To receive this rate you must call AAA at (703) 818-8222 and request the North Springfield rate.

You must call because the Civic Association does not have the authority to negotiate on your behalf. We can only ask AAA what they are

willing to offer. We do not endorse AAA; we are only passing on the rates as they have offered them to the community. If you are not happy with AAA service you are free to negotiate with them or to select another service provider. You can also ask other providers if they will match AAA's rate.

We also received a number of inquiries regarding the large houses that are being built in our neighborhood. Neither the State nor the County has architectural standards so there is nothing we can do to stop this trend. Virginia is a strong property rights State, and as such, is reluctant to impose restrictions on what homeowners can build on their property. We have voiced our concerns to the County Board of Supervisors. While they are sympathetic, it is unlikely that any action will be taken because there is not sufficient County-wide or State support for such restrictions. If this is an important issue for you we encourage you to come to the October 5th meeting and voice your opinion to those running for elective office.

We also received many calls regarding the unnecessary removal of trees by many homeowners. As you may recall we addressed this issue last April. There are no County restrictions against a homeowner removing trees from their property. The best one can do is educate your neighbors about the benefit of the trees and try to persuade them not to cut down healthy trees.

Several residents have complained to us about excessive noise in the neighborhood. We ask everyone to be considerate of your neighbors.

Keep the music at a reasonable level and do not engage in loud outdoor activities (like mowing the lawn) between 11pm and 7am. Similarly don't leave your dog outside alone all day or early in the morning or late at night if he or she's the type that has a lot to say.

Be sure to look at all the ads in our newsletter. Our advertiser's sponsorship helps pay the cost of publishing this newsletter. You will find many local service providers for your homeowner needs as well as opportunities to support our Scout program, the PTA, and the North Springfield Elementary School.

Teen Job List

Sign up now for the Fall and Winter 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. The list will be published in the November newsletter.

School Volunteers

At our April meeting we 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 finalize our plans to plant trees along Heming Avenue. Before planting we will notify each resident of any trees that will be planted on the median in front of their

house. If you do not want a tree planted there you may notify us and we will not plant one.

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

If you have not sent in your dues for 2005, it is not too late! Please use the membership form you find in this newsletter or bring your dues to the Oct. 5 meeting.

The Civic Association is for both homeowners and renters. Here are the highlights of how the Civic Association uses your dues to benefit our community: six newsletters are printed and delivered to all the homes each year; entrance ways and common areas are planted, mulched, grass cut, bushes and trees trimmed and pruned; a Community Clean-Up Day is organized and run by the Civic Association; and donations are made to our scouting programs and to the Annandale HS all night senior prom party. The Civic Association requested and worked with the county to get a traffic light installed at Heming Avenue; for better synchronization of the traffic light at Ravensworth Road; stop signs; lights under the bridge by North Springfield elementary school; and blinking school zone lights.

We need to have your support to help keep North Springfield a well maintained and active community.

Beautification

Ed Stock

One of our residents reports she ran over a snake that was crossing the sidewalk while jogging with her baby in a jog stroller. The snake took offense and curled ready to strike. They kept moving away at a faster pace. She watched it slither away and carefully noticed the markings; triangular head, light color and gray pyramids along its back. It was a copperhead. The incident took place on Queensberry between Flag Run and Ravenel. All you walkers and joggers, even you lawn mower pushers keep a sharp lookout. There are a few snakes in the grass.

The Ravensworth entrance has been upgraded to a sidewalk with curbs and gutters. Those who walk to the bus stop now have a sidewalk that takes them all the way to the covered kiosk. The first attempt to grow grass resulted in a nice crop of weeds. The subcontractor indicates they will re-seed and perhaps replace the shrubs that were damaged during construction. There are already tire tracks across the median where motorists have "cut" the corner so "Watch Out."

After a year of trying to get Metro to replace the rusty, faded Bus stop signs on Leesville, we finally hit the jackpot with the right contact person. Within a month of my latest complaint the signs were all replaced. Thanks Metro!

One of our stalwart volunteers who has been cutting the grass on one side of Ferndale for many years can no longer continue. Thank You, Jim Robinson for all your efforts. We hope your health improves soon so you can resume cutting. We'll save it for you....

Our other volunteers, Bill Linkous and Herb Jackson on Heming, Skip Chaples on Ravensworth, and John Everet on Heming Hill have kept those areas neat and cut for the entire spring and summer. Thanks from all of us. If your neighbor is not cutting his grass and it is over 12 inches tall you may call the County enforcement division at (703) 324-1931.

The shrubs on Leesville, next to the sound wall, have been fertilized and we have removed the stakes that supported them. Eleven dead ones were replaced in April. We expect others may not make it. Watering 128 trees is not easily done. We watered them once this summer but it was a struggle. We have had a re-appearance of bag worms on the Ferndale shrubs and have sprayed to control them. One of the "fire" bushes on the Leesville median dropped most of its leaves, probably due to aphids. It was also sprayed as were two others. Thanks to John Everet for the flowers at the Leesville entrance and to Clare for watering them. Cal Salch continues his spring tulip gardens on the Leesville median and Appomattox Court, thanks Cal. We need to include a "thank you" to Fred Felber for some heavy duty pruning at the Ferndale and Ravensworth entrances as well as the use of his "beautiful" green pick up truck.

As you can tell there are many people who help keep our community clean and there are doubtless more of you helping that we don't know about. There are those who pick up trash as they walk, remove old yard sale signs and call the authorities to address those eye sores in their neighborhood. Please keep up the good work! We all benefit from having our community sparkle.

It's time to get your rakes ready! Ahh, those falling leaves.....

Community Volunteers Needed

Skip Chaples

Fairfax County needs volunteers to support their Emergency Preparedness Plan within our community. While the County has adequate plans to provide for our needs in the event of an emergency they can not do it alone. Successful execution of their plans requires trained community volunteers in place to help them. The tragic events associated with Hurricane Katrina remind us of the importance of being ready. There are two initiatives underway: **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** and **Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)**. If you are interested in participating, contact

Skip Chaples at (703) 644-1311 or at SkipChaples@cox.net.

Neighborhood Watch

Ron Kinzer

I'm out from under my work commitments and once again have the time to organize and run the neighborhood watch program. We need volunteers to do patrols as well as to schedule. If you have a little time to help with this effort or need more information on the specific duties of the positions available please contact me at (703) 941-6415.

Neighbor Recognitions

Braddock District's choice for Lord and Lady Fairfax this year was a unique team. Larry and Kathy Ichter have lived in North Springfield for 25 years and have served their Braddock community both as transportation professionals and as volunteers.

Kathy, a registered Professional Engineer, has worked in the Fairfax County Department of Transportation since 1984. Kathy's assignments have included many sensitive Braddock District road projects, as well as the establishment of the Burke Centre and Rolling Road VRE stations. Kathy has helped create programs aimed at addressing community parking and traffic safety issues. In her spare time, Kathy has served as North Springfield's Venture Crew 990 Committee Chair, is a Girl Scout leader, a Cub Scout den leader, and is active in her church. Through Braddock's community outreach efforts, Kathy has spent numerous evening hours helping people understand the complexities of the transportation process.

Larry, also a registered Professional Engineer, Larry heads the County's design branch working on the Fairfax County Parkway and has helped with many Braddock road projects. He's been responsible for Commercial Revitalization and spot improvement projects, as well as parking expansion at the Burke Centre VRE Station. Larry received the 1994 Transportation Advisory Commission Achievement Award. In his spare time, Larry

has coached youth soccer and basketball, and assists the Boy Scouts with merit badges and campouts. Each year, Larry shares his engineering background with a presentation to Holmes Middle School students and serves as a judge at the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology Science Fair.

BSA Boy Scout Troop 990

Skip Chaples

Troop 990 has started another exciting year of scouting. In September we held a Wilderness Survival campout in Shenandoah National Park. In October we'll be doing an overnight trip on either the C&O canal or Appalachian Trail and in November we'll be back camping and hiking in the mountains. Weekly scout meetings address various scout skills and Eagle rank required merit badges.

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 for anyone desiring to contribute their cans to the Troop. Please - aluminum only - no steel, glass, paper, plastic, or trash. We also paint house numbers on curbs for a \$5 donation to the troop. Anyone interested in this service should call Skip Chaples at (703) 644-1311.

We also sell Entertainment 2006 Coupon Books for only \$25 payable to BSA Troop 990. Each book contains more than \$1,000 in great savings and pays for itself in just a few uses. It's packed with 50%-off savings for the things you love to do (eat out, movies, travel, shopping) and things you have to do (dry cleaning, oil changes, groceries) as well as ongoing 20%-off discounts with an Entertainment Membership Card and new savings all year at www.Entertainment.com. For more information or to purchase a coupon book contact our Troop Fundraising chairman Nancy DeVera at (703) 256-6451 or Dave Bynum at (703) 658-9324.

Now is a great time to come see what Scouting is all about. 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 or by dropping by one of our Thursday night scout meetings - 7:30 PM at North Springfield Elementary School. No prior experience required.

BSA Venture Crew 990

CJ Sidener

For those not familiar with the term, Venture Crew 990 is a group of young adults that do a wide variety of fun social, outdoor, and service activities. Our membership is male and female young adults, ages 14 to 20, and adult advisors. The Crew young adults plan, schedule, arrange, and lead the activities. In September we attended a Washington Nationals game. In October some of us may go to Camp Snyder to complete Wilderness First Aid course; we will be going to a corn maze; and we'll be handing out Flags at the Annandale Parade. We are always ready to welcome new members. We are based in the North Springfield and Annandale areas. We are chartered by American Legion Post 1976 and are part of the National Capital Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. For more information on the Crew or how to contact a Crew young adult, please contact Mrs. Kathy Ichter (703) 354-3728.

Cub Scout Pack 890

Steve Slough

Thanks for your continued support of our monthly newspaper drives. The next paper drive is scheduled for Saturday, October 15th beginning at 8AM. Please bundle newspapers only, no magazines or phone books, and place them curbside for pick up by the Cub Scouts. We do not collect newspapers that are placed on the curb in recycling bins from a trash company, or if they are in dark plastic bags. If we miss collection at your house that morning, please bring newspapers to the collection trailer at the far end of the North Springfield Elementary School parking lot before noon. Newspaper collection will take place the third Saturday of each month throughout the year.

We are off to a great start and we have a fun packed as well as informative program set up for the boys this year. Pack 890 kicked off the

school year with "Join Scouting Night" on Sept 15th. The boys had lots of fun, and the new families learned all about the Scouting program in North Springfield. We still need first graders to fill out the Tiger Cub den in our Pack. So, if you know any first graders who could benefit from the Cub Scouting program, please ask those families to contact the Cubmaster - Steve Slough at (703) 451-4439.

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 Jennifer Lyon at (703) 569-6875, or Chartered Organization Representative Skip Chaples at (703) 644-1311.

North Springfield Elementary School

Christina Hayashida

North Springfield Elementary School (NSES) has gotten off to a great start. We welcomed many new faces to include our new kindergarten classes and some new teachers. Additionally, there was a new Kiss and Ride procedure implemented to help keep our little ones safe.

This year NSES will be celebrating their 50th anniversary. The celebration is being planned jointly by the school, PTA, and Civic Association. Details will be provided as we develop them.

Students at North Springfield are once again selling Sally Foster gift-wrap products through October. You can order online at www.SallyFoster.com or browse through the catalog provided by our students. Our school earns 50% profit on every item sold! To place an order in person you may contact a student at the school, stop by the school office, or call Christina Hayashida at (703) 582-3608.

The NSES PTA participates in Giant Food's Scrip program. Here is how it works...you purchase Giant cards from the PTA and use them like cash/credit at any Giant grocery store. Giant pays us 4% of every dollar purchased. It costs you nothing to help us earn money. Cards come in \$20, \$50, and \$100 denominations and may be purchased by calling Tuanchai Horvath at (703) 914-9492. We'll even deliver the cards to your door!

If you'd like to participate in the Bonus card program please re-register your Giant Bonus

card or your Harris Teeter VIC card at your local store or through the stores' website

www.Giantfood.com NSES ID No. 02079
www.HarrisTeeter.com NSES ID No. 4530

The school is collecting several items this year: Tyson's Frozen products (collect the certificate and NSES will get 24 cents per box); General Mills Box Tops for Education; and Campbell's Food Labels for Education (clip the proof of purchase from any of the following eligible Campbell's® products: Campbell's® soups, Supper Bakes® meal kits, Franco-American® SpaghettiOs® pasta,® beans, gravies, and canned pasta, Prego® pasta sauces, Swanson® broths and canned poultry, V8® vegetable juices and V8 Splash® juice drinks, Pace® salsa and picante sauces, Pepperidge Farm® breads, cookies, crackers, and frozen products); and empty 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). Alternatively, feel free to call Rob Horvath, PTA President, at (703) 914-9492 and he can arrange to have items picked up at your home. Questions and arrangements for label collection can be directed to the NSES Program Coordinator, Robin Hylton, at (703) 843-3358. Visit www.LabelsforEducation.com for additional information and recipe ideas.

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

If you need childcare services please contact or visit the SACC office or website for assistance. The SACC office is located at 12011 Government Center Parkway - Suite 930, Fairfax, Virginia 22035. The phone number for SACC Administration is (703) 449-1414 and SACC Registration is (703) 449-8989 or FAX (703) 324-3007 or visit their website at: www.co.fairfax.va.us/ofc/SACC.htm#Contact.

Mark your calendar for the following NSES PTA events and/or activities:

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| October 7th | Tailgate party 5:30 PM in the NSES parking lot before the game. |
| October 10th | Columbus Day (School is Closed) |
| October (TBD) | Book Fair |
| October 29th | Annandale Parade |
| November 1st | PTA Meeting (Library, 7pm) |
| November (TBD) | Fall Festival |

Contact Numbers

The following list of contact numbers may be call to resolve problems. Unless otherwise noted all numbers are Area Code 703.

Air Quality & Chemical Hazard	246-2300
Alcohol & Drug Services	359-7040
Animal Control	830-3310
Animal Shelter	830-1100
Building Inspection Requests	222-0455
Building Permits	222-0801
Child Abuse Complaints	324-7400
Child Care Information	449-9555
Circuit/Juvenile/District Court	691-7320
Consumer Services	224-8435
Decals (vehicle stickers)	222-8234
DMV	761-4655
Dog Licenses	222-8234
General County Information	324-3185
Hazardous Waste	324-5068
Highway Signs	830-9424
Home Occupancy Permits	222-1082
Housing (General Info.)	246-5010
Human Services	222-0880
Information	222-1082
Joint Terrorism Task Force.....	202 278-2000
Land Records/Deeds	691-7320
Operator (County)	324-2000
Park Authority	324-8700
Planning Commission	324-2865
Planning Information	324-1380
Police Non-emergency	691-2131
Potholes	971-6677
Public Affairs	324-4187
Public Assistance	324-7500
Public Works	324-5053
Public Works (Emergency)	323-1211
Public Works - Sanitary Sewers	324-5015
Public Works - Storm Drainage	934-2800
Rape Crisis Hotline	360-7232
Recycling Info Line	324-5052
Senior Citizen Information	324-5411
Social Security	1-800-772-1213
Social Services	324-7500
Street Signs	246-2944
Vital Records	246-7122
Water Authority	289-6000
Women, Office for	324-5730
Zoning - Appeals Board	324-1280
Zoning - Applications	324-1290
Zoning - Enforcement	324-1300

Association Officers

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Norma Heck (703) 256-1332

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Ed Stock (703) 256-8174

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Jean Smith (703) 256-5895

PTA Liaison

Christina Hayashida (703) 582-3608

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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 October 15th 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.

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 CIVIC ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER DRIVE

NSCA, P.O. Box 1007, Springfield, VA 22151

We are always in need of volunteers for the various committees of the North Springfield Civic Association. If you would be interested in serving on a committee, or have suggestions for topics of upcoming General Meetings or programs, please fill out the form below and mail it to the above address.

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

- Circle committee(s) or position of interest -

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SUGGESTIONS FOR:
Other Committees: _____

Topics for upcoming programs:

NORTH SPRINGFIELD WINTER 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 _____

Winter Snow Removal _____ (clearing walkways and/or driveways only)
