



NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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General Meeting – **April 5, 2006**

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

Guest Speaker:

- Bridget Merz, Department of Planning and Zoning , Zoning Enforcement Branch

President's Message

Norma Heck

Our April meeting will address zoning issues. Many residents have questions regarding zoning laws (new homes, additions, parking, commercial vehicles, etc.) and enforcement procedures so April 5th is the time to come and get your questions answered.

We've seen an increase in signs being vandalized throughout the neighborhood. Your neighborhood watch has increased its vigilance in this area and will report any offenders to the police. Residents are asked to remind their children that signs play an important safety role in our community. If you see anyone involved in any act of vandalism please report it to the police using their non emergency number.

The date for our Community Yard Sale is set for Saturday June 3, 2006; the date for our Community Cleanup Day is set for the following Saturday June 10, 2006. We need volunteers with small trucks or trailers that can assist residents in getting their junk to the drop-off location at the school. Also remember that the county will not accept hazardous materials (paint, batteries, chemicals, etc), yard waste, or contractor debris.

We were all saddened by the tragic death of Aaron Brown February 25th. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his parents. Aaron was a North Springfield resident, an Eagle Scout from our Boy Scout Troop, and someone who we often saw performing service projects

in our community. He will be missed. The Civic Association has pledged a donation to the charity *Guitars Not Guns* in Aaron's name.

Both the North Springfield Elementary School and the North Springfield Civic Association are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year. A joint celebration will take place at the NSES on October 20th. If you have photos, documents, or can provide history about the early days of either organization, please contact Jenette Eddy at nses50years@yahoo.com or (703) 658-5500.

St. John's UMC, 5312 Backlick Road, Springfield, VA is also celebrating their 50th anniversary. The calendar of events is:

- Sunday, April 23- Big Birthday Party in Donaldson Hall, 6:30-8pm.
- Saturday, May 13 – UMW Tea
- Sunday, July 2 – UMM Freedom Picnic
- Saturday, September 16 – Homecoming Weekend – Church Open House, Golf outing, and Homecoming Banquet at Green Springs Retirement Center.
- Sunday, September 17 – Homecoming worship service. Guest speakers and special music with reception to follow.
- Sunday, December 10, Rededication Service – One worship service, special music with reception to follow.

If you, or anyone you know, are members or have attended St. John's over the past 50 years, you are invited to join the celebration. For more information on any of these events, please call Jean Summers, 703 569-4857, e-mail cjnggsummers@aol.com or Vicki Holcomb, 703 256-2246, e-mail tipvic@aol.com. Visit

St. John's web site at: www.stjohnsumc.org!
Come help celebrate 50 Years in Ministry.

Parks

Chet McLaren

HELP CLEAN UP ACCOTINK CREEK AND THE CROSS COUNTY TRAIL - Lend a hand to Friends of Accotink Creek on Saturday, April 8, 2006 as they clean up Accotink Creek in the vicinity of Wakefield Park. Meet at the Audrey Moore Rec Center at 8:30 AM where you will pick up trash bags and walk the stream from 8:30 until about 1:00. For more information call Duane Murphy (Friends of Accotink Creek) (703) 599-3328.

Your Civic Association is looking for someone to be our liaison with environmental organizations, to inform our neighbors about safe environmental practices, and to enlist community support for their programs. Contact Chet McLaren at (703) 866-6494 for further information.



Spring It On!
Arts & Crafts Extravaganza
FREE admission!

Sunday April 23, 2006 from 12-4pm at the Springfield Hilton, 6550 Loisdale Road, Springfield, VA 22150

Shop the unique products of more than 35 local vendors/crafters. A large selection of products will be on display including gourmet food, handmade candles, children's books, crafts, handmade clothing and jewelry, house wares, and much more. Don't forget that Mother's Day and Father's Day are right around the corner! The vendors/crafters will be on hand to assist you with all your shopping needs. For questions or additional information please call 703-919-0907.

Teen Job List

Sign up now for the Spring & Summer Teen job list. A mail-in form is in this newsletter or sign up on-line at www.NSCIVIC.org. The list will be published in the May newsletter.

St Johns Preschool

St. John's Center for Early Childhood Education, 5312 Backlick Road, Springfield, Virginia is currently taking registrations for our 2006-07 classes. We offer classes for 2, 3, and Pre-K 4 year olds. We have a before and after school program for preschool children and after school care for grades K-5th including transportation from North Springfield Elementary School. Please call 703-256-7748 for more information.

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. There will be T-shirts designed by AHS students, food and prizes, and music by the AHS Marching Band.

The participant price is \$20 (\$18 if paid by April 30). Registration forms are available at www.Annandaleatoms.com (click on files and forms). 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.

BSA Boy Scout Troop 990 & Venture Crew 990

Skip Chaples

Troop and Crew 990 continue another exciting year of scouting. In March we were back camping 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 (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.

Our Venture Crew is 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, April 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.

The Pack is off to a great start and continues to have a fun packed as well as informative program set up for the boys. In March, we bridged our Webelos II boys to Boy Scout Troop 990. Also in March about a dozen of our Webelos scouts participated in a sleepover adventure on the USS Torsk, a WWII-era submarine that is docked at Baltimore's inner harbor.

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

NSES Upcoming Calendar Events—Be sure to mark your calendar

April 3 rd	PTA Meeting (NSES Library at 7:00)
April 6 th	Third Grading Period Ends
April 7 th	Student Holiday (No School)
April 10 th – 14 th	Spring Break (No School)
April 17 th	Return to NSES
May 1 st	Annual Kindergarten Orientation (at 1:30 in the NSES Cafeteria)
May 29 th	<u>Memorial Day Holiday (No School)</u>
June 20 th	<u>Last Day of School</u>
October 20 th	NSES & Civic Association 50 th Anniversary Celebration. A joint celebration will take place this fall at NSES. If you are interested in participating please contact Jenette Eddy at nses50years@yahoo.com .

The Annual Kindergarten Orientation is on Monday, May 1st beginning at 1:30 in the cafeteria. The 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 (703) 658-5500 if you will have a child eligible for the school year so that we can mail you information.

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 NSES ID No.
02079

HarrisTeeter.com NSES ID No.
4530

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).

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.

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 to December 2006.

Beautification

Ed Stock

Every time I hear a chain saw I cringe just a little. Our trees continue to be the price we pay for expansion within our community. One bright spot was the small park on Elgar Street near Ravensworth Road. Last November a Boy Scout in cooperation with Fairfax County Park Authority, planted over 100 trees and shrubs as an Eagle Scout project.

In my travels around North Springfield I am encouraged to see many of our homeowners planting trees and shrubs. The recent heavy snow did some damage to trees that may now need some pruning. Please think twice before you remove a tree. Try pruning and shaping, throw down some fertilizer, give it some water and enjoy the shade and beauty that trees and shrubs add to your property and the neighborhood.

In early fall the Civic Association plans to plant some trees on Heming Ave. between the overpass and north to Braddock Road. The trees will be of a flowering type that produce little or no fruit and will be planted on the median between the sidewalk and the street. The exact location of each tree may be affected by the presence of underground utilities. If you prefer to NOT have a tree planted in your median please let us know by June 1 of this year or sooner.

It is spring! The time when flowers and blossoms make our community come alive. So, go for a walk and enjoy the beginning of mother natures beautiful work now on display.

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NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
Calendar Year January – December 2006
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Address: _____
Phone #: _____ Date: _____ Amount Paid: _____

NORTH SPRINGFIELD SPRING/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: _____

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