



NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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General Meeting – **October 4, 2006**

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

Guest Speakers: Candidates or their representative

President's Message

Norma Heck

We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. Fall is here and your Civic Association is gearing up for another year of service to the community. November 7th is Election Day for Senate and House offices so our first general meeting on October 4th will be candidate's night. We have invited all those running for elective office to come and speak to us as well as answer your questions. We anticipate that most of the candidates or their representative will be there so we encourage everyone to attend this important meeting.

This year NSES will be celebrating their 50th anniversary. Please join us in this celebration that is planned jointly by the school, the PTA, and the Civic Association on Saturday, October 21st from 1:00 – 5:00 pm. This will be a great day filled with many fun activities for the entire family to enjoy. We still have room for volunteers; please contact Allison McGhee at allison.mcghee@verizon.net if interested.

Be sure to look at all the ads in our newsletter. Our advertiser's sponsorship helps pay the cost of publishing this newsletter. You will find many local service providers for your homeowner needs as well as opportunities to support our Scout program, the PTA, and the North Springfield Elementary School.

Teen Job List

Sign up now for the Fall and Winter Teen job list. A mail-in form is included in this

newsletter or you can sign up on-line at www.NSCIVIC.org. The list will be published in the November newsletter.

School Volunteers

Last year we addressed the status of North Springfield Elementary School. The school is performing well but it is in need of community volunteers. If you are interested in any of the following tasks at the school call the Assistant Principal, Mr Eric Johnson at (703) 658-5506 for more information.

- Library – help with sorting, cataloging, and stocking
- Reading – read to students or be read to
- Computers –troubleshoot and resolve problems
- Grounds maintenance – adopt an area.
- Life Experiences –have first hand knowledge of a major event in our history; tell your story to a class

All volunteers attend a school orientation seminar and are subject to a background check.

NSCA Website

Skip Chaples

Our website contains the newsletter as well as valuable information about the community, local government, and the numbers to call for various services. You can also 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.

Membership

Tricia Barnes

If you have not sent in your dues for 2006, it is not too late! Please use the membership form you find in this newsletter or bring your dues to the Oct. 4th meeting.

The Civic Association is for both homeowners and renters. Here are the highlights of how the Civic Association uses your dues to benefit our community: six newsletters are printed and delivered to all the homes each year; entrance ways and common areas are planted, mulched, grass cut, bushes and trees trimmed and pruned; a Community Clean-Up Day is organized and run by the Civic Association; and donations are made to our scouting programs and to the Annandale HS all night senior prom party. The Civic Association requested and worked with the county to get a traffic light installed at Heming Avenue; for better synchronization of the traffic light at Ravensworth Road; stop signs; lights under the bridge by North Springfield elementary school; and blinking school zone lights.

We need to have your support to help keep North Springfield a well maintained and active community.

Beautification

Ed Stock

Mother Nature did not overlook North Springfield this past summer. After a beautiful spring the record rains of June, followed by the nasty winds of July and the drought of August. Those July winds played havoc with many of our larger trees causing limbs, branches and in some cases entire trees to be severely damaged. Those unfortunate folks in the Larrlyn Drive and Woodland Drive area seemed to be affected the most, especially with uprooted trees that damaged several homes and vehicles.

On June 22 about 2 A.M. lightning struck my neighbors 100 ft. Poplar tree and split the trunk from the top to the bottom. Some of the wood and bark from the tree landed on their roof and scattered over the yard with a few splintered pieces as long as 15 ft. separating from the tree.

One of the longer pieces was squared off as though it had been through a saw. So far the tree still stands tall with no leaf wilting or other signs of dying.

All of our entrances and the common areas continue to be maintained by a stalwart group of volunteers. Through the heat of summer and even the rain and wind, this core of men never missed a beat. Skip Chaples, John Everet, Herb Jackson and Bill Linkous kept their areas in top shape. Melissa Malguy, one of our neighborhood teens, helped paint the brick signs at the Ferndale entrance. Thanks to all.

Each year many beautiful lawns emerge in our community along with an array of colorful flowers. It is this kind of hard work and dedication that keeps North Springfield a desirable place to live.

Now it's time to get your rakes ready and remember to enjoy the beautiful fall season as you chase the leaves around your yard and say "Hi" to your neighbors. If you are new to our community visit Lake Accotink and take a walk around the lake for some real, close by, outdoor beauty. Most of you old timers know that it is well worth the visit.

BRADDOCK NIGHTS – 2006

Chet McLaren

Throughout the summer, people gathered at Lake Accotink every Friday night to enjoy an entertaining evening listening to great musical programs. It began June 2 with the Falls Church Concert Band and continued with a different musical group each week until we closed August 25 with "Alte Kameraden" the Fairfax City German Band. Also on the last night, we celebrated "Augtoberfest" with both music and food. Tawny Hammond, Manager of Lake Accotink Park, arranged for a caterer to serve knockwurst and sauerkraut while everyone clapped to the beat of great German music.

These programs were created by Braddock District Supervisor Sharon Bulova to bring a little small town sense of community to our neighborhood. Come out next year and join us,

beginning on Friday, June 1, for a great family evening – and it is free!!! because a large group of local businesses provide the funding.

Neighborhood Watch

Ron & Kathy Kinzer

As we begin a new fiscal year for the North Springfield Civic Association we are also going to revitalize the Neighborhood Watch Program that has recently been operating at minimum levels. Your Neighborhood Watch Program has a proud history of being one of the first watch programs in the county, operating since the late 1960's and early 1970's.

The purpose of the Watch Program is to keep the neighborhood safe and to provide assistance to the Civic Association during emergencies. The patrol travels throughout the neighborhood communicating via cell phone insuring that property and vehicles are being maintained in a safe manor and complying with county zoning requirements. The program also observes houses while owners are on vacation.

To expand the program, we will be seeking volunteers and old friends for the positions of observer, scheduler, captain, and co-director. We have contacted the Fairfax County Police seeking their assistance with coordinating and training a new generation of volunteers.

To efficiently communicate we are also seeking a volunteer to help the Watch Program set up an internet site that would be linked to the civic association site and possibly the police site. The main purpose would be to distribute information and police notices to the North Springfield neighborhood in a timely manor.

If you would like more information or to volunteer please call us at 703-941-6415 or email Ron at RKinzer@fairfaxva.gov

Park Clean Up

Tawny Hammond

Lake Accotink Park clean up day is October 21st from 9 am to Noon. It's a great opportunity to see what's new, meet the people who operate the park and help keep our

neighborhood park sparkling by picking up some litter as you enjoy the outdoors.

Guitars Not Guns (GnG)

Skip Chaples

The charity brought to Virginia this past spring to remember Aaron Brown (an Eagle Scout from our Boy Scout Troop) who's tragic death last February saddened our community, is now operational. GnG provides guitars, lessons and mentoring to at risk youth. Visit their website www.guitarsnotguns.org and click on Locations and then Virginia to see what's happening and how you can support them.

BSA Boy Scout Troop 990

Skip Chaples

Troop 990 has started another exciting year of scouting. In September we held an Astronomy campout at Sky Meadows State Park. In October we'll attend the Fall Camporee and in November we'll be back camping and 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.

We also sell Entertainment 2006 Coupon Books for only \$25 payable to BSA Troop 990. Each book contains more than \$1,000 in great savings and pays for itself in just a few uses. It's packed with 50%-off savings for the things you love to do (eat out, movies, travel, shopping) and things you have to do (dry cleaning, oil changes, groceries) as well as ongoing 20%-off discounts with an Entertainment Membership Card and new savings all year at www.Entertainment.com. For more information or to purchase a coupon book contact our Troop Fundraising chairman

Nancy DeVera at (703) 256-6451 or Dave Bynum at (703) 658-9324.

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

Kathy Ichter

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

JOIN CUB SCOUTS!! JOIN CUB SCOUTS!!

Pack 890 is currently recruiting for the new school year. All boys between the ages of 6 (1st gr.) and 11 (5th gr.) are encouraged to join Cub Scouts. All are invited to our next Pack meeting on Thursday, October 19th at the North Springfield Elementary School Cafeteria to experience first-hand what scouting is all about. We will be holding our first annual Space Derby that evening, so it should be especially exciting.

If you are interested in scouting, but unable to attend the pack meeting, please contact our Cubmaster, Bill Wilson at 703-642-2236 or Assistant Cubmaster, Steve Slough at 703-451-

4439. Or have your child ask one of the boys wearing a Cub Scout uniform at school. We are especially looking for 1st and 2nd graders to fill out our Tigers and Wolves dens.

We would also like to thank the North Springfield neighborhood for continuing to support our monthly Newspaper Drives. Please save your newspapers (no magazines or phone books, please) and place them at your curb by 8 a.m. the third Saturday of each month. Collecting the newspapers is our primary fundraising activity for all of the Scouts' activities year round, which includes camping and the Pinewood Derby.

North Springfield Elementary School

Christina Hayashida

The students, teachers, and parents at North Springfield Elementary School (NSES) have gotten off to a great start. This year we had a great turn out at the NSES "Open House".

Please remember that our school doors open to students at 7:45 am; therefore students cannot be dropped off at school prior to this time unless they are going to SAAC or a designated meeting with one of the NSES professionals. Be cautious in and around the school area where students are walking, crossing, and riding their bikes to school. Additionally, please honor the Kiss and Ride procedures of dropping students off ONLY in the designated area to help keep our little ones safe (Note: the front door of NSES is not a drop of spot). School is dismissed Tuesday – Friday at 2:35 pm and on Mondays at 12:35).

Students at North Springfield will once again be selling Sally Foster gift-wrap products through October 5. You can order online at SallyFoster.com, from one of our students or at the school office.

The NSES PTA participates in Giant Food's Scrip program; you purchase Giant cards from the PTA and use them like cash/credit at any Giant grocery store. They come in \$20, \$50, and \$100 cards and can be purchased by calling Tuanchai Horvath at 703-914-9492.

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 box tops, labels and printer ink cartridges again this year. There is a box in the lobby where you may drop them off. Questions and arrangements for label collection can be directed to the NSES Program Coordinator Robin Hylton at 703-843-3358 or at 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.

If you are in need of childcare services please contact SACC for assistance; (703) 449-1414 or www.co.fairfax.va.us/ofc/SACC.html.

Mark your calendar for the following NSES PTA events and/or activities:

October 3rd	PTA Meeting (NSES Library, 7pm)
October 5th	Sally Foster Fundraiser Orders are Due
October 9th	Columbus Day (School is Closed)
October 13th	Tailgate party 5:30 PM in the NSE parking lot before the game. Come & show your support for NSES PTA and AHS.
October 21st	1-5pm 50th Anniversary Celebration
October 24th	Kindergarten Parent Coffee at 8:30am
November 6th-7th	Teacher Workdays (No School) (8am – 4pm Sally Foster pickup)
November 22nd	2 hour Early Dismissal
November 24th	Thanksgiving

Association Officers

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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 October 15th 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.

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: _____

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: _____

- Circle committee(s) or position of interest -

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SUGGESTIONS FOR:
Other Committees: _____

Topics for upcoming programs:

NORTH SPRINGFIELD WINTER TEEN JOB LIST

Fill out this application and mail to: NSCA, P.O. Box 1007, Springfield, VA 22151

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Age: _____ Availability Dates: _____

Check jobs of interest: Babysitting _____ Yard Work _____ House Sitting _____ Pet Care _____

Winter Snow Removal _____ (clearing walkways and/or driveways only)
