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, shrubs, 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 1st Annual Kindergarten Orientation (1:00 in NSES Cafeteria)
May 29th Memorial Day Holiday (No School)
June 20th Last Day of School

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.

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  Norma Heck  (703) 256-1332
- **Vice President**  
  Scott Pratt  (703) 256-2011
- **Secretary**  
  John Osipchak  (703) 200-6400
- **Treasurer**  
  Skip Chaples  (703) 644-1311

**Beautification**

- Ed Stock  (703) 256-8174

**Federation of Citizens Associations**

- Carey Campbell  (703) 916-0945

**Legal/Registered Agent**

- Dorene Haney  (703) 256-1688

**Membership**

- Patricia Barnes  (703) 354-0134

**Neighborhood Watch**

- Ron Kinzer  (703) 941-6415

**Newsletter**

- Sherry Chaples  (703) 644-1311

**Parks**

- 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
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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Contact Numbers

The following list of contact numbers may be called 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
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

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

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.
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: ________________________________________________________________

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