



## NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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General Meeting – **March 1, 2006**

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

**Guest Speaker:**

- County Budget Representative

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### President's Message

Norma Heck

Our March meeting will address the upcoming County budget and the County's priorities being pursued at the State level.

The County Executive releases his budget recommendations February 27<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Supervisors will review these recommendations and pass a final budget by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Our speaker will provide us an overview of the proposed budget as well as the current priorities of the Board of Supervisors. Our speaker will also give us an update on the state legislative priorities that the County is currently pursuing with our legislators in Richmond.

Both the North Springfield Elementary School and the North Springfield Civic Association are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. A joint celebration will take place at the NSES in October. If you have photos, documents, or can provide history about the early days of either organization, please contact Jenette Eddy at [Jennette.Eddy@fcps.edu](mailto:Jennette.Eddy@fcps.edu) or (703) 658-5500. Look for more details in following newsletters.

### New Residential Curbside Recycling

The same materials that may be recycled at County sites will now be collected at the curb by all solid waste companies in Fairfax County.

Recyclables should be empty and clean; no food or soiled materials. Yard waste should be

in paper bags, clear bags, or a reusable container

The following items may now be left for collection at the curb.

- In the Bin – plastic bottles & jugs; metal food containers; glass bottles & jars; pill bottles; and soda bottles & cans.
- In the Bin, Bag or Container – junk mail, magazines, mixed paper & catalogs; flattened cardboard; newspapers, phone books; and cereal & cracker boxes.
- Grass, leaves, brush, and mulch.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT RECYCLABLE – yogurt & dairy tubs; plastic bags; Styrofoam packaging; plastic food boxes & trays; aluminum foil & trays; foam take-out containers; pizza boxes; hardback books; paper plates and napkins; lids, caps & tops; ceramics; light bulbs; prescription vials; pots & pans; alkaline batteries; and stumps, rocks, bricks, or other construction waste.

Call your hauling company for more information. For County information go to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling).

### KIDSAVE Host Families Needed

Kidsave International is a non-profit working to end the harmful institution of children worldwide. Kidsave is looking for host families and volunteers for its upcoming Summer Miracles Program. The Summer Miracles Program serving the DC Metro Area brings

older children ages 7-15 from orphanages in Colombia to the U.S., where they spend six weeks living with American families.

For more information visit our website at [www.kidsave.org](http://www.kidsave.org); email [kidsavedcsm@cox.net](mailto:kidsavedcsm@cox.net)

### **Atoms 5K Run/Walk**

The Annandale High School Athletic Booster Club will sponsor a 5K run/walk on Saturday May 20, 2006 starting at 8:30 AM to benefit the athletic programs at AHS. The race course starts at the school, follows a neighborhood course that is mostly flat with a few gentle hills, and ends on the track. There will be T-shirts designed by AHS students, food and prizes, and music by the AHS Marching Band. Last year's events attracted over 150 participants which included seasoned runners, families and local politicians.

Register early to guarantee desired T-shirt size and to save money! The participant price is \$20 (\$18 if paid by April 30). Registration forms are available at [www.Annandaleatoms.com](http://www.Annandaleatoms.com) (click on files and forms). In the meantime, if you would like to volunteer for this event, or get on the mailing list, contact Jim Connor at 703-321-2827 or at [jconnor3@cox.net](mailto:jconnor3@cox.net).

### **BSA Boy Scout Troop 990 & Venture Crew 990**

Skip Chaples

Troop and Crew 990 continue another exciting year of scouting. In February we had our annual ski trip to West Virginia. 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 (weather permitting) 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.

In February the Venture Crew attended the Venture Ski Weekend in western Pennsylvania. We are always ready to welcome new members. We are based in the North Springfield and Annandale areas. For more information on the Crew or how to contact a Crew young adult, please contact Mrs. Kathy Ichter (703-354-3728) or Mr. Mike Stumpf (703-642-0982).

### **Cub Scout Pack 890**

Steve Slough

Thanks for your continued support of our monthly newspaper drives. The next paper drive is scheduled for Saturday, March 18th 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 is off to a great start and we have a fun packed as well as informative program set up for the boys this year. The Cub Scouts of Pack 890 celebrated Cub Scouting's birthday in February with their annual Blue & Gold banquet. We were excited to have the US Navy Ceremonial Guard Color Guard and Drill Team in attendance to perform the flag ceremony, and to dazzle the boys with a demonstration of rifle handling. We are looking forward to local day camp for the younger scouts and a one-week resident camp for the older boys at Goshen, VA this summer.

In March, we will be “bridging” our Webelos II boys to then next level - to join the Boy Scouts of Troop 990. Also in March about a dozen of our Webelos scouts will be having a sleepover adventure on the USS Torsk, a WWII-era submarine that is docked at Baltimore’s inner harbor. Hopefully, the boat doesn’t leak!

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. If you’re interested in joining the Pack or filling one of our open positions call Cubmaster Steve Slough at (703) 451-4439.

### North Springfield Elementary School

Christina Hayashida

We appreciated your involvement throughout the 2005 school year. 2006 promises to be even better and we hope that all of you will have an opportunity to get involved in the events planned for this year.

### NSES Upcoming PTA Calendar of Events

April 6	<u>Third Grading Period Ends</u>
April 7	<u>Student Holiday (No School)</u>
April 10 –14	<u>Spring Break (No School)</u>
May 1	<u>Annual Kindergarten Orientation</u> Beginning at 1:30 in the cafeteria— Meeting is an information session for rising kindergarten students who will turn 5 years of age by September 30, 2006. (Please call the school at 658-5500 if you will have a child eligible for the school year so that we can mail you information.)
May 29	<u>Memorial Day Holiday (No School)</u>
June 20	<u>Last Day of School</u>

### 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 through these very successful fund raising programs. Visit the stores’ website or register at your local store.

- [Giantfood.com](http://Giantfood.com) NSES ID No. 02079
- [HarrisTeeter.com](http://HarrisTeeter.com) NSES ID No. 4530
- [Escrip.com](http://Escrip.com) (Safeway) NSES ID No. 6608321

The school is still collecting several items for the current school 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 receive 1% of all purchases.

### School Arrival Times and Cafeteria Delayed-Opening Procedures

Just a reminder to all parents: Students should arrive to school NO EARLIER than 7:45am. This is due to the fact that a staff person is not assigned to supervise the cafeteria until that time. We appreciate your assistance in helping us to keep your children safe. For Cafeteria Delays NSES WILL NOT be served when FCPS schools are issued a one or two hour delayed opening. This means that the AM Kindergarten classes will not be able to purchase a breakfast. Please ensure that your child comes to school fed so they are prepared for a day of learning.

### School Age Child Care (SACC)

NSES SACC is a wonderful program conveniently located on the school grounds. It offers a safe environment and a place the children have to participate in many fun activities. The trained staff assists the children with any home work needs and they team lead the numerous game activities. If you are in need of before and after school, spring break and/or summer camp feel free to contact the SACC administration office at (703) 449-8989.

## **Membership**

Patricia Barnes

Thank you to the households that have already sent in their \$15 association dues. If you have not gotten around to it, please fill out and mail back the membership form you will find in this newsletter. The dues year runs from January 06 to December 06.

## **Beautification**

Ed Stock

We recently had all eight of the Leesville median Bradford pear trees elevated (took off the low branches) and thinned. The last time they had a major pruning was in 1995. They all appear to be healthy and hopefully the large trucks and busses can now pass underneath without taking a branch or two with them. We shall be pruning and fertilizing the Holly trees next to the sound wall on Leesville and replacing those trees that have died. Your Civic Association now does the upkeep since the warranty on the original trees has expired.

A new traffic pattern for south bound Ravensworth road is in the making. A lane is to be added to Braddock Road starting at Ravensworth going west toward the beltway. It should help all of us who get backed up in the evening rush coming into our community. The traffic that is backed up on southbound Ravensworth currently squeezes two narrow lanes out of a single lane road. I never know which lane to get into when I want to go straight. I'm assuming with the new road that those turning right onto Braddock will have a yield sign instead of a stop sign which should help keep the right turn lane moving.

We learned at our February General Meeting that a new flyover lane will soon be open at Commerce Street. This flyover will put you onto the inner loop of the beltway, headed north, and you can "zip" right to the Braddock Road. exit. This maneuver will eliminate the stop and go we experience traveling north on Backlick Road.

POTHoles are on the increase this time of year. Please take a few minutes and call VDOT

703-971-6677 to report those you "find" on your travels around North Springfield.

Please drive courteously and watch out for our children.

## **Association Officers**

### **President**

Norma Heck (703) 256-1332

### **Vice President**

Scott Pratt (703) 256-2011

### **Secretary**

John Osipchak (703) 200-6400

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### **Beautification**

Ed Stock (703) 256-8174

### **Federation of Citizens Associations**

Carey Campbell (703) 916-0945

### **Legal/Registered Agent**

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### **Membership**

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### **Newsletter**

Sherry Chaples (703) 644-1311

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Chet McLaren (703) 866-6494

### **Planning and Zoning**

Mike Dannholtz (703) 941-9250

### **Braddock District Council**

Carey Campbell (703) 916-0945

### **Political Liaison**

Norma Heck (703) 256-1332

Jean Smith (703) 256-5895

### **PTA Liaison**

Christina Hayashida (703) 582-3608

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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 March 20th 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:

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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.

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**NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**  
**Calendar Year January – December 2006**  
 NSCA, P.O. Box 1007, Springfield, VA 22151  
 \$15.00 Membership – Contributions Welcome

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