



## NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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General Meeting – **November 1, 2005**  
7:30 p.m. – North Springfield Elementary School Cafeteria

**Guest Speaker:** Community Issues & Concerns

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### **President's Message**

Norma Heck

The November 1<sup>st</sup> General Meeting will address current issues and concerns of residents in our community. We will have speakers available to inform us of what's being done and/or what we can do to reach resolution.

**Please vote November 7<sup>th</sup>**; voting is our most important right and it is the most effective way we have to express our opinion to our political leaders. We'd also like to thank all of those who participated in the October General Meeting. The candidates gave our citizens a good overview of their positions on the issues and the audience asked a number of excellent questions.

As a result of questions we have received, the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry website is provided below.

<http://sex-offender.vsp.virginia.gov/sor/index.htm>

The registry, including the Public Notification Database, is based on the Virginia General Assembly's decision to facilitate access to publicly-available information about persons convicted of specified violent and sexual offenses. The Virginia State Police has not considered or assessed the specific risk of re-offense with regard to any individual prior to his or her inclusion within this registry, and has made no determination that any individual included in the registry is currently dangerous. The main purpose of providing this data on the

internet is to make the information more easily available and accessible, not to warn about any specific individual.

Our scouts will be conducting their annual Scouting for Food Drive in November. Scouts will be distributing collection bags November 4<sup>th</sup>, and returning on the 11<sup>th</sup> to collect the non-perishable food donations. Our community has always been a generous supporter of this program and we hope that continues this year.

### **Neighborhood Watch**

Ron & Kathy Kinzer

To expand the program we are recruiting volunteers and old friends for the positions of observer, scheduler, captain, and co-director. We have asked the Fairfax County Police to assist with coordinating and training a new generation of volunteers. Those who have recently volunteered will hear from us soon.

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 ensuring that property and vehicles are being maintained in a safe manner and complying with county zoning requirements. The program also observes houses while owners are on vacation.

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.

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

### **BSA Boy Scout Troop 990**

Skip Chaples

In October we attended the District Fall Camporee; in November we'll camp 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.

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**

CJ Sidener

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

Pack 890 is off to a rousing start. We have had 8 new scouts join our Pack so far. We held our fall Camping trip the weekend of October 14-15th at Burke Lake Park and our first annual Space Derby on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Our next Pack meeting is Thursday, November 16th in the North Springfield Elementary School Cafeteria. If your son is interested in scouting, please join us at the pack meeting or contact our Cub Master, Bill Wilson at 703-642-2236 or Assistant Cub Master, Steve Slough at 703-451-4439.

We thank the North Springfield neighborhood for your continued support of 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.

### **Beautification**

Ed Stock

The Leesville and Backlick entrance was completely redone this year by John Everet and his landscape service JPE 3. The flowers in the median certainly add to the beautification of our community. John not only donated all of the flowers but also built a frame around the area to set off his floral display. If you have been one of the first few cars at the stoplight you can appreciate what a beautiful assortment John planted and has maintained. Thanks John!

The VDOT "Adopt a Highway" program which was advertised in our May Newsletter was awarded to Mike Lauler. Mike will be responsible for periodically picking up the trash and litter on Leesville Blvd. as well as Heming Avenue between Braddock Road and the overpass. We appreciate his volunteering to keep our community looking good and free from litter. The "Adopt a Highway" signs should be up soon. Thanks Mike!

## **North Springfield Elementary School**

Christina Hayashida

**SALLY FOSTER:** North Springfield Elementary students did a terrific job in selling Sally Foster gift-wrap products. The orders will be arriving at the school for distribution or pick up from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm on Tuesday, November 7th.

**ELECTIONS/TEACHER WORKDAY:** There will be no school on November 6th and 7<sup>th</sup>; These are scheduled teacher workdays.

**PTA MEETING:** We will hold the PTA Meeting on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Parents come out and join our team.

**THANKSGIVING:** The school will close two hours early on Wednesday, November 22nd, and will remain closed November 23-24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**NEIGHBOR ISSUE:** Just a friendly reminder: Please be courteous to your neighbors when attending NSES events and when waiting for your kids to be picked up and dropped off. Please do not block or park in your neighbor's driveway and respect their private property.

**PROGRAMS:** The NSES PTA participates in Giant Food's Scrip program; we earn 4% for every dollar purchased. It costs you nothing to help us earn money for NSES. 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](http://www.Giantfood.com) NSES ID No. 02079
- [www.HarrisTeeter.com](http://www.HarrisTeeter.com) NSES ID No. 4530

If you shop at Target, please register your target card and record us as your school. We will then receive 1% of all purchases.

The school is collecting several items this year. 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). Questions and arrangements for label collection can be directed to the NSES Program Coordinator, Robin Hylton, at 703-843-3358. Visit [www.LabelsforEducation.com](http://www.LabelsforEducation.com) for additional information and recipe ideas.

## **NSCA Website**

Skip Chaples

Our website contains the newsletter as well as valuable information about the community and local government. You can 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.

## **Judging Holiday Decorations**

One of the charms of our community is the innovative and colorful displays that many of our residences construct to express their sentiments during the holiday season. Between 7:00 and 10:00 pm on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> we'll be touring the community to select those displays that we feel best portray the spirit of the season. If you're decorating this year please have your display on during this time period. When judging we do not have any specific criteria or style in mind; instead, we look for such things as originality, creativity, and how well it reflects the true meaning of the holiday season. It is the thought that appears to have gone into the arrangement of the display versus the quantity of lights and seasonal figure cutouts that most influence our decision.

## **SIGNS, SIGNS and MORE SIGNS!**

We receive a number of complaints from residents regarding the clutter of signs posted throughout our community. The good news is that nearly all of these different types of roadside signs are prohibited in any zoning district and in any area of the county, as officially stated in Article 12 of the Fairfax zoning ordinance. Political and realtor signs are legal but must be removed shortly after their purpose is finished. An infraction of this ordinance is punishable by a civil penalty fine of

\$200 for the first violation; subsequent violations are punishable by fines of \$500 for each separate offense.”

The bad news is that the county does not enforce this law and only VDOT or the police are authorized to remove them. Private Citizens who remove signs may be prosecuted. You can make an anonymous, citizen-reported work request to remove an illegally posted roadside sign by calling VDOT at 703-383-8368.

For a quick reference guide to proper sign placement, removal, and permit requirements visit the Clean Fairfax County Website at [www.cleanfairfaxcouncil.org/signs.htm](http://www.cleanfairfaxcouncil.org/signs.htm)

### **Membership**

Tricia Barnes

It is almost time for your 2007 yearly \$15 dues. The Civic association year runs from Jan-Dec 07. Our next newsletter is in February, but you can be among the first to join/renew your membership for 2007 using the form in this newsletter. It would be great if you checked off an area you are interested in helping with or any program topics you would like for a future meeting. None of the offices or committees takes a big amount of time, but it would be nice to have more people involved. Our biggest monthly expenses are the newsletter and maintenance of the common areas within North Springfield. The newsletter is an important communication tool to keep you updated on what is happening. The website [www.NSCIVIC.org](http://www.NSCIVIC.org) is another association service provided to let you know of any important happenings in the neighborhood.

### **Adult Day Health Care Offers an Option**

Tricia Barnes

When a relative is diagnosed with Alzheimer's or experiences a chronic, debilitating illness, families often feel they have only two options; provide round the clock home care or place their loved one in a nursing home. Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) is a viable third choice for many. It provides families who want to care for their loved ones at home with a safe, fun, and therapeutic environment for their adult

dependent who need supervision during the day. They typically offer health monitoring by a registered nurse, nutritious meals, daily exercise programs and other therapeutic activities, assistance with personal care and many opportunities for socialization.

In response to the mounting need for community-based long term care for the elderly, the Fairfax County Health Department operates six adult day health care centers. For more information about them you can contact Shauna Severo at 703-246-8633 or visit their website at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dh/adhc](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dh/adhc).

The three centers closest to North Springfield are Braddock Glen on Olley Lane (703-978-0502, Annandale on Columbia Pike (703-750-3316), and Lincolnia on North Chambliss (703-914-0226).

### **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 January 22nd 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.

**Need help with yard work?**

There are a number of neighborhood Teenagers who are interested in part time work. Teenagers are usually available after school or on weekends to do yard work, snow shoveling, or house, baby or pet sitting. See the list of willing workers below.

**TEEN WINTER JOB LIST**

**NOVEMBER 2006**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone -703</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Snow Removal*</b>	<b>Yard Work</b>	<b>Baby Sitting</b>	<b>House Sitting</b>	<b>Pet Care</b>
Eric Copenhaver	658-2844	16	X	X		X	X
John Copenhaver	658-2844	15	X	X		X	
Ngocthi Dang	750-1567	14			X	X	X
Aby Diop	941-7416	14	X		X	X	
Kelly Dwyer	569-8108	12			X	X	X
Ashton Johnson	750-7880 (h) (301) 213-2769 (c)	13	X	X			
Ashby Nelson	256-5280 256-3065 (alt)	13			X		X
Allen Stalp	750-0495	15	X	X		X	X
Tricia Wayland	731-0654	15			X		
Danny Whittle	644-2577	17	X	X		X	X

\*Note: Snow Removal only includes clearing walkways and/or driveways

**NORTH SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

**Calendar Year January – December 2007**

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

\$15.00 Membership – Contributions Welcome

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- Circle committee(s) or position of interest -

MEMBERSHIP  
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH  
PLANNING & ZONING  
SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

SUGGESTIONS FOR:  
Other Committees: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Topics for upcoming programs: \_\_\_\_\_