



NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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General Meeting – **November 2, 2005**

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

Guest Speaker: Washington Gas Company Representative

President's Message

Norma Heck

Please vote November 8th; voting is our most important right and it is the most effective way we have to express our opinion to our political leaders. We'd also like to thank all of those who participated in the October General Meeting. The candidates gave our citizens a good overview of their positions on the issues and the audience asked a number of excellent questions.

The November 2nd General Meeting will address energy prices; why they are so high and what can each of us do to reduce our cost. A representative from Washington Gas will speak to us about these matters and answer your questions.

One of our citizens expressed their concern that we published a political ad in the October issue of the newsletter. Your Civic Association sells ad space in the newsletter to help pay the cost of publication. As with any public communication medium that sells advertising space our policy is to accept ads from any legitimate advertiser. The Civic Association does not endorse any vendor or political party; we simply provide the information they wish to convey to the community for a fee.

I would also like to pass on to you the following excerpt from Supervisor Bulova's latest newsletter. "Any tree removal must be done without disturbing more than 2,500 square feet of land. Wholesale tree removal is **not recommended** since the grading plan must

show the minimum limits of grading necessary to complete the project. Tree replacement to meet the tree canopy code might be required and might result in a fine if overclearing has occurred. For a successful project, make your first stop www.fairfaxcounty.gov and click on **Construction and Land Use.**"

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.

BSA Boy Scout Troop 990

Skip Chaples

Troop 990 continues another exciting year of scouting. In November we'll be back camping/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.

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. 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, November 19th 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.

The Pack will be participating with Troop 990 in the Annual "Scouting for Food" drive. Cubs

and Boy Scouts will be coming around Saturday Nov. 5th to drop off food collection bags starting at 8am. Then on the following Saturday, Nov. 12th (preferably Friday night), residents are asked to put their food donations of non-perishable and canned food items in the collection bags outside their front door. The scouts will come back around that second Saturday starting at 8am to collect the bags of food donations. Thanks in advance to the community for your support on this important service project!

Pack 890 had its second Pack meeting of the year Thursday, Oct. 20th, and had a lot of fun, too. We had our fall family campout in September, and had a great turnout, and perfect weather. The chicken on a spit was excellent on Saturday night (everything tastes better outdoors!). Planned events include snow tubing in January or February, the Pinewood Derby in January, and another Pack campout in the spring. Also the Webelos patrols are planning two joint overnight outings at the MD Science Center, and a second in a WWII submarine!

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 8th. Thanks to all of you in the community who supported our students in this venture. Your order will be arriving at your door soon.

There will be no school on November 7th and 8th. These are scheduled teacher workdays. Teachers will be holding conferences with parents during this time.

On Tuesday, November 8th, there will be a PTA Meeting that is welcome to all. Parents asked to come out and be a part of the team.

On Friday, November 18th from 6:00-8:30pm the North Springfield PTA will host a Fall Festival. There will be lots of rides, games and fun. We will have a moon bounce, giant slide,

lots of games and raffle. Food is available for purchase too. Stop by and bring the family. It will be fun for all ages!

The school will close two hours early on Wednesday, November 23rd, and will remain closed November 24-25 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Just a reminder: If you shop at Giant you can help your local elementary school by buying Giant cards. You purchase Giant cards from the PTA and use them like cash/debt card at any Giant grocery store. The Giant pays the NSES PTA 4% of every dollar purchased. Like the Giant Bonus Card program, it costs you nothing to help us earn money for NSES. Please help us raise money by buying these cards. They come in \$20, \$50, and \$100 cards and can 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: 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). 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.

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 Tuesday, 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.

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Half Page	\$90
Full Page	\$180

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

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