



NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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General Meeting – **May 3, 2006**

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

Guest Speaker:

- Dale Profusek, Horticulturist from Campbell and Ferrara Nurseries

President's Message

Norma Heck

Our May meeting will address the best way to spruce up your yard this spring. We had a dry winter and many of the plants and trees in our neighborhood are stressed. If you have questions about flowers, scrubs, trees or lawns this will be an excellent opportunity to get the expert information you need. Dale will also bring some nursery items to be raffled off to those in attendance.

Our community Yard Sale Day is Saturday June 3rd. We encourage everyone who has usable items they no longer need to participate.

Beginning in May there will be a Farmers Market at Wakefield Park on Wednesdays from 2:30 – 6:00 pm.

The Braddock Nights concert series at Lake Accotink will be available again this year from June through August on Friday nights starting at 7:30 pm. In addition, there will also be a concert series at Ossian Hall Park near Annandale High School on Thursday nights.

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 21st. 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 or (703) 658-5500.

Parks

Chet McLaren

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.

Clean Up Day

Clean up day will be Saturday June 10 from 8am to noon in the North Springfield School parking lot. Please do not leave anything before the truck arrives at 8am. The clean up program ends promptly at noon. Come early, come often, but please do not bring any of the following: NO Brush or yard waste, NO hazardous waste, NO construction materials, NO regular trash, NO large pieces of glass or windows unless you have put lots of duct tape on the glass to prevent it from shattering,

We will have a my-trash/your-treasure area set up for those who enjoy bargains.

We will be collecting dues on clean up day.

Check our website www.nscivic.org for where to take hazardous materials.

Check www.rbrc.org for the locations of local stores that will recycle your used rechargeable

batteries found in cordless power tools, cellular and cordless phones, laptop computers, camcorders, digital cameras, and remote control toys. Some of the stores near us are Home Depot, Target, Radio Shack, Best Buy, and Office Depot.

You can take old/unwanted cell phones to the nearest police station. The phones are given to potential abuse victims for emergency use.

We also need volunteers with trucks who can assist residents who do not have the ability to get their unwanted stuff to the school. If you can help please come to the school on the 10th and contact one of the Civic Association members on duty. They will have a list of who needs assistance. If you need assistance come to the school and ask or call Ron Kinzer at (703) 941-6415 no later than June 8th.

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. 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 April we participated in the District Camporee at Fort Washington Park. In May we'll be camping at the Civil War reenactment at Haymarket and in June we'll be tubing on the Shenandoah River. 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 at (703-354-3728) or Mr. Mike Stumpf at (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, May 20th 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.

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

Hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable spring break and you are refreshed and ready to work hard for the rest of the school year!

The Annual Kindergarten Orientation will be on Monday, May 1st, at 1:00pm in the North Springfield School cafeteria. If you have a child that will be turning 5 years old before September 30, 2006, they are eligible to begin kindergarten on September 2, 2006. This meeting includes children and parents and we encourage all eligible families to participate. Please call the school to place your name on the mailing list to receive more information about kindergarten.

NSES PTA Calendar Events — Please mark your calendar and if applicable plan to attend!

May 1 st	Annual Kindergarten Orientation (1:00 in NSES Cafeteria)
May 29 th	<u>Memorial Day Holiday</u> (<i>No School</i>)
June 20 th	<u>Last Day of School</u>

Fund Raising

Just a few reminders that were in the previous newsletter: 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

Perhaps you have seen the blue signs along some of the roads in our area that read "Adopt a Highway." Now is your chance to have your name appear on one of these signs. The five block area on Leesville Boulevard that borders the sound wall is in need of adoption. To adopt a highway means to periodically pick up the trash along the road in your adopted area. VDOT can arrange to sign you up and give you all the bags you may need, as well as personal safety vests and signs to make motorists aware that you are working. The filled bags can be set out along the curb on Leesville for pick up by VDOT. It is suggested that a clean up should be conducted every other month. If you belong to an organization that decides to adopt then the name of the organization would appear on the sign. If you are interested and want to help keep our community clean please contact Ed Stock at 703-256-8174.

The storm drains on the edge of roads do not connect to the sewer system; they connect directly to our streams and lakes, including Lake Accotink. In an effort to keep our streams and lakes free from silt and debris we are asking for your help. Please remove the leaves and debris from curbs in front of your house so that they don't get into our storm drain system. In some cases the storm drains become clogged. To report a clogged storm drain call VDOT at 703-971-6677.

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.

Newsletter Advertising

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 18th 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.

Association Officers

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Skip Chaples (703) 644-1311

Beautification

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Membership

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Norma Heck (703) 256-1332

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Christina Hayashida (703) 582-3608

NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Calendar Year January – December 2006

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

\$15.00 Membership – Contributions Welcome

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Date: _____ Amount Paid: _____

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	Home Occupancy Permits	222-1082
Alcohol & Drug Services	359-7040	Housing (General Info.)	246-5010
Animal Control	830-3310	Human Services	222-0880
Animal Shelter	830-1100	Information	222-1082
Building Inspection Requests	222-0455	Joint Terrorism Task Force.....	202 278-2000
Building Permits	222-0801	Land Records/Deeds	691-7320
Child Abuse Complaints	324-7400	Operator (County)	324-2000
Child Care Information	449-9555	Park Authority	324-8700
Circuit/Juvenile/District Court	691-7320	Planning Commission	324-2865
Consumer Services	224-8435	Planning Information	324-1380
Decals (vehicle stickers)	222-8234	Police Non-emergency	691-2131
DMV	761-4655	Potholes	971-6677
Dog Licenses	222-8234	Public Affairs	324-4187
General County Information	324-3185	Public Assistance	324-7500
Hazardous Waste	324-5068	Public Works	324-5053
Highway Signs	830-9424		
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		

**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.

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: _____

TEEN SUMMER JOB LIST

May 2006

Name	Lives in Area	Phone (703)	Age	Lawn Mowing	Yard Work	Baby Sitting	House Sitting	Pet Care
Christine Conrad	D	644-3926	16					X
Eric Copenhaver	B	658-2844	16	X	X		X	X
John Copenhaver	B	658-2844	15	X	X			
Kelly Dwyer	D	569-8108	12			X	X	X
Matthew Gordon	D	569-0169	15		X			X
Zach Gordon	D	569-0169	13		X			X
Dinh T. Ha	D	569-3701	67	X	X			
Kamin Horvath	A	914-9492	13		X			X
Brian Ichter	A	354-3728	16	X	X			
Camron Mahboob	D	866-2433	10			X		X
Zac Mahboob	D	866-2433	13			X		X
Sean McKinney	A	916-8212	14		X		X	X
Jesse Scally	B	354-9237	16	X	X	X		X
Joey Scally	B	354-9237	13					X
Rose Sieve	A	941-0573	13-1/2			X		X
Allen Stalp	B	750-0495	15	X	X		X	X
Rachel Wattenbarger	D	455-0027	15			X	X	X
Tricia Wayland	D	569-0991	14-1/2			X		X

12 Tips for Hiring a Remodeling Contractor

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<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Get at least three written estimates2. Get references and call to check on the work. If possible, go by and visit earlier jobs.3. Check with the local Chamber of Commerce or Better Business Bureau for complaints.4. Be sure that the contract states exactly what is to be done and how change orders will be handled.5. Make as small a down payment as possible so you won't lose a lot if the contractor fails to complete the job.6. Be sure that the contractor has the necessary permits, licenses, and insurance.7. Be sure that the contract states when the work will be completed and what recourse you have if it isn't. Also remember that in many instances you can cancel a contract with three business days of signing it.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">8. As if the contractor's workers will do the entire job or whether subcontractors will do parts.9. Get the contractor to indemnify you if work does not meet local building codes or regulations.10. Be sure that the contract specifies the contractor will clean up after the job and be responsible for any damage.11. Guarantee that materials used meet your specifications.12. Don't make the final payment until you're satisfied with the work.
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